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City Passes 'Hero Pay' for Drug and Grocery Stores

By Justin HAGER

The City of Glendale joined Los Angeles, Long Beach and more than 20 other California cities that require grocery and drug retailers to pay hourly employees an additional \$5 per hour in "hero pay" for their essential service during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. To help create compliance, the ordinance also creates significant penalties for employers who fail to notify their employees of their right to receive the additional pay, provide the pay in a timely manner, or keep proper records of compensation.

The new law will apply exclusively to large publicly traded corporations and retailers with 300 or more national employees. City staff estimates that only 24 retail stores would be subject to the new requirements, but those affected employ thousands of Glendale residents. Of the more than 1,900 employees in Glendale who would receive hero pay, about a dozen called in during Tuesday night's virtual meeting to comment on the ordinance, including a particularly powerful comment from Aidan Salas, a Montrose resident and pharmacy employee. Salas described assisting individuals whom he knew had COVID and said he was aware of at least seven local-pharmacy employees who had contracted the virus at work.

"Essential workers don't just need praise, they need your help," he said.

Qualifying employees should expect to see the pay increase for all shifts beginning at midnight on Friday, April 2 with the requirement lasting until 11:59 p.m. on July 31.

The five-hour marathon meeting began with two proclamations. The first was presented to Armine Perian, vice-chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, and recognized April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Perian and Mayor Vrej Agajanian each encouraged

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Finally ... It's Back to School

By Mary O'KEEFE

After a year of virtual studies, this week students began the slow and staggered return back to school.

On March 23 elementary teachers and support staff returned to campus. Teachers prepared their classrooms for the return of some of their students though others will continue to learn virtually. This dual teaching method is a challenge for teachers because they want to make certain their attention is equally focused between those students in class and those in virtual studies.

On March 29, GUSD students in TK through second grade who wanted to return to in-person learning returned to campus. On April 5, students in third through sixth grades will have the chance to return to in-person learning. About 50% of children in these grades are expected to return to in-person learning.

This graduation from the purple tier to the less restrictive red tier was approved on March 12 by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health. On April 5, Public Health has stated the County will be ready to move into

the orange tier. This will allow districts to open secondary schools. The decision on opening middle and high schools is in the discussion phase at GUSD.

In March 2020, GUSD students left for spring break and never returned to in-person learning. The COVID-19 Safer-at-Home Ordinance shut down many businesses, gathering spots and other places including schools. School districts, including Glendale Unified, scrambled to transition from in-person learning to virtual learning. One major challenge was making certain all students had access to computers and adequate Wi-Fi.

COVID-19 restrictions highlighted the digital divide among students. Funding from state and federal agencies helped accelerate technology placement for students in need. That help came much faster due to the extreme need during the pandemic.

Returning to in-person learning has taken a lot of effort by District staff – from upgrading ventilation systems to installing Plexiglass on desks to separate students.

The pandemic and subsequent closures have taken a toll on students, teachers, parents and District staff.



Photo by Brandy Yi
 Lincoln Elementary student Addie Yi is greeted on Monday by Principal Barbara Fariss.

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A Community Conversation Planned with LASD Sheriff and Capt. Deeds

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva will be hosting a community conversation for residents in the areas of the unincorporated areas of LA County – La Crescenta and Montrose, Kagel Canyon and La Cañada Flintridge. He will be joined by Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station Captain Todd Deeds. The event will be held virtually on April 6 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is something the sheriff wanted to do. He wanted to make contact with community members and government leaders," Deeds said. "He started doing this back in January with other patrol areas that [LASD] is responsible for throughout the County."

The topics on April 6 will cover whatever the local community is most concerned about – from hate crimes to burglaries. It is a type of town hall meeting where the public can talk about public safety issues.

One of the most basic questions that has often been asked of previous sheriffs is who is the report-

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The community is invited to a public conversation on Tuesday with local LASD Capt. Todd Deeds (left) and Sheriff Alex Villanueva.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



April Fools' Day Guffaws

Can you imagine, as a kid, waking up last year to find the TV delivering the above message – you'd have to repeat the grade you were in due to COVID-19.

That was the elaborate hoax played on the children of a local family by their parents on April 1, 2020.

Thankfully, the kids were able to rebound quickly from their angst after finding out that it was just a prank; in fact, they got a laugh out of it, albeit not immediately.

Seeing that image of our beloved governor making the "proclamation" got me thinking about past April Fools' Day pranks I either took part in or heard about.

I admittedly tortured my younger sister when we were growing up ... and I didn't wait until April Fools' Day to pull a prank or two. For example, I remember giving her a shoulder massage while she sat on a slat-back chair. In addition to rubbing her shoulders, I was also covertly tying her hair ribbons to the slats. Then I announced I was done and left the room – to her screaming for Mom because she couldn't move her head.

Then there was the time I invited her to a séance in my room. However, I had everything rigged with fishing wire so all she saw were the window blinds going up



and down and her doll falling off the toy shelf. Maneuvers achieved with my sleight of hand.

Aw, yes; good times.

My dad was a prankster. Heaven forbid you called on the phone for my sister or me. He would answer the phone "McGrath Home for Wayward Girls" (McGrath was my maiden name) or some other embarrassing phrase. And this is a brief sampling of the shenanigans that he'd pull.

I wonder how many of our readers were either the victim of a prank or pranksters themselves. I welcome your stories; send them to robin@cvweekly.com and perhaps I'll share them in our Just For Fun section.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Easter is...

Joining in a birdsong,
Eying an early sunrise,
Smelling yellow daffodils,
Unbolting windows and doors,
Skipping through meadows,
Cuddling newborns,
Hoping, believing,
Reviving spent life,
Inhaling fresh air,
Sprinkling seeds along furrows,
Tracking in the mud.
Easter is the soul's first taste of spring."

~ Richelle E. Goodrich

"Passover is...

A time of reflection and joy. When we emerge from our cocoon of doubt to fly freely on the wings of faith."

~ Unknown

We often equate Easter and Passover with spring-like weather – dark into light; they are an emergence or birth, and are joyous occasions. This is Holy Week for Christians and Passover for Jewish folks. Weather at our tiny spec on the globe is no exception: it's as close to perfection as one could imagine. The air is warm and clear with above average temperatures and Santa Ana winds blowing. Is this depiction historically accurate, weather-wise? Back to the Holy Land, a few years ago ...

According to the New Testament, Jesus was crucified outside Jerusalem in Golgotha. Springtime is normally rain-free and mild. Similar to our Santa Anas, warm and dry windstorms or *siroccos* are common during March and April. It is noted by Matthew, Luke and John, the sky became dark mid-day at His death. Was it noted to be reflective of the solemn eventuality or just a weather event?

Passover begins on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nissan and continues for eight days. It usually falls in early spring (autumn in the southern hemisphere) during April or late March. As the Hebrews escaped slavery in Egypt it would have been to their advantage for the mass "Exodus" to take place in the most ideal weather for travel: not too hot and not too cold. People and carts could easily get slowed down by rain or stuck in mud, so it seems there was a touch of the divine to assure no rain.

Yesterday, upon finishing writing, the winds were "a'blowin" as our thermometer hit 91 degrees! On Easter Sunday/last day of Passover a marine layer will drop temperatures in Southern California; April showers are likely in northern areas.

Wishes for a Joyous Passover & Easter

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CV WEEKLY OFFICES CLOSED HALF DAY

The offices of the CV Weekly will close at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, April 1 (no fooling).

LA COUNTY GIVEN OKAY TO MOVE TO ORANGE

The state determined this week that LA County can move from the red, or substantial, tier into the orange, or moderate, tier. Some indoor business operations can reopen with modifications. The decision to move from the red tier to the orange tier was based on metrics determined by the state.

It is expected that the County will implement the move from the red tier to the orange tier on Monday, April 5.

To learn more, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, morning, April 3. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

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

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AT USC-VHH

From National Doctors' Day (March 30) through National Nurses Week starting on May 6, the community is invited to participate in the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's "Honor Your Health Care Heroes" campaign by recognizing its doctors, nurses and caregiving teams.

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Touring the New Normal of In-Person Learning

By Mary O'KEEFE

Congressman Adam Schiff toured Balboa Elementary School in Glendale a few days prior to students returning to class on March 29 to see the preparations made by school staff to make certain the school was ready for in-person learning.

Principal Sona Arakelyan was joined on the tour by several members of the Glendale Unified School District including Superintendent Vivian Ekchian and school board president Dr. Armina Gharpetian.

The District had already established student "pods" at the school for a small number of students but more children in grades transitional kindergarten through second grade were expected to return to in-person learning on March 29.

Earlier in March, Los Angeles County moved from purple tier to red tier, allowing school districts to open to more in-person learning. (On April 5, the county will move from the red tier to the orange tier.) At a March meeting the GUSD board of education voted to offer in-person learning for elementary school students.

For teachers and staff, all have been offered the COVID-19 vaccine thanks to the District's partnership with local hospitals and Walgreens. Everyone who would like a vaccine can get one, Ekchian said.

She added that a survey of District staff found that about 75% said they were interested in getting the vaccine; reasons some gave for not receiving the shot were that they had recently had COVID-19 and would have to wait while others just wanted to wait.

During the tour Principal Arakelyan pointed out how much work had been done to prepare for students returning to classrooms. She pointed out technology that will allow educators to teach students both in person and online. Students who want to remain in virtual studies can do so and will be viewed on a monitor by the teacher so they can participate in classroom discussions.

This new type of teaching is challenging but the teachers interviewed for this article all said they were up for that challenge.

"I like being back. I am ready to have that sense of normalcy," said Balboa Elementary sixth grade teacher Narine Yatundjian. "I love what I do and am excited to see some of the students in person. The kids are so excited; even seeing us in the classroom [excited them]. They can see that we are back, and they feel more connected."

Schiff toured one classroom where he could see the plastic screens installed on the students' desks and how students would be spaced six feet apart. He asked about air filters and was told that the HEPA filters were on constantly and classrooms were arranged so windows and doors could be opened for cross ventilation.

Many of the items that were added to protect students, teachers and staff were funded by the federal government through the CARES [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security] Act and new funding from the recently passed American Rescue Plan. During the tour both Arakelyan and Ekchian pointed out items that had been purchased with the help of federal funds.

Schiff said he wanted to visit the school to see how the District was planning to reopen and what safety precautions had been taken to ensure there was a safe learning environment



Balboa Elementary teacher Narine Yatundjian shows Congressman Schiff the protections in place to ensure safety in the classroom
Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

for students, teachers, administrators and staff.

"I know parents are eager to have their kids back in school and a lot of parents are deeply concerned. Now there will be an option of having your kid in school or continue remote learning," he said. "We have been providing a lot of funding through Congress to help schools reopen so my reason for coming is to see how that funding is being utilized to make sure that schools can reopen safely."

CVW was also able to tour Lincoln Elementary School and saw how the staff had prepared that school for a return to in-person learning. Similar to other schools in the District, all classrooms have a heating, ventilation and air conditioning [HVAC] system as well as a HEPA system. There were also doors and windows that opened allowing cross ventilation.

Students returning to school are separated into two separate "stable" groups: A and B. One

group will attend in-person school Monday and Tuesday and the other group will attend in person Thursday and Friday with Wednesdays being a deep cleaning day.

There was great attention given to keeping students six feet apart in the classroom, and they will also be monitored during playground time. The drinking fountains have been replaced with hand washing stations, and every other stall in the bathroom has been closed to allowing appropriate distancing.

"I am impressed," Schiff said of his tour at Balboa. "It is a Herculean challenge to adapt to this pandemic but various precautions are being taken in terms of the social distancing and HVAC systems and HEPA filters. I think these are the safeguards that need to be put in place to give parents and teachers the confidence knowing it is a safe working environment."

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Town Hall Meeting Held on COVID

By Mary O'KEEFE

State Senator Anthony Portantino and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger sponsored a COVID-19 town hall meeting last week that covered specific pandemic topics including vaccines, pediatric health and tenant/landlord relief.

Portantino and Barger focused the first part of the meeting on the medical side of COVID-19, which included speakers Pia S. Pannaraj, M.D., MPH, who is an associate professor of clinical pediatrics at Keck School of Medicine of USC and an infectious disease specialist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and Patricia Marquez Sung, MPH, CIC who is the manager of Infection Prevention and Control, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

During the town hall, Portantino and Barger admitted the vaccine roll out in January did not work as well as they had hoped, but said the number of people now being vaccinated is growing as more locations open up and more vaccines are available.

"California is ranked sixth in the world on COVID vaccinations administrated, which is good news," Portantino said.

He added health care workers had told him that by mid-April the demand for vaccines might be less than the supply available.

Barger said her office has received a lot of calls surrounding vaccination efforts.

"As the chair of the board of supervisors I was tasked with directing how the County would manage the pandemic," she said. Barger served as chair of the board of supervisors from December 2019 until December 2020.

She said the County is looking at how to bring the economy back and to safely reopen various sectors.

"I emphasize 'safely' because if we don't do it right we are going to be shut down again," Barger warned.

She added she wants children to return to in-person learning and said she has been contacted by "countless" numbers of parents and some students who spoke to her about their emotional and social issues due to ongoing virtual learning.

She highlighted that vaccinating LA County residents is an important part of returning to a more normal way of life. According to Barger, as of March 24, 3.2 million vaccine doses had been administered in LA County. The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines have been the most available in LA County; however, there is an expected increase in the availability of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The

Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a single dose vaccine.

"I believe Johnson & Johnson will be a game changer," Barger said.

She has received inquiries about the long lines at the Dodger Stadium vaccination clinic. She said that problem is being addressed by reorganizing the number of people who are registered, which she thinks will help curtail the long lines.

Sung spoke on the three vaccines approved for the U.S., Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, and that work is being done on creating a vaccine for children.

She stated there is not a vaccine for children under 16 years of age yet. Moderna is conducting trials for children from ages 12 to 17 and just started researching a vaccine for children six months to 11 years old. Pfizer is conducting trials for children 12 to 15 years old. Johnson & Johnson has reported it expects to have a vaccine available by September for children younger than 18 years old.

"Pfizer has started trials for 12-year-old [to 15-year-old children]," Pannaraj said.

As of Wednesday, Pfizer announced its vaccine demonstrated 100% efficacy and robust antibody responses "exceeding those recorded earlier in vaccinated participants aged 16 to 25 years of age."

The research for a children's vaccine is complicated. It is not simply recalculating the dosage from an adult level to that for a child.

"Children are not just little adults," Pannaraj said. "We can't say, 'We know the vaccine works in adults so now let's give it to children.'"

Companies have to gather a lot of data to move forward with a children's vaccine, she added.

She also believes it is important that children return to in-person school, adding there have been several cities and countries that either did not shut down school at all or have already returned to in-person learning.

There is no data that shows an increase in the transmission of COVID-19 in schools, she said.

The subject of COVID variants was also discussed. Sung said that sometimes new variants emerge from the first virus, and that sometimes that variant can disappear over time while others remain.

"So far studies have suggested the current vaccines protect against the [known] variants," Sung said.

She added it was important for people not to "vaccine shop."

"It is recommended you take the vaccine that is offered to you when

it is your time," she advised.

Although millions are being vaccinated the Country is still "far below" the number needed to attain herd immunity.

Herd immunity, or community immunity, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is "a situation in which a sufficient proportion of a population is immune to an infectious disease (through vaccination and/or prior illness) to make its spread from person to person unlikely. Even individuals not vaccinated (such as newborns and those with chronic illnesses) are offered some protection because the disease has little opportunity to spread within the community."

Sung said the same precautions should be taken by people even if they are fully vaccinated. New guidelines released by the CDC state that those who are fully vaccinated can gather indoors without masks with others who have been vaccinated. But those who have been vaccinated are advised to continue following all social distancing regulations.

Vaccines are the best defense we have against infectious diseases, and these new findings are promising. However, no vaccine is 100% effective for everyone. Therefore, it's possible that some people who are fully vaccinated could get COVID-19, and the evidence is not yet clear if they could spread the virus to others. CDC is continuing to evaluate the science," responded the CDC to a question by CVW.

During the virtual town hall meeting, a question was asked if there was a difference between the two shot process, Pfizer and Moderna, and the single dose Johnson & Johnson. The Pfizer and Moderna shots are designed so the first shot is the "loading dose" that "primes" the immune system and the second dose, which is given 21 to 28 days after the first dose, is a booster shot. The Johnson & Johnson generates the same response with only one shot.

"Across the board, all three are protective against the [virus]," Sung added.

Another question concerned parents who are vaccinated but their child is not: does that pose a risk to the child?

According to Pannaraj, parents can socialize with others following the CDC guidelines but when they are out in public they are still at risk of carrying the COVID-19 virus and possibly giving it to someone else - like their child. She, like Sung, advised everyone, whether they are vaccinated or not, to continue to follow the CDC and LA County guidelines.

Next week CVW will cover the discussion on relief for renters and landlords.



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State of the City Address Falls Short

By Justin HAGER

More than a year after the COVID-19 pandemic began, local governments, small businesses, community organizations, and individuals alike continue to struggle to adjust to the new normal of virtual meetings and online socializing. Nowhere was the struggle to adjust more evident than the Glendale State of the City address hosted on Wednesday, March 31 by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

The introduction by Chamber of Commerce Chairman Alex Bruno, combined with the theme of the event, "Moving Forward: State of the City 2021," provided an optimistic sense that perhaps it would be the beginning of something new, exciting and different after a tumultuous year dominated by civil and political unrest and a worldwide pandemic.

Rather than deliver a live state of the city address in which Mayor Agajanian celebrated the accomplishments of 2020 and his vision for the future of 2021, he instead pre-recorded a few words of gratitude for his fellow elected official and the small-business community hosting the event. His presentation then focused on transitions and stock images attempting to sell the virtues and accomplishments of Glendale and the city government in 2020 but lacked mention of the struggles or concerns of its citizens, small-businesses, civic organizations, and residents.

Many of the accomplishments of

the city during the past year are worth celebrating: adapting to a rapidly evolving global pandemic while still finding ways to improve streets and parks, provide at-home recreational programming, create new safer-streets corridors, deliver food to those in need, and implement a ground-breaking inclusion, diversity, equity and anti-racism curriculum. However, the address failed to discuss any of the potential challenges the city currently faces, or provide any vision for the future or on how to overcome those challenges.

Actor, businessman and Glendale resident Mario Lopez also delivered a pre-recorded message that praised local businesses and criticized federal, state and even local officials for sending inconsistent, ever-changing and confusing messaging and regulations. He called on government to assist small businesses in every way possible, including loosening restrictions that make it difficult for businesses to stay open during these difficult times. He also called on the public to do its part by shopping locally, ordering take-out and tipping appropriately. He also announced a new promotional campaign, made in partnership with the Greater Downtown Glendale Association, inviting people to record themselves as they reimagine the lyrics to popular songs in a way that welcomes people back to Glendale and invites them to shop locally. Participants will have the opportunity to win up to \$2,000 in downtown shopping bucks.

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A Busy Sunday for MSR

By Mary O'KEEFE

Montrose Search and Rescue (MSR) team had a busy Sunday. The day started out as a training day in the Angeles National Forest but soon the team was responding to distress calls.

"We had received a call [Sunday] morning regarding someone having [a medical issue] at the Mt. Lukens, Haines Canyon area," said Sgt. John Gilbert, Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept., Crescenta Valley Station.

Before they arrived though the Los Angeles City Fire Dept. responded to the call and found a male in his 50s who was deceased. His identification is pending notification to next of kin, according to LA County Coroner's Office.

The MSR team then went back to training but was called out again concerning a hiker who had reportedly slipped and fell in the lower parking lot at Switzer Falls. MSR, as well as the U.S. Forest Service and Los Angeles County Fire Dept., responded. The hiker was treated.

"Later that day, around 1 or 2 [p.m.], there was another call of someone having a lower leg injury by [Switzer] Falls," Gilbert said.

The MSR team responded and hiked into the area; again U.S. Forest and LA County

also responded.

"We found the [hiker] down off the trail on Bear Canyon, which is south of [Switzer Falls]," he said.

That hiker had to be airlifted by LASD to a hospital.

Once MSR finished the day of training and were back at the CV Station another call came in about 5 p.m. – their fourth callout for the day. This time the call was regarding overdue hikers who at also been at Switzer Falls.

"[The hikers] had planned to meet family at 1 p.m.," Gilbert said.

When the two hikers did not return at the scheduled time their family called sheriff's department; MSR headed to Switzer Falls.

As they arrived the two hikers walked out of the forest. They had anticipated hiking to the bottom of the Falls but missed a turn in the trail that added "a lot of mileage" to the hike, Gilbert said.

With the weather getting warmer people want to hike. Switzer Falls is a good day hike; however, things can go wrong.

"It is a nice, easy hike but there are a lot of places where you could lose your footing on several trails and miss [trail] markings," Gilbert said.

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Glendale Water & Power Earn Recognition

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) has again earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for providing reliable and safe electric service. This is GWP's fourth time earning this designation.

The Diamond RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. GWP joins more than 275 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP3 designation.

"I am proud of the work our team has put into earning this designation," said Michael De Ghetto, P.E., acting general manager of GWP. "This is the culmination of hard work from dedicated public servants who really care about powering our community. This designation is about more than reliability; it's about operational excellence and we are extremely honored to represent the best of the best in the areas of reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement."

"I think, over the last year or so, we've seen the vital importance of running a reliable and safe

utility," added Aaron Haderle, chair of APPA's RP3 Review Panel and manager of Transmission and Distribution Operations at Kissimmee Utility Authority, Florida. "The utilities receiving the RP3 designation have proven that they are committed to running a top-notch public power utility by implementing industry best practices."

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Correction

In the March 25 issue of the CV Weekly, the correct spelling of the name of the director of the City of Hope's Center for Gene Therapy is Dr. John Zaia.



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UCLA Bruins Make History

By Justin HAGER

The UCLA Bruins made history Tuesday night, defeating the heavily favored No. 1 seed Michigan Wolverines, 51-49 to advance to the NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball Final Four. Being one of the top-four teams in the country is a noteworthy accomplishment, though it is a position UCLA is accustomed to being in – it has the second most Final Four appearances in men's basketball history. But this Bruins team is special, even by LA standards.

Two weeks ago, UCLA wasn't sure if it would even make the 68-team tournament. That's right: 68 teams get in to the NCAA tournament and UCLA still wasn't sure if it would make it. When it did, it was the third-to-last team included in the tournament field and earned a No. 11 seed in its region. Two weeks later, it is only the sixth double-digit seed to reach the Final Four since the tournament expanded in 1985.

The journey to the Final Four included upset victories over Alabama, the No. 5-ranked

overall team in the tournament, and Michigan, the No. 3-ranked overall team in the tournament. If the team finds a way to defeat No. 1 overall seed Gonzaga, they will become the first double-digit seed to appear in the national championship game.

But a victory over Gonzaga would be truly momentous as Gonzaga enters the game as an undefeated 30-win team, with 29 of those 30 wins being by 10 points or more. Gonzaga's most recent win came at the expense of UCLA's cross-town rival and fellow double-digit seeded

underdog, USC, which lost to Gonzaga 85-66. USC beat UCLA twice this season.

While victory against Gonzaga may be unlikely, so was everything else about the Bruins (and Trojans) unexpected runs in this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. So for now, celebrate the possibility that by this time next week the UCLA Bruins could join the LA Lakers and LA Dodgers as the third Los Angeles team with the current title of "reigning national champion."



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CRIME BLOTTER

March 27

600 block of Foxwood Road in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a burglary alarm at a home. They found a window had been broken and several rooms ransacked. Nothing was reported stolen. The burglary occurred at 10:25 p.m.

March 26

Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest, a hiker left her vehicle with the windows rolled up and doors locked. When she returned to her vehicle she found the windows rolled down and the sunroof of the vehicle open. The keyhole on

the car's door was damaged. She did not report anything missing.

The incident occurred between 10 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

March 24

Altura and La Crescenta avenues in La Crescenta, a suspect was arrested on

suspicion of grand auto theft at 10:36 a.m.

2300 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, the rear window of a vehicle was shattered on a vehicle and several items were stolen from the vehicle's trunk overnight.

GPD REPORTS

Two Males Arrested, Handgun Located

On March 29 just after 3 a.m., patrol officers were driving on Colorado Street near the 5 Freeway entrance when they conducted a records check of a vehicle turning onto the on-ramp and discovered that there was an arrest warrant attached to the plate for an Antonio Pineda-Sanchez.

The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle (occupied by four individuals) to further investigate. They contacted the driver, identified as 21-year-old Antonio Pineda-Sanchez of North Hollywood, the same male listed in the warrant. Pineda-Sanchez was found to be driving on a suspended license and had multiple warrants out for his

arrest.

While speaking with the passengers of the vehicle, an officer observed one of them, 21-year-old Immanuel Soto of Los Angeles, was slurring his words and appeared intoxicated. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a handgun without a serial number inside of a backpack. Soto claimed ownership of the backpack.

Pineda-Sanchez was subsequently arrested and booked for driving on a suspended license and for his two outstanding warrants; Soto was arrested and booked for carrying a concealed weapon in public.

she had an emergency and needed a car.

A search of the stolen vehicle produced a backpack of which Gomez claimed ownership. Inside of the backpack was a credit card belonging to another individual and a shaved vehicle key. Officers also located a baggie of methamphetamine (of which Gomez also claimed ownership), mail belonging to two different individuals and a second shaved key.

Gomez was subsequently arrested and booked for vehicle theft, identity theft, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of burglary tools.

Female Arrested for Vehicle Theft, Illegal Drugs and Identity Theft

On March 25 just before 8 a.m., a patrol officer was driving through a motel parking lot on the 1500 block of East Colorado Street when s/he conducted a records check of an unoccupied parked vehicle and discovered that it was reported stolen.

The officer conducted surveillance on the vehicle and observed a female, later identified as 29-year-old Lucia Gomez of Los Angeles, walk toward the stolen vehicle, unlock the driver's door and begin placing items into the car. Officers detained Gomez and she informed them she was currently on probation. Gomez also admitted to stealing the vehicle because

Male Arrested for Catalytic Converter Theft and Identity Theft

On March 18 at approximately 7:30 p.m., officers on patrol in the area of Boynton Street and Chevy Chase Drive observed a vehicle traveling in front of them with the reflective coating removed from its rear license plate, a violation of the vehicle code. The officers conducted a records check of the vehicle and discovered that its registration had expired in 2017, but it had a 2022 registration sticker on its rear license plate. While the officers were behind the vehicle, it stalled in the roadway and the driver turned on the emergency flashers.

The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle for the observed code violations and contacted the driver,

identified as 24-year-old Andrew Zamora of Glendale. Zamora told the officers he was an unlicensed driver and that he was currently on parole. While speaking with Zamora, the officers observed a large carjack in plain view in the back seat of the vehicle.

In addition to the car jack, a search of the vehicle produced a California driver's license belonging to another individual, a hand saw, a can of spray paint, a disabled parking placard belonging to another individual, and a folder containing gang graffiti drawings along with monikers from a known gang.

Zamora's vehicle was impounded at the scene due to it not being registered since 2017. Since Zamora was confirmed to be on active parole, officers performed a parole compliance check at his residence. At Zamora's residence, officers located a cut catalytic converter along with multiple other car parts that had been cut off from vehicles and more gang-related spray paint on the walls of Zamora's garage.

Zamora was subsequently arrested and booked for grand theft, identity theft, misappropriation of lost property, driving without a license and for having a false registration tab on his car. Due to Los Angeles County's emergency "zero dollar" bail schedule, Zamora was released from custody within two hours with a notice to appear in court for his violations at a later date.



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Obituary

Eva Kirby



March 19, 2021

After one-hundred years of having lived an extraordinary life, Eva Kirby, a brilliant educator and visionary, passed away peacefully on March 19, just two days after her 100th birthday celebration. She was preceded in death by William Paul Kirby, her beloved husband of 45 years, a dedicated educator and elementary school principal in Los Angeles Unified School District, and her brother, Dr. David Adkisson, and his wife Beverly.

After graduating from UCLA, Mrs. Kirby began her career serving the students of LAUSD as a science teacher at Dorsey High School while a training teacher at USC and a night school counselor at Huntington Park High School. She was also assistant principal of Van Nuys and William Howard Taff high schools, and principal of Verdugo Hills High School, Millikan Junior High School, and North Hollywood High School from which she retired in 1979 after 32 years in education. Throughout all of her accomplishments, perhaps her most important was the training of young men and women to become effective school administrators and at the time of her retirement these administrators stood to show their appreciation for her leadership and guidance.

Mrs. Kirby served the District on numerous committees, was active in professional organizations, and served two terms as president of the North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce while administering the North Hollywood satellite campus of California Lutheran College and teaching graduate courses in education.

Mrs. Kirby and her husband Bill traveled the world on vacations and sabbaticals and after retirement lived an active life in Olympia, Washington. Her activities included teaching a Bible study for legislators on the Capitol campus, and she had a daily radio program leading the county in prayer for our nation. She also worked in jail ministry and gave seminars for the North West Christian Education Conference.

Her brother and his wife Beverly later urged her to move with them to Covenant Village in Turlock, California where she taught Bible studies to large groups and trained others to continue her work. She was chosen Woman of the Year for her teaching and mentoring. She has had many honors bestowed on her during her life's journey, but considered her greatest honor to be a bearer of the name "Christian" and to serve her Lord.

Obituary

Jo Ann Teeple Weber



March 8, 2021

Jo Ann Teeple Weber passed away March 8 in Clearfield, Utah. Jo Ann was born in Los Angeles to Franklin and Augusta Teeple. She and her sister Doris Teeple Moore grew up in Inglewood where, as a child, Jo Ann loved working with her father in the family's neighborhood market.

Jo Ann was very active in the Sea Scouts and Girl Scouts, continuing that interest with her daughters as a leader many times over in later years. Jo Ann attended Pepperdine University as a physical education major where she met her beloved husband of 54 years, Richard Weber. They settled in Montrose when Dick became a PE teacher at Rosemont Junior High School.

Jo Ann, who was always on the go, kept busy as a substitute teacher, representative of Forest Lawn and, for many years, the floor manager at Glendale Self Aid Workshop. However, her favorite job was as partner with her sister Doris in Two Sisters Antiques.

In retirement, Jo Ann and Dick settled in Utah and loved taking many trips, both with family and together. Their last dream trip was to Quebec, Canada for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jo Ann is survived by her three children: Nancy, Debbie and Scott; her six grandchildren: Ryan, Eric, Aubree, Rebecca, Caitlin and Rory; her dachshund, Cherry, and Siamese cat Missy.

Obituary

Diane Sharon Landisi



Dec. 6, 1942 – Feb. 26, 2021

Diane Sharon Landisi, 78, passed away at her home in Glendale on Feb. 26.

Diane was born Dec. 6, 1942 to Luigi Louis and Emily Melitta Sabatini in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. At 13, her family moved to Burbank. After graduating from high school, she worked as a secretary in the international division at Crocker National Bank. On Oct. 25, 1976, Diane married Anthony Gerard Landisi. They were married nearly 46 years.

Diane was a secretary for over two decades at Glendale Community College. She was proud of her work and always went above and beyond. She was efficient, organized and reliable.

Diane loved languages, culture, movies and books. She valued education. No doubt this is what inspired both of her children, Tracey Renee and Brian Anthony, to learn and teach Spanish, enjoy traveling and pursue advanced degrees.

Diane was a powerful force and loved her family fiercely. She loved conversation and treasured her close friends.

Diane is survived by her husband, son and daughter, son-in-law Kenneth Raymond Jones, and five grandchildren: Elena Diane, Anthony Kenneth, Leo Gerard, Dominic Brian and Monica Renee Jones.

Diane was laid to rest on March 26 at Forest Lawn - Glendale.

LA County Ready to Move to Orange Tier

Los Angeles County has met the threshold for the less restrictive orange tier in the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. On March 30 the State released updated numbers; LA County's adjusted case rate dropped from 3.7 new cases per 100,000 people to 3.1 new cases per 100,000 people. The test positivity rate dropped from 1.8% to 1.5% and in areas with the fewest health affirming resources, L.A. County's test positivity rate dropped from 2.5% to 2.1%.

A revised Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will go into effect on Monday, April 5 at 12:01 a.m. to reflect newly permitted activities. This allows the County to follow the state guidelines and wait until three weeks are completed in the red tier to be sure that case numbers do not rise this third week since the County's earlier re-openings. The Health Officer Order and modified directives for businesses will be posted on Friday, with an effective date of April 5. Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health (Public Health) teams will be available this week and through the weekend to provide information about upcoming changes, allowing establishments to be prepared for full compliance with the required safety modifications.

On April 5, assuming County case numbers do not increase, the following changes will be made to the Health Officer Order:

Bars that do not provide meals will be allowed to open outdoors with distancing, masking and infection control safety measures. Indoor operations are not permitted. Masks are required except when people are eating or drinking. There can be no counter seating and people can eat or drink only when they are seated. Tables must be eight feet apart, with a maximum of six people from up to three different households. There can be no live entertainment, television is permitted, and hours of operations are from 11:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Breweries, wineries, distilleries that do not serve meals can remain open outdoors and can also open indoors at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer. These establishments will follow the same public health directives as bars for their outdoor areas; however, there are additional requirements for indoor spaces: reservations are required for indoor seating, there is a maximum of six people per table and they must be from the same household, and there is no live entertainment or television viewing indoors.

Restaurants can increase capacity for indoor dining to 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is less with continued safety

modifications.

- *Cardrooms* can operate indoors at 25% capacity. There must be eight feet of distancing between tables and masks are always required. Food and beverages remain banned from card tables.
 - *Places of worship* can hold services indoors at 50% capacity.
 - *Fitness centers* can operate indoors at 25% capacity and indoor pools can now re-open. Masks are always required unless swimming.
 - *Movie theatres* can increase capacity to 50% or 200 people, whichever is less. Seats must be reserved, and each group must have 6 feet of distance from other groups in all directions. Eating is allowed in only designated areas or in your reserved seat.
 - *Family entertainment centers* can open indoors at 25% capacity for distanced activities, such as bowling or escape rooms. Masks remain required.
 - *Grocery and retail stores* can increase capacity to 75%, although Public Health strongly recommends grocery stores remain at 50% capacity until April 15 to allow as many grocery store workers as possible get vaccinated.
 - *Hair salons, barbershops and personal care services* can increase capacity to 75% with masks required, except for services where customers need to remove their masks. For services where customers must remove their face coverings, staff must wear a fitted N95 or a mask with a face shield.
 - *Museums, zoos and aquariums* can be open indoors at 50% capacity.
 - *Youth and adult recreational sports* can apply to Public Health for approval for athletic events, tournaments or competitions that involve more than two teams or multiple individuals.
- In a study released on March 29 of about 4,000 health care personnel, police, firefighters and other essential workers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the vaccines reduced the risk of infection, both asymptomatic and symptomatic infection, by 80% after one dose and that protection increased to 90% following the second dose. Different from the clinical trials, which are tightly controlled and showed that the vaccines are highly effective preventing hospitalizations and deaths, this study shows just how effective the vaccines are in preventing infections in real-life conditions. The findings of this study are significant and provide evidence that the vaccines can both reduce transmission and save lives.

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residents to participate in Denim Day on Wednesday, April 28 by showing support for survivors of sexual assault by wearing jeans or other denim clothing. The second proclamation was presented to Dr. Gary Shaffer, director of Glendale Library, Arts, & Culture, and recognized the week of April 4-10 as National Library Week.

Other items considered during the meeting included changes to the mayoral selection process, a discussion of a polystyrene ban at city-hosted and city-sponsored events, a presentation by GWP on its 100% Clean Energy by 2030 study, the acceptance of \$60,000 in state-grant funds to install electric bus charging stations, and the establishment of a pension review committee.

The pension review committee was a particularly contentious topic, especially as it related to whether city employee bargaining units should serve on the committee. Responding to public comment, Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian gave an impassioned speech about the importance and excellence of city staff and the need for transparency and representation of the people who would be most affected by any changes to the CalPERS contract. Councilmembers eventually settled on a 15-person commission with each councilmember having two nominations and the additional five seats being filled by representatives of the collective bargaining units.

BTS from Cover

Negotiations with teachers have been ongoing since the shutdown and continue with meetings on Wednesdays between the Glendale Teachers Association and GUSD. Teachers had to immediately switch from in-person teaching to virtual teaching, which for some meant having to increase their Internet bandwidth at their homes and becoming tech-savvy overnight. Students and parents had the same scramble to get up to the technical standards needed to attend classes at home. Parents had to rework schedules and, in some cases, had to quit their jobs to stay home with their student/s.

Recently, some parents began demonstrating their frustrations with their children still learning virtually. They held signs and marched in support of students going back to school. They voiced concerns about the growing number of children suffering from depression and other mental health issues and the struggles with some

students who were falling behind in learning.

"We were blindsided on March 13, 2020. Since that day we have come together ... for a potential return to [in-person] learning," said GUSD board member Greg Krikorian. "I am hopeful to open for [secondary]."

He added he would like to, at the minimum, have this year's high school seniors be part of an in-person, socially distant, graduation ceremony.

But for now excitement is focused on elementary school.

"The Lincoln team has been hard at work preparing for the safe return of TK through second grade students. [Monday] morning I felt like Willy Wonka opening the gates to the chocolate factory," said Barbara Fariss, principal of Lincoln Elementary School. "We are so happy to have the opportunity to have students on campus. It was clear, even behind masks, that students and teachers were excited to be together

in person. All classrooms are set up with Plexiglass dividers and social distancing. It was very impressive to see teachers working simultaneously with students in class and remotely. There can be no doubt that teachers have once again proven that they are super heroes."

SHERIFF from Cover

ing agency for what address. In Crescenta Valley the unincorporated areas of LA County – La Crescenta and Montrose are under the LA County Sheriff's Dept./CV Station; however, traffic issues within the local area are the responsibility of the California Highway Patrol. In La Cañada Flintridge, the LASD/CV Station covers the entire city. Areas that are west of Pennsylvania Avenue and area below Montrose Avenue are under the jurisdictions of the City of Glendale, but the agency representing Crescenta Valley Park is LASD-Parks Division. So though it can be confusing all agencies work together.

Deeds said he is not certain what types of questions to expect but, from the calls the station has received in the past, common questions will be about the types of crimes in the area, if crime is increasing and what are some of the efforts by the LASD.

"The sheriff will be willing to answer anything throughout the County," Deeds said. "He is responsible for all areas throughout the County. I will be able to weigh in on more specific things."

Deeds added his station's deputies have seen an increase in catalytic converter thefts, which is also a national problem. They have also seen an increase in larceny thefts and burglary from vehicles.

Another concern is street racing – a common issue throughout LA County. There have been calls concerning cars racing up and down Foothill Boulevard as well as along the Angeles Crest Highway. The CV Station has increased law enforcement efforts in that area, he said.

"We have really increased efforts in speeding and reckless and distracted driving [issues]," he said.

The meeting is a way for residents to have general questions answered by the sheriff and local issues addressed by Capt. Deeds. To join the meeting, register online at <https://bit.ly/38LUJqd>. The access code is 146 244 1802. To listen only, call (213) 306-3065. Questions can be submitted to SIBEPT@lasd.org; indicate they are for the Crescenta Valley Station session on April 6. The area of residence or business should be noted.

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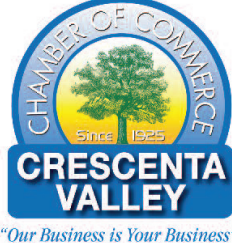
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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The 1978 Pinecrest Mudslide – Part 3

In the last couple of weeks I wrote about the Genofile family, and their dramatic brush with death during a massive mudflow. In February 1978, the fire-swept hillsides above the Pinecrest development had cut loose during heavy rains. The “debris slug,” a destructive mix of water, mud and rocks, had raced down Pine Cone Road in the middle of the night, carrying cars parked on the street ahead of it. The Genofile house at the bottom of Pine Cone Road was inundated, but on the road above them there were other dramatic events.

Above the cul-de-sac at the top of Pine Cone Road was Shields Canyon Debris Basin. It had completely filled with mud and rocks from a series of

storms that were hitting LA. A big cloudburst at 1:30 a.m. sent a big wall of mud and rocks down Shields Canyon. It went right over the dam of the debris basin, and continued down Pine Cone Road. The noise must have been tremendous as gigantic boulders bounced heavily in the churning mud.

A Mrs. Barr at 5448 Pine Cone Road heard her daughter scream, which was drowned out by the roar of the debris slug speeding by. In the blackness, she stepped out her front door and fell into a hole where her front yard had been. Her neighbor, Charles Hall at 5438, was on his front porch watching the rain. He watched helplessly as his car, along with two others, vanished down

the street in front of the mud wall. The mud and rock, now churning with cars, slalomed down the steep curving road, hitting houses with glancing blows before finally slamming into the Genofile house at the bottom of the road.

The passing debris slug had severely damaged a dozen houses along Pine Cone Road. Several homes that fronted Pine Cone Road had their front yards scoured away. The house at 5564 Pine Cone Road was filled four feet deep with mud. Backyard swimming pools of some houses were completely filled with mud. A house off Pine Cone, at the end of Pinelawn, received mud from one of the side canyons above the Pinecrest development. Mud and

rocks blocked the doors of their house and the family was trapped inside.

It must have been terrifying for the residents of Pinecrest; in the darkness just after the 1:30 a.m. flood they had no idea if more was coming. At 2 a.m., sheriff cars roamed the dark streets. Over their loudspeakers they urged residents to evacuate. Most stayed and some wouldn't have been able to negotiate the rock covered streets if they wanted to leave. Any car that had been parked on the street on Pine Cone Road was gone, swept down to the Genofile house and piled against the front of their house or strewn in their backyard.

In the morning, dazed residents

came out onto the street to survey the rock-covered streets, the damage to their homes and to the homes of neighbors. It was not just homes along Pine Cone Road that had been hit, but several homes facing tributary canyons, such as Eagle and Goss, had also been damaged. A few residents whose homes were now uninhabitable made the trek down the hill to Crescenta Valley High School, where an emergency evacuation center had been set up.

Help streamed up Rosemont, La Crescenta and Ramsdell avenues. Utilities' crews struggled to restore power, water and gas to Pinecrest. Bulldozers and backhoes were trailered up by county crews and private contractors to begin clearing the streets. Many Crescenta Valley residents walked up the hill with shovels in hand to volunteer to dig out homes hard hit. Even a German shepherd that had been washed down the hill from his Pinecrest yard returned home that morning.

The most important task though was being swiftly performed by County Flood Control crews who attacked with backhoes and dump trucks the Shields Canyon Debris Basin that had overflowed the night before, trying to ready it for any following storms.

Next week I'll cover damage from this 1978 storm in surrounding communities.

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history.

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IEWS FROM THE VALLEY

» SUSAN BOLAN

It's A Small World After All

Sometimes I feel like the universe tilts just a little, causing me to spill back to my childhood and reflect on all those precious memories. That happened to me, right as we were ushering in 2021.

In December, I had purchased several copies of the same book from the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley to give as Christmas gifts to my siblings. The book was titled, “Growing Up in Sunland and Other Short Stories” by Tom Gilfoy, an author who still lives nearby. Since I, indeed, did grow up in Sunland, I thought it might be fun to reminisce about the old days. I bought an extra copy for me and sat down to read it after the holidays.

I was instantly

see BOLAN on page 22

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Prom Plus Club President David Green looks over the beginning of the box that will house the little free library.

By Isabella MEGERDECHIAN, intern

The Prom Plus Club is doing everything it can to help the community during this time of isolation. The Fire House, located on the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Rosemont Avenue, is where Prom Plus Club members meet to discuss and work on their projects. Their current project is a little free library and a food drive: Little free food pantry.

Little free libraries can be found throughout the community. Many boxes are on private property, though some are on public street corners. They typically house an assortment of donated books. Community members are encouraged to browse the titles available then choose a book to take home. The one that Prom Plus Club members, in cooperation with the Fire House, is working on will be installed at the east end of the building at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

Prom Plus Club has received many donations of books for kids from the community to put into its little library. Prom Plus Club members have also received donations of food to put in their food pantry so that the community has easy access to

everything they need.

David Green, 15, is president of the Prom Plus Club. He said that a goal of the Club is to give people access to things they need and let them know that the Fire House is still an outreach spot.

“We just want people to know that the Fire House is always here,” he said.

He added that the inspiration for starting the little library was remembering how happy children were in libraries, when they were ready to pick out a new book. Since the pandemic, kids haven’t been able to do that, and Prom Plus Club wanted to give kids access to books.

Prom Plus Club members added that, before the pandemic when school was in session, middle and high school students came to the Fire House regularly to enjoy a meal and have a good time. Before and after school, students came to hang out, play games, do homework, study and eat.

As the Prom Plus Club members said, “We are always here to help the community.”

The Prom Plus Club will continue to hold food drives in the future to keep the little free food pantry well stocked.

Bruin Bound



Congratulations to CV Weekly intern Lori Bodnar who was accepted by UCLA and will be starting her college career in the fall.

Local Eagle Scout’s Service Project Advances to Regional Project of the Year Competition

By Wendy TATEISHI

Patrick Venezia, an Eagle Scout in Troop 319 and a senior at Crescenta Valley High School, is the Verdugo Hills Council-BSA choice for the 2020 Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award, presented by the National Eagle Scout Association. The award recognizes valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout through completion of an Eagle Scout project.

Over six weekends last July and August, Venezia and his team cleared 812 feet of brush at the upper section of Dunsmore Canyon Trail in Deukmejian Wilderness Park. His goal was to clear a six-foot wide path, suitable for two hikers to pass easily. It was especially



challenging as some areas of the trail width were as narrow as a foot.

For his contribution to fire mitigation and recreational safety, Venezia’s project was selected by Verdugo Hills Council to be considered for the Scouts BSA Western region award. The regional award also grants \$500 for future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility. At the national level, the prize increases to \$2,500.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/YOUTH

YOUTH NOTES

CVIM Spring Concert

The Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Virtual Spring Concert will be Friday, April 9 at 7 p.m. The event showcases the hard work of the music students. As a bonus, the marching band’s virtual field show from last semester will be shown.

Also on April 9, the school drumline will be playing at CVHS at 3:30 p.m. for football’s home game. Note that, unfortunately, spectators will not be permitted in the stadium.

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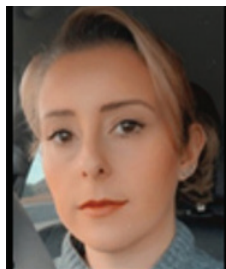
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CARE FOR SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

Bright yellow daffodils, colorful tulips and fragrant hyacinths brighten spring gardens. Give them the care they need to extend their spring display and keep them coming back for years.

Hybrid tulips and hyacinths are short-lived stars of the spring garden. They bloom profusely the first spring, but the number of flowers decline each year. Gardeners may want to treat these like annuals, carefully removing them from the garden to avoid damaging any remaining plants. Toss these in the compost pile and start planning for their replacements. It is a great opportunity to try

something new and freshen the look of your spring garden. If you are looking for a permanent replacement, consider using species tulips that are less floriferous but return each year.

Add a few years to the life of hybrid tulips and daffodils and get the most from all your long-lived spring flowering bulbs with proper care. Water spring gardens thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and just slightly moist. Spring rains often take care of this task, but when they don't it is easy to forget to provide spring gardens with the water they need. Providing the right amount of water when needed will keep bulbs looking their best.

Bulbs often receive sufficient nutrients at the time of planting or when the other plants in the garden are fertilized. Apply fertilizer to established bulb plantings, if needed, as the leaves begin to emerge from the soil. Use a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer to encourage slow steady growth. Follow the label directions to apply the recommended amount for the area being fertilized.

Remove spent flowers on tulips and hyacinths you

plan to keep so the energy is directed back into the bulbs instead of setting seeds. Do the same if you want to improve the appearance of daffodils. Leave allium seed heads in place to extend their beautiful contribution to the garden. Remove these before they drop their seeds to limit the number of seedlings sprouting in next year's garden. The same is true for grape hyacinths and squills. The only reason to remove their faded flowers is to slow down the spread.

Leave the leaves on bulbs until they naturally yellow and dry. The leaves produce energy needed for beautiful blooms next

spring. The longer the leaves are left intact, the more energy and better bloom for next season.

Hide the declining bulb leaves by planting annuals between the bulbs. Or add perennial flowers that return each year for a more permanent solution. As the bulbs decline, the perennials will grow and mask the declining foliage. Try mixing spring flowering perennials for double the impact or combine with summer and fall bloomers to extend the floral show.

Take some pictures of your spring bulb display and make notes of the areas where you want to add some color. Then order early for the best selection and to make sure you are ready for bulb planting season next fall.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything DVD series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio program*. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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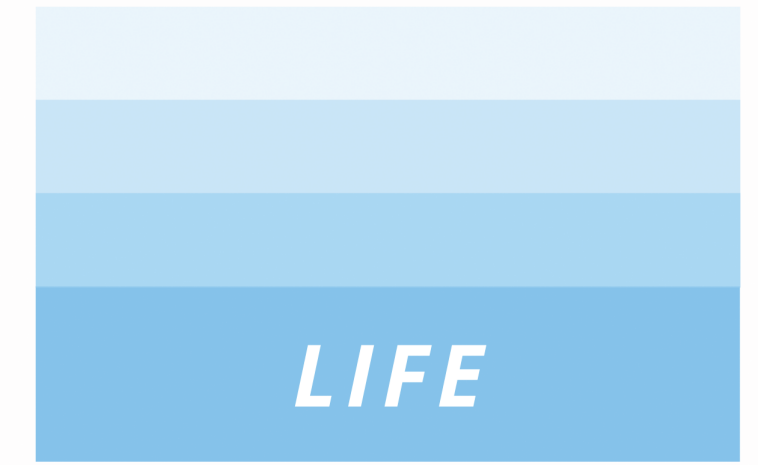
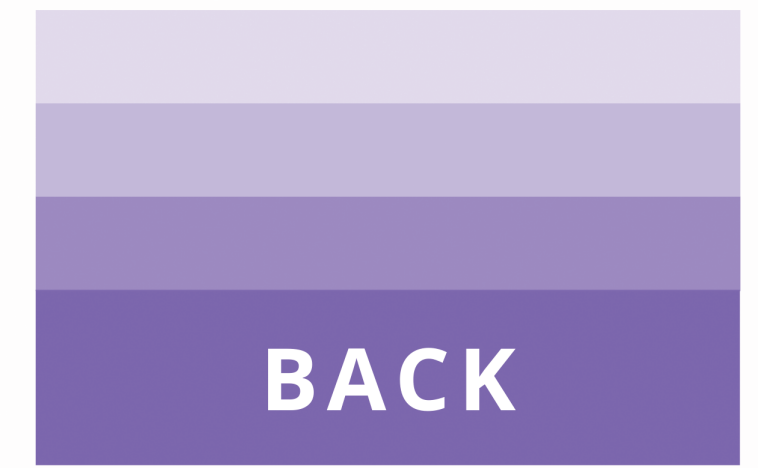
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Noteworthy Visit

Dr. Herbert Harder first walked onto the Glendale campus in 1948 and, 40 years later, served as its chief of staff. But Monday's visit to the hospital was among his more memorable: He got his second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

At just over 100 years old (and quick to show off his recently renewed driver's license), Dr. Harder returned to the hospital where he began as a lab tech while still in medical school, where all four of his children were born and where he worked as a pathologist his entire career. He served as chief of staff in 1988-89.

"I didn't feel a thing," the spry centenarian exclaimed, patting the shoulder in which a nurse administered the vaccine.

A lot has changed since he joined the Glendale Sanitarium on the "outskirts" of Glendale.

"There were six parking spaces out front and maybe 20 for doctors out back," he recalled. Today, Adventist Health Glendale is still serving the community that has grown up around its campus and is proud of Dr. Harder's contributions to its history of healing.



ABOVE: Dr Harder received his vaccine. BELOW: The former chief of staff reflects on his years at the medical center.



Getting Summer Ready with Aldik Home



If you're ready to re-imagine your outdoor space with a gorgeous new patio furniture set, make sure you check out Aldik Home's stunning selection of Summer Classics outdoor furniture. The line is meticulously crafted from premium materials using both age-old building methods and state-of-the-art finishing processes to ensure the furniture will last for years to come. Other manufacturers may be better known, but their craftsmanship and durability do not compare to that of Summer Classics. With more than 200 pieces from 20 different collections, this is the best selection of Summer Classics in the country.

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Make Your Own Museum Contest

While many of the world's most famous museums take up enormous spaces in large cities, a group of local historic societies and bookstores have teamed up to show that size isn't everything.

The Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation and the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley will partner with Flintridge Bookstore and Once Upon a Time Bookstore to host a Make Your Own Museum contest. The free event is open to all ages and skill levels and challenges participants to create a museum of any topic or category they choose – as long as it fits in a shoebox.

"We wanted to create a fun and safe event for the community," said Lanterman House Executive Director Laura Verlaque. "We hope this contest will spark creativity. You can build a museum from a collection of things you already own, like Beanie Babies or Legos. Or it could be about a topic you are interested in, like outer space or kangaroos. You'll be amazed how much you can fit in a shoebox or other small box."

Participants should take pictures of their creation and email them to lantermanhouse@gmail.com no later than Sunday, May 16 at midnight. Winners will be chosen in three categories: adult (age 13 and up), youth (age 12 and below) and family/group (any age). The first-place entry for each category will receive a \$30 gift card to either Flintridge Bookstore or Once Upon a Time Bookstore. The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 gift card to Flintridge Bookstore. The winning entries will also be put on

Lanterman House Archivist Julie Yamashita created a shoebox museum based on art at the Lanterman House.



display in the bookstores.

The Lanterman House staff has created two sample shoebox museums, which will be on display at Flintridge Bookstore and Once Upon a Time Bookstore during the month of April. The bookstores will also have contest flyers or interested parties can visit www.lantermanhouse.org for more information.

The Lanterman House is located at 4420 Encinas Dr. in La Cañada Flintridge. It is open by appointment for docent-guided tours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first and third Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.lantermanhouse.org or call (818) 790-1421.

The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley celebrates the history of the Crescenta Valley. It is one of the most active and dynamic historical groups in the Los Angeles area. And members of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley wish they had a real Crescenta Valley history museum that was larger than a shoebox! For more information, visit www.cvhistory.org.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge. It is open Monday through Friday from 10am until 8pm; Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 7pm. For more information, please visit www.flintridgebooks.com or call (818) 790-0717.

Cleanup Crew Tackles Off-ramp



The March off-ramp cleaning crew consisted of (from left) Christine Beavis, Robin Goldsworthy, organizer Steve Pierce and Bob "Bobcat" Thompson. To take part in the monthly cleaning of the La Crescenta off-ramp, call Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Wellness Retreat Planned for Mt. Baldy

Primior, a leading real estate development and asset management firm, announced the design of Mt. Baldy Wellness Retreat.

The location of the Mt. Baldy Wellness Retreat is in the San Antonio Mountains of Los Angeles County and will be the only wellness retreat of its kind located within six hours driving distance of Los Angeles County. The 190-acre retreat features 360-degree breathtaking views, sitting at approximately 5,000-foot elevation. The Mt. Baldy Wellness Retreat will welcome corporate events, family gatherings and individuals seeking a unique experience for rest and leisure activities. It is anticipated the property will be designed in three phases, with the primary phase of the development encompassing approximately 76 acres.

The retreat's style will accentuate the native surroundings of the mountains while incorporating modern, rich woods and natural light throughout. Feng shui aspects will be integrated throughout the grounds and offer a calming Zen environment with water features throughout the retreat that will highlight the first-class facility.

The luxury site plans include various plunge pools built around



expansive boulders, walking and hiking trails, wildlife refuge for native species, specifically indigenous goat species, amphitheatre, wine cellars curated by expert sommelier, labyrinth gardens, spa/wellness hot springs, equestrian facilities, three restaurants: American, Chinese and French cuisine with expansive views, 60-70 detached

luxury private bungalows sized between 2,000 5,000 square feet with pool, children's playground, yoga and meditation pavilions and complimentary seasonal lift ticket and five minute shuttle ride to the Mt. Baldy ski resort.

"We are re-imagining the way people vacation and there is currently nothing like this private, ecologically sound wellness retreat

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Visitors can look forward to everyday activities such as horseback riding, climbing, archery, hiking, boating, zip lining, yoga and meditation, a treetop house and

children's activities.

"An activity director will tailor a personalized experience for every visitor," Zhang said. "Primior is excited to create a top-of-the-line wellness retreat for the greater Mt. Baldy area."

Mt. Baldy Wellness Retreat is currently in the design/entitlement stage, with a projected construction start date in 2024.

Scene in LA – April

COVID-19 vaccinations will be available to everyone who wants one starting April 15, which will certainly help us along the road to recovery, although it will still be some time before we see live theatre returning to local venues. Case rates are still high but seem to be on a steady decline overall, and we are seeing gradual reopening in other sectors such as theme parks and movie theaters. The state is also constantly re-evaluating its guidelines and we could see live

theater approved anytime at limited audience capacity, so keep following the local news to find out if anything changes.

A few brave theaters are already offering live performances:

"*The Ghosts of Mary Lincoln*" is an evening of blood, madness and murder. There are tales of White House séances, presidential grave robbers, warnings from the undead and that fateful night at Ford's Theatre. The widow Lincoln has been freed from the asylum! Tom

Dugan in a solo performance depicts an array of incidents and characters.

Written by Tom Dugan and directed by Shelby Sykes, it runs April 2 through May 1 at Dugan's Backyard Playhouse in Woodland Hills. Physical distancing will be observed. Out of necessity, the audience will be strictly limited in size. Hand sanitizers will be readily available, outdoor fans will be in use and audience members will be required to wear masks.

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"*Little Women*" will be presented as the grand re-opening production of the Glendale Centre Theatre in Glendale on dates to be announced soon. The City of Glendale has notified the theatre that it may reopen at limited capacity to ensure social distancing and patrons will be required to wear facemasks and be subject to temperature testing to ensure the safety of all guests.

For more information, visit the website <http://www.glendalecentretheatre.com>.

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The rest of the theatres continue to expand their online offerings with more and more events to experience on a virtual basis. Some of these online events are only available on a one-time basis, while others are ongoing and can be viewed anytime on-demand. Visit each of the websites below to see what is being offered. Readers will find free content as well as pay-per-view to choose from.

Here are the links to websites we know have online offerings:

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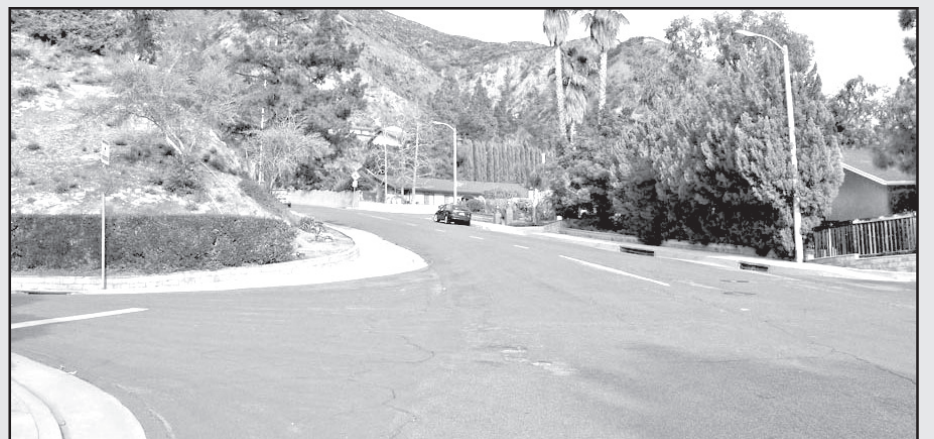
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THEN & NOW I

Pine Cone and Pinelawn Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



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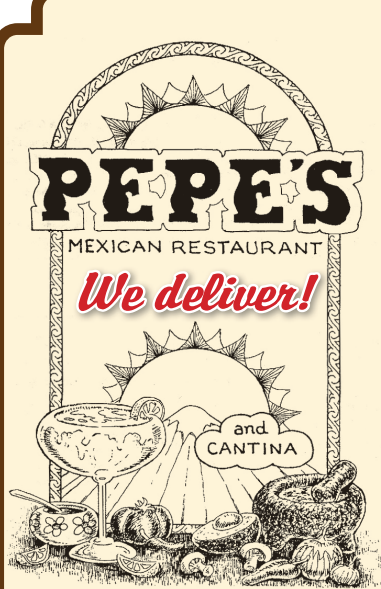
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Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers. You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.



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THANK YOU everyone

The recent Glendale Moose 641 Food Drive supporting Sue's Garden and the Baily Center was a huge success with over 4,000 pounds of donated food and supplies!

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RELIGION

Question:

We have two children who have had to be on distance learning for the past year. Our daughter, who is 10, is doing okay. We're concerned about our son, age 7, who is a second grader. He literally crashed a few days ago and began crying. He said to us, "We can't do this - we can't do that - I miss my friends at school and my friends at Sunday school. Will I ever get to go to school and Sunday school again?"

We told him that we, too, have had challenges with the stay-at-home orders and we, too, are looking forward to not living this way. We also told him that we believe that soon we'll get back to the way we used to live but for now we must be safe. We were careful with our vocabulary because of his age.

Do you have any words of reassurance we can share with him? We appreciate any help you can give us.

~ Caring Parents

Dear Caring Parents,

This has been a very challenging time for families. Parents and children alike are missing their old way of life. The most important thing you can give your child for reassurance is your love. You are correct in sharing your feelings with your children and letting them know that you understand how they feel. Providing them space to feel sad and express their frustration before jumping in to try to make things better for them is important to validate their feelings.

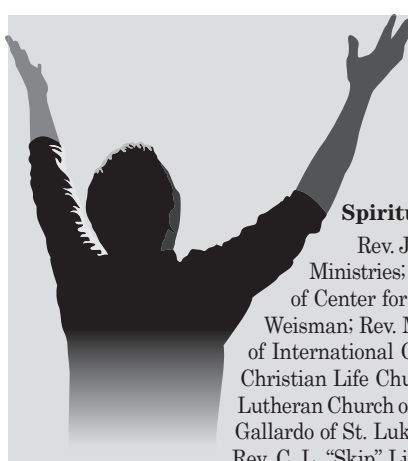
Then give them your unconditional love, extra hugs and kisses to help them feel better.

There are some other things you can do to offer support and help them during this time in addition to what you're already doing. First is to cultivate a gratitude practice with your children. You can start your day with talking about what you're all grateful for, like your health, each other and the ability to use the computer to do schoolwork. Then, in the evening, share things that went well during the day and what you're grateful for. Acknowledging gratitude and positive experiences can boost your family's mood.

Another thing is arranging virtual play dates, if you haven't already. Many kids and adults alike have been playing games together, cooking and eating meals, and watching favorite TV shows together online. I've also done scavenger hunts and collaborative drawing projects using Zoom. There are many ways to connect and have fun virtually. It's obviously not the same as in-person, but it will build the bridge until we can all safely be with each other.

Lastly, virtual volunteering is a great opportunity to not only give to those in need but it also helps us when we're struggling. There are many things that kids and families can do together. You can make greeting cards, homemade facemasks, or collect food to donate to your local food pantry. DoSomething.org is one place to look for ideas, as well as your church or spiritual center.

We will all get through this together (exercising) patience,



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking Participants

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

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

compassion, creativity and faith. You are teaching your children how to be resilient and strong! These are skills that will support them their entire life! And they will know what it's like to be cared for and loved.

Blessings!



Rev. Dr. Ellen Faith
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Dear Caring Parents,

Thankfully, the end seems to be in sight! But I have found that each of my kids, at different times throughout this year, have hit an emotional wall. One of the earliest lessons I learned was that I needed to give them room to grieve. Rushing to encourage or console - without acknowledging how they feel - only made matters worse.

When our kids are feeling down, we can communicate that how they feel matters and how they feel will not last forever. We are lonely now, but

will not be lonely forever. I have found that sharing ways that I also feel how they feel is helpful. Agreeing with their assessment shows them that they are not alone, and that there are others who can bear their burdens with them.

But we, as parents, have the benefit of perspective to see beyond this time. While this moment is unprecedented in our lifetime, history shows that people have weathered seismic shifts in "how things are." Building resilience in our kids can be tough because we often want to protect them from bumps and bruises. But they only learn how to get up when they fall down.

Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with your kids about how they've learned to adapt before: learning to read or how to do math; learning to ride a bike or play a game; and learning how to cope with new rules about COVID-19. It does get better. Showing them that they have overcome something difficult before can give them resolve to overcome this, too. We have also built ways of looking forward to the end of a week - movie nights on Friday with popcorn and candy; donuts on the weekend for breakfast; spending money for a trip to Old Town Pasadena.

Finally, I think it is appropriate to dream and imagine - to hope. Where should we go when we can safely travel again? What restaurant do we miss the most? Who should we invite over for a sleepover when it's safe? You can also make plans toward this end. Maybe you perfect a cookie recipe so that you have a special snack when friends come over.

In Holy Week we learn that timing is important. There is a lot of waiting, anticipating, and even hurting, along the way. But the new life we discover once we get through it is filled with grace. We are sustained by God's spirit and by those God has gifted to us. It is an important lesson: We are not alone!



Rev. Kyle Sears
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Question:

I'm a professional, age 54, who has worked for the same company since I was out of college. I worked my way up and am now in the position where company profits are my responsibility. I was able to maintain the profits above and beyond until last year because of COVID-19 restrictions. I don't think my job is at stake, but I worry about it because I have a family and a daughter in college. The owners tell me not to worry; that they expect profits to resume once businesses begin opening up. I'm a Christian but my faith is faltering.

I pray and I'm still losing sleep. What else can I do?

~ Stressed

Dear Stressed,

It sounds like you have worked hard and done well for your family. As Christians, we know blessings come from God. As humans, we also know life is filled with trials. One aspect of my own relationship with God that I am so thankful for is the peace He promises us. The other is the wisdom He provides me with when it is time to seek out outside support.

We are human beings - flesh, blood and a complicated brain. We worry. We stress. We experience anxiety, sadness, depression and grief. The Lord promises us peace during difficult times: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

I also believe that during particularly challenging times we need a professional and scientific approach. Talking to a therapist can help tremendously. Therapy is more than just a chat. Therapists are scientifically trained to help you ease your anxiety, stress, insomnia, depression and the like. During seasons in our life that are particularly difficult, it is wise to seek out professional help, just as you would a medical doctor if you broke your leg.

It sounds like it could be time to see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING on next page

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not only pray for peace amidst your circumstances but to also speak to a professional who can help you with the above-mentioned challenges you are enduring. I encourage you; do not suffer alone.



The Reverend Kimberlie Zakarian
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Dear Stressed,
Thank you for sharing your dilemma. First of all, congratulations on your success at your job thus far. It could not have been easy keeping your company's head above water during this past year with the COVID-19 pandemic. And I am impressed that you have maintained your Christian faith this whole time. However, as I have told other people whose faith has faltered, there is nothing in the Christian tradition that makes you bulletproof. I mean, simply because you believe doesn't mean that "dark clouds won't gather around" you, to paraphrase a certain spiritual. And some of the great heroes in our faith had to go through hard times.

Consider that the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. died for his faith, and so did Stephen way back in

the book of Acts. You may not have to make the ultimate sacrifice, but simply being a believer doesn't mean that somewhere along the way you're not going to experience any pain.

In at least one place in the Gospels, Jesus is quoted as saying that his heavenly Father sent rain and sun alike on both the just and the unjust. What that says to me is that even Jesus recognized that good things and bad things fall upon the good guys and the bad guys, and simply because – indeed, maybe because – you're a follower of Jesus, you just might have to suffer. I hope not, for your sake – but we were never promised a rose garden, to paraphrase another song.

What we were promised, however, is that God will be with us and, regardless of circumstance, nothing can separate us from the love of God, even the loss of a job. Such a loss is not fun, of course – but it's also not the end of the world. And I certainly hope it's not the end of your relationship with God.

Good luck and may the blessings of God continue to follow you all the days of your life.



The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to its preparation and celebration of Easter. Tonight, Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday will be commemorated online on the church Facebook page and YouTube Channel. On April 2 at 7 p.m., Good Friday will be commemorated with an online musical reflection of the cross led by a variety of church musicians.

Then on Sunday, April 4, Easter will be celebrated at the 10 a.m. service when Pastor Scott Peterson delivers a message called "Open Eyes, Open Hearts." For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube Channel. After Easter service on April 4, from noon to 12:30, there will be the Drive-Thru Communion+ with live music and distanced fellowship on the campus parking lot. Everyone is welcome!

The community is also invited to Prayer Zoom on Wednesday, April 7 at 10 a.m. More details are available on the church 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.

Lenten Series at La Crescenta Presbyterian

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

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

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

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

For those who prefer to worship online, services are also available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information about

LCPC policies to protect the health and safety of its congregation, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

Holy Week Celebrations at Bethel Church

Bethel Church in Sun Valley invites the community to join its Holy Week services. The following services are offered: Good Friday communion service – April 2 online via the church website (bethelsunvalley.com); and Easter outdoor worship and praise service – April 4 at 10 a.m. Easter gift baskets will be distributed for all kids at the 10 a.m. service. (Traducción en español disponible).

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

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley

Walk and Word

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

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

Pandemic Doesn't Prevent Easter Fun

By Lori BODNAR, intern

The Easter Bunny is on the way to bring "hoppy-ness" to children in the foothill communities! Crescenta Valley Church (CVCHURCH) is hosting an Easter Egg Drive-thru 'eggs-perience' this Easter weekend on Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at 4001 La Crescenta Ave. The event is free for children within the community. Interested families can pre-register online for specific drive-thru times to attend the "eggs-citing" event using the weblink <https://www.cvchurch.com/events>.

The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet kids in their cars. Due to the pandemic, families should wear facemasks while in their cars, but may briefly lower their mask for a quick picture of their child with the Easter Bunny. CVCHURCH will email pictures to the families. In addition to the Easter Bunny, there will of course be more Easter fun! A bag of several dozen Easter eggs will be given to each child. Eggs are filled with candy and fun toys appropriate for various age groups. There will also be balloon animals for the kids, plus a game bag. The fun games that children can do from their car include a bunny beanbag toss, a bunny target game and scooping up rubber ducks. The game bag and all items have been wiped down with disinfecting spray or wipes.

In addition to the drive-thru format, other precautions are being taken by CVCHURCH volunteers to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"The volunteers will be wearing masks and shields. People handing items to the families will be wearing gloves. The packs will be washed or disinfected with spray. The scoopers for picking up rubber

ducks are also being washed," said Beth Krausse, the main event organizer and the Kids' Place pastor.

There are about 50 volunteers helping at the Easter Egg Drive-thru event. CVCHURCH could use some additional high school or adult volunteers for set up and cleanup. High school volunteers might receive community service hours if they help at the event. Those who would like to volunteer can email Krausse at bethkrausse@cvchurch.com.

This is the eighth year of CVCHURCH hosting an Easter egg event in the Crescenta Valley. Normally an Easter egg hunt is held at Two Strikes Park but, due to the pandemic, it has been reimagined as a drive-thru. (Last year's egg hunt was canceled.) CVCHURCH also hosted the Explore Bethlehem event near Christmas for 18 years.

"It was painful to not do the Easter egg event last year because we know people need to feel loved," Krausse said. "We did Explore Bethlehem as a drive-thru for Christmas last year and it was a success. It matters to us that people feel cared for and loved, so we do events to bring joy to the community."

CVCHURCH has been able to meet in-person socially distanced, masked and at reduced capacity following county guidelines for church services. The congregation has also met virtually on Zoom since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020.

It is hoped that the Easter Egg Drive-thru will be an event that will benefit the community through kindness.

"The pandemic has really limited the opportunity people have to do something that feels normal and fun," said Rick Whitlow, administrative pastor. "We hope that in a small way, the egg hunt drive-

thru gives families a chance to do something that bring joy and fun back into their lives, especially for the children."

"At CVCHURCH there are three important words we want to share that everyone really needs today: faith, hope, and love," said Scott Wood, the lead pastor. "Faith in Jesus Christ offers hope to everyone and the message of Easter demonstrates his love for us. So, we offer the Easter Egg Drive-thru to share faith, hope, and love with our community."

Photos provided by CVCHURCH
ABOVE: Previous Easter egg events were held at Two Strike Park where children could have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny.
BELOW: Church members work hard on preparing the eggs that will be given to children during the drive-thru Easter event.



BUSINESS

» **MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

An Egg-citing Time for Montrose!

We are beyond egg-cited to work with the Easter bunny this Sunday morning! Our Easter event, "Egg My Home," has been so well received we are overwhelmed with gratitude. Thank you to everyone who placed orders with us; it has been a rough year but small fundraisers and community support like this have kept us going. A special thank you to those who placed "donation" orders to have eggs delivered by the Glendale Police Association to families who need a little holiday joy after a year of hardship. Lastly, a big thank you to our local businesses who believed in our event idea and made it all possible with their sponsorships: Spiritual Heart Yoga, J's Maintenance, Verdugo Plumbing,

Glendale Areas School Credit Union, CV Weekly, and Caspian Services. We had a goal of 500 eggs and we surpassed it with a grand total of 3,000 eggs! Our volunteers (MVCC President - Raffi Ashdjian, MVCC Secretary and Adventist Hospital Business Development Manager - Rodney Mardirosian, MVCC Director and USC Verdugo Hills Hospital HR Administrator - Kristi Cohen, Verdugo Plumbing owner - Emil Aghajanian, and Glendale Area School Credit Union Assistant Branch Manager - Sandra Curran) have their work cut out for them but it is sure to be a very "Hoppy" Easter for everyone!

For those who do not yet follow us on social media, please do so to stay up to date with all of the

resources available. Our Instagram handle is @Montrose_Chamber and our Facebook is Facebook.com/MontroseChamber.

Chamber Updates/Resources: "The LA Regional COVID Fund will be disseminating \$4.7 million in financial relief through the new Keep Our Shops on the Block Grant, a \$10,000 grant for small brick-and-mortar businesses in the personal care and retail sectors.

"Eligible businesses include: hair and beauty salons, nail salons, [esthetician, skin care and electrology offices] barbershops, shoe repair shops, dry cleaners, automotive or appliance repair, flower shops, party supply stores, bookstores, apparel stores, bakeries, donut shops, community

grocery stores/markets and variety discount stores.

"Eligible businesses can apply for the \$10,000 grant from Monday, April 5 - Sunday, April 11.

"For all eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund website www.lacovidfund.org"

Events

~ Thank you to Descanso Gardens Horticulture Team for joining us yesterday for a webinar about "California Native Gardens with a Focus on Oak Trees." If you missed this webinar, organized by the Park Family and the director of MVCC's Ambassador's Program Analily Park, it can still be viewed on our website and YouTube channel starting next week.

~ Wednesday, April 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., GCC and LA Regional Drive-Through Food Bank at GCC, Parking Lot B (enter from Mountain Street). Free for everyone, no eligibility requirements.

~ Stay tuned for some exciting projects we have in the works! Sign up for our newsletter on our website MontroseChamber.org to be the first to hear all about our upcoming announcements.

Stay safe, be well, and please keep supporting local businesses (if Amazon has it, one of our shops does, too, just let us know what item you are seeking and we can advise you of the shop that has it!)

Mavil Aghajanian, MVCC Executive Director

» **NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS"**

Spring(ing) Ahead

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is actively progressing in this direction. Our annual student scholarship program for eligible high school seniors has been announced and we have arranged a Thursday, April 8 fundraising event at Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill (3826 Ocean View at the corner of Florencita) for indoor and patio seating and take-out orders. Alissa Hwang is generously supporting our scholarship program with a percentage of her restaurant sales, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.,

going toward our deserving student scholars. What a great opportunity to support a local restaurant and our kids!

Additionally the Chamber has arranged "Save the Date" events tentatively scheduled throughout the year. First, on Thursday, May 6 we are hosting a vendors silent auction, a virtual format but one that enables our member donors to chat about their business and viewers can bid on quality items. Next, an evening of bingo returns to the Crescenta Valley on Saturday, July 10. At this time we

are working on the possibility of a physical site with strict adherence to Los Angeles County Public Health regulations. Otherwise we will conduct a virtual bingo event with the same amount of fun and excitement.

On Friday, Aug. 20 our Chamber tees off its annual scholarship golf tournament at Scholl Canyon Golf Course. Those of us who have participated in our previous Chamber golf events remember it as one of the best times of the year ... and you don't even have to be a decent golfer. Just come out and have fun!

Our year's biggest event, the Hometown Country Fair, complete with vendors, live music, food, games, activities for the kids, and a classic car show, returns on Saturday, Sept. 18. We will be back with more excitement and fun for the entire family. And there's more ... on Saturday, Oct. 30 is our Chamber's 5K Pumpkin Fun Run with a chance to compete for year-long community bragging rights in all age categories.

Finally, a fun Evening of Poker is being arranged with details to be announced soon.

While Chamber event dates are tentative due to current Los Angeles County Health Department restrictions, we will notify the community through our website (www.crescentavalleychamber.org), our Chamber office (info@crescentavalleychamber.org or 818-248-4957), Facebook page, or upcoming Chamber articles in the CV Weekly newspaper as we finalize details for each event.

CV Chamber of Commerce Notes

Our Chamber welcomes a new business member, App Ventures, Inc. (Peter Gluck) www.appventures.net or (800) 431-5015. Peter is a software developer who resides within the Crescenta Valley. We welcome Peter and App Ventures, Inc. as the latest member of our Chamber family.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/BUSINESS



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NEW ONLINE PROGRAM FOR BLACK CANCER PATIENTS

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

The program will begin with a discussion today, Thursday, 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 today, Thursday, 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 today, 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 Kathyltomura@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.

BRAS FOR A CAUSE SPONSORSHIP OPPS

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 non-profit organizations with financial grants for programs directed towards providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment as well as to its own Soroptimist programs. Also, women are supported through the path to better health, especially those fighting cancer.

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 clsof74reunion@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 FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com March 29, 2021 - April 4, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Impatience could be the main area to work on. Don't let your health suffer as a result of it. It can cause high blood pressure or tension headaches. If you get uncontrollably wound up, try a massage or a bath with a few drops of soothing, aromatic oil. Do this daily if necessary. It will help to calm you down.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Try to guard against catching a cold or other infection, such as a sore throat. Make sure too much stress isn't weakening your immune system. Take steps to feel calmer and more collected. Taking the right supplements for your system will also help you stay well.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You can either move through life in a calm, peaceful state, which is perfect for your body, or you can succumb to the energies that leave you feeling burned out. This may not be the easiest period, but challenges don't have to be reflected in your health. Resist the urge to rise to the bait if others push you.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You might be more sensitive than usual now, so be aware of this. Keep your personal boundaries intact or you might find that others irritate you, even unintentionally. You need your vitality to ward off colds and infections, especially now. Keep your immune system strong.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You want to look your best. A healthy glow is one of the most attractive things about a body. You know that. You're eager to drop any excess weight and achieve a wonderful, toned appearance. It helps to put in the effort to get your diet right. It will take time, but it's well worth it.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Try to stay grounded. In order to do this, it helps to look after your body. Exercise, get enough rest, and eat healthful food. All of these activities will help keep your nervous system functioning well. You won't panic if things don't go perfectly - and things rarely go perfectly. There could be a few challenges, but you'll be able to cope.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're feeling more upbeat and optimistic, and your overall health reflects this. A happy outlook is enough to resolve any number of minor ailments. Continue looking after your feet and ankles. This is especially the case if you're out on short errands. Watch those uneven surfaces and stay alert.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

As within, so without. This saying seems to apply to your health. Nothing happens by accident, especially getting sick. A sense of helplessness about one issue could open the way for infections. A change of perspective might mean the difference between staying healthy or crawling into bed. Have faith in your inner power. Take care of yourself and access that healing inner silence.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

If you have a lot of activities that require you to be alert, do them early in the week when you have more energy. The end of the week could be frustrating, and you don't always deal gracefully with such things. You could be so edgy that you're a walking accident waiting to happen. You know it's time to settle down and relax.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You're raring to go and feeling quite vital, but certain stresses could bring headaches along with raw nerves. Don't try to fight it. Stay calm and let it all wash over you. You'll feel much more peaceful and able to cope. It's time to reflect on your lifestyle. Is it healthy or not? You have the power to change it.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You have issues to attend to that could take an emotional and physical toll on you. Get a handle on the stress so it won't affect you too much. Let the cosmos help you get a fresh start. Get active and make your health a priority. It will give you the strength and vitality to deal with any problem.

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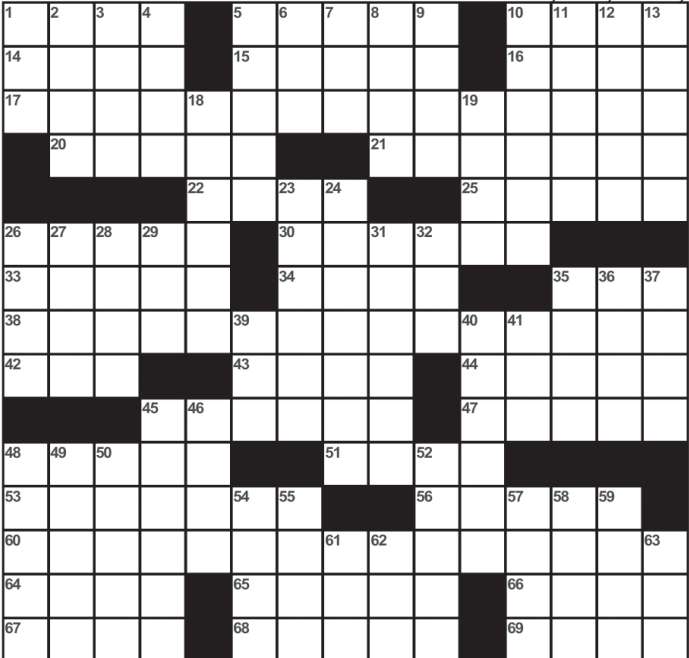
- 1) Hairstyle
- 5) Southwest party snack
- 10) Where peat is found
- 14) Issued a command
- 15) Attentive to possible danger
- 16) Geometrical calculation
- 17) Hampering the progress of
- 20) Half of the forearm bones
- 21) Beached
- 22) Proofer's retraction
- 25) Solitary sort
- 26) Humble requests
- 30) Throws easily
- 33) Aerie inhabitant
- 34) Kachina doll carver
- 35) Grandpa Simpson
- 38) Longest parts of the alimentary canal
- 42) Just a ___ (slightly)
- 43) Get one's dander up
- 44) Like Pisa's famed tower
- 45) Prepared for a shock
- 47) Electrical units
- 48) Composer Erik
- 51) Bottom of a shoe
- 53) Japanese art of paper folding
- 56) Hold forth
- 60) Good trivia entry
- 64) Scandinavian capital
- 65) Not even a mouse
- 66) Harbinger of tooth trouble
- 67) Flow slowly
- 68) Hypnotized or anesthetized
- 69) Quarter-acre of land

DOWN

- 1) Truckers' radios
- 2) Home to Honolulu
- 3) Object of worship
- 4) Flowerless, seedless plant
- 5) "Be silent," in music
- 6) Boxing legend
- 7) ___ capita
- 8) With the bow, to violinists
- 9) Phaser setting
- 10) From the sublime to the ridiculous
- 11) Hunter killed by a scorpion
- 12) Science fiction, for one
- 13) More wise
- 18) Grad's memento
- 19) Robinson Crusoe's home
- 23) Pertaining to a certain culture
- 24) Plays the piccolo, say
- 26) Aphid, to a gardener
- 27) Mantra chanter
- 28) Old-fashioned exclamation
- 29) ___ in a day's work
- 31) Big name in little suits
- 32) Bro's kin
- 35) Blue shade
- 36) Mixed martial arts prize
- 37) Superlative endings
- 39) Nest egg abbr.
- 40) Where pints are poured
- 41) Midori of figure skating
- 45) Ringmaster's place
- 46) Genuine
- 48) One-man flights
- 49) Leave the bed
- 50) Champion's claim
- 52) Dim, as lights
- 54) Diner options
- 55) Sacred image (Var.)
- 57) Winston Churchill's "___ Country"
- 58) Fast food choice
- 59) Reflection of a kind
- 61) Affirmative action
- 62) A third of 111?
- 63) Actor Danson

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transported to a Sunland before my time, around the 1930s-'40s, as viewed through the eyes of a young boy. Tom had great adventures and a little bit of trouble with his brother Dick and their group of friends. The rich descriptions of Sunland Park and the bustle of activity there matched the stories I heard from my parents about the former amusement parks, cafés, baseball games and dance pavilion. Lancaster Lake was also a popular destination for those who liked to boat and fish. Tom and Dick helped out at the lake and enjoyed the Bible stories as told by "Grandpa" Lancaster.

At the park, the boys scavenged for soda bottles to exchange for pocket money to get into the Tujunga theater and later they worked the carnival booths and operated the rides.
Tom grew up on a family farm on Oro Vista adjacent to Sunland Grammar School, the same school I attended as Sunland Elementary in the 1960s. Part of their farm property would have been a triangle of land on the playground that I stood on as a young child. I walked on many of the streets that Tom wrote about and spent a lot of time in the wash behind my house near Riverwood Ranch, just as Tom

described. I could picture it all so clearly; it brought back so many memories for me.
Tom shared many stories that I could relate to like his experiences during the flood of 1969, the Sylmar earthquake in 1971 and the Mills Fire in 1975. Those were events that had significant impacts on my life. He also spent a couple of summers in the Sierra Nevada where I vacationed regularly as a kid and where I now have a ranch house. He later wrote about raising a family in Lake View Terrace where I hung out with my friends in high school. It was all so surreal. After I

finished the book, I came away with a very comfortable feeling; it felt like home.
I wanted to tell Tom how his book had touched me so I emailed him right away. He quickly responded and we became fast "pen pals." I learned that his wife, Dody, was one of the managers for Kiwanis ponytail baseball, a league I had played in for three years, and that I had attended school at Mt. Gleason and Verdugo Hills with his daughter Susie. In fact, when I went looking for my old baseball team photo, a seventh grade photo of Susie fell out of my childhood scrapbook. She

wrote on the back, "You will always be my friend, always. Susie." You can't imagine the intense feeling of déjà vu that hit me at that moment. I hadn't remembered that we had been friends but it all came flooding back. Consequently, Tom shared Susie's contact info with me and we have been corresponding ever since. As it turns out, we have a lot to talk about.
I am grateful to the Gilfoy family for sharing their journey. I will always treasure the memories I have of growing up in Sunland.
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