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## GUSD, GTA Reach Tentative Agreement

The Glendale Unified School District released the following statement regarding a tentative agreement reached with the Glendale Teachers Assn.

On Wednesday, April 7, Glendale Unified School District reached a tentative agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Glendale Teachers Association (GTA) for return to in-person instruction in a hybrid model for elementary and secondary students for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. The MOU includes opportunities for additional compensation and professional development as well as health and safety measures already being implemented across the District:

### Return to School

- Glendale Unified elementary students returned to campuses for in-person learning beginning March 29. Middle and high school students will return on April 26. Secondary administrators will communicate their school schedules to families by no later than April 19.
- The District is providing no-cost full-day childcare for employees' school-aged children for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
- The District is providing all teachers and teacher specialists up to 30 additional hours at their hourly rate of pay to prepare their classrooms, attend professional development, and/or plan for hybrid instruction.
- The District is providing elementary classroom teachers a one-time bonus, paid through COVID funds, to provide classroom supervision from 8 to 8:20 a.m. so that students attending school on campus can proceed directly to their classroom when they arrive at school. The District will offer the same opportunity for secondary classroom teachers should they be required to provide additional supervision.

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# Falcons Lose Game, Gain Perspective in Homecoming

By Brandon HENSLEY

*Despite a loss, it was still a night of memories for the Falcons when they returned to the field.*

There aren't many high school students who can say they pitched five innings of a baseball game and two days later were throwing touchdown passes on the football field.

Those sports seasons don't usually line up, you know.

But due to a unique year in sports scheduling, Brendon Pehar can now say he did just that during his senior season. If it isn't something to brag about, it's at least been quite the experience.

Not to say everything about the April 8 football game at Moyse Stadium was a good experience. In fact, the Falcons (2-2) lost to the Pasadena Bulldogs (4-0) in a sloppy game,

a 47-20 defeat that was seen by a sparse crowd due to social distancing – or social limiting, in this case.

The only game for CV this season didn't have the usual students roaming the stands, there just to be seen, or a party planned for after the game. Students weren't allowed at all; just parents happy to see their sons finally being able to run around on the gridiron.

Pehar, the senior quarterback who was a part of the CIF championship team last season, said that was enough.

"Emotional," is how he characterized it. "Not knowing throughout the past year if we were going to play here again. The fact that we got to play on this field again one last time ... it was important to me."

The Falcons play their last game of the season Friday at Arcadia. Five games, and that's it. No playoffs, and certainly no championship celebration this time.

But that's not what mattered to most people at the game because at least there was some sense of normalcy in that, for the second time



Photos provided by John PEHAR  
Main image Brandon Pehar: Falcon quarterback Brendon Pehar prepares the throw as Pasadena comes up behind.

this year, the cheer squad was there and for the first time the school band was back, seated in the stands at

midfield (it's usually off the side near the west end zone).

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# Long Days – and Night – in Search for Missing Hiker

By Mary O'KEEFE

Montrose Search and Rescue coordinated efforts to locate a missing hiker in the Mount Waterman area.

Rene Compean was reported missing on Monday at about 6 p.m. He was found uninjured on Tuesday at about 3:30 p.m.

Compean had sent to a friend a text and photo of himself sitting at the edge of a canyon.

"We had this picture but had a hard time identifying exactly what area it was," said Montrose Search and Rescue team member Steve Goldsworthy, operations leader for the search.

The photo did not show any mountain peaks, which could help identify Compean's location, only the hiker's legs hanging over into a canyon. The photo, however, did show Compean's legs covered in ash, which gave searchers a clue that he was in the area of the Bobcat Fire. The fire occurred in September 2020 and the area was subsequently closed with many of the signs that marked trails no longer in place due to the fire.



Photo courtesy of Montrose SAR  
Sierra Madre search and rescue members prepare to board LASD Air Rescue 5 while assisting Montrose SAR on the search.

Goldsworthy said the area of Twin Peaks, south of Mount Waterman, was a place of interest for the searchers on Monday night. Cellphone forensics showed Compean was on that side of Mount Wa-

terman.

Montrose Search and Rescue was assisted in the search by teams from Sierra Madre, Santa

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



# There's the Rub

I've decided to take a hopeful stance regarding the pandemic and it nearing its end. Mind you, I've never been one to shy from the loosening of government restrictions regarding COVID-19. For example, when outside dining was allowed I was first to be seated. When hair and nail salons could accept clients – whether inside or out – I booked my appointment.

That's not to say I don't follow protocols: I wear my mask when outside (except when I walk the dogs; then it is in my pocket in case I come across someone) and for Easter 2020 I had Steve record me, outfitted in mask and gloves, wiping down Easter baskets with Lysol wipes to show family members that I was observing safety measures when preparing holiday treats.

Obviously I keep a close eye on those things that I'm "allowed" to do so when restrictions on personal care establishments were relaxed earlier this month, I booked a much-needed massage at Uptown Face and Body on Honolulu in the Montrose Shopping Park.

Maria over at Uptown always makes sure I have a peaceful, tranquil experience at her place and the technicians she uses are all pros. I indulged with a 90-minute massage with hot stones and when I left her salon I was properly "noodle-ized;" that is, totally relaxed.

Looking ahead to summer, one of my favorite times of the year, I wanted to share what activities are planned. Though the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce is curtailing its annual Fiesta Days celebration (traditionally held over the Memorial Day weekend) some of those events will be held later in the season. For example, on Monday, July 5 the parade is scheduled followed by

the kickoff of Music in the Park. Chamber president and CEO Pat Anderson wanted to make sure that an asterisk was placed next to those two events: all safety protocols, including social distancing and any other restrictions dictated by the LA County Dept. of Public Health, will apply. She invited the community to visit the chamber's website later this month for details.

The LCF chamber is also planning a virtual community bingo night on May 20, a business mixer on July 15 that will be sponsored by the City of LCF and held in Olberz Park (the park located next to the former Sport Chalet now Target site) and a "backyard BBQ" on July 17 sponsored by the Chamber.

As I mentioned in an earlier column, the CV Chamber of Commerce is also planning ahead with a positive outlook. Plans include on May 6 a virtual vendors silent auction from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on July 10 a (long overdue) bingo game, a scholarship golf tournament in August and in September the always-popular Hometown Country Fair.

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

But it is exciting to think that if we're able to steer clear of any COVID surges and continue to get vaccinated (I've gotten both of my shots) more restrictions will be lifted until the wonderful day when we can exhale and say, "It's over."

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# Weather in the Foothills

"We cannot stop the winter or the summer from coming. We cannot stop the spring or the fall or make them other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we cannot refuse. But we can choose what we will contribute to life when each arrives."

~ Gary Zukhav, spiritual teacher and author

Current drizzly and cool weather is expected to dissipate as mild Santa Ana winds come into the Crescenta Valley on Saturday night. Throughout much of our state, warmer temperatures are beginning to push folks off the deck and into the pool. To a lesser extent, at higher elevations others still hold tightly to the ski-lift bar as the season's snow melts. It's springtime in California!

The April 1 snow survey is typically the most important of the year as the snowpack is the deepest; water supply is based on its statistics. A contributing factor is the amount of water absorbed into soils before running off into our rivers and streams. Snowmelt is the source of about 75% of the water supply. Winter's snow, not rain, is connected to how much water Californians will have for the rest of the year. Winter snowstorms bring more than pretty landscapes or good ski opportunities; they are crucial sources of water during the dry summers.

California Cooperative Snow Surveys, accompanied by the Dept. of Water Resources, travel to 130 sensor locations in the Sierra to measure snowpack. Key information is snow depth and weight. The weight of a snow sample determines how much water will be generated from the snow when it melts. The snow depth is combined with the snow weight to give the density of the snow, which is recorded to track changes in the snowpack throughout the season. Measurements at multiple sites assure a full picture of California's snowpack and water availability.

Scientific measurement is vital to predicting water availability for California's homes, farms and reservoirs. Two weeks ago, California water officials reported the statewide snowpack is just 59% of average for this time of year as the state continues to experience one of the driest years.

Interestingly, the same techniques used in 1929 are still used today – traveling by snowshoe and plunging long metal poles deep into the snow.

Offshore flow develops just in time for the weekend. With the marine layer out to sea we should have clear skies through the period. But the mid-April sunshine, lack of clouds and the offshore flow will bring five to 10 degrees of warming on Saturday. On Sunday, an added five to 10 degrees arrives bringing readings from 80 degrees to low 90s.

Time to shop for a new bathing suit!

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

The virtual monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. In addition to reports from local agencies, the agenda includes an update by the CV Water District general manager on CVWD's local hazard mitigation plan, and an overview by the California Dept. of Transportation of the Ambassador Program.

For those who want to take part in the Zoom meeting, the ID is 956 9812 8070 and the password is 750226.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

All are invited to an "open gate" at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is a chance for visitors to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace, enjoying the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: Bring your camera to capture the early morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add the wildlife sightings!

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

Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions.

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

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 with mobility issues that require a closer parking spot should email [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

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

### LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE

Christian Life Church is having a blood drive on Tuesday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to the American Red Cross, there has been a steep drop in donors yet there is a critical need for donations to ensure ARC meets the needs of hospitals.

To sign up, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or use the donor app.

Christian Life Church is located at 3013 Montrose Ave., at the corner of Ramsdell Avenue, in La Crescenta.

### CVCA TO MEET THURSDAY, APRIL 22

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

# Centenarian Has No Fear as He Rolls Up His Sleeve

By Mary O'KEEFE

Herbert Harder said his interest in medicine began "the day I was born." Which, when you consider was 100 years ago, is a very long love of the medical profession.

Actually it was when he was 7 years old that he really knew he wanted to be a doctor. Eventually that led him to medical school in 1946, after he served in the U.S. Navy in WWII.

His career has been centered at Glendale Adventist Hospital. When he started his career there it was called the Glendale Sanitarium.

"There were six parking spaces out front and maybe 20 for doctors out back," he said in a hospital press release.

Over the years he has seen several changes.

"Well, when I was a medical student we had just five girls in the class," he said in an interview with CVW. He added he has been happy to see an increase in the number of women in the medical field. He also noted that "back then" a day rate for a stay at the hospital was \$10 – something else that changed over the years.

Recently he rolled up his sleeve to receive his COVID-19 vaccine.

"I didn't feel any reaction from that [vaccine]," he adding, "I believe strongly in vaccinations."

He remembered when his children got their first polio vaccinations, in the 1950s, which were administered orally at the time. He made certain his children got the vaccine as soon as possible.

"Polio was a very bad scourge," he said.

He added that COVID-19 has been one of the worst pandemics he has seen; the next worse would be the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic will change life in the foreseeable future, he said. He believes there is a need to continue the safety measures currently in place like social distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

The majority of Harder's career has been in pathology. Although Harder retired prior to her working at Glendale Adventist, fellow pathologist Dr. Michele Cosgrove said he continues to inspire. Cosgrove joined Glendale Pathology Associates, of which Harder was founder.

"He came by regularly," she said.

Harder's inspiration came from his work in Glendale as well as his missionary work. His family traveled around Africa during their mission and then, after his retirement, he volunteered as a pathologist in Kenya and Tanzania.

Cosgrove added that Harder would bring cases to Glendale from his missionary work in east Africa. She said that often these areas in Africa did not have access to pathology and his skills were



Photos provided by Glendale Adventist

ABOVE: Dr. Herbert Harder receives the COVID-19 vaccine noting that COVID-19 has been one of the worst pandemics he has seen.

BELOW: Dr. Harder, who served as chief of staff at Glendale Adventist in 1988-89, looks at the portraits of fellow hospital leaders.



appreciated.

"So [in Africa] a surgeon could help a patient by removing a [tumor] but wouldn't be able to have pathology available," Cosgrove said. Dr. Harder provided that expertise in Africa. Pathology is the science of the causes and effects of diseases, according to the Oxford dictionary.

A pathologist specializes in the body's fluids and tissues. Pathologists perform autopsies to identify or confirm disease and causes of death but also interpret samples of tissue, like tumors, during surgery.

"That is what [Harder] has been doing during his retirement," Cosgrove said.

His work helped those in Africa but also helped doctors in Glendale as Harder would introduce cases that normally the pathologists would not see in California, like some forms of tropical diseases. He also worked at the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa, which provided valuable knowledge as HIV spread throughout the world.

"He is a wealth of information ... an expert in his field," she said. "What I saw in Dr. Harder was [volunteering] was truly his calling."

That calling, and his dedication, has inspired several of the pathologists at

Glendale Adventist to also travel to Africa to volunteer.

Cosgrove added that Harder is a "very proud" member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"He is really a religious and spiritual man," she said. She added she sees him embracing all people and offering help to all.

Harder has stayed busy during his retirement including enjoying

his hobbies of bird watching and woodworking. Perhaps staying active is why he is now a centenarian but he has also been a vegetarian all of his life; however, he did admit to smoking.

"I smoked for two hours one evening when I was a dumb teenager," he said.

He probably shouldn't worry too much about that one brief vice.

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# Glendale Unified Facilitates COVID-19 Vaccines for Graduating Seniors

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) is partnering with local healthcare providers to facilitate COVID-19 vaccination appointments beginning on Friday, April 16 for every high school senior and two eligible household members who want to be vaccinated.

GUSD previously facilitated vaccination appointments the first week in March for all 2,600 of its employees who wanted to be vaccinated and hosted a vaccination clinic on March 13 for employees' eligible household members. GUSD secondary students wishing to participate in hybrid learning will return to campuses beginning

April 26. Los Angeles County Public Health guidelines allow for in-person graduation ceremonies this spring.

"Glendale Unified has been a leader in facilitating vaccinations for our employees and their families in order to add an additional layer of safety for return to in-person learning this spring," said Glendale Unified Board of Education President Dr. Armina Gharpetian. "As we prepare for graduations and in-person school activities, we are thrilled to expand the opportunity for vaccination to our graduating seniors and their families who wish to receive them as they celebrate

this important milestone."

"We are incredibly grateful to our local healthcare partners who have generously committed their time and energy to help us facilitate vaccination appointments for our employees, families, and now our graduating seniors," said Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "The opportunity for vaccination is essential to supporting our seniors as they complete high school, safely celebrate their accomplishments and prepare for success in college, career and life."

For more information, visit [www.gusd.net/SeniorVaccines](http://www.gusd.net/SeniorVaccines).

# Green Light Given for Secondary Grades to Return to In-Person Learning

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Unified School District elementary schools have already reopened its doors for in-person learning and now it is the secondary schools' turn. On April 26 middle and high school students can return to in-person class for hybrid instruction.

There have already been small pods of students that have been attending in-person school for a couple of months but the reopening will allow schools to accommodate more students on campus and offer a hybrid type of schedule.

CVW has followed the return to school safety measures that have been installed by the District, including touring schools and seeing firsthand the protocols that are now in place. In the article, "The Force Behind Schools Safely Reopening" [April 8] CVW highlighted the safety measures made to schools, which included hand-washing stations and new air filters.

"Glendale Unified implements the same health and safety measures across all school and district facilities. Our health and safety measures meet, and often exceed, guidelines implemented by state and local departments of Public Health and the CDC

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]," said Superintendent Vivian Ekchian.

As with the return of elementary school students, secondary grade students have the choice of in-person learning or continuing with distant learning. In a survey given by GUSD to school families regarding the return to campus by middle school students, 26% of students at Roosevelt planned on returning, 37% of Rosemont students stated they would return, Toll stated that 21% of its students would return and Wilson expects 27% of its students to return to in-person learning.

For high school students, the survey indicated that 16% of students would be returning to in-person learning at Clark Magnet, 29% would return at Crescenta Valley, 16% at Daily, Glendale reported 26% would return and Hoover stated only 9% would return to in-person learning.

Those who chose not to return to on-campus learning would continue remote, or distance, learning.

Sports teams and clubs have already returned to school meetings following LA County Dept. of Public Health guidelines.

"A distance learning option will continue to be available

for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. The district will work collaboratively with all stakeholders to develop plans for the 2021-22 school year that best meet the needs of our community," said Ekchian.

The guidelines of how and when students can return to in-person learning come from the Dept. of Public Health and follow the state tier system. Although schools are reopening and some events are planned, this year's prom and graduation ceremony will still be affected by pandemic restrictions.


"Los Angeles County recently moved to the Orange Tier for COVID-19 transmission, allowing the County to expand permitted activities including outdoor live events. With this new change, high schools will have the opportunity to host live, in-person graduation ceremonies. Our high school administrators are gathering input from students and families to organize graduation events based on current Public Health guidelines," Ekchian said. "Traditional proms are not allowed under current Public Health guidelines. However, high schools may organize spring events as long as they align within current Public Health guidelines."

TENTATIVE from Cover

- Upon request, the District provides an additional adult to support classroom teachers and be included as a member of the classroom's stable group during instructional blocks.
- Classroom teachers will continue to carry all students on their 2020-21 roster for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, regardless of whether the student is participating in on-campus or distance learning instruction.
- Teachers are providing concurrent instruction to all students, utilizing their professional judgment to determine the means and methods by which they deliver curriculum to students who receive in-person and

- distance learning instruction. Teachers must ensure that all students receive the California minimum instructional minutes and live interaction on a daily basis.
  - All students who participate in on-campus instruction in a hybrid model attend school in-person for at least two days per week. Students participate in distance learning and teachers work from home on Wednesdays to allow time for deep cleaning classrooms between student groups.
  - Students attending school on-campus are provided with the supplies they need to participate in instruction.
- Health and Safety Protocols

- Glendale Unified facilitated vaccine appointments for all employees who wanted to be vaccinated, including teachers, classified staff, school and district administrators, athletic coaches, and classroom assistants, the first week in March. Employees received their second doses the week of March 22. The District hosted a vaccination clinic on March 13 for employees' eligible household members and is organizing a vaccination clinic on April 16 for high school seniors and their eligible household members. The District will continue to expand opportunities for vaccination for students, employees, and families as



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  - The District continues to meet or exceed all health and safety protocols set forth by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
  - The District will continue to ensure students, teachers, and staff maintain 6-feet of physical distance at all times, exceeding the current Public Health recommendation of 3 feet.
  - Students and employees must wear masks at all times, unless eating or drinking. All events that require students to remove their face masks for more than one minute, such as eating meals or snacks, will occur outside of classrooms and instructional spaces.
  - The District ensures that all areas being used by employees and/or students are being cleaned regularly according to the identified schedule. EEELP/CDCC classrooms that are shared by more than one cohort are cleaned prior to transitioning from one cohort to another.
  - School site principals will serve as a COVID-19 Compliance Officer, ensuring that all cleaning protocols are completed. The District will provide GTA with the name of the Compliance Officer at each site.
  - All students and employees reporting to school and district
- see TENTATIVE on page 7

# LA County Pauses Use of Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Following FDA and CDC Recommendation

Out of an abundance of caution, Los Angeles County is following the recommendation of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to pause the use of Johnson & Johnson vaccine after reports that six women between the ages of 18 and 48 developed unusual types of blood clots six to 13 days after receiving the vaccine. This pause will last until the FDA and CDC complete their review, which is expected to take several days. Vaccine providers in Los Angeles County will contact patients about rescheduling or providing a new appointment for Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

These reactions are extremely rare, as nearly 7,000,000 people have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the United States to date. People who received the vaccine in the last three weeks should look for any symptoms of these unusual clots, including severe headaches, abdominal or leg pain, and shortness of breath, and contact their medical provider if symptoms develop. People who don't have a medical provider can call 2-1-1 to connect with a healthcare provider.

The County is grateful to the researchers and scientists working to ensure that all medications or vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccines, have the highest safety standards.

The Dept. of Public Health states that it is committed to promoting health equity and ensuring optimal health and well-being for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services,

Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health. Nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health comprises nearly 4,500 employees and has an annual budget of \$1.2 billion.

Below are the positive number of COVID-19 cases and total number of deaths due to COVID-19 reported by the Dept. of Public Health as of April 12 at 6 p.m.

City	Total Positive Cases COVID-19	Total Deaths
Burbank	8,764	235
Glendale	19,726	585
La Cañada Flintridge	748	15
Eagle Rock	3,634	108
Shadow Hills	390	5
Sunland	2,270	57
Tujunga	2,888	65
<i>Unincorporated area of LA County</i>		
La Crescenta/Montrose	1,086	15

## PSA Hosts Events

April 14: Robert Sherrill, an Art Center College of Design graduate and teacher and well-known oil and watercolor painter, presented a demo via Zoom showing members of Pasadena Society of Artists how he sketches with pen and ink and watercolor. Members were invited to paint along or just watch as Sherrill brought his subject to life.

To see more examples of his work, visit <https://robertsherrill.com/>. Those would like to attend the Zoom presentation can RSVP to [zoomartpsa@gmail.com](mailto:zoomartpsa@gmail.com).

April 15: The Pasadena Society of Artists presents the new members showcase, which is opening online

today, Thursday, April 15. Visit the PSA website ([www.PasadenaSocietyofArtists.org](http://www.PasadenaSocietyofArtists.org)) to view several examples of new art and learn more about Karen Duckles, Sandy Fisher, Kevin McCants and Anna-Maria Nikolova. The preferred medium for all four is oil or acrylic. Subject matter includes landscapes, surrealism and abstract.

PSA is continuing its series of online exhibits launched last July. Live exhibits will resume later this year.

Founded in 1925, PSA is one of the area's original professional artist groups.

PSA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to present the works of its many talented and creative artists to the community of



Pasadena and surrounding areas. Combining an active tradition of community participation and partnering with local community arts organizations, as well as

philanthropic, humanitarian and educational institutions, PSA endeavors to enhance public awareness of art and the enriching qualities it brings to people's lives.

## Ingenuity's Flight Will Be Rescheduled

The Ingenuity team has identified a software solution for the command sequence issue identified on Sol 49 (April 9) during a planned high-speed spin-up test of the helicopter's rotors. Over the weekend, the team considered and tested multiple potential solutions to this issue, concluding that minor modification and reinstallation of Ingenuity's flight control software is the most robust path forward. This software update will modify the process by which the two flight controllers boot up, allowing the hardware and software to safely transition to the flight state. Modifications to the flight software are being independently reviewed and validated in test beds at JPL.

While the development of the new software change is straightforward, the process of validating it and completing its uplink to Ingenuity will take some time. A detailed timeline for rescheduling the high-speed spin-up test and first flight is still in process. The process of updating Ingenuity's flight control software will follow established processes for validation with



Image captured by the Mastcam-Z imager NASA's Ingenuity helicopter unlocked its rotor blades, allowing them to spin freely, on April 7, the 47th Martian day, or sol, of the mission. They had been held in place since before launch and the unlocking is one of several milestones that must be met before the helicopter can attempt the first powered, controlled flight on another planet.

careful and deliberate steps to move the new software through the rover to the base station and then to the helicopter.

Intermediate milestones include:

- Diagnose the issue and develop potential solutions
- Develop/validate and upload software
- Load flight software onto flight controllers
- Boot Ingenuity on new flight

software

Once these milestones have been reached, Ingenuity will be prepared for its first flight, which will take several sols, or Mars days. The best estimate of a targeted flight date is fluid right now, but the Ingenuity team is working toward achieving these milestones and will set a flight date in the

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## Funeral Assistance Program Offered

FEMA has announced a funeral assistance program for those who need help paying for funeral expenses. People can qualify for funeral expenses paid after January 20, 2020 for individuals who passed away in the United States, territories or the District of Columbia due to results of COVID-19.

No online applications will be accepted. People can apply by calling the COVID-19 funeral assistance number, which opened on April 12. The phone number is (844) 684-6333, TTY [800] 462-7585, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST [6 a.m. to 6 p.m. PST].

The call is a dedicated toll-free phone number and has multilingual services available.

“When you call, it should take about 20 minutes to apply. We will not rush through calls because we intend to make sure [all applicants] get their questions answered and receive the help they need to apply. It is important to gather all necessary information and documentation before applying for assistance. This will help us take the application and process it in a timely manner,” according to a FEMA statement.

Once people call and apply they will be given an application number. Expenses that are covered include: transportation for up to two people to identify deceased individual, transfer of remains, casket or urn, burial plot or cremation niche, marker or headstone, and clergy or officiant services.

FEMA is experiencing a high call volume on the funeral assistance phone line; they suggest continuing to try until the call goes through.

FEMA also warns that its agency has received reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral assistance.

“FEMA has not sent any such notifications and we do not contact people before they register for assistance,” according to FEMA.

For more information, visit [fema.gov](http://fema.gov).

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near future. There is confidence in the team’s ability to work through this challenge and prepare for Ingenuity’s historic first controlled powered flight on another planet.

Ingenuity continues to be healthy on the surface on Mars. Critical functions such as power, communications and thermal control are stable. It is not unexpected for a technology demonstration like this to encounter challenges that need to be worked in real time. The high-risk, high-reward approach taken to the first powered, controlled flight on another planet allows the team to push the performance envelope in ways that could not be done with a mission designed to last for years such as Perseverance. In the meantime, while the Ingenuity team does its work, Perseverance will continue to do science with its suite of instruments and is gearing up for a test of the MOXIE technology demonstration.

# CRIME BLOTTER

### April 7

4500 block of Angeles Crest Highway in La Cañada Flintridge, while one suspect was distracting a gas station worker, two suspects stole debit/credit card devices from the store counter at 11:45 p.m.

### April 6

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that she observed three females enter the store and walk to the area where reusable bags are sold. They grabbed several bags and then walked to the area where the high-end merchandise is kept. Each woman took several items; they

all walked out of the store without attempting to pay. All three females were described as 16 to 18 years old. They left the store and entered a silver four-door Infinite at 4:20 p.m.

side door handle of his car had been punched. He found that part of the lock cylinder on the ground beside his vehicle and saw the steering column lower cover had been removed and broken. The cover was lying on the driver’s floorboard and the ignition cylinder appeared to be damaged.

### April 5

3000 block of Evelyn Street in La Crescenta, a vehicle owner found that the lock cylinder to the driver’s

The incident occurred between April 5-8.

# GPD REPORTS

### Juvenile Arrested After Four Local Street Robberies

On April 11 just after 6 p.m., patrol officers were dispatched to the 3600 block of Sierra Vista Avenue regarding a robbery involving a firearm that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers learned the victim had been walking in the area when they were approached by a male who robbed them of their watch at gunpoint. After this, the suspect fled the area on foot. During an initial search of the area, officers were unable to locate the suspect.

While speaking with the initial victim, officers were approached by a second victim who stated s/he had been walking in the area of Honolulu Avenue and Broadview Drive earlier and had also been robbed of his/her watch at gunpoint by a male, but had not yet reported the incident. As officers were still on scene conducting this investigation, at approximately 7 p.m., another victim called the Glendale Police Department to report a male pointed a handgun at them and asked for money while they were walking near Roselawn Avenue and Broadview Drive, then fled on foot.

Officers quickly responded to the area and located the suspect who fled from them on foot. The suspect ultimately surrendered to officers on the 3600 block of Angelus Avenue and was taken into custody. Officers recovered from the juvenile male a black BB gun that replicated a real firearm along with property belonging to the victims. After the suspect was in custody, a fourth victim approached officers and told them they had just been robbed of their cellphone at gunpoint by this same male while walking near Roselawn and La Crescenta Avenue. Officers recovered all of the property that was stolen by the suspect and were able to return it to the victims.

Witnesses and surveillance cameras in the area positively identified the juvenile male as the suspect involved in the four separate robberies. The male was subsequently arrested and booked at Central Juvenile Hall for robbery.

### Males Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales with a Loaded Handgun

On April 8 at approximately 6:40 p.m., officers assigned to the Glendale Police Department’s Special Enforcement Detail (SED) observed a vehicle driving the wrong way on a one-way street (Eagledale Avenue), then enter a parking lot on the corner of Eagledale and Broadway.

As officers pulled into the lot, they observed two males, identified as 60-year-old Raymond Galvan of Arcadia and 20-year-old Hayk Hakobyan of Glendale, exit the vehicle and begin walking away from it. Officers made contact with Galvan and Hakobyan regarding the violation. While speaking with the males, Galvan told officers he had drugs on his person, retrieved multiple small plastic bags of heroin from his pocket and handed it to the officers. Officers then searched Galvan and located a methamphetamine pipe along with just over \$400 in cash. A search of Hakobyan revealed just over \$400 in cash as well.

A search of the vehicle produced a loaded firearm with no serial number on it, methamphetamine, heroin, multiple methamphetamine pipes and syringes along with packaging materials and additional evidence of narcotics sales. Galvan and Hakobyan were arrested and booked for being convicted felons in possession of a firearm, carrying a firearm while possessing illegal drugs and for possession of illegal drugs for sale along with other charges.

### Woman Arrested for Vehicle Theft, Grand Theft and Obstruction

On April 7 at approximately 9:30 a.m., Glendale police officers responded to the 900 block of West Glenoaks Boulevard regarding a vehicle theft that had just occurred.

Utilizing the vehicle’s GPS system, officers were able to track the vehicle’s location. It had stopped at a nearby parking lot but, when officers arrived, the vehicle had

already left. Officers did locate the victim’s purse in the parking lot and continued to track the vehicle’s location. Eventually, the vehicle parked in the area of Heliotrope Drive and the 101 Freeway in the City of Los Angeles. An Air Support Unit responded to the area and located the victim’s stolen vehicle parked at the location.

Officers arrived on scene and found the victim’s stolen vehicle with a female, later identified as 22-year-old Charlese Marlin (transient), seated inside. Marlin exited the vehicle and fled from officers on foot, but was taken into custody. Officers recovered the stolen vehicle, along with a \$10,000 camera that the victim had left inside of it, and returned it to the victim. Marlin was arrested and booked for vehicle theft, grand theft and obstruction.

### Males Arrested for Multiple Charges Including Illegal Drug Sales

On April 7 at approximately 3 p.m., officers assigned to the Glendale Police Department’s Special Enforcement Detail (SED) conducted a self-initiated investigation at a motel on the 1300 block of West Glenoaks Boulevard. As a result of the investigation, a large quantity of prescription pills and methamphetamine were seized along with fentanyl, approximately \$1,300 in cash, drug paraphernalia and multiple items of evidence indicative of drug sales, including packaging materials and digital scales.

At the conclusion of their investigation, 29-year-old Artak Avakian of Glendale was arrested and booked for possession of illegal drugs for sale. Since Avakian was on probation for a previous drug offense, a probation hold was placed on him and he remained in custody.

Varand Hartooni of Glendale, 32, was arrested and booked for possessing illegal drugs, providing false identification to officers and illegal possession of a collapsible baton along with multiple outstanding warrants. Due to Los Angeles County’s emergency “zero dollar” bail schedule, Hartooni was released from custody within hours with a notice to appear in court for his charges. Arteen Davoodian of Glendale, 25, was arrested for being in possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and was cited out at the scene with a notice to appear.

### Arrests for Reckless Driving and Street Racing – Vehicles Impounded

The Glendale Police Dept. has a zero-tolerance policy regarding reckless driving and illegal street racing. Those arrested for such offenses will have their vehicles impounded. The below list depicts those who have been arrested for reckless driving and participating in an illegal speed contest (racing) over the course of the last few weeks. Officers continue to proactively patrol the city and monitor traffic to keep roads safe for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Anyone who witnesses reckless driving or illegal street racing should call the Glendale Police Department non-emergency line at (818) 548-4911 or 9-1-1 to report those involved.

Date/Approximate Time Arrested	Location	Charge(s)	Subject(s) Arrested
March 18, 2021 / 2:45 pm	Colorado St / Kenwood St	Reckless Driving	34-year-old <u>Hovhannes Vlasyan</u> of North Hollywood
March 19, 2021 / 11:30 pm	Los Angeles St / San Fernando Rd	Illegal Speed Contest	21-year-old Arvin Bowns of Lancaster
March 19, 2021 / 11:30 am	Los Angeles St / San Fernando Rd	Illegal Speed Contest	18-year-old Christopher Jones of Lancaster
March 24, 2021 / 11:30 am	Monterey Rd / Isabel St	Reckless Driving	37-year-old <u>Romik Kazaryan</u> of Glendale
March 28, 2021 / 10:00 pm	Glenoaks Blvd / Central Ave	Reckless Driving	18-year-old <u>Sos Hakobyan</u> of Glendale
April 3, 2021 / 5:00 pm	100-blk of S <u>Artsakh</u> Ave	Reckless Driving	Juvenile
April 4, 2021 / 12:30 am	Brand Blvd / Dryden St	Reckless Driving	32-year-old Armin <u>Moradi</u> of Duarte
April 5, 2021 / 3:00 pm	Glenoaks Blvd / Grover Ave	Reckless Driving	30-year-old <u>Misak Mazmanyan</u> of Burbank

Obituary

Renny Ray Maddox



Feb. 25, 1942 – Jan. 27, 2021

Much beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend, Renny Ray Maddox passed away Jan. 27 at his home in Burbank with his loving wife of 52 years, Lynn, by his side. He leaves behind brothers Mark (Priscilla) and Kent (Glenda); children Jill (John) and Blake (Lisa); grandchildren Lane, Brody and Grace; nephew Trey (Rhea); great-nephews Minor and Maverick; great-niece Nova and many, many good friends.

Renny was born on Feb. 25, 1942 in Illinois while his father was deployed on a Navy vessel. After graduating from Cal State, Long Beach with a degree in accounting, Renny would follow his father's example and also join the services. It was when he was Army photographer at Fort Knox, Kentucky that Renny met Lynn at the local Jewish community center. They were married on a hot August night in Louisville, Kentucky in 1968. After Renny was discharged from the Army, they initially moved to Glendale where he began his career as an accountant and later to Burbank, where they raised their family.

A huge Cincinnati Reds fan, Renny truly enjoyed taking a recent trip with his brothers, Mark and Kent, to the All Star Game in Cincinnati. He also loved Sherlock Holmes mysteries, birding with Lynn, and volunteering. Renny made many friends while serving on the board of Temple Sinai in Glendale and also at the Getty Center, where he could be found every Tuesday morning, guiding patrons to specific works of art.

Renny was a gentle soul, the kind of person who everyone liked. He was generous with his time and never missed a family or school event. A doting grandfather, he attended all of Lane's figure skating and choral performances, and constantly engaged in "Star Wars" action figure battles with Brody as he was growing up. Although daughter Jill lives on the East Coast, Renny forged a strong bond with his granddaughter Grace, whom he referred to as his "cupcake."

Renny will be truly missed.

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facilities undergo a daily health screen before being permitted on campus.

- The District provides periodic, voluntary, asymptomatic testing every two weeks for students and employees reporting to school and district facilities.
- The District provides teachers with all necessary PPE, including CDC-recommended face masks, CDC-recommended transparent face masks, face shields, face shields with neck drapes, KN-95 masks, gloves, gowns, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes upon request.
- The District has installed MERV 13 filters in all HVAC units and provided a stand-alone HEPA air filtration device in each classroom and work space.
- The District has created outdoor, shaded locations at

all elementary schools to be utilized for instruction and in-person assessments and services. The District will create similar outdoor environments for all middle and high schools.

- The District minimizes access to all school and district facilities, including limiting non-essential visitors; facility use permits; volunteers; and students who are not participating in Technology Learning Pods, Facilitated Learning Centers, or on-campus instruction, assessments, services, or athletics. All school tours for prospective families follow CDC Guidelines.
- The District has designated a full-time credentialed school nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or health clerk for each elementary school site. Nurses perform duties related to COVID-19 contact

tracing at all of their assigned school sites and will have a designated employee who is trained in COVID-19 Contact Tracing at each school site to assist in the process.

- In the event a teacher must quarantine due to a COVID-19 exposure, the entire class will pivot to a distance learning model. If state or county guidelines require any member of a cohort to quarantine, the entire cohort will quarantine unless contact tracing determines that the cohort was not exposed.
- If a quarantined teacher is too ill to fulfill their job duties, a substitute teacher will be provided. If the illness is the result of a COVID-19 exposure that occurred at the school site, the teacher will not be required to utilize their personal illness benefits for those days and their time off will not result in any loss of pay.

Obituary

Dana Ray Knox



Jan. 12, 1980 - March 29, 2021

Dana Ray Knox, 41, of La Crescenta passed away on Monday, March 29. Dana was born on Jan. 12, 1980 at home in Tujunga. He is preceded in death by his father, John Knox, and his twin brother, Shawn Knox. He is survived by his two sons Shayne Madden, 19, (Missy Madden), and Kayleb Knox, 14, (Jennifer Knox-Hill); his mother Janie Neal; sister Kimmy Taveira; brother Justin Neal; nieces Dani, Kaitlyn and Shawnie; nephews Jeremy and Jacob.

He will be missed dearly and forever in our hearts.

Obituary

Billy Edward Frame

July 4, 1943 - March 25, 2021

In loving memory of Billy Edward Frame July 4, 1943 - March 25, 2021. He passed away on March 25 at Glendale Memorial Hospital due to an illness of cancer in his liver. He passed peacefully.

The flowers recede but leaves behind bright.

The sun goes down but gently warmth still lingers on the land.

The music stops and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains...

For every joy that passes something beautiful remains.

May be gone but never forgotten; Billy, you always brought a smile that warmed our hearts.

HIKER from Cover

Clarita, Altadena and Antelope Valley, in addition to air support from the LASD Air Rescue 5 and LA County Fire.

Teams were not only battling steep terrain, they were also dealing with weather issues like heavy fog. Members of the search teams searched all night but, due to the terrain and bad weather, did not get to the location where Compean was eventually found. On Tuesday, crews were taken to specific areas by LASD Air Rescue 5 and dropped into the field to search more extensively.

Compean's vehicle was found in the Buckhorn Campground area; however, that did not provide much information.

"The problem is when you park your car at Buckhorn there are [about] five trails leading to multiple destinations. There is a spider web of trails in [that area]," Goldsworthy said.

On Tuesday LASD reached out via social media asking for assistance from any hikers who were familiar with the area. MSAR team member Will Richards vetted all the responses to the request and found one that pinpointed the same area MSAR members were interested in. The area that citizen pinpointed was in the same area where the phone forensics placed the hiker, between Twin Peaks and Triplet Rocks.

Search efforts were refocused with team members concentrating on this area. As crews were preparing to hike again, a heavy fog was setting in. LASD Air Rescue 5 went to the identified area to search and Compean heard the helicopter. He climbed up the mountainous area to make certain he was above the fog, which was quickly rolling in. LASD Air Rescue 5 spotted him and was able to hoist a medic down to bring Compean to safety.

He was flown to the command post where he met with searchers.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The Hidden Springs Flood of 1978

Hidden Springs is a tiny community situated on Mill Creek, just off the Angeles Forest Highway. There is a ranger station there and, until the Station Fire consumed it, there was a small roadside café. In 1975, that area was where the massive Mill Fire started, so-named for Mill Creek. It was no small irony that in the huge floods of 1978 Mill Creek was the site of the worst loss of life when the community of Hidden Springs was virtually wiped off the face of the earth.

Mill Creek is a tributary of Big Tujunga Canyon. After the 1975 Mill Fire the creekbed above Hidden Springs filled with hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of debris from the denuded hillsides. Fire department engineers put out dire warnings to the 20 residents of Hidden Creek that any significant rainfall could cause the community serious problems. It was not until Feb. 10, 1978 that their warnings

came true.

Despite a series of storms having dampened Hidden Springs, a structure fire broke out near midnight of Feb. 9. Volunteers and a firetruck fought the fire to a standstill, aided by a downpour at 1:30. Unbeknownst to the firefighters, that downpour had set the creekbed debris above the community in motion.

Amos Lewis was holding the fire hose when suddenly the hose began pulling him backward. He glanced back to see the firetruck sliding sideways away from him. A fast-moving debris slug, a mix of water, mud and rocks, engulfed him. Amos struggled to stay on top and found himself suddenly in the bed of a pickup truck that was spinning down the flow. The truck shifted toward the bank of the creek. Amos saw an overhanging tree limb, jumped for it and pulled himself up.

A husband and wife were in the living room of their house when

suddenly one wall dropped away. They ran in the opposite direction. The husband made it out and up the bank, but the wife slid backward into the debris flow and disappeared. Another family, trapped in their house as it filled with mud, was pushed against the ceiling.

One man was down by the structure fire. A Vietnam vet, he later said he heard the loudest sound he had ever heard, a weird rumbling sound. He looked upstream toward the sound and saw a 30-foot wall of water heading toward him. He watched transfixed as it hit a footbridge, tossing it high in the air. He turned and ran, but too late. The wall hit him, pushed him into a chain-link fence, then over and into a swimming pool on the other side. He survived. Another man watched helplessly as he witnessed his wife and two young daughters swept away from him.

Houses and trailers were swept

clean from the small community. One house had been cut in half. Another stood but was stuffed full with rocks. Most of the little community, along with the bodies of 13 victims, disappeared into Big Tujunga Reservoir a mile downstream. A few remains were discovered there years later.

The next morning a news helicopter covering the disaster rescued the remaining residents while the Montrose Search and Rescue team was brought in to comb the wreckage.

One more victim was to be claimed the next morning by the storm. Bonnie Koploy was a popular community figure. She was chair of the Biology Department at Glendale College and was key in the fight to keep the Verdugo Mountains free of development. She was on a year sabbatical before starting on her doctorate at UCLA. The day after the big flood at Hidden Springs, several

people had successfully crossed the Big Tujunga Creek at Vogel Flats, which had gone down significantly since the night before. Bonnie was with this group. She and a friend slipped on a rock and both were carried downstream. Bonnie's friend survived, but Bonnie did not, and her body was recovered at Delta Flats.

The rainstorms of February 1978 were traumatic for LA. It was our 100-year flood but it can happen again at any time.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Kudos to Hensley

The Brandon Hensley article in the April 8 issue "MLB Does Atlanta Dirty" [Viewpoints] is one of the best-written articles I have seen in a long time. It was like Sgt. Joe Friday's "Just the facts, ma'am." He supplied the information and I formed my own ideas. It did help that I got a copy of the law and read it. I do not support that we have to pass this law to find out what is in it.

Keep it up.

Thank you.

Tom Suter  
La Crescenta

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### NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » LAURA FRIEDMAN

## Protecting Our Patients

Last summer, a young woman experienced a pregnancy-related health issue. Rightfully, she immediately visited the emergency room where she was promptly sent in for a critical surgical procedure. She was admitted by hospital staff under the assumption that she was insured and she was told her procedure would be covered. The surgery was successful and she returned home without further complications – or at least without medical ones.

Just a few months after her hospital stay, she received two bills in the mail: one for the emergency room visit totaling several hundred dollars and one for the surgical procedure, exceeding \$25,000. Prior to her surgery, she was never told that she might not be covered. Like all-too-many patients in California, she also wasn't told about an important option to which all patients with financial needs have access – charity care.

This is just one story, one example, of thousands in which a patient requiring medical attention is not provided clear information about the financial costs of that care, nor offered the financial aid they to which they are legally entitled. If you found yourself in the emergency room, scared and sick, would you know your rights? Would you to ask about charity care options? Patients shouldn't need a law degree to take advantage of the consumer protections they are guaranteed under California law. This is the problem.

When I first heard this story, and many others like it, I knew I had to take action. In response, I've proposed AB 1020, a bill to strengthen consumer protections for hospital patients by building upon existing healthcare consumer protection laws, increasing transparency, limiting the sale of debt and increasing the availability of financial assistance.

Fifteen years ago, the Legislature passed two key reforms to protect Californians at risk of financial devastation. Both the Hospital Fair Pricing Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act were designed to provide basic consumer protections in debt collection and to increase patient access to free and discounted medical care.

Hospitals in California must provide charity care to patients who receive medical services and are uninsured or underinsured. Charity care ranges from full or partial discounts of medical bills to payment plans that allow patients to pay their bills over a longer period of time. The Hospital Fair Pricing Act outlines the minimum guidelines that hospitals must follow in offering charity care to patients and collecting unpaid accounts. Debt collectors, too, must follow these rules.

The Hospital Fair Pricing Act also provides protections to patients throughout the collections process. These protections include a 150-day time period before a hospital or collections agency may report a patient account to a consumer credit reporting agency or commence civil action against the patient, and an opportunity for the patient to apply for charity care at any time.

However, despite these protections, patients are still not benefitting from the law.

Kaiser Health News reported in 2019 that nonprofit hospitals in California could have – but did not – provide \$135 million in charity care to patients. Patients report being discharged and receiving medical bills without knowing they were actually eligible for Medi-Cal or charity care. Worse, hospitals often sell patient accounts to collections agencies, which further neglect to inform patients they could apply for charity care. Consequently, patients face negative credit reporting and, finally, collection lawsuits.

AB 1020 will be a big step towards addressing these issues. In this measure, I'm proposing a number of solutions, including strengthening state enforcement and oversight of the Hospital Fair Pricing Act, by levying penalties for noncompliance; requiring patients to be provided clear and detailed information about their bills and how to apply for charity care at the time of discharge and when a bill is sent to collections; prohibiting hospitals from selling patient debt; extending the period that adverse credit reporting can take place from 150 to 180 days after the first billing; requiring debt collectors to certify that patients have been screened for public programs and financial assistance before filing a lawsuit; and by raising the income level for financial assistance from 350% to 400% of the poverty line.

It's hard to imagine a time when people are more vulnerable than when they are patients in a hospital yet the system, as it now works, can expose patients to astonishing levels of financial devastation – all for simply seeking medical attention.

Fortunately for the woman mentioned earlier, she reached out and sought the help of a non-profit dedicated to providing free legal services for medical patients – Mental Health Advocacy Services (MHAS). Given the personally traumatic reason for her hospital visit, she was hesitant to engage with the hospital on the matter, but with the help of MHAS staff she was able to confront the hospital on its failure to provide information on charity care. The hospital quickly realized its error and the client has since received notice that her billing balance is \$0.00, and the hospital has returned all payments she made on the debt before it was resolved.

While her story has a happy ending, this is unfortunately the exception. Taking meaningful action on these abuses is long overdue. I believe we eventually need to enact greater healthcare reform, such as universal coverage, but it's also critical that we do everything we can to protect patients today. So far, my colleagues have agreed with me about the need for better safeguards. Last week, AB 1020 passed out the Assembly Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support. I hope the rest of the Legislature will stand with us, and our patients, by passing AB 1020 into law this year.

What do you think about this measure? Do you have an experience around hospital billing that you would like to share? Do you have any suggestions, including legislative ideas? As always, please reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.



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# YOUTH

## SALUTING OUR SCOUTS

### Local Teen Receives Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation Youth Grant to Fight Childhood Hunger

Chris Gantan, an 11th-grade Crescenta Valley High School student, was awarded a Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation Youth Grant through Youth Service America (YSA). The grant will support Gantan in leading a community service project that addresses the issue of childhood hunger.

One in six people (more than 50 million people), including one in four children (approximately 17 million children), in the United States are experiencing food insecurity in 2021. This is a problem that can be solved, and young people are a part of the solution.

Youth-led activities will take place through May 31 with special events already scheduled with local restaurants Kokoroll Café on April 17, Pan Tang Family Restaurant on April 25 and Honeybird on May 2.

For more information and to sign-up visit [www.Cooking2endchildhoodhunger.org](http://www.Cooking2endchildhoodhunger.org).

"In the world's top food producing country, I believe no child should be hungry. I also

recognize that restaurants have struggled due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Gantan. "To solve this unnecessary problem I started the Cooking to End Childhood Hunger Project. This project is a series of online cooking classes featuring chefs from local restaurants in the La Crescenta/La Cañada/Glendale area who will demonstrate one of their dishes. One-hundred percent of donations will go directly to the No Kid Hungry Foundation and Children's Hospital Los Angeles."

Gantan is one of 106 young leaders across the country and one of three in Southern California awarded grants to organize projects to help end childhood hunger. Gantan included his peers from Crescenta Valley High School's Cooking for a Cause Club and many others around this issue to help end childhood hunger through awareness, service, advocacy and philanthropic activities. They join millions of other young people around the world leading up to Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25.

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### Local Girl Earns Gold

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Annie Brundige, a Girl Scout in Troop 1761, was recently awarded the Gold Award for her project that reflected on the organization over the decades.

Brundige has been a Girl Scout for 13 years, since kindergarten. Through the Girl Scout organization, she earned her Bronze Award, Silver Award and now her Gold Award, in addition to numerous other Scout badges. The Gold Award is the highest individual award in Girl Scouts, comparable to the Boy Scout Eagle Award. Only 6% of eligible Girl Scouts across the nation earn the Gold Award. A Gold Award project must be meaningful, sustainable, have a community impact, be approved by the Girl Scout council, and requires at least 80 hours of volunteer service.

Brundige spent over 150 volunteer hours on her Gold Award project, in which she digitized and organized stories of Girl Scouts from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s using scrapbooks stored in the Glendale Girl Scout Program Center.

"My mom helped me come up with my Gold Award project to organize and digitize these scrapbooks," said Brundige. "This is a need in the community because these scrapbooks were not properly handled and were deteriorating, along with the information and photos contained within them. My project creates awareness for the good that Girl Scouts have done in this community for decades."

The Glendale Girl Scout Program Center has been used continuously since the 1930s to host badge earning days, celebrations or Troop meetings. Digitally archiving the memorabilia and placing the



Photo provided by the Brundige Family  
Annie Brundige sets up her equipment that includes a copy stand from CSUN, her Nikon D3500 with a wire transfer, DIY weights, white poster board, lights, PC computer and an ESPOn Perfection V90 scanner.

information on the CSUN library site on the Internet is a service to educate and create awareness for the service performed by Girl Scouts in the Crescenta Valley. Girl Scouts has an official memorabilia branch at the national level, but not at a more local level.

"We researched ways to digitize these scrapbooks but didn't know where to start," Brundige said. "My mom and I found that Christina Rice was the head archivist at the Los Angeles downtown library who happened to be a Girl Scout parent, so Christina became my project advisor. She helped direct me with my project. I organized the collection by series of locations, then by date, in my kitchen. Christina introduced what a finding aid is and gave examples. She referred me to USC, but then we heard about the 'L.A. as Subject Digital Residency Program.' After being approved to start my Gold Award, we applied to the program

and happily got accepted. Crystal Johnson was assigned to us."

Sometimes challenges arise during a Gold Award process, and Girl Scouts needed to adapt to overcome these obstacles.

"We finished the finding aid, but lockdown happened, so we had to start with metadata first instead of digitization," Brundige said.

Metadata, or information that describes other data, is important for the reader to understand both context and specific words used as descriptors.

"Metadata and digitization are both crucial to the process of archiving," Brundige continued. "We had to do this over Zoom for the remainder of our time, which created problems such as Internet lagging, backorder on lights, learning online, and not being able to have a hands-on approach. However, Crystal's personalized slideshows helped me learn metadata."

After learning metadata, Brundige translated that knowledge into physical form.

"At first, I felt like I had a giant hill stacked with books that I had to overcome," Brundige recalled. "It was daunting but, after doing a couple, it wasn't so bad. Doing little by little really helped my confidence. I started enjoying metadata after properly learning how to use a spreadsheet."

She also needed to gather equipment for the digitization process including a copy stand from CSUN, her Nikon D3500 with a wire transfer, DIY weights, white poster board, lights, PC computer and an ESPOn Perfection V90 scanner.

"After a couple of trial and errors, I learned how to digitize the scrapbooks without glare and dust-spots," she said. "I've learned a lot more about digitization of archival documents and photos."

Her Girl Scout Gold Award project will have a lasting and positive impact on the community.

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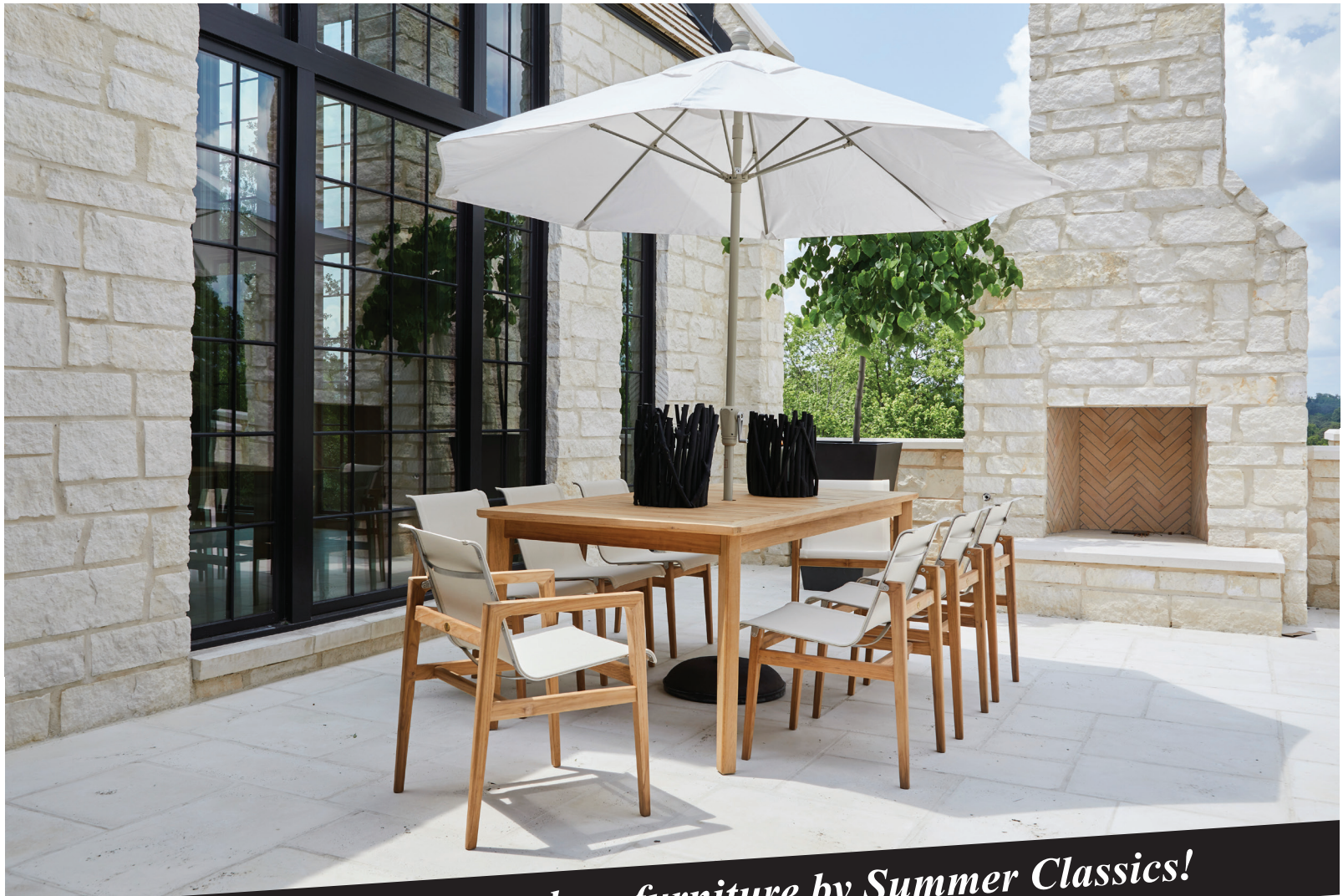
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## SPORTS

# Falcons Baseball Opens Season with Rocky But Promising Tournament Appearances

By Justin HAGER

The CVHS Falcons varsity baseball team is finally back on the field following the interruption of last year's season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although Pacific League play didn't begin until this week, the Falcons already have played a total of nine games in two tournaments and two non-league games.

The 2021 campaign kicked off with a 6-4 win over Alta Loma in the Pizza Chalet Tournament. In a promising sign of reliable top-to-bottom batting, the Falcons scored in all but one inning of the game. Game two of the tournament featured a defensive battle that ended in a heartbreaking 2-3 loss to the Walnut Mustangs in extra innings. Fortunately, after a four-day break, the Falcons bounced

back and secured a 5-4 victory over.

After a difficult 7-3 loss to the San Dimas Saints on March 27, CVHS entered the final game of the Pizza Chalet Tournament against the Sierra Canyon Trailblazers, with a chance to finish with a winning record. Several hits and a stolen base by Falcon Rowan Respicio gave Brendon Pehar the opportunity to drive in two runs on a bases loaded single in the fourth inning to bring the game to within one run. However, after giving up only one run in the fifth, a Falcon throwing error and a decision to go for an unlikely out brought in three more for the Trailblazers in the sixth. A Falcon rally in the seventh inning came up short, scoring two runs for CVHS and giving the Trailblazers an 8-4 victory.

Next up was the Babe Herman Tournament. The first game of the tournament on April 3 against the



Photo by Roman INGUANZO  
Brendon Pehar dives into third base - CV vs Peninsula.

Rolling Hills Estates Peninsula Panthers was a beautiful night at Stengel Field and the most exciting game of the season thus far for the Falcons. The Panthers jumped out to an early lead scoring two runs in the first inning. Then, in the third, a pair of walks, a pair of stolen bases, and a pair of wild pitches scored two more for the Panthers, without a single hit in the inning. But CVHS entered the fourth inning ready to fight back. After a leadoff single by Emilio Velis followed by a walk, two squeeze bunts by Evan Aceytuno and Nico Terenzi, and two RBI rip down the third base line by Respicio, they took the lead and entered the fifth inning with a 5-4 lead.

Then it was Peninsula's turn to fight back and, as the CV entered the bottom of the seventh and their last at-bat of the game, they

trailed by one run. Fortunately leadoff batter Velis rifled a single and pinch runner Mason Faunce stole second to put the tying run in scoring position. Perfectly executed sacrifice flies by Pehar and Robert "RJ" DeLeon tied the game and sent it to extra innings.

The excitement continued in extra after Falcon right fielder Noah Maddox made an outstanding throw home in an attempt to save a run, but a questionable call by the home plate umpire allowed the run to score, once again putting CVHS at a deficit and facing their final at-bat. After getting hit by a pitch, Respicio stole second, one of four steals he would have on the night. He scored on a wild pitch on the next batter to tie the game once again. It would take another three innings for the Falcons to secure the victory when, with bases

loaded and two outs, CV's Jameson Ferraro hit a game winning deep fly ball single to left field to score Respicio from third base. The final score was Falcons 9, Panthers 8.

Since then the Falcons have gone 1-and-2 with a win over El Camino in the final game of the Babe Herman Tournament to bring their tournament record even at 2-and-2. Overall, Crescenta Valley High School has a 4-and-5 record with their first Pacific League game, against Hoover High School, scheduled to occur at the same time this article was going to press. Pacific League games are scheduled for most Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and most Fridays at 7 p.m. Visit <http://cvfalconsbaseball.homestead.com/Varsity-Spring-Game-Schedule.html> for exact game times and locations.

## FALCONS from Cover

Not only that, but the senior players were recognized pre game, and the pep squad and drumline seniors were recognized at halftime. To top it off, the school held a coronation ceremony for Homecoming King Ciaran Pierce and Queen Alexis Hernandez.

Maybe the aspect that made it feel at least a little like football season was the weather. Glendale nights are just as chilly in April as they are in October.

It took patience and perhaps a new perspective on high school life for the night to happen. Varsity cheer captain Meeka Arlante and varsity co-captain Lala Keshishzadeh both said that before the monotony of the cheer schedule could wear down some of the girls.

But limited opportunities this year have them loving every minute of it.

"We look forward to every event to cheer because it's an opportunity for us, versus before [COVID] we would be everywhere at every game, so I think anything that's given to us is an opportunity and we take it because we want to be out cheering," Keshishzadeh said.

The squad spent last summer working out via Zoom with head coach Christina Bircher, who led from her dance studio, The Vault, in Pasadena. When things somewhat returned to normal this spring, the girls were happy to

finally be around one another in their usual way, even if time had taken something from them.

"It allowed us to appreciate the games more. It kind of sucks that we're graduating, but it was good for the underclassman because they're going to look forward to these things a lot more," Keshishzadeh said.

"We definitely get sad [thinking about it], but it brings us all together," Arlante said.

The football team had to sacrifice, as well. The guys have only had about a month of real practice. Previously, they had distanced practice when they were put in conditioning pods to work on throwing and footwork.

The Falcons knew Pasadena would be their toughest opponent. They were right. The offense couldn't get in sync in the first half. With the score tied 7-7, Pehar fumbled deep in his own territory when he was hit by a rusher coming off the edge, and Pasadena recovered. On the next play, Ahmed Jolley ran the ball in for a touchdown.

The first half also saw Pehar throw an interception in the red zone. And as the half was ending and when Pehar did find an open receiver at midfield for a potential huge gain, Mark Reyna let the ball slip through his fingers.

The offense finally picked it up

in the second half, but it was one step forward, two steps back. Pehar completed a nifty lateral pass to Grant Carl, who scored from 11 yards out. But CV missed the point after try, and Pasadena ran the ensuing kick back for a score to make it 34-13.

Bulldogs' quarterback Dante Coronel had 212 yards passing and four touchdowns.

"Especially after the film we watched, it was going to be tough," Pehar said. "We couldn't afford any mistakes."

And so, several days after Easter Sunday, the Falcon seniors had played their final home game. It's not how they wanted to go out, but Pehar was able to appreciate the effort by everyone involved.

"It's great having the band here. It felt a lot more like a football atmosphere," he noted.

The significance of the night certainly wasn't lost on anyone.

Arlante came from a private school when she tried out for the cheer team as a freshman. She was paired with Keshishzadeh that week, and they've been friends ever since. They'll certainly have something to reminisce about years from now – how senior year didn't go as planned.

"But I'm going to be grateful for the little time I've been given because it's better than nothing," Arlante said.



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Healthy Haul for Moose Lodge Food Drive

Local Moose Lodge #641 collected dozens of boxes of food, baby products and more for local pantries Sue's Garden and the Bailey Center. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a greater need for donated goods that are given to families and individuals in need.



LEFT: A member of Moose Lodge #641 stands inside the bed of a pickup truck loaded with donated goods for local food pantries.  
RIGHT: American Legion Hall was the place where donated goods were dropped off and sorted before being delivered to Sue's Garden and the Bailey Center.

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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.

"My dad answered my family phone with 'City morgue. You stab them, we slab them.' Lots of new boyfriends hung up before dad got to the 'slab' part. Much to our agony!"

Liz Nelson  
La Crescenta

"My ex recorded an answering machine message that listed all of our animals like members of an attorney's office: 'Thank you for calling Latte, Kagel and Chirps.' Friends would call and think they reached a wrong number."

Mike Powers  
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## 'The New Galileos' Coming to Caltech

'The New Galileos,' a play by Amy Berryman, will be presented as an online event on Thursday, April 22 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Three female climatologists find themselves detained by government bureaucrats. The scientists are given an option to disavow their research in exchange for millions of dollars ... or to disappear. In an Orwellian nightmare, they discover just how much they can trust each other as they consider the price of their recantation.

The play weaves between their current crisis and their pasts, leading them to an interrogation room. What will be the price of their freedom?

"The New Galileos" frightens with

a chilling forecast of future science. This production is directed by Brian Brophy, director of Theater Arts at Caltech (TACIT). Shiva Mudide (CIT '21) serves as the assistant director. The play will also be presented on Friday and Saturday via Zoom.

Register at [tacit.caltech.edu](http://tacit.caltech.edu). Then on Friday, April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Caltech Sustainability and TACIT present an "Earth Week Panel on Geoengineering." The panel includes Caltech researchers and Amy Berryman, playwright of "The New Galileos."

For more information, contact Brian Brophy by email at [brophy@caltech.edu](mailto:brophy@caltech.edu).

## Delicious Fundraiser

CV Chamber of Commerce directors (from left) Robin Goldsworthy, Dr. Cynthia Livingston and Dr. J.D. Speas enjoyed dinner at Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill during the chamber's scholarship fundraiser on Thursday evening.

The fundraiser was supported by many in the community including Mike and Nancy Leum, Steve and Karen Pierce, chamber president Mike Riley, Rev. Beverly Craig, Dwight and Carol Sityar, and Howard and Wendy Anderson.

The event raised over \$700 earmarked for the chamber's



scholarship fund.

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## People Making News

Sophia R. Daher from Glendale, a junior studying public health, Robinson Ibarra, also from Glendale, a senior studying computer science, and Tessa Coffey of La Cañada, a senior studying art, have earned spots on the Oregon State University scholastic honor roll winter 2021. A total of 8,150 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

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

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

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic

tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

Mihir Suraparaju of Glendale earned a place on the Bard College at Simon's Rock dean's list for the fall 2020 semester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must carry 14 or more credits and achieve a grade point average of 3.5.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Lights Out for ArcLight?

By Mary O'KEEFE

The pandemic has forced many businesses to forever shutter their doors. One company that recently announced its closure is near and dear to many Angelenos – ArcLight Cinemas and Pacific Theatres announced this week that it will not reopen.

“After shutting our doors more than a year ago, today we must share the difficult and sad news that Pacific will not be reopening its ArcLight Cinemas and Pacific Theatres location. This was not the outcome anyone wanted, but despite a huge effort that exhausted all potential options, the company does not have a viable way forward,” according to a statement from the company on Monday.

This is a sad loss to many who have spent so many hours at these amazing theaters. The outpouring of tributes on Twitter came from people from all walks of life including celebrities like director John Carpenter: “A sad day for cinema. The Cinerama Dome, the ArcLight and other Pacific theaters are closing their doors.”

Rian Johnson, director, tweeted, “Well this sucks. Every single person who worked at the Arclight loved movies, and you felt it. Sending love to every usher, manager and projectionist who made it such a special place.”

All of us at the CVW are sad to see these theaters close. The ArcLight in Pasadena was a perfect “date night” place that made going to see a film a treasured experience. For me, the Cinerama Dome was a magical place. Being from the Midwest, going to this theater was everything I imagined Hollywood to be. My family went to the Dome on a regular basis and I



Photo provided by Rachele MILLER CVW office manager Rachele Miller (center in glasses) attended the movie “Bad Moms Christmas” at ArcLight with a group of friends.

can remember seeing “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” with several of the artists who worked on the special effects for the film. And I remember standing in line with my family of Trekkies awaiting the opening of “Star Trek IV.”

“To all the Pacific and ArcLight employees who have devoted their professional lives to making our theaters the very best places in the world to see movies: we are grateful for your service and your dedication to our customers. To our guests and members of the film industry who have made going to the movies such a magical experience over the years: our deepest thanks. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you,” stated a company release.

When you went to an ArcLight or Pacific Theater you felt like you were with others who not only loved film but also respected the art of filmmaking.

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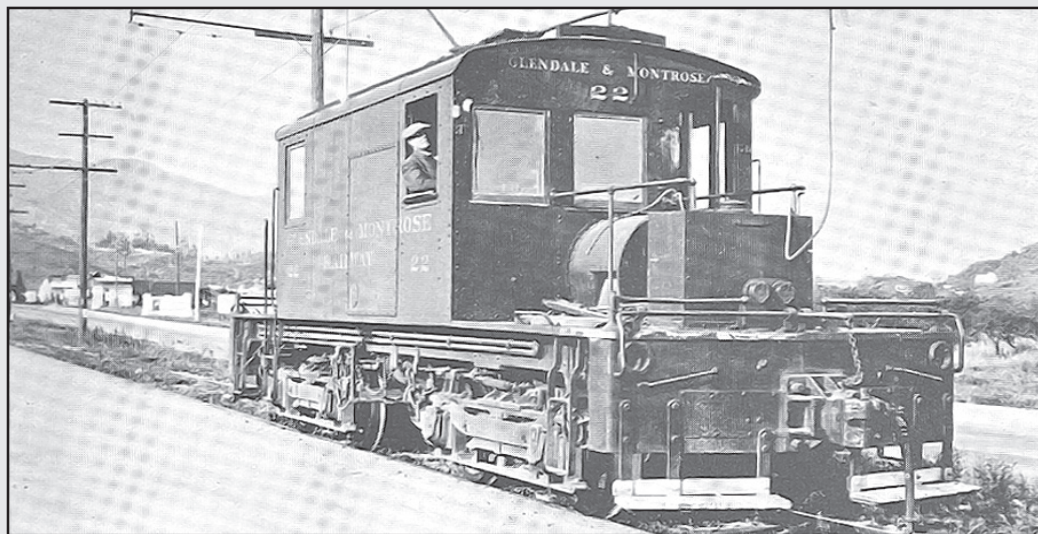
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### Verdugo Road Median

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**Then** » Here is Verdugo Road just below Montrose in 1923. The wide street connecting Glendale and Montrose had a center median for the electrified tracks of the Glendale and Montrose Railway. This is electric locomotive #22 on its test run after being delivered new from the Baldwin Locomotive Works to haul freight cars between the two new towns. This was an early “green initiative,” as the hauling of freight cars by steam locomotives created a huge amount of smoke and noise.



**Now** » The median on Verdugo Road just below Montrose is still there, now beautified with trees and grass. The old electric locomotive hauled building materials up to CV and grapes and fruit back to Glendale for seven years, until the G&M Railway went under in 1930. It then served the Union Pacific's Glendale lines until it went to the Yakima Railway in Washington State, where it hauled apples for several decades. It's now at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California, where it is still running today. It has been proposed to paint it back to its original Glendale and Montrose Railway colors.

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## CALENDAR this

### GHS HOSTS MASTER DISCUSSION

All are invited tonight, Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. when writer, historian and television producer Stephen Gee discusses the work and innovation of celebrated Los Angeles architect Paul Revere Williams, FAIA. During his presentation, the author of "Master Architects of Southern California 1920-1940: Paul R. Williams" (Tailwater Press/Angel City Press, 2021) will focus on the improbable career of the pioneering architect, the first African American member of the American Institute of Architects and the organization's first African American fellow and gold medalist. In his six-decade career, Williams worked on more than 3,000 projects ranging from modest affordable housing to mansions for Hollywood celebrities. He also earned plaudits for his commercial and civic work, including the luxurious department store Saks Fifth Avenue (with John and Donald B. Parkinson, 1937) and the Music Corporation of America building (1940), both in Beverly Hills.

The "Master Architects of Southern California 1920-1940" series showcases the work of 12 architects featured in early issues of Architectural Digest. Williams is the fourth architect in the series, which includes Gordon B. Kaufmann, FAIA, Roland E. Coate, FAIA, and Wallace Neff, FAIA.

Event is complimentary but advance RSVP is required. A Zoom link will be sent.

To RSVP, visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/master-architects>.

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next Zoom club meeting today, April 15, at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Dale Martens, a hybridizer and photographer of African violets and gesneriads. Martens will present the program on "Growing Small Sinningias," a cousin of the African violets. African violets are America's favorite houseplant and are easy to grow. All that is needed is a window

that gets good indirect light, water once a week with fertilized water and turn once a week ¼ inch so the violets grow evenly.

Guests are always welcome to participate in Burbank African Violet Society meetings. For more information please telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website: [www.burbankafriaviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafriaviolets.weebly.com).

### 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.

### CALIFORNIA'S ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE FEATURED AT DEM CLUB

Guests Susan Dembowski and Kathy Berlin from the Pasadena League of Women Voters will speak on the existing laws and pending legislation in California regarding climate change at the Sunday, April 18 Zoom meeting of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club. The meeting runs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Login info is found on the Club's website, [ccdemclub.org](http://ccdemclub.org).

Tamara Levenson, executive director of the Grassroots Democrats HQ will also cover how effective the current campaigning efforts are – postcarding, phoning and texting.

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

### HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS AS RELATED TO CANCER

An interactive online workshop about how the human papillomavirus is related to several cancer diagnoses will take place at

the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday, April 20 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Participation is free of charge.

Dr. Jekwon Yeh, radiation oncologist at City of Hope, will discuss screening practices, treatment options and health monitoring for the disease. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

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

### 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](http://www.cvweekly.com/JustForFun) to see the sponsorship opportunities. Those with questions can contact Laurie at (323) 707-7357 or email [lola3058@gmail.com](mailto:lola3058@gmail.com).

### SPARKS TO SHARE INFO ON HEALING GARDEN

"The Garden as a Healing Space" will be the topic of the Burbank-Valley Garden Club May speaker, Shelley Sparks. Sparks is a licensed landscape architect. She lectures, teaches, writes and consults throughout the United States. A master in feng shui, she is the author of several award winning books such as "Secrets of the Land," "Designing Harmonious Gardens with Feng

Shui" and the e-book, "Keep Plants Healthy, Monthly Actions for Beautiful Gardens." In addition to teaching feng shui principles for UCLA Extension, Learning Tree University and the Learning Annex, she founded and owns Harmony Gardens.

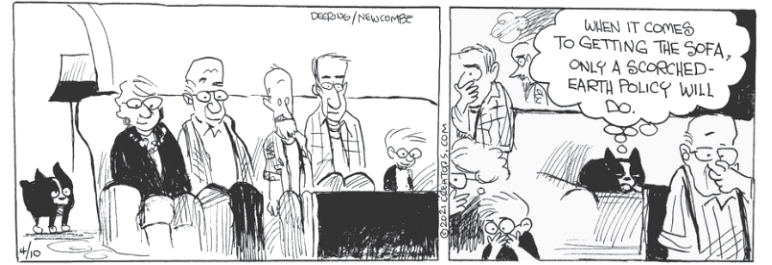
The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold a Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 6

at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary.

All are invited for this special educational and inspirational program.

Note: This Zoom program is free and open to everyone, but pre-registration is necessary. Please email Kathy Itomura for registration information and the Zoom link at [kkitomura@gmail.com](mailto:kkitomura@gmail.com).

## ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES April 12, 2021 - April 18, 2021

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Don't try to be a perfectionist when it comes to your health. Popular culture taunts us with images of beautiful bodies, flat stomachs, and great muscle definition. Have goals, but don't make them so impossible that you lose hope. Set small targets. Stick to your program and small steps will add up to big changes. Accept yourself as you are, too!

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Try to eat more wholesome foods to prevent an overload on your system. Aspects indicate that the heart of the problem could be overindulging in foods that aren't good for you. You can go one of two ways - keep indulging or decide to be good to your body. You have a choice in these matters.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Don't tie yourself in knots trying to analyze the best way to get fit. You could be stymied by a fear of doing the wrong thing or worry about the overall benefits you'll get out of some regimen. The cosmos is encouraging you to trust your heart to know what's best.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You might feel much more emotional than usual in reaction to events occurring around you. If you feel tired, lighten your schedule a bit and avoid making major decisions. You might need to take some extra vitamins and minerals to boost your immune system and guard against infections. Keep up with your exercise routine, too.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Enjoy feeling good about yourself. Enjoy the new vitality that's becoming a reality for you now. It would help you to have an exercise regimen that improves your flexibility. Strenuous workouts with weights might not be as effective as a gentler approach. Yoga or tai chi can help regulate the flow of energy in your body, which will help you feel great.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Anything you do to enhance your well-being is worth the time and effort. Take a look at any ongoing health problems and see if they have a common factor. Try to find a way to work with this in order to get to the root cause. Ideally, you want to take action rather than spend time in worry and stress.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Watch out for minor accidents. The cosmos is stirring up your subconscious mind and bringing hidden issues to the surface. Stop and meditate every day. Patiently observe what's going on within you. Notice if you're angry or uptight and whether this is being translated into your actions. If you can do this and defuse the tension, accidents will be less likely.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Any health issues that have been problems lately seem to be easing, but that doesn't mean you can let down your guard. You may not notice a symptom as much, but that doesn't mean you can go back to doing things the way you've always done them. You're going to have to make some changes. Find out where you aren't being supported in life.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

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### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

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### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You might feel much more emotional than usual in reaction to events occurring around you. If you feel tired, lighten your schedule a bit and avoid making major decisions. You might need to take some extra vitamins and minerals to boost your immune system and guard against infections. Keep up with your exercise routine, too.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

There's plenty of wild energy in the air. Let the good times roll! Just don't forget to give your body a chance to recover between social events. Drink plenty of water and eat wholesome foods that give you strength and cleanse your system. Guard against minor accidents caused by too much rushing around. Be kind to yourself.

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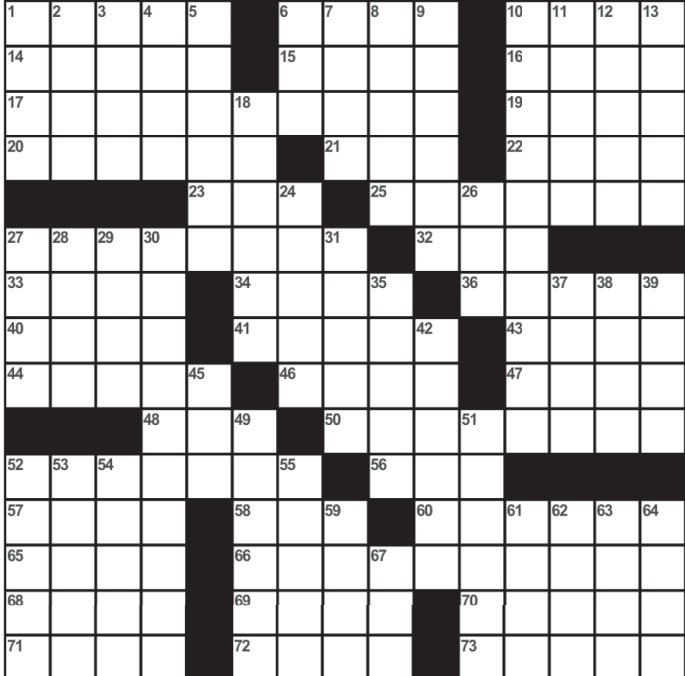
### ACROSS

- 1) Do the party dishes?
- 6) Killer in the high seas
- 10) Partner of circumstance
- 14) Shopping mecca of old
- 15) Grassy pastures
- 16) Field of expertise
- 17) Fantastic notions
- 19) "12 Years a Slave" actor
- 20) Baby bodysuit
- 21) Org. with a crack staff?
- 22) Peacock-feather features
- 23) Out of the ordinary
- 25) Thing that often has branches
- 27) Commercial garbage collector
- 32) Fond du \_\_\_\_, Wisc.
- 33) "Fifteen Miles on the \_\_\_\_ Canal"
- 34) Sign of what's coming
- 36) Basis of the marine food chain
- 40) Certain light source
- 41) It's in the eye of the beholder
- 43) Ninth Greek letter
- 44) First letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 46) Repetitive learning method
- 47) Reasons for doing something
- 48) A wing, for Dumbo
- 50) It crosses the nave
- 52) "Get a move on!"
- 56) Lennon's beloved
- 57) Nuclear-energy source
- 58) Post-wedding title
- 60) Absent without leave
- 65) Fuzz-covered fruit
- 66) Certain recyclables
- 68) Some spirit
- 69) Iris holder
- 70) Sesame seed and honey confection
- 71) Making its way there
- 72) Tailor-made
- 73) Less assertive

### DOWN

- 1) Mob kingpin
- 2) Opposed, Dogpatch style
- 3) Get bombed
- 4) "\_\_\_\_ Tu" (Spanish-language hit song)
- 5) Cockpit items
- 6) Grand \_\_\_\_ Opry
- 7) One way to acquire information
- 8) Caravan beast
- 9) Attack with abandon
- 10) Office fasteners
- 11) One of the Indian languages
- 12) It's fed at curbside
- 13) "I Fall To Pieces" singer Cline
- 14) Colorful variety of lawn grass
- 24) Voice a formal objection
- 26) Bleated sound
- 27) Designer Oscar \_\_\_\_ Renta
- 28) River to the Caspian Sea
- 29) Act speechlessly
- 30) Patty of "Peanuts"
- 31) Put in fresh soil
- 35) Dragster's fuel
- 37) AI from Tennessee
- 38) At the summit
- 39) Ninety degrees from north
- 42) It's inclined to provide shelter
- 45) Bale contents
- 49) Noisy or violent disturbance
- 51) Some bridge positions
- 52) Atlantic cod relatives
- 53) Far from worthless
- 54) Martin's "Laugh-In" co-host
- 55) Establish as fact
- 59) Let fly, as lava
- 61) Place of many Mormons
- 62) Wartime partner
- 63) Campbell of TV and film
- 64) Autocratic ruler
- 67) Put an embargo on

### NO PYSQUEAKS ALLOWED By Rob Lee



## RELIGION

**Question:**

*Ours has been a storybook marriage ... until now. My husband Tom and I have been married for 40 years. He's 70 and I'm 68. We have two successful children and four beloved grandchildren. Prior to the pandemic, we traveled the world and took the kids with us while they were still at home.*

*Now there are conflicting reports about traveling and most of them suggest no travel. Tom is "itching" to travel and I'm not. I'd like to wait at least six months or even more to even think about traveling. He's angry that I'm not "jumping on his boat," according to him. Our relationship has deteriorated over the last few weeks. We're both double vaccinated and he's asking, "So what's the problem?"*

*I'd rather be safe than sorry. I'm so sad that we seem to be drifting apart over this issue. Please help us get back on track.*

~ Rather Stay Home

Hello, Rather Stay Home,

This is a rather difficult situation in which to respond. I would rather not have my response be taken by you or your spouse as a way of saying, "See, I told you so." And so I will be as fair and impartial as I can be.

Traveling at this time is something to be considered with much caution and planning. There are many locales still unwilling to invite those from the "outside" to be a part of the community. They are protecting the measures they have put in place to keep their own locals safe, and are cautious about letting others come into "the bubble" and perhaps disrupt the equilibrium. And so the destination will need to be thought out carefully and with an increased amount of planning.

My question is, "Why is the need to travel so high on Tom's attention radar?" Does he just want to "get away" from the day-to-day experiences of the pandemic? The difficulty comes into account when we again realize that leaving where we are will not get us out of the pandemic and the changes it has made to our reality. The scene may change, but the story continues. Travel may seem like an escape, but it will not change the challenges of dealing with COVID-19 or the repercussions in society. We need to take a moment to rethink what it is to travel, because we cannot escape the pandemic.

If you want an "escape" in the safest and least disruptive way, I would suggest finding an online travel community that explores online at the present moment and looks forward to the time when travel will again be open and easier. Not to advertise one over another, but our family has found that Monday Night Travels with Rick Steves (<https://www.ricksteves.com/travel-tips/travel-classes/monday-night-travel>) has been a great way to "travel" online in hopes of the time when we will again be able to do it in person. It has helped with the "travel bug" that has also infected us after having to change major travel plans a number of

times over the last year.

My advice would be to stay home physically and travel mentally and spiritually by connecting online with a community that is also struggling with wanting to "jump on the boat" and get away.

Here's to traveling!



Pastor Scott Peterson  
pastor@lcifoothills.org

Dear Rather Stay Home,

First, congratulations on a 40-year marriage! My 67-year-old husband and I at 74 also celebrated that milestone recently. We, too, loved to travel pre-pandemic and have been staying safer at home since March 13, 2020.

I can understand both your and Tom's point of view. Risk of infections is greatly reduced by any of the approved vaccines according to numerous studies and reports, yet headlines announce that the South African COVID variant may not be deterred by vaccines. Viruses mutate constantly; hence, the different flu shot mix every year. There's not enough data on effectiveness long term and what data is collected isn't necessarily consistent. Different jurisdictions have different criteria and credibility. Reasonable people will have different levels of risk avoidance.

I hope you two can come to a mutually agreeable compromise on venturing out. How about a scenic drive to start with – just a day out to see wild flowers or the ocean? Have masks at the ready in case you encounter others. You could try camping with social distancing. If you're not equipped for car camping there are RVs for rent. Maybe a train trip, again with social distancing and other protocols. Have you considered separate vacations? He could take a trip, maybe with vaccinated buddies, and you can have a "staycation" with whatever treats you want delivered to your doorstep. You could share the day via video chat each evening. Relationships tend to evolve over time in my experience.

I hope you find a new normal that pleases you both.



Sharon Weisman  
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**Question:**

*With so much going on in our country and the world at this time, this may seem like a small problem but it's quite annoying. I have a group of friends – there are six of us – who get together a few times a month. It's difficult to, as my mother used to*

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say, "get a word in edgewise." They interrupt and they don't seem to be listening. Just about the time there's a lull in conversation, I try to jump in just to be drowned out by at least two speaking at once.

Please say something about being good conversationalists and listening.

~ Unwillingly Silenced

Dear Unwillingly Silenced,

I am sorry to hear that the experience of getting together with your friends is leaving you drowned out and silenced. I am sure that you are a wonderful listener but for a true conversation – and a true friendship – to happen, there has to be an exchange, not just one side dominating.

I wonder if you even have had an opportunity to let your friends know how you feel. I assume that, because you continue getting together with them, they are people who you appreciate and that's why not being listened to by them affects you. I am afraid that there is no other way to address the challenge that you are facing but to talk to them about it.

I recently had such a conversation with my closest brother after noticing that every time we talked on the phone it was all about him,

his challenges, his family, his job ... his, his, his. I felt I was growing distant from him and one day I just asked him for time to talk and said, "Every time we talk it is all about your stuff and, unless I call you, you don't call neither. I love you, and I need this to change. I want you to call me, too, and I want you to show interest in my life."

He apologized and said that he did not know what he was doing. He promised to call more and show more interest, and he has done it.

I have had a similar conversation with other friends and relatives and the outcome has not been the same. For some, it seems as if I had said nothing, and that has made us distant. By sitting in those meetings with your friends and listening to all they have to say you are exemplifying Jesus' command of love for the other. However, that principle of love has another very important part: the love for yourself. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) Jesus was a great listener and he also expressed himself aloud and often. He gave messages about how he felt regarding situations and people. He knew how to feel, and he voiced his feelings.

I invite you to recognize how you

truly feel. That will allow you to talk about it openly and promote the change that you seek. Try to find online the Feeling Wheel designed by Dr. Gloria Willcox. It is a proven visual aid that helps people recognize, talk about, and express their feelings. Once you recognize your feelings and, out of love, I encourage you to express to your friends how you feel and what you want. It is a worth the risk with people that you care about.

I wish you the very best in your journey of reaffirming the great value that your feelings and your voice do have.



Rev. Antonio Gallardo  
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Dear Unwillingly Silenced, Some people really don't bother to listen. They are too busy waiting until they are able to talk. So when that lull you speak of comes up they jump in no matter what else may be going on.

Your timing is important. Don't

see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING on next page

**NOTES & NODS****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 18, the congregation will celebrate the third Sunday of Easter at its 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Stephen Robertson will deliver a message called "Hands and Feet." 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 [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org).

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday

through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office at [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

**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](http://lcpc.net) every Sunday at 9 a.m.

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

**Church Hosting Blood Drive**

Montrose Church 2409 Florencita Dr W, Montrose is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. benefiting the American Red Cross.

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2erdtdsc>.

**Walk and Word**

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

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



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING from previous page

rely on anyone else to let you talk. Obviously they are not inclined that way. And they certainly do not care about being “good conversationalists.”

When someone tries to jump in on top of your comment, look right at them and say, “Hold on for a minute, I would just like to say that...” You must be a bit more assertive with these folks. You will need to practice this a few times to get more and more confident enough to break in. Don't give up if it doesn't work the first time. The others will learn that

you will not be unwillingly silenced anymore. It is up to you.



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# Welcoming Ramadan

Ramadan is a month-long period of fasting, meditation, prayer and good deeds. From the evening of April 12, 2021 or April 13, 2021 to the evening of May 11, Muslims will fast during the daylight hours and neither eat nor drink and will focus on doing good deeds.

“During that time, you develop a sense of hunger and thirst. You're still working in the daytime and are surrounded by everyone else who is eating and drinking. We begin to develop not just a sense of discipline but a sense of empathy for those who might be hungry otherwise,” said Jihad Turk, president of Bayan Claremont, the first graduate theology school for Islam, in a former interview with CVW.

Each night, the faithful come together for the ifthar, or the evening meal, to break the fast. This is usually done together with neighbors, friends and family. You are always either inviting someone over or being invited over, Turk

said. And it is in this spirit that the Islamic Congregation has held its annual interfaith ifthar for so many years. In the past there was partnering with local churches, including St. George's Episcopal and La Cañada Presbyterian Church in La Cañada and All Saints Church in Pasadena, its doors opened to a potluck and all interested parties were invited to stand with them in evening prayer. Though the pandemic has altered celebrating with others, families will still come together.

“For us it's obviously the chance to stand in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors but also I love the homey feeling of this place,” said Randy Heyn-Lamb from Pasadena in a previous interview with CVW. Heyn-Lamb was a member of All Saints Church who attended the annual ifthar for years. “There are few places in this area that I feel more welcome than when I'm here. It's just a big family.”

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“The digitization and metadata from this project sets the groundwork on properly storing memorabilia, creates a higher standard and informs people. This will also create a more cohesive way for the Heritage Committee of Upland to access and store Girl Scout information,” she said.

Brundige presented her work to members from CSUN and USC at an LA as Subject event. Her digitized information “Hometown Heroes: Girl Scouts of the Crescenta Valley”

is accessible through the California State University Northridge Digital Collection weblink <https://digital-library.csun.edu/girl-scouts>.

Brundige’s mother, Patti, is the leader of Girl Scout Troop 1761. She also earned her Gold Award when in Girl Scouts, and she instilled the importance of community service to her family; in addition to Annie, her older sister also earned her Gold Award.

“Ever since I was young, I remember volunteering with my

family and how important it is to give back to the community,” Brundige said. “My family has been longtime members and volunteers for the Girl Scouts. Some of my favorite experiences are going to camp or meeting other Girl Scouts. My mom has volunteered much of her time to Girl Scouts, and so I would be brought along to help all the time. I always did the things that no one else wanted to do, because that’s part of doing good and working hard.”

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 Thursday, May 6, 6-8 pm

(Zoom contact information will be provided prior to the event.)

The Chamber will be hosting a virtual (Zoom) silent auction featuring a variety of Chamber vendors who donate products and/or services for this event.

**It is scheduled for Thursday evening May 6 from 6 pm to 8 pm.**

Vendors who donate auction items will be given the opportunity to promote themselves, their products and their business.

Vendor items will be submitted to the Chamber office via a voucher which describes the product/service in detail as well as a photograph and the retail value. Items must have a minimum value of \$100. In order to participate **vendors must respond no later than Wednesday, April 28.**

Due to time constraints on Zoom the number of vendors will be limited and winners will be announced after a final review by a Chamber auction committee.

Auction participants will submit their bids in real time via the chat room link and final bids will be announced at the conclusion of the auction. Payments must be made via PayPal or MasterCard/Visa credit cards.

Donated items may be picked up at a time and place convenient for both the winners and the vendors. Contact information for vendors will be provided.

**For questions or more information contact the Chamber at: 818-248-4957.**

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