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## CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program

The State of California has established a new rental assistance program for Glendale residents and landlords. The new program, CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program, allocates \$2.6 billion in federal rental assistance. Of that, \$332 million is specifically allocated to Los Angeles County, including Glendale.

This new state rental assistance program will enable low-income households most impacted by the pandemic to stay in their homes and prevent displacement by providing financial assistance to income-qualified renters experiencing housing instability.

Both Glendale tenants and landlords can apply to this program directly. The program provides rent reimbursement to landlords for unpaid rent accrued between April 1 and March 31. Landlords are eligible to receive 80% of unpaid rent as long as they agree to waive the remaining 20% of unpaid rent. The program also allows for the payment of future rent and unpaid/future utility bills.

Eligible renters whose landlords don't participate in the program can still receive 25% of unpaid rent accrued between April 1, 2020, and March 31. Renter who pay the 25% of past due rent by June 30 can help keep them in their homes under the extended eviction protections provided in SB91. Eligible renters can also receive future rent assistance equal to 25% of their monthly rent as well as assistance with utility delinquencies.

### Qualification Criteria:

- Landlords who have one or more eligible renter(s) who have unpaid rent accrued from April 1, 2020 through March 31.
- Renters who are at or below 80% of the Area Median Income, who have incurred

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## A New Cath Lab at USC-VHH – ‘A Big Deal’

By Mary O'KEEFE

*New lab will offer immediate help for cardiac patients.*

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) has started construction on an Interventional Radiology Catheterization Lab (IR Cath Lab). To commemorate the occasion, last week hospital staff held a “wall-breaking” ceremony.

In a year that has been very stressful for the medical professionals at USC-VHH finding a reason to celebrate is especially welcome. The construction of the Cath Lab is indeed a cause to celebrate because the lab will offer immediate help for those suffering from cardiac issues.

Cardiac catheterization examines the vessels, valves and chambers of the heart. It will be used by cardiovascular surgeons to do specialized or more invasive surger-



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Members of the administration staff at USC-VHH prepare for the “wall-breaking” ceremony that will usher in a new Cath Lab.

ies that require simultaneous imaging, like tracing arteries, according to a statement by USC-VHH. The bottom line is this will allow doctors to quick-

ly identify cardiac issues when patients enter the Emergency Dept. [ED].

“Currently very few emergency cardiac procedures can

be performed at VHH due to the hospital's lack of this aspect of the Cath Lab,” said Rod Hanners, interim CEO of Keck

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## Deadly Consequences Possible When Hiking Unprepared

By Mary O'KEEFE

On March 13, Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept. search and rescue teams and teams from throughout the state, including Montrose Search and Rescue, discovered the body of 37-year-old Narineh Avakian near the Mt. Waterman Trail in the Angeles National Forest (ANF). According to Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, Narineh died of hypothermia and “environmental exposure.”

Her family had reported her missing on March 8 after she did not return home from a one-day hike. Although the family said it was not uncommon for Narineh to hike, and lately hike alone, it did not know what trail she had taken. On March 11, her vehicle was found parked at the Buck-

horn Day Use Area on the Angeles Crest in the ANF. Crews, including search and rescue teams from 17 counties, aided in the search. They continued their search in the area for two days; during this time about a foot of snow fell in the area.

The search continues for another woman in the ANF. Maria Loida Tice was last seen in the early afternoon on Feb. 13 at the Herton Flat trail toward the summit of Iron Mountain. She had gone hiking for a day and had hiked the area in the past.

The death of Avakian and the unknown whereabouts of Tice are unfortunate reminders of how dangerous hiking can be even for the most experienced hikers. It is also a reminder of the cautions that can be taken by hikers as they head off into the forest.

Montrose Search and Rescue [MSR] continues to receive a high number of call-outs of people in distress; however, Sgt. John Gilbert, LASD/Crescenta Valley Station, said he does not think it will be a record-setting number as it was last year.

“It's still too early to tell,” he added.

MSR is a volunteer service that is supported by the LASD. Team members come from all walks of life and go through continuous training in all types of terrain and conditions. Members regularly patrol the ANF and respond to emergencies, like vehicle accidents along the Crest, in addition to call-outs for missing hikers and hikers who need help.

During the pandemic there has been increased hiking in the ANF. Gilbert said there are some things

that can be done to make hiking in the area, or anywhere, safer.

The first is not to hike alone.

“We know a lot of people enjoy hiking alone; they like the serenity,” Gilbert said.

He added there are issues though that can happen during a hike in which having another hiker would be helpful. For example, if one hiker is injured the other can get help.

“You are safer in a group or two or more,” he said.

However, a concern when hiking with others is that one person can get separated from others.

“There is a fear that at some point [a hiker] may become separated and may become disoriented due to weather or fatigue,” he said.

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# Saluting our Non-Profits

On Saturday, I headed – virtually – to the Keen Pub to take part, with my fellow Glendale Kiwanians, in a pre-St. Patrick’s Day celebration. We had a good crowd show up for games, chit-chat and, of course, the chance to raise a glass of Irish whiskey.

The St. Patrick’s Day celebration at the Keen Pub (the Keens are longtime Kiwanis members) is a tradition that was unceremoniously canceled last year when the pandemic took hold. Over the course of the year, Kiwanis – like so many other non-profit organizations – discovered ways to stay connected and remain relevant to the community it serves and its many members. For example, whereas pre-pandemic Kiwanians met weekly in Glendale for lunch, laughs and an educational presentation, when the shutdown occurred, lunch meetings were canceled indefinitely. However, after a couple of weeks (and Zoom tutorials) we started meeting virtually. Were there hiccups? You bet. Do we sing on key – or even in unison? Not a chance. But we share words of inspiration during our weekly meetings and a joke or two and get to meet some important people in our community who aren’t afraid of making a presentation virtually to our group.

During the last year, the Glendale Kiwanis Club has installed a new president, held trainings and fundraisers and enjoyed a couple of social events. We plan on interviewing, via Zoom, candidates for scholarships that will be

handed out in the next few months. (This is the second year this will be done virtually.)

Maintaining an active non-profit organization is challenging; I wanted to share some creative ideas that have been thought up to keep in the forefront of some of our local organizations.

In this week’s paper, you can read Lori Bodnar’s article on the Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce and their Egg My Home project. Just in time for Easter, members and supporters of the MVCC will scatter eggs on the yards of local homes. What a great way to surprise kids, grand-kids or just some neighbors. There is a list of prices depending on the number of eggs that are purchased for spreading; the deadline to order is Friday, March 26.

The historic Alex Theatre/Glendale Arts, in partnership with the Greater Downtown Glendale Association, is hosting Savor Savor “nourishes connectivity, promotes health + fosters civic engagement.” Patrons are encouraged to support this event by dining out during Restaurant Week, attending the signature event, The Illuminate Dinner, participating in an interactive conver-

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# Weather in the Foothills

“The sun did not shine. It was too wet to play. So we sat in the house. All that cold, cold, wet day.”

~ Dr. Seuss

Since last week, another 1½ inches collected in the water bucket, making for a non-impressive seasonal total of 7.15 inches. Our normal – for the heart of La Crescenta – is 23-24 inches. February is ordinarily the prime precipitation producer and come March the show’s about over. Last year was an exception with March being somewhat of a catch-up period. In past years, when this weather deviation happened, it was referred to as a March Miracle. Not too sure we’ll be able to pull it off this time. At best, maybe a spring shower will fall over the foothills.

The term Miracle March was coined in 1991 when California was experiencing its worst drought since the Dust Bowl and the Sierra mountain ranges were on track for their worst year of snowfall in recorded history. Then on March 1, 1991 it began to snow, and snow and snow some more. It didn’t stop until 240 inches fell on the mountains all month long. Snowpack went from 17% of average to 73% of average; ski resorts were saved and the drought went from being catastrophic to manageable. It was considered a miracle. Then what was called a Miracle March is now called a March Miracle. Not all considered a rainy March to be quite so wondrous...

A little over a year ago on a balmy winter afternoon Janet Marie Smith, senior vice president for Planning and Development for the Los Angeles Dodgers, looked out over the stadium and smiled.

“Rain. If we don’t have rain, we’re good,” she said. The concern of one type quickly turned to that of another ... a global pandemic. Nothing to worry about except rain, right?

For the first time, just getting a little (or even a lot) wet took a backseat to a new threat to fan safety. Throughout the baseball world, as spring practice and opening day approached, COVID-19 topped the worry list. Within days, Major League Baseball announced that remaining spring training games would be canceled, and opening day would be postponed for “at least” two weeks (a very long two weeks as it turned out). A year later, the first games of the season around the nation will likely not be played to the usual full houses, rousing national anthems and celebrities tossing the ceremonial first pitch.

Give me rain, wind or any exciting weather. I’m pretty sure, if given the choice of an inconvenient “spring shower” or worldwide health crises, what is preferred.

Upcoming days are expected to be postcard perfect. The upcoming forecast includes a cool clear weekend and a slight chance for rain on Monday. “Hold on to your hats!” as come Wednesday, strong warm Santa Ana winds are blowing through town!

*Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.*

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

The general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Call in by dialing (877) 853-5257 or join online via Zoom. Meeting ID is 956 9812 8070 and the password is 750226.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, March 21. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource. LA County guidelines are being followed requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing when visiting the Preserve.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages; no reservations required. Rain cancels. Sorry, no pets please.

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

### CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The agenda will include a discussion about several housing issues poised to significantly affect the Crescenta Valley including the Housing Element update.

Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com) with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

### CVTC STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The next virtual meeting of the CV Town Council Streets & Transportation Committee is on Tuesday, March 30 at 6 p.m. On the agenda is an update on local projects and reports by County DPW liaison Jonathan Gonzalez, a review of an open streets grant application, soundwall funding and more. See the CV Weekly News section ([www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS)) for a complete agenda including meeting ID and password information.

# Creative – and Fun – Fundraising in Time for Easter

By Lori BODNAR, intern

The Easter Bunny is on its way – the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce (MVCC) is making sure of it!

The Chamber is organizing an “egg-citing” event called “Egg My Home.” Folks can order eggs filled with wrapped candies that will be scattered on yards by MVCC members. Candy-filled egg deliveries can also be donated to neighbors, friends or families in need who may enjoy the surprise Easter morning fun.

Mavil Aghadjanian is the executive director of the MVCC and had been brainstorming about raising money for and awareness of the Chamber. She said she wanted to help the Chamber by creating an event that would also be profitable for it while being fun for the community and helping business members.

“Vartan Djihanian from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce invited me to a chamber professional group where we all shared ideas that have worked for us,” she said. “The inspiration came from one of these chamber professionals. Their Easter Egg Hunt was slightly different. I thought it would be a great idea to include a Golden Egg opportunity to make it more exciting while supporting a local restaurant. In this year’s case, Ocean View Bar and Grill is the \$100 gift certificate in the Golden Egg prize.”

Aghadjanian will be delivering the eggs with the help of MVCC President Raffi Ashdjan. She added that the rest of the Chamber board may be helping because the response to the fundraiser has been so strong.

“This Easter Egg My Home is a fun family event and people don’t have to leave their house,” Aghadjanian said. The MVCC will deliver the eggs by 8 a.m. on Easter morning, April 4.

The Chamber of Commerce traditionally holds the Oktoberfest and Montrose Food & Brewfest events, its main fundraisers, as well as recognition of veterans for Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day, but has adjusted its plans during this past year due to the pandemic. Aghadjanian said she hopes that the “Egg My Home” fundraiser will help offset the losses from the cancellation of the bigger fundraisers.

“We set out with a low goal of \$500. We wanted to make sure it was affordable for both the sponsors and for those purchasing,” she said. “If the response continues to be overwhelmingly positive, we may surpass our goal.”

She went on to thank the supporters, donors, and participants who appreciate the Chamber’s efforts. These include Spiritual Heart Yoga Center, J’s Maintenance, Verdugo Plumbing, Caspian Services, Crescenta Valley Weekly, and Glendale Area Schools Credit Union.

On Tuesday night, the MVCC held a virtual comedy night at no cost to attendees that many people enjoyed for an uplifting laugh.

“St. Patty’s Comedy Night was an early St. Patrick’s Day celebration,” Aghadjanian said. “We will consider doing another comedy night again.”

One of the comedians from the comedy night was Steph Clark who is the founder of Funny Girl events and an LA native and comedian. Another performer was Tom Clark, who has prior appearances on Comedy Central’s “Premium Blend” and “Late Night with Conan O’Brien.” The comedian Scott Vinci also gave the audience a good laugh at the St. Patrick’s comedy night. He has previously performed at the Hollywood Laugh Factory as well as other venues across the nation.

There are around 200 business members in the Montrose-Verdugo Chamber of Commerce and in addition to the newspaper, Aghadjanian looks to social media to spread the word of what the Chamber is doing.

“Facebook has been a great resource for businesses and for the Montrose Chamber of Commerce. We made a Facebook group for MVCC members to support each other, brainstorm, plus ask and answer questions,” she said.

Those who would like to volunteer as a special bunny to help out for the “Egg My Home” Easter egg deliveries and are at least 18 can contact the Montrose-Verdugo Chamber of Commerce at [mvcc@montrosechamber.org](mailto:mvcc@montrosechamber.org).



The “Egg My Home” event can be ordered in various volumes, such as 30 filled eggs for \$25, 50 eggs for \$40, 70 eggs for \$55, and 100 eggs for \$75. If this “eggs-cellent” celebratory egg hunt is ordered for a friend or neighbor, a personalized message of the identity of their special bunny who delivered the surprise can be communicated to the recipient via a “Happy Easter from ....”

message. To donate to a family in need, write DONATION in the special instructions address line and MVCC will deliver the order to a deserving family. The link to order the wrapped-candy filled eggs for the special “Egg My Home” deliveries is <https://www.montrosechamber.org/easter/>. The deadline to order the egg deliveries from the Chamber of Commerce is Friday, March 26.

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# Schiff Highlights Critical Funding for Local Schools in American Rescue Plan

On Wednesday Rep. Adam Schiff highlighted emergency funding in the American Rescue Plan that will help local elementary and secondary schools reopen safely for in-person learning and address the long-term impacts of the pandemic on students' education and well-being.

Additional funding is provided to higher education institutions, to childcare providers to help keep their doors open and reduce costs for families, and to Head Start to maintain access to its services.

"There is no higher priority than safely reopening schools for students, families, and teachers, and the American Rescue Plan prioritized exactly that. With the emergency funding provided by this bill, schools in our district will have the resources they need to reopen and stay open for in-person instruction, and provide students and teachers what they need to succeed," Schiff said. "Reopening our schools safely is also an important step to getting parents back to

work and fully reopening our economy. The impact of these dollars will be felt across our community as we continue along the path to recovery in the months ahead."

Based on estimates from the House Education and Labor Committee, school districts in the 28th District, which includes Glendale Unified, will receive the emergency funds from the American Rescue Plan in order to reopen safely and address learning loss. Glendale Unified will receive an estimated \$51.7 million and La Cañada Unified will receive an estimated \$718,000.

The State of California is expected to receive the following emergency funds, the most of any state in every category:

- Childcare: \$3.76 billion
- Head Start: \$105.1 million
- K-12: \$15 billion
- Higher Education: \$5 billion



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By Mary O'KEEFE

The City of Glendale has given its approval for the work done on the parking lot and ramp at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, which houses American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614. Local Moose Lodge #641 also meets at the Hall.

The work on parking lot was brought to the public's attention a couple of years ago by members of the post. A GoFundMe page was set up and members of the Posts did community outreach for the more than \$30,000 that was needed for the project. Additional permitting requirements and fees by the City of Glendale raised the costs of the reconstruction putting the project on hold until the additional funds could

be raised. On Nov. 11, 2020 the project was able to move forward after the money needed was donated by community members.

The fundraising began prior to the COVID-19 lockdown. Businesses that were scheduled to donate had to reduce their amount or withdraw completely as the pandemic affected their bottom line. In addition, regular meetings at the Hall had to be canceled so fundraising and follow-up was affected but, with the community's support, the funds were raised and now the project has been completed.

With the new parking lot and new ramp at the Hall it will be easier for people to access it during the many events held there, including numerous bingo fundraisers for a variety of non-profits – once events are allowed to be held again.



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# Come On In, Says Y

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Responding to the recent announcement from Gov. Newsom's office regarding LA County moving from the purple tier to the red tier, the YMCA of the Foothills – the La Cañada site – will be reopening indoor operations on March 29 at 10% capacity.

But according to Vince Iuculano, chief executive officer of the YMCA of the Foothills, there's much more to do than just opening the doors.

"The good thing is we have been preparing for this day for a very long time," Iuculano said. "We've completed several facility projects, undertaken deep cleaning, and spaced out exercise equipment. Our HVAC [heating, ventilation and air conditioning] systems were examined and maintained – everything is being taken care of before we open."

There is no firm date for the reopening of the Verdugo Hills and Crescenta Valley facilities.

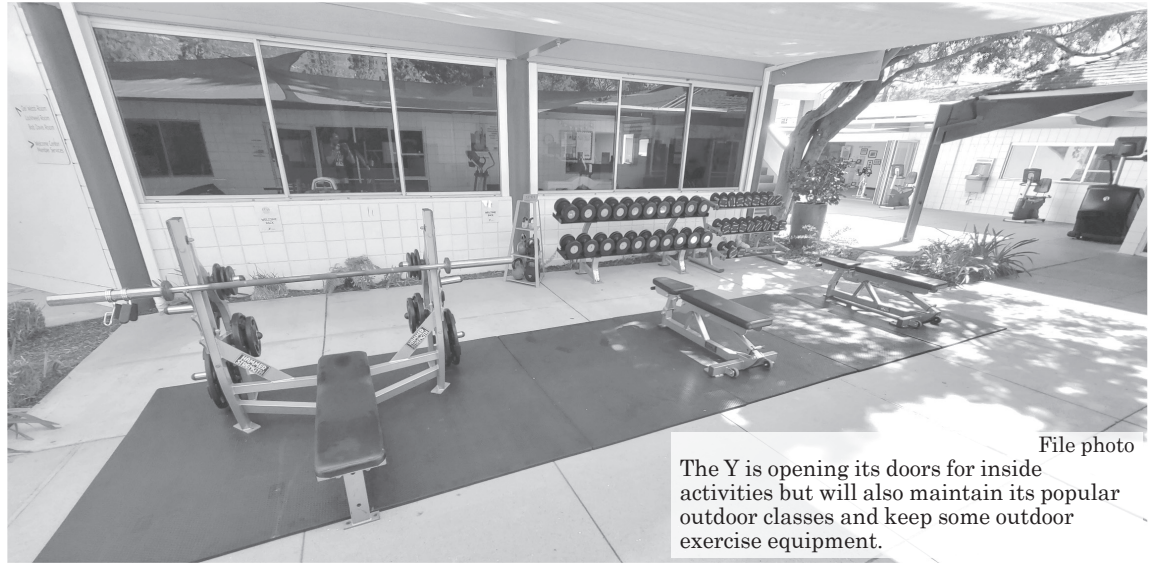
Understanding that there will be some members hesitant to return to the indoor routines, Iuculano said that existing outdoor classes and equipment – which have been very popular among Y members – will remain while a couple of classes will open indoors.

"We are slowly rolling out yoga and spin classes," he said.

"Currently we are doing yoga virtually, but we understand it's not the same thing as live. So we are going to launch indoor yoga classes at a very small ratio – one instructor for 10 participants. These will be fully masked and socially distanced. Yoga will be held in our largest studio. Currently [yoga and spin] are the only two planned indoor classes. Our body pump and step classes will remain outdoors pending further CDC and public health guidance."

Also, inside exercise equipment will be available to members – by reservation. Reservations can be made in person when a member arrives at the facility – they can check to see what equipment is available. Reservations can also be made by phone or via an app that the Y is launching.

Among its many abilities, the app MotionVibe provides members with the capability to follow live streaming classes as well as the ability to reserve a specific piece of exercise equipment at the site, confident that when they arrive it has been thoroughly cleaned and prepared for them. (Members can download the app at [https://ymcafoothills.motionvibe.com/\(S\(z0qjd2jwzvhhbplwru1tlzv2z\)\)](https://ymcafoothills.motionvibe.com/(S(z0qjd2jwzvhhbplwru1tlzv2z))/LoginYMCAfoothills.aspx) or download the YMCA Foothills App in the App Store/Google Play. They will need to be a current member



File photo  
The Y is opening its doors for inside activities but will also maintain its popular outdoor classes and keep some outdoor exercise equipment.

and have a barcode to access an account.)

With only 91 people in total allowed inside the facility at any one time, Iuculano said that it's important that the Y be flexible in accommodating its members while adhering to CDC and public health guidelines.

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing Y administrators is exactly who will be standing by the facility doors, welcoming members. Staffing – whether rehiring previous employees or finding new workers – has been challenging.

"It's been extremely difficult finding people who are either comfortable or available to come back," said Iuculano. "Current staff and vendors will have the facility

ready to go and we've taken every consideration from CDC and county health so we're safe. Fortunately we will have enough staff but it's been tough."

Despite the challenges, he said that the Y is eager to welcome back members inside the facilities.

"We're cautiously optimistic," he said. "We're happy but 10% is difficult to manage in the building."

He added that in addition to the MotionVibe app, the Y is excited about its new Your Y, Your Way attitude and looks ahead to its annual campaign that is being launched on April 1.

"This is the largest fundraising mechanism for the year," Iuculano said. "It is an opportunity for the community to support the

Y financially, which gives us the chance to offer financial aid and scholarships to families, teens and kids who might not be able to be a part of the Y."

He said that the mission of the Y is to serve others and "we cannot do that without the support of the community."

"Our goal for the month of April is to raise \$30,000," he said. "With God's grace we can hit that."

# Silver Boxes Come to Montrose

By Mary O'KEEFE

Those walking along Honolulu Avenue in the Montrose Shopping Park have probably noticed very large, very silver boxes at corners including Wickham Way and Ocean View Boulevard. These boxes house a barricade system that had been requested by the Montrose Shopping Park Association and the City of Glendale to help protect the area during events that involve street closures, like the Sunday Harvest Market.

It was in 2003 when an elderly driver drove his vehicle at high speed from one end of the Santa Monica Farmer's Market to the other end. Ten people were reportedly killed and numerous people were hospitalized. It is this

memory that haunts those who work at the Montrose Harvest Market. Santa Monica installed barricades and nets to protect pedestrians, and that safety precaution is something the MSPA was looking forward to; however, the large silver boxes were not exactly what were described.

The installation of the system had been delayed for weeks. Though it was finally installed the system has not been used because of a design change that was made without the knowledge of the City of Glendale.

The contract for the barricades was awarded on Sept. 24, 2019 and executed on Dec. 18, 2019.

"The City approved the shop drawing of the enclosures with the dimensions of 36" W [width] x 46" H [height] x 48" L [length]

on [Dec.] 23, 2019. The vendor delivered a different cabinet with dimensions of 48" W x 48 H x 72 L when installed between December 8-16, 2020," said John Takhtalian, Glendale deputy city manager.

When the City was made aware of the different cabinet dimensions and that the vendor has already installed them City representatives notified the vendor of the error and that the City had "not accepted these final units as the approved final product."

The barricades are in place but not available for use. Glendale Public Works is still talking with the vendor to modify the current design to make certain it is "friendly, accessible and operable by one person," according to Takhtalian.

At present, a person has to

crawl into the box to pull out the barricade cable.

"The final design of the barricades did lead to a larger size than what was originally presented to the City by the vendor," he added. "We are waiting for the vendor's response on this issue."

The City is examining its options, including modifying the existing enclosures so one person can easily access the inside of the box from the outside or build a new one allowing easier access to retrieve the cables and/or build an aluminum frame structure to cover the rim of the box with removable fabric.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Silver boxes found on Honolulu Avenue house a barricade system that is unusable.

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# CRIME BLOTTER

## March 14

2400 block of Mountain Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident reported hearing what sounded like sawing coming from the front of his home. He went outside and discovered a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle.

The theft occurred at 8:05 a.m.

4800 Rosemont Avenue in La Crescenta, several personal items were stolen from a locked vehicle at 1:10 a.m.

## March 11

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee of a store reported that he believed a suspect had attempted to steal an air compressor. The deputy reviewed surveillance footage and found the same suspect had entered the store about 15 minutes earlier and had stolen a number of hand tools. The man had taken the stolen tools out of the store and placed them into a white Ford Mustang parked in the parking lot. He then returned and attempted to walk out of the store with an air compressor but was stopped by an employee who took the compressor to the front counter. The suspect left the

store.

The theft occurred at 1:10 p.m.

500 block of Starlight Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning an attempted burglary call. The person who called stated two male suspects had broken a window and then ran from the location. The resident told deputies that he had heard voices and footsteps from what sounded like the living room. He thought it was his son and went to the room. He found his son yelling at someone outside on the balcony and a window had been smashed. His son told deputies that as he was working on his computer he heard male voices outside on the balcony of his home. He pulled back the curtain and saw one suspect smash the glass window; he yelled at them and they ran away.

The suspects are described as male with medium builds and both wore sweatshirts with hoods pulled over their heads.

The attempted burglary occurred at 8:45 a.m.

3800 block of Hampstead Road in La Cañada Flintridge, residents came home to discover

windows of their home had been smashed, rooms had been ransacked and items stolen between March 11-14.

## March 10

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that while shopping at a local store she placed her purse in the child seat in the shopping cart she was using. Her wallet was inside the purse. She reported that a young woman dropped bags of apples on the ground near her. She left the cart to help the young woman with her apples. She did not see anyone near the cart at the time but a few minutes later discovered her wallet was missing from her purse.

The theft occurred between 1 p.m. and 1:35 p.m.

## Feb. 24

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a call concerning a suspect taking a table saw from a store without attempting to pay for it. It appears this same suspect stole several items from the store on March 11.

The theft occurred at 1:50 p.m.

## Correction:

In the March 11 issue, in the story "Moose Lodge Calling for Canned, Goods, Diapers, Wipes and More" the Bailey Center monthly distribution of food increased from about 500 per month prior to the pandemic to over 4,000 people per month.

# GPD REPORTS

## Male Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales, Possession of Stolen Vehicles and Identity Theft

On March 12 just before 9 p.m., a Glendale Police Dept. patrol officer observed a vehicle pull into a motel parking lot on the 6700 block of San Fernando Road and park next to a motorcycle. The officer then observed the driver of the vehicle walk into a room then back to his vehicle.

The officer contacted the driver, identified as 28-year-old Arsen Emboyan of Burbank, and discovered he was on active probation. The officer also learned that the license plate on the vehicle Emboyan was driving did not belong to that vehicle. Emboyan was discovered to be in possession of a driver's license in someone else's name and a room key for the motel.

During a search of the vehicle Emboyan was driving, officers located tax paperwork, various pieces of mail, California ID cards, employee ID cards and other personal documents belonging to over 10 other individuals. Officers were able to run the VIN of the vehicle, which revealed it had been reported stolen and was cold-plated. Officers searched

Emboyan's motel room and located methamphetamine, heroin, evidence of illegal drug sales and an array of burglary tools.

Officers also found evidence in the room linking Emboyan to the motorcycle that he had parked next to, directly in front of his room. A records check of that motorcycle revealed it had also been reported stolen.

Emboyan was subsequently arrested on multiple charges including identity theft, vehicle theft, possessing controlled substances for sale, possession of burglary tools and for violating the terms of his probation.

## Male in Stolen Vehicle Arrested for Multiple Warrants After

Vehicle Pursuit  
On March 10 just before 1 p.m., a Glendale patrol officer located a vehicle driving along the 4000 block of Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada that had been reported stolen earlier in the day out of Lancaster.

A traffic stop was initiated, but the suspect vehicle failed to yield, initiating a vehicle pursuit. Multiple Glendale police patrol units, along with the Air Support Unit, pursued

the vehicle to the 4300 block of Winchester Avenue in the City of Los Angeles where the suspect stopped his vehicle in the driveway of a residence and fled on foot.

A perimeter was immediately set up surrounding the area where the suspect was last seen. Shortly thereafter, the driver of the vehicle, 36-year-old Matthew Maness of Lancaster, was located and detained by a Glendale Police K-9 officer inside the perimeter.

Maness was arrested and booked for felony evading and vehicle theft. Upon booking Maness, officers discovered that he was on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and had multiple outstanding warrants out for his arrest.

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# What Will Be Open in the Red Tier

By Mary O'KEEFE

As of March 16, Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health has reported 318 positive cases of COVID-19 and 52 deaths due to COVID-19.

Los Angeles County is now in the red tier, which opens areas a little more including inside dining with occupancy restrictions. Several restaurants in the area will be open to inside dining but are limited to a maximum of 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer; tables must be eight feet apart and, for indoor dining, there is a limit of one household per table with a limit of six people. There are also modifications for outdoor dining including expanding from the present one household per table to up to three households per table with a maximum of six people.

Schools for students in kindergarten through 12th grade may reopen to in-person instruction. The schools must continue to follow the LA County Public Health school reopening guidelines; however, the decision to reopen is left to each individual school district. Glendale Unified School District will be opening elementary schools but has yet to begin discussions on secondary classrooms.

Movie theaters are allowed to open indoors with a 25% capacity or 100 people, which ever is fewer, and must require seating reservations.

Gyms, fitness centers and yoga studios are open for indoor business with 10% capacity and climbing walls are open; gyms can offer personal training. Face coverings are required.

Museums, zoos and aquariums have been open with outdoor activities at 50% capacity. Now that the County is in the red tier they can open indoors with

City/Location	Positive Cases	Deaths due to COVID-19
Burbank	8560	221
Glendale	19,303	571
La Cañada Flintridge	725	16
Eagle Rock	3,592	109
Shadow Hills	379	5
Sunland	2,228	55
Tujunga	2,838	63
Angeles National Forest	33	1
La Crescenta-Montrose	1,062	14

25% capacity.

Although many of these businesses are open it is advised to call the business first to make certain they are open and to find out if they require reservations.

In alignment with the state's reopening framework, mandatory masking, distancing and infection control practices remain in place for every business and permitted activity, and certain sectors have additional safety modifications required or recommended.

"Los Angeles County is experiencing the lowest case levels that we have seen throughout this pandemic; and as we enter the red tier, we are doing so with extensive research on what activities are high risk and how we can safely begin to reopen critical parts of our community and economy," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger in a statement.

According to the LA County Dept. of Public Health those who fall into the categories of Phase 1A and Phase 1B are eligible for vaccines. The website does not state any new phase planned for vaccinations. Those eligible include anyone over 65 years old, healthcare workers, staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities, staff and residents at long-term care facilities, those in the field of education, childcare, emergency services, food and agriculture, people with serious health conditions/disabilities, peoples who live or work in congregate living spaces, janitorial, custodial, maintenance services, transportation and logistics.

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## Another First: Perseverance Captures the Sounds of Driving on Mars

NASA's newest rover recorded audio of itself crunching over the surface of the Red Planet, adding a whole new dimension to Mars exploration.

As the Perseverance rover began to make tracks on the surface of Mars, a sensitive microphone it carries scored a first: the bangs, pings, and rattles of the robot's six wheels as they rolled over Martian terrain.

"A lot of people, when they see the images, don't appreciate that the wheels are metal," said Vandii Verma, a senior engineer and rover driver at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "When you're driving with these wheels on rocks, it's actually very noisy."

More than 16 minutes of sounds from Perseverance's 90-foot (27.3-meter) drive on March 7 were captured by Perseverance's entry, descent and landing (EDL) microphone, which remains operational on the rover after its historic touchdown on Feb. 18. The off-the-shelf microphone was added to the rover to help take the public along for the ride during touchdown, but mission members have been eager to hear the sounds from the surface, too.

"If I heard these sounds driving my car, I'd pull over and call for a tow," said Dave Gruel, lead engineer for Mars 2020's

EDL Camera and Microphone subsystem. "But if you take a minute to consider what you're hearing and where it was recorded, it makes perfect sense."

Two versions of the audio clip of the same drive were released to the public on March 17. The first version features over 16 minutes of raw, unfiltered sounds of the rover traveling in Jezero Crater. In it, the noise generated by the interaction of Perseverance's mobility system (its wheels and suspension) with the surface can be heard, along with a high-pitched scratching noise. Perseverance's engineering team continues to evaluate the source of the scratching noise, which may either be electromagnetic interference from one of the rover's electronics boxes or interactions between the mobility system and the Martian surface. The EDL microphone was not intended for surface operations and had limited testing in this configuration before launch.

The second version is a shorter compilation of sounds from the longer raw recording of the drive. For this 90-second version, NASA engineers combined three segments from the raw audio file (sections 0:20-0:45, 6:40-7:10, and 14:30-15:00), processing and editing them to filter out some of

the noise.

This first audio of a drive across the Martian surface joins a growing playlist of Mars sounds beamed back to Earth from Perseverance. A second microphone, part of the rover's SuperCam instrument, previously picked up the sighing of Martian wind and the rapid ticking sound of the instrument's laser zapping rocks to reveal details of their structure and composition. Such information will help scientists as they search Jezero Crater for signs of ancient microscopic life, taking samples of rock and sediment to be returned to Earth by future missions.

The SuperCam sounds were part of a series of systems checks the rover has gone through, ranging from the unstowing of Perseverance's massive robotic arm to making its first weather observations using the Mars Environmental Dynamics Analyzer.

The rover has also been searching for a suitable airfield for the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter to attempt its first flight tests. Now that the right spot has been found, the Perseverance and Ingenuity teams are making plans for the rover to deploy the

see MARS on page 19



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CATH LAB from Cover

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Presently some patients who arrive in the VHH ED with coronary issues that require a more in-depth diagnosis are transferred to another hospital, which delays treatment.

“This is a big deal,” said Dr. Armand Dorian, interim CEO of USC-VHH and former chief medical officer. “This is part of our growth. The first part was the Neonatology Dept., so we started with that and now it’s all about cardiovascular growth.”

In 2018, USC-VHH completed the NICU [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit], which was composed of six private rooms equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Dorian explained the Cath Lab is so important because heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.

“This is an extremely important tool that this hospital has been lacking. Now we are going to have not just a Cath Lab but also a state-of-the-art [Cath Lab]. We may have some diagnostics here that maybe one out of 20 [hospitals] in the country have,” he said. “We can bring that to this community.”

This type of technology is needed now more than ever as the country moves closer to the post-COVID-19 world.

“As we settle into our new reality, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic we must realize that our efforts in combating heart disease is more critical than ever. Cardiovascular conditions claim the lives of more than [650,000] people annually. In Los Angeles County heart disease and stroke account for more deaths than any other [causes],” Hanners said. “Nearly one fourth of those hospitalized with COVID-19 have been diagnosed with cardiovascular complications. It contributed roughly to 40% of all COVID-19 related deaths. In fact, the recent Journal of the American Medical Association study found abnormalities of

the heart in 78% of patients recovering from COVID-19. This is another reason why the Cath Lab is so important.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 655,000 Americans each year die from heart disease and annually about 805,000 Americans have a heart attack.

The wall-breaking was the last official event of now former CEO Keith Hobbs. Hobbs left USC-VHH for a new position as executive vice president for Torrance Memorial Medical Center. He said the journey to get the Cath Lab actually began over seven years ago with the hospital’s strategy team. At the wall-breaking event he thanked those in the community who helped the hospital make the Cath Lab a reality, including support from State Senator Anthony Portantino.

For most who spoke at the ceremony, the Cath Lab represented a personal journey. Many had family members who had suffered from cardiac issues and knew firsthand how important a quick and accurate diagnosis can be.

Shawn Sheffield, chief strategy officer at Keck Medicine of USC, is a La Cañada Flintridge resident. She said she has been “dreaming” of the hospital having a Cath Lab for a long time. She shared the story of her father, who had been diagnosed with a severe heart condition by doctors in Arizona. Doctors there had prescribed heart surgery, which she worried would be hard on her father who was recovering from back surgery. She called a doctor at Keck Medicine for a second opinion and found that her father needed a much less invasive surgery, something that could be done with the help of a Cath Lab. She brought her father to LA, he had the procedure and the next day was at her son’s sporting event.

Sue Wilder along with her husband Steve are in the VHH Foundation and are the co-chairs for the fundraising portion of the Cath Lab project. She and Steve are also hospital volunteers. She shared her story of bringing her dad to VHH. It was discovered he had congenital heart failure. For several weeks her dad was treated at the hospital and she was impressed with the quality of care he received. She has been a volunteer at the hospital for over 20 years, and has seen the need for a Cath Lab.

The Cath Lab will cost \$3 million, according to Steve. The project fundraisers have already raised \$1.3 million.

“Which is a fabulous start,” Steve said. He added that he and his wife are committed personally and financially to raising funds for this project. He pled with the public to do the same.

“We ask you please, as members of this community, to support this project however you can,” he said.

HIKING from Cover

This can compromise decision-making abilities resulting with some hikers leaving the trail.

Searching for missing people is easier if it is known where they started their hike; even if they leave the trail at least rescuers will know where to begin. An LASD hiking plan (available at www.cvweekly.com) is key in helping rescuers. The hiking plan can be filed with local law enforcement authorities or left with a family member.

“File a hiking plan with us or let a friend and family member know what trail you are hiking, and when you plan to finish. Include the clothing you are wearing and equipment you have,” he said.

Within the hiking plan the hiker can also include longitude and latitude, what specific trails the hiker is planning on taking and how much water and supplies the hiker has.

Gilbert also suggested that those who hike, and camp, invest in a spot device or some type of satellite device, like a Garmin inReach that, in addition to being a satellite communication device, also has an SOS trigger for those who find themselves in trouble.

Gilbert added that technology can help in many ways including cellphone applications that can guide hikers on trails. Some devices allow the hiker to text a message to a service explaining the nature of the emergency.

But being prepared for the unexpected, including weather changes, filling out a hiking plan and hiking with a friend or group, is still the best way to stay safe.

In addition to being prepared for themselves it is also important to be aware of other hikers nearby.

“You may be the best hiker around then stumble across someone on the trail who isn’t prepared and is in distress,” Gilbert said.

Being able to render aid to others, even if it is calling for help, is also an important part of hiking and being safe on the trail.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The 1978 Pinecrest Mudslide – Part 1

We should always remember that the very ground we live on was built by massive, violent floods. As the San Gabriel Mountains rise, they shed granite. When it rains hard, those granite pieces flood out of the canyons and wash across our valley in rock-filled waves 20 and 30 feet high. These floods have been going on for tens of thousands of years. So it's only natural that when we build homes at the mouths of canyons we build them directly in the path of these potentially destructive floods. In 1978, the Genofile family paid the price for that.

The build-out of housing in our valley has crept closer and closer to the mountains. In 1958, a local contractor and his wife, Bob and Jackie Genofile, built a beautiful home on an acre of land on Markridge Road, below Shields Canyon. For a few years the steep land above their house was tree-covered and undeveloped.

But in the mid-'60s, a massive development, Pinecrest, was constructed above them with houses being built all the way up to and into Shields Canyon.

Unfortunately, the flood control measures the developer provided at the mouth of the canyon were inadequate. A pitifully small debris basin and dam were built at the upper end of the development at the top of Pine Cone Road. At the very bottom of steep Pine Cone Road was the Genofile house.

Everything was fine for a decade. In November 1975, a huge fire, the wind-driven Mill Fire, swept the San Gabriel Mountains above the Crescenta Valley. It touched a few homes in Pinecrest but the major damage was to the watershed above. Tens of thousands of acres of mountainside were totally burned bare. A flood was inevitable but surprisingly it didn't happen for almost three years – after everyone had completely relaxed

their guard.

In February 1978 a major Pacific storm rolled in dropping nearly 12 inches of rain on our valley. The rain came hard and steady but at 1:30 in the morning on Feb. 10, it really cut loose. For about 20 minutes a solid sheet of water poured onto the still bare San Gabriel Mountains above Pinecrest. In upper Shields Canyon something slipped.

Mud, rocks and water in a huge mass began accelerating down the steep canyon above Pinecrest. The mass grew exponentially as it picked up more rocks and mud on the way down. In the darkness on Pine Cone Road two flood control men had been sent to check the dam and debris basin at the top of the road. Their truck labored up the steep grade through the intense rain. They reached the turnaround at the top. Looking up at the small dam above them they could see things flying over

the top – boulders, trees and then a great black wave. The driver whipped the truck around and began speeding down the hill. The black wave was now sporting several cars at the front that were spinning in the dark wall. The debris flow caught them, pushed their truck into a wall on the side, and poured across the bed of the truck. The back window burst in on the men, but they dove out the side door and escaped over a retaining wall.

Down below at the Genofile house things had gone ominously quiet. The concrete flood channel near the family's house had rumbled loudly throughout the storm as boulders rolled down it. Unknown to the Genofiles, the channel had clogged above them and the backup had joined the black mass coming down the hill. Jackie Genofile and daughter Kim, curious about the quiet, had gone to the front of the house where they

could look through the window up Pine Cone Road. In a blue flash of light caused by parting electrical lines, Jackie and Kim spotted what looked like a big black hill moving down the street toward them, pushing a mass of water before it.

They turned and ran down the hall toward the back of the house.

*Next week we'll continue this cliff hanger, as the black wall hits the Genofile house.*



Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » LAURA FRIEDMAN

## Vaccine Update

It's hard to imagine that it has been over a year since we first took action to keep our community safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a challenging year for all of us, and I am working every day with my colleagues in the legislature on a range of pandemic related issues.

Late last year, the news of promising vaccines offered a distant hope of an eventual return to normality. And as the months passed, the vaccine has become a reality for more Californians. This is especially true after the announcement from President Biden on Thursday, March 11 that, as of May 1, every adult in the nation will be eligible for a vaccine.

Within that timeframe is still a matter of distribution timelines, including getting the supply to states and states getting supply to local bodies and facilities. That being said – we're close. With ever-widening distribution, we are starting to turn a corner. It's crucial that you have important information about the current state of the vaccination program.

In response to the many

questions I hear from constituents every day regarding vaccines, I recently teamed up with Supervisor Kathryn Barger and leading health experts to bring you answers. I'd like to share what we learned, along with answers to the most common questions coming from our community.

*Are the vaccines safe?* Our panelist, Dr. Paul Simon, answered this question perfectly by stating, "With over 40 million vaccinated across the country, we are seeing just how safe these vaccines are with minimal side effects."

Each of the vaccines underwent expedited but thorough medical trials and were determined safe by the FDA.

*Why can't I get the vaccine now?* I know I am not alone in wishing everyone could get the vaccine as soon as possible. In fact, I can't wait until it's my turn! Currently, demand for vaccines far exceeds the supply. As a result, vaccine distribution has been structured to prioritize those at highest risk of serious complications or death, including the elderly and seniors,

people with serious underlying health conditions, and disabilities and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19, like healthcare workers, teachers, first responders and essential workers.

In order to be notified when it's your turn to make a vaccination appointment, please register at the state's My Turn website at myturn.ca.gov. This website will alert you when you are eligible for a vaccination.

*How are the vaccines allocated?* Every week, the federal government announces anticipated allocation figures for each state. Using the federal allocation as a starting point, the state considers recommendations from the leadership of local health jurisdictions and the state's third-party administrator, Blue Shield of California, to make decisions about how best to allocate the vaccine given demand and supply.

In California, starting on March 8, in addition to adjusting allocations to targeted populations listed above, the state is directing 40% of vaccine doses to the hardest-

hit areas, based on need and historic health problems in those areas.

*What are the vaccine tiers and where are we in this program?* Recently the state changed our tier system. Currently eligible Californians include frontline healthcare workers, long-term care facility workers, seniors age 65-plus, education workers returning to in-person teaching, emergency service workers, and food and agricultural workers.

On March 15, California expanded

eligibility to people with certain severe health conditions that puts them at extreme risk from COVID. You can read about the current tiers and eligibility at the Dept. of Public Health website <https://tinyurl.com/xpk4zyeh>.

*How does the county help people without Internet access or a car to access the vaccine?* LA County recognizes that having a web-based portal is not ideal for many people, including seniors and those without

see FRIEDMAN on page 18

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Against Acting in Secret

On Feb. 25, the Glendale Design Review Board approved a project at 3950 Foothill Blvd. comprised of 34 apartments and four commercial spaces despite considerable opposition from the community. That opposition was doomed to fail because in March 2020 the city granted the developer concessions regarding building height, lot coverage and open space in return for a commitment to include a few affordable apartments.

The first opportunity the public had to comment was before the DRB, almost one year after crucial decisions were made by city Community Development Dept. staff without any notice to the public. This lack of notice is particularly reprehensible because

at least one interested community member asked for notice and was assured in writing that she would receive it. That never happened.

SB 1818 requires cities to grant concessions to developers who commit to include affordable units in residential projects but there are numerous concessions from which to select. Some of those concessions are not appropriate for a steeply sloped site in a suburban community. Nothing in SB 1818 prohibits local governments from giving the public notice when developers request concessions for projects that include affordable units. Both Pasadena and Burbank provide public notice and a hearing before granting SB 1818 concessions. Acting in secret is a decision Glendale has made. It needs to be changed and hopefully

will be.

At the city council meeting on March 9, at the request of neighborhood associations, City Councilmembers Paula Devine and Ardy Kassakhian directed staff to begin immediately posting and notifying the public when applications for SB 1818 concessions are filed and to report on how to involve the community in making such decisions in the future. If you don't want to see our community packed with similar projects, watch the city's website for applications, request notice regarding projects that interest you and tell city staff what you think of the project.

Mary-Lynne Fisher, President  
Crescenta Highlands  
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## Anything – and Nearly Everything – Seen at Science Fun Fair

By Lori BODNAR, intern

“Scientists Can Do Virtually Anything!” was the theme for the 2021 virtual Science Fun Fair at Mountain Avenue Elementary School. The Science Fun Fair family night was held via a Zoom webinar the evening of Feb. 26. Over 100 students in grades transitional kindergarten through sixth submitted videos of themselves explaining or demonstrating their science fair project. Videos were uploaded to Flipgrid for the students, classes and families to view.

Seventeen sixth-grade students also participated in “The Great Paper Roller Coaster Engineering Challenge Build,” a challenge to create a marble run using the materials of cardstock paper, tape and a foam board base. The sixth-grade students videotaped and timed a marble rolling through their coaster creations, then uploaded their videos to Flipgrid. The paper roller coaster built by Joseph Christie, which he named “Berm Peak,” was the “longest ride” coaster keeping a marble traveling for over a minute down long track with loops, funnels and turns.



Sixth graders Audrey Chung, Avril Paris, and Abbie Davidson tied for the best theme. Audrey's coaster, “A Trip Through



LEFT: Sixth grader Audrey Chung with her roller coaster called “A trip to France.”

RIGHT: Joseph Christie won the longest ride category in the roller paper coaster competition for his design “Berm Peak” that kept a marble rolling the longest time, for over a minute. Only sixth grade students competed in the roller coaster engineering build contest as part of the science fair.

Paris,” included the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and a baguette shop all made out of cardstock paper. Avril and Abbie's paper roller

coaster was named “Sun Snake Road.” Recognition for best theme music was

see SCIENCE FAIR on page 16

## Jonathan Lee Lee of Glendale Highlighted for AmeriCorps Work

AmeriCorps Week 2021 was celebrated March 7-13 and was an opportunity to recognize the service of the 270,000 Americans engaged annually in AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs. Despite the unprecedented challenges posed in 2020, dedicated citizens continued helping communities, serving those impacted by COVID-19, ensuring students stayed on track to graduate, combating hunger and homelessness, responding to natural disasters, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, supporting veterans and military families, and much more.

Jonathan Lee Lee of Glendale is currently serving with the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), a 10-month, full-time AmeriCorps program. As a corps member, Lee is completing a series of different six- to 12-week-long service projects in different places across his

assigned region as part of a five-to-12-person team. Projects support disaster relief, the environment, infrastructure improvement, energy conservation, and urban and rural development.

AmeriCorps NCCC operates out of four campuses – Sacramento, Aurora, Colorado, Vinton, Iowa, and Vicksburg, Mississippi – that serve as regional administrative hubs and training facilities. These campuses train and deploy new classes of members several times each year. Lee began his term of service on July 21, 2020 at the North Central Region campus in Vinton, Iowa and will graduate from the program on May 8, 2021.

Before joining the NCCC, Lee attended Crescenta Valley High School and Syracuse University, which he graduated from in May 2019 with a degree in economics.

“I want to broaden my horizons through traveling, and develop life skills while providing help to those



in need,” Lee said.

AmeriCorps NCCC members complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the 10-month program. Corps Members are all 18 to 26 years old; there is no upper age limit for team leaders. In exchange for their service, all program participants receive

\$6,345 to help pay for college. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, team building skills and the knowledge that, through active citizenship, they can indeed make a difference. AmeriCorps NCCC is one of hundreds of programs administered by the



larger AmeriCorps agency.

Founded in 1994, a tenet of AmeriCorps NCCC is to strengthen communities and develop its young adult members into leaders. For more information about AmeriCorps NCCC, visit the website at [www.americorps.gov/nccc](http://www.americorps.gov/nccc).

## Scholarship Opportunities

### LCWC Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

In a year of limitations, the La Crescenta Woman's Club is again offering opportunities for 2021 graduating high school seniors.

Four scholarships in the amount of \$200 each for any area of study will be granted to students. Two additional scholarships will also be granted, The Roberta Kurtz Scholarship for Study in the Arts, an amount as yet to be determined, and The Richard Huntwork Scholarship in the amount of \$500 for study in the field of engineering and/or math with a focus on STEM programs.

The scholarship deadline has been extended until March 19. For additional information, see the Club

website [lacscentawomansclub.org](http://lacscentawomansclub.org). Interviews will be held via Zoom.

Additional questions may be posed to Danette Erickson at the scholarship help line at (818) 249-9577.

**The California Armenian Legislative Caucus** is holding two scholarship contests for the 2021 commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. California high school students in ninth through 12th grade are invited to participate in an essay contest and/or a visual arts contest to increase greater awareness of the Armenian Genocide on its anniversary.

All winners will be contacted

directly and awarded scholarships and a trip to the state Capitol in Sacramento to be acknowledged at the California Armenian Legislative Caucus' annual Armenian Advocacy Day on Monday, April 26 and receive special recognition from the members of the Armenian Caucus. Original artwork will be requested from visual arts applicants if they are selected as a finalist, for possible display in the California State Capitol.

\*\*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this may not be an in-person event. Final details will be given closer to the event date.

Criteria for each contest are detailed below. Students may enter both contests, but submissions must

be entered separately.

Essay Scholarship Awards: first place: \$1,000; second place: \$750; third place: \$500.

Visual Art Scholarship Awards: first place: \$1,000; second place: \$750; third place: \$500

Submission deadline for both contests is Friday, April 9. Any submissions sent after the deadline will not be accepted.

**California Credit Union in Glendale** invites college-bound students in Los Angeles County to apply for its 2021 College Scholarship Program. Through the program, the credit union provides \$20,000 in scholarships annually to recognize Southern California

students who are motivated in their academic studies and active in their schools and communities.

Los Angeles area college-bound high school seniors and community college students transferring to a four-year university who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 are eligible to participate. Selection criteria include academic performance, school or community involvement, a letter of recommendation, and an essay submission.

Interested students can find more information and apply online at [ccu.com/scholarship2021](http://ccu.com/scholarship2021). Online applications will be accepted through March 26. Recipients will be announced on April 16.



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Overdue Hugs Given and Received



After one full year of only distanced window visits, Ginny Mentel was finally able to visit her 104-year-old mother, Eva Rocco, a resident at Villa Scalabrini & La Piazza, in person to give and get a big hug. The expression of surprise on Eva's face speaks volumes.

## Glendale Memorial Hospital Awards Nearly \$90,000 to Four Nonprofit Organizations through its Community Health Grant Program



Glendale, Calif. – Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) recently awarded a total of \$87,000 to four nonprofit organizations who are making a difference by addressing the health care needs of the local, underserved communities.

“We are grateful to be partnering with Ascencia (integrated Health Homes Housing Retention), Family Promise of the Verdugos (Shelter and Supportive Services for Homeless Families), and Hope through Housing Foundation (Connections to Care),” shares Jill Welton, GMHHC Hospital

President. “It is rewarding to continue our annual Community Grants Program with these partners who help so many people in need.”

Dignity Health realizes many small organizations have been facing fewer donations and are struggling to provide services during the pandemic. In addition to the regular program grants, Glendale Memorial provided the Coronavirus Pandemic Community Benefit Support grant to Kids’ Community Dental Clinic.

“Through our Community Health Grant Program, we are able to work collaboratively with these select

organizations to improve the well-being of the communities we serve, from the needs of our youth to the needs of our seniors, everyone is deserving of our support and we are appreciative of the work of our community partners,” shares Cassie McCarty, Director of Mission Integration at GMHHC.

Since 1991, Dignity Health has awarded \$80 million to 3,600 community-based health improvement projects through its Community Grants Program. For more information, please visit [dignityhealth.org/about-us/community-health/grant-programs](https://dignityhealth.org/about-us/community-health/grant-programs).

## People Making News

Natalie Berner and Elizabeth Crotty, both from Glendale, were recently named to the dean’s list at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2020 semester.

In order to achieve dean’s list status, a full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

Benjamin Weitzel from Glendale, a graduate of Campbell Hall, earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed all credits attempted, and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

Whitman College provides a

rigorous liberal arts education of the highest quality to passionate and engaged students from diverse backgrounds.

James Murphy of La Cañada, a senior history major at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be registered for at least 12 academic credit hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

A private college located in south central Pennsylvania, York College offers more than 50 baccalaureate majors in professional programs, the sciences and humanities to its 4,600 undergraduate students. The College also offers masters’ programs in business, education and nursing, and a doctorate in nursing practice.

Diana Kim, a resident of Glendale and class of 2022 student at Connecticut College, has been named to the dean’s list for the 2020 fall semester, achieving dean’s high honors. Kim is an environmental studies major.

Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal arts college of 1,800 students located on a 750-acre arboretum campus in New London, overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River. The College’s mission is to educate students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society. Through an innovative four-year program, Connections, students integrate every aspect of their experience—from classes to majors to internships to activities to jobs on campus and abroad—into a meaningful pathway that allows them to synthesize different perspectives, solve complex problems, and contribute to the public good.

Wheaton College students Sarah Lee of La Crescenta and Caleb Lee of Glendale/La Crescenta were named to the dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester.

To earn dean’s list honors at Wheaton an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College, located in Wheaton, Illinois is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Jason Rowton of La Cañada was named to the Fort Lewis College dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester. Rowton’s major is economics.

To be eligible for dean’s list, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or better in no fewer than 15 credit hours of graded college level work and have completed all work for which they are registered by the end of the semester.

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# Celebrating Independent Bookstore Day

Independent Bookstore Day is Saturday, April 24. This annual event is celebrated with literary parties nationwide. Flintridge Bookstore's special activities this year will be outdoors in keeping with COVID precautions. Its doors are open for in-store shopping (masks required), and featured guests are greeting people outside around the perimeter of the store.

Flintridge Bookstore has invited local authors (with titles for all ages – fiction and non-fiction) for meet-and-greets and signings, as well as Little Muse Designs handmade seed bead jewelry and Ramona Paloma handmade ceramic tiles. There will also be giveaways and a drawing for various genres of books.

Especially with the ongoing national health crisis local bookstores need the support of their communities. Independent Bookstore Day is a way to

show appreciation for the contributions made by these small businesses. This special day also provides an opportunity for Flintridge Bookstore to offer its neighbors and customers engaging outdoor programs that enhance their regular shopping experience.

Here is the Flintridge Bookstore program for April 24:

- Make a purchase on Independent Bookstore Day and enter a drawing to win a selection of children's, young adult, adult fiction or adult non-fiction books.
- Giveaways  
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Little Muse Designs – handmade seed bead jewelry by Anthe Wosczyzna
- Ramona Paloma Tiles – handmade ceramic designs by Tracy and Soozee  
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Ann Kelly, children's book author

of "It's Okay to be Silly" and "My Treehouse," the first two picture books (with downloadable songs) in the series Adventures of Molly and Max

- Avery Monsen, children's book author of "I am the Longest Dog" (ages 4-8)
- Chris Robertson, children's book author/illustrator of "Knock-Knock, Dino-mite! Dinosaur Jokes for Kids" (ages 6-12) & other titles  
12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- Chip Jacobs, author of "The Darkest Glare: A True Story of Murder, Blackmail, and Real Estate Greed in 1979 Los Angeles" (local history) and "Arroyo" (fiction)
- Sarah Langan, author of "Good Neighbors: A Novel" (psychological thriller)
- Norma Richman, author of "Galilea, Galilea: A Novel" (detective fiction)
- C.B. Shiepe, author of "Cliff Falls:

The Missing Pieces Edition" (spiritual fiction)

- 2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
- Aaron Galvin, author of The Salem's Vengeance trilogy: "Salem's Vengeance," "Salem's Fury" and "Salem's Legacy" (young adult historical fiction) and "The Grave of Lainey Grace" (middle grade mystery/adventure)
- Michael Mullin, author of "Talespins: 3 Twisted Fairytale Retellings" (young adult); "8: The Untold Story" (young adult graphic novel) and "Simon" (a modern-day Hamlet for young adults)
- Nirosha Ruwan, JD, author of "Mind Over Scatter: Conquer Any Test with Sharper Focus and Less Stress" (young adult study & test-taking skills)
- Louise Wannier, author of "Tree Spirits" (interactive children's book, ages 4-8)

PEOPLE from previous page

Ithaca College student Leo Gonta from La Crescenta was named to the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 6,500 students, the college offers more than 100 degree programs in its schools of business, communications, humanities and sciences, health sciences and human performance, and music.

Hazel Jacqueline Valentine of La Cañada was named to The University of Alabama dean's list for fall 2020.

A total of 13,128 students enrolled during the fall 2020 term at The University of Alabama made the dean's list with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the president's list with academic records of 4.0 (all As).

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

David Schwartz of Glendale, a member of the class of 22 majoring in electrical & computer engineering, was named to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2020 semester.

A total of 2,078 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's fall 2020 dean's list. The criteria for the WPI dean's list differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the dean's list by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

Dani Di Paolo of Glendale, who is in the packaging science program, and

Bonnie Kim of La Crescenta, who is in the physician assistant program, each earned a spot on the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 fall semester.

Undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credit hours of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of "incomplete," NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 18,600 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

Aidan Phillips of La Cañada Flintridge has been placed on the Gettysburg College dean's honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2020 semester.

Students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester's work are placed on the college's dean's honor list.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

More than 1,800 students were named to the Biola University dean's list in fall 2020. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2. Local residents named to the dean's list include from La Cañada Alexandra Bowers; from La Cañada Flintridge Molly Mittelberg; from Sunland Melissa Dunnigan; from La Crescenta Talin Emmerson, Kiana Karn, Pauline Kim, Yeri Kim and Isaac Sung; from Tujunga Alique Malakian.

Founded in 1908, Biola University is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California. It was recently recognized as one of America's best colleges, earning a spot in the top tier of the "best national universities" category of U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2021 rankings.

Caitlin Smith of Glendale was named to the University of Rhode Island dean's list.

To be included on the dean's list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Maia Tivony of Glendale, whose major is stage and production management, Class of 2022, and Isabel Moon of La Cañada, whose major is theatre and performance, Class of 2023, have been named to Emerson College's dean's list for the fall 2020 semester. The requirement to make dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts is located opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Gianopoulos' 'City Vignettes' Featured in Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts



On Wednesday, April 7 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed.

Violinist Jacqueline Suzuki and pianist Brendan White will perform works by Los Angeles composer George N. Gianopoulos, Felix Mendelssohn and Johannes Brahms on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

The program features Felix Mendelssohn "Violin Sonata in

F minor, Op. 4" and Johannes Brahms "Sonatensatz: Scherzo in C minor."

The program also includes George N. Gianopoulos "City Vignettes for Violin and Piano, Op. 29d." The City Vignettes began as a work for the mezzo-soprano and guitar group the Malkin-Trybek Duo. The arrangement for piano was born out of necessity and practicality, and the cycle was subsequently arranged on request for flute, clarinet,

violin and alto saxophone. American lyric poet Sara Teasdale first published her set of three miniature poems "City Vignettes" in 1911 in the collection "Helen of Troy and Other Poems." Though Teasdale regularly had bouts of depression throughout her life, which ended in suicide, she was the first person, man or woman, to receive the first ever Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1918. The first poem, see CONCERTS on page 19

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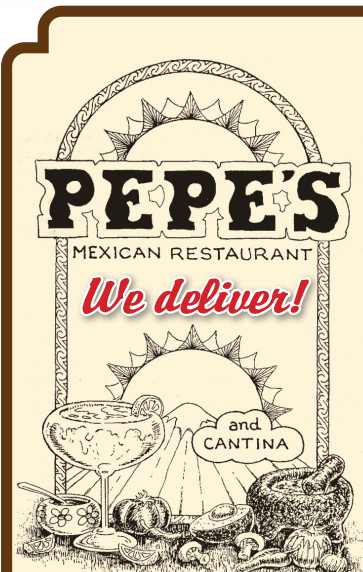
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# RELIGION

## Question:

*My husband and I are at odds with one another. Now that outside dining is allowed where we live, he wants to go to dinner. I'm not ready to go out just yet until statistics are better. Two of my very close friends died from the virus and I don't want to take any chances. I tell him to go ahead and bring dinner back to me, but he doesn't want to do that. Instead, he picks up dinner for both of us, but he's not happy about it.*

*This may seem like a small argument but it's put a wedge between us that is spilling into other things that require leaving the house. I won't argue with him and instead tell him gently I'm just trying to be safe from what could be a horrible death.*

*Is there a way I can convince him to not take my decision personally?*  
~ Dismayed

Dear Dismayed,

I appreciate your need to feel listened to and respected and to feel safe on this issue. I also appreciate your desire that your husband not interpret your caution as a being a personal rejection. I am sure others responding to this would encourage you to keep and persist with an open dialogue and communication to work through this issue with your husband. That is always good advice. Minds and perceptions can change by talking it out, even if the process seems ongoing and seemingly never-ending at times, until a positive resolution is reached.

Ernest Holmes, the founder of

the Science of Mind, had another approach. In his view, if we wished to change anything we merely have to change our own thinking and reality would follow our thought. To put it another way, the world (for example, our experiences with others) mirrors what we think into it. If we see resistance, or lack or limitation of any sort, that will be our experience. If we see harmony, peace, respect and cooperation, that will be our experience. So if we have a problem with something or someone outside ourselves we do not need to try and work outwardly to change them or anything outside of us. We need only change ourselves internally by changing our own thinking about the issue and the change in the outer reality will follow.

Sounds incredulous. But like any good science, the proof is always in the pudding. Otherwise it is meaningless.

In Science of Mind, there are two ways we use to affect this change. The one I will introduce you to is affirmative prayer. Affirmative prayer is not a begging prayer (as most of us tend to think prayer is). Affirmative prayer is a directive, focused and commanding prayer focused either on a general or a specific outcome to bring about the good we desire. You repeat it until you believe it. As Jesus says in Matthew 8:13, "It is done unto you as you believe."

When you get to that point where the belief is real in both your thinking and feeling, that is to a point where your confidence that it will happen is greater than your fear that it won't, that's when the miracle happens. Here's a little



## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

### Spiritually Speaking Participants

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson, RScP; Laney Clevenger-White, RScP and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Rev. Dr. Ellen Contente of Global Truth Center; Pastor Scott Peterson of Lutheran Church of the Foothills; Rev. Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church; Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Community Life Church; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church.

*Responses are offered from the perspective of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.*

affirmative prayer for you. Repeat it until you see it. "I know there is perfect peace and harmony, communication and understanding, acceptance and respect between my husband and myself where the rights of each of us are acknowledged, respected, honored and any differences are always patiently tolerated. I know my husband cooperatively works for and supports my need for safety during this time; and that our lives are filled and blessed with goodwill, love and caring for one another. And so it is. Amen."



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Dear Dismayed,

This has been a year like no other in the history of our world. More people have died in the United States from the COVID-19 virus than died in World War One, World War Two,

the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War – combined. You are absolutely correct to be concerned about leaving your house and about being reluctant to go out to eat at restaurants, even though things are just starting to open up now, as COVID vaccinations are being given to more of the population. I am very concerned that your husband does not appear to be honoring your logical concerns in this matter. You have actually had friends who died from COVID and yet your husband seems more concerned with spending time in public places, as if nothing has changed.

Yes we are all frustrated with having to restrict our lives, our celebrations spent in the company of our friends and loved ones, but there is a call to reality here that he seems to be ignoring. Over 535,000 Americans who wanted to go to a wedding, go out to dinner, go to a movie, have died. They are dead. They will never be able to go out to dinner again. Does your husband truly understand that? And why is this driving a "wedge" in your daily lives? The answer is that he is coping with this tragedy in the only way he knows how and, like many do, in denial. He actually needs to listen to you, to hear the validity of the science and to follow the recommendations of the CDC based on the safety and survival of us all. It is irresponsible and self-absorbed behavior to ignore what is really happening in our world today in favor of a temporary feeling of personal freedom.

I am reminded of the quote by Virginia Wolf, "To enjoy freedom we have to control ourselves." And, of course, remembering the Golden Rule as written in the Bible: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Does your husband really want to risk both of you dying of COVID? Or does he want health, happiness and a loving marriage? Does he truly want to be happy? Then he needs to acknowledge the science, he needs to acknowledge your feelings, and he needs to make a choice.

When we love each other, we listen to the fears and the issues that our partner is experiencing. Then we get to decide what to do with those feelings and what to do with our own. I feel that your

husband may be ignoring the opportunity to work through this challenging time with you as your partner ... instead, he is choosing to be combative and uncooperative and is preferring to allow a wedge to be inserted into your partnership.

What are his reasons? What is his logic? What is his justification for making you feel bad about taking care of yourself and your family? Those are the deep issues that you will both need to uncover together. I am sure that you will arrive at the perfect compromise, as is the way of love.

You, too, have to listen to what his motivation is. He may be wanting to maintain a safe and secure environment, free from worry about the virus. His intentions may be to shield you from all of this madness and spend time with you as he once did. Look to each other and communicate honestly together. I have no doubt that you will find the solution.



Rev. Karen Mitchell  
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## Question:

*We have 9-year-old twin boys who have been closed to their "PaPa" (grandfather) since they were born. PaPa was very active in their lives, teaching them how to garden, fish and many other practical skills like cooking when they were camping. He often took them on fishing trips. We attended church together every Sunday.*

*He passed away six weeks ago from COVID. They are devastated and so are we. They're concerned because PaPa cussed and drank beer. They're worried that he didn't go to heaven, even though we've told them he did. We also told them God is a forgiving God and that PaPa is now safe with Him.*

*The boys don't seem to believe what we've told them. Is there something else we can tell them to ease their minds?*

~ Stumped Mom & Dad

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Dear Stumped Mom & Dad,  
I'm sorry to learn of your loss! It sounds like PaPa was a marvelous example of grandparenthood and blessed your boys greatly. The pandemic has robbed us of so many cherished loved ones and it's a tall order for adults to wrap their minds around loss, let alone children.

Death itself is a difficult concept to teach to youngsters, and the additional concern about PaPa's whereabouts is not an uncommon dilemma for parents to attempt to explain. The consensus is to follow a few suggestions for speaking with your children about death. Most importantly, use simple words and be direct. Take time to listen to their reactions or questions and be ready to provide comfort and reassurance. Address the emotions behind your words, utilizing feelings like sad, angry, worried or confused to mirror their reactions. Also normalize the experience by letting them know that you feel similarly sometimes.

Concerning the spiritual questions about heaven, share with them Scripture like John 14:1-3: "Do not let your heart be troubled (afraid, cowardly). Believe [confidently] in God and trust in Him [have faith, hold on to it, rely on it, keep going and] believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you because I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a

place for you, I will come back again and I will take you to Myself so that where I am you may be also." (AMP)

This is an excellent passage to reassure them that the most important thing is to trust and have faith that, because PaPa believed in God, God will be faithful to PaPa and has already reserved a place for him in God's heavenly home. God wants the people He loves to be close to Him, even if they were unsuccessful in some areas of their lives. God isn't a punishing God, but a loving and forgiving God. (That being said, it's still best for them to try their hardest to do good, as PaPa also tried to do.)

Another passage is John 11:25-26: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.'" (NIV)

This verse underscores the previous verses by reassuring the children that we will be forgiven of all our mistakes when we believe in Jesus and will live with Him in heaven for eternity. Remind them that PaPa believed in Jesus, as evidenced by the fact that he regularly went to church with them and tried his best to be a good man. Perhaps add that PaPa loved them so much he wouldn't want them to worry about him, but to remember all the things he taught them and remain faithful in honoring Jesus.

Jesus came to show us that life as believers doesn't end with death, but that in death we have the freedom and privilege to live with Him after we die, and that's where PaPa is right now, with Him.

It may take some time for all of this to make sense to your sons. You may need to do a lot of reassuring. Be patient with them and continue expressing how God greatly loves PaPa and them, and neither of them would want the boys they love so much to worry.

Be well & be blessed!



Lucinda Guarino  
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Dear Stumped Mom & Dad:

What a special relationship your sons had with their grandfather – sharing life and so many great experiences! No doubt their loss is great as I'm sure yours is too.

It's not easy to talk about the loss of a loved one, death and even heaven with children and even sometimes with adults. Certainly, for most of us, our faith rests in the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. But the death of a

loved one who was a believer is still something with which we struggle to understand and cope with. We may want to protect the hearts of our children from pain when a death occurs in our family or circle of friends. So the question is, how do we tackle the subjects of physical death and the hope of heaven without totally scaring our kids as we ourselves are dealing with our own emotions?

We can turn to the Scriptures for comfort and use them as a resource to help our children better understand what happens to all of us at the end of our life here on earth.

First: Those who believe in Jesus are promised eternal life with Him after their physical death! In John 11:25-26 (New Living Translation) Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never ever die."

Second: Jesus himself has prepared a special place in Heaven for each of us! John 14:1-3 (Good News Translation) wrote, "Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in Me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to Myself, so that you will be where I am."

So if Jesus has promised us eternal life and has prepared a special place in heaven for each of us, the real question for children to understand is: How can we be sure that we and our loved ones can go to heaven when we die? Do we earn our eternal salvation by being good and not "drinking beer" or "cussing?" On the contrary. The Scriptures are clear that: "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

I encourage you to help your boys cherish the memories they have of their PaPa and never forget the life skills he taught them. Most of all, remind them that the Bible says in Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

If they too put their faith in God, they can know that they will spend all of eternity with PaPa ... and that's a long, long time!



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## NOTES & NODS

### This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to this Sunday's 10 a.m. "Couch Church" on its Facebook page and YouTube Channel. This week, Pastor Stephen Robertson will deliver a message called "We Wear the Mask." Following is fellowship on Zoom at 11 a.m. then drive-thru communion on-campus (enter the parking lot from El Camino Corto) from noon to 12:30 p.m. For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

The community is invited to "Prayer Zoom" on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and during Lent through March 24 Bible study will be held on Facebook, Zoom and YouTube at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. More details are available on the church website [www.lcifoothills.org](http://www.lcifoothills.org).

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office at [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

### Lenten Series at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services every Sunday at 10 a.m.

This week, the congregation continues a journey through Lent that explores what it means to walk in step with God's holiness.

The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC courtyard offer live music, Bible readings, prayer time and an inspiring

message. COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed.

For those who prefer to worship online, services are also available at [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information about LCPC policies to protect the health and safety of its congregation, visit [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) or call (818) 249-6137.

### Holy Week Celebrations at Bethel Church

Bethel Church in Sun Valley invites the community to join its Holy Week services. The following services are offered: Palm Sunday outdoor worship – March 28 at 10 a.m.; Good Friday communion service – April 2 online via

the church website ([bethelsunvalley.com](http://bethelsunvalley.com)); and Easter outdoor worship and praise service – April 4 at 10 a.m. Easter gift baskets will be distributed for all kids at the 10 a.m. service. (Traducción en español disponible).

All are welcome! Questions? Need transportation? Call (818) 767-4488. All are free and COVID safe.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley

### Walk and Word

Walk and Word on Sunday mornings, a time to discover Scripture while hiking Deukmejian Park, is on hiatus until further notice.

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).

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earned by Jung-Jae Yoon and Mark Shin for their Star Wars-themed coaster complete with accompanying music. All of the sixth graders who participated worked hard, learned engineering skills, and built some creative and ingenious coasters.

During Science Fair Week, Jaclyn Scott, the school principal, emailed daily a science-related question-of-the-day that pertained to virtual science, such as what scientists invented the internet, what does an "in silico" experiment mean, who uses virtual reality, what is the lightest metal on Earth used in cellphones and computers for virtual communication, and how long it takes JPL scientists or engineers to send a message to the Perseverance rover on Mars.

The Crescenta Valley High School Chemistry Club volunteered to assist at Mountain Avenue Science Fun Fair family night. During the

virtual presentation, once all of the student projects were showcased, the CVHS Chemistry Club student panelists demonstrated chemistry experiments for the families tuned in to view the Science Fun Fair webinar.

"I am so appreciative of the Mountain Avenue PTA for organizing and facilitating this traditional event," said Principal Scott said. "It makes me so happy to see students extend their learning in the field of science. This event celebrates our high academic standards and brings our community together to celebrate achievements in science."

This was the 12th annual Science Fun Fair, and the first one held virtually. The PTA co-chairs were molecular biologist/geneticist Dr. Jackie Bodnar and engineer Meena Arunachalam. The co-chairs wore matching T-shirts with the theme for the virtual science fair.

"Mountain Avenue students proved and assured organizers that the pandemic is not stopping their curiosity and interest towards science," said Arunachalam. "There were some amazing projects and creative designs that popped out as students took advantage of the digital medium. The digital platform normalized some of the usual time constraints of being able to view all of the student projects."

Added co-chair Bodnar, "I am pleased so many students participated in the virtual Science Fun Fair. We had a drive-thru pick up in January for poster boards and roller coaster build materials. Viewing all the ingenious, creative student science videos made for an exciting Science Fun Fair week. There were many thoughtful projects, ranging from a transitional kindergarten student's very detailed handwritten scientific notebook

researching succulent plant cutting root growth in soil versus water to the elaborate fifth-grader experiment who saved all of his lost teeth through the years, then soaked them in different liquids to determine which one dissolved teeth the fastest! I was very impressed with all of the student science projects across all grades."

The participating students seemed to enjoy the fair, despite it being in a virtual platform.

"The Science Fun Fair was so fun," said fourth grade student Suzanna Bodnar. "I've done a science project every year since kindergarten, and I really want to do it again next year."

For her project, she showed how to make dry ice bubbles using dry ice, water and bubble soap.

"Dry ice, or frozen carbon dioxide, is unusual in that when it warms up, it doesn't melt to a liquid," she explained. "It sublimates directly

from a solid to a gas."

Other projects included studying bacteria on common surfaces, coping with stress, especially during the pandemic, and learning about non-Newtonian fluids, such as oobleck.

Sisters Alisha and Alina Singh completed that particular science project.

"We got the idea for our science project from the TV show called 'Emily's Wonder Lab,' said Alina. "We found it interesting because we did not realize force can have an impact on the consistency of liquids and wanted to experiment and learn more."

Another project was born from the love of bubble gum.

"I chose my science project, 'The Biggest Bubble-Gum Bubble,' because I love chewing bubble gum!" said first-grader Elizabeth Salinas.

Her brother, kindergartener see SCIENCE FAIR on page 19



# JUST FOR FUN

## CALENDAR this

### NATIVE TILE & CERAMICS VIRTUAL TOUR

All are invited to enter the magical world of Native Tile & Ceramics tonight, Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. hosted by The Glendale Historical Society. This virtual learning experience is led by master ceramic artisan Diana Mausser.

Learn the artistry of tile-making inspired by the legacy of the early 20th century historic California masters. Mausser will give a brief introduction of how she began her journey as a ceramic tile craftsperson and business owner. She will then demonstrate a few of the tile-making processes, interspersed with videos to present a complete picture of all of the processes involved in creating Native Tile's beautiful hand-made treasures.

This virtual event is complimentary but advance RSVP is required. Visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/native-tile> for RSVP information.

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next Zoom club meeting today, Thursday morning, March 18 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mike Wronkowski from Green Thumb Nursery.

Wronkowski will present the program "Growing Roses in Your Garden." He will share his knowledge and techniques of growing all types of roses. This will include the culture, planting and pest control. Questions and answers will follow.

Guests are always welcome to participate in Zoom club meetings of the Burbank African Violet Society.

For more information reference the website [www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com) or telephone (661) 940-3990.

### GLENDALE MOOSE LODGE HOSTING FOOD DRIVE

The Glendale Moose Lodge #641 is conducting its first annual drive-by food drive on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. It will be supporting two local organizations that have been involved for years in serving local families in need. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the need has multiplied. Please help the Moose Lodge by either dropping off goods or sending a donation to the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave., in La Crescenta.

Benefitting from the food drive is the Bailey Center, a free community outreach program of the Tujunga United Methodist Church, 9901 Tujunga Canyon. It has been providing services to the local community since 1981. Bailey's Food Cupboard provides two-three days of emergency food services for homeless and low-income families/individuals. The Clothes Closet offers donated clothing for adults and children. Medical equipment and blankets are available by request. All services are free of charge and are for people in La Crescenta, Lake View Terrace, Montrose, Sunland and Tujunga, including those who are undocumented or homeless. For further information, please call (818) 353-1481.

The other recipient is Sue's Garden, a ministry of Community Life Church located at 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. It is a local food pantry and distribution center that provides food, once a month, for families that are going through hard times.

It has been in operation since 2008. For more information, contact [suesgardenfbcl@gmail.com](mailto:suesgardenfbcl@gmail.com).

### SCHIFF TO EXPOUND ON RIM OF THE VALLEY WITH DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Congressman Adam Schiff will be the main guest at the Sunday, March 21 Zoom meeting of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club, which runs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. He will answer questions from viewers about the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which he shepherded through the House last month. Log-in info is found on the Club's website, [ccdemclub.org](http://ccdemclub.org).

Schiff has been a proponent for many years of protecting a corridor of green space surrounding Los Angeles. He has told his House colleagues about "running in the Verdugos and walking in the Arroyo" and that there is "magic" in Los Angeles' open spaces.

Other speakers will provide context for resolutions that Club members will vote on: Shall they join the LA County Democratic Party in supporting single payer healthcare for Californians? Should the local Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians be accorded federal recognition?

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta Valley and Sunland-Tujunga. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge. For more information, the Club's website is [ccdemclub.org](http://ccdemclub.org).

### DRIVE-THRU BOOK DRIVE

The 2021 Les Fleurettes provisional debutantes are hosting a drive-thru book drive on March 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to used books, DVDs and CDs will be accepted.

The drive takes place at the La Cañada Thursday Club parking lot at 4440 Woodleigh Lane.

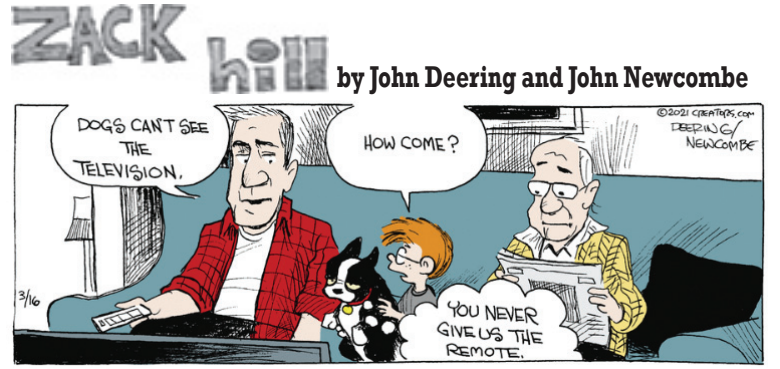
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### NEW ONLINE PROGRAM FOR BLACK CANCER PATIENTS

A new online discussion program designed to serve Black cancer patients is being started by the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena. Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is free of charge.

The program will begin with a discussion on April 1 led by Christina Rodriguez MSW and will continue on subsequent Thursdays.

The Cancer Support Community-Pasadena is located at 75 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215 in Pasadena. For more information call (626) 796-1083 or visit [www.cscpasadena.org](http://www.cscpasadena.org).



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com)

March 15, 2021 - March 21, 2021

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may tend to vacillate from caring your body to practically forgetting that it exists. Try to eat foods that feed your nerves. You're using up a lot of nervous energy. Vitamin B is great for staying calm, especially if you're fighting your way through the daily grind.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

This is a rather intense period that could coincide with some stress. Working out on a regular basis will help you stay relaxed and keep your mood upbeat. You may face some obstacles that cause a bit of frustration. Find a way to relax. Give yourself a chance to get some sleep. Eat well and be kind to yourself.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You're feeling fit, but it's important to connect with your deeper feelings on certain issues. If you've been ignoring an underlying tension, attend to it and sort it out. Now the cosmos offers you the chance to notice what makes you happy. By doing so, you'll feel much better about yourself and less stressed and distracted.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Pace yourself, especially with the current aspects. If you feel washed out by the weekend, try a few quick revival tips. Get a massage or take a long bath with some scented oil. You could also try fresh protein shakes made with all the best ingredients to give you an extra boost.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're on a high as far as your mental energy is concerned. If you can think it, you can do it - at least this is what you feel. But you may be in danger of getting too tired. You know what you want to achieve, so pace your body and treat it with respect. Don't push it beyond its limits. Balance is essential.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may get most of your exercise running around doing errands. You have more energy and it needs to be channeled. Be aware that you have an energy account and you can only withdraw so much of it every day. The food you eat and the way you treat your body help replace and replenish what you use up. Don't get overdrawn.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You feel great - or you should. Your energy level seems to have tripled. You're craving adventure and wanting to use your body in ways that encourage you to surpass past achievements. Get out and work out. What you don't want to do is get too lazy and think of excuses to not make an effort. Your body needs you!

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Try some ways to enhance your health without stepping outside the door. You have a powerful connection to your subconscious mind and the powers of visualization. Use this to imagine that you're in perfect health and that your body is exactly as you'd like it to be. If you play sports, run through your training sessions in your head. It works!

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Take good care of yourself, because you're likely to be working late. Aspects suggest that you may be partying and possibly losing sleep, as well as overindulging in food and drink. Drink plenty of water and get enough rest. If you eat well and take good-quality supplements, you'll survive and still look fantastic.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Use a little discretion in what you eat. Whether you're eating in a local restaurant or away on vacation, there's a chance that something you consume won't be totally fresh or quite cooked, or it could just disagree with your system. If you don't like what you see on your plate or you sense that something is off, don't eat it.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

It's great to be sociable, but there's a chance that you could pick up a bug. The current influences are such that you're more prone to catching something now. Avoid crowded places, which could be impossible, or supplement your diet with vitamins and minerals. While you're at it, nourish your nerves. You'll feel more relaxed and calm in any situation.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You're getting stronger and stronger. Your energy is at a peak and you feel as though you can tackle almost anything. You're learning what it's like to feel powerful in both mind and body and have that invincible strength that can move mountains. You could also learn what it's like to feel vulnerable and the strength that this can bestow.

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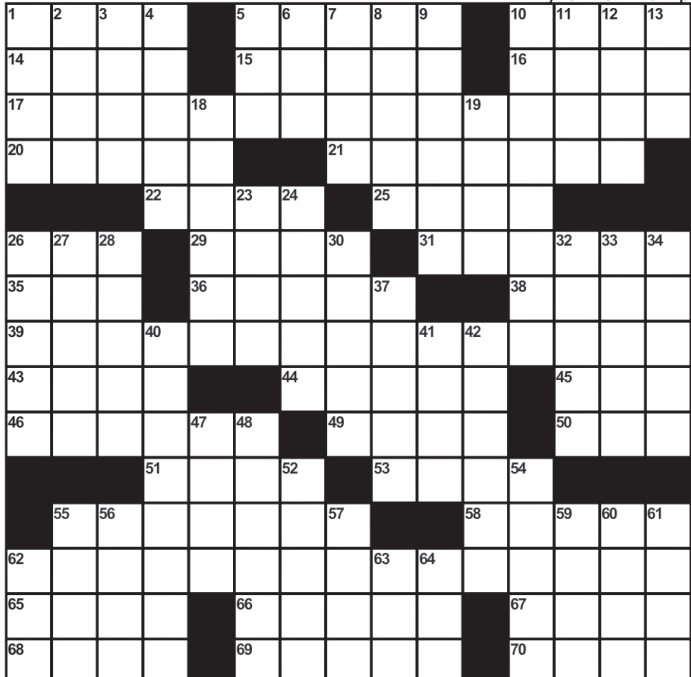
- 1) Some former tadpoles
- 5) Borders
- 10) Small unit of measure
- 14) Con \_\_\_ (vigorously)
- 15) Fill the tank
- 16) Small grimace or pout
- 17) Extremely casual footwear
- 20) Beefy bovine
- 21) Ceremonies
- 22) Makes a drink last
- 25) Brown alternative
- 26) Turkish honorific
- 29) What "no news" is
- 31) Stink
- 35) Some fraternity letters
- 36) Bury in a vase, e.g.
- 38) Local knowledge
- 39) Preparing to be laid up
- 43) Neither under nor over par
- 44) Bo-o-ring
- 45) Chicken part
- 46) Closer to black
- 49) Tree-climber's helper
- 50) \_\_\_ out a living
- 51) Stave
- 53) Slope apparatus
- 55) Concerning flora
- 58) Try a different knot
- 62) Quaint accommodations
- 65) Creator of many quotations, apparently
- 66) Units of Iranian currency
- 67) "The Ten Commandments," for one
- 68) Cowpoke's charge
- 69) They wear pinstripes at home
- 70) Poorly thought-out

### DOWN

- 1) Draws away from shore
- 2) Worrisome guitar part?
- 3) Threat to a sand castle
- 4) Saddle \_\_\_ (cowboy's woe)
- 5) "Long, Long \_\_\_"
- 6) Loud thud
- 7) "Miracle on Ice" losing team
- 8) Dutch flower
- 9) Treats maliciously
- 10) Forms a jury
- 11) December doorstep number
- 12) Canine crossbreeds
- 13) "\_\_\_ just one of the guys"
- 18) Beginning
- 19) Kick without a tee
- 23) First commercial video game
- 24) Went \_\_\_ (turned bad)
- 26) Pitched in, and got a hand
- 27) Pear-shaped fruit
- 28) One who inquires
- 30) What hungry wolves do
- 32) Barnes' partner
- 33) Up the \_\_\_ without a paddle
- 34) Stretch of shrubbery
- 37) Hold to a .000 batting average
- 40) Old-fashioned pen holder
- 41) Emotionally unresponsive
- 42) Board, as for a voyage
- 47) Great flair
- 48) Became waterless
- 52) Knee-to-ankle bone
- 54) Send somewhere else
- 55) "Stand by Me" singer King
- 56) Strong smell
- 57) \_\_\_-apple juice
- 59) Spanish snack
- 60) Tut's fertility goddess
- 61) Make an impression?
- 62) Word from a real Scrooge
- 63) Tundra wanderer
- 64) Braying beast

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## LEGALS

### CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: SUNNY CHA. Case number 21GDCP00055. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 North Central Division. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner SUNNY CHA and RANDOLPH SADU BROWN SINGLETON JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: NYLA BROWN SINGLETON to Proposed Name: NYLA SINGLETON CHA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: APRIL 22, 2021 Time: 9:30AM Dept.: E. b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2021.

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DIANE LEE REGIS

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DIANE LEE REGIS:

A Petition for Probate has been filed by DONALD REGIS in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STPB06894. The Petition for Probate requests that DONALD REGIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Los Angeles County Superior Court as follows: Date: APRIL 16, 2021, Time: 10:00 A.M. Dept.: 44. The address of the court: 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Donald Regis, 26479 Oak Highland, Newhall, CA 91321.

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## LEGALS

### CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: STEPHANIE MARIE PIERCE. Case number 21STCP00620. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 111 North Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 91002, Stanley Mosk Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner STEPHANIE MARIE PIERCE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: STEPHANIE MARIE PIERCE to Proposed Name: LILY MARIE PIERCE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: MAY 3 2021 Time: 11:00AM Dept.: 26 Room: 316 b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021.

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Internet access. The good news is that there are alternatives, including the phone number 1-833-540-0473.

The County is working with community clinics to help their patients with transportation to vaccination appointments.

How much does it cost to get a vaccine? Nothing! The vaccines are free of charge to everyone. While you may be asked to provide your health insurance information when booking or when at your appointment, you should not be charged for any COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information, visit

<https://tinyurl.com/czykmf4j>.

What can I do once I'm vaccinated? The vaccine builds immunity to severe cases of COVID, similar to the flu shot, but you may still be able to catch and transmit COVID to others if you're vaccinated.

Vaccinated or not, we must all continue to do our part – wear masks, maintain social distancing, wash our hands and continue all the same safety precautions. This is because, although the vaccine should prevent you from getting very sick from COVID, you still might be able to be an asymptomatic carrier. Recently

the CDC released guidelines for people who have been vaccinated (visit <https://tinyurl.com/3x742jb3>).

What can I do until I am vaccinated? I know the wait is hard, but we're getting close. At our town hall we discussed how amazingly effective masks have been at preventing the disease, especially if wearing a high-quality mask or double-masking. We can point to our incredibly low flu numbers this year to see how effectively masks work.

Can I choose which vaccine I get? Health experts emphasize they don't want you to delay your

vaccine as all three vaccines are very effective and the sooner you get that vaccine the safer you will be. It is not advised that you wait for any one particular vaccine unless otherwise told to do so by your physician or a qualified medical expert.

What if I recently had or currently have COVID? People with a COVID-19 infection currently or who have recently had COVID are being asked to delay being vaccinated until the end of the typical quarantine period. Some health experts are recommending waiting a month. Please know that being vaccinated

is a good idea even if you have had COVID, as it will give you an extra boost in immunity.

In closing, I'm continually amazed at the historic efforts of our healthcare professionals and the dedication of local leaders such as Supervisor Barger. While this has been an unimaginably challenging and devastating crisis we have had the opportunity to see unprecedented collaboration in an effort to save lives.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember. [Friedman@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Friedman@assembly.ca.gov)

SCIENCE FAIR from page 16

Alejandro Salinas, focused on his love of gummy bears for his project "Gummy Galore."

"It was really fun to choose all the ingredients for my project," he said. "I like that I was right about my prediction, or hypothesis. The gummy bear project looked really fun and I wanted to see which one would be the biggest when I soaked gummy bears in different liquids. I really liked doing experiments."

Additional projects included an examination of animation, the creation of a homemade lava lamp from oil, water, food coloring, and Alka-seltzer fizzing tablets and finding the best pot to use for cooking to preserve food nutrients.

The CVHS Falcon Robotics Team 589 usually brings one of its robot creations to the Mountain Avenue Science Fun Fair. This year, due to the virtual format, the Robotics Team 589 sent a "build video," which used stop-motion technology to show the students how team members design, create, build and test their robots using video and still photo footage from 2019.

Ending the evening was fourth grade student Suzy Bodnar dropping Mentos candy into a 2-liter bottle of Diet Coke to create the traditional 20-foot high soda geyser, a physical reaction marvel that expels all at once the soda carbonation.

For more photos and the complete article, visit www.cvweekly.com/YOUTH.

ROBIN from page 2

sational event and watching and learning during the Cooking + Cocktail/Mocktail classes. You can learn more about Savor at https://www.savorglendale.com/.

Many civic organizations have continued with their meetings, too. The CV Town Council meets tonight, Thursday and, on March 25 at 7 p.m., the Crescenta Valley Community Assn., which keeps abreast of local construction projects in both the local unincorporated portions of the county and the northwest section of Glendale, has continued to inform the community of upcoming projects. For example, at its next meeting there will be a discussion surrounding the housing element update, which must be done every eight years. According to a social media post, "It's up to the city, or in unincorporated La Crescenta it's LA County, to plan where the new housing units will be located. LA County has chosen 33 parcels in Montrose [in which] to modify the zoning to allow for much greater density than the current zoning would allow. Glendale's plan is not available to the public yet, but they must find parcels to allow over 13,000 additional units to be built in the next eight years."

Interested parties can take part in this virtual meeting via Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/91644895134. Meeting ID: 916 4489 5134; password: 826439.

Though we're turning a corner in the fight against COVID, virtual meetings and events are still being held. I, for one, applaud the efforts of these organizations to maintain a presence in our community.

COVID from Cover

a financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are experiencing housing instability.

- If eligible, either a landlord or a renter can initiate the application process.
- Applicants will not be asked about their citizenship, nor will they be required to show proof

of citizenship.

- The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program became available to all eligible applicants starting Monday, March 15; however, applications submitted from households at the greatest risk of eviction will be prioritized first. Greatest risk of eviction

is understood based on a renter's ability to pay the minimum 25% rent owed, the household's AMI, and if the household is located in an area disproportionately impacted by Covid-19.

Qualified individuals must apply for the COVID-19 relief program

online by visiting HousingIsKey.com. The state has also set up a call center to provide assistance for those who do not have access to a computer and for anyone who has eligibility questions or is looking for additional information. The phone line is available daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at (833) 430-2122.

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"Dawn," opens with the atmospheric line "The greenish sky glows up in misty reds," set in the key of a minor, grows to despair and ends in loneliness.

A very free and expressive solo begins the second number, "Dusk," and continues into a dismal description of the

austere city landscape. There is hope, seemingly, as Teasdale writes, "A thousand yellow lights begin to gleam and over all the pale untroubled skies," set to a rhythmic and bouncy accompaniment based on the introductory material. A distinctly metered pedal point is employed at the onset

of the third stanza, "Rain at Night," depicting the steady precipitation. A plaintive tune is sung or played over the raindrops and reaches a climax, through a shift in the pedal tone and its rhythmic intensity, at the line "and the rain is heard now loud and blurred," before subduing

itself back to a light drizzle and concluding the cycle.

More info about the program and artists, and the link to the stream, can be found at http://glendalenoconcerts.blogspot.com/.

For more information, email glendalesda@gmail.com or call (818) 244-7241.

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helicopter, which will have 30 Martian days, or sols (31 Earth days), to complete up to five test flights.

And then the hunt for ancient life will begin in earnest, with Perseverance exploring

terrain once thought to be covered with water. Between the rover's 19 cameras and its two microphones, the experience will be packed with sights and sounds. For Verma, who has helped "drive" NASA's

last four Mars rovers, planning their routes and transmitting instructions so they can take a day's drive across uncharted terrain, the audio is more than just cool.

"The variations between

Earth and Mars – we have a feeling for that visually," she said. "But sound is a whole different dimension: to see the differences between Earth and Mars, and experience that environment more closely."

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