



FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Feeling Like the Old Days

This week's paper is a wonderful reminder of what CV Weekly was for so many years – a paper full of important news and interesting stories. From sports to youth to religion to hard news, CV Weekly took pride in presenting the many facets of our community and, by doing so, helped to build our community.

Then in walked COVID-19. Many of the activities we reported on – sports, youth, social – were canceled due to the pandemic. Immediately our advertising revenue took a dive in response to so many businesses shutting down (you don't advertise a business that isn't open) and, to be honest, I was scared that CV Weekly would be shutting down, too. Thankfully between the generosity of key advertisers bumping up their presence in the newspaper and readers who dropped off checks "to keep the lights on," the paper was able to keep open our doors (and the lights on!).

After so many months we, like our readers, are seeing signs that are reminiscent of spring – like the blossoming of flowers is the reawakening of those businesses that we were unsure would reopen. Restaurants, retailers and other services are cautiously opening their doors, ready to welcome customers. Of course, there is confusion as to how many customers constitute the percentage that is allowed in a business.

Hey, I never said the system was perfect.

Questions abound as to when and where masks have to be worn; according to the County of Los Angeles Public Health website, "Everyone is asked to

wear a face covering when they are interacting with others who are not members of their household in public and private spaces." However, according to the CDC, fully vaccinated people can visit with other fully vaccinated people, whether indoors or outdoors, without a mask.

Personally, as a fully vaccinated person, I wear a mask any time I'm around others and when I go inside a place of business (there is typically a sign requesting I do so before I enter). In addition to following the mandate, I consider it a courtesy to respect the concerns of others.

One of the exciting aspects of the reopening of our society is the reemergence of things we once took for granted. For example, summer camps are returning this year (see pages 12 and 13 for a glimpse of the exciting offerings). Churches are having in-person services, though with a reduced capacity. This week, Mary O'Keefe called the manager at CV Park to get some information. After hanging up from the call she said how happy she was to "hear his voice."

Things are looking up and if we continue following the mandates outlined, which include wearing a mask, and getting vaccinated before long it'll be a memory ... not a fond one for sure but a memory nonetheless.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Life is no different than the weather. Not only is it unpredictable, but it shows us a new perspective of the world every day."

~ American writer Suzy Kassem

Weather is a favorite topic of conversation, from talking about unseasonably hot sunny days to skin-soaking cloudbursts and sudden hailstorms. But some weather really is worth talking about. Here's a small selection of some of the most amazing weather phenomena.

Suspended high in the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, *sun halos* appear when ice crystals reflect sunlight, creating an illusion of a rainbow-colored ring around the sun. According to folklore, they present a warning of a coming rain or snowstorm.

Similar to a rainbow, a *white rainbow* (or fog bow) appears in fog rather than rain. Because of the tiny size of the droplets, it has very weak colors and therefore appears white. During the springtime, as the snow melts, they can be seen at base of Yosemite Falls.

Also known as a *dirty thunderstorm* or thunder volcano, this daunting phenomenon is lightning produced inside a cloud of volcanic ash. It has been observed during most volcanic eruptions.

Possibly my favorite are lunar rainbows or *moonbows*. Their cause is moonlight rather than sunlight. Although rare, the perfect conditions to see a moonbow are during a full moon near a waterfall.

During winter storms along the northern California coast strong currents mix salts, chemicals, decomposed fish and dead plants, creating *ocean foam*. The foam washed up along the shoreline resembles a frothy morning coffee.

A rare meteorological spectacle that occurs in specific mountainous areas, including the Rocky Mountains, is *snow doughnuts*. They form when wind pushes snow across the ground, gathering it into a hollow cylinder or wheel shape. On they roll, leaving trails.

Just like steam coming off a hot bath, sea smoke is fog in arctic regions produced by below-freezing air over a warm sea surface. Usually quite low, ships can easily see over it. However, columns between 65 to 100 feet have been recorded in the past.

Last is a *circumhorizontal* arc. It appears as a bright band of color that may show all seven colors of the spectrum. Ice crystals in cirrus clouds and a precise sun-angle are key factors. The light source (sun or moon) must be very high in the sky at an elevation of 58° or greater. Where's the most likely place to sight one? LA where the sun is shining at the right angle for 670 hours, in late March through late September.

Today, Thursday, a cool-down gets underway. Tomorrow and on Saturday there's a chance of drizzle or light rain. Next week ... Here comes the sun!

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Glendale Youth Alliance is now accepting applications for the summer youth employment program for youth ages 14-24 and the employment assistance program for older youth 18-24 who are not in school! Applications are available on the GYA website www.glendaleyouthalliance.org.

Once completed, applications can be either mailed to

Glendale Youth Alliance, 1255 S. Central Ave., Glendale CA 91204 or emailed to [LIsaacs@glendaleca.gov](mailto:Lisaacs@glendaleca.gov).

GUSD is also offering summer tutoring positions from June 14-July 16. To register or for more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/c3mf7z8h> (to register use the stu.gusd.net account).

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, May 16. 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.

'FIELD OF HONOR' AT FOREST LAWN

Forest Lawn will again host the Rotary Club of Glendale - Sunrise "Field of Honor" on May 31.

The Field of Honor celebrates and recognizes the lives of veterans and heroes of all kinds with 1,000 flags on the Forest Lawn property from May 27 to May 31. Last year, the event was canceled due to COVID-19.

The community is asked to sponsor a flag for \$50 and/or attend the May 31 program from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Funds from this event will support the community programs. Other sponsorship opportunities are available.

The deadline to participate is May 24; visit www.glendalefieldofhonor.org.

YOUTH DONATIONS SOUGHT

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church will be collecting new toys, art supplies, jewelry-making supplies and other activity supplies suitable for youth. The supplies will be distributed to a migrant facility in San Diego.

Donors can drop items off on Wednesday and Friday mornings at the St. Luke's/Sadler Hall kitchen door, which is accessible from the parking lot on Cross Street. St. Luke's is located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

FIREWORKS FUNDS NEEDED

CV Fireworks Assn. is moving forward with a July 4th Independence Day fireworks display. To donate to the CV Fireworks Assn., visit www.cvfireworks.com and click on the Donations tab or mail a check to 2629 Foothill Blvd. #179, La Crescenta 91214.

Questions can be directed to CVFireworks@aol.com or call (818) 248-2271.

Drag Queen Bingo is Back – Virtually

Photos provided by USC-VHH Women's Council
Deven Green will be dolled up when hosting the Drag Queen BINGO on May 21.



By Mary O'KEEFE

Fundraising during the pandemic has been difficult for non-profits, especially in tight-knit communities that are used to supporting projects through donations or by attending events. Many of these non-profits have life-saving components, like at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

The Women's Council at USC-VHH is a non-profit foundation that raises money for the hospital that is used for hospital programs, services and equipment. The Women's Council is currently raising funds for an Interventional Radiology Catheterization Lab (IR Cath Lab) at the hospital and in mid-March the hospital held a virtual groundbreaking ceremony for the Cath Lab.

"The Women's Council has made a commitment [to the IR Cath Lab] to fundraise \$100,000," said Ruth McNevin, publicity chair for the Women's Council.

The Women's Council has been supporting the hospital since the facility opened its doors in the 1970s. Throughout the years the organization has held several creative and popular fundraisers including its Drag Queen BINGO. This year bingo will return, virtually via Zoom, and will be held on May 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each.

"The Drag Queen BINGO is fun," McNevin said.

The bingo event is an entertaining way to raise money for the hospital. In addition to bingo the foundation is also preparing for its 30th annual golf classic, Around the World in 18 Holes, on Sept. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. with a reception and awards dinner to follow at 4:30 p.m.

The money raised at these events will benefit the IR Cath Lab. Cardiac catheterization examines the vessels, valves and chambers of the heart. It will be used by cardiovascular surgeons to do specialized or more invasive surgeries that require simultaneous imaging, like tracing arteries, according to a statement by USC-VHH.

The bottom line is this will allow doctors to quickly identify cardiac issues when patients enter the Emergency Dept. (ED).

During the March groundbreaking Rod Hanners, interim CEO of Keck Medicine of USC, said, "Currently very few emergency cardiac procedures can be performed at VHH due to the hospital's lack of this aspect of the Cath Lab."

If USC-VHH has the IR Cath Lab doctors can diagnose heart issues at the location and act immediately, McNevin said.

"Time is of the essence," she added.

Presently some patients who arrive in the VHH ED with coronary issues that require a more in-depth diagnosis are transferred to another hospital, which delays treatment.

"This is a big deal," Dr. Armand Dorian, interim CEO of USC-VHH and former chief medical officer, said at the time of the groundbreaking. "This is part of our growth. The first part was the Neonatology Dept., so we started with that and now it's all about cardiovascular growth."

Raising funds for big projects is nothing new for the Women's Council. Prior to this fundraising challenge they raised funds for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) that was completed at the hospital in 2018. The NICU is composed

of six private rooms equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

McNevin said the NICU has been invaluable at the hospital, which she feels has allowed more births at the hospital. In addition, that area also served the hospital in the last year when it was revamped, as were many hospital rooms, for COVID-19 patients during the height of the pandemic.

In addition to the NICU, the Women's Council also raised funds for the new mammogram equipment at USC-VHH.

These projects have helped expand the hospital's ability to serve the community and the IR Cath Lab is another way the Women's Council wants to continue to support the community hospital.

To virtually join Drag Queen BINGO, email barbara.jordan@med.usc.edu or call (818) 952-2226. The cost is \$30 per person. The event is on May 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Glendale 2021-2029 Housing Element Update Survey

As required by state law, the City of Glendale is in the process of updating the housing element of the general plan for the 2021-2029 period. The housing element must be updated every eight years. The housing element establishes policies and programs to address Glendale's

existing and projected housing needs, including the City's "fair share" of the regional housing need (or "RHNA"). Feedback from those who currently live in Glendale will help the City understand existing opportunities. However, even people who live somewhere else

are encouraged to let the City know of their housing conditions and experiences so the City can do its part in planning to meet their region's housing needs.

Part 1 of this survey focuses on questions related to existing housing conditions and will help the City better understand the characteristics of households in Glendale and identify the community's housing needs and priorities.

Part 2 of this survey focuses on issues related to fair housing in order to understand real or perceived fair housing concerns in Glendale. In basic terms, "fair housing" means the right to choose a home free from unlawful discrimination. This is an early step in the process. There will be additional opportunities for the community to comment on the housing element update, including on the goals, policies and implementation actions to be included in the housing element. Community input will be used to inform preparation of the housing element so that it reflects local priorities and objectives.

For additional information about the housing element update, process, and timeline, visit the project website at <https://www.glendaleplan.com/>.



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Armenian American Museum Announces Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California has announced that the historic groundbreaking ceremony of the highly anticipated landmark center will be held on Sunday, July 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The groundbreaking ceremony will mark a major milestone for the community that has been working for years in bringing together supporters, community leaders, and public officials from across the country and around the world in celebration and support of the cultural and educational center. The signature event of the year will be hosted as a virtual ceremony and live broadcast to a worldwide audience from the future site of the museum at Central Park in Glendale.

Museum officials invite the public to participate in the historic event by watching the ceremony via television, social media and streaming channels. The event will have a limited number of in-person participants based on current public health guidelines. Additional details will be announced as public health guidelines for outdoor gatherings are updated in the coming weeks.

"We are truly excited to announce the historic groundbreaking ceremony of the Armenian American Museum on July 11," said Executive Chairman Berdj Karapetian. "We look forward to celebrating the momentous milestone with our supporters from across the country and around the world as the cultural and educational center officially begins construction."

The idea for the Armenian American Museum was born in 2014 when the Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee Western USA officially adopted

the museum as its landmark project to honor the memory of the 1.5 million martyrs who perished in the Armenian Genocide and to help build and define the next centennial of the community as a message of strength, perseverance, and hope for future generations.

The Armenian American Museum will rise to a two-level, 50,820 square foot museum complex built on a one-level semi-subterranean parking garage. The first level will feature the grand lobby, auditorium, learning center, demonstration kitchen, gift shop and administrative offices. The second level will be dedicated to the permanent and temporary exhibition galleries as well as the collections archives.

The cultural and educational center's programming plans include producing and hosting powerful, immersive, and thought-provoking permanent and temporary exhibitions, leading meaningful dialogues and discussions through engaging public programs, providing educational programs for adults, youth, kids, and families, preserving Armenian heritage through the museum's collections and archives, and serving as an iconic venue for memorable experiences, gatherings, and celebrations.

Special guests and additional details for the groundbreaking ceremony will be announced in the coming weeks.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to support the highly anticipated event and historic project.

For more information on the Armenian American Museum groundbreaking ceremony, visit <https://www.ArmenianAmericanMuseum.org/Groundbreaking>.

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Car Cover Stolen

Glendale police responded to a call concerning the theft of a custom car cover that had been stolen from a subterranean parking garage at a complex in the 2500 block of Honolulu Avenue. The cover was for a 1970 Corvette Stingray, has "California Car Cover" imprinted on the front cover as well as the license plate number "7JPY356" printed on the hood of the cover. At the rear portion of the cover there is a

custom bronze hole for the radio antenna. The car cover was last seen lying on the ground at a parking spot on April 12. The parking lot is within a gated area.

The theft appears to have occurred sometime between April 12 and April 15, and was reported to Glendale police on April 23. Anyone who has any information concerning this theft can call GPD at (818) 548-4911.

Man Charged with Setting San Gabriel Mission Fire

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that a suspect was charged with setting a fire that caused catastrophic damage to the San Gabriel Mission last summer.

"The loss to the Mission was in the millions of dollars but the loss to the community is

immeasurable," said District Attorney Gascón.

John David Corey, aka "Joker," faces two felony counts of arson of an inhabited structure and one count each of arson during a state of emergency, first-degree residential burglary and possession of flammable material.

Case BA495218 was filed for warrant. A date for arraignment is yet to be determined.

On July 11, 2020 Corey is charged with breaking into the historic mission

and starting the fire, which spread to the roof and along the length of the church.

CRIME BLOTTER

May 8

3800 Madison Road in La Cañada Flintridge, the front driver's side window was shattered and items were missing from a vehicle overnight.

4800 block of Ramsdell Avenue in La Crescenta, a toolbox was stolen from an unlocked vehicle between May 9-May 14.

May 6

2100 block of Lyans Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that her son had found a vehicle in the classifieds and bought it as a "project car." She contacted the seller who said he was serving in the U.S. Army and was currently deployed in Kuwait. He was using the services of a shipping company who would act on his behalf. The seller told the woman to deposit the payment for the vehicle into an escrow account and after the vehicle was delivered she and her son would have seven days to test drive and confirm the purchase.

The woman continued communication with the seller. She had been instructed to send

the money to a Wells Fargo account, which she did. The beneficiary was C&A Automotive Warehouse LLC. She was told a company named Cross Country Freight Solutions would be handling the transportation. The woman received a bill of sale but became suspicious of the transaction and contacted her bank about the wire transfer to the Wells Fargo account. She found that account had been closed after she transferred the funds. She contacted the freight company and was told she was victim of a scam and they had discovered their company's information was being used to scam people.

The theft by false pretense occurred between March 6 and April 20.

3000 block of Cloucrest Drive in La Crescenta, a sliding glass door of a residence was shattered, several rooms were ransacked and security cameras were stolen from a home between 5:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

May 4

1000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a man reported that he noticed his wallet was missing after he had pumped gas at the 76 service station. He did not notice the missing wallet until the next day. He returned and discovered that some of his credit cards had been returned to a service station employee by an unknown person. His wallet and other credit cards were still missing.

The incident occurred between May 4 at 8:42 p.m. and May 5 at 6:38 a.m.

May 2

2100 block of La Cañada Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that her vehicle had been vandalized with several scratches throughout the body of her vehicle between May 2-May 4.

May 1

2900 block of Los Olivos Lane in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from an RV parked at the location between May 1-May 8.

GPD REPORTS

Male Arrested with Loaded Handgun

On May 5 at just after 9:30 p.m., an officer was patrolling in the area of Porter Street and Windsor Avenue when they noticed a vehicle illegally parked in front of a fire hydrant.

Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer could smell a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle and noticed it was occupied by three subjects. The officer contacted the subjects regarding the parking violation and asked if they had marijuana in the vehicle. The subjects stated they did not have marijuana in the vehicle but admitted they had just smoked some in the car.

Additional officers arrived on scene and each male was asked to exit the vehicle, to which they complied. Prior to exiting the vehicle, one of the subjects, 21-year-old Carlos Herrera of Glendale, admitted to having a handgun in a bag he had on his shoulder. Officers took possession of Herrera's bag and recovered

a loaded handgun from inside of his bag. The handgun did not have a serial number on it. While on scene, officers also discovered that Herrera had two outstanding arrest warrants.

Herrera was arrested and booked for carrying a loaded firearm in public and for two outstanding warrants.

Males Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales

On April 29 at approximately 7 a.m., officers assigned to the Glendale Police Department's Special Enforcement Detail (SED) were conducting a probation compliance check at a residence on the 600 block of East Maple Street.

During their investigation, officers located an individual who was holding multiple baggies of heroin in their hands. A probation search was conducted at the residence and officers located a large amount of heroin, a baggy of fentanyl, a digital scale, narcotics-related paraphernalia, a large amount of cash in various

denominations and a taser.

Ultimately, 30-year-old Gevork Dzhibinyan of Glendale was arrested for possessing narcotics for sale, being a felon in possession of a stun gun and for violating the terms of his probation.

Later that morning, officers assigned to SED conducted another probation compliance check at a residence on the 400 block of Riverdale Drive.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with 40-year-old Valod Davoodi of Glendale. A subsequent probation search of Davoodi revealed approximately \$10,000 in cash. During a probation search of Davoodi's residence officers found methamphetamine, heroin, drug paraphernalia, a digital scale and multiple items of evidence indicative of illegal drug sales.

Davoodi was subsequently arrested for multiple charges including possessing narcotics for sale and violating the terms of his Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

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SCAMS from Cover

step back from the initial fear she realized her utility company is in fact SCE and not GWP. This is what the scammers do however; they prey on fear and make certain to keep applying pressure so the victim does not have time to think.

Scammers are becoming more sophisticated in their process.

“Glendale Water & Power impersonators may use ‘spoofing software’ that lets them falsely display the name and phone number of GWP on your Caller ID. The impersonator calls asking you to pay your bill over the phone immediately or go and purchase a prepaid card and call back the impersonator or else your water or power service will be shut off immediately. Be advised that GWP never asks you for payment information over the phone or in person at your business or home. You should first call GWP or check your account online to see if your bill is past due,” according to the GWP website. “If you get a cancellation notification by phone from our pre-recorded system always verify it by dialing the customer service number on your utility bill or (855) 550-4497. Don’t give any information to the caller, not even an account number, which can be used against you in future phone calls.”

This happens at residences and at businesses alike.

SCE also has warnings of scammers. “Typically, [scammers] pose as utility ‘collection’ employees and threaten to disconnect electricity service unless a payment is made immediately using a pre-paid cash card,” according to SCE.

SCE does not accept pre-paid cash cards for payments.

There have been times when scammers will come to a residence and demand payment.

“If customers receive a visit from any person claiming they are a GWP employee and have any uncertainty they should ask the individual to wait outside while they call GWP to verify identification. If you are contacted by phone, ask for a call back number for verification. Our customers should never feel embarrassed or feel a sense of urgency or pressure to provide personal information, or be coerced into signing up for programs,” according to GWP.

SCE employees always have on their SCE photo identification badge and wear a company uniform. They also drive vehicles that have permanent SCE logos on them.

Both GWP and SCE advise anyone who receives a call and are concerned about the legitimacy of that call to follow a few guidelines including: Never reveal personal information to anyone, including your utility account number; never use the call back number provided by an unknown caller to verify billing information; ask for the caller’s name, department and business phone number.

“If someone calls and asks you to leave your residence at a specific time for a ‘utility-related’ cause, call [local] law enforcement. Be suspicious of anyone who arrives at your house without an appointment asking to check your appliances or wiring or suggesting that there may be some other electrical problem inside or outside your residence,” according to SCE.

Anyone who has concerns should hang up and contact the office directly. To reach GWP call (818) 548-2070 and for SCE call (800) 655-4555. For those who are victims of a scam it is also advised to call local law enforcement.

Vaccine Approved for 12 to 15 Year Olds

By Mary O’KEEFE

On Wednesday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] endorsed the “safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and its use in 12 through 15-year-old adolescents.”

This extends administration of the Pfizer vaccine to those 12 years olds and up.

“Though most children with COVID-19 have mild or no symptoms, some children can get severely ill and require hospitalization,” read the statement from CDC director Rochelle Walensky.

The Federal Drug Administration [FDA] on Monday authorized emergency use of the Pfizer vaccine for 12-to-15 year olds.

“Getting adolescents vaccinated means faster return to social activities and [they] can provide parents and caregivers peace of mind knowing their family is protected,” the CDC statement continued.

Parents and guardians can book an appointment for children 12 to 15 through myturn.ca.gov or by calling California’s COVID-19 Hotline

at (833) 422-4255.

This vaccine comes as cases of COVID-19 are increasing in children. According to American Academy of Pediatrics, children now account for 22% of new COVID-19 cases in the U.S. Last year that rate was 3%.

“In a new policy statement published [this week], the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends vaccinating all children ages 12 and older who are eligible for the federally authorized COVID-19 vaccine,” according to a statement from AAP.

Numbers as of May 10 at 6 p.m.

| Location | Total Positive Cases | Total Deaths |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Burbank | 8,910 | 237 |
| Glendale | 19,999 | 612 |
| La Cañada Flintridge | 758 | 16 |
| Eagle Rock | 3,666 | 111 |
| Sunland | 2,286 | 57 |
| Tujunga | 2,941 | 67 |
| La Crescenta/Montrose | 1,100 | 15 |

Results Announced in STNC Race

The 2021 Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) elections results have been posted:

Region 1 representatives are Leny Freeman and K.M. Travers.

Region 2 representatives are Trevor Schmidt and Claire Gordon

Region 3 representatives are Jon Von Gunten and Karen Perdue

Region 4 representatives are Cheryl Schmidt and Carol Hutchinson

Elected Officers:

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Second Vice President is Anthony Alexander Diaz

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James Spishak – Los Angeles Police Neighborhood Watch

Nina Royal – Sunland Tujunga Safety Emergency

Response Volunteer Services

Cindy Cleghorn – Sunland Tujunga Shadow Hills

Community Fund

Chris Rowe – Toastmasters

Shirley Kim – Shekinah Church

Michelle Wadler – Apperson Elementary PTA

Janelle Hussion – Sunland Tujunga Volunteer Team

At-Large Community Interest Representative is Mark

Seigel.

STNC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the meetings are being held virtually.

Information on STNC and meetings can be found at stnc.org.

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regulations. Starting in January 2022, the new rules cover the collection of residential organics (both food and green waste) and require commercial collection for businesses that generate more than two cu/yard/week. The plan is to standardize color-coding and labeling statewide: black for trash, green for organics, blue for recycling. State law will soon require the phasing in of edible food recovery as well, first for restaurants.

“How are we going to do all this?” Councilmember Brotman asked. “This is monumental. We’re not going to be able to put food waste in our trash. Some place – LA I think – has a plan to give people little metal bins for their kitchens.

“I’m sure the state hasn’t given us any money to do this,” he added.

Councilmember Ardy

Kassakhian recalled the beginnings of recycling.

“Let’s reach out to our youngest residents. They’ll figure it out and teach it to the rest of us,” he said. “Remember it was the kids [who] helped make early recycling efforts work.”

The Council voted to vacate an alley behind 6231 – 6325 San Fernando Road to allow for the creation of a general office use campus along the rail line, behind the buildings.

Finally, the Council revisited an agreement with the developers of a hotel proposed to replace the Vagabond Inn at 120 W. Colorado Blvd. and ultimately approved the introduction of the ordinance after extracting an agreement to continue to help house homeless youth until the new hotel construction begins.

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it will benefit kids and help generations to come,” said Borden.

“Gavin was thorough with project planning. He mastered delegation. Everyone has a job to do and feels important,” said Gavin’s mom, Erica

Borden. “I am proud of Gavin. He has such unique patience with kids and has tutored special needs students. When he found this project, it was a perfect fit. The school site is so special, and we wanted to honor

that through his project, which will [allow] the kids to be more connected to nature,” said Brandon, Borden’s older brother.

“Gregory Lunt helped me with my Eagle project. He had connections to schools and aided with the whole process,” Borden said.

Borden coordinated his project with Corky O’Rourke, teacher specialist at College View. Borden has been in Boy Scouts for about five years. His troop scoutmaster is Doug Heder.

“There are many experiences to learn from in Boy Scouts. I have happy memories to share. Boy Scouts definitely helps me expand my skills and taught me to help others plus improve my communication skills,” Borden said. “My advice for Boy Scouts planning an Eagle project is you don’t have to do everything yourself. It is better to keep pushing through even when there are obstacles. I stopped many times and I realized I didn’t need to because there is always going to be somebody to help you.”

College View has a history of Boy and Girl Scouts helping through service projects. Several painted murals annually starting in school year 2015-16 beginning with a handprint mural organized by Eagle Scout Dante Coronado (Troop 395). Other projects included Sam Horn’s painted emojis and hearts and the saying, “Be Happy” with student handprints in 2016-17. Girl Scout Samira Iqbal (Troop 16691) made a “Mindfulness” mural with handprints and a giraffe for her Gold Award in 2017-18. Lina Urquiza (Troop 1941) painted an “Aloha” beach mural with sand and handprints resembling fish and ocean animals for her Girl Scout Gold Award in 2018-19. Lukas Elze (Troop 391) painted a rainbow, clouds and flowers with the saying “Ohana Means Family” for his Eagle Scout project in 2019-20. Hayden Lunt painted an animal mural on a playground shed for his Eagle Scout project.

O’Rourke noted that three years ago, the online Verdugo Academy Students formed an Associated Student Body (ASB) for College View to plan activities such as Halloween Carnival and prom. College View offers yoga and dance, has a therapy pool and an art program. During the pandemic, many activities were curtailed and prom was held virtually.

Borden’s Eagle project has improved the landscape, creating a welcoming garden that students can enjoy and reminding them that there are others who are thinking of them.

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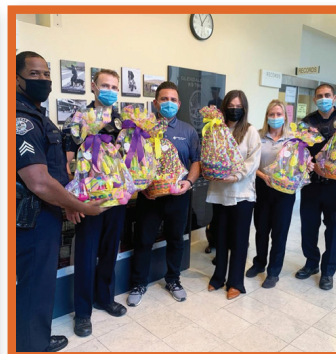
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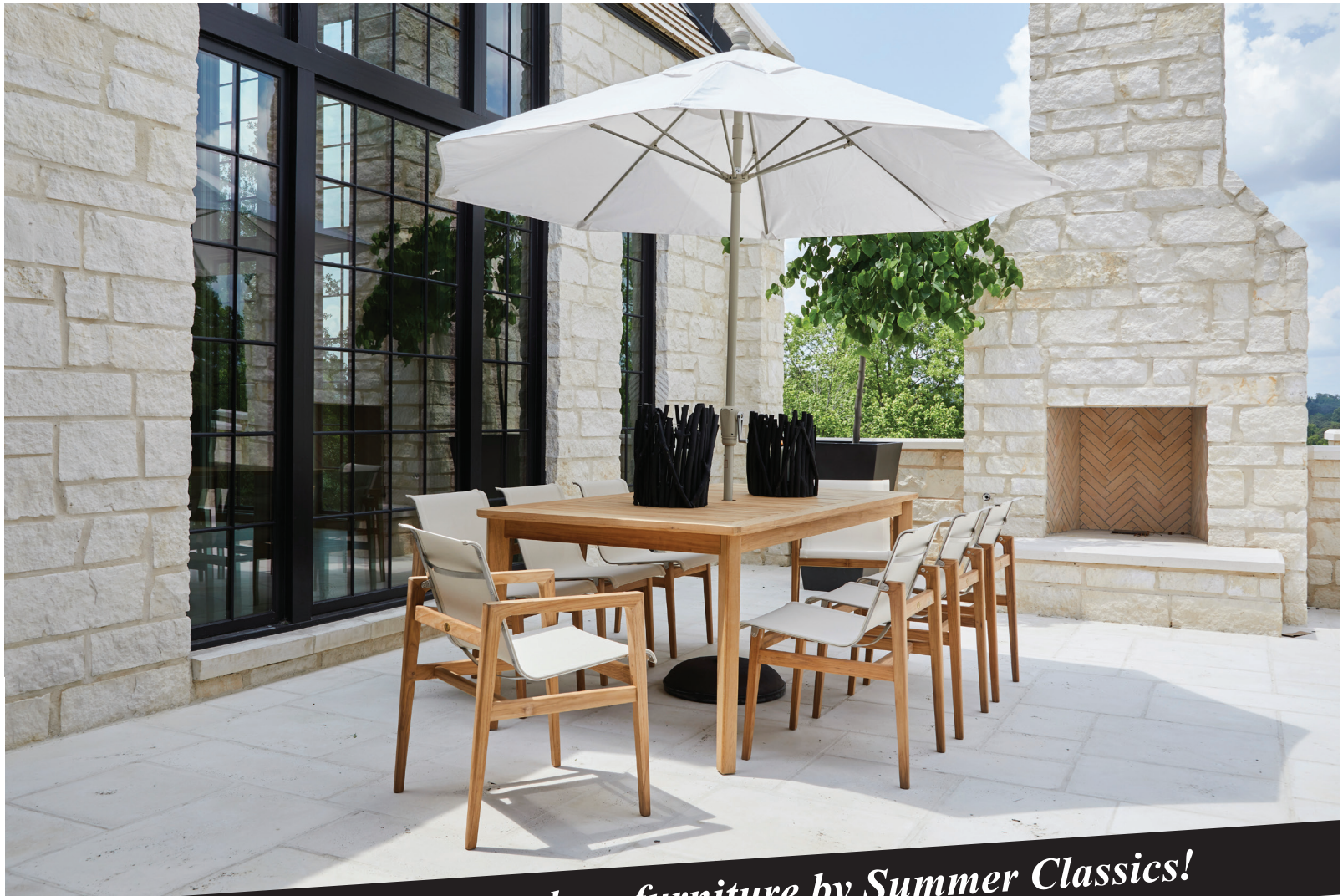
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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Hostetter Graphite Mine in the Verdugos

I've written several times in the past about the legendary "mystery mine" of the Verdugo Mountains. Many remnants of this old mine exist, scattered over the mountainside just south of the 210 Freeway, across from the Verdugo Hills Golf Course, giving us vague clues to an interesting past. Yet no one seemed to know what the mine was for or what its history was. Thanks to some sleuthing, we now know its full story.

The San Gabriels above us were heavily mined for gold and other minerals. There was even a Big Tujunga Mining District in the late 1800s. In the Verdugo Mountains there was mining as well. There was a silica mine and three graphite deposits. One of these graphite deposits was developed into a very successful mine with a mill and processing plant.

The graphite was first discovered here in 1886. Specimens brought back to

LA showed good amounts of "plumbago," the old term for graphite. Graphite had a wide range of industrial uses from steel production to lubricants and, of course, pencil lead. Our graphite was suitable for paint and foundry facings.

The mine was soon opened in a little canyon of the Verdugos and ore was brought down and freighted to LA. The land the mine sat on began to be bought and sold in a speculative fashion, reportedly at one point fetching \$100,000. The boosters of Crescenta Valley were abuzz with hopes that development of the mine would result in a railroad into the valley.

By 1899, the mine was in full swing. A large tunnel was producing graphite mixed with granite. Wooden tracks brought ore carts to a crude processing site where a gas engine operated a crusher, mixer and dryer to separate the graphite from the granite. It was yielding several

grades of graphite valued from \$10 per ton to \$125 per ton for the highest grade. A water tunnel above the mine supplied water for the operation.

In 1918, the land was owned by the Hostetter family, who apparently lived near the site on the Hostetter Ranch in Los Angeles. (The fire road coming off La Tuna Canyon Road is named the Hostetter Road.) The mine was leased to a corporation, the Standard Graphite Company, which issued stock to finance a larger mill for processing the graphite. Initially a huge mill was to be built in Montrose that would employ 75 men.

Instead the big mill was built on the hillside about a mile below the mine. Ore carts on steel rails carried the ore down from the mine to a cliff above the mill. The ore was then loaded into carts that were winched down on nearly vertical tracks to a stamp mill and crusher just above the mill. The mill was the latest in

technology, a floatation mill. The crushed ore was fed through a series of water-filled tanks. The water was agitated and fed with compressed air, which caused the lighter graphite flakes to separate from the granite. The graphite floated to the top in a froth that was skimmed off. The graphite-filled froth was dried, filtered, processed further and fed into barrels for shipment.

But in the 1920s, graphite began to be shipped in from Madagascar and other countries where it could be produced much cheaper. Unable to compete, the mine and mill closed around 1930. It briefly reopened during WWII when the war interrupted international shipping. The mine was caved in, the tracks removed and the processing equipment scrapped, leaving the empty shell of the mill.

At the mine site today there are several pieces of ore cart track lying around, along with a lot of water and compressed air

technology. Flat spots and cement ties indicate where the ore carts rolled to the cliff above the mill, where the winch is half-buried in the hillside. The mill still stands, a massive concrete structure, now completely hidden by decades of overgrowth. It's only 400 yards from the 210 Freeway, yet is invisible until one bumps into it while bushwhacking.

It's just another piece of our valley's history, waiting to be rediscovered.



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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Offers Corrections in Article

I watched the [Glendale] City Council hearing on Tuesday, May 4 that handled the appeal of the proposed multi-family project at 534 N. Kenwood. I would like to correct a few errors in the article [CV Weekly, "Council Reviews Housing Project," May 6].

Most importantly, the article states, "By right, the property owner could build up to 15 residential units." This is a pernicious but very common misunderstanding. The property owner who goes through design review cannot build anything "by right." Fifteen units is the *maximum* number that Glendale's code allows to be built on the property. The code includes maximums for other things, like floor area ratio, lot coverage, and height, but the owner likewise does not have the "right" to build a

building of a certain height or size. The role of design review, a discretionary process, is to evaluate projects to ensure they not only have a consistent and attractive architectural style but that they are compatible in terms of massing, scale and size with neighboring properties.

At least that is the hope. Projects involving historic resources, such as this 1913 Aeroplane Craftsman, frequently cannot be built to any maximums but need to be scaled way back.

Secondly, Mayor Devine stated that she was a member of The Glendale Historical Society, not a member of its board. She could never hear an appeal of a project brought by an organization on which she served in a leadership capacity.

Catherine Jurca
Glendale

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » HARRY LEON

Land Use Issues and Tier Level Expansions

May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Crescenta Valley Town Council acknowledges the contributions to our community and the country by these citizens and the CVTC continues to stand together in solidarity against hate.

LA County announced it will reopen an additional 30 of its 85 libraries for in-person service beginning May 10. Fifth District libraries will be open at 75% capacity while also maintaining six feet of physical distance for customers.

CVTC is working with the office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger and LA County Dept. of Parks & Recreation on a plan to create an outdoor gym at Two Strike Park. This idea was presented by community member Alexandra Mirzakhani, who worked very hard for this. On the same note, CVTC is working to create a community garden at one of our parks.

News from the CVTC Land Use Committee meeting held on May 6.

2413 Foothill & 4521 Briggs (NW corner of Foothill & Briggs) – RPPL2019006557 housing permit associated with Conditional Use Permit RPPL2019006553 to establish a mixed-use 40 unit, 52-foot tall, five stories (four units affordable at 50% AMI) ground floor 2,500 sf commercial, 1,700 sf multipurpose room and three levels of underground parking (103 standard spaces) in the C-2-DP-BE zone. Requested 35% density bonus and two incentives (10 feet height increase and FAR) via Discretionary Housing Permit. RPPL 2019006559 is housing project next to it.

2434 Foothill Blvd (SE corner of Sunset), Mr. Garo Nazarian (Domus Design) – Project PRJ2020-001576; Plan RPPL2020005035 filed 8/10/2020. Four-story, 31-unit apartment building with two-level sub-garage. Providing

three affordable units at 50% AMI and requesting one incentive – 10 feet height.

Per Planner Elsa Rodriguez, the project is ministerial/by right, but may become discretionary due to oak tree encroachments. (Zoned C-2-BE)

Upon reaching the yellow tier in LA County, restaurants are no longer limited to 200 people, which was required at the orange tier level, but are still limited to 50% capacity. The limit can increase to 75% if all guests show proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID test. Additionally, shopping malls may open their common areas with modifications. In the yellow tier, amusement parks and fairs can expand to 35% capacity from 25% in the orange tier. Also, gyms, movie theaters and card rooms can open to 50% capacity and, if all guests show proof of full vaccination or a negative test, the limit can increase to 75%.

As we continue to reopen, I urge residents 16 years and older to get vaccinated; vaccinations are now available at sites countywide with no appointment necessary. Head to VaccinateLACounty.com to get answers to questions and to find a vaccination site near you. I am encouraged by the progress we've made recently and look forward to taking more steps to restore our neighborhoods, businesses, schools and recreation outlets.

And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. The next meeting is May 20 at 7 p.m. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thevcouncil.com.

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Harry Leon, President
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Academy of Science and Medicine Students Earn Top Marks

By Lori BODNAR, intern

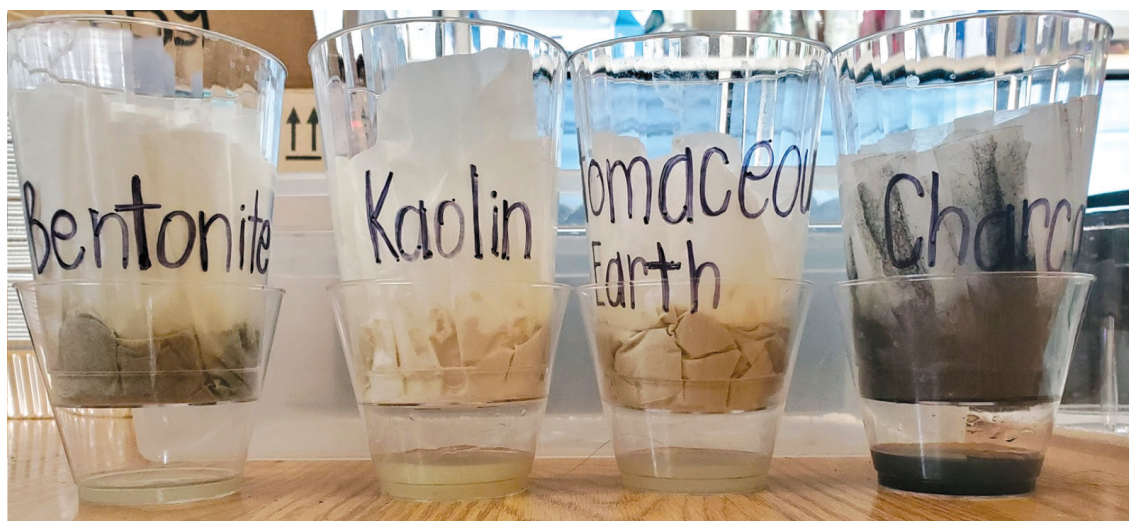
U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Crescenta Valley High School as one of the top high schools in the United States. This is unsurprising, given the high caliber of students who recently won science honors and recognition at the county, regional, state, national and even international levels. Crescenta Valley High School Academy of Science and Medicine students earned high honors at the Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair, California State Science Fair, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), and SkillsUSA State Championship Career Pathway Showcase competitions.

The Academy of Science and Medicine is a career-pathway program at CVHS for students

interested in science, medicine or health care. Academy students placed highly at the 71st annual Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair (LACSEF), held virtually during the week of March 15-19. The LACSEF nurtures an interest in science and engineering by providing a yearly setting for middle and high school students to demonstrate innovative and investigative skills while competing for medals, special awards and scholarships.

Local winners include CVHS Academy student Angelica Agahsi who won first place at LACSEF for her project in behavioral and social science, titled “National Football League Positions with the Most Cases of Neurodegenerative Diseases.”

Freshmen Mahesh Arunachalam and Debayon Roy won second place for their team project in pharmacology,



“Developing a Prevention Method for Inflammation-Induced Organ Damage Through Targeted Vitamin D Delivery.” Thalia Miller won third place in biochemistry and molecular biology for her project, “Effect of Fibroblast-Like Synoviocytes on Rheumatoid Arthritis.” Michelle

Chung won third place in plant biology and physiology for her project, “Identification and Characterization of Minerals that Inhibit or Promote Seed Germination.”

Other CVHS students received honorable mention or additional recognition at LACSEF.

Photo provided by Marta PAMBUKHCHYAN
The results of Marta Pambukhchyan’s experiment after she ran lemon juice through each of the basic powders.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/YOUTH

‘Neofuturists’ Now Streaming

“Neofuturists – On Demand,” presented by Crescenta Valley High School, spotlights 20 scenes in 60 minutes. It can be viewed on any device with a stable Internet connection and adequate bandwidth.

According to director Amy Matalas, this show was performed live twice, and

is seen is the opening night performance.

“The kids experienced a host of technical issues including actors dropping out of the Zoom entirely, unable to return, forcing other actors to jump in and take their places at a moment’s notice,” she stated. “But the actors got through it like professionals.

They kept going and ultimately delivered our favorite show. It was messy, fun and chaotic, and felt as close to a live Neofuturist performance as any I’ve ever had in-person. It felt like the embodiment of this crazy school year; it felt the most like us. We had such a good time and hope you enjoy!”

For the fifth consecutive year, CVHS’s Theater Department presents “Neofuturists,” a collection of 20 original, themed scenes, written and performed by the Theater troupe, performed in a randomized, audience-chosen order in (hopefully) 60 minutes or less!

Tickets are \$10 for this

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SPORTS

Difficult Week for CV Boys Baseball and Girls Softball

By Justin HAGER

Two Crescenta Valley High School powerhouse sports teams saw their long-time winning streaks come to an end this week.

For the Falcons girls' softball team, Tuesday's loss to Burbank was their first Pacific League loss of the season and a particularly disappointing loss for a team coming off an incredible victory on Thursday night over an Arcadia squad that was largely considered to be the Falcons' primary competition for the Pacific League title.

CV's 4-3 victory was especially surprising given that the Falcons were held scoreless through five innings and had to muster a three-run rally to overcome Arcadia in the bottom of the seventh inning. The winning blow came off the bat of Lily Hinkle who hit a three-run double to give the Falcons the lead.

On Tuesday, Hinkle and the Falcons tried to again muster a similar rally. CV entered the bottom of the fifth down 6-0 when, with the bases loaded, Hinkle stepped up to the plate and blasted a ball over the right-center field fence for a grand slam home run to make the game 6-4. As the inning continued it looked like CV might tie the game as they added one more run only to have the run that would tie all called out on a close play at home. The score didn't change after that, leading to a 6-5 victory for Burbank.

For the Falcons boys' varsity baseball team, the 2-0 loss to Burroughs on Friday night was also their first Pacific League loss of the season. The loss dropped them to third in the Pacific League standings but still well within

the hunt for a Pacific League championship with head-to-head matches against second place Burbank (8-1) on the horizon next week, and against first-place Arcadia (7-0) the week after that.

Unfortunately for the boys, their non-league game loss, less than 24 hours later to South Hills, also dropped the team's statewide rankings by more than 40 positions. The Falcons boys are now ranked #174 by MaxPreps.

The boys' baseball team finished this week's reporting cycle with slight recovery and a moment of inspiration. On Tuesday night the boys defeated the Glendale Nitros by a score of 2-0. The victory was, in part, the product of the plate appearance by CVHS senior Noah Maddox. A regular starting pitcher and mainstay in the heart of the CVHS batting lineup, Maddox was injured two weeks ago while successfully legging-out a run to first base and slipping on the wet base. On Tuesday, despite being unable to run, Maddox was called in to pinch hit for Rowan Respicio and successfully reached base on a walk. Respicio subbed back in and CV found itself with one of the fastest members of its roster on first thanks to the plate appearance of an injured teammate.

The next game for girls' softball is today, Thursday, May 13 at Glendale. Then on Tuesday, May 18, the girls will celebrate senior night with a home game against Burroughs. The boys will take on Glendale on Friday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at Stengel Field, followed by a much-anticipated showdown at Burbank on Tuesday, May 18 at 6 p.m.



Photos by Justin HAGER

ABOVE: Lily Henke launches a grand slam in the bottom of the fifth. LEFT: Teammates smile and celebrate the grand slam. RIGHT: The run that would have tied up the score is out at home.



As Regular Season Ends, CIF-SS Releases Boys and Girls Soccer; Girls Tennis Pairings and Bracket



Photo by Roman INGUANZO Senior and team captain Dana Ryan makes a fast break.

By Justin HAGER

More than a year after the high school sports tournament season came to an abrupt halt due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Interscholastic Federation - Southern Section (CIF-SS) released the 2021 boys' and girls' soccer and girls' tennis tournament brackets and first-round pairings.

The Falcons girls' soccer team is the Pacific League champions, finishing the season with an undefeated 7-0 and two full games ahead of number two Burroughs. Kick off of their CIF tournament run was on Wednesday, May 12, just as this paper was going to press, with the Falcons hosting Ayala.

Despite withholding pairings until May 10, first-round action

in girls' tennis also commences on May 12 at 3:30 p.m., with CVHS set to travel Martin Luther King High School to face the number one ranked team in the Big VIII. The Falcons finished the season undefeated in head-to-head matches but the extremely abridged playing season made this year's CIF tournament anything but certain.

CVHS boys' soccer finished the regular season nationally ranked (Top 1000 in the USA), and the number two team in the Pacific League. Their only league play loss came to the vaunted Pasadena Bulldogs, which finished the season 8-0 and ranked in the Top 300 in the country.

CVHS kicks off their campaign today, Thursday, May 13, with a match at 5 p.m. at Eleanor

Roosevelt High School in Eastvale, California. The Mustangs this year are the number two team in the Big VIII.

Winners of the Southern California sectionals will advance to one-week regional tournaments. However, still battered by COVID, CIF has canceled all northern California regionals. As such, the winners of the Southern California regionals will effectively be the *asterisked* state champions.

The CIF has also canceled the state championships in swim and dive, track and field, and wrestling.

For more information on schedules, brackets and pairings for sectionals, visit <https://cifss.org/sports/>. The CV Weekly will provide updates on our website, www.cvweekly.com, as they become available.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital Vaccinates High School Students and Families

On Friday, May 7, Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center hosted a Pfizer vaccine clinic in partnership with Glendale Unified School District. The vaccination event provided more than 1,700 second doses of the vaccine that is proven to prevent COVID-19 infections.

"It's really important to get the second dose of your vaccine," explained Dr. William Wang, GMHHC chief medical officer.

"Studies show that those who receive their second dose have a higher immunity to the virus, including the variant strains."

Cadie Carlson, 17, is a resident of La Crescenta and a senior at Crescenta Valley High School, received the vaccine because she wants to help the community move on from the pandemic and heal. Carlson is preparing for college, and looks forward to what the future holds as she plans to study broadcast journalism.



Helping Hand from Alissa's

Eric and Alissa Hwang of Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill were presented with a certificate of appreciation by Mike Riley, president of the CV Chamber of Commerce. Alissa's was recognized for recently hosting a dine-out benefitting the CV Chamber scholarship fund. The couple also donated money for the fund.

Donations for the scholarship fund are still being accepted! Send a check to CV Chamber of Commerce, 3131 Foothill Blvd. 'D', La Crescenta 91214. Mention "scholarships" in the memo portion of the check.

'Preventing Tragedy' Presentation Offers Safety Tips

On April 13, the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club joined the Verdugo Hills Group to present a very insightful program called "Preventing Tragedy: Hiking Safety Tips That Every Hiker Should Know Before Setting Out in Our Local Mountains." This presentation was moderated by Pat Kramer of the CV Group and David Eisenberg of the Verdugo Hills Group. Participating in the 1.5 hour informational presentation were four members of Montrose Search and Rescue: Doug Cramoline, Steve Goldsworthy, Janet Henderson and Cindy Weiner England, who stated that if you are lost or injured or someone you know is missing, call 9-1-1. If the lost person is in a wilderness area, the dispatcher will be able to activate search and rescue. There is no charge for search and rescue services.

Along with Montrose SAR were

three instructors from the Sierra Club's wilderness training course: Will McWhinney, Chapter Outings management chair; Jane Simpson, Leadership Training chair; and Lisa Miyake, a WTC instructor who gave a highly-informative talk on what tools and information can save a hiker's life, whether hiking alone and injured, lost or with a partner and run into a problem.

Those who missed this

presentation can still watch it with it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22aY0Pcy2mI>. Please share it with friends; it might save someone's life.

Interested people can also access this document from this presentation: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aisbUR-zUhUHWwCXZxVe1BsPI_wCgoOjpyFRADCOdgc/edit?usp=sharing.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Webinar Highlights Work of Local Photographer

The Glendale Historical Society is hosting a webinar tonight, Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. with Julie (Ackerman) Anderson, presenting her new book "The Golden Age of Hollywood Through the Lens of Joe Ackerman."

Register by visiting <https://glendalehistorical.org/ackerman>. This free event is complimentary but registration is necessary.

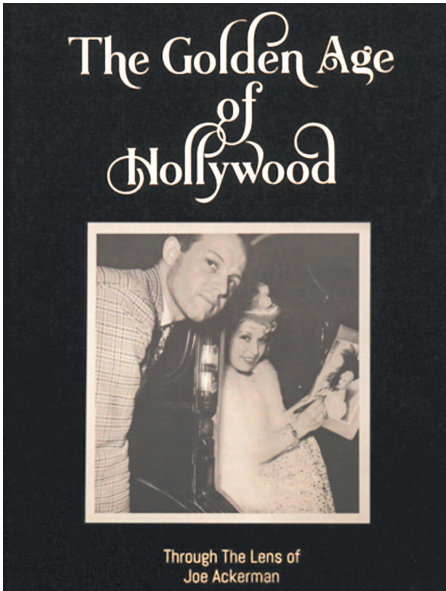
Julie's father, Joe Ackerman, moved to Glendale in the 1940s and started collecting autographs and celebrity photos that he took himself over several decades, amassing a huge collection. For the past 10 years, the collection has resided at the Hollywood Museum and is considered one of the greatest autograph collections in the world.

Julie will tell the story about her father and share images from his collection, including several black-and-white pictures that have never been published before of the stars. "The Golden Age of Hollywood Through the Lens of Joe Ackerman" was a 15-year project that started as

a collaboration between Julie and her mother, Marian Ackerman, after Joe's passing. This is a rare look into the Golden Age of Hollywood through Joe's camera lens.

Julie Ackerman Anderson was born and raised in Glendale and attended Glendale High School where she received an art scholarship to Glendale College. During her studies she took a history of film class that piqued her interest in all that was "Hollywood" during the Golden Age. It was a passion that has stayed with her through a career in meeting and event planning and as a director of Sales and Marketing in the hospitality industry.

It was not until after her father passed that Julie and her mother decided to memorialize her father and his collection. With Julie's knowledge of "old Hollywood" and her mother's memories and adventures with her father,



Through The Lens of Joe Ackerman

they started their book writing journey exploring, researching and categorizing Joe's treasure trove of thousands of photos and autographs.

When Marian passed away in 2009, Julie took a break from the project to concentrate on her growing pet sitting business. Working intermittently, she completed and self-published her book in 2019. Julie currently resides in Southern California.

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THEN & NOW Verdugo Mountains Graphite Mill

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Then » Starting in the late 1800s, a graphite mine was dug into the Verdugo Mountains. About 1920, a huge concrete mill was constructed to process the tons of ore. It was abandoned and completely forgotten about 1930. In the '70s, a brush fire exposed the mill, and the newspaper printed this photo asking if any readers knew what it was. No one did! It was visible from the 210 Freeway for many years.



Now » For several decades the abandoned graphite mill has been so overgrown it is completely invisible and nearly impossible to find. Recently the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley led a "members only" tour to the hidden site, yet another reason to join the historical society. The size of the person in the photo shows how massive this 100-year-old structure is.

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PROGRAM PLANNED FOR BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday, May 20, at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be "My Violets and Other Hobbies," which will include a raffle and silent auction tables, and a plant and supply sale.

Guests are always welcome to attend meetings.

For more information telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website burbankafricanviolets.weebly.com.

Masks are required and social distancing.

USC VHH FOUNDATION HOSTS VIRTUAL BINGO EVENT

The community is invited to support the May 21 virtual drag queen bingo event from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. benefitting the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation. Money is being raised for the interventional radiology/cardiac catheterization lab (cath lab) currently under construction at the hospital. The Foundation has made a commitment to donate \$100,000 for the cath lab and funds raised at the virtual bingo will be dedicated to this effort.

The cost is \$30 per person.

To support this effort contact Barbara_Jordan@med.usc.edu or call her at (818) 952-2226.

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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.

PASADENA HERITAGE SPRING HOMETOUR

Pasadena Heritage presents a new version of its annual Spring Home Tour. Instead of a one-day event, tours of six architectural works of art will be offered as a series. Recordings of two different homes will premiere on the last Sundays of May and June and will be available through July 4.

Premiering May 30 is an exploration of Arroyo del Rey, the 1979 custom-designed Modern home nestled under the freeway bridge and taking full advantage of its site, designed by Buff & Hensman. The second featured home is the Moseley House, designed in 1999 by Don Hensman. The tour will include interviews with the homeowners who will give first-hand accounts of working with Conrad Buff and Don Hensman.

Tickets for three days of tours with six homes are \$50 for nonmembers, \$40 for members. Tickets for individual homes are: one day of tours with two homes \$18 for nonmembers, \$15 for members.

Visit the website at https://tinyurl.com/3uy58n7y for more information.

ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

May 10, 2021 - May 16, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

The cosmos could test you, especially if you push yourself when you don't feel like it. Minor conflicts and some frustrations could cause a physical reaction. Don't let your blood pressure rise. Try and stay calm. You might be more prone to infections, so avoid crowded places. Breathe in the scent of tea tree oil.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Take extra care of yourself. Don't be tempted to overindulge, despite the fact that things might get frustrating. There's a nebulous energy around that's making it easier to pick up colds and other infections. Keep your boundaries intact and avoid places or people who are spreading germs. Rest more than usual, too.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Emotional wounds are emphasized now, which means that this isn't the time to push aside your feelings. If you feel inner pain, as though an issue has been reawakened, don't ignore it. It could have repercussions on your health. Talk it over with someone you trust who may be able to help you find resolution. Get plenty of rest and you'll have more energy.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're sensitive, so you may need to guard against other people's distress. The traumas and issues suffered by those close to you can make you feel out of sorts. Try not to give in to frustration. It might be easier to catch infections, too. Keep a tissue infused with a few drops of tea tree oil on hand. This will help keep colds at bay.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This is one week when it might pay to watch your blood pressure. The cosmos is bringing high-powered energy your way, making you impatient. Remain calm, if you can, and don't ruin this. If not, make an extra effort to relax deeply each evening. You'll sleep better and be better able to cope with the next day. Try to have some fun if you can.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Come in to peace and calm rather than any nerve-racking scenario that might be unfolding around you. Digestive problems can be brought on by stress. This could be the case as you try to offset your frustration by doing more than is necessary or possible. Meditation and relaxation would be helpful if you can stay still enough to try them. Don't let old wounds haunt you. Let them go!

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

There seem to be many conflicting forces at work conspiring to deplete your energy. There could also be a lot of frustration in the air. Fretting won't help. If your nerves feel shot, don't carry on. You'll only open yourself up to the possibility of catching a bug. It's important to move one step at a time.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Partnership issues could lie at the heart of some of your health problems. It might be possible to catch a minor infection - nothing too serious, but certainly inconvenient. You're still racing full steam ahead, so watch for any signs that you're getting burned out. It's better to cut out the less important jobs and take some time to relax.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

There could be some interesting changes coming your way that alter your approach to life quite dramatically. You could be contemplating more extreme ways to tap into the excitement of life. You might be drawn to sports that have an element of danger. Needless to say, don't be too reckless.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Dietary issues could be high on your agenda. You may be going through a range of emotions associated with various foods. You could be tempted by treats and experience a battle of wills. With luck and discipline - and if you can get your partner to diet with you - you can stay on the straight and narrow!

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

There's a lot going on in your life, but don't let the intensity of it faze you. If you stick to your diet and find a way to keep your energy high, you won't have any problems. If you haven't been so good to your body, you may need extra rest and more vitamins and minerals to cope with the extra workload.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You might have a desire to get away and do all kinds of wonderful things, but you won't feel so adventurous if your health isn't great. Find a way to stick with a healthier diet and exercise regimen. It will guarantee you lots more energy. Whatever it is that tempts you away from your disciplined mindset, resist it and get back on track.

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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

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Question:

There are many Bible verses about "a house divided cannot stand." We're concerned about what seems to be major differences of opinions among citizens of our great country, including politics, COVID vaccine, and gender inequality that seem to undermine personal freedoms. In attempting to stay out of the negativity, we pray everyday for our country and the citizens of the world. We know this is a difficult question; however, what will it take for those who are against helping others to understand that "what happens to one of us happens to all of us?" In doing our part, we volunteer for various organizations to support those who need help.

~ Loves Everyone

Dear Loves Everyone,
Your concern is not an unfounded one. I, too, worry about what is going to happen to our great country. Years ago there was a comic strip called "Pogo," created by Walt Kelly if my memory serves. What I remember is that one strip had two characters talking about the concept of the Enemy. One character tells another, "We have met the Enemy, and he is us." I just mentioned "our great country" and it truly is. However, I read someplace years ago that many things or institutions have the seeds of their destruction with them from the beginning. When I think of America and freedom, I think some of us have turned the concept of freedom into an

idol. Some of us say, "This is a free country, and I can do what I want." True, but as I learned in the sixth grade back in my home state of Indiana, "Your freedom ends where the other fellow's nose begins."

We also have freedom of speech in this nation, but that freedom does not allow you to yell "Fire!" in a crowded theater ... unless, of course, there is a fire in that theater!

In 1776 or thereabouts, somebody asked Ben Franklin what kind of country had he and the other founders given us. Supposedly he said, "A Republic ... if you can keep it." Franklin's words way back then say to me that even wise old Ben knew that democracy was fragile, and these days we have experienced exactly how fragile. It would be a shame if this country, after defeating the old Soviet Union in the Cold War, fell apart because we couldn't get along with ourselves.

Some politicians like to look elsewhere for trouble; they enjoy blaming "outsiders" or "aliens" of some sort. But the truth is, I fear, what the "Pogo" comic strip said: "We have met the Enemy, and he is us."

I don't want to end on a "downer," so I'll say this: keep on praying, and keep on thinking the good thoughts. Don't be Polly-anish but speak and acknowledge the truth. Jesus said someplace in Matthew, I believe, that His followers must be innocent as doves and wise as serpents. And remember that GOD is running things, not Washington politicians.

A verse in one of the Psalms states that if GOD does not build



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the house, it cannot stand. Does God want this country to continue? Let us hope so. But for that to happen we must follow the words of the prophet Micah who long ago said that the Lord requires us "to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."

That may not be a very satisfactory answer to your question, but it is what I believe.

With love and hope for our country,



The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
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Dear Loves Everybody,
I understand where you are coming from. The world seems to be blatantly selfish and it is more

evident than ever with social media. I applaud your efforts to do and be what God calls us to. And I know people of various faiths, and individuals who do not practice a faith, who also do their part to help our world. Sadly even fellow Christians disagree.

Since we have a sin nature, this is more frequent than we might expect and has definitely gotten ugly and the negativity is right in our faces daily with social media. Honestly, I think it is very important for Christians to remember not everyone follows God. And beyond that, not everyone has goodwill and unity as value systems. Thus, we see all levels of self-centeredness and find this world on a spectrum from selfishness to flat out evil – regardless of what we know what the Bible has to say.

God does not force people to follow Him nor to do good. So while we do our part to obey, there will never be complete unity on this earth. The Bible discusses this as well. We are told in I Corinthians 3:3, "For you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?" And we read in 1 John 2:9, "Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness."

Psychologically, spiritually, emotionally and physically we will witness a lack of unity in

humanity. Your concern is real and valid. Unfortunately, the only power we have is over our own choices – and prayer.



Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian
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Question:

We're from a family of five siblings – three girls and two boys. We're now older; the youngest is 54 and the oldest is 65. One of our brothers began investigating our ethnic heritage and found out we have two siblings we knew nothing about. We always knew our dad was a "player" but we never knew anything else. Our brothers and one of our sisters want to get in touch with these newfound siblings but, at my age, I'm not interested in "upsetting the apple cart."

We're all healthy and successful with nice families. Who knows what introducing new relationships will bring? This has caused several arguments among us. Your guidance is appreciated.

~ Happy Not Knowing

see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING on next page

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 16, Pastor Stephen Robertson will deliver a message called, "You Can Handle the Truth." 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.lcifoothills.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 lcifoothills.org.

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office at office@lcifoothills.org 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.

Indoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites the community to take part in the official reopening of its sanctuary for indoor worship on Sunday, May 16 at 10 a.m.

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Beginning on May 16, Sunday services will also feature special programs for preschool and elementary-age children. A Sunday program for middle and high school students is coming soon!

For those who would like to worship from home, LCPC's online services are available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m. Those who prefer to worship outdoors are invited to LCPC's courtyard to view the online service beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed both indoors and outdoors, and for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

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

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Dear Happy Not Knowing,
When I was a teenager, I heard rumors that I had half-brothers from my dad's affairs. In my 20s, I met two of them. I have grown close with one of them – not closer than my siblings with whom I grew up with, but close enough to see him at holidays and for my kids to call him "Uncle."

Nevertheless, there was trepidation on my part (and I'm sure theirs as well) when facing this reality.

I think your rhetorical question is accurate: Who knows what introducing new relationships will bring? It is possible that, like most relationships, it will bring conflict and friction. But it is also possible that, like most relationships, it will bring a

deeper appreciation of others and a more complete understanding of yourself.

Your question reminds me of Jacob and Esau – two brothers who have a falling out and vow to never see one another again. They were happier apart. But Jacob wrestles with God, learns to walk with humility, and faces the risk of seeing his brother again. It could mean death; but he finds life. My hope, I suppose, is that you see both possibilities.

If you decide to not establish contact with these newfound siblings, can you give your blessing for your brothers and sister to pursue it? Or does the introduction of this new reality disturb you even by its tangential connection?

Speaking from experience, it is hard to ignore your father's dishonorable actions when they are embodied by someone you meet for the first time. No one likes to have their curated reality disturbed. Ask this question: What fears do you have and are they realistic? Why do your brothers and sister not share these fears in this way?

To that end, remember that the journey from stranger to brother does not have to be instant, or even total. After meeting, a Christmas card might be all the contact you desire. You may have to block them on Facebook. It's possible that your bond will develop and provide a rich friendship. Life has been good to you without these relationships;

is it possible it will be better with them?



Rev. Kyle Sears
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Dear Happy Not Knowing,
It appears you and your family members have created successful lives for yourselves, which is wonderful! Success does not happen by accident. Life's accomplishments require a healthy attitude and open-minded approach to life with an awareness of the direction you want to go and what you want to accomplish. You can apply the same approach you have used to build a fruitful life to this situation.

This is a perfect example of a "what if" situation and could well be a reflection of the way you interpret life in general. Many times, once we have created a comfortable life situation for

ourselves, we want to protect what we have and keep it that way as long as possible. Many of us have been conditioned to anticipate difficulty and expect the worst, so the risk of losing what we have worked for and stepping out of our comfort zone is not appealing. Some people might have the attitude of "let sleeping dogs lie" and not disturb the peace you have created in your life. On the other hand, this could be a great opportunity for opening a new dimension to your life through new family relationships and healing ideas you have about your father as a "player." What if these undiscovered people end up being a delightful extension of your family?

There is nothing that says just because there has been a discovery of siblings or other relatives that you must develop a relationship with them. If your other family members want to investigate their newfound siblings, they should move forward with it. Your decision not to develop these new familial

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

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We are almost half way into the year but fully ready for business to resume back to “normal.” This month is “Small Business Month” and our goal is to get everyone into Montrose – yes, everyone – so help spread the word by sharing our goal with others by leaving a review of a favorite business on Yelp, Facebook, or Google. Reviews are a great way to show your support to local businesses ... for free! Online reviews help businesses build trust with potential customers. Research by LocaliQ found that “nearly 70% of consumers are influenced by online reviews.” Furthermore, reviews

facilitate and solidify a business’s word-of mouth marketing and referrals. In our experience, the process of leaving a review takes, on average, only three minutes; granted, a thorough review can take a bit longer but *all* reviews, short or long, are effective. If you are reading this, we challenge you to stop and take three minutes, right now, to leave an online review for a Montrose small business! You can double up on it by sharing your review on your social media with the hashtag #5StarMontrose. If you need assistance with how to leave a review, call or email us and we will gladly walk you through

the process.

Happy Small Business Month: “May” we all prosper!

For those who do not yet follow us on social media, please do so to stay up-to-date with all of the latest resources available. Our Instagram handle is @Montrose_Chamber and our Facebook is Facebook.com/MontroseChamber.

Chamber Updates/Resources

On Monday, the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), a grant fund specifically for restaurants, bars, and other businesses that serve food and drinks, launched. Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis. To apply

and receive more information, visit the Small Business Administration’s website.

The tax deadline has been extended to May 15, 2021.

Due to event permits still not being issued, Craft Beer Fest 2021 has been postponed to 2022. For those who have 2020 tickets, your tickets will transfer to the 2022 CBF event. Thank you all for your patience.

Events

Support our chamber by eating out at Blaze Pizza in La Cañada on Wednesday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. You can place the order online (use code “1005A” at

checkout in the promo code field) or in person. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to our organization.

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

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

Mavil Aghadjanian

MVCC Executive Director

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

Mark Your Calendars!

News Flash! Our Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce has several community activities scheduled for the remainder of 2021 that you won’t want to miss. Go to our Chamber website, www.crescentavalleychamber.org, to check the event dates and mark your calendars.

Our annual *student scholarship program* for eligible high school seniors and the April 8 scholarship fundraising event at *Alissa’s Ocean View Bar & Grill* enabled our Chamber to award 11 student scholarships to a very deserving group of high school seniors. We are sincerely grateful for the generous support we received from Alissa and Eric Hwang and the numerous community members who funded this year’s scholarship program. Congratulations to our 11 student recipients!

The Chamber has slightly modified our “Save the Date” events scheduled for the remainder of the year. Our *Vendor Silent Auction*, originally scheduled for May 6, has been re-scheduled to *Thursday, June 10*. This professionally-run format will include

member donors from 6-7 p.m. introducing themselves and their businesses followed by online bidding that will continue over several days on valuable items. Items will be announced and displayed on our Chamber website as we approach the auction date.

Next, an evening of bingo returns to the Crescenta Valley on *Saturday, July 10* at the La Crescenta VFW/American Legion Hall. Always fun and exciting with \$\$\$ to win!

On *Friday, Aug. 20* our Chamber tees off its annual *Scholarship Golf Tournament* at Scholl Canyon Golf Course. Don’t play golf well? It doesn’t matter. Join us for golf with friends, food, drinks, prizes and a day of fun.

Our year’s biggest event, the *Hometown Country Fair*, complete with vendors, live music, food, games, activities for the kids and a classic car show, returns on Saturday, Sept. 18. We are back with more excitement and fun for the entire family.

And there’s more ... on *Saturday, Oct. 30* is our Chamber’s *5K Pumpkin Fun Run* with a chance to compete for year-long community bragging rights in all age categories.

Finally, a fun *evening of poker* is being arranged with details to be announced soon.

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

CV Chamber of Commerce Notes

Our Chamber welcomes Deborah Weirick, director of Community and Donor Relations at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, to our board of directors. Deborah brings a wealth of community involvement and experience to our Chamber board. We are honored to have Deborah Weirick as our newest director.

May Emergency Preparedness Tip: May is National Wildfire Awareness Month. In case of fire, stay in touch with local emergency information, know your community’s evacuation route, gather important

insurance documents and limit phone calls to emergency only. Leave immediately if asked to evacuate by authorities.

CV Chamber Membership Opportunities:

If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business, or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto: “Our Business is Your Business.”

Steve Pierce

Executive Director

Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Little Lands Toasts Wine Lovers

Local wine lovers have one more reason to raise their glasses. There’s a new wine purveyor in town ... and they deliver!

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Natural wine has been gaining in popularity, but not all bottles are created equal. Little Lands Wines prides itself on making this niche winemaking tradition accessible to all, so if you have a question just give him a call (or flag him down in his signature rubber-stamped delivery van – you can’t miss it!). He’ll be pleased to serve you.



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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JENNIE CAMALICH

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JENNIE CAMALICH:

A Petition for Probate has been filed by ELIZABETH CAMALICH COLLIE in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STPB04169

The Petition for Probate requests that ELIZABETH CAMALICH COLLIE be appointed as personal representative and executor to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Los Angeles County Superior Court as follows: Date: JUNE 1, 2021, Time: 8:30 A.M. Dept.: 79 Room: 610. The address of the court: 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Elizabeth Camalich Collie, 10935 Longford St., Sylmar, CA 91342

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You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 6th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Kendra D. White

Kendra D. White, Esq.

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relationships should not stop their desire to do so. However, it seems as though the family members that want to reach out to the new siblings have an "all or nothing" plan - that all of you must do this together. The key is to respect each other's decisions and to allow each other the freedom of their own way of thinking and dealing with this situation without blame. This could also be an

invitation to open up to more joy and happiness with the development of new family relationships. It can also be a new way to relate to your family members to help each other deepen your relationships by permitting the space to disagree without making each other wrong. The famous Sufi mystic Rumi said, "Out beyond the ideas of wrongdoing and right doing there is a field.

I'll meet you there." Whatever decision you make, continue to pray and trust in the guidance of Spirit that you have relied throughout your life.



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