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Council Vetoes Funding for CV Fireworks

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council at its Tuesday meeting heard but ultimately rejected a request to help fund the Crescenta Valley 2021 fireworks show.

Local civic leader and CV Fireworks Committee member Steve Pierce called in to the council meeting to explain plans for this year and to answer questions. The school district approved the use of Crescenta Valley High School for this year's show, but it will not be possible to have people on the field. Ticket sales typically bring in \$4,000-\$5,000, Pierce said. No revenue from food trucks or entertainment for kids at the school, he explained, meant limited ability to generate revenue from the event.

"This year we're planning for all the fireworks to go up so people can see them from farther away. People come from all over, even from Pasadena this year," Pierce said. "Without this approval, we're not going to have a fireworks show. We appreciate what you've done in the past and want to honor the United States and our community in this way again this year."

Najarian offered an alternative motion to fund a city-sponsored fireworks show in the downtown area.

"We do a lot of fireworks downtown," he said, "and there are a lot of people who would like to see them out of their windows. Glendaleans."

"I like the people in Tujunga and Sunland and La Crescenta and La Cañada," he continued, "but as we decide to give money to organizations, speaking for myself as a member of the Glendale City Council, with an opportunity to provide fireworks in the City of Glendale for the thousands of people who won't have to be bused up to La Crescenta. No overtime pay for our police to patrol La Crescenta."

"La Crescenta is represented by a very able member of the board of supervisors," Najarian

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Visiting The Dairy

By Mary O'KEEFE

While retaining much of its original roots, The Dairy offers the traditional and the unique.

There is no denying Californians have a simpatico relationship with their automobiles. Even though the pandemic may have allowed some to park their cars a little longer than usual on public streets, anyone who has been on the roads recently can see that traffic is moving slower – which is normal.

The idea of Californians staying in their vehicles to grab something to eat dates back to the early 1920s but really boomed in 1948 when In-N-Out opened. Not surprising, the idea of staying in the comfort of the car and not having to find a parking spot then ordering and getting the food you wanted was appealing to drivers.

Then the drive-thru experience expanded with the addition of the Alta Dena Dairy drive-thru markets. The first Alta Dena drive-thru opened in the early 1950s and throughout Southern California these markets began to spring up in neighborhoods.



Travis Emi (left) and Kyle Bilowitz, owners of The Dairy, invite the community to stop by, whether to buy milk and eggs or a freshly made, and locally made, sandwich.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

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Decades of Waiting End as the U.S. Recognizes the Armenian Genocide

By Mary O'KEEFE

"At long last, the truth. Thank God."

Those were the words Congressman Adam Schiff shared at an event on Saturday, April 24 celebrating the recognition of the Armenian Genocide by President Joe Biden.

"Each year on this day we remember the lives of all those who died in the Ottoman era Armenian Genocide and recommit ourselves to preventing such an atrocity from ever again occurring. Beginning on April 24, 1915, with the arrest of Armenian intellectuals and community leaders in Constantinople by Ottoman authorities, one and a half million Armenians were de-

ported, massacred or marched to their deaths in a campaign of extermination. We honor the victims of the Meds Yeghern so that the horrors of what happened are never lost to history. And we remember so that we remain ever-vigilant against the corrosive influence of hate in all its forms," read a statement by President Joe Biden on Armenian Remembrance Day.

This official recognition by the United States of the Armenian Genocide has been requested by so many for so long and until Saturday had not been realized.

Schiff addressed those at Saturday's event.

"I am grateful you never gave up hope, that you never lost faith, you

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Congressman Adam Schiff, with other dignitaries, address a group of Armenian supporters and media representatives in front of Burbank City Hall on Saturday following the recognition of the Armenian Genocide by President Biden.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

One Out, One In

First off, many thanks to everyone who sent well-wishes to Steve and me for our 40th wedding anniversary last weekend. We headed up to Harris Ranch off the I-5 Freeway for dinner. I've seen it over the years and wanted to visit. We ended up staying the night and the food was delicious. No vegetarian here, folks. Because the drive was so long (about three hours) we stayed the night and had a terrific breakfast. Our server was a gal named Nicolene and she was just great.

We may end up heading up north again for a delicious dinner.

So our son Andy is heading to North Carolina on Friday to start a business – a concession-type stand near a friend's four soccer fields. Being a chef, food is his business and he thinks this will be a way to gently enter the market. That's where his focus will be on the weekends; during the week he'll be working as a chef at the Eseeola Lodge in Linville. He worked there years ago and they loved him and he loved them. It's a beautiful, high-end resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains. He's excited to be heading back; they're open only from mid-May until mid-October due to weather so he'll be able to cook, bank some money and see some friends. His enthusiasm is exciting to see and I know he's going to do well.

As the front door slams on his departure on Friday, it opens for the visit from his brother on Saturday!

Danny, our airman who lives in Georgia with his wife Tricia, will be working in Las Vegas for a week and plans on driving out with a couple of friends to visit this Saturday and Sunday. As luck

would have it, Andy plans on driving to Las Vegas on Friday and will be able to visit with Danny before continuing on to North Carolina.

I haven't seen Danny since Christmas and am so looking forward to giving that boy a hug.

One of the privileges I have as publisher and owner of the newspaper is to talk to local civic groups regarding my journey. This week I spoke, via Zoom, with Chapter FF, P.E.O. I probably overstayed my welcome but the ladies were forgiving and seemed to be really interested in how and why I started the paper back in 2009.

Reflecting on the beginnings of the paper reminds me how fortunate I am to have the dedication of the people who work so hard with me to make sure that each week's edition is excellent: writers Mary O'Keefe, Charly Shelton and Julie Butcher stand out as do Mike Lawler and Sue Kilpatrick and office manager Rachelle Miller and, ensuring it all makes sense, is our proofreader Anne McNeill. In addition are delivery people, more writers and photographers; and of course we couldn't do this without our readers and advertisers who show their support through their wallets by investing in what was once just a dream of mine.

I am so appreciative.

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Weather in the Foothills

One day hot, the next downright cold, so goes the spring weather. One day splashing and laughter can be heard over the back fence and two days later you awaken to the sound of gently falling raindrops. Too soon, one will overtake the other. Nowadays in Southern California weather is all about comfort and convenience. When and where people live dictates weather's impact upon them.

The weather played an important role in the life of a homesteader in the 1800s. Charles Dixon (my great grandfather) arrived in Kansas, penniless, from England. There he raised his family, grew wheat and became prosperous. As were the people, crops and livestock were vulnerable out on the plains of Kansas. Weather-watching was continuous, on the lookout for blizzards, hail and tornadoes. If an early harvest or a sheltering of livestock were attempted it might be lifesaving. Weather predictions, most without much scientific basis, were used and some worked. The invention of the telegraph and the start of the National Weather Service during this time were valuable to the farmers' livelihood.

Information handed down generation-to-generation often becomes lost. Some of the old-time weather predictions that were based on old wives' tales may be humorous but if they worked – what the heck! My grandpa no doubt used a few of the following:

- The darker the woolly caterpillar or its brown stripe, the harsher the weather.
- The higher the clouds, the better the weather.
- If you make a fire outside and the smoke goes straight up, you will have good weather. If the smoke curls and wisps, then rain is on its way.
- Clear moon, frost soon.
- When ditch and pond offend the nose, look for rain and stormy blows.
- Birds fly high, no worries from the skies.
- Cattle gathering in a tight group in a corner or even in a field indicate a storm approaching quickly.
- Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus said, "When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, 'There cometh a shower'; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, 'There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.'" Luke 12:54-55. So people have long known how to read the weather signs.

Wow! A thunderstorm, with rain and a bit of hail, came on Tuesday; the following day, guided by a strong gust of wind, the thermometer hit 88 degrees. According to the NWS, summerlike temperatures will be prevalent across inland valleys today and tomorrow, Friday. And, here we go again – the weather forecast predicts cooler conditions for the weekend to be continued into early next week. I think we've landed in the middle of (no, not Kansas!) a carnival; more specifically, we're riding on a weather-thermometer rollercoaster ... Whee!

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

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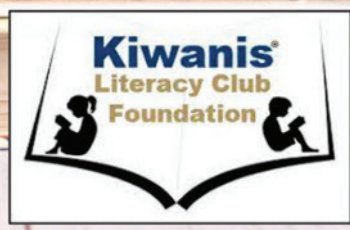
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ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, May 1. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

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

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

LIBRARIES OFFER LIMITED REOPENING

Glendale Central Library, Brand Library & Art Center, and Montrose Library are re-opening for limited in-person services for the public. Per DPH guidelines, all locations have implemented new COVID-19 safety standards including reduced capacity, screening staff and visitors for COVID-19 symptoms, and requiring masks and social distancing.

Available services include public computers and Wi-Fi access; printing and copying; study tables; and browsing most collections and checkout. Programs and events will continue to be held virtually, and contactless pickup of reserved materials is still available. Montrose Library will be open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.; Glendale Central Library will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is closed for cleaning from noon to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is open on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (closed for cleaning from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.). The Brand Library & Art Center will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Unavailable services include meeting rooms and study rooms; art galleries; children’s toys; kits for checkout; filming and photography permits; interlibrary loan; browsing of magazines and newspapers; and scanning. Unavailable services will be reinstated as guidance from DPH allows; the most up-to-date information about GLAC’s in-person services is available at www.eglendalelac.org/in-person-services.

‘It’s a Lot Better in Person’

By Mary O’KEEFE

It was the turn this week of Glendale Unified School District’s secondary school students to return to in-person learning. As middle and high school students got ready for their first day back some were nervous, some excited and all were curious as to how this new normal would look.

At Rosemont Middle School, students lined up in front of the gate and waited to be checked in.

“We are excited to see secondary students,” said Dr. Kelly King, assistant superintendent of GUSD.

Students first checked in online, answering specific questions that included whether they had lately traveled outside the state and whether they had been exposed to COVID-19 and then were presented a list of symptoms of COVID-19. When the students arrived at school they shared a QR code, which contained the answers to the questionnaire, with a representative from the school. The students would then get their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer and, if they did not have a fever, walked onto campus for the first time in a year.

Once on the Rosemont campus they went to the amphitheater and sat six feet apart from their fellow students. Teachers came to the amphitheater and, as Principal Scott Anderle announced teachers’ names, students lined up with their first period teacher.

The district adopted a block schedule, so the in-person school day ends about noon and resumes at 1 p.m. with distance learning, which can continue until 3:15 p.m.

“We are very excited to see the kids back,” Anderle said. “We have 256 kids returning [to in-person class].”

He hopes that number expands as more kids feel comfortable coming back to campus.

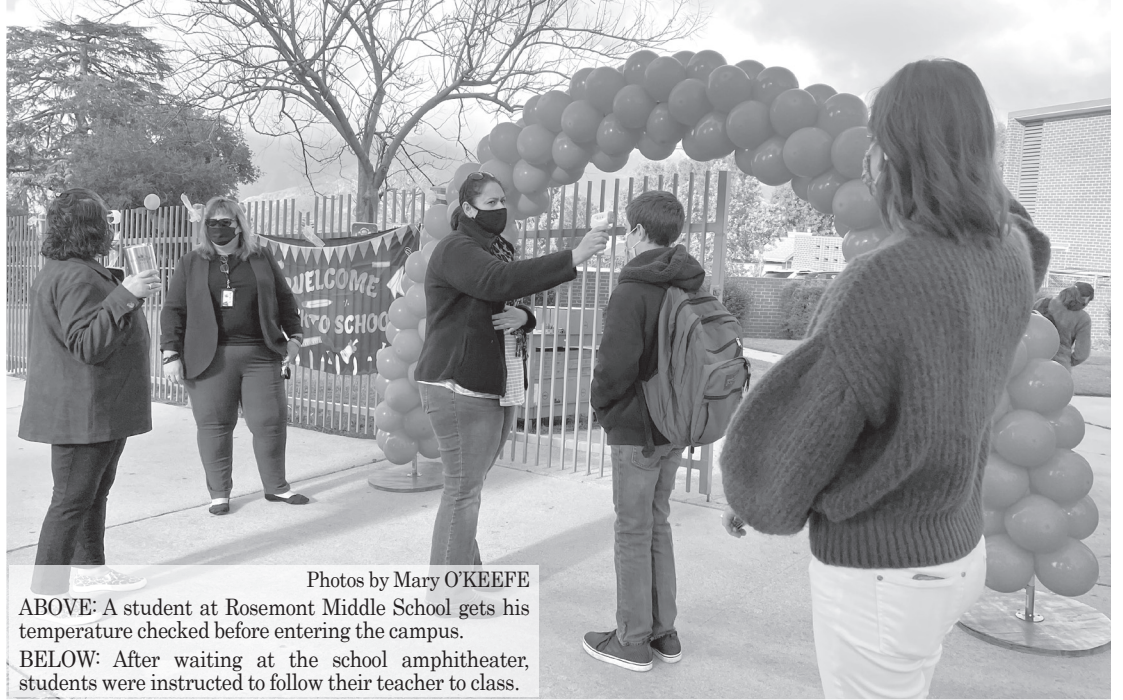
The journey of in-person learning, after a year of distance learning, has not been an easy one. The district staff dealt with the ever-changing Los Angeles County Public Health requirements/restrictions regarding COVID-19. Over the last year were negotiations between Glendale Teachers Association and GUSD, the release of parent and student surveys that were analyzed, negotiations with classified staff – and all the while dealing with issues like closing the digital divide and making certain the students of GUSD had enough to eat.

One of the most important issues was vaccinations.

All staff members who wanted to receive the COVID-19 vaccine have been given the opportunity. The families of staff have also been able to get vaccinated, if they want, King said.

“It’s a lot better in person,” said David Green, sophomore at Crescenta Valley High School.

Green had chosen to go back to in-person class and is happy he did. He said the first day was a little tricky, including some Internet issues, but that was soon taken care of and



Photos by Mary O’KEEFE
 ABOVE: A student at Rosemont Middle School gets his temperature checked before entering the campus.
 BELOW: After waiting at the school amphitheater, students were instructed to follow their teacher to class.



class went on.

“We were socially distant with clear dividers at our desk,” he added.

Classes were small, sometimes only five or six kids in the classroom.

“It is a lot easier to focus in person than online,” he said.

At the end of class during remote learning that would be it. The monitor would be off and the teacher would be gone. But now when class ends the in-person students stay in class for about 20 minutes, which allow them time to be in the same room as their teacher and do their homework.

“Most of my friends didn’t go back to [in-person class],” he said. “But that forced me to reconnect with old friends I hadn’t seen in a year, and connect with different [students].”

Green had some issues with online learning; he liked the one-on-one experience with teachers and other students.

One example he gave of the difference of virtual versus in-person learning was his chemistry class. Online he was not interested in chemistry and found it boring; however, once in class with in-person experiments and interaction he found he really likes chemistry.

Students who wanted to remain in a virtual learning environment were part of the class and Green said they could hear them as they asked and

answered questions.

“Teachers had a universal microphone and could move around the room,” he said.

Even though COVID-19 is never far from anyone’s mind it did not seem to affect learning.

“I forgot we had masks on,” he added.

One of the things that some might forget is that these students have

been away from their school for a year and for some this is the first time they have been at their middle or high school, and the first time they have met their teachers.

“I hadn’t met my teacher [in person],” Green said. “You only know them from the camera on their computer. Some were taller or shorter than I expected. In-person was different.”

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continued. “It would be out of line for the City of Glendale to jump into her jurisdiction and pay for her fireworks. Glendale first. This is a way to help our downtown retailers and others in the area who don’t have a lot of open space options.”

Najarian’s motion to instruct staff to work with the downtown business association to produce a \$50-\$60,000 event passed on a vote of 4-1.

“I advocate for continuing this tradition. People come from all over, and from all over Glendale, to celebrate the 4th of July every year. It is a community tradition. Starting from scratch at this time? I don’t think we need dueling fireworks shows either,” Kassakhian voted against the motion. “We’ve had CVHS’ football team here to recognize them for their contributions to Glendale pride. The CV Weekly may be called the Crescenta Valley Weekly but it covers the council and shares information about the City with the entire community. I don’t see how these artificial boundaries are helpful here.”

Devine expressed her “regrets to the Crescenta Valley.”

“I think the best of Steve Pierce, but here’s a chance to do something for south Glendale,” she said.

“We could all go to Oakmont,” Brotman joked. [It was reported that Oakmont Country Club is planning a fireworks show again this year.]

Earlier in the meeting, councilmembers commended President Joe Biden for his formal recognition of the Armenian Genocide on April 24.

“Thanks to the mayor and my colleagues for always standing on the right side of history on this issue – and now thank the President for doing the same,” Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian began. “This is as much a victory, a validation, as much for Armenians as for all Americans.”

“By not speaking openly and reaffirming the historical facts of the Armenian Genocide because of the influence of lobbyists and foreign interests with their own agendas, we deprive ourselves of a very proud chapter in our own history when so many American leaders and missionaries and senators and even the President at the time stepped up to help the people

massacred by the Turkish Ottoman Empire. This country alone raised today’s equivalent of \$2 billion in assistance through the Near East Relief Fund and it was the first international humanitarian aid effort, ever, by the United States; it put us on the map as a world power that reached across the ocean to help those in need,” Kassakhian added. “Hopefully we’re able to reclaim a proud chapter in American history through this declaration and moving forward as Armenian Americans continue to fight for justice and continue to fight for full acknowledgement by the perpetrators of this crime, the Republic of Turkey, which is the inheritor of the Ottoman Empire. We should remember that this is the floor and not the ceiling.”

“In President Biden’s proclamation, he said the word ‘genocide’ twice. Since Reagan promised in 1981, every President has promised to recognize the Armenian Genocide. Then they use words like ‘atrocities’ and ‘massacre,’ every word except ‘genocide,’” Councilmember Vrej Agajanian recalled.

Councilmember Dan Brotman agreed that it was a proud day for all Americans.

“I grew up as a Jewish American and I remember always hearing about the holocaust of World War II. I can’t imagine what I would have felt if for all those years my government said, ‘Well, that’s kind

of what happens in war time, you know, that wasn’t a genocide, it was just the ‘fog of war.’ I would have been livid.”

Councilmember Ara Najarian shared his thoughts. “It is an important piece, going forward, and I’m hoping this signals a change in America’s foreign policy, that we’re not going to be held hostage by the

threats of Turkey not letting us use our air base, to bottle up the Straits of Bosphorus – we are now standing on strong moral ground and I hope this extends to other countries that still don’t recognize the Genocide, namely the U.K., and join the many countries that recognize the Genocide.”

Next the council heard an update



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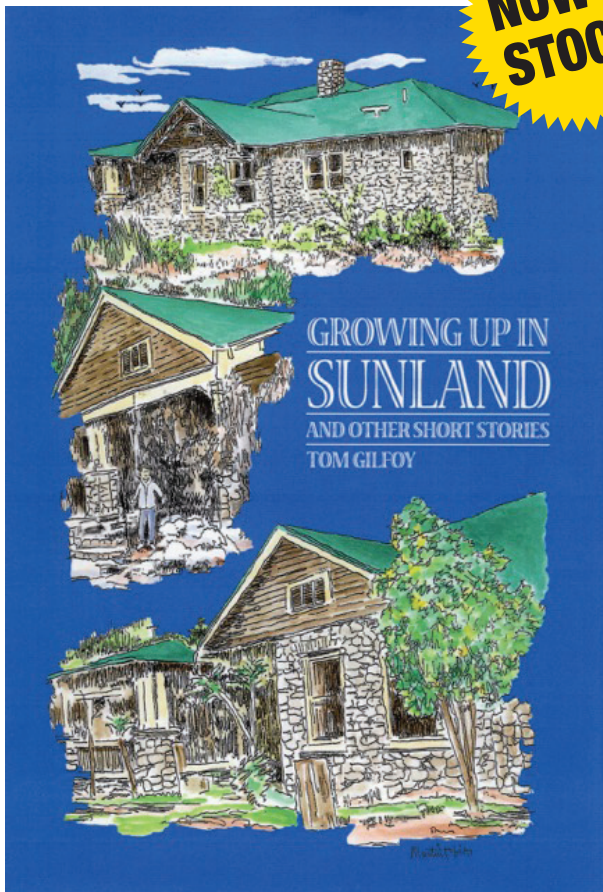
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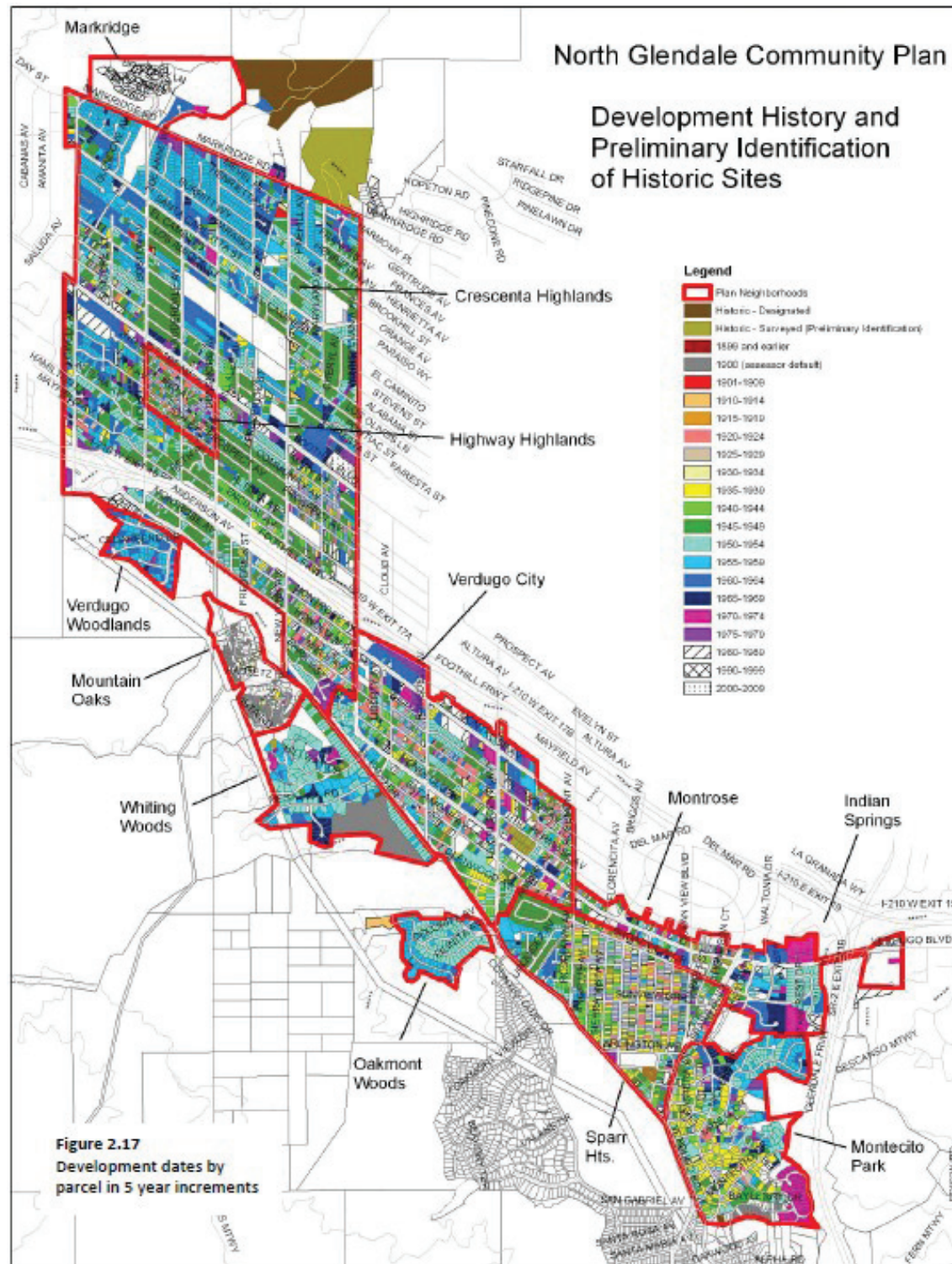


Figure 2.17 Development dates by parcel in 5 year increments

For clarification: The Crescenta Valley is a region, not an actual city or town. Crescenta Valley includes La Crescenta, which encompasses the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, Far North Glendale and Montrose. Far North Glendale and Montrose are actually part of the City of Glendale. This is similar to Adams Square, Kenneth Village and Sparr Heights, which are regions/neighborhoods within the City of Glendale not actual cities on their own. Map by City of Glendale

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The Use of J & J Vaccine Resumes, Cautions Issued

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on Friday voted to resume use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine in persons 18 years of age and older in the U.S. population under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization.

The following is a statement from Paul Stoffels, M.D., vice chairman of the executive committee and chief scientific officer at Johnson & Johnson:

"We are grateful to the Advisory Committee and its medical experts for the rigorous evaluation of our COVID-19 vaccine. The Committee's recommendation is an essential step toward continuing urgently needed

vaccinations in a safe way for millions of people in the U.S. As the global pandemic continues to devastate communities around the world, we believe a single-shot, easily transportable COVID-19 vaccine with demonstrated protection against multiple variants can help protect the health and safety of people everywhere. We will continue to collaborate with the CDC, FDA and health authorities around the world, including the European Medicines Agency and the World Health Organization, to ensure this very rare event can be identified early and treated effectively. We remain committed to the health and safety of people worldwide."

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never stopped trying after disappointment after bitter disappointment to call out the best in this country, to ask us to live up to our ideals, to be once again the champion of human rights. You have made us a better country, and we are grateful," Schiff said.

He thanked President Biden for his "willingness to speak truth to power, your willingness to honor your commitment."

"A commitment that so many other Presidents had made as candidates," Schiff said. "You are a man of your word. We are proud of what you have done today."

Representatives Judy Chu, Tony Cardenas and Jimmy Gomez were at the event; all have been long time supporters of the Genocide recognition. They were joined by California State Senator Anthony Portantino and Assemblymember Laura Friedman, local government representatives from Burbank City and school district and Los Angeles Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

The speakers shared how long the journey was for this recognition and how important it is to remain vigilant especially after the recent six-week war between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

"There are those who want to forget what happened to the Armenian people," Chu said. "They want to brush it aside." She added to do that would be an insult to the one and a half million lives lost in the Armenian Genocide and would "give comfort to those responsible."

The government of Turkey continues to deny that the Genocide occurred, but the history of the struggles of the Armenian Genocide was shared by Nora Hovsepian, chair of the Armenian National

Committee of America.

"After 106 years of persistent struggle, the Armenian community has finally reached a tremendous milestone on the road to justice," Hovsepian said. "I think I can speak for virtually every Armenian American when I say today feels like a huge weight has been finally lifted from our shoulders, a heavy burden we have all borne our entire lives, which has been passed down through generations by our grandparents who came to these shores as orphans having lost their entire families."

She spoke of how long Armenian Americans have been fighting for this recognition, a recognition that was given by 29 other countries including France, Germany, Russia, Italy and the Vatican City, according to the Armenian National Institute.

"There have been glimmers of hope along the way. In 1981, for example, [President] Ronald Reagan uttered the words 'genocide' during a holocaust remembrance event. Alas it did not become official U.S. policy. Next came recognition by 49 of the 50 states, all of them calling for the federal government to do the same; still it did not happen. In 2019, the near unanimous Congressional recognition of the Armenian Genocide in both the House and Senate finally altered the course of United States policy, at least [from] the legislation branch, and for which we are so grateful," she said.

She thanked Schiff and others who have kept this issue alive year after year, and added that they came close to recognition without getting it. "Until today," she said.

She praised the President who, for years, had been

a strong proponent for recognition and as vice president had attended the 100-year memorial service at the national cathedral.

"[Biden] pledged last year to support Armenian Genocide Recognition, like many other candidates before him; he actually took the bold step in doing the right thing by rejecting Turkey's gag rule, disengaging the United States from Turkey's ongoing campaign of denial and delivering to us such a hard-fought and long-awaited victory on the road to justice," Hovsepian said.

Supervisor Barger, who represents the fifth district of Los Angeles County, said hearing the news that the President had recognized the Armenian Genocide was emotional.

"It has been a long hard-fought battle. Each year we think we are going to get closer, each year I stand in solidarity with my Armenian brothers and sisters, and each year I get a letter from Turkey threatening me," Barger said. "I will not be bullied. I stand tall with you."

Burbank Unified School Board Representative Emily Weisberg spoke of how important it was to continue to support education of the Genocide.

"As a member of the Jewish community, this month we also recognized Holocaust Remembrance Month. I speak from experience when I say that the only way that healing can begin is when we recognize that a wrong has been committed. It is when perpetrators admit the wrong they have done that you can begin to heal," she said. "[We will] continue to educate because never again means all of us."

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from Adventist Health Glendale's director of Pharmacy Services Romic Eskandarian on the progress of the city's vaccination program. Eskandarian urged all Glendaleans to get vaccinated, reminding everyone that the Jewel City Vax Clinic will be open again this week, Thursday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Starting on Sunday, appointments will be honored but not required and walk-up vaccines will be available for all those over 16 years.

According to Eskandarian, the vaccination site is a partnership and will continue in the Glendale Community College parking lot through mid-July. Adventist Health Glendale provides the vaccines and staff to administer them.

"You have to come see it," Dr. Eskandarian urged. "It's beautifully put together and well-organized, very safe and easy for you to come into to get vaccinated."

The clinic is slated to administer 2,000-2,500 shots per day and is averaging 600 per day with a 16% "no-show" rate.

Agajanian offered to share that appointments will no longer be required on his TV show. "It is very important that everyone gets vaccinated."

Moving on, the council unanimously approved the ban it had been considering on the sale of flavored tobacco products. The ban was expanded from initially focusing on electronic tobacco products to include the sale of "combustible, flavored tobacco products including menthol, but excluding traditional hookah and premium cigars."

Then the council heard a staff report and deliberated at length about how the city enforces code violations and deals with deadlines for residents "who are physically or financially unable to remedy violations."

In 2013, the city adopted an administrative citation process that replaced criminal prosecution for code violations with a scheme of fines and fees. City staff emphasized that it only assesses fines and fees when compliance

deadlines are not met.

"Ours is an extremely compliant community," staff of the city's Neighborhood Services Dept. told the council. "Ninety nine percent of the citations we issue are met with compliance."

According to city staff, the first request for a 30-day extension will be granted automatically, if the request is made in writing. Further extensions may be granted based on circumstances and hardship. The city officially delayed action on "illegal" front fences that were in place before 2005 and on unpermitted window replacements by prior property owners.

Kassakhian urged the council to set up a process, a panel such as the one used to review parking tickets, for instance, "because we don't have a point-of-sale inspection process," he explained.

Staff has done everything possible to enforce compliance, Najarian noted, "for 20 years that I know of."

Brotman added that he hears more from folks concerned about the lack of prompt enforcement.

"We have a very light touch - we're much easier than other cities," he said. "We used to enforce these provisions, we'd go around and look for things. Now we're passive and reactive, what do they call it? Complaint-driven. I fear it creates a sense of arbitrariness."

But Mayor Paula Devine disagreed.

"It all already exists: full disclosure and due diligence," she said. "Tell the buyer what's expected. And it behooves the buyer to check everything." Devine opted for keeping the provisions as they are though she did add that a problem was a lack of inspectors.

"I am very disappointed that council didn't want to create a formalized transparent process that provides a clear path to people who find themselves in unique situations with unintended code violations and wish to fix their mistakes and comply with city codes," Kassakhian said after the vote to maintain the status quo passed, 4-1.

GPD REPORTS

Male Arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale

On April 26 at approximately 7 p.m., a Glendale PD patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for having illegal tinted windows in the area of Central and Acacia avenue.

While officers spoke with the driver of the vehicle, identified as 29-year-old Nathaniel Nelson of Glendale, regarding the violation, Nelson admitted to officers that he had methamphetamine inside of the vehicle. Nelson gave officers consent to search his vehicle and, upon searching the vehicle, officers located a substantial quantity of methamphetamine, a digital scale, a pack of small unused plastic bags and methamphetamine pipes. Nelson was also found to be in possession of an illegal switchblade knife.

Subsequently, Nelson was arrested and booked for possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a switchblade knife and a violation of parole.

Pair Arrested; Loaded Handgun and Fraudulent EDD Mail Recovered

On April 18 just after midnight, officers responded to a business on the 4600 block of San Fernando Road regarding a gunshot fired at the location.

Upon arrival, officers were pointed in the direction of individuals walking away from the location. The officers detained the individuals, including 26-year-old Trumeshia Perry of Jefferson, Georgia, and 23-year-old Terry Brown Jr. of Jefferson, Georgia. Upon being detained, Perry admitted to having a gun in her waistband. The

handgun was recovered from Perry and was found to be loaded and unregistered.

Although Perry claimed ownership of the gun, surveillance footage revealed that Brown Jr. was seen brandishing the firearm inside of the business, but did not discharge the weapon as was originally reported. A search of the suspect's vehicle was conducted where officers located Employment Development Dept. (EDD) mail belonging to more than six individuals. A subsequent search of Brown's person revealed more evidence of EDD fraud and over \$3,000 cash.

Perry was arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in public. Brown was arrested for exhibiting a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm in public and identity theft.

CRIME BLOTTER

April 21

4500 block of Rockland Place in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported hearing the sound of a drilling tool outside her home. She looked outside and witnessed a newer model beige sedan speed away from the area and out of view. She then discovered her neighbor's vehicle had its catalytic converter stolen.

The theft occurred at 12:30 a.m.

4900 block of Del Monte Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between 7 a.m. and 12:06 p.m.

April 20

4100 block of Briggs Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle. Surveillance footage revealed a silver/grey sedan driving southbound on Briggs Avenue toward Montrose Avenue. A few seconds later the same vehicle came back and parked parallel to the

victim's vehicle. Two men wearing dark hoodies exited the sedan. Suspect No. 1 opened the trunk of the vehicle and removed what appeared to be a floor jack. The suspects then jacked up the vehicle and went underneath it. About three minutes later the suspects placed items in the trunk of their vehicle and drove away.

The theft occurred about 12:23 a.m.

Grizzly Flats Trail Head, mile marker 30.65 in the Angeles National Forest, the driver's side key lock was damaged on a vehicle between 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

4500 block of Alveo Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle at 11:36 p.m.

April 19

3100 block of Pontiac Street in La Crescenta, a resident reported hearing the loud sound of a metal saw being operated outside in the street near the front of her home. She thought it was her neighbor working on something and ignored it. Later the next morning she discovered the catalytic converter was stolen from her vehicle.

The theft occurred between 11p.m. and 11:30 p.m.


April 17

Orangedale and Mira Vista avenues in Montrose, personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle overnight.

April 13


2100 block of La Cañada Crest in La Cañada Flintridge, camera equipment and tools were stolen from an unlocked vehicle between midnight and 6:30 a.m.

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ALTA DENA from Cover

For those living in La Cañada Flintridge and Crescenta Valley the Alta Dena drive thru, and later the Alta Dena Express, at the corner of Ocean View and Foothill boulevards had been part of the landscape for decades. Then, a little over three years ago, the doors closed. It had been a place to stop and get the most basic of items – milk, bread, cigarettes and beer and, like many things, was not missed until it was gone.

Then about two years ago, a couple of La Cañada High School graduates decided to purchase the market, give it a new name – The Dairy – and stock it with items that went far beyond basic.

“Both of us grew up in La Cañada,” said Travis Emi, one of the owners of The Dairy.

“We were familiar with the area, we had [worked together] in craft beer bars,” said Kyle Bilowitz, another owner.

Bilowitz is an owner of the Verdugo Bar in Glassell Park. Emi and Bilowitz knew the area, knew that Ocean View and Foothill was a busy intersection and, more importantly, knew the community.

“We thought it would be great if you were going to a dinner party and you wanted to get a little basket to-go of wine and cheese,” Bilowitz added.

They also knew that Memorial Park Sunday summer evening concerts attracted a lot of people and thought it would be a good idea to create a grab-and-go basket for people to take to the event, Emi added.

“We wanted to do something that was different from what has been done in the past here [at the drive thru]. I know there have been a few owners and it’s been the same kind of [items] for a long time,” Bilowitz said.

They have hit a few bumps in the road, like obtaining a liquor license. Apparently the former owner of the market had canceled the liquor license, which meant they, as new owners, had to apply for a new permit. In normal times getting a liquor license takes time but then the pandemic hit and everything moved at a slower pace. They’re moving forward, continuing to work with the city, the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and the state agency Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to get a license. Their plan is to use their knowledge of wine and craft beers to add options that are not standard drive-thru market items. They have already added specialized food products to their offerings, like freshly made sandwiches and fresh fruit.

Pat Anderson, president and CEO of the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce, has worked with Emi and Bilowitz since they started their business.

“I think it is great,” she said of “hometown” people opening in La Cañada Flintridge. “We have others who are hometown [people] who own businesses in La Cañada Flintridge. It speaks to the quality of our community and also speaks to the character of the business environment we are in.”

The LCF Chamber of Commerce assigns “ambassadors” to each business and one has been working with The Dairy.

COVID-19 restrictions provided another opportunity for The Dairy to meet the demand of shoppers looking for options to purchase goods. The Dairy was literally in the right place at the right time.

The Dairy had already established a strong customer base and with the arrival of the pandemic, new customers began to pull in. Emi and Bilowitz scrambled to get the supplies that were needed, from masks to flour.

“With the [pandemic] shopping was so limited,” Emi said.

He added that people who would normally not shop at a drive-thru began to explore the market. Customers soon began to request items and the owners did everything they could to fill those

requests while still offering new items.

“Throughout this entire time we have tried to do our best for the community,” Emi said. “At the peak [of the pandemic] I was driving 118 miles a day to different locations to wholesale sellers.”

Many of their clients are elderly and would request specific items that were difficult to find or they were not comfortable searching online for those items. Emi said they would take those requests and find the items for their customers.

At its foundation the owners wanted their business to involve the community, not just its customers but sellers, too. Emi said almost every day new small businesses approach them with items to stock. For example, The Dairy sells fresh sandwiches, which are made by the owner of a small business who grew up in

La Crescenta and now lives in Sunland. Their coffee supplier is also a small business owner who brings freshly roasted coffee to The Dairy.

They know the value of maintaining relationships with the many people who build a small business, from customers to suppliers to employees and City offices.

“We are giving [The Dairy] a personal touch,” Emi added.

Their plans for the business continue to expand and include putting up new signage and adding their own spin to the exterior of the building with a menu that includes not only the

basics that people expect but specialty foods. The owners also want to expand its community of vendors and offer fun events, like Friday night food trucks. They would also like to add a type of Farmers’ Market, Bilowitz said.

“Where you could come in and pick up your urban farm basket of the week,” he added.

Though many drive-thru markets have either been neglected or turned into another business altogether, the owners of The Dairy are balancing the old traditions with the new and know that community matters including supporting small businesses like themselves.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Larger-Than-Life Actor had a Larger-Than-Life La Cañada Estate

Victor McLaglen, a huge Hollywood star from the '20s to the '50s, led a legendary life of big adventure. At the turn of the century, at 14 years old McLaglen joined the British Army, lying convincingly about his age because of his size, well over six-feet, and heavily muscled. He then traveled the world, trying his hand at various professions. He was a boxer, a wrestler and a circus performer. He prospected for gold, served as a policeman and was a trainer for a rajah of India. In WWI he saw much action, was wounded twice and served as a spy. In 1920 he was cast in a movie and his film career took off.

He moved to Hollywood, made 115 films and won an Oscar. He brought that atmosphere of big living to his six-acre La Cañada estate called Fairhaven.

The story of Fairhaven began in 1924 when a wealthy contractor purchased a big plot of land near the San Gabriel Mountains in La Cañada. He

built a massive mansion in a European style, even importing craftsmen from the Black Forest region of Germany for the task. Yet he never occupied the house and, in fact, defaulted on his loan, and the house sat abandoned for several years.

But in the late '20s, the newly successful actor Victor McLaglen and his family visited the abandoned estate. His daughter later described the empty house and grounds as a "lost, stark structure with the rough grounds lying dead." But McLaglen and his wife saw potential in the empty land, dramatically set against the rocky tall mountains. They saw the massive house as a potential refuge from the world.

Victor's wife famously said, "It's a regular haven, isn't it, Victor? If it's going to be ours, couldn't it be Fairhaven?" They bought Fairhaven, and began to mold the house to their lifestyle.

Slate for the roof was brought from Italy, leaded glass windows from England, and

rich mahogany paneling from Majorca. The grounds were filled with fruit trees, avocado, orange and pomegranate, and the ground between was covered in flowers.

Physical health was important to the family. Gardens supplied fresh vegetables, chickens for fresh eggs, and a small herd of cows for milk. A pool and tennis courts were built. Paths ran through the lush landscape and the dry wash coming through the property was transformed into a castle's moat, with stone bridges crossing it.

Pets were a priority and an exotic menagerie was housed at Fairhaven. Local animals, like bears, deer, coyotes and foxes, could be found along with oddities like coatimundi, peacocks, a parrot and a kangaroo. Big stone doghouses were built for the pack of Great Danes, and a stable housed their many horses.

The estate was hit hard by the big New Year's Flood of 1934. The gardens were destroyed and

McLaglen's cars were damaged. The slide the McLaglen children played on was found in Glendale. All was repaired though.

It was a happy place for the McLaglen family but Mrs. McLaglen died in 1942, and Victor sold Fairhaven two years later. The estate passed through various hands and in the '50s, Fairhaven began to be subdivided. The original house never changed much in appearance from when the McLaglens enjoyed it, and it did retain two-acres of the grounds, including the moat and bridges.

Today the historic Fairhaven is located at 1219 Journey's End, and it's possible to catch a fleeting glimpse of the mansion through the massive iron gates. And a true mansion it is. The main house is 5,000-square-feet, with three suite bedrooms, formal living and dining room, a music room and library. An additional 1,300-square-foot is below the house in a finished basement with two gyms, office

and wine cellar. If that's not enough, there's a 2,000-square-foot guesthouse, a pool house and a four-car garage. It recently listed for \$5.25 million.

We have some legendary homes in our valley, but few have the historic background and the Hollywood credentials as Fairhaven. It's truly a gem in our community.

Thanks go out to Jim Carbonetti for supplying the info on Fairhaven.



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CVWD – 2021 Update

CVWD's offices are now open. It has been a very strange year, but your CVWD staff has worked hard to continue providing water and wastewater services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The District has staff, equipment and infrastructure in place to maintain all services around the clock, while social distancing to protect the health and well-being of our employees, customers and the community.

Because of the pandemic, CVWD now has many services available online so customers can conduct business anytime of the day from the convenience of their home. On the CVWD website, you can now start or stop service, request a leak check, pay your bill, request a payment extension or apply for a low-income discount.

In addition, under the Infrastructure tab, there are project notifications, bid opportunities and information for builders and developers including fire flow forms.

And while you are visiting the CVWD webpage, don't forget to sign-up for email alerts on the bottom of the webpage. You may select topics such as meeting notifications, water conservation or emergency notifications.

Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Interesting discussions in regard to rates, bond financing the 2021-22 fiscal year budget, Capital Improvement Programs, and ongoing infrastructure replacement programs are underway. It is a great time to tune in from home to see what is going on and how you can participate. Instructions on how to call in or use Zoom teleconferencing are on the website www.cvwd.com.

Since the pandemic started, CVWD's board of directors recently took measures to assist the community:

- Cancelled rate increases during the 2020-21 fiscal year
- Suspended water shut-offs for non-payment
- Suspended late fees
- Offered repayment plans for those unable to pay their bills due to hardships from COVID
- Delayed rate increases for the 2021-22 fiscal year, which would have typically started in July 2021

Just this past month, CVWD was a state winner of the annual awards program from CWEA for the best wastewater collection system in the "small" category. Congratulations to the Operations and Engineering staff!

As part of Crescenta Valley Water District's (CVWD) strategic plan to increase customer awareness, improve service offerings, and continue to prioritize emergency preparedness, CVWD will be using Everbridge. Everbridge, the world's recognized leader in incident notification systems, will be used for citizen alerts to communicate important information to thousands of residents and businesses before, during and after water emergencies and outages.

The Everbridge emergency notification system allows CVWD to send critical messages to residents and businesses instantly across multiple communication devices including cellphone, home phone, email, text messaging, fax and more. To ensure that individuals receive time-sensitive, life-saving emergency information from the District, residents must sign-up and register their contact information. Customers may receive a request from Everbridge to confirm their contact information. Please take this opportunity to verify your preferred contact method so that CVWD can reach you with important critical messaging.

PET OF THE WEEK



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YOUTH

Local Girl Scouts Go for Gold!

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Several Girl Scouts within the community recently earned their Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts. The Gold Award requires at least 80 hours of volunteer service be performed and a Gold Award project must be completed that addresses an important issue, be sustainable, be measurable and have an important impact on the community.

Molly Fleischer from Girl Scout Troop 15851 spent 85 hours completing her Gold Award project this past year.

"My Gold Award project was about helping the community by making a video about how to make masks, allowing for everyone to have access to a mask," Fleischer said. "I also made and donated over 50 masks to the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena. I chose this project because I wanted to help people when this pandemic started and the need for masks was rising. By donating the masks and making a video, I felt that I was helping out people in need."

She posted her video of how to make a mask on YouTube to reach as many people as possible that might need to make a homemade mask to protect themselves and others.

Amanda Rush Bova is another Girl Scout from Troop 15851 who recently earned her Gold Award. She spent 127 volunteer hours on her Gold Award project.

"My Gold Award project included painting a mural in the therapy room at Elizabeth House in Pasadena and planting a vegetable garden for the residents," said Rush Bova. "I painted a wildflower mural and the text 'It is Well with my Soul. Be Still and Know that



LEFT: Amanda Rush Bova
RIGHT: Molly Fleischer



I am God.' I was able to paint the mural during the COVID-19 pandemic because the therapy room was in a separate annex of the residence.

"I sketched the design in my sketchbook, drew it on the wall and then applied three coats of paint. I needed to visit the Elizabeth House multiple times to paint and tend to the garden. The Elizabeth House is a residence for pregnant women who are experiencing domestic violence or homelessness."

Rush Bova added, "I'm grateful to Kristen Mickelson, my wonderful advisor at Elizabeth House, who was so supportive, kind and encouraging. I'm also appreciative of my mom and my troop leader, Sarah Rush, because she helped me in the garden, bought supplies and paint, and drove me back and forth to Pasadena since I didn't have my driver's license. I wouldn't have earned my Gold Award without her help and encouragement."

The Gold Award journey can be an impactful experience.

"I am thankful for the opportunity of doing my Gold Award project at Elizabeth House because it's an organization that is close to my heart," said Rush Bova. "I am adopted, and I'm so appreciative of the emotional, financial and spiritual support that Elizabeth House provides to pregnant women to safely deliver their babies. It was special meeting the residences in the yard area, and I was encouraged when they shared with me that they really liked my mural that I had created. I had the opportunity to reflect on my own adoption experience because I spent so much time alone painting. I gained more compassion for my birth mother and my adoptive mother, and it also encouraged me in my desire to study counseling and psychology in college to become a therapist for teenagers who have experienced trauma."

Fleischer and Rush Bova offered advice for Girl Scouts striving to earn their Gold Award.

"Make sure that you choose

something you are passionate about for your project," said Fleischer.

Rush Bova added, "I would suggest that you choose a project that is meaningful to you and corresponds to your interests."

Fleischer will be taking fond memories with her of her Girl Scout experience.

"My favorite memories of Girl Scouts were when my whole troop and I would go out on adventures like camping or hiking. Girl Scouts has helped me grow by teaching me life skills that I will use as an adult," she said.

Rush Bova also shared some of her favorite memories.

"I loved camping in Girl Scouts and working on our Silver Award volunteering for Relay for Life for three years," she said. "My best friends have come from Girl Scouts and I enjoy remembering our cookie booth sales and all the time we spent growing up together. My mom was my leader, so it was always fun having everyone come over to the house for our annual Girl Scout Thanksgiving and holiday events. Girl Scouting has made me more aware of the value of contributing to my community. I wouldn't have participated in so many community events if it weren't for Girl Scout activities, and I'm grateful for those experiences."

Winners Announced in CVW Easter Coloring Contest



LEFT: Jaelynn, age 10
RIGHT: Mason, age 5

Two winners have been named in the 2021 CV Weekly Easter Coloring Contest. In the age category 6 and under, Mason's depiction of a googly-eyed bunny earned him first place and in the age category 7-12, Jaelynn's use of spring colors earned her first place. Each of the winners were given a \$50 gift certificate to Once Upon A Time bookstore donated by the store.

Bob Keiter, 92, earned an honorable mention for his entry.

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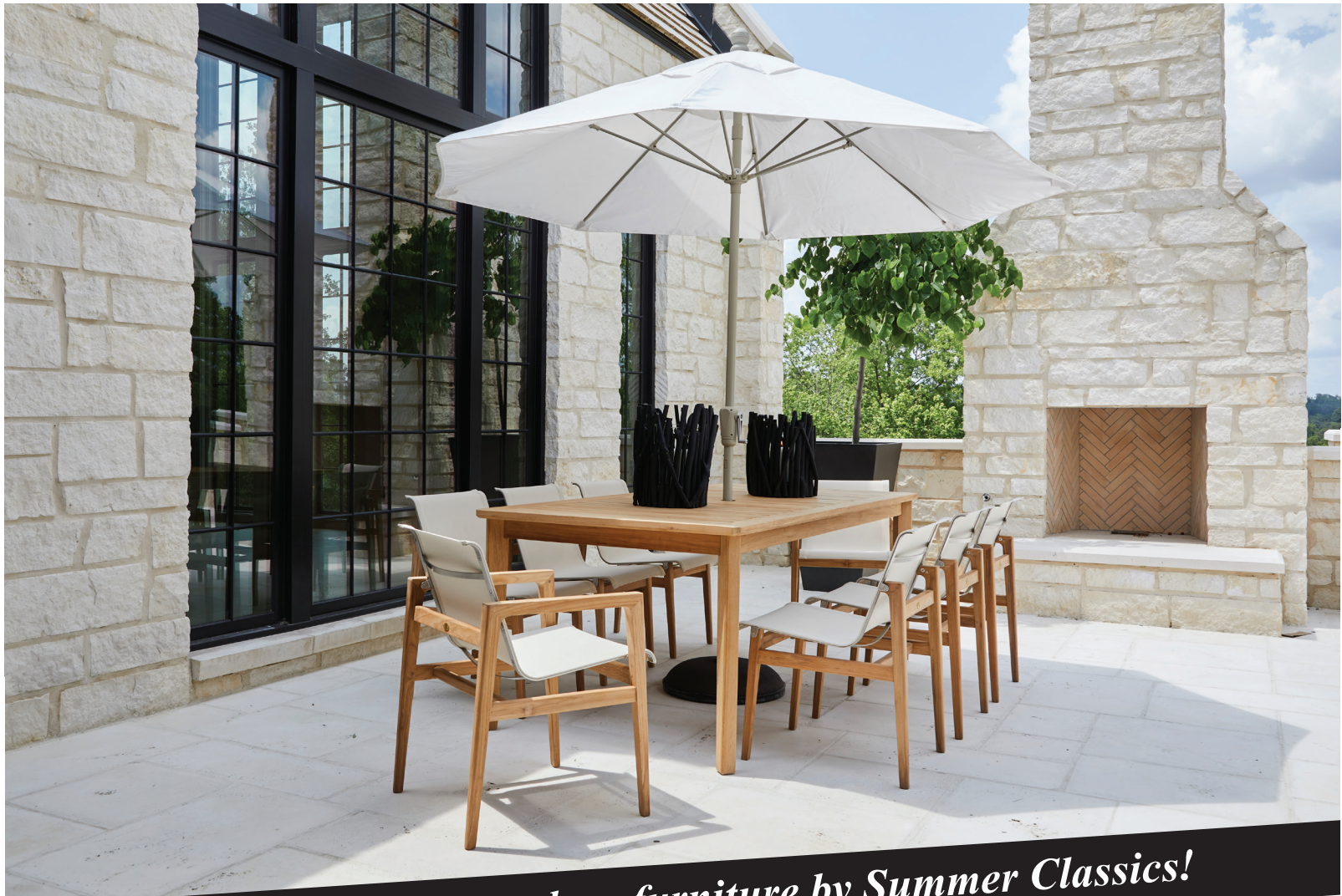
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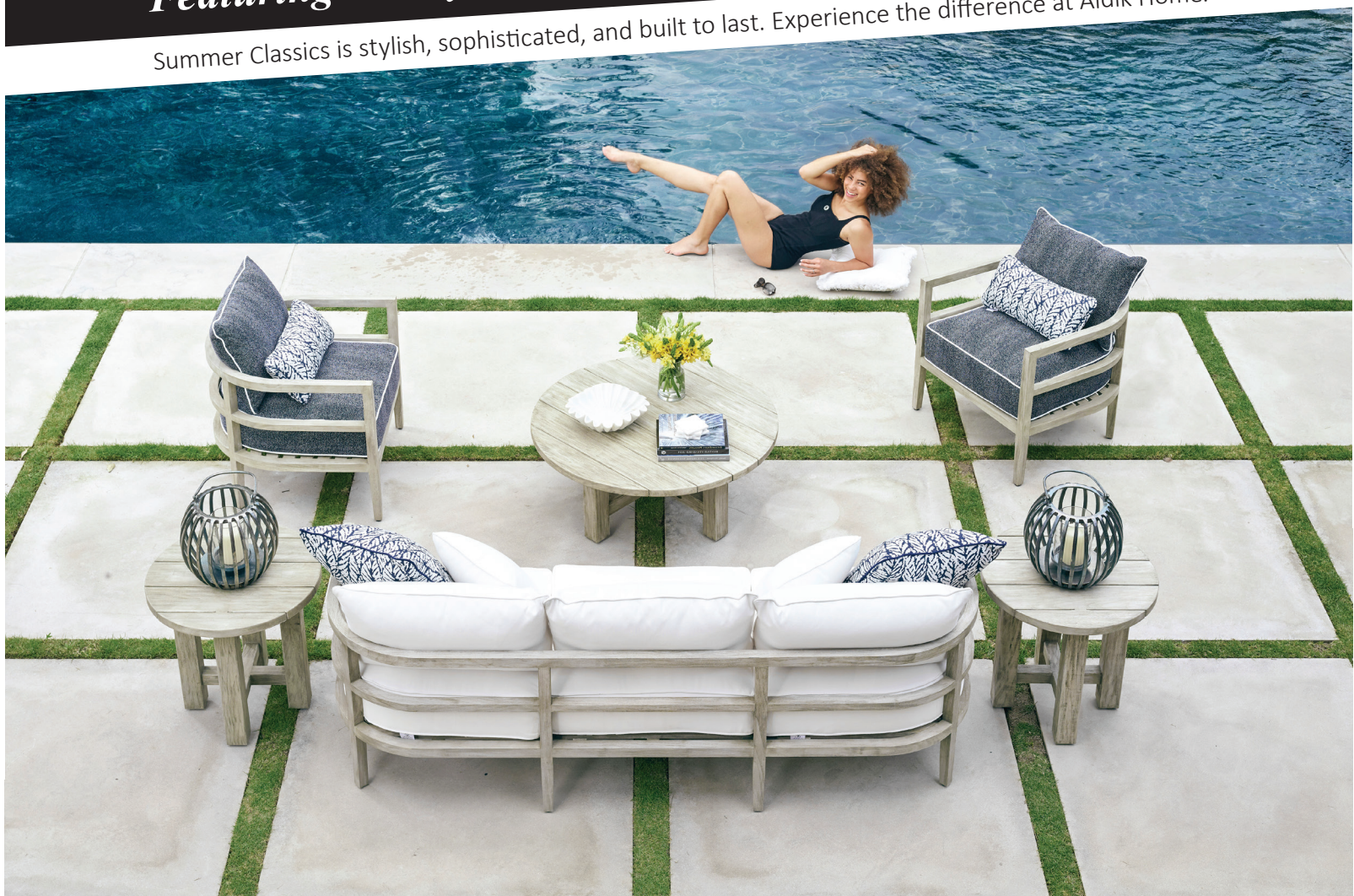
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SPORTS

8 in a Row for Unstoppable CVHS Baseball



By Justin HAGER

The Cinderella season continued for the Falcons varsity boys' baseball team over the weekend, with three wins in five days, including a nail-biting two-run victory over the highly ranked La Cañada Spartans

on Saturday. The Falcons have now won eight in a row and climbed almost 200 spots in the statewide rankings, putting them in the top 25% of California teams at press time.

Last Friday's victory over the Muir Mustangs featured a lights out performance from starting

pitcher Jameson Ferraro, who threw 101 pitches for 11 strikeouts. Outstanding offensive production continued from the top and middle of the lineup, with noteworthy patience and production from Luca Cuneo, Emilio Velis and Brendon Pehar. Cuneo reached base three out of four at-bats, including a line

drive down the first base line in the first inning. Not to be outdone, Velis reaching base on all four at-bats, including singles in the first and second innings that drove in Velis. And in a demonstration of what it looks like to put the teams' needs first, Pehar finished the night with four RBIs, including one from a

Photos by Roman INGUANZO
LEFT: Jacob Deno rips a hard-hit ground ball against Muir HS
MIDDLE: Noah Maddox grimaces in pain and grips his ankle after slipping on a wet base against Pasadena
RIGHT: Left fielder Brendon Pehar runs down a fly ball against Pasadena

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Fire Station 29 Kicks Off League Play

Members of Glendale Fire Station 29 attended the CSA Pinto League at Montrose Park.

Commissioner Braden Barty showed his support, firefighter Torres threw out the first pitch for play and Captain Welch kicked things off by yelling, "Play ball!"



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Former Falcon Smiley Pitching in Czech Republic

By Brandon HENSLEY

Crescenta Valley High School alum Jimmy Smiley pitched a complete game for the Czech Republic's Jablonec Blesk baseball team on April 17.

Smiley struck out seven batters against the Trebic Nuclears in a 130-pitch effort.

The Blesk (which means Lightning) is playing its first year in the Extraliga League, which according to Baseball Reference is the top baseball circuit in the Czech Republic.

In the Blesk's first weekend of Extraliga play, the team faced perennial powerhouse Darci

Brno. Smiley pitched seven innings of scoreless baseball, holding them to 5-for-27 (.185).

The Blesk did not fare so well in the other innings when Smiley wasn't on the mound. In the other 22 innings, Darci Brno outscored Blesk 22-7.

The 6'1" Smiley, who played basketball and baseball at CVHS and graduated in 2015, pitched at Whitman College in Washington, and at Columbia. Smiley played two seasons at Whitman and went 7-3 with two saves. He was captain and all conference his final season when he went 5-1.

At Columbia, he went 3-0 with two saves.



BETWEEN FRIENDS

Foothills YMCA Cuts Ribbon on New Locker Room and Gymnasium Facilities

By Justin HAGER

This past weekend, the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA celebrated a victory five years in the making. A small group of masked and socially distanced board members, community members, staff, donors and representatives of the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce gathered on the patio outside the YMCA to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the new locker room and gymnasium facilities. Also celebrated was the completion of Phase 1 of an ambitious capital campaign they hope will lead to a series of upgrades and modernizations to the facility.

The ribbon cutting marks a milestone for the YMCA, which has faced a series of challenges that put its capital campaign, if not its very existence, at risk. One of those challenges is the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which caused memberships and donations to plummet, but also provided the YMCA with the unique opportunity to renovate the locker rooms and lay a new floor in the gymnasium without causing significant disruption to the members and guests trying to use the facility.

The products of that opportunity are three beautiful new locker rooms complete with new lockers, shower and changing facilities, and saunas. The previous layout, which effectively created four distinct locker-room areas for men, women, boys and girls, has been condensed into three areas for men, women and a family locker room for use by anyone who is accompanying a child 12 or under. Lockers in the center of the rooms have also been redesigned to be half their previous height, creating great site lines across the rooms as a whole and preventing the cavernous feeling that once dominated the spaces. Perhaps most importantly, the new locker facilities are now fully ADA compliant and will provide members

of the community with different abilities the opportunity to have equal access to the many programs offered by the YMCA.

In addition to the new locker rooms, the Foothills YMCA also features a new floor for the gymnasium. As Capital Campaign Honorary Co-Chair Steve Del Guercio explained, the basketball court holds a special significance to young people beyond its direct purpose as an athletic facility.

"I moved here when I was 10 years old and didn't know anyone," said Del Guercio. "I met my first friend playing basketball at the YMCA ... The YMCA is about inclusivity and meeting the needs of the community."

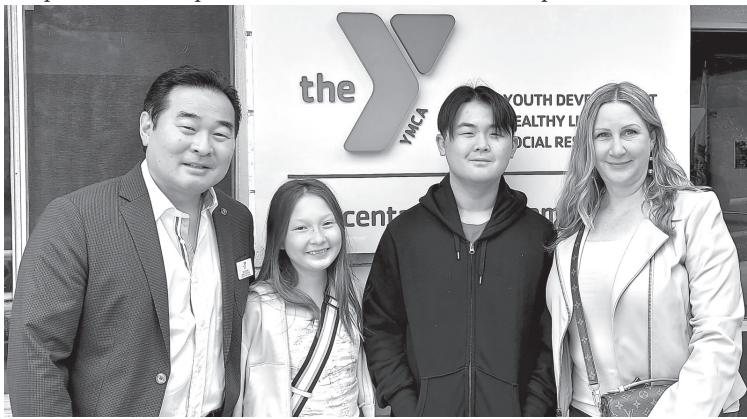
Board Chairman David Kim reiterated that point.

"The [YMCA] is a community center for everyone," Kim said, explaining that he hopes that guests who utilize the new locker room facilities will not only have a better experience but will find hope from seeing the new space come to life in the midst of the pandemic.

"The pandemic has been such a dark time and space for so many people, yet we looked to that space and found light and hope and an

opportunity to create positive change," he said.

The Foothills YMCA, at 1930 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada, are currently open, including the pool and indoor fitness facilities but with limited capacity. Some programs and facilities require reservations. For more information and video tour of the new locker room facilities, visit <https://www.ymcafoothills.org/crescenta-canada-family-ymca.html>.



Photos by Justin HAGER

ABOVE: From left, Laura Olhasso, David Kim, Paul Haaga, Heather Haaga, Elysa Del Guercio, Steve Del Guercio, Vince Iuculano, and Pat Anderson celebrate the ribbon cutting for the new locker rooms at the Foothills YMCA.

TOP: David Kim and his family, from left Joseline, Jonah, and Lauriann, celebrate the ribbon cutting.

» USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL

Elder Justice

Adria Navarro, PhD, MSW

Recent high profile court decisions have many of us thinking about the importance of social justice. One step in the right direction when it comes to social justice for older and disabled Americans is the CARES Act, which allocates \$100 million for programs that prevent adult maltreatment – enhancing and improving adult protective services provided by states and local units of government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (source – U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 2021).

Locally, our Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital supports and encourages actions that reflect elder justice principles, including individual rights and equity. We educate our community about programs that protect elder rights, including adult protective services, public guardians, legal assistance and the long-term care (LTC) ombudsman program. CRCA shares these resources and supports both online as well

through individual consultations with callers. We strive to be a service that hears your concerns, discusses your needs further and strengthens your next steps to finding the assistance or help required.

In addition to our website and call center, we offer a monthly virtual "Conversations with CRCA" forum where various subject matter experts present on an aging-related topic and then open the floor for questions as well as encourage individuals to share their own experiences and recommend strategies.

The next "Conversation with CRCA" will be held on May 21 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and we will be hearing about some of the factors that go into deciding when to move into a care facility. Please register by calling or emailing me directly at (818) 949-4033, or email Adria.Navarro@med.usc.edu. Please visit online CRCA resources at uscvh.org/aging-resources.

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Veterans Corner April 2021

California Transition Assistance Program

Blake Hyfield

What is CalTAP? The California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP) offers a full array of transition assistance to all veterans in the state – not only those who have recently exited the military. It is essential that veterans are connected to the state system of care as they progress in their lives and as the needs of the veteran and family change.

The goals of CalTAP are to:

- Inform and connect veterans of all eras to their earned federal and state benefits.
- Coordinate the delivery of the program with all stakeholders to ensure the unmet, emerging, or expanding needs of veterans and their families are met.
- Provide continued support and assistance to veterans and their families as their needs change over time.

CalTAP works in collaboration with federal, state and community-based organizations. The CalTAP curriculum was developed based on current best practices and the analysis of veteran

demographic and benefits usage data regionally. Curriculum will continuously be evaluated with recommendations derived from up-to-date veteran data and research analysis, producing recommendations for targeting outreach, and information to meet the veterans' needs. To inform and connect veterans of all eras successfully, our curriculum leads veterans into five pathways – core curriculum, education, employment, entrepreneurship, and service providers – with a total of 34 modules. CalTAP is comprised of a variety of learning formats to include both online and in-person options to ensure that the curriculum is accessible to all.

Online Curriculum – The online curriculum includes the entire CalTAP core curriculum and is available to veterans 24 hours a day. Formats include computer-based training modules, recorded webinars and printable handouts, with subject matter experts for each module. Experts from CalVet, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (USDVA), and other organizations that administer programs and benefits

for veterans have contributed to the web-based curriculum. CalVet website curriculum developers continuously improve online curriculum based on best practices and current data research available for veterans of all eras. The curriculum is continuously adapted and modified to include additional modules, as well as reflect any changes to federal and state statute and regulations governing veterans' benefits. The online curriculum can be accessed at www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/California-Transition-Assistance-Program.aspx.

In-Person Curriculum – There are in-person CalTAP courses offered throughout California, making the courses accessible for all veterans. The CalTAP training coordinators facilitate training opportunities throughout the state by collaborating with service providers in each region as subject matter experts and presenters for the CalTAP courses. The curriculum trainings are facilitated through a collaborative effort of existing CalVet LINC program staff.

The LINC program staff serve as information conduits in various local communities throughout California. The CalTAP training coordinators coordinate four tracts of training to include the core curriculum, as well as education, employment, and service providers pathways.

Experts from organizations that administer programs and benefits for veterans deliver the curriculum, and veterans hear directly from CalVet, USDVA, and numerous non-profit community-based organizations about specific benefits and services available nationally, statewide, and in the community where they live.

Questions/comments can email: CalTAP@calvet.ca.gov.

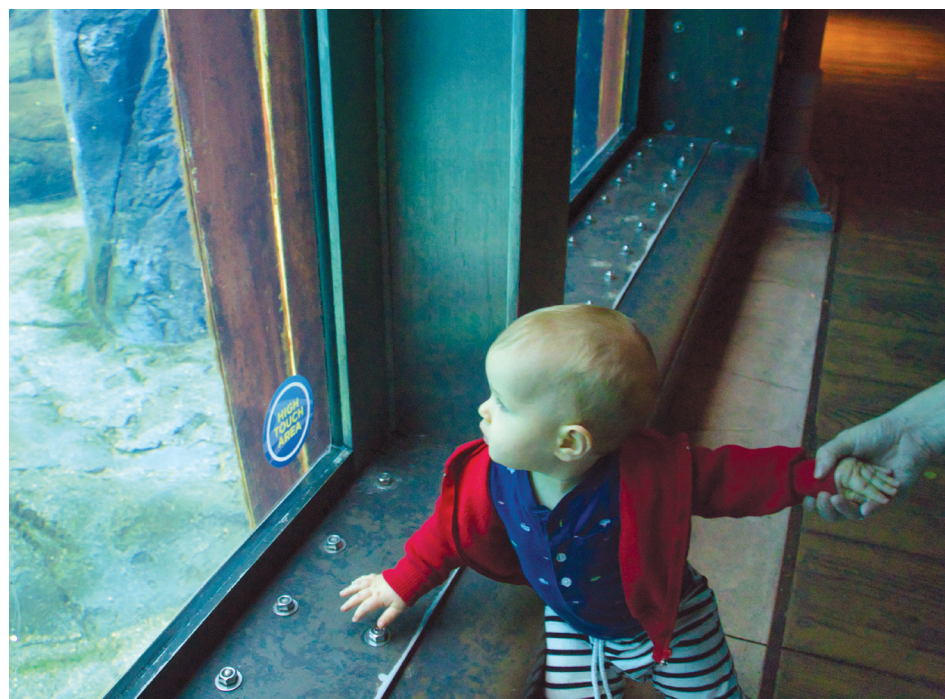
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TRAVEL & LEISURE

» THE RETURN OF THE THEME PARKS

Visiting Knott's Berry Farm, SeaWorld, LEGOLand and Six Flags Magic Mountain



By Charly SHELTON

It has been over a year since anyone has been on a ride at a theme park. The COVID-19 shutdown really hit home for many SoCal residents when Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood, Knott's Berry Farm, SeaWorld, LEGOLand, and Six Flags Magic Mountain closed due to the virus. Especially Disneyland, a cultural icon that helps set the standard for everything else. But now, after a year without much public fun, the theme parks are reopening. Many of them are already open, as the guidelines allowed theme parks to operate at limited capacity as of April 1. Let's take a quick look at some of the reopenings and what to expect from each park.

Last week, we started with Disneyland and Universal. Now, let's jump to Knott's Berry Farm, SeaWorld, LEGOLand, and Six Flags Magic Mountain.

One note for visitors – as of this writing masks are still required in all parks, at all times, social distancing is still in effect and only California residents are allowed into the parks, with proof of residency required. Some parks are allowing out-of-state visitors if they provide a shot record or negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before the visit, but this varies from

park to park. Also, all parks are requiring reservations to visit. For single-day tickets, the reservation is sometimes bundled in. But for annual passes, SoCal bundle deals, non-date-specific passes, tickets previously purchased before the reopening, or parks (like Disneyland) that separate their ticket and reservation bookings, they must be made separately. Always purchase tickets and make reservations online before the day of your visit and be sure to read each park's specific guidelines.

Knott's Berry Farm – Knott's is the one park that has been consistently open through most of the pandemic. Shortly after the shutdown canceled plans for the Boysenberry Festival, Knott's came back in a new way to keep the food fest alive. Taste of Calico, Taste of Knott's, Taste of Fall-o-Ween, Taste of Merry Farm and Taste of Boysenberry Festival were seasonal food festivals held within the theme park that offered food and shopping under the guidelines for outdoor malls rather than theme parks. No rides were operating during the food festivals, but guests were still welcomed in for the food that made the park famous. And on May 21, the theme park will reopen fully to guests and debut its newest ride – Knott's Beary Tales: Return to the Fair – a reimagining of the classic Beary

Tales ride that was housed in the same show building decades ago.

SeaWorld – SeaWorld is back up and running with limited menus in the restaurants and some rides not operating at this time. But the vast majority of the park is in full vigor once again, especially on weekends. This weekend is the last hurrah for the ongoing Seven Seas Food Festival, which started during the pandemic and has expanded by offering rides and more indoor exhibits. And word to the wise: the annual passes are a fantastic value, especially the ones that include free parking. If you plan to go more than one time in 12 months, it is worth getting a pass. And you can come back for the opening of their new dive coaster, The Emperor, expected sometime this summer.

LEGOLand – LEGOLand has reopened with select rides. Like many other theme parks, it bundles its ticket and hotel stays for either of the on-site LEGO themed hotels and it seems a good value for the price if you're looking for a kid-friendly vacation that's not too far away from home. LEGOLand has a theme park, a water park and an aquarium all on-property, so there's plenty to do over the course of a couple of days. Note that guests 2 and older must wear face masks at all times, even while in the water park, except while actively swimming or eating.

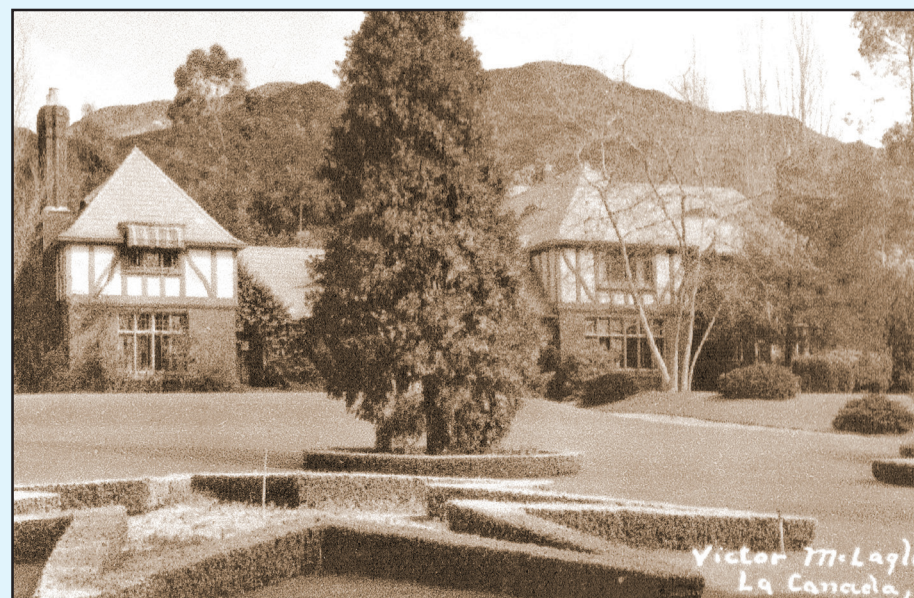
Six Flags Magic Mountain – Magic Mountain was the first theme park to open fully under the new guidelines. Whereas other parks took a few days to get precautionary measures in place or do preview days, Magic Mountain just full-on opened as soon as it was legally allowed. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but it felt a little fast compared to all the other parks. However, its health and safety policies and procedures do seem very thorough and comprehensive, so no issues are expected. Its ticketing system is time-sensitive, so entry into the park is separated in 15-minute increments. This means that, depending on your selection, you may not be entering at opening. Be sure to look for a date and time of entry that will fit your schedule.

Photos by Charly SHELTON

LEFT: Knott's Beary Tales: Return to the Fair has been nearly ready for guests for the last year as it was planned to open just two weeks after the shutdown. The sign sits out front, enticing guests at the food festivals, when it will finally open. Seen here at the Taste of Boysenberry Festival in early March, the ride will hopefully be up and running upon the full reopening later this month.

RIGHT: Among other practices, SeaWorld has labeled areas, like this tank edge, that are high-touch places to keep parents mindful of sanitizing their children's hands and preventing them from licking the glass.

THEN & NOW I



Then » This is a postcard from the 1930s of movie star Victor McLaglen's house in La Cañada. Although built earlier, it was never occupied until the McLaglen family moved in in about 1929. They poured their hearts, and \$250,000 (then a fortune), into making this house the beautiful estate shown here.

Victor McLaglen's House Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » Amazingly (especially for ever-changing La Cañada) the house looks virtually the same as Victor McLaglen made it in the 1930s. McLaglen sold it in 1944 and it's had several owners since. In 1986 it sold for \$875,000. It's gone up considerably since then, to approximately \$5.25 million.

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Aiso, Morgovskaya Performing in Glendale Noon Concerts

Performing in the May 5 streamed session of the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts are Ken Aiso and Valeria Morgovskaya. On the program, which is available on a Facebook stream and YouTube, are "Ocean" by Karen Tanaka, "Suite Bizarre" op.41 by Joseph Achron and Ernest Chausson's "Poeme."

Internationally acclaimed violinist/violist Ken Aiso has performed worldwide as soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. Aiso graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London studying with Erich Gruenberg. His other teachers include Eduard Schmieder and Chikashi Tanaka. Equally at home with modern and period instruments, Aiso has appeared as principal violin with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the London Philharmonic, the Hallé and the Scottish Chamber Orchestras.

He has been invited to renowned music festivals in the UK, France, Sweden, Switzerland, India, Georgia, Bolivia and Kazakhstan, and has taught at Montecito Summer Music Festival since 2008. Aiso is a laureate of Long-Thibaud International Competition in Paris and International Music Competition of Japan, and was elected Associate of Royal Academy of Music in London. He received Shimousa Kan-ichi Music Award in his native Japan in 2018. Since moving to Los Angeles in 2015, Aiso has been serving as faculty at Loyola Marymount and La Sierra Universities, and performs with Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Valeria Morgovskaya, pianist, graduated from the Kiev State Conservatory. Since her immigration to the U.S. in 1990, Morgovskaya has been in high demand as accompanist for singers and all orchestral instrumentalists. She has been an official accompanist to festivals and courses such as Piatigorsky Cello Seminar and Beverley Hills Music Festival, and has performed throughout the U.S., Germany and Japan, as well as on numerous radio broadcast. She has provided accompaniment for many national and international competitions, and was an official accompanist



Ken Aiso and Valeria Morgovskaya

at Schoenfeld International String Competition in Hong Kong (2013) and Harbin (2014). Morgovskaya is currently staff accompanist at Loyola Marymount University and UCLA, and is often engaged in that capacity at USC, Cal State Long Beach, Colburn School, Montecito International Music Festival, Academy of the West and Idyllwild School of Music

and the Arts.

Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 13th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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Soroptimist International of Glendale's (SIG) 18th Annual Bras for a Cause fundraiser "Wonderful WOMEN" will be held on May 1. Proceeds raised from this year's fundraising will help support local 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.cweekly.com/JustForFun to see the sponsorship opportunities. Those with questions can contact Laurie at (323) 707-7357 or email lola3058@gmail.com.

FOOD AND BOOK DISTRIBUTION

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale will be holding a food and book distribution event on Saturday, May 1 at the Salvation Army Glendale, 320 W. Windsor Road. Families who are in need of groceries are encouraged to attend this drive-thru event between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In addition to food, every child who visits will receive a new book. The culmination of this event will be the unveiling of a book box, which is being created by Kiwanis partners at the Kiwanis Literacy Club Foundation.

The community is invited to drop off food donations to the Salvation Army prior to the event.

LCWC OFFERS 'BLOOM INTO SPRING'

The La Crescenta Woman's Club presents "Bloom Into Spring," 2½ gallon geranium planters that will be delivered to local zip codes over Mother's Day weekend (May 7 and May 8).

The cost, which includes delivery, is \$30 and is limited to the first 50 orders. Orders must be received no later than May 3. Orders may be placed through the LCWC

website www.lacrescentawomansclub.org. For more information, call Carol at (818) 636-8854.

GINA OROZCO TO SPEAK AT AAUW - GLENDALE

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Glendale branch Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. To receive an invitation, contact Marilyn "Susie" Robinson at Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com with your name and email address by Wednesday, May 5.

The program will be "Benefits of Careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)" presented by Gina Orozco.

Orozco will share her experiences as an executive engineer for over 30 years, a journey which began when she was an immigrant teenager. She will discuss opportunities and benefits of a career in STEM fields and offer career guidance.

Now a vice president at Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Sempra Energy's regulated California utilities, she oversees gas engineering and system integrity and is responsible for programs, operations training, asset management, research and development, geographic information systems, and operations technology functions.

She serves on the board of directors for Adventist Health White Memorial Medical Center Charitable Foundation and the California State Parks Foundation. Orozco also is on the Drucker Industry Advisory Board and is an alumna of the Southern California Leadership Network and Leadership California.

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

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.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

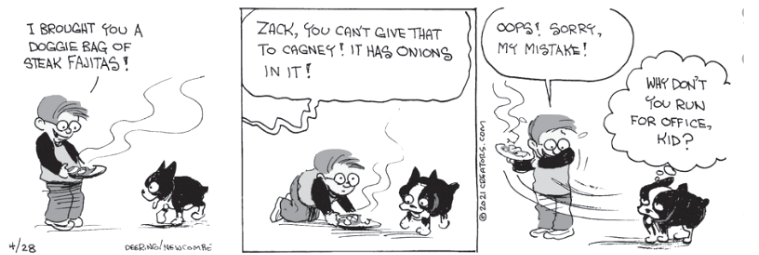
"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

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

ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com April 26, 2021 - May 2, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Any misunderstandings associated with your health should gradually begin to dissipate. If you've experienced delays in getting test results, you'll soon receive this information. You might need to lighten your schedule and take more time to exercise and relax. Take responsibility for the way you feel.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may feel mellow and tired. This is only to be expected after the nerve-frazzling few weeks that you've been through. It might also be the case that you need to refuel your body and give it a chance to recuperate. You know the drill. Make a commitment to eat well, rest properly, and be good to yourself.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

There doesn't seem to be too much bothering you. You feel happy and ready for anything. The only problems you might experience stem from your mind. If your brain feels tired, your body may follow suit. If your mind is restless, your body will be, too. You may be more prone to picking up on others' feelings and ailments.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You could be feeling vulnerable to the moods and illnesses of other people. You may sense someone else's headache but not your own, so you need plenty of space and time to be alone to recharge your batteries. If you can take frequent short breaks and get away by yourself, you should manage just fine.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Life looks a lot easier now. You should feel much better all around, too. You might feel tired, but you'll recover soon enough. The cosmos could also create a sense of restlessness, but this, too, will pass shortly. There could be a few intense and physically passionate days, so look after yourself and don't take any unnecessary risks.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Whatever you do, you need to preserve your boundaries and not let other people tire you out. This is especially true in relationships, which could be causing more tension than ever now. Get to the heart of the issue so you feel confident and relaxed. Visualize your body filled with strength and vital energy.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The cosmos may bring up many emotions that put you in a more vulnerable position. Don't try to rationalize away your feelings. Work with them before they have a chance to affect your body. This period could be intense and leave you feeling drained unless you deal with the source of the matter. Keep up your strength by looking after yourself.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It could be easy to work yourself up into a frenzy now. You might try to use the power of thought to force things to happen, but this approach is tiring for your mind and body. You might want to try to control things without thinking of the consequences. This is like banging your head against a wall. It will surely give you a headache.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your home seems to be a place of restlessness and change, but it needs to be your sanctuary. It's worth taking any steps you can to transform at least part of it into a place of refuge. You need to do this for your health and peace of mind. You won't regret any changes you make. Keep up any detoxification program to maintain a radiant glow.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Input and output are on the agenda. What goes in will have a significant effect on the way you feel over the weeks ahead. The cosmos could be governing your taste buds and encouraging you to eat everything that looks great, whether it's good for you or not. It's certainly encouraging you to indulge in new and exciting gourmet dishes. Eat mindfully.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your body goes through cycles of renewal and rebirth, so don't fight the way you feel. If you need rest, then get it. If you feel the urge to eat certain foods, go ahead. If you sense the need for some kind of massage or complementary therapy to relax and soothe you, get it. Listen to your needs that come from deep within.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It's going to be hard for you not to burn out since you're currently geared up to make the most of each moment. But you'll tire out quickly if you don't look after your body. Give it a chance to recover and replenish your energy. If you've been pushing yourself to the limit lately, it's time to give yourself a break.

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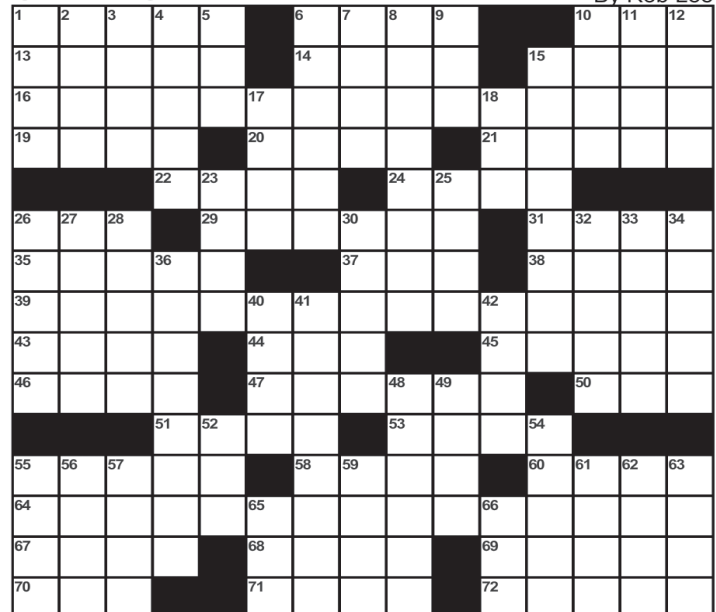
- 1) At right angles, in sailing
- 6) Mermaid feature
- 10) Flamboyant scarf
- 13) It may be in a stew
- 14) "The King and I" character
- 15) Scottish family group
- 16) Where chapter 11 may be read
- 19) Emulate Buffy
- 20) Old-style two-by-four?
- 21) What Santa Claus is
- 22) Action-oriented person
- 24) Bargelike boat
- 26) Civil War monogram
- 29) TV canine
- 31) Handbag for needles
- 35) Snorer's disorder
- 37) Massachusetts cape
- 38) 1949-90 European capital
- 39) What a good value provides
- 43) Donkey sound
- 44) Trio in a nursery rhyme tub
- 45) Go biking
- 46) Sharp sound of discomfort
- 47) Chill a summer beverage?
- 50) Pronominal contraction
- 51) Ballerina's skirt
- 53) Does not exist
- 55) Broadcasting right now
- 58) Actress Perlman
- 60) "Major" constellation
- 64) Petty dictatorships
- 67) Caught up, scorewise
- 68) Scope starter
- 69) God in the Quran
- 70) Bow tree
- 71) The ideal garden
- 72) Poverty-stricken

DOWN

- 1) Priests wear them
- 2) Canaanite deity
- 3) Charlotte's "Diff'rent Strokes" role
- 4) Resin in adhesives and paints
- 5) Debussy's □La □□
- 6) Mammals with long snouts
- 7) Thorn in the establishment's side
- 8) Surgeon's cut
- 9) Install, as linoleum
- 10) Like Toronto's Jays
- 11) Dory movers
- 12) Cough up for a kitty
- 15) Like attics in long-abandoned houses
- 17) Iris container
- 18) Pigeon sound
- 23) Any of several Norwegian kings
- 25) Give up claim to
- 26) One traveling often by taxi
- 27) Bowler's next best thing
- 28) Part of a chronicle
- 30) Scottish quick bread
- 32) Get to emotionally
- 33) "I give up!"
- 34) Affixed one's John Hancock to
- 36) Alexandria native
- 40) Drop, as from a list
- 41) Came to mind again
- 42) Read, as a Universal Product Code
- 48) Dandy's accessory
- 49) Twin brother of Jacob
- 52) Coffee dispenser
- 54) Fine material
- 55) Do the bidding of
- 56) Basilica area
- 57) From square one again
- 59) "Present" alternative
- 61) Get under one's skin
- 62) Large quantity
- 63) Pasty-faced
- 65) Tailless primate
- 66) Officially prohibit and this puzzle's theme

OFF LIMITS

By Rob Lee



LETTERS WANTED!

(All letters must be 250 words or less) Send CV WEEKLY your thoughts and comments on any of our articles or happenings in our community and we'll share them with the rest of our readers!

Mail letters to: Crescenta Valley Weekly;
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RELIGION

Question:

Our son played in high school band, sang in the church choir and also a local vocal group. After high school he decided to get a degree in computer sciences and he did; however, music kept calling him back. Now he has been asked to join a well-known band full time. His college education was a considerable cost and we'd like to see him go ahead with a more stable job.

We want to support him but just can't get on board with his playing in a band. We've not talked to him about this. If you were his parents, what would you do?

~ Likes Stability

Dear Likes Stability,

Reflecting on your question, it is clear to me that you are loving, supportive, caring and concerned about your son, and wish for him a stable, prosperous and happy life. I know how difficult it is for parents, looking back with their accumulated life wisdom (and desiring to see their children spared any suffering and hardship in their life due to youthful ignorance) and added to all this a seemingly fathomless love for their child (with its accompanying joy and suffering, delight and pain, etc.) to have to face the hard fact they ultimately have no real control over their children and their lives. As hard as it is for some to accept, a child's life is their own to discover, unfold and reveal. For those who do seek, and maybe even succeed, in controlling their children to do their choice as opposed to a child's choice they risk being left with a crippled and unrealized human being, often angry and resentful. So what is to be done? Well, first a different way of looking at the situation.

I once had a professor of church history who said if he had his way, no one could go to college until they were 30. He felt at

that [age] people had enough life experience to appreciate and deal seriously with, and get the most out of, higher education. Indeed, in retrospect, I consider the 20s to be more like a continuation of the late teens. Teenagers are always exploring and trying out new things in the process of discovering themselves and life. They make plenty of mistakes because it is all a process of trial and error. This doesn't end at 21. My sister believes no one should be held responsible in their life for any stupid thing they did under the age of 30. Indeed, I am of the opinion that most human beings really don't begin to "wake up" (and begin to become more responsible in life) until they are around the age of 28.

My friend Bob is a relevant example of this. Bob majored in music in college. He could play any instrument but the saxophone was his preferred choice. It seemed he was a member of every college dance and jazz band. He went on to teach music in high school and played in bands on the weekend. In his late 20s, he decided he was not getting to where he wanted to be as a musician and decided to go back to college and attend law school. Thirty years later, he is regarded as a successful lawyer. He is still active musically with our city orchestra (composed of volunteer and unpaid musicians), but he realized that, for him, music was not going to provide him the life he wanted for himself. That was his choice. It all turned out rather well I think ... even with his "musical" detour.

So the second part of "what is to be done" is to have faith that all will be well. Whatever he chooses to do will have ups and downs. It's true for all of us. Your faith that in the end it will all turn out well for him, whatever choice he makes, will be the greatest gift and blessing you can give him. Here is a little affirmative prayer to help you help him. There is magic in words of prayer. You can say this to yourself whenever



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking Participants

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

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

you are concerned about your son: "I know that my son is always blessed, protected and prospered by God. God guides him into perfect and creative ways of expression in his life that are wonderfully rewarding and meaningful. Enriching my son's experience and understanding of life which in turn is a blessing and a gift to all who love and know him. And so it is."



Anthony Kelson, RScP
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Dear Likes Stability,

In a world that has been turned upside down by pandemic, social unrest, global financial and job insecurity, I totally understand your desire for some stability. We are especially concerned for our adult children as they make their way into their chosen careers. Many young people are already deep in college debt and are unable to find even a low-paying job. They see the American dream of buying a home fading into an unattainable future. As a minister, I am called to shift

the focus from "what's wrong with this picture" to "what's right." This means that I have faith that the highest good is being revealed at all times, no matter what things look like in this moment.

I believe that your son was given the gift of music. He was also given a desire to express his God-given talent. That desire is the "still, small voice" of spirit within him. Renowned author and teacher of mythology, Joseph Campbell, said "Follow your bliss ... find where it is, and don't be afraid to follow it." If your son's bliss is music, and he does not follow it, he may live to regret that choice.

My daughter is in her first year of college and she isn't sure what subject to major in. I tell her to look for the subjects that ignite a passion in her and makes her excited to get out of bed in the morning. I know that Divine Spirit will unfold more of that for her, if she follows her bliss. We all know that the "pursuit of happiness" is written into our Declaration of Independence and, as Americans, we believe that it is not just a privilege, it is our right. Spiritually speaking, that means that striving for our happiness leads to a rich and meaningful life, for all. At the same time, I do realize that we live in a world that requires money in order to live. Gratefully, your son also has earned a degree in an area that is growing rapidly. He will not lose that degree. He may decide to pursue his bliss in music while he is young, before he has a mortgage or children to provide for. That being said, as a musician myself, I know that live performances, in large auditoriums or stadiums, are not happening yet because of COVID. Unfortunately, I don't know when or where your son would be performing or earning a living in music any time soon. But money itself does not bring happiness.

Master teacher, Jesus, taught us that we are the light of the world and to let our light shine. Hiding our God-given light for a potentially more "stable" path is like hiding it under a bushel (or a desk job).

Talk to your son, tell him how you feel, and know that he is a child of God who is pursuing his happiness, whether it makes you comfortable or not. Love him, and support him, in any way you can and remember the words of Dr.

Leo Buscaglia who said, "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."



Rev. Karen Mitchell
revkarenmitchell@gmail.com

Question:

We've been happily married for two years. Before we married, we talked about everything including having children. We both agreed we'd like to have children. Now, with the world in such chaos, including the worldwide pandemic, we're not certain about going ahead to start a family. We're both in our late 30s and waiting much longer may be too late. We were both raised Christian and think perhaps we should go ahead and have faith that bringing children into this world of ours will work out just fine.

Your suggestions are most welcome.

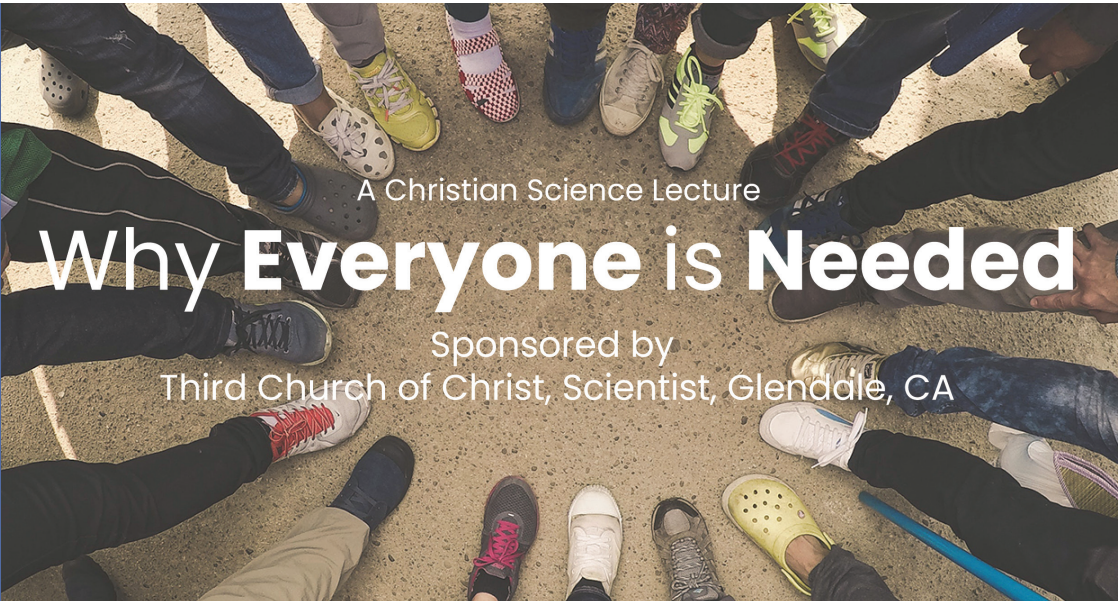
~ Indecisive Couple

Dear Indecisive Couple, You're obviously thoughtful people. Your note makes me think of the commandments. And I don't mean the 10 Commandments. I mean the first commandment that God ever gave, way back in Genesis, chapter one. It was in a garden.

"Be fruitful and multiply," he said. When we do this, we obey God. Not everybody is able to do this. So it's not just a command but also a privilege and an honor and a blessing.

It is true that the world seems chaotic. But perhaps you remember a hymn we used to sing in church way back when called: "This Is my Father's World." In it there's a line that brings me comfort. "This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." Can you think of a time when the world didn't seem chaotic or a time when our country was free of disease or risk? All of life is a risk.

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But the good news for parents is simply this: "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world." My advice is to obey the command of God and trust him with the consequences. You're not alone. Billions of parents have gone before you.

I can't help but mention one more thing as I close. I was about your age when I got married. It took quite a while but God sent our bundle of joy on my wife's birthday. To this day, every year, she smiles on her shared birthday and says, "She was my very best birthday present."



Rev. Jon Karn

PastorJon@lightonthecorner.org

Dear Indecisive Couple,

How lovely that you're thinking about starting a family! Children come with challenges that may cause you to rethink everything you know about childrearing. Fortunately, seeing their sweet faces and watching years of discovery and development also comes with blessings beyond belief. This endeavor is not for the faint of heart, but the benefits far outweigh the trials.

Yours is a concern shared by many. I remember feeling the same way when I was about your age. It's a tough decision that requires much prayer and contemplation. One essential element to consider is that the world will likely be

in some form of chaos due to our limited understanding. But that doesn't have to define us or inform our choices. There is a continuing battle between the Light and the darkness. We know that: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places." Ephesians 6:12 (AMP)

The world can indeed be a scary, sometimes unforgiving, place. However, we don't have to be afraid because, as people of faith, we know who wins!

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NKJV)

Scripture reminds us that children are both a blessing and our legacy.

"Don't you see that children are God's best gift? The fruit of the womb his generous legacy? Like a warrior's fistful of arrows are the children of a vigorous youth. Oh, how blessed are you parents, with your quivers full of children!" Psalm 127:5-6 (MSG)

I wonder what the world would have looked like if our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents had chosen not to have children because what they were bringing their progeny into was just too contentious. They lived through times fraught with diseases, such as cholera, smallpox and tuberculosis. Their trials included WWI, WWII, wars in Asia, the Middle East, the Cold War, and the Great Depression. Times were tough, and many suffered from

hunger, homelessness and the loss of many of their earthly belongings.

All this, and yet they procreated in hopes that in the future, their offspring would have the wherewithal to make lasting changes, that they would be better equipped to solve the challenges from past generations and provide a more hopeful future.

As people of faith, we have the assurance that we will be provided for and protected from adversity. That doesn't mean there won't be trials. It means that we will persevere and faithfully look into the future with hope and an understanding that someone greater than ourselves has a master plan.

I chose to have children. My beautiful, amazing daughters are impacting the world in ways I never expected nor could have imagined. They are bright lights that embody the reality of hope in the curious dimness. My hope for you is that, as you commit your wonderings to prayer, the Lord will provide you with the assurance that your decision will align with His perfect will for you both.

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man (and woman!) avails much." James 5:16b (NKJV)

I'm standing with you in prayer!
Be well & be blessed!



Lucinda Guarino

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Local Chabad Prepares for Shavuot

Shavuot, also known as the Feast of Weeks, begins in 2021 on May 16. It is celebrated annually on the day that the Jewish people received the Torah from Mount Sinai following their exodus from Egypt. This year marks the 3,333rd year since the day Moses came down with the tablets.

A local Shavuot celebration will be hosted by Chabad of the Crescenta Valley at the La Cañada Country Club on May 17. It will include the hearing of the Ten Commandments, read from the Torah, and a lavish traditional dinner buffet of dairy foods.

The reasons are many for dairy foods being enjoyed during the Shavuot celebration. They include that, with the giving of the Torah, the Jews became obligated to observe the kosher laws. As the Torah was given on Shabbat, no cattle could be slaughtered nor could utensils be koshered, and thus on that day they ate dairy.

Another reason is that the Torah is likened to nourishing milk. Another is that when Moses ascended Mount Sinai the angels urged G d to reconsider His decision to give His most precious Torah to earthly beings.

"Bestow Your majesty upon the

heavens ... What is man that You should remember him, and the son of man that You should be mindful of him?" (Psalms 8:5-7). One of the reasons why the angels' request went unheeded is because of the Jews' meticulous adherence to the laws of the Torah – including the kosher laws. Not so the angels who, when visiting Abraham, consumed butter and milk together with meat (Genesis 18:8). On Shavuot dairy products are eaten and then a break is taken before eating meat in order to demonstrate the commitment to this mitzvah.

The program by the Chabad of the Crescenta Valley will include an interactive children's program in addition to the reading of the Ten Commandments and dinner.

This is being offered free of charge to the entire community; RSVP is necessary; no country club membership is required.

The program begins at 5 p.m. at 5500 Godbey Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. RSVP at cvchabad.org/5098628 and for additional information email Rabbi@CVChabad.org.

This event is sponsored by Dr. and Dr. Roy Mansano.

NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to "Couch Church" on the church Facebook page and YouTube channel for the continuing celebration of Easter. On Sunday, May 2, the congregation will celebrate the fifth Sunday of Easter at its 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called "Love Perfected." 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.

Vacation Bible School 2021 will be live and on campus from July 12 to 16, from 9 a.m. to noon! Please register (or volunteer) at www.lcfoothills.org/vbs. Registration is \$20/child and \$15/sibling.

Some in-person gatherings are being planned and the community will be welcome. Check the website for dates and times. RSVPs will be required to ensure proper preparation; all health and safety protocols will be strictly adhered to.

More details are available on the church website lcfoothills.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@lcfoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

Prayers in the Park

All are encouraged to pray with members of Lift Up La Crescenta at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La

Crescenta on Saturday, May 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The goal of the group is to come together regularly in the name of Jesus and in the name of love and in the name of unity of the body of Christ to pray for the healing of our land.

Meet in the bleachers just east of the parking lot. Try to get there early as parking can be very limited. Bring masks and social distancing is observed.

Those who have a fever, cough, congestion or difficulty breathing should not attend.

Sunday Morning Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

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

The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC courtyard offer live music, Bible readings, prayer time and an inspiring message. COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed.

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

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

Walk and Word

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

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

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sacrifice fly and another from a suicide squeeze, giving Velis his third run scored.

In less than 24 hours, the boys were back on the field against the California Top-100 ranked La Cañada Spartans. Once again, the Falcons' pitching put them in the position to win. Pehar went 3¹/₃ innings and allowed only two runs, but it was the dominating performance of sophomore Connor Campbell that put the final nails

in the coffin, pitching 3¹/₃ shutout innings to give CV the 4-2 victory.

On Tuesday afternoon at Pasadena's Victory Park, the Falcons found themselves in a shootout, leading to one of the most inspirational moments of the season. After trading runs in the first and second innings, a Falcon rally was ended by a outstanding throw down at home plate. Starting pitcher Noah Maddox was injured on the play after slipping on a wet

base in the spring rain. Despite the obvious pain, Maddox stayed in the game, not allowing a single hit in the second or third innings.

Then, in the fourth, Pasadena rallied, scoring two on an RBI zinger from Xander Inguanzo, the Bulldogs' first recorded hit of the game. Inguanzo then stole second and, with a runner in scoring position, the Bulldogs' shortstop and lead-off batter, Evan Coad, belted a ball down the first base

line only to see the rally stopped short by an outstanding defensive play by Falcon right fielder Luca Cuneo. Although he was replaced on the mound by Campbell in the fifth inning, Maddox continued to bat, driving in two runs on a hard-hit single that required him to hobble down to first and finally leave the game. The Falcons would go on to score six runs in the sixth and take a commanding 9-5 lead. It looked like the Bulldogs

might rally after Jesus Zuniga hit a towering homerun, but the rally would be stopped short and the game brought to a close by an outstanding full-speed full-stretch on-the-run catch by the Falcons' center fielder Rowan Respicio.

Pasadena will have the opportunity to get revenge and snap the Falcons winning streak when they meet again on Friday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at Stengel Field.



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