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## Glendale Bans Plastic Foodware at City Events

By Justin HAGER

Veteran councilmember Paula Devine was selected by her peers to serve as mayor of the City of Glendale during Tuesday night's city council meeting. Devine has served on the Glendale Council since 2014, including a one-year term as mayor from April 2016-April 2017.

"I'm reminded of the saying that being a good leader is being a good listener," said Devine as she laid out her commitment to addressing climate change and creating economic resiliency through green energy, support for small businesses and continuing efforts to overcome the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The outgoing mayor, Councilmember Vrej Aghajanian, delivered a short farewell address highlighting his many accomplishments as "a wartime mayor" in the battle against COVID-19 while thanking his colleagues, city staff and the people of Glendale for making his mayorship successful.

After selecting the new mayor, the council turned to business, including adopting a new ordinance that requires disposable foodware, including straws, lids and utensils, at all city events to be marine degradable. Under the new ordinance, which will take effect in 30 days, city events include those managed directly by the city or through a vendor hired by the city; city-sponsored events that are supported in whole or in part by the city and are conducted on city-owned or controlled facilities; and city run or permitted concessions. Council and staff openly discussed that the ordinance is a "city-first" precursor to a future ordinance that will address the issue city-wide. However, the ordinance does allow for non-marine degradable straws and utensils to be provided upon request and provides a four-month exemption grace period for food and beverage providers who have

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## Hunt was 'Egg-cellent'

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

*Local lawns held treasures on Easter morning.*

Families throughout the Crescenta Valley and in Glendale awoke on Easter morning to find that the Easter Bunny had made a stop at their house — courtesy of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce (MVCOC).

Thousands of plastic Easter eggs dotted local lawns as part of the Chamber's "Egg Your Home" fundraiser. People could order 30, 50, 70 or 100 candy-filled eggs that chamber members would scatter on designated lawns before 8 a.m. on Easter morning.

"Everyone was so thrilled," said MVCOC executive director Mavil Aghadjanian. "I'm so happy we decided to do it."

The idea was one of many Aghad-



Photo provided by the Keeney Family. David (10 years) and Kacey (12 years) Keeney hold their Easter baskets filled with eggs that were scattered on the lawn by the MVCOC 'Easter Bunny.'

janian has found on various chamber of commerce social media and websites. After reading about it, she asked, "Why don't we have this for our business?"

The chamber, like so many other businesses during the pandemic, has suffered financial hardships due to the cancellation of many of its fundraisers. The MVCOC coordinates the annual Food & Brew Fest and Oktoberfest — two major fundraisers for

the nonprofit.

When she proposed the "Egg Your Home" fundraiser to the MVCOC board of directors, the idea was enthusiastically embraced.

"Members of the board volunteered to deliver the eggs," Aghadjanian said, adding that her husband Emil even pitched in to scatter some eggs. Board members Kristi Cohen and Rodney Mardirosian and president Raffi Ashdjanian helped Aghad-

janian in the role of Easter Bunny, among them delivering to about 60 houses.

However, it was Aghadjanian who did the majority of the prep work for the fundraiser.

"Every day I filled about 250 eggs," she said.

Originally she ordered 2,000 plastic eggs but as the orders for "Egg My Home" continued coming in she

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## Teachers and Parents Rally at GUSD Headquarters for COVID Contract

By Justin HAGER

Chants of "Shame on GUSD!" and "We need an MOU" filled the air at Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) headquarters on Tuesday afternoon as about 200 teachers and supporters rallied for safer working and teaching conditions and raised concerns about the behavior of GUSD board members and staff in addressing the COVID-19 epidemic.

GTA President Taline Arsenian explained.

"Glendale educators are returning to school campuses without a contract that addresses the impacts and effects of COVID-19 on safety, working conditions and leaves of absence," she said. "The District has refused to sign a memorandum of understanding. Instead, GUSD is imposing a return to campus date in which some



GTA members and supporters on Tuesday afternoon protested outside the offices of the GUSD, rallying for safer working and teaching conditions.

members will not have full vaccine efficacy, safety conditions guided by requirements and not recommendations of the LACDPH, and a concur-

rent teaching schedule not suitable for preschool and TK-12 grade students."

She also noted that the rela-

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relationship with GUSD officials has changed for the worse.

"All five members of the GUSD

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# Spring is in the Air ... and so are Scams

I love spring – warmer temps and longer days means dining outside for dinner, which I love. I'm an alfresco kind of girl and will take just about any opportunity to eat outside. We have a beautiful deck with a great view and we have overhead lights, which add a lot.

One thing that has increased, along with the longer days and warmer evenings, are the number of phone scams we've been getting. Most of us have received calls that our Social Security has been suspended because of "suspicious activity" or received an email (many times from a bank that we don't even do business with) stating that our account "may have been accessed from an unauthorized computer" or some other nonsense. Here at CV Weekly we were called by the "LA DWP." Apparently we hadn't paid our bill and someone was coming out to turn us off unless we immediately contacted LA DWP billing and finance.

Red flag No. 1: We are not DWP customers; our service is with Glendale Water & Power. But our office manager Rachelle was pretty angry at receiving (another) bogus call and called the phone number for "DWP billing and finance." One scary side note is that initially the phone number sounded like it went through to DWP. It didn't take long, though, for her to erupt telling the scammer that we don't have service with DWP and to leave us alone before slamming down the phone.

It's no wonder Rachelle was angry; on Tuesday she dealt with another scammer, this one telling her he was with Glendale Water & Power and that we were going to have our power shut off in 30 minutes or less due to non-payment. What was of concern was that this scammer actually

knew our business name and address. She called "GWP" but surprise! No one picked up the phone. She then called the real GWP to report the incident. There must be a lot of scams involving GWP because while she was on hold a recorded message reminded callers that GWP would never come out and ask customers for money or ask for payment via gift certificates. The recording also reminded callers that due to the pandemic no customers are being shut off, services canceled or late fees assessed. When she spoke to a true GWP representative, she was told that GWP is asking folks to report the scam incident to the Federal Trade Commission reportfraud.ftc.gov.

And just so you know – we pay our bills on time.

Like I said above, I do enjoy eating outside and I'll be doing that tonight, Thursday, at Alissa's Oceanview Bar & Grill at Ocean View and Florencita. The CV Chamber of Commerce is having a fundraiser for its scholarship fund and anyone who purchases food, whether to enjoy outside on the patio (me), inside or take home, will have a portion of their payment donated by Alissa's to the scholarship fund. I encourage you to add Alissa's to your menu today by calling (818) 248-2722 or check out the website at www.dineov.com. And if you stop by after 5:30 p.m. wave to me; I'll be at one of the outside tables.

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# Weather in the Foothills

"You don't need a barometer to pick a rainy day, as you know it's almost certain it's gonna rain, when the weather experts say ...

"Oh it ain't gonna rain no more, no more, it ain't gonna rain no more." "Don't listen to what the old folks say, it ain't gonna rain no more."

~ Unknown

While the 2020-21 rain season winter storms brought heavy snow to the Sierra and rain across much of northern California, it seems the southern parts of the state have been left in the dust. Our precipitation totals lag and the time for a "March miracle" has now passed. What about April showers?

In parts of the Northern Hemisphere (unfortunately not where we live) an April shower is rain during the month of April. Within a day's period the weather can change from springtime sunshine to winter sleet and snow. A track of storms, or low-pressure systems, bring about such a climactic occurrence in parts of England, Ireland and Scotland. One after another, bands of rain followed by heavy showers move across the region accompanied by strong blustery winds. Not exactly the vision one would conjure up of a so-called April shower.

"April showers bring May flowers" was originally "Sweet April showers/Do spring May flowers," part of a poem written in 1610 that was referenced in the general prologue of "The Canterbury Tales:" "Whan that Aprill, with his shoures soote The droghte of March hath perced to the roote."

In researching its origins, I found a few unlikely but nonetheless humorous uses:

April Showers, a licensed State Farm Insurance agency; the April Showers Clown Co. in Los Angeles; April Showers Trucking in Oakdale, CA; April Showers Mobile Pet Grooming; and April Showers 1507, a Benjamin Moore paint color.

While the season's storms were often "heavy" they lacked in number. The statewide snowpack that helps fill reservoirs is well below average. But even so, "We're not contemplating any difficulty in meeting deliveries," said Brad Coffey, water resources manager for the Metropolitan Water District-MWD, which imports supplies from the Colorado River and northern California. Only a 5% water import is anticipated from the north this year as there is an adequate water supply in regional reservoirs and groundwater banks. Credit is also given to conscientious water conservation as we live in a semi-desert climate.

Inland areas are expected to be 10-15 degrees above average until the first of next week. A marine enhanced overcast will then dominate. Not a drop of rain is predicted as "it ain't gonna rain no more!"

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

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### PARKING ENFORCEMENT DETAIL RESUMES

On April 1 the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., Parking Enforcement Detail began enforcing all parking violations and reinstated the issuance of street sweeping citations, expired registration citations, as well as towing vehicles that have been warned via a "red tag" or any other vehicle in violation of the parking laws of the State of California as well as the County of Los Angeles.

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

### OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 freeway off-ramp is Saturday, April 10. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:15 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools.

For more information, call Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195.

### CHAMBER AND ALISSA'S HOSTING FUNDRAISER

The community is reminded to support a fundraiser taking place today, Thursday, at Alissa's Oceanview Bar & Grill supporting the CV Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund.

From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., a portion of every order – whether indoor, patio or takeout (note no delivery) – will be donated to the scholarship fund.

Come enjoy a great dining experience and help local high school students with future expenses!

Alissa's Oceanview Bar & Grill is located at 3826 Ocean View Blvd. (at Florencita Avenue) in Montrose.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

All are invited on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at the Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be trimming back spring growth around the trails and working on fire hazard reduction on some of the slopes.

LA County guidelines are being followed in requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing while volunteering at the Preserve.

Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those who have mobility issues that require a closer parking spot should contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

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

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

### DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DRIVE

CV Robotics will host a drive-through food drive on Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CVHS parking lot at the south-east corner of Ramsdell and Community avenues. Non-perishable food items are being collected to benefit the Bailey Human Care Center. Community members are asked to enter the parking lot from Ramsdell, pull forward to a donation table and "pop the trunk;" CV robotics team members will gratefully accept all donations in a socially responsible and COVID-safe manner.

# The Force Behind Schools Safely Reopening

By Mary O'KEEFE

When teachers and elementary students return to school, they are walking into facilities that reflect a year of preparation and the implementation of safety protocols by dedicated Glendale Unified School District staff.

After spring break 2020, Safer-At-Home Orders were put in place, which included schools closing for in-person learning, and virtual learning became the way students attended classes.

As district staff and families began adjusting to and working on plans of how this would look, there was a group of GUSD members from the Planning Dept., Custodial Operations, Maintenance and Nutrition departments that began not only looking at virtual solutions but also preparing for the eventual return to classrooms for in-person learning. The return meant safety precautions would need to be implemented.

"We definitely had meetings right away," said Hagop Kassabian, administrator of Planning, Development and Facilities for the district. "When the [pandemic began] we put together COVID coaches' groups and started meeting once a week, then twice a week."

They still meet twice a week.

Their first task was to create a core group that would assess what needed to be done. They began to talk about everything from getting PPE [personal protective equipment], like gloves and masks, to installing Plexiglass as separation shields for desks, and air purifiers. They heard concerns from teachers and staff members as well as from parents and students. Kassabian added one of the site visits he went on included a board representative of the Glendale Teachers Association where he showed what his staff had done. He also met with various PTA representatives.

"Making the decision of what to do was not tough," he said. "Once the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] and Los Angeles County came in with the health department [guidelines], what was tough was finding and purchasing items."

This was made even more difficult because guidelines constantly changed.

"Everyone was saying [at the time] that this will 'blow over' and when the summer comes it will kill the [virus] and by the fall we will be in control of the virus," Kassabian said.

Mixed messages from officials in the beginning of the pandemic made it difficult to plan too far ahead but Kassabian and the group coaches knew they had to properly prepare in order to get the items they needed.

One thing they knew they needed was hand-washing stations.

"When we first encountered the pandemic we [knew] we had a virus and what was the most important thing we would need to keep us safe? Hand-washing [stations]," he said. "We knew we would need hand-washing stations and distancing would be [important]."

So the group began reaching out to companies to try to find these items but in the pre-pandemic world there was not a lot of need for portable hand-washing stations. They went to kitchen supply companies and found portable steel units. The companies came to the district with samples and demonstrations. They decided on touchless stations that cost about \$1,800. That price was high because at the beginning of the shutdown the demand was high and the supply low. As the pandemic continued more varieties of stations became available and Kassabian was quick to grab the newer versions



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
At Balboa Elementary School, custodian Jasen Laca explains to Congressman Adam Schiff the dual purpose of the hand-washing and water bottle filling stations.

that were better and cheaper.

They found there was a way to convert school drinking fountains to hand-washing stations at a greatly reduced cost, about \$700. The group was able to get the kits to make this switch and then converted the drinking fountains. This was a win-win situation because these drinking fountains use filtered water so personal water bottles could be refilled as well as hands being washed.

"All the hand-washing stations will stay," Kassabian added. "They will function as drinking water and [hand-washing] stations and become long-term solutions."

The district has over 450 additional hand-washing stations at their campuses.

They also reached out to signage companies. Each campus now has signs that cover every safety measure, including keeping six feet apart, wearing face coverings and washing hands.

In a recent visit to Balboa

Elementary School, Congressman Adam Schiff called these improvements a "Herculean effort."

Kassabian agreed.

"They are selfless human beings," Kassabian said of his co-workers. "From day one they didn't stop thinking and working to help out the students, colleagues and parents."

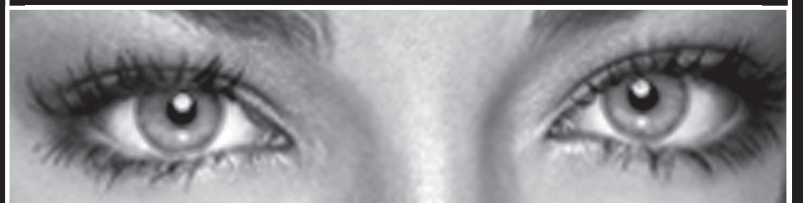
He added that everyone pitched in when they were asked.

"All of us came together without anyone saying, 'It's not in my job description.' It was all hands on deck," he said. "We knew it was up to us to make sure the schools were ready."

He said custodians loved the sites where they worked, and put in extra hours to make certain everything was ready when the schools repopulated.

"They care. They do take pride in their work and it means a lot to them," Kassabian said. "It is amazing to be around people with that kind of character."

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# Renter and Landlord Relief Discussed

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 5, 2021 approved changes to the LA County COVID-19 Rent Relief program to allow more flexibility in assisting renters through Dec. 31, 2021 who already applied for and qualified for the LA County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

Income eligible households who need financial assistance for unpaid rent and utilities will be able to apply for help through the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program, which is being administered by the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

At a recent virtual town hall meeting with State Senator Anthony Portantino and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, fifth district, discussion was held regarding housing information and how it applied to renters and landlords.

"Over the last several months the County has been working diligently to distribute over \$110 million in emergency rental relief funds," Barger said.

Part of that funding came

from the federal CARES Act and Senate Bill 91, which extended the existing prohibition of evictions of residential tenants who are economically affected by COVID-19 but who have paid at least 25% of their rent.

"Federal and state funding has helped to keep people housed who have been impacted by [COVID-19]," she added.

Barger said that while it is important to help renters the County cannot overlook the "mom and pop" landlords who are similarly struggling.

The website housing.ca.gov has information for renters and landlords on how to get financial help. An application will need to be filled out.

"We will never ask about citizenship or ask [anyone] to show evidence of citizenship," said panel participant Linda Jenkins, acting director, Community and Economic Development Division, LA County Development Authority.

There is also a list of LA County partners, including Family Promise of the Verdugos, that can help applicants with the form.

Panel participant Dana Pratt,

deputy director of Housing and Tenant Protections with LA County, spoke of the new LA County Mortgage Relief Program. At the time of the town hall meeting she described the program as "coming soon;" however, the County has released information that states the program is a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County and a local HUD-approved housing counseling agency.

The \$5.5 program was developed by the LA County Board of Supervisors and will support property owners who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the County, the Mortgage Relief Program will include a relief fund that provides grants of up to \$20,000 for qualified property owners, plus expanded foreclosure prevention counseling services. The program will help single-family homeowners and property owners with four or fewer units living in communities highly impacted by COVID-19. This includes low- and moderate-income communities and people who have suffered a higher percentage of significant health impacts during the ongoing pandemic. Properties must be occupied.

The Mortgage Relief Program will launch on April 12, and property owners can apply for the program by calling (888) 895-2647 or visiting nhslacounty.org/mortgagereliefprogram. Other ways the County can help property owners can be found at dcba.lacounty.gov/foreclosure-prevention.



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**This Week at LCIF**  
 Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to take part in "Couch Church" on its Facebook page and YouTube Channel for the continuing celebration of Easter! On Sunday, April 11, the congregation will celebrate the second Sunday of Easter at its 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called "Doubt Often Brings Faith." For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube Channel. The community is also invited to Prayer Zoom on Wednesdays 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.

**Sunday Morning Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian**

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services every Sunday at 10 a.m. 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 its policies to protect the health and safety of its congregation, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

**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.



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# A Discussion with LASD Sheriff and CV Captain

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Tuesday afternoon the communities of the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County—La Crescenta and Montrose, La Cañada Flintridge and Kagel Canyon spent some virtual time with LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station Captain Todd Deeds.

The public was invited to have a conversation with the two and the afternoon covered several subjects that concerned residents, including burglaries and street racing. Villanueva said this type of outreach was a good way to hear the concerns of the community and will give the captain a “to do” list of suggestions and needed improvements.

La Cañada Flintridge Mayor Michael T. Davitt said this was a great dialogue to have between the city and LASD.

Questions were submitted by the communities in advance and also on the day of the event. A couple of the questions concerned “Flock” cameras that were installed in the fall 2020. Flock Safety cameras use automatic license plate recognition technology that can read the plates of passing vehicles, according to a LASD release. The La Cañada Flintridge City Council unanimously approved the installation of the cameras.

“They have been a great asset to use here at the station as far as crime prevention and being able to solve crime. [They were] just a tremendous help,” said Deeds. “I believe the city is going to look at possibly expanding the program in the near future.”

A question asked of Deeds was what community concern kept him up at night.

“I pay very close attention to the crime statistics not only for my station area but also for the county and, as the sheriff mentioned earlier, violent crime throughout Los Angeles County has skyrocketed and that causes me great concern. Our area has not been impacted

as much by the violent crime but it does keep me awake at night,” he said.

Another concern voiced was vehicle racing and noise along the Angeles Crest Highway especially during weekends.

“Our [LCF] City Council has allowed me to hire personnel on the weekends,” Deeds said. Those added patrols were able to focus on speeding drivers.

One community member then asked if the city could install more speed cameras or acoustic cameras.

“Speed cameras are not legal in California, nor are acoustic cameras,” Deeds replied. He added the best way to take care of speeders was to increase the number of patrols.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speed cameras, also called photo radar or automated speed enforcement, operate similarly, recording a vehicle’s speed using radar or other instrumentation and taking a photograph of the vehicle when it exceeds a threshold limit. An acoustic camera has been described as an imaging device used to locate sound sources and to characterize them. It consists of a group of microphones, also called a microphone array, from which signals are simultaneously collected and processed to form a representation of the location of the sound sources.

There was a concern voiced about a reduction or change in the LASD Gang Unit.

“I can tell you we have no plans on reducing our operations Safe Streets or Major Crime Bureau, which actually does more of the burglary investigation or the series of burglary investigation; however we have Measure J,” Villanueva said.

On Nov. 3, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure J, which dedicated no less than 10% of the County’s locally generated unrestricted funding to address the disproportionate impact of racial

injustice through community investments such as youth development, job training, small business development, supportive housing services and alternatives to incarceration, according to LA County.

How these funds will be disbursed through the County budget has yet to be determined.

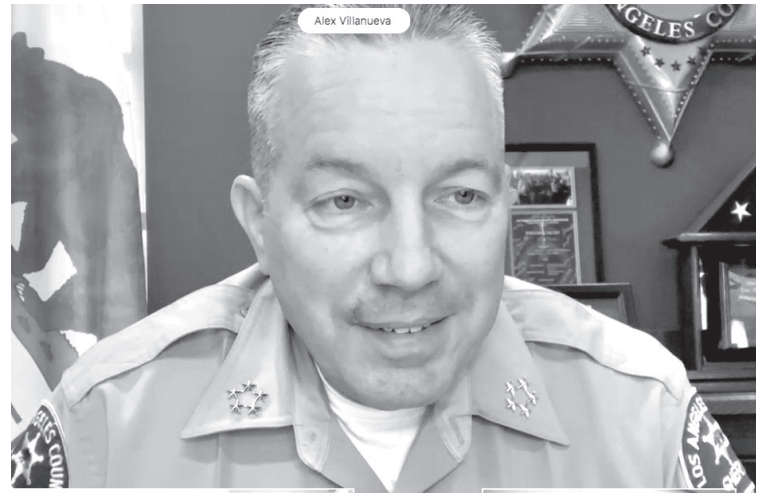
There have been reports that LA County District Attorney George Gascón may be downsizing the Hard Core Gang Unit. CVW reached out to the LA County DA Office but as of press time had not received a response.

Across the nation many law enforcement agencies have reported increases in car jacking and car theft. LA County does not appear to follow that trend; there has been a 21% reduction in car jacking but there has been a significant increase in car theft.

“In terms of grand theft auto, that trend is also present here in Los Angeles County. We have had a 67.35% increase in the first three months of this year. That is a very big swing,” Villanueva said. “[We went] from 2,500 to over 4,200 [car thefts] in the span of just one year. That is a major swing.”

He advised people to be proactive in protecting themselves from car theft, including making certain their vehicles are locked, they have a car alarm, their vehicle is parked in a lighted area and is visible to the owner while parked.

There was also a discussion on how to protect homes from burglaries. Suggestions included not “advertising” any vacations that would indicate when a family would not be at home and keeping sight lines clear to the house by cutting any shrubs or trees that help isolate it. A person can let trusted neighbors know when they are going to be gone and should take advantage of the sheriff’s vacation patrols.



It would also be good to have an updated home security system.

Deeds said that there is a growing number of Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the communities of La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta and Montrose and Kagel Canyon. These programs work with law enforcement.

Villanueva also mentioned that some LASD stations have

a catalytic converter program in which deputies will etch a traceable number on a vehicle’s catalytic converter. This has been useful in catalytic converter theft investigations as, in some cases, detectives were able to return recovered items to their owners. CV Station does not have that program; however, Deeds said he would work on getting that program implemented at the station.

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## State Aims to Fully Reopen on June 15

*Below is a partial statement released on Tuesday, April 7, by the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom regarding reopening the state:*

As California surpasses a major milestone in the fight against COVID – administering more than 20 million vaccine doses, including 4 million in the state’s hardest-hit communities, and with hospitalizations continuing to steadily decline – Governor Gavin Newsom on Tuesday outlined the state’s next step in the COVID-19 pandemic recovery, moving beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

On June 15, California will fully open its economy if two criteria are met:

If vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older who wish to be inoculated; If hospitalization rates are stable and low.

Everyday activities will be allowed and businesses can open with common-sense risk reduction

measures, including encouraging all Californians to get vaccinated and mandating masking, to prevent illness and promote health. The state will continue contact tracing and testing to detect cases early and contain spread of the virus. The entire state will move into this new phase as a whole. The state will monitor hospitalization rates, vaccine access and vaccine efficacy against variants, with the option to revisit the June 15 date if needed.

“With more than 20 million vaccines administered across the state, it is time to turn the page on our tier system and begin looking to fully reopen California’s economy,” said Governor Newsom. “We can now begin planning for our lives post-pandemic. We will need to remain vigilant, and continue the practices that got us here – wearing masks and getting vaccinated – but the light at the end of this tunnel has never been brighter.”

“California has made incredible


progress controlling the spread of COVID-19 by staying home, masking and getting vaccines out quickly to Californians in every corner of the state, including in those communities hardest hit by this pandemic,” said California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. “In order to take the next step, we must continue to do our part to keep this momentum moving in the right direction, and that means continuing to wear a mask and ensuring everyone who is eligible gets the vaccine.”

When California fully reopens the economy, the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will end. However, common-sense health measures such as masking will remain across the state. Testing or vaccination verification requirements will remain in relevant settings.

For more information on the state’s move beyond the Blueprint, visit <https://tinyurl.com/aea2f5x8>.


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# CRIME BLOTTER

**April 5**

2000 block of Orange Avenue in La Crescenta, several electrician's tools and electrical equipment were stolen from a secured area of a truck at 6:10 a.m.

**April 4**

2400 block of Florencita Avenue in Montrose, a resident reported that he parked his vehicle near the location and secured the doors. When he returned the next morning he used his key to enter his vehicle and found the door unlocked. The steering wheel ignition cover was broken off and was lying on the front right passenger seat. The ignition key port was damaged.

The apparent attempted grand theft auto occurred overnight.

**April 3**

3000 block of Paraiso Way in La Crescenta, two tires on a vehicle were slashed overnight.

**April 1**

700 block of Angeles Crest Highway in Tujunga, a woman reported parking and securing her vehicle, then going on a hike. When she returned she found her rear driver's side window was shattered and the interior of the vehicle had been ransacked.

Several items had been stolen from the vehicle between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

# GPD REPORTS

GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## CRIME BULLETIN

### NEED TO IDENTIFY BURGLARY

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION

M/W or M/H 20-30 YRS, 5'10" - 6'1", MED BUILD

SYNOPSIS: On 3/23/21, at 1:07am, a burglary occurred on the 300-blk of Chester St. The suspect entered the secure parking garage by unknown means. He looked into vehicles using the flashlight on his phone. He took the victim's car jack but abandoned it prior to leaving.

Anyone with information that can assist with the investigation is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Department at 818-548-4911.

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**Barber Arrested for Sexual Battery**

On March 2 just before 9 p.m., an officer was contacted regarding a sexual battery that had just occurred at a hair salon on the 100 block of South Artsakh Avenue. During the investigation it was learned that the adult male victim went to the salon with an appointment to get his hair cut by a barber whom he'd gone to for years.

The male arrived at his appointment at 5 p.m. and after the haircut the barber offered the male a massage (which he had never done before). During the massage the barber touched the male's genitalia when the male explicitly told him not to. The victim then pulled away, paid for his haircut and left the salon.

A detective from Glendale Police Dept.'s Assaults Bureau conducted an investigation and obtained a confession from the suspect regarding the incident.

On April 1 just before 3 p.m., officers assigned to the Glendale Police Dept. Special Enforcement Detail (SED) arrested 61-year-old Rey Domingo of Glendale for sexual battery.

The Glendale Police Dept. is still investigating incidences related to Domingo. Anyone who has been or knows someone who has been a victim of sexual assault by Rey Domingo should call the Glendale Police Dept. Assaults Bureau at (818) 548-3106. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477), use their smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP," or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

GPD is seeking help identifying the suspect involved in a recent burglary. Anyone with information that can assist the investigation is encouraged to call GPD at (818) 548-4911.

On March 23 at 1:07 a.m., a burglary occurred on the 300 block of Chester Street. The suspect entered the secure parking garage by unknown means. He looked into vehicles using the flashlight on his phone. He took the victim's car jack but abandoned it prior to leaving.

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# New Pipeline Planned

Crescenta Valley Water District and its contractor will be installing a new eight-inch water main on the 4300 block of Rosemont Avenue. The project will replace approximately 800 linear feet of old eight-inch water main installed in the 1930s with a new eight-inch water main. In addition, the project will include the replacements of 15 water services and two fire hydrants.

Robert Brkich Construction Corp. was awarded the contract

earlier this year and is set to begin construction on Monday, April 12. It is expected to be finished by the end of May.

This work will disrupt normal traffic flow and require temporary traffic lane closures for those traveling both northbound and southbound on Rosemont Avenue, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Traffic lanes will remain open after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

This project is funded by CVWD water bonds with emphasis on CVWD's ongoing efforts to upgrade existing infrastructure, which provides customers with safe, reliable and clean drinking water. Residents are encouraged to contact Christina Olmedo, project manager, for construction related questions at (818) 248-3925 or email her at colmedo@cvwd.com.

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doubled that to 4,000. In the end she used about 3,000 eggs, filling each with candy that she painstakingly chose, making sure that the quality of the candy was on par with the fundraiser.

"I didn't want the kids to be disappointed after opening their eggs," she said.

One lucky household also received a special golden egg that held a \$100 gift certificate to Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill. That prize has yet to be claimed.

The Keeney kids were members of one family who were surprised on Easter morning.

"My kids were thrilled!" said Diana Keeney. "[It was the] best Easter ever. Normally the Bunny hides [eggs] around the living room so [the kids] searched there for a while and when they got desperate they looked outside and squealed with joy."

Aghadjanian said that the event helped grandparents who wanted to keep trips outside their household to a minimum while staying connected with family members. There was also an opportunity to "gift" deliveries to families in need. She said she worked with members of the Glendale Police Officers Assn. who delivered donated, prepared gift baskets.

Aghadjanian said that, despite the work, she hopes the Chamber decides to hold the fundraiser again next year and hopes to engage the help of youth organizations to fill the thousands of eggs.

Aghadjanian said that the MVCOC wasn't sure how successful the fundraiser would be.

"We set the bar pretty low," she said of the money the Chamber hoped to raise. However, the response was so strong that, after the tallying was done, an estimated \$2,700 was brought in.

"I'm so happy because it's scary times," Aghadjanian said. "We exceeded our goal and are thrilled."

Those who want to recycle their eggs can contact the Chamber office at (818) 249-7171 or mvcc@montrosechamber.org to arrange for drop-off or pickup. Plastic eggs can also be taken to the offices of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 (at the northwest corner of Honolulu Avenue) in April. A collection box will be set up outside the office doors. The plastic eggs will be sanitized and stored by the Chamber for next Easter.

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board are GTA endorsed," she said. "They used to talk to us and ask for our input ... I've always felt like a stakeholder. Now they simply say 'This is how it's going to be' and tell us how grateful we should be to have a paycheck."

The tattered relationship was on full display at the rally as protesters held signs with messages such as "No confidence in GUSD," "Safety first – put it in writing" and "Our working conditions are students' learning conditions!"

Parent and La Crescenta resident Dave Anthony said that he

moved to Glendale for the schools but now feels betrayed and believes that GUSD board members have no respect for parents, teachers or even nurses and are failing to listen or communicate effectively.

"The Board doesn't care," he said, "and change only seems to happen when we demand it."

Lisa Avery, a Glendale teacher and member of the GTA bargaining team, emphasized that GUSD isn't conducting tests for asymptomatic carriers of the COVID virus and that the GUSD board meeting isn't open to the public because it's not

safe, yet students and parents were expected to be in the classroom without a written agreement on how to keep students, teachers and staff safe.

Parent and Fremont School teacher Sarah Morgan-Arnold shared her story of being required to go against her doctor's advice and be on campus the day of and the day after receiving her first vaccine dose. She noted that, despite repeated promises from GUSD, safety standards are not being enforced and children are being put at risk.

"The kids' snack table isn't being

cleaned or wiped down between use," she said. "When we complain or speak out about it, our concerns are disregarded ... I want them to listen and sign an MOU so that we can have an agreed upon set of rules and accountability for keeping the students safe."

At the conclusion of the event GTA board member Judy Scheidhauer underscored the need for accountability.

"We want a safe return to the classroom," Scheidhauer said. "They want us to take their word, but their word is changing daily."

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The 1978 Flood Left Wide-ranging Effects

The storms in February 1978 that caused so much destruction in Pinecrest also hammered communities all over Southern California. As the storm came in from the Pacific Ocean it blew winds of 80 to 90 miles per hour and pushed 10-foot waves over the breakwall in LA and Long Beach harbors. Both harbors were closed and small-boat marinas were ripped apart, tearing hundreds of boats from their moorings and sinking many. Tornadoes ripped through Huntington Beach and El Segundo, tearing off roofs, destroying scores of mobile homes (of course) in a trailer park, and wrecking small planes at an airport.

People were washed into the roaring flood control channels and rivers, some killed as bridges collapsed beneath their cars. A dramatic scene played out in Acton where a wild cat compound was hit by floodwaters. Three big lions were

freed and the panicked cats were shot by deputies with rifles – one as it charged the deputies. Flood damage was widespread across the region.

Closer to the Crescenta Valley, La Cañada experienced some mudflows into houses. The embankment on Foothill Boulevard just west of the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA collapsed, threatening a house above.

On Markridge Road, just west of the heavily damaged Pinecrest community, many houses were inundated with mud from a surprising source. County Flood Control had for 20 years been dumping mud and rocks excavated from local debris basins in a big pile above Markridge, just below what is today Deukmejian Park. The pile collapsed in the rain and flowed down into the houses across the street. Three hundred volunteers from the valley lined Markridge Road, filling sandbags and shoveling mud from

houses. Ironically a lot of the mud had been piled on the landfill above Markridge in the previous three weeks as Flood Control workers scrambled to quickly empty filling debris basins in the Crescenta Valley.

Over on the Tujunga side, all hell broke loose. A debris basin dam in Zachau Canyon burst under tremendous pressure and a 30-foot wall of water and mud roared into the streets below. Debris from that wave of destruction was seen hanging from telephone lines. Cars were tossed around like toys, one ending up propped upright on its rear bumper against a telephone pole, another car ending up stacked on top of another, which was upside down.

A little to the west, the quiet but criminally neglected Verdugo Hills Cemetery shifted, then slid down the hill, carrying a load of decayed bodies with it. In this now

infamous mudslide, bodies and parts of bodies were strewn through the neighborhoods below. Coffins protruded from the exposed hillside. I covered this horrifying incident in previous columns, so I won't go into detail; suffice it to say it was incredibly gruesome.

In a twist of irony, rescue crews arriving on the scene said there were dead bodies everywhere, yet there were no actual victims. The bodies and parts of bodies were quickly gathered up, and attempts were made to ID the bodies. The cemetery was hurriedly stabilized with plastic sheeting.

Down on Foothill Boulevard, a firetruck rolling to a rescue was hit by a flashflood rushing across the road. The firemen abandoned the truck and used the truck's firehoses to pull themselves to safety. Big Tujunga Canyon was raging, the roiling water stretching from one side of the canyon to the other. A

big stretch of the canyon road was completely washed away.

Communities of the canyon, like Riverwood Ranch and residents higher up, were cut off from rescue. Higher up the canyon at Mill Creek an entire small community was washed away resulting in several deaths. I'll cover the Mill Creek tragedy next week.

Quite a contrast to write about watery disaster when it's so beautiful outside. I did want to make one correction to my tale of the Pinecrest mudslide. I had put the blame on the Pinecrest developer for the failed Shields Canyon debris basin at the top of Pine Cone Road. The developer's family reminded me that the too-small debris basin was actually put in, and inadequately maintained, by the Forest Service.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### New Housing Units Coming In?

Los Angeles County and the City of Glendale are currently working on their housing element update, which must be done every eight years. The state decides how many housing units for each of the various income levels must be added to an area and it's up to the city, or for unincorporated La Crescenta LA County decides, to plan where the new housing units will be located.

Los Angeles County has chosen 33 parcels in Montrose to modify the zoning to allow for much greater density than the current zoning

would allow.

Glendale's plan is not available to the public yet, but they are mandated to find parcels to allow over 13,000 additional units citywide to be built in the next eight years.

The Crescenta Valley Community Assoc. has discussed the issue at its recent meeting and will probably do so again at its monthly Zoom meeting. The next is planned for April 22. Please email crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/393102097420539> for more information.

Sharon Raghavachary  
Steering Committee Member  
Crescenta Valley Community Association

#### Stadium Not a Welcome Addition to the Neighborhood

In their determination to proceed with the proposed 3,400-seat field stadium at CVHS, despite angry objections of the surrounding residents, the GUSD has now taken

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### NEWS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » HARRY LEON

## Happy Easter from the CVTC

On March 10, the Crescenta Valley Town Council reconfirmed its adoption of a proclamation dated March 16, 2017 in standing together as a community to promote equality for all its citizens, residents and visitors to the Crescenta Valley. The Council firmly stands against the recent rise in violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, racist, inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric and hate incidents against the AAPI community have intensified across the nation and LA County. Racist and xenophobic rhetoric is harmful to everyone: no matter what race you are, the language you speak at home or the country from which you come, hate has absolutely no place in the Crescenta Valley.

La Crescenta-Montrose has always taken pride in putting

families and public safety first. No one should have to live in fear of being victimized by hate incidents. As a town and as a community we must stand united in our efforts against bigotry and acts of hatred.

The LA County Library will be reopening! On April 19 the sites will reopen in the Fifth District, including Duarte, La Crescenta, Lancaster, Quartz Hill and Stevenson Ranch. More libraries will gradually reopen as time progresses and, in the meantime, libraries will maintain sidewalk services, book drops and virtual resources.

According to the California Dept. of Public Health, Los Angeles County entered the orange tier on Monday, April 5. The orange tier enables Los Angeles County to increase capacity for indoor dining, breweries and wineries, outdoor

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### PERSONAL PERSEPECTIVE

## MLB Does Atlanta Dirty

By Brandon HENSLEY

Among the first things I heard last week regarding the new voting law in Georgia is it would deny the ability for water or other refreshments to be given to voters standing in line as they withered away in the humidity under the relentless Georgia sun.

Why would Republican lawmakers create those restrictions, I thought? It doesn't matter what party I identify with; that seemed so unnecessary, and cruel.

Critics of the law say it restricts and suppresses the Black vote and, if you go by what the media said last week, who would dare to disagree?

Major League Baseball also agreed and last week, armed with more reasons aside from the whole "denying water to a dehydrated voter" stipulation, pulled its 2021 All-Star Game from Truist Park in Cobb County, where the Atlanta Braves play.

"Major League Baseball fundamentally supports voting rights for all Americans and opposes restrictions to the ballot box," Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement.

President Joe Biden said he was "sick" when hearing about the law. He called it "Jim Crow on steroids," and specifically cited the part, on page 73, where it makes it a potential misdemeanor to offer food or water to people waiting in line to vote. Biden also cited the part where voting hours would be cut off by 5 p.m., making it hard for the average worker to get to the polls in time.

Again, sounds like Manfred did the right thing! And look, talking heads on ESPN sure thought so. Commentators Bomani Jones and Michael Wilbon, both Black, applauded MLB for doing "the only thing it could do." Rachel Nichols,

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California is one of six regions that will receive several \$500 scholarships to provide to both applicant categories (*Zakat Foundation* volunteers and community service volunteers).

This scholarship opportunity is to directly reward community service performed by students as community service provides students with the opportunity to become active participants in their communities. The humanitarian nonprofit organization plans to distribute scholarships to volunteers in different regions throughout the United States where it has a strong presence.

Students will have to fill out a form, provide a reference, summarize the community service they've done, and indicate which college or university they got accepted into as scholarship money goes directly to their two- or four-year school. The two categories for applicants are *Zakat Foundation* volunteer and community service volunteer. Applications close May 10, and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/nk7nxshw>.

The California Armenian

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Creativity, Imagination Displayed by Invention Convention Students

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Local Rosemont Middle School seventh grade students Sammy Arias and Elijah Bursch recently won first place at the Glendale Unified School District Invention Convention. GUSD hosted its 27th Annual Invention Convention for students in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. The GATE program provides unique education opportunities for high-achieving students. The Invention Convention is an annual event open to GATE students from fifth to eighth grade. Invention Convention teaches students problem identification, problem solving, creativity and entrepreneurship, and builds confidence through invention and innovation. There were 62 inventions created by 75 student participants this year despite the virtual format. Rosabel Parks led the Invention Convention student group from Rosemont Middle School.

The inventions were judged by Rotary Club members with experience in engineering, computer science, law and business as well as Glendale Unified School District personnel with previous classroom experience. All participants received a participation ribbon. Medallions were presented to first, second, and third place awardees.

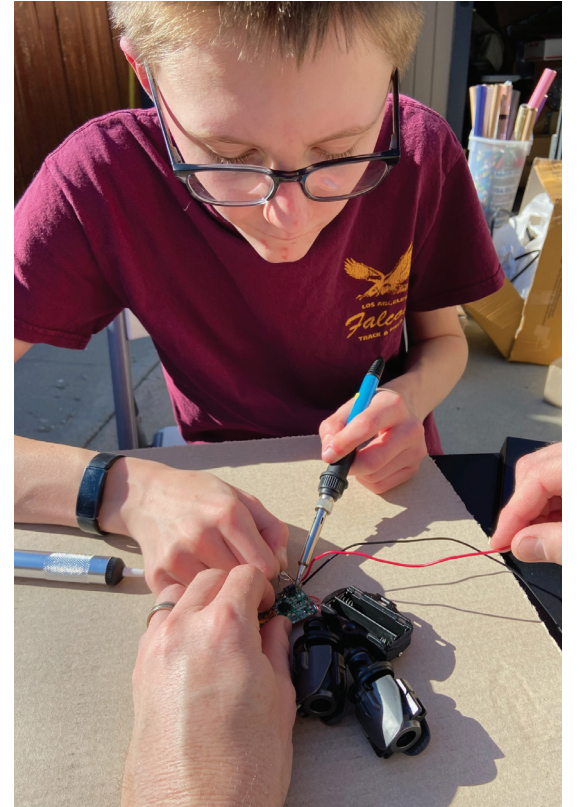
Sammy Arias and Elijah Bursch together made a Pet Diversion Apparatus and won first place for seventh grade. They worked on their invention over winter break and finished the project in a month.

"Our project was designed to divert pets from interrupting important Zoom meetings, disturbing games, or waking you up at night," explained Sammy.

"Sammy and I came up with the idea because my cat, Pushka, had been waking my parents up at night and had been disturbing my board game setups, so we were trying to solve those problems," added Elijah. "I came up with the idea to repurpose an old Spy Gear™ detector for our project, and Sammy came up with the idea for the box. My grandpa has been teaching me how to build circuits with Arduino, and he helped me design the circuit we used to trigger the box so it released treats for pets."

The virtual format didn't affect the boys' creativity. "Even though we couldn't work on the project in person, we had a good idea and were able to execute it well, so it was still fun," said Sammy.

This year's competition was the second time



Elijah Bursch working on circuitry for Pet Diversion invention for the GUSD invention convention

Elijah participated. Both years he won first place.

"The major difference this year was that Sammy and I were working over Google Meet, whereas I was working with my partners in person last year," Elijah said. "I liked doing a Google Slides presentation instead of a poster board. In future years, I hope they keep the slides, but we still give our inventions to the judges to inspect."

GUSD teacher specialist Dr. Narineh Hakopian helped organize and host the virtual format Invention Convention and students submitted their inventions through Google Slide presentations in Google Classroom. She thanked all the students for their hard work and dedication during the virtual award ceremony.

Dr. Armina Gharpetian, president of the GUSD Board of Education, also thanked the teachers and family members who inspired and supported the students. Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian and Dr. Marine Avagyan, director of Equity, Access, & Family Engagement, thanked the students for their hard work, creativity and ingenuity.

For a complete list of winning entries, visit [www.cvweekly.com/YOUTH](http://www.cvweekly.com/YOUTH).

## YOUTH NOTES

### Valley View Student Takes Prize in Reflections Competition

Fifth grader Aren of Valley View Elementary School won first place in the category of literature in 2020 Reflections Program – district level. His work will go on to compete at the national level.

### 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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## School Spirit Shared at Game



The Crescenta Valley High School pep squad was finally able to cheer at the school football game against Burbank on Friday (the Falcons won 13 to 6 over Burbank). There were lots of tears shed when the school song was sung.

The squad will cheer again at today's, Thursday's, game.

# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Kiwanis Club of Glendale Presents 'May Day, May Day ... Kiwanis One Day!'

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The Kiwanis Club of Glendale has organized a community event that will benefit families and children and provide a sustainable project that will benefit the overall community.

With the mission of improving the world one child and one community at a time, the 99-year-old organization will be hosting a food and book distribution event on Saturday, May 1 at the Salvation Army Glendale, 320 W. Windsor Road. Families who are in need of groceries are encouraged to attend this drive-thru event between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In addition to food, every child who visits will receive a new book. The culmination of this event will be the unveiling of a book box, which is being created by Kiwanis partners at the Kiwanis Literacy Club Foundation. Kiwanis Club of Glendale members are pleased to provide a book box at the Salvation Army facility that helps

many of Glendale's children develop their literacy skills.

To assist in the efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale in distributing food to families in need consider dropping off food donations to the Salvation Army throughout the month of April. Ask for Captain Kelly Berggren.

"This book box fits into what we are trying to do with our after-school Zone Program," said Captain Kelly Berggren of the Salvation Army in Glendale. "We try to help neighborhood kids with their homework, especially in families where English is a second language. If we can encourage young kids to read they won't be disadvantaged as they progress too and graduate from high school."

Added Monica Sierra, Kiwanis Club of Glendale president.

"The Kiwanis Club of Glendale has served the children in our community for almost a hundred

years. We also have a long-standing relationship with the Salvation Army, so we feel this event will benefit both the children and the Army by providing food and books to families in need. We encourage kids to 'Read a book, change the world!'"

Toni Beck-Espinoza is this year's event chair and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale.

"As Kiwanians, we are excited to host an event that provides food for the mind and food for the body," said Beck-Espinoza. "We know that many kids have never had brand new books of their very own. By providing books to kids in our community we are fulfilling an important need and hope to improve literacy while creating avid readers for life."

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Glendale visit [www.GlendaleKiwanis.info](http://www.GlendaleKiwanis.info) or contact Club President Monica Sierra at [monicasierra.ms@gmail.com](mailto:monicasierra.ms@gmail.com).

## Ready to Mask Up



Cecilia Pyzow, director of Business Development at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, arranges masks for those who visit the hospital. Mask wearing is still necessary and thankfully the hospital has plenty on hand for those who might forget theirs.

Photo by Ruth SOWBY

## YWCA Glendale and Pasadena-Foothill Valley Partner

The YWCA Glendale and Pasadena-Foothill Valley are officially joining forces to become YWCA Glendale and Pasadena.

The structure of this formal, long-term relationship is designed to further each organization's commitment to serving women and children in the cities of Glendale and Pasadena, while strengthening the capacity and sustainability. YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley will become a subsidiary of

YWCA Glendale and, as the parent organization, YWCA Glendale has changed its name to YWCA Glendale and Pasadena. The two organizations

will have fully integrated leadership, operations, and programming under Tara Peterson, chief executive officer.

This decision was made after a year of thoughtful and strategic exploration funded by the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative, which included feedback from YWCA constituents and key stakeholders. YWCA Glendale's domestic violence programs (serving survivors throughout LA County), girls' empowerment, and racial justice programs will continue to operate from the Glendale location and YWCA Pasadena's girls' empowerment programs will continue to operate in Pasadena.

## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

#### What Is A Pocket Listing?

Dear Phyllis,  
I moved out of my home and rented it a year ago. My tenant will be leaving in six months, and I was planning on moving back. In the meantime, a Realtor I am acquainted with contacted me out of the blue to tell me I could get what I think is an unbelievable price for my home. I am well known in the community and would be embarrassed to list for such an ambitious price if I weren't to get it. He told me he could list my home as a pocket listing. What exactly is a pocket listing? And what are the pros and cons??

Dear Jill,  
Although a pocket listing is technically a property listed for sale, it is not listed in the multiple listing service (MLS). There will not be ads in the newspaper and there won't be a "For Sale" sign either.

Instead, your Realtor keeps your listing in his "pocket". There are two ways for your real estate agent to go about this:

He can share it with only his clients, which will be a relatively small pool of buyers. This scenario may be more for his benefit than yours.

Or  
He can also share with a handful of other agents he trusts and has a good working relationship with.

Here's how to decide if a pocket listing is the best marketing approach for your situation:

Because you are well known in the community and don't want to have your personal finances known, a pocket listing may shield you from the embarrassment if you fail to sell your home at an "ambitious" price.

The secrecy of pocket listings does present some serious drawbacks. The biggest disadvantage is that without listing in the multiple listing service there will be less exposure. This means less traffic and less opportunity for multiple offers and a bidding war. Without this exposure it's difficult to know at which price your home might actually sell.

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## April Fools' Pranks

April 1 is historically a time when pranksters can have a laugh at the expense of unsuspecting victims. Below readers share pranks played on them.

"Well, to my surprise I arrived home on April Fools one year to find my parents had placed a 'for sale' sign in front of my house.

"Trying to outdo my parents and while still captain of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station I redeployed the 'for sale' sign to the front of the station on April Fools Day the next year. (We didn't get a single offer!)"

Dave Silversparre  
La Crescenta

# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Knecht to Perform at the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, April 21 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed.

Violist Alexander Knecht will perform works by J.S. Bach on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

Alexander Cai Knecht, 29, completed a DMA under full scholarship at USC in 2018 where he studied with Brian Chen. He holds a master's degree from Juilliard, where he studied with Masao Kawasaki, and bachelors' degrees from La Sierra University, where he studied with Jason Ueyeyama.

In 2018, he became a member of the viola section of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra. Since 2019, he has served as a teaching artist for the Caesura Youth Orchestra at Columbus Elementary School in Glendale. In 2019, he founded a free violin class outreach program at the Los Angeles Chinese Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He is a regular participant as a violinist in the liturgical music at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Loma Linda. He has been a mentor teaching strings in the CKC-Music community engagement program in San Bernardino since its founding in 2008, continuing to the present day through Zoom.

This year he was featured in a live performance on AM 870 in Glendale on the Impassioned Angels program. Last summer he performed in an online celebration of the violin caprices of Sophie-Carmen Eckhardt-Grammaté, as part of a celebration



of Canada Day, hosted by Scott St. John of the Colburn School. He remains an active teacher and performer online.

In past summers he has been a fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, the Music Academy of the West, and the Gonggeng Music Festival in Zhejiang Province, China. He comes from a musical family of Chinese, Korean and Caucasian ancestry including three siblings, all of whom play and teach string instruments.

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

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### THEN & NOW I

### Markridge Flood Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then** » LA County had for 20 years been piling mud and rocks excavated from the valley's debris basins at a site above Markridge Road, below what is today Deukmejian Park. In February of 1978, the uncompacted pile was soaked by a major storm and ran down into the neighborhood below. In this view looking down from the top of the pile, volunteers can be seen piling sandbags along Markridge.



**Now** » The County has continued to use that site above Markridge as a dumpsite for mud and rocks from our debris basin. In this view seen from further back in Deukmejian Park, we can see that the pile is much higher than in 1978. The difference is that the pile has now been carefully engineered to prevent another mudslide. The County assures the community that it is stable.

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## CALENDAR this

### 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.

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/>.

### ANTI-INFLAMMATORY NUTRITION TIPS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

An informative discussion about the link between inflammation and cancer will take place online at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday April 13 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Participation is free of charge.

Madelyn Wilcox and Lori Bumbaco will discuss the impacts of inflammation and will suggest dietary steps to help reduce inflammation. Both Wilcox and Bumbaco are registered dietitians and board certified specialists in oncology nutrition.

The Cancer Support Community-Pasadena is located at 75 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215, Pasadena; (626) 796-1083, [www.cscpasadena.org](http://www.cscpasadena.org).

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

April 5, 2021 - April 11, 2021

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may have a lot to contend with now, so keep up your strength. You could be more emotional and sensitive than usual. You might feel any problems more acutely now than at other time. It's important to rest and eat enough protein to sustain your energy. You might also need to protect your lower back. It may be prone to stiffness.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The cosmos could increase the emotional energy between you and your partner. This can energize you or tire you out, depending on the circumstances. Emotional issues need to be discussed with an open heart. Don't hold them in and make yourself ill. Find a way to bridge the gap between inner problems and the way they manifest in your body.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Throat problems could be an issue now, but you feel moved to take action. Communication and getting your message across may be at the core of your problems. If you think you might be coming down with a cold, take some vitamin C and zinc. If you have something to say, go ahead and get it off your chest. Keep up your diet and exercise program, too.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You may be tempted to work too hard, which is going to mess up your diet a little. For your own sake, don't overdo it. You could be more sensitive to the effects of alcohol and too much fast food. Indulging could still be the main problem you face, but don't try to beat it cold turkey. A small, occasional treat is better than none at all.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Others may tempt you off track and into habits that aren't good for your health. It's important that you keep your boundaries firm and not listen to other people. Don't be swayed by their approach to life, especially if it's harmful to you. Stick to your principles. Decide for yourself that this is what you'll do to stay in great shape.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You could be suffering from a strange ailment. It may not be easily explained, but it could be linked to an allergic reaction. If your symptoms don't make sense, this is one possibility to investigate. Find out if what you eat, wear, or breathe is affecting you in some way. Have a doctor check out any problems.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

There could be a busy time ahead, so you might need to relax more. Perhaps the main problem entails ridding your system of toxins. If you can eat a diet that's relatively pure, and try a steam room or sauna, this may help. Aspects suggest that your body is trying to ward off something. Help it and you'll feel rejuvenated.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Don't lose your temper over a career issue. There isn't a lot you can do about it except try to relax. Tension in the muscles, back, and neck could lead to headaches. The answer is to be less impatient. Develop the ability to let go and surrender completely. If you can do that, your health will improve.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Health matters are in your hands now. You can now take conscious control of all your unconscious habits. Your good mood is certainly going to make you feel better, no matter what ailment you may have. Minor ailments could strike, but the positive boost from the Universe will help you in all ways.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

If you should experience any symptoms, have them checked by a professional. You could have a tendency to imagine things are worse than they really are. Your mind is working overtime, and this could influence the way you feel about physical issues. Instead of worrying, opt for peace of mind and do something proactive!

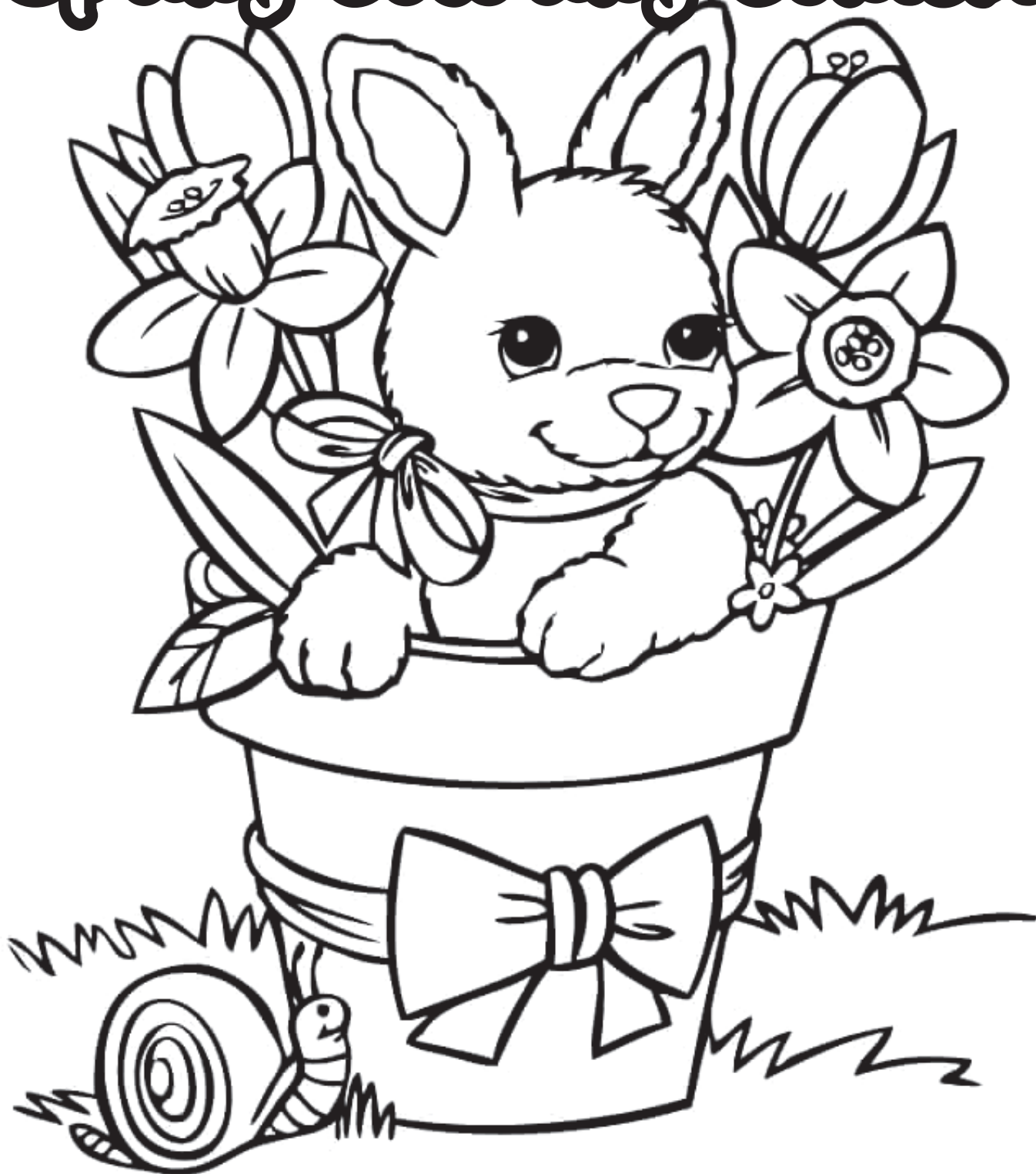
### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

A more positive outlook is keeping you in top condition. If you suffer from any particular issue, it could be overindulgence. It's hard to give up the things that taste good but aren't that great for your body. Instead, try some exercise. This will keep you in shape and help you to clear away any melancholy. Go for it.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You're likely to be focused on your career now, but you don't need more pressure than you already have. For the sake of your health and peace of mind, it might be time to look at what's going on in your life. Routines that give you bodily strength and clarity of mind are the ones to nurture. Discard the ones that run you down.

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bars, movie theaters, gyms, museums and more. While this is a sign of hope, everyone must continue to wear masks, practice safe distancing and sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Rec, and departments in 20 other cities, are joining together to launch a movement to get kids playing outdoors with EVERYBODY PLAYS, a program that provides free access to a variety of recreational programming and equipment such as balls, jump ropes, athletic equipment and games when visiting their local parks. Youth can check out sports equipment at no charge while visiting their local parks Tuesdays through Saturdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. starting April 1.

For more information and programs, please visit the Dept. of Parks and Rec website at [parks.lacounty.gov/everybodyplays](http://parks.lacounty.gov/everybodyplays).

Last but not least, April is Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month. Why April? Many of the genocides of the past century began in April – those in Armenia, Germany (the Holocaust), Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Sudan. As many of you know, April 24 is Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. The Ottoman Empire initiated an eight-year program of terror and mass execution beginning in 1915 that resulted in the deaths of more than 1.5 million men, women and children of Armenian heritage. This year marks the 106th anniversary. Meanwhile, April 17 is the 43rd anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide, which resulted in 1.7 million deaths.

And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at [contact@thevcouncil.com](mailto:contact@thevcouncil.com).

Stay safe, be healthy.

*Harry Leon, President  
Crescenta Valley Town Council*

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who is White, echoed their sentiments on the NBA show she hosts.

“[People are] trying to take away American citizens’ right to participate in a democracy which, make no mistake, is what has been going on here,” she said.

Okay, but then ... I actually read the law. As the dust was still settling from this awful, horribly racist law, I found it online myself and turns out if you’re going to make a big deal about justice and standing up for what’s right, you’d better be armed with the correct information.

The law in fact does not prohibit anyone from carrying food or water at the voting lines, nor does it bar them from calling a friend and having them bring a granola bar if blood sugar is low. What it does is restrict people who work for a specific campaign from buying votes with food, water or any other offering within 150 feet of the polls.

Huh, well then.

The voting hours? They can be open until 7 p.m., not 5 p.m.

Georgia governor Brian Kemp fought back in a press conference this week. Baseball’s headquarters are located in New York and maybe Manfred should move offices out of there, Kemp pondered.

“In New York, they have 10 days of early voting. In Georgia we have a minimum of 17, with two additional Sundays that are optional in all counties,” he said.

Atlanta is set to lose millions of dollars because Major League Baseball can’t let people have nice things. Hank Aaron, a Braves legend who passed away in January, was set to be honored at

the game. Now he’ll be honored in Colorado, where the game has been moved. What a joke that a seminal pop culture figure for Black people and the Braves franchise will have to settle for recognition in the Rocky Mountains instead of the place he broke Babe Ruth’s home run record. (If you’re keeping score, Denver is 9% Black, compared to 51% in Atlanta.)

Journalists love to beat their chests and say they hold public figures accountable and discover the truth for the American people. But the media continually drops the ball when it comes to these kinds of issues because of an internal bias that will always outshine the façade of objectivity. Even though I hold a journalism degree, it makes me almost happy I never ended up in that kind of toxicity.

The same goes for prominent politicians. During coverage of the NCAA men’s basketball tournament this week, Charles Barkley said, “I think most White people and Black people are great people. I really believe that in my heart but I think our system is set up, whether they’re Republicans or Democrats ... to make us not like each other so they can keep their grasp of money and power. They divide and conquer.”

At this point, who would dare to disagree?

*Brandon Hensley is the sports editor for the Crescenta Valley Weekly. The views expressed are his own.*

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entered into a contract for non-marine degradable foodware in the past year.

The longest agenda item of the night was a presentation by Bradley Calvert on the future direction of the city’s Slow Streets program. In addition to upgrading the popular “slow-down” signs to be more reflective and visible, the city is also exploring other traffic-speed-control strategies, such as artistically painted crosswalks and intersections, permanently mounted signs, and more resilient barriers such as K-rails.

Other topics of the meeting included a legislative update from State Senator Anthony Portantino who encouraged individuals and small businesses in Glendale to pursue COVID relief and stimulus opportunities such as the Golden State Stimulus program and California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program; a request was made by Councilmember Dan Brotman to add a discussion of the Crescenta Valley Independence Day fireworks celebration to a future agenda. Ending the meeting were an announcement about the availability of a new CERT training opportunity and the announcement of the new “Jewel City Vaccination Clinic” – a mass vaccination site at Glendale Community College that hopes to provide up to 10,000 vaccinations a week to anyone who lives or works in LA County and is eligible for a vaccine. The site will be open each week, from Thursday-Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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on the role of neighborhood bully. With no provisions for parking other than the surrounding residential streets (and the attendant traffic), the installation of 100-foot tall light standards, a snack bar, and at least six days per week usage, this project will impose a massively negative impact on our quality of life, and a precipitous decline in property values. The GUSD has chosen to ignore its own Draft Environmental Impact Report, which clearly acknowledges that there will be no significant way to mitigate any of these problems.

In response to those of us who have raised these issues with the officials at GUSD, we are told that they want to be “respectful” of our concerns but that this is good for the community, so we must just accept that fact and get over it. Well, they do not live here, so it is very easy to impose their wishes on someone else, without having to pay any consequences.

*Robert Skinnell  
La Crescenta*

**Cheers to Susan Bolan**

There’s always a good reason that I make the trek from Pasadena to La Cañada each Thursday to pick up the CV Weekly. This week it was Susan Bolan’s Views from the Valley piece (April 1), which focused on Tom Gilfoy and his book “Growing up in Sunland and Other Short Stories.” I was

treated to excerpts from that book in 2020 when several of his stories were reprinted in The Mountain Messenger.

The Messenger (aka The Mess) is known as “California’s Oldest Weekly Newspaper” and is published in Downieville, a small town in Sierra County.

Mr. Gilfoy’s storytelling is highly engaging and is a good blend of humor with a warm look at a simpler time as he and others from the Sunland area spent the summer working in the logging industry in the Sierra County region. I was pleased to find that the book is still available through the CV Historical Society; I just ordered it.

*Phil Mann  
Pasadena*

**It’s time for Dodger Baseball**

The 2021 baseball season is here and the Dodgers will be the defending 2020 World Series Champions. The letter “B” is important to the Boys in Blue; after all they relocated from Brooklyn in 1958. They will rely on a core group of players called “The Killer Bees” this year. Yes, Barnes, Buehler, Bauer, Bellinger, Betts and Beaty will lead the way to “back-to-back” World Series victories.

Austin Barnes had a breakout season last year and an even better World Series. He will catch 50 to 60 games, pinch hit, play late inning defense and backup Will Smith. He is Clayton

Kershaw’s personal catcher.

Walker Buehler has developed into the ace of the staff in three years. He’s had an amazing post-season record. He is primed for a Cy Young season.

Trevor Bauer was the most important free agent signing during the off season. When he signed with the Dodgers, they added last year’s Cy Young Award winner to the best pitching staff in baseball.

Cody Bellinger was the National League MVP in 2019. He bounced back from an off-season last year and had several key hits in the post season. Keep an eye on Belli this year.

Mookie Betts came from Boston in a trade before the 2019 season and then signed a 12-year contract worth \$365 million. He had a great season last year and has another MVP in his sights.

Matt Beaty, a talented utility player, has been up and down with the Dodgers for two years. With Kike Hernandez and Joc Pederson leaving in free agency, Beaty has an opportunity to establish himself as a go-to utility player and pinch hitter.

The Dodgers open in Colorado, play Oakland and return April 9 for the home opener. It promises to be an exciting and entertaining year. Join me in following the Boys in Blue’s excellent adventure.

*Lynn McGinnis  
Glendale*



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