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Council Reviews Anti-Hate Resolution

By JULIE BUTCHER

At the beginning of a very long meeting of the Glendale City Council Tuesday night, the Council reviewed a resolution to strongly condemn hate, hate crimes against members of the Asian American community, and “affirm the City of Glendale’s commitment to diversity, equity and justice for people of all races, ethnicities and national origins by denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment against Asian Americans Pacific Islander (AAPI) community members.”

“I asked that we consider this strong statement after the school district adopted a similar measure. This kind of hate will not disappear magically. Our AAPI community must know that we will stand up, stand with them,” Councilmember Ardashes “Ardy” Kassakhian opened the discussion. “Our city is better off because of our diversity. Members of the AAPI community have acculturated themselves; some have even anglicized their own names. Last April, a Korean family in La Crescenta was harassed and I was disgusted, but not surprised. We’ve not done enough to recognize the harm caused by hate like this.

“If you believe our city is made worse by immigrants, you are the problem,” Kassakhian added.

Assistant City Manager John Takhtalian reported a national uptick of more than 150% in hate crimes against Asian Americans since the beginning of the pandemic, noting 800 such crimes in California, the highest number reported in the county.

The anti-hate resolution passed unanimously.

City staff announced a new program offering rental relief for Californians negatively affected by COVID-19, now with help available because of the federal American Recovery Act

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By Mary O’KEEFE and Charly SHELTON

A hike through the Rim of the Valley wilderness area celebrates passage of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act in the House of Representatives.

On Tuesday, Rep. Adam Schiff hiked a trail that overlooks Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge within the Rim of the Valley wilderness area. He was with a group of stakeholders on a celebratory hike in recognition of the House of Representatives passing the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act.

“It is important for people to connect with nature and to have the ability to access open space near where they live,” Schiff said.

He added that the importance of open space was highlighted during the pandemic when being on hiking trails was the only way many people experienced being out of the house during lockdown.

One Step Closer



Photo by Charly SHELTON
Rep. Adam Schiff, with local stakeholders, shared his hope that the Senate will approve the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which he authored in 2008.

Last year, there was a record number of visits to public land – a 21% increase on average in national park attendance, according to the National Parks.

In 2008, Schiff authored the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act. The bill directed the National Park

Service (NPS) to conduct a special resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

“The study sought to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating all or a portion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the existing Santa Monica

Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA), and how these areas could be better managed and preserved,” according to a statement released in 2016. “The National Park Service began the study in 2010 and transmitted its

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City of Hope Puts Out Call for Vaccine Trial Volunteers

By Mary O’KEEFE

City of Hope in Duarte is continuing its vaccination studies and is looking for more people to volunteer for the trials.

Dr. John Zala, director of City of Hope’s Center for Gene Therapy, specializes in vaccine research. He said the results of the study have been encouraging thus far.

“It’s been very safe and that’s really all you can hope for,” he said.

He explained the study begins with a few volunteers, called sentinel volunteers, being given the trial vaccine, which they know they are receiving. The hospital is now moving into the randomized phase in which some volunteers will get the vaccine and others will receive a placebo. Neither the volunteers nor the hospital staff knows who is getting the vaccine and who is getting the



Photo provided by City of Hope
Josh Jenisch volunteered for the trial saying that he hopes it’s a teaching moment for his children.

placebo. “This is a double-blind [study],” he said, “and then we are randomizing the doses.”

The volunteers will get two vaccines, 28 days apart. Some volunteers will get one vaccine dose and then will receive a placebo; some

will get two vaccine doses and a very small percentage will get two placebo shots. This way researchers can tell if the vaccine works after just one shot or if two are needed. Those who

get the two placebos will get one of the approved vaccines after the study is completed.

Researchers are hoping to get this see HOPE on page 7



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A Time of Rebirth

With the arrival of spring this past weekend, there is an expectation that soon we'll see buds on trees, seasonal flowers being offered at local stores and florists and warmer, toasty temperatures. I don't know about you, but I am also experiencing a feeling of great expectation. This, I'm sure, centers around the distribution, increasing every passing day, of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The availability of the vaccine indicates that indeed our nation has turned a corner in the fight against this dreaded virus (though we're not entirely out of the woods yet and precautions still need to be exercised). If you remember, I'm on the board of directors of the CV Chamber of Commerce and, in anticipation of the loosening of restrictions by the state and county, the chamber is eagerly planning events to welcome the community.

As soon as April 8, people can support the chamber and its scholarship program by attending a fundraiser at Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on that Thursday, a portion of every order – whether dining indoors, on the patio or using takeout (no delivery available, though) – will be donated to the Chamber for the annual Scholarship Awards program.

On May 6, plans are coming together for a virtual vendors silent auction from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Vendors who donate auction items, whether goods or services, will also have the chance to promote themselves and their business. Knowing how diverse (and generous) our local businesses are, I'm excited to find out all the things that I can bid on.

We haven't heard it in a while so let me be the first to yell "bingo!" The Chamber is planning to host a long overdue bingo game on Saturday, July 10 (details to follow).

In August, plans are coming together for the Chamber's Scholarship Golf Tournament (always a popular event), and in September is the Hometown Country Fair! It's usually held in April/May but this year was pushed to September with the hope that the all-clear will be issued from the county and state allowing large gatherings. In 2020 the event was canceled altogether, so we know how eager people will be to get out and come to the fair.

Rounding out the calendar is the very fun 5K Pumpkin Fun Run (Oct. 30), which is calendared to coincide with Halloween weekend.

To state again: All of these lofty plans are predicated on permission by the county and state to hold these types of events.

Last week I shared some of the creative ideas that local non-profits have come up with to raise money for their organizations. Those much-needed dollars will help keep open their doors and, like those funds received by supporters, advertisers and subscribers of the CV Weekly, are much appreciated.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Although I deeply love oceans, deserts and other wild landscapes, it is only mountains that beckon me with that sort of painful magnetic pull to walk deeper and deeper into their beauty."

~ Victoria Erickson, author, dreamer, poet, and creative writing coach

Still in awe, I write. Let me explain.

California is often split into Southern California and northern California. Take a look at a topographical map; a natural delineation (the Central Valley) divides California into a western segment and an eastern one. An imaginary map, with the Pacific Ocean on one side and the Sierra mountain range on the other, comes to mind.

As I write, roaring gusts of Santa Ana winds continue to blow, which seem to be increasingly familiar visitors to Crescenta Valley weather. Last week, with the wind at our back, we set off for the Eastern Sierra – Lone Pine, a long overdue mini-vacation. Back to "awe."

The weather was pristine, exceptionally clear and brisk. In spite of being the first days of spring, the view from our hotel was one of winter. The mountains were blanketed with snow, reaching baseline. Among the rugged peaks stands Mt. Whitney, the highest elevation in the lower 48 states at 14,505, and growing by one millimeter per year. It wasn't the height that attracted me, but fast-moving wispy clouds swirling around the tall peaks. Nope, not clouds but blowing snow!

Blowing snow is the meteorological term for any loose snow lifted from the ground surface and suspended by strong winds to a height of six feet or more above the surface, and blown about in such quantities that horizontal visibility is reduced to less than seven miles. Blowing snow can be falling snow or snow that already accumulated but is picked up and blown about by strong winds.

Blowing with hurricane level force, tons of snow were swept from the highest mountaintops. But a part of the water cycle called "sublimation" is also at work. Just as evaporation turns liquid water into water vapor gas, sublimation turns frozen water directly into water vapor gas, skipping the melting phase into a liquid. The sun's heat causes sublimation to work. On top of Mt. Whitney on a clear day, the sun is very strong and provides energy for sublimation, even though it is below freezing.

Back home, the wind is still blowing, maybe not snow but a few long lingering winter leaves.

Cooling is expected by Thursday, today, with more clouds and a chance of light showers. A significant warming trend is expected over the weekend under clear skies and mostly light winds. Same follows in following days.

I can attest to John Muir's words: "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you."

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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IN BRIEF

CVCA TO MEET TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, 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 crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

EGG MY HOME

The deadline is approaching to sign up with the Montrose-Verdugo City Easter "Egg My Home" orders! The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Glendale Police Officer's Association to deliver donation orders of Easter eggs to families with small children who experienced hardship this past year. A donation order can be made via the order link, just note "donation" in the notes section. <https://www.montrosechamber.org/easter/>.

The deadline for orders is March 26.

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) for a complete agenda including meeting ID and password information.

LASD TO REINSTATE PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Beginning April 1, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., Parking Enforcement Detail will again enforce all parking violations and reinstate the issuance of street sweeping citations and expired registration citations, as well as towing vehicles that have been warned via a Red Tag, or any other vehicle in violation of the parking laws of the State of California as well as the County of Los Angeles.

To avoid receiving a parking citation or having a vehicle towed, car owners are urged to be mindful of this change.

Resumed enforcement will include:

- Street sweeping: All streets with posted signs for street sweeping will be enforced, per 15.20.07(2) LACVC
- Expired registration: Vehicles with expired registration will be cited for 4000(a)(1)CVC; registrations expired in excess of six months, in violation of 4000(a)(1) CVC, will be towed, per 22651 (o)(1)(A) CVC

Indigent Payment Plan: Anyone in need of financial assistance to pay citations can make arrangements through the following: Phone (866) 561-9744, online www.lasheriffparking.com or mail Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., P.O. Box 30629, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0629.

- Red tag warnings: Red tag warnings will be issued to vehicles parked within the public right-of-way not displaying signs of movement, such as excessive dirt, spider webs, and debris underneath and around the tires, flat tires, missing parts, and vandalism.

If a vehicle has not been moved after 72 hours notice has been given, a citation for Abandonment Prohibited - 22523(a)(b) CVC will be issued and the vehicle will be towed immediately, per 22651(k) CVC.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Business owners and residents in La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose and Kagel Canyon are invited to join Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Crescenta Valley Station Captain Todd Deeds for an afternoon of information and dialogue regarding public safety concerns.

This "community conversation" will take place on Tuesday, April 6 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To register online and join this meeting, visit <https://bit.ly/38LUJqd>, access code 146244 1802. To listen only, call (213) 306-3065.

Pre-submit questions to SIBEP@lasd.org (indicate for Crescenta Valley Station session on 04-06-2021 and note area of residence or business).

Honor. Remember. Heal.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently USC Verdugo Hills Hospital held an Honor, Remember, Heal ceremony in the Sue and Steve Wilder Healing Garden. The garden is a place where staff can take time to slow down from their hectic schedules and reflect. The idea for this garden came from Bridget Berg, USC-VHH program manager of patient experience. She and another member of the patient experience committee conceived the idea of having a place where the staff could just take a moment to slow down in their very busy day.

It has been a little over a year since COVID-19 patients began to fill hospitals throughout the nation.

"We at [USC-VHH] have gone through a lot, as has the rest of the country, and this [garden] was [installed] to remember, reflect and honor those we have lost, those who have suffered through this pandemic and for the staff of the hospital as a whole," said Dr. Rajiv Philip of USC-VHH intensivist.

An intensivist is a physician who provides care for critically ill patients. Throughout the pandemic he has dealt with the most seriously ill patients.

"We all seemed to love the garden. It was good to hear people talk about what they have experienced, so I think all-in-all it is great," he said.

The ceremony was held last week. People could bring white roses that were placed in the garden as a symbol of remembrance of what they have gone through during the pandemic. There were also rocks with words of hope and inspiration, Berg said.

"We recognized the lives that were lost and the dedication of the Verdugo Hills Hospital team," Berg added.

The medical staff has been at work since the beginning of the pandemic and for many there is a feeling of isolation as they care for patients alone, without those patients' families allowed in the hospital.

Philip said one of the most difficult and challenging things the staff has had to deal with is the virus itself.

"We still don't have great treatments for [COVID-19]. Therapeutics have improved over the course of the year but we still don't have solid evidence-based or proven treatments," he said.

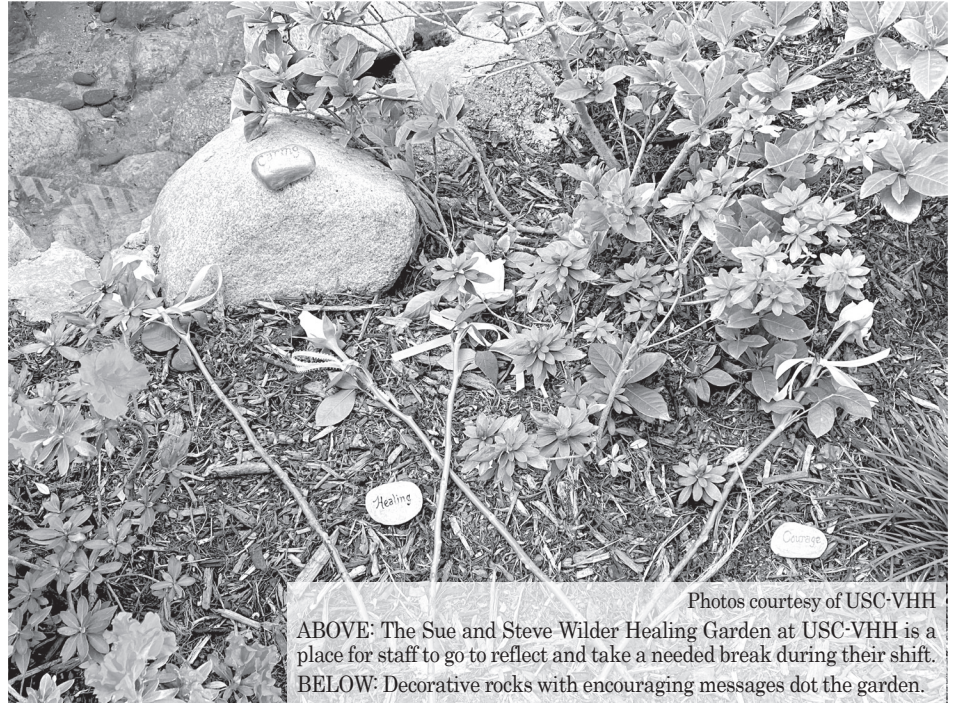
Adding that although most of the treatments are supportive there are still patients for whom those treatments still don't work.

"[It is discouraging] to see there are some [patients] who don't improve despite what we have tried to do. They are not able to spend time with their family, and we are not able to spend [a lot] of time with them because it has been so busy and overwhelming ... Then to see them succumb and pass away despite whatever we tried, that is the most challenging part of [this]," Philip said.

He added it has been very disheartening for him and the staff when patients want to communicate with their family but, due to COVID-19 restrictions, family and friends cannot be in the hospital. This is difficult not just for those at VHH but also for those in hospitals throughout the country.

"To not be able to have their family be at their bedside to talk to them and hold their hand, and then to see them pass away a few days [later] - it has been very distressful," he added.

He added that he and the staff know there is nothing else they could do, nor do they object to the protective actions of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The precautions taken were done to protect not only the patients and



Photos courtesy of USC-VHH
 ABOVE: The Sue and Steve Wilder Healing Garden at USC-VHH is a place for staff to go to reflect and take a needed break during their shift.
 BELOW: Decorative rocks with encouraging messages dot the garden.



their families but also the medical staff; however, just because they logically understand why the restrictions were put into place it does not lessen the personal toll and sense of responsibility.


When Berg first shared the idea of the garden event, one of the people she approached began to tear up. This reaction showed her how important it was for the staff to have an outlet for this most difficult year.

Although it was a one-day event,


the garden will continue to house an area of remembrance that will include a plaque that reads "Honor Remember and Heal March 16, 2021. Recognizing the lives that were lost and the dedication of the VH Hospital Team."

"I think it will be a place of remembrance and solace outside the hospital walls," Berg said. "It will definitely help to take that moment and to get a breath of fresh air."

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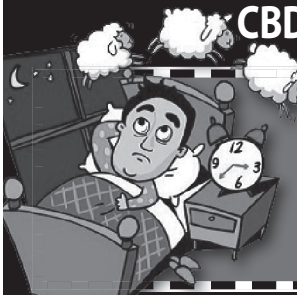
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LCF Mayor Davitt Recognizes March 24 as Education and Sharing Day

Each year the President and Congress of the United States recognize Education and Sharing Day USA on the birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, "of blessed memory." This practice dates back to President Jimmy Carter in 1978, and has become a yearly event. The Rebbe's birthday is celebrated on the 11th day of the Hebrew month "Nissan," which on the solar calendar falls this year on the 24th of March.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe (or as he is more widely known, simply as "The Rebbe") would constantly address Presidents, lawmakers and cabinet members about their obligation to educate children to be ethical and just citizens. While the day-to-day learning of students primarily revolves around the specific studies they need in order to "make a living," such as mathematics, language arts and history, The Rebbe would stress the importance and urgency of educating students to be ethical, and ensure that schools are focused primarily on building character and preparing the students to be good contributors to society on a human level.

On the occasion of the first

Education Day USA in 1978, The Rebbe gave a public address:

"Education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career or, in common parlance, 'to make a better living.' We must think in terms of a 'better living' not only for the individual, but also for the society as a whole. The educational system must, therefore, pay more attention, indeed the main attention, to the building of character with emphasis on moral and ethical values. (Need one be reminded of what happened in our lifetime in a country that ranked among the foremost in science, technology, philosophy, etc.?)

"Education must put greater emphasis on the promotion of fundamental human rights and obligations of justice and morality, which are the basis of any human society, if it is to be truly human and not turn into a jungle."

Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum and Chabad of the Crescenta Valley, an institution established by the



Lubavitcher Rebbe, contacted La Cañada Flintridge Mayor Michael Davitt about proclaiming March 24, 2021 as Education and Sharing Day LCF to serve as a reminder of the importance of educating students for the betterment of society. Mayor Davitt decided to establish March 24 as Education and Sharing Day LCF.

Let us take this message to heart and reaffirm our commitment to educating a new generation of upstanding, moral and ethical contributors to our society.

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This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to its Holy Week commemoration as the congregation prepares for Easter. Palm Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, March 28 at 10 a.m. on the church Facebook page and YouTube Channel. This week, Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called "The Passion According to Mark." Following is fellowship on Zoom at 11 a.m. On April 1 at 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday will be celebrated online. Pastor Scott will lead a message called "Is This A Joke?"

On April 2 at 7 p.m., Good Friday will be commemorated with an online musical reflection on the cross led by a variety of church musicians. For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

The community is also invited to Prayer Zoom Wednesday at 10 a.m. More details are available on the website lcif.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 or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

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Public Health Releases Updates on COVID-19

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 92 new deaths and 666 new cases of COVID-19. To date, Public Health identified 1,215,736 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County and a total of 22,960 deaths.

There are 719 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 25% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for nearly 6,032,000 individuals with 19% of people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 1.7%.

Public Health continues to track variant cases in Los Angeles County. Among 73 specimens analyzed at the Public Health laboratory this past week, 25 cases, or 34% of the specimens analyzed, were the California variant of concern, identified as B.1.427 or 429, and 21 cases, or 29% of the specimens analyzed, were the U.K. variant of concern, B.1.1.7. This means 63% of the variants sequenced this past week are variants of concern with the probability of increased transmissibility and more

severe disease. Los Angeles County has yet to identify cases of the South African variant or the Brazilian variant of concern, the P.1 variant. Other variants of interest that were detected included eight cases of the New York variant and one case of the Brazilian variant of interest P.2. While these variants are still considered only variants of interest (and not variants of concern), their presence indicates transmission of mutated viruses from across the globe.

Cases among pregnant women in LA County continue to decline.

Although very rare, COVID-19 cases among children can sometimes result a few weeks later in very serious illness known as Multi-symptom Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). To date, there are a total of 138 cases of MIS-C, including one child death in LA County. MIS-C cases sharply increased in January; this can be correlated with increased cases of COVID-19 during the surge that weeks later resulted in increased cases of MIS-C. There were 50 cases in January compared to 15 cases

in December and 21 cases in February. The average age of children reported to have MIS-C is eight years, 11 months, but the range is wide, with children as young as 4 months and as old as 19 having MIS-C.

Of the 92 new deaths reported on Wednesday, 39 people who died were over the age of 80, 23 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, 14 people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, five people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49, one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 29, and one death is under investigation. Tragically, one youth under the age of 18 also passed away. Five deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach and three deaths were reported by the City of Pasadena.

The City of Glendale reports 19,427 cases, the City of La Cañada Flintridge reports 734 cases, Sunland reports 2,235 cases, Tujunga reports 2,852 cases and in the unincorporated portion of LA County, Angeles National Forest reports 33 cases and La Crescenta-Montrose reports 1,072 cases.

Council Hears More Thoughts on CVHS Field Renovations

By Brandon HENSLEY

It is possible that the campus of Crescenta Valley High School may be able to host football games within the next three years, according to Glendale Unified School District.

The district's facilities and planning development administrator Hagop Kassabian was asked about the timeline for the project during the March 18 CV Town Council meeting.

Kassabian said the proposal, which includes installing lighting and stands around the field to allow football games and other larger events, will go to the GUSD board for a vote in April.

"Development could take nine months to a year," he said. "Approval process could be a year to a year and a half, then the bidding process and construction. Two and a half [years is] being really aggressive. Maybe three years."

As previously reported by CV Weekly, the school hosted a permit issuing process on March 5, which concerned the first step in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The stands would be placed on the north side of the track and field and would allow CVHS students to hold their home games at home rather than at Glendale High School, which is the current designated site.

CV assistant principal John Eldred spoke to council, and said the project has been in discussion for about nine years. CV High, after all, began as a middle school,

and in terms of acreage is the smallest high school in GUSD.

"We've been working on this for a long time and we're really excited about the idea of being able to provide our students and our faculty and community with stands and lights in order to be able to host not just athletic events but community events," Eldred said.

District board member Jennifer Freemon said the project is part of trying to turn CV into what a "fully comprehensive high school should be."

One of the questions asked at the meeting was about parking. Addie Farell, who represents the urban planning firm Placeworks that was hired by GSUD to do the environmental review, said, "the project we evaluated in the environmental impact report does not include the development of any new parking."

She said that means no new structures would be built, and the district would have to prepare a traffic management plan for large events.

"CV High School ... is the flagship and the pride and joy of La Crescenta when it comes to students who want to spend as many hours as possible on that campus. That's how much they love it," said district Superintendent Vivian Ekchian.

Ekchian said Glendale is now in the Red Tier for Covid-19 protocols, which is an improvement from the previous Purple Tier, and that she is "hoping they will be in Orange sometime in April."

Teachers have been welcomed

back to classrooms this week. Students in grades TK-2 will return on March 29, and our elementary students in grades three to six will return on April 5. Additional plans on bringing students back, and plans for summer school, will be given later this spring, she said.

"[In] the deliberate and careful return of our students on campus, with the greatest level of safety, we will focus on the social and emotional support of our students, focusing particularly on our seniors who feel there isn't much time left for them," Ekchian said.

Former Town Council president Cheryl Davis then gave an update on the council's Land Use Committee.

Davis said that from the March 4 meeting, members from Regional Planning presented on the housing element for unincorporated parts of the county.

"They are looking at [building] 90,000 units in the next eight years. In order to accomplish that, they will look at rezoning ... and are looking at 33 parcels in Montrose," Davis said.

LA County is asking for residents to take a survey. Visit planning.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-6417 to offer feedback on the proposal.

"Please make your voice heard," urged Davis. "They want to know about development, density, housing needs and what you want to see in the unincorporated area."

The next CVTC meeting is scheduled for April 15 via Zoom. Visit thevcouncil.com for more details.

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final report to Congress and the public in February 2016. Throughout the process, both NPS and Schiff solicited and considered thousands of comments from the public.”

The study was released to the public in 2015 and several community meetings were held to discuss the findings.

In 2017 Schiff, along with then-California Senator Barbara Boxer, introduced the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act.

“The Rim of the Valley is the critical bridge between the urban city centers and suburbs in the Los Angeles basin, and the spectacular wilderness beyond, and our bill would help protect these lands for generations to come,” said

Schiff at the time. “As more of this area is developed and open space diminishes, the wildlife it supports is increasingly at risk. Congress has the power to preserve the Rim of the Valley for generations to come, but we must act quickly or the opportunity will be gone.”

On Feb. 26, 2021, the House passed the Act, which would add more than 191,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The bill passed the House on a bipartisan basis as part of the Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act. The lands included within the expansion will be known as the Rim of the Valley Unit and stretch

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CRIME BLOTTER

March 18

1900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a vehicle owner reported he had parked his car in the parking lot of the business, locked it and walked into the facility. When he returned he found his vehicle’s front passenger window had been shattered and several items, including a laptop computer, had been stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

The theft occurred between 5:50 p.m. and 7 p.m.

1900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a vehicle owner reported he had parked his car in the parking lot of the business, locked it and walked into

the facility. He later discovered the rear passenger window of his car had been shattered and several items were stolen including his wallet. The investigation is ongoing.

The theft occurred between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

1200 block of Lanterman Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that two of her vehicles were broken into. Video surveillance revealed a male walking up the driveway of the house. He appeared to have an electronic device in his hand and pointed it at the resident’s BMW vehicle; it then made a noise and unlocked. The man opened

the driver’s door and rummaged through the interior. He then pointed an electronic device at the owner’s Toyota vehicle and it also unlocked. He opened the door and went through the interior. He left the Toyota, returned to the BMW, opened the trunk and took out a baseball bat. He left the area carrying the bat.

The theft occurred at 2:10 a.m.

March 9

4400 block of Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, the location was vandalized and a chain link fence damaged and graffiti painted on several surfaces.

The vandalism occurred between March 9 and March 16.

GPD REPORTS

A Stolen Truck, Identity Theft and Methamphetamine

On March 21, a patrol officer was driving on the 1100 block of East Colorado Street just before 2 a.m., when s/he observed two males exit a rental moving truck that was parked to the front of a motel then walk into the motel.

Upon conducting a records check of the rental truck, the officer discovered that it had recently been reported as a stolen vehicle. Through further investigation officers were able to determine that a motel room at the location was associated with the stolen truck and that it was registered to 56-year-old Joseph Hoeck (transient) who had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Officers knocked on the door to the motel room and made contact with Hoeck along with 40-year-old Renee Walker (transient) and another male in the room. Hoeck was found to have a baggie of methamphetamine and a methamphetamine pipe on his person. A female, identified as 55-year-old Monica Streelman, was contacted outside of the motel room and told officers she was Hoeck’s girlfriend. Officers

discovered that Streelman also had a warrant out for her arrest.

A search of the motel room produced a notebook that contained the personal identifying information of over 10 different individuals along with five access cards belonging to other people, methamphetamine and multiple methamphetamine pipes. At the conclusion of the officer’s investigation, Streelman was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and her outstanding warrant; Hoeck was arrested for vehicle theft, possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and his outstanding warrant; Walker was arrested for identity theft and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Due to Los Angeles County’s emergency “zero-dollar” bail schedule, all three individuals were released from custody with a notice to appear in court for their respective charges and warrants.

Male in Possession of Unregistered Loaded Firearm Booked and Released due to “Zero-Dollar” Bail Schedule

On March 20 just after 8 a.m., officers were dispatched to a business on the 1300 block of South Glendale Avenue regarding a male sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot with a handgun visible on the passenger seat.

Officers located the vehicle parked in the lot with a male, later identified as 29-year-old Anthony Beasley (transient), seated in the driver’s seat. Upon approaching the vehicle, officers could smell the strong odor of marijuana and see a handgun with two magazines next to it, in plain view, on the front passenger seat. Beasley was cooperative with officers and was detained without incident. The handgun was recovered and found to be loaded; both of the magazines were also found to be loaded. A box of ammunition and a holster were recovered from the vehicle as well. A records check of the firearm revealed it was unregistered.

Beasley was subsequently

arrested and booked for carrying a loaded firearm in public. Due to Los Angeles County’s emergency “zero-dollar” bail schedule, Beasley was released two hours later with a notice to appear in court for the violation.

Pair Found in Vacant Home Arrested for Vehicle Theft

On March 13 just after 11 a.m., officers responded to a residence on the 300 block of Burchett Street regarding a burglary in progress. Upon arrival, officers were advised the residence was currently vacant and that a vehicle not known to the location pulled into the driveway. After this, a male and female, not known to be associated with the residence, exited the vehicle, walked to a window on the side of the house and appeared to be attempting to break into the residence.

Officers conducted a records check of the suspicious vehicle in the driveway and discovered it had been reported as a stolen vehicle out of the City of Los Angeles. Additional officers arrived on scene and announcements were made over a patrol vehicle’s PA system for whoever was inside of the residence to come out. After several announcements, a female, identified as 20-year-old Briana Garcia (transient), and a male, identified as 34-year-old Fernando Roman (transient), exited the residence from the front door. Neither of the subjects offered an explanation as to why they were inside of a vacant residence nor were they able to provide any evidence that they had legal standing to be inside of the vacant residence.

A subsequent investigation revealed that Garcia was in possession of keys to the stolen vehicle in the driveway. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a methamphetamine pipe. Roman and Garcia were subsequently arrested and booked for vehicle theft; Roman was also arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

Due to Los Angeles County’s emergency “zero-dollar” bail schedule, Roman and Garcia were released from custody in hours with a notice to appear in court for their violations.

Obituary

Sylvia C. “Grammy” Boyer



March 10, 2021

Sylvia C. (Grammy) Boyer of La Crescenta, age 82, passed away Wednesday, March 10 to be with her Lord and Savior.

Sylvia loved the glorious foothills and was proud to be a resident of La Crescenta for over 55 years. She was a graduate of Holy Family Class of 1957 and received her B.A. from California State Los Angeles in 1961. She later received her M.A. Ed. specializing in bilingual studies. Her life passion was to become a teacher and she was blessed to work both in the public and parochial school system for over 35 years.

Sylvia’s talents were many; she was a cheerleader in high school, baton twirling roller skating majorette, beauty pageant

contestant and winner of Miss Occidental in 1957, avid square dancer, tennis player, a beloved mother and grandmother and a volunteer at St. James the Less. She truly enjoyed traveling around the world and playing dominoes with her beloved girl’s club every Friday.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Luis Fernando and Maria Concepcion. She is survived by her son Steve (Maria); her cherished grandchildren: Luke, Avery and Addison; her brother Luis; and numerous beloved cousins and cherished friends.

Funeral services will be held on March 30 at noon at St. Bede’s Catholic Church, 215 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada. The family would like to express its thanks and gratitude to Father Gerard of Our Lady of Refuge, Monsignor Antonio of St. Bede’s, Father Mike of St. James the Less, the Kyle Beebe-Peterson Family, Victor and Penny and the many wonderful family, friends and cherished neighbors.

In Sylvia’s honor, donations can be made to St. James the Less, St. Bede’s or Our Lady of Refuge in Long Beach.

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phase completed in six to eight weeks, which is why they are reaching out for more volunteers.

The City of Hope's vaccine is unique in several ways, Zala said.

Researchers are looking to convert two proteins, not just one spike protein, a difference from vaccines that are currently available to the public. Zala said this would be helpful against the new variants that continue to present themselves and would be good for long-term immunization.

"The second thing that makes this unique is we decided to use vaccinia, which has a long history as a very well established vaccine," he said. "[The vaccinia virus is the active constituent of the vaccinia vaccine and] has a long history of safety and has a history of long-term immunity."

It can also be stored easily without needing extreme cold storage like the Pfizer vaccine.

Researchers have used vaccinia in their cancer research as well so they are very familiar with it.

According to the National Library of Medicine, the vaccinia virus has been used more extensively for human immunization than any other vaccine. For about 200 years vaccinia virus was used to cross-protect against variola virus, the causative agent of smallpox, until the disease was eradicated in the late 1970s.

Researchers at City of Hope have proposed a vaccine trial that could help those who have health issues who do not respond well to the current COVID-19 vaccines. For example, renal transplant patients did not respond well to the current available vaccines.

There are three vaccines currently approved for use by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen. Though more vaccines available mean more people can get inoculated, Zala sees the City of Hope's vaccine as the next improvement.

Vaccines are constantly being studied and improved upon. Zala pointed out that the vaccine for shingles that was given in the past, for example, is not the same vaccine that is administered today because improvements to the original vaccine were made over time.

Improvements on existing vaccines and the exploration of the next phase of vaccines are important to keep people safe. This is why it is so important that the study continues and volunteers step up to help.

There is a potential for getting sick, Zala acknowledged, but that risk is very low.

"We've already given it to 45 people without any adverse effects," he said.

He added that vaccinia, which is the foundation of the study, has been given to thousands of people over the

years.

Josh Jenisch volunteered to be part of the City of Hope trial. He works as the director of content at City of Hope and was the second person to receive the trial vaccine.

"We were sent home from work in March of last year. I was sitting in my house with my two kids for almost a year just feeling so frustrated with my inability to do anything about this pandemic," Jenisch said.

He added he worked with some of the most well-known and brilliant doctors/researchers at the City of Hope and had confidence in what they were doing. He wanted to do something to help so in December he signed up as a volunteer. Because he had seen the work these doctors have done over the years he had no fear when he signed on to be a test subject.

"I have just had my 90-day checkup this last Saturday. It started in December [2020] when they checked me to make sure I was healthy," he said. "I got my second injection before Christmas."

Jenisch has been monitored ever since the vaccinations and he has had no adverse reactions.

For him, this is more than just helping to find a vaccine; it's a teaching moment for his children.

"[Being part of the study] means a lot to me," he said. "I've watched [my children] sort of wither like a plant without sunlight, without

human contact, for the past year. More than anything, if I could do something to help and see my 8-year-old be able to play with his friend I am happy to do it."

He also wants his children to see that one person can make a difference.

"I hope what they are taking from this [volunteering] is that, during a pandemic or any time of crisis, everybody needs to pull together and do their part," he said. "My hope is that if there is another pandemic or a blood shortage or fire, [my

children] will be the first ones to raise their hands and put their names forward to help."

City of Hope is looking for at least 70 more volunteers to be part of the study. Volunteers need to be healthy people who do not take medication for any cardiac problems or issues like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or have any other significant health issues. They need to be between the ages of 18 and 55. To join or for more information call (833) 908-4673 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/zbd5vejs>.




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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The 1978 Pinecrest Mudslide – Part 2

The story of the Genofile family's brush with death, continued. It was the middle of the night in February 1978. A burst of intense rain had broken loose a massive portion of the fire-scarred San Gabriel Mountains above the Pinecrest development. Mud, rocks and water had easily crested the debris basin dam at the top of Pine Cone Road, and a black churning wall was now hurtling down the steep road, picking up cars as it went.

At the bottom of the road sat the Genofile house. Bob, Jackie and their two teenaged kids, Kim and Scott, had heard the change in the sound of the flood control channel next to the house. Jackie and Kim looked out the front window. An electrical

flash as a power line parted revealed the black wall moving toward them. They turned and ran down a hallway toward the back of the house.

When the wall hit the house, there were explosive sounds as the safety-glass windows of the many cars in the mudflow popped out. Doors and windows of the house burst open, and mud and boulders chased Jackie and Kim into the back bedroom where Bob and Scott were. Scott tried to close the bedroom door, but it burst inward. The room began to quickly fill, and the desperate family could hear rocks going over the roof of the house. They were all pushed against the back wall, and Bob yelled, "Get on the bed!" The bed was floating, carrying the family up,

rising toward the ceiling. When they pressed against the ceiling, they all climbed or fell off, and were crushed against the back wall, boulders pinning their legs in place. They were sure they were going to die.

This all happened in just moments. The mud and rocks stopped flowing into the room but the family was trapped with quickly hardening mud up to their chins. They lost track of time. The horn of a car that was pressed against their house blared incessantly and all was dark. Hours went by while outside rescue teams converged on Pinecrest. Rescuers intentionally passed by the buried house. They assumed all inside must be dead, so they continued up the hill to save

live victims.

As light dawned, one of the neighbors approached the buried house and heard young Scott Genofile whistling for help. Rescuers were alerted and came to dig the family out of the mud and rocks. Incredibly, the entire family was okay. Cold, wet, sore, their clothes torn, but miraculously uninjured. Even more amazing, the house had held its ground and had not been swept away. Mud and rocks were 12 feet high, level with the roofline, the house was filled to the ceilings, and wrecked cars were jammed against the house and strewn through the yard.

It didn't take long for the Genofile family to decide that they would

stay in their house. After the many wrecked cars were cleared and the mud removed from their house, it was found there was no structural damage. Bob Genofile had built a fortress of a home. But most of their valuable possessions had been flushed out of the house during the flow.

There were several miraculous retrievals of personal items for the family over the years. Bob Genofile was planning on giving his daughter a generous amount of cash for her birthday. It was stashed in his wallet, which had washed away. A couple of days later son Scott was picking through the wreckage. He saw something that looked like the head of a snake sticking up out of the mud and pulled on it. It was a belt. Out of the mud came Dad's pants, with the wallet containing the money in the pocket. Their cat was discovered hiding in a cupboard a couple of days later. A year and a half later, Scott found his mother's wedding ring in a debris basin downstream, and her purse was dug out of the garden by a landscaper.

The damage to Pinecrest was substantial and next week we'll look at how the rest of Pinecrest fared.

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

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» ADAM SCHIFF

After One Year of COVID-19, the American Rescue Plan is Restoring Hope Again

It's been a little over a year since this virus first brought our nation and the world to a standstill, a year since many of us packed up our offices and started working from home, and a year since we've been able to hug elderly parents or travel to visit family.

More than 29 million Americans have confirmed infections and over 530,000 of our fellow citizens have died. This pandemic also crippled our economy and tens of millions of Americans lost their jobs, their livelihoods, and even their homes. Too many families have spent the past year worried about how to pay the bills, put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads.

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Go Ahead: Take the Plunge! 2021

While the events that took place leading up to, and during, the Jewish people's exodus from Egypt are mostly well known (the 10 plagues, the dough not having enough time to rise and thus remaining a cracker – *matzah* – the splitting of the sea, etc.), what is less known are the events that took place right before the sea's divide.

After having escaped Egypt enroute to the Promised Land, the Jewish people faced a dilemma. With the Egyptians hot on their trail and the Red Sea blocking their path, there was a tangible panic felt amongst the people. There were those who feared the unknown – a life of Egyptian servitude was preferred – they wished to return to slavery in Egypt. Others feared the consequences of their actions – death would be better! Others were so stuck that they could do nothing more than move their lips in prayer. Still others considered backtracking, attempting to fight the Egyptians and their injustices.

Nachshon, the son of Aminadav, wasn't in denial. He was aware of both the might of the Egyptians and the fearful seawaters – and that he and his fellows were no match for either.

But his fear of inadequacy didn't stop him. This was a challenge – a huge one – from which they would certainly need G d's miraculous assistance. The only way to confront challenges, however, is to move ahead, embracing who we are and what we need to do.

G d had chosen this nation. G d believed in them. G d would surely help them to become the great nation that He envisioned. G-d had commanded the people to go forth, and G-d would deliver. And so, Nachshon courageously stepped into the waters. As soon as the waters came up to his neck, the waters

miraculously split ...

What prevents us from taking the path of change to better our lives?

Sometimes it is a fear of the unknown. We'd rather embrace a familiar present, no matter how painful. We worry about where change will lead, even while acknowledging that it can bring a better future.

Sometimes it is the fear of others. What will others think? Will I be blamed, criticized or judged?

So often, it is the fear of ourselves. We don't feel ready; we're not yet "good enough" to take on this venture. We see our flaws and imperfections, and define ourselves through this lens. Rather than embracing who we are and working to improve, we feel unworthy, stuck in the mode of wishing who we could be instead of who we already are. Our unrealistic striving for perfection prevents us from achieving what we can.

Some 3,000 years ago, as our ancestors became a nation, we were shown how to confront such insecurities.

In our lives, there are times when contemplation is needed. There are situations when heartfelt prayers are necessary. Other times, we must fight against what is holding us back. There are even times when we need to retreat and find a different path towards our goals.

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Scholarship Opportunities

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. Online applications will be accepted through March 26. Recipients will be announced on April 16.

Strong Showing by Local Schools at Scholastic Bowl



By Lori BODNAR, intern

The 31st annual high school Scholastic Bowl participants and winners were recognized at the Glendale Unified School District virtual board meeting on March 23. The schools competing for the title of district champion were Hoover, Glendale, Clark Magnet and Crescenta Valley high schools. Five students from each school formed a team for their school. In the initial essay writing portion, Hoover High took the win, and CVHS won the overall 2021 Scholastic Bowl competition.

GUSD will be mailing certificates of recognition to the winners.

The CVHS Scholastic Bowl team included students Prashanth Bhaskara,

Lindsay Thomas, Michelle Kim, Daniel Gamboa and Sofia Magdeleno. Prashanth Bhaskara was the lead for the math questions. The advisor of the CVHS Scholastic Bowl team was teacher Amanda Lyons.

"The kids are going great places with the kind of leadership and intelligence they showed in the Scholastic Bowl," said CVHS Principal Dr. Junge. "We have brilliant, hardworking, exceptional students at CVHS. Thank you to the GUSD board and the CVHS committed teacher advisor, Amanda Lyons, for making this happen."

GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian expressed her sincerest thanks to the students, advisors, principals and GUSD staff, including Education

Screen capture by Lori BODNAR
CVHS Principal Dr. Linda Junge (top left) congratulated the Scholastic Bowl team advisor Amanda Lyons and team members.

Technology and Information Services (ETIS), that made the event possible.

"The pandemic did not stop the Scholastic Bowl teams!" Dr. Ekchian said. "The district used an innovative approach to have teams compete from separate rooms. Congratulations to both Hoover High and Crescenta Valley High School. I could not have been prouder. It means the world to me as your superintendent. If we can do it in a pandemic, then we can do it under any circumstance."

The GUSD board of education noted that last year's Scholastic Bowl was one of the last in-person events held as a district. Normally during the Scholastic Bowl, student teams from each high school are all on a stage where each team can converse with its members to answer questions in an array of topics; the five content areas focused on were literature and language arts, mathematics, science, art, and social science. There is a time limit for each answer - 30 seconds for math questions and 15 seconds for all other subjects. Notably, the Scholastic Bowl was the first in-person event held at Glendale High School, though without an audience, since the beginning of the pandemic. The teams were in separate rooms and showed their answers to the judges virtually. At the end of the evening, the winning teams walked across the stage to receive their awards.

The CVHS team answered the most questions correctly

out of the four high school teams competing, becoming the 2021 Scholastic Bowl champions. This is the third consecutive time that CVHS won the overall Scholastic Bowl.

GUSD board member Jennifer Freemon introduced the CVHS team and its advisor at the virtual meeting. Freemon noted that, in past years, many attendees in the audience enjoyed watching the Scholastic Bowl in person, trying to be as smart as the kids ... though they usually failed.

Teacher advisor Lyons congratulated the students on their hard work and preparation for the Scholastic Bowl. The team members had been meeting weekly over Zoom during their school lunch breaks to prepare for the rigors of the Scholastic Bowl competition.

"The students' enthusiasm and knowledge brought everyone together and helped them 'seal the win' this year," said Lyons.

For the Scholastic Bowl, it was the first time that the team was able to get together in a room (masked, of course) to work together, since all practices had been virtual.

Dr. Junge thanked the district leadership, which ensured that the Scholastic Bowl would continue to offer the special student opportunity during this extraordinary year.

"I am so proud of the students," Dr Junge said. "They truly showcase the CVHS Falcon motto of pride, tradition, and honor."

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LCF Trails Game Motivates Trail Use While Improving Health

Get ready for some fun, fresh air and prizes as the LCF Trails Game gets ready to launch on April 1. LCF Trails Game continues through April 30 and is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada and the La Cañada Flintridge Trails Council.

The LCF Trails Game is open to all ages and admission is free. The goal is for people to enjoy the many trails and activities available outdoors. Whether a beginner wanting to try hiking or a mountain biker who loves the thrill of competing, this game is for everyone.

“We hope the LCF Trails Game encourages kids and families to go outdoors and exercise given this time of COVID,” said LCF Trails Game Committee Chair Linda Fors. “Go out and enjoy the trails! It’s a proven way to boost your health and well-being, and get you smiling

– plus you could win some great prizes.”

Participants can use their wireless device to view an interactive trail map to verify their location, take selfies to win prizes, tally up points and more. There’s also mystery and trivia spot challenges to add to the enjoyment and earn points.

LCF Trails Council President, and committee member Tom Reynolds said, “Having a month-long trails game that engages hikers, bikers and equestrians is a fabulous idea. The La Cañada Flintridge Trails Council is excited to be working with Kiwanis Club of La Cañada on this event. Let the games begin!”

Each week will offer cash card prizes in the amount of first place \$75, second place \$50 and third place \$25. At the end of the four weeks, there will be cash card grand prize winners who will be awarded \$150

for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place for racking up the most overall points. The first 100 people to earn points will get a free LCF Trail DVD and trails map, courtesy of LCF Trails Council.

Two members of the LCF Trails Game Committee representing area youth, George Kamar and Phil Klemmer, have ignited the group with their latest tech talents and enthusiasm. They have brought innovations including a custom website allowing players to sign up for the games and a QR code to directly link to The LCF Trails Game “point input form.” The form allows participants to submit singular or multiple challenges at the same time, with mountain bike riders required to use Strava to record their trip.

Participants are asked to remember to wear a mask and not

litter on the trails.

The committee members are LCF Trails Game Chair Linda Fors, Greg Brown (who also serves on the LCF Trails Council), Kaitzer Puglia, Elizabeth Georgeon, Trish McRae, Alice Perez and Georgina Mueller, all representing the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada. The LCF Trails Council Committee members are President Tom Reynolds and board member Jennifer Seastrom with LCHS senior George Kamar and LCHS

junior Phil Klemmer providing creative insight to get kids and families involved.

To sign up or to get more information, contact the LCF Trails Council at lcftrails.org and look for LCF Trails Game link. See the website or www.cvweekly.com/BETWEEN FRIENDS for complete rules about trail and COVID guidelines. For details about the Kiwanis, email lacanadakiwanis@gmail.com or visit lacanadakiwanis.com.

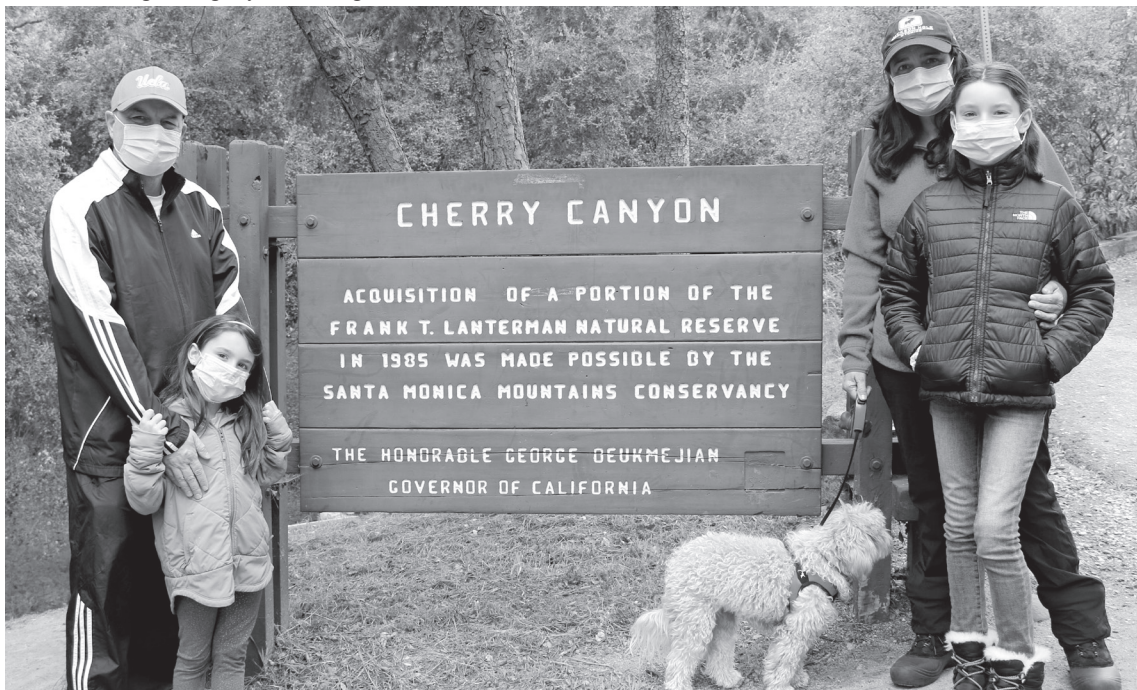


Photo courtesy of George KAMAR

The Mueller family (from left) Tony, Violet, Georgina and Olivia (with Pumpkin) enjoy a hike on the Cherry Canyon trail, LCF.

Food with Chef Andrew Pasta Stain Recipe

Yield: About 4 cups

Ingredients

- 2 tbs. Bacon fat
- ½ Yellow onion, small dice
- ½ Yellow pepper, small dice
- 3 Garlic cloves, minced
- 12 oz. Ground beef
- 1 Whole tomato, diced
- 1 tsp. Cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. Paprika
- 2 tsp. Garlic powder
- 2 tsp. Onion Powder
- 8 oz. Tomato Puree
- To taste Salt



*Adjust seasoning if using dried ingredients

Method of Preparation

- 1) Gather all ingredients and equipment needed.
- 2) Heat up the bacon fat, or butter (oil). Add diced onions and peppers and cook until translucent. Then add the minced garlic.
- 3) Once the garlic is browning, add the diced tomatoes followed by the ground beef. 4) Add the dried seasonings and tomato puree. Adjust to your level of spice.
- 4) Season with salt and toss in the desired choice of pasta.

Chef's Notes:

This pasta sauce is fantastic. Full bodied, meaty and hearty. The cayenne pepper leaves you wanting more; diners never quite get enough but the sauce never leaves them hungry. The caramelization of the onion in the bacon fat gives the sauce its deep, naturally sweet flavor. Too much caramelization and the sauce is too sweet. Not enough and it's missing something sweet. The fresh tomatoes bring it all together onto the palate. The ground beef adds the heartiness of the overall pasta experience.

Feel free to add some fresh herbs, such as basil, parsley, or oregano. Enjoy and bon appetit!

~Chef Andrew Goldsworthy

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Personal Letter To Seller

Dear Phyllis,

We have been making offers on La Crescenta homes for the last six months. Initially, our Realtor suggested that we include a personal letter to the seller with our offer. We have one and we revise it for each home. Even with this we have been turned down on the four offers we have made. On the most recent home our Realtor said we didn't need to write the personal letter. He said they are no longer being used. Is this true and if so, why would that be?

Hopeful home buyer

Dear Hopeful,

I am sorry that you haven't yet had success on getting an offer accepted. In today's Los Angeles real estate market, a complete offer includes the purchase contract and supporting documents. The supporting documents are prequalification/preapproval and verification of funds sufficient to close escrow.

As far as the homebuyer writing a personal letter to the seller, I have always had mixed feelings. When representing a seller, I often suggest to my client, that they look at the letter after they decide which offer, they choose. This letter is not verified information. It could simply be something that the

buyer thinks the seller wants to hear. I have heard stories where the buyer has written a letter to heirs noting that they love the home, will cherish it and then upon ownership have torn it down.

To avoid the appearance of discrimination, when using the personal letter to seller it should not include photos. But what about marital status, children, no children? Who is to say that a choice was not made favoring a buyer with children over a nontraditional household?

The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing against persons in protected classes. Protected classes include: Color, ancestry, nation origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and/or expression, primary language, immigration status, military/veteran status, and age.

We have all heard the urban legend where the homebuyer letter to the seller swayed the seller into accepting tens of thousands of dollars less. While I am sure this has happened, in thirty years of selling real estate, I have never found this to be true. To avoid any appearance of discrimination, I agree with your agent and don't believe personal letters should be used.



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Veterans Corner March 2021 Salute To Women Veterans

March is Women's History Month and a perfect time to acknowledge the long and illustrious legacy of women's contributions to our military. Women are a fast-growing force in the veterans movement. Currently women represent about 10% of the nations 17 million veterans. Projections from the U.S. Census Bureau estimate that by 2020 women will constitute about 17% of U.S. veterans.

That's reflected in the changing demographics of the U.S. military. In 1970, for example, women accounted for only 1% of the active-duty force. By 1980, that jumped to 9%. In 2017, the figure was 16%. The growth of women officers has expanded even faster. In 1975, only 5% of commissioned officers were women. By 2017, that share had risen to 18%.

This month we also observe Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29. The role women played in Vietnam is often overlooked for two reasons – they were not yet authorized to serve in combat, and only about 7,500 served in the war zone. But in total more than 250,000 women served America during the Vietnam War. Thousands were stationed in Japan, Guam, Hawaii, the Philippines or at a stateside hospital. Many Navy women served off Vietnam's coast on the hospital ships USS Repose and the USS Sanctuary. About 85% of the women who served in Vietnam were nurses in the Army, Navy and Air Force. It was arduous duty in a war without frontlines. The names of eight women Vietnam veterans are enshrined on the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

But that is not the end of the women's Vietnam story. As any male Vietnam vet can attest, seeing smiling women wearing powder blue dresses hopping out of a helicopter at some remote fire support base was a welcomed sight. From 1965 until 1972, a total of 627 American women – nearly all in their early 20s, recent college graduates, and single – volunteered to go to Vietnam for a one year tour with the Red Cross as part of what was officially known as the Supplemental Recreational Activities Overseas program. Unofficially, they were called Donut Dollies. And they did not serve doughnuts. Set against the greens and browns of Vietnam – the colors of jungle and dirt, of military equipment and fatigues – you better believe those pale blue dresses made an impression. They brought a "touch of home" to Vietnam, making the troops forget about the war, albeit for a short time. In their own words, "We put together programs on various topics, like movies, cars, food, history ... and had two competing teams answer quiz-show-like questions. We served them food in the field. We ate with them and heard their stories on top of their bunkers. Our days started at 6 a.m. on the first chopper out and end ended when we got back to our base camps at 7 p.m., dirty and exhausted."

This article is taken in large part from the March 2021 VFW Magazine, and also a Mark Woods article entitled: "Donut Dollies made a lasting impression in Vietnam." – Blake Hyfield

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Care Transitions

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The USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) can be extremely helpful when faced with new and unexpected changes.

California's growing demographic of older residents – aged 60 years and better – is estimated to total 10.2 million persons by 2030. Americans are living longer, but far too many are being left behind without the resources to age with dignity. We designed CRCA as a

free resource to review and share services and supports both online as well through individual consultations with callers. It's a service that hears your concerns, discusses your needs further and strengthens your next steps to finding needed resources.

To offer additional ways to exchange support and guidance, we are launching Conversations with CRCA on April 16 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., a virtual hour to connect with and support one another. Our first topic is about Responding to Resistance. Please register by calling or emailing me directly at (818) 949-4033 or email Adria.Navarro@med.usc.edu. Please visit online CRCA resources at: uscvh.org/aging-resources.



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» PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Happy Birthday, Captain

By Mary O'KEEFE

William Shatner turned 90 years old on Monday. He was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and for over 50 years has been part of the entertainment industry through his performances in television, films and theater ... and, yes, even as a recording artist.

An outpouring of well wishes from his many fans were seen on Twitter.

"I'm here for a few minutes; I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of love. I just turned 90 ... What happens when I get to 120?" Shatner tweeted on Monday in response to so many birthday wishes.

Shatner has created some of the most iconic characters in entertainment history from Bob Wilson, the Gremlin-warning passenger on an airplane headed through the "Twilight Zone: Nightmare at 20,000 Feet" to Denny Crane, the famous and infamous "Boston Legal" lawyer. Decade after decade he continued to make his own whatever character he played. His credits on IMDB [Internet Movie Database] begin in 1951 and continue to

present day. He has performed on stage and both on the big and small screens.

But for many, William Shatner will forever be Capt. James Tiberius Kirk in the original "Star Trek" series. The series was supposed to be a type of "Wagon Train to the Stars" according to series creator Gene Roddenberry.

Capt. Kirk led a crew of diverse

included having a woman science fiction writer in the 1960s - Dorothy [DC] Fontana.

The role of the first captain of the USS Enterprise went to actor Jeffrey Hunter who played Capt. Christopher Pike. The series, with him as captain, was rejected and the role was recast with Shatner as Capt. James T. Kirk. To say Shatner's take on the captain of the Enterprise was different would be an understatement. He portrayed the captain as an intense serviceman who had no doubts of who he was - flaws and all. He also added his unique sense of humor, which came through most when Kirk worked with the logical and mostly stoic Mr. Spock, portrayed by Leonard Nimoy.

Nimoy and Shatner have both said they became lifelong friends and the beginning of that friendship can be seen in the original series. Both Nimoy and Shatner had their struggles with the characters they created and, in particular, the very involved fans but became more accepting with their roles, especially with the many reboots of the franchise.

As a Trekkie, which I am, "Star see SHATNER on page 19



humans and aliens from one space adventure to another. It is not an easy thing to take a series that only lasted three years in the 1960s before it was canceled and make it into one of the most historical comeback stories. It takes a creative mind to set the foundation, as Roddenberry did, then talented writers who took their craft seriously and were not afraid to cross barriers. These

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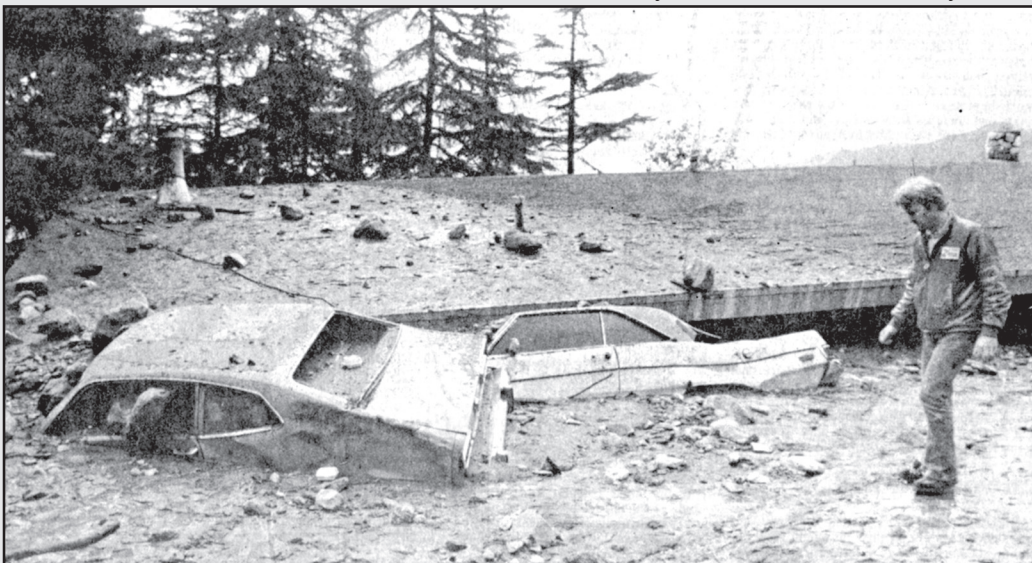
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Now » The Genofile family stayed and rebuilt their fortress-like house, this time adding a second story, and continued to live there for another four decades. Although the forces of nature couldn't destroy the Genofile house, man could. It was recently demolished and a modern new house erected in its place at the intersection of Markridge and Pine Cone roads.

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The concert is free, but donations are being accepted and will be used towards the construction of a new Interventional Radiology/Cardiac Catheterization (IR/Cath) Lab at USC VHH.

To livestream the event on March 26, visit <https://fmradioshow.com/>.

To learn more about the hospital's IR/Cath Lab and to make a donation visit <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/FMRadio>.

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.

Donations will be given to The Book Truck.

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.

BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Yvonne Savio returns to the Burbank-Valley Garden Club on April 1 for a program called Container Gardening for Everyone.

Savio has earned degrees in journalism, English literature, art and photography as well as a horticulture degree. For years she worked in the Botany and Vegetable Crops Cooperative Extension Departments at University of California, Davis and developed the master gardener program in Yolo County. She is the founder and owner of the website www.GardeninginLA.net, which provides gardening resources for the greater Los Angeles County area and beyond.

She will discuss some of the challenges to creating a container garden, what to put in them, how to plant them and the other specific "how-tos" and other ways to create beautiful and productive gardens. She will also share some ideas for unusual and special containers.

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold a Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 1 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary. All are invited to this special educational and inspirational program.

Note: This Zoom program is free and open to everyone, but pre-register is necessary. Email Kathy Itomura at KathyItomura@pm.com for registration information and the Zoom link.

AAUW HOSTS SUSAN HALLGREN

The next Zoom meeting of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Glendale branch, will be held on Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m.

The program, "The Secret Lives of the Native Trees of Descanso," will be presented by Susan Hallgren, a volunteer docent/tour guide for over 25 years at Descanso Gardens.

Inspired by Peter Wohlleben's book "The Hidden Life of Trees," Hallgren will explain how trees have their language, forest etiquette, climate control, sense of time and communication skills through what scientists call the "wood wide web." During her talk she will lead a PowerPoint virtual tour of Descanso Gardens' native trees, discussing their secrets to surviving the California climate and how people can help take care of these beloved trees.

Hallgren graduated from Whittier College and is a retired LAUSD elementary school teacher.

To receive an invitation, contact Marilyn "Susie" Robinson at Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com with your name and email address by Wednesday, April 7.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities, and meetings, visit <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

GEF VIRTUAL EVENT

The Glendale Educational Foundation is hosting Diamonds: Lighting Our Path to the Future, a virtual fundraiser on April 17 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Diamond Award honorees will be recognized.

Tickets to this virtual event start at \$75 per person; visit <https://tinyurl.com/8b9yvy87> for more information.

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Soroptimist International of Glendale's (SIG) 18th Annual Bras for a Cause fundraiser "Wonderful WOMEN" will be held on May 1. Proceeds raised from this year's fundraising will help support local

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ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

March 22, 2021 - March 28, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your nervous system is going to be emphasized. It's more important than ever to avoid junk food and eat a diet that's healthy and nutritious. The problem is that you may be so busy that you find it easier to grab a snack on the fly. Make sure that snack is a healthy one.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You won't have as many issues to contend with now, and this gives you a chance to feel more relaxed. If you need to be careful of anything, watch out for the fatty foods that taste great but don't contribute anything to your health. Make more healthful choices.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Everyone's buzzing. Take good quality supplements that give you extra brain food. You'll need it. The cosmos says this the best time to begin any fitness and diet routine. If you've fallen by the wayside, you'll soon get back on track. You have a good chance of staying there, too. What are you waiting for?

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You might have to work harder to avoid temptations like comfort foods. You need a lot of emotional support. Those emotional currents run deep within you, hidden from the outside world by your well-armed defenses. Feel better by sharing your feelings rather than reaching for another piece of chocolate.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Give yourself the gift of the royal treatment. Pamper your body. You've been under some pressure lately and may feel a little frayed around the edges. This is your chance to show how much you care for yourself and how willing you are to invest in your health. Play soothing music to create a harmonious ambience in your home. You'll feel much better!

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You're more energized than you have been in a while, and this gives you the determination to exercise and keep fit. You might have a natural tendency to release deep-seated feelings that could have been eating away at you and affecting your health. The more you process and heal these, the better you'll feel.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your love life might be making your head spin and your nerves jangle. The cosmos will bring those knotty issues to a head so that you can make a fresh new start. Too much excitement and anticipation could also unbalance your system. If you notice that you suffer from headaches or low energy, you know it's time to detach and relax.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Believe that you have a fabulous body and you can be as well as you want to be. It isn't just a dream. If you can think it, you can create it. It's when you get into a negative mood, when stress mounts, or when the tensions of the day take their toll that you think it's impossible. That's when you think excellent health is something reserved for a lucky few. It isn't!

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Feed your nervous system and notice the big difference in the way you feel. It isn't just your body that grows peaceful and calm, it's also your inner being. You'll feel an unshakeable sensation of being centered. You'll feel fabulous all over when you give your body what it needs to feel good. Don't rush food preparation. Give yourself the best.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You're learning what a joy it is to have a fit and flexible body. You'll feel better and happier if you put more effort into seeking new healthy recipes that you love to eat, find ways to exercise that are fun and give you the workout you need, and follow a less stressful and more relaxed lifestyle. Go for it.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Get moving! Doing nothing isn't an option. You need a way to tap your inner strength and enjoy the process of feeling energetic and fit. Swimming could be a great form of exercise for you since it allows you to relax in the water and works all the muscles in your body.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may be doing a lot more socializing now. The continuous strain of having so much fun could be wearing you out. It isn't just that. Others may seem less enamored of the joys of life than you are. Give yourself some space for a day or two to clear your energy field. A bit of pampering will soon fix you up.

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ACROSS

- 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

SWEET DREAMS

By Oliver Klamp

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Sponsors for this special event are being sought. Go to www.cvweekly.com/JustForFun to see the sponsorship opportunities. Those with questions can contact Laurie at (323) 707-7357

or email lola3058@gmail.com.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at cls74reunion@yahoo.com.

Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FBVHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

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passed by the U.S. Congress, making \$2.6 billion available for tenants and landlords. Folks interested in the qualifying details can find information at <https://housing.ca.gov/> (HousingIsKey.com) or by calling (833) 430-2122.

Tereza Aleksanian, deputy director of Community Services and Parks Dept., updated the Council on the work of the city's Senior Services Committee, started in 2017 to assess the needs of Glendale's seniors. Working on the committee's initial recommendations, the city joined the AARP "network of age-friendly cities," developed plans and organized events focused on education targeting senior safety, such as by providing educational workshops regarding senior fraud/scams, elder abuse and pedestrian safety.

The committee is working on a comprehensive resource guide for area seniors. Glendaleans interested in more information or to get involved can reach Aleksanian at (818) 548-2000.

Next, the Council reviewed a report on expanding municipal Wi-Fi, initially in city parks, following up on initial evaluations.

Grant Michals called into the Council meeting to commend the report, as it "addresses the initial issues, acknowledges a nuanced need for a phased-in approach [including] after-school programs, for instance, prioritizing areas that should have access."

Councilmember Ara Najarian, though, questioned the need.

"I don't understand why we're talking about doing this in the parks," he said. "I want people out there communing with nature, not playing Mortal Combat in the middle of Glenoaks Park."

"We need to look at basic access, not gaming," Councilmember Kassakhian noted.

Councilmember Paula Devine noted that she had been approached on this issue "by a senior, not by a child."

"We're not trying to fill gaps in cellular service, not trying to fix problems in the hills with cellphone access with this," Councilmember Dan Brotman added.

The Council voted to review an overall citywide master plan.

Then the Council heard and took preliminary steps to adopt the city's first Citywide Pedestrian Plan. Focused on safety, the plan includes steps to improve the experience of pedestrians. A Safety Advisory Committee worked with city staff to develop the extensive recommendations. In gathering input, residents completed the sentence: "I would walk more if..."

most often with "vehicles would slow down."

The top three responses included mentions of speed.

Some of the facts contained in the staff report surprised Councilmembers. Seventy percent of pedestrian collisions, for instance, occur during daylight hours.

In an accident at 20 mph, nine out of 10 pedestrians will survive. At 30 mph, the number drops to five of 10 survivors. At 40 mph, only one of 10 will survive.

"Whether you live in a city or a small town, and whether you drive a car, take the bus, or ride a train, at some point in the day everyone is a pedestrian," staff quoted former U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx about the importance of focusing on pedestrians.

The emphasis of the plan is to make walking safer, create connected and complete communities and build walkable places for everyone, and organize implementation and short- and immediate-term actions, longer plans for five to 10 years from now, and longer-term plans that could include test pilots made permanent.

Councilmember Brotman noted that amidst "all the talk about physical devices" he wants an added focus on research suggesting "the planting of street trees along roadways creates a sense of narrowness and causes drivers to naturally slow down."

Several residents called in to support the plan.

"Studies show that walkability

is linked to less crime and better health; older adults in cities that are easy to walk are in better health and show higher cognitive function," one said.

The Glendale Police Dept. has investigated 574 fatal or injury-related pedestrian collisions in the past three years, the caller told the Council.

Another recounted past involvement in the study and commended the staff that produced the final report. David Eisenberg identified himself as a resident since 1985: "I love to walk in Glendale, but it's very dangerous."

He added, "I'd like to applaud the hard work crafting the pedestrian plan. It is extensive and thorough, and I urge you to act on it as fast as possible."

"I wish I could take credit for this report, as Mr. Mohill suggested," Councilmember Brotman responded to comments made by another caller. "It's a very, very strong plan, and it was suggested in 2015. It's also one of the most important things we'll do as a Council and one of my highest priorities is seeing it implemented."

"The public wants safer streets. Safer streets mean slower streets. We may need to make a tradeoff. But knowing where the public stands – the physical changes make the most difference – so I'm glad the plan focuses on road design. We'll never see enforcement at scale," Brotman concluded with an encouragement to monitor legislation pending that

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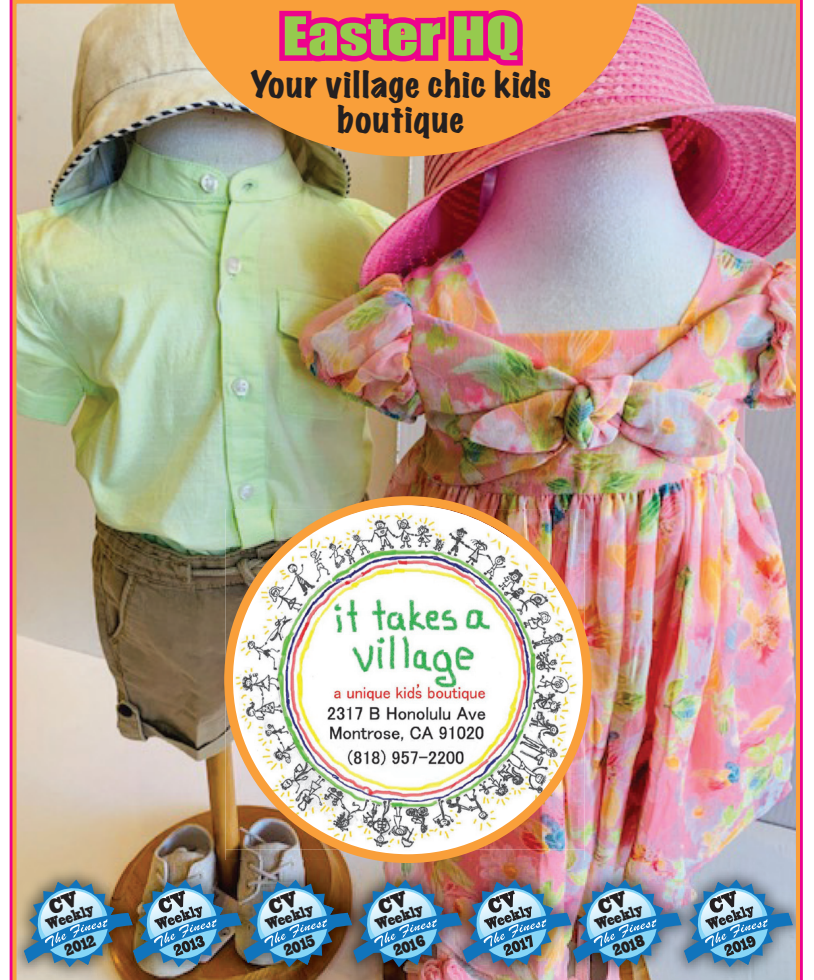
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: STEPHANIE MARIE PIERCE. Case number 21STCP00620. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 111 North Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 91002, Stanley Mosk Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner 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

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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those families that continue to struggle financially, help is on the way.

Earlier this month, Congress passed and President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan, a COVID relief package bold enough to meet the scale of this crisis, the impact of which will be felt for generations.

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"Trek" pulled the audience into a world where society had learned from its past mistakes and made it through – from climate change to racial bias. They faced new challenges but, with Capt. Kirk at the helm with the strong support of other officers and friends, they were able to face those challenges and prevail.

At 90, Shatner is aging just as we would expect Capt. Kirk to do – he may not be up to fighting any more Gorns but he can continue to inspire the crew with courage and a sense of humor.

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would facilitate "automated speed enforcement ... as a civil penalty, like a parking ticket."

"Yes, I'm an advocate for transit," Councilmember Ara Najarian contributed, "for people getting on a bus, be it a Beeline or a Metro bus, and to get out of their cars and onto a bicycle. Or walking."

Just before the Council adopted the plan unanimously, Mayor Vrej Agajanian asked, "Where will the

money come from?"

Finally, the Council acted to move forward an ordinance requiring grocery and drug stores to pay hourly workers an additional \$5 per hour for 120 days.

Approximately 1,700 front-line workers would receive the additional pay. Kroger (parent company of Ralphs and Food 4 Less) announced store closures in Los Angeles and Long Beach after

those cities implemented similar provisions.

"I brought this forward – these workers deserve it. It's time these companies step up and support the workers who put their lives on the line for us," Councilmember Paula Devine said.

According to the city's report on the proposal, Kroger "saw its net earnings for the first two quarters in 2020 jump to more than \$2.031

billion compared with \$1.069 billion in the same period of 2019, a 90% increase."

The bonus pay would go into effect immediately if four of the five Councilmembers vote in favor of the ordinance at next week's Council meeting (passing it as an emergency measure). If it passes with a simple majority, it would go into effect 30 days after the Council meeting.

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from the Simi Hills and Santa Susanas to the Verdugos and on to the San Gabriel Mountains. The bill will enable the NPS and the local community to better protect natural resources and habitats, and provide members of the community with improved access to nature for recreational and educational purposes.

"I am thrilled that the House of Representatives has passed

the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, legislation I have championed for nearly 20 years," said Schiff after the vote. "Millions of residents in the Los Angeles Basin depend on open space in our communities for recreation, and the benefits of widely accessible natural land have never been more apparent than during this public health crisis. The Rim of the Valley Corridor is an area of

breathtaking natural beauty, and we must preserve this pristine land for the sake of our environment, wildlife and ecosystems, and for the benefit of LA residents, the millions each year who visit, and for generations to come."

The bill will provide the NPS authority in several management aspects, including implementing capital, acquisition of land through donation, exchange or purchase

from willing sellers, and directly managing NPS owned lands.

The expansion of the SMMNRA boundaries respects private property rights and existing local land use authorities, and it will not put any additional restrictions on property owners. The bill does not allow for land acquisition through eminent domain.

The bill will now go to the Senate.

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