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## Errant Squirrel Causes Havoc along Honolulu

By Julie BUTCHER

Some Montrose businesses along Honolulu Avenue were unprepared for a power outage reportedly announced for 10 p.m. on Sunday night. They were even more surprised when the power went off around 6 p.m.

"I got a text from a nearby business asking if we were going to need dry ice for the four hours; Nothing from the city. And I'm signed up for those notifications – and I pick up my mail. Then the power went off at 5:30," said Jim Collins of the Montrose Town Kitchen & Grill. "I called the city and asked for an ETA as to how long it would be out. The poor woman answering the phones was deluged with calls and told me it'd be four to five hours. She said she had notes from earlier in the day."

Collins continued, "For us, the Sunday of a three-day weekend is like a Saturday; the financial loss is material."

But the lack of communication from the City of Glendale concerned Collins more.

"When my Internet goes down, Spectrum sends out a text message in like 30 seconds. It helps them because then I'm not calling and bugging them, and it helps me knowing what's going on. To have to scramble for information in the middle of a power outage – their own answering service didn't have an accurate update."

The 10 p.m. shut down was planned by Glendale Water and Power (GWP) for routine upgrades to the power lines in the underground electrical vault running under Honolulu Avenue.

"It was scheduled after-hours specifically because Honolulu is such a busy commercial area, especially the restaurants," GWP spokesperson Atineh Haroutunian detailed the events of the evening of May 30. She added that something similar

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# Memorial Day: Sharing a Personal Story of Sacrifice

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Korean veteran reads a long held letter written to an Army buddy.*

On Monday a small in-person Memorial Day ceremony was held at Verdugo Hills Cemetery in Tujunga. The old cemetery seemed an appropriate place of remembrance for those who had made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country.

Craig Durst, who has dedicated so much time to keeping the Verdugo Hills Cemetery and its history alive, organized the ceremony. There are many veterans who were buried at the cemetery, and Durst thought holding a Memorial Day ceremony would be a good way to honor them.

The cemetery has fallen to ruin due to many years of neglect but Durst, and his strong band of volunteers, have made it their mission to protect this historical place. One of the needed repairs

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Invited guests watch as the flag is raised then lowered to half staff.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

## Proposed Placement of Sexually Violent Predator Raises Concern by Local Neighbors

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Friday, May 28, the CVW was sent a press release from Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office concerning the "potential release of a sexually violent predator into Crescenta Valley community."

The release stated: "I am disgusted and gravely concerned that the Los Angeles Superior Court is considering the placement of sexually violent predator Calvin Grassmier into La Crescenta. The Crescenta Valley community cannot be an option. I urge our residents to join me in strongly and vocally opposing this outrageous proposal and dissuading the judge from permitting

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Alex Gardner addresses a crowd of neighbors and concerned citizens regarding the possible placement in the neighborhood of a sexually violent predator.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Surprising Responses

Perhaps I was/am naïve, but I thought that once restrictions surrounding COVID-19 were lifted and we began to return to a more normal life we would welcome the chance to see each other, to interact with other people.

For the months that restrictions were in place, there was an uptick in murders across the nation though a reduction in property crimes (probably because people were home and thereby thwarting burglaries). This uptick, I thought, was probably due to the frustration of so many people being isolated coupled with the tensions surrounding police violence and civil unrest.

But, as the shooting on Tuesday at a fire station in Agua Dulce indicates, we as a nation seem to be just as eager as ever to kill each other.

Looking at the incidents of gun violence from March 2020 to April 2021, the number of killings actually increased though weren't as public, i.e. in a public setting, since no or very few public gatherings took place: no school, no church, no concerts, for example.

But as soon as we started heading back to work (like at the Agua Dulce fire station) things got ugly very quickly. Nine people were killed in San Jose at the railyard, eight killed in Indianapolis at the FedEx warehouse, four dead at a real estate office in Orange ... the list goes on.

I wish I had sage words on how to make this all end; while I understand that guns don't just start shooting people there seems to be a lot of sick people out there who use guns to hurt others and themselves. I am curious as to what means they would employ if guns weren't so readily available. I mean, if people are intent on hurting or

killing another person they can certainly find the means to do so; however, many of these mass shootings seem to be more reflexive than the result of contemplative reflection.

vI'm reminded of the TV show (and comic book) "The Walking Dead." When one group of survivors comes across another there is typically conflict rather than celebration. I never understood that. I mean, if the world was filled with zombies, wouldn't you embrace the chance to be with living people? But no; in the show strangers are met with suspicion and distrust. My office manager Rachelle said she expects that is what it would be like in real life – people would be considered a threat rather than a cause for celebration.

To me that is sort of how things are right now for many people as we re-enter society from quarantine. Rather than embracing each other, there are many who are suspicious and, in some cases, paranoid.

So my sage words are these: understand that everyone is in their own place right now. Some, like me, are ready to travel, to visit each other's houses and to pick up where we left off. Others, though, are much more cautious. They're not yet ready to pick up where they left off.

To me they have to be treated with care with the hope that they'll eventually "get there."

In the meantime, we all need to just take a breath.

*Robin Goldsworthy is the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She can be reached at robin@cvweekly.com or (818) 248-2740.*

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# Weather in the Foothills

You could look at something a hundred times from space, but the next time you come around the world, suddenly it's very different and gorgeous looking, just because of the change of weather or the angle of the sun.

~ Chris Hadfield, *First Canadian astronaut to walk in space; flew two missions in the International Space Station*

The sky was a brilliant blue, touched by scattered clouds and illuminated by golden light emanating from the setting sun. Nature's backdrop doesn't get any better than on Brighton's walk Tuesday evening. Not all weather events provide beauty alone. You might say the most important weather forecast in world history was June 6, 1944.

D-Day was originally planned for June 5, 1944. The invasion of France by the Allied forces – across the English Channel – would give them the foothold needed to defeat the Germans. Unfortunately, a strong storm threatened to arrive the same day. Upon hearing of the impending weather, U.S. General Dwight Eisenhower took action and shifted the time of invasion. Without a break in the weather, D-Day would have to be put off two weeks until tides and moon were right again.

Critical decisions about when to send the Allied forces across the channel were based on weather forecasts compiled by Allied meteorologists, which predicted a break on June 6 of the unfavorable weather. Eisenhower's chief meteorologist, Group Capt. James Martin Stagg, advised the postponement of the invasion of Normandy by one day to June 6 over protests from his fellow meteorologists: they felt the weather would be good enough.

Eisenhower ordered the invasion for June 6 with a simple: "OK, we'll go." He and his meteorologist made the right call; June 5 did indeed bring high winds, heavy seas and stormy conditions that would likely have caused the invasion to fail and set world history on a different course. And if they had waited the two weeks later (for the right tides and Moon), they would have been faced with an un-forecasted heavy gale. Many historians conclude the Allies' victory would have been delayed by a year, allowing a German takeover and/or giving the Soviet Union control of the continent.

In addition, the Allies had broken Germany's secret Enigma code, thus allowing them to gather and use the German's weather observations in making their forecasts. Information gathered also revealed that Germans predicted weather conditions to remain unsuitable for an Allied assault on June 6. With this, the Allies were encouraged. Although conditions would be marginal, they were sufficient to launch the invasion. Forty four hundred Allied troops lost their lives on this day; the liberation of Europe began.

Cooler weather moves in over the weekend with warmer temperatures expected next week. Sunday is the anniversary of D-Day ... Memorial Day continues. Out comes the flag again.

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

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### CV WEEKLY OFFICE CLOSURES EARLY

The CV Weekly office will close to walk-in business today, Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, June 5. Residents can 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.

### BLOOD DRIVE PLANNED

Adventist Health Glendale and Lifestream are teaming up for a blood drive on Friday, June 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Wu Auditorium, Adventist Health Glendale. Please call (800) 879-4484 or visit Lifestream (<https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/geo>) to schedule an appointment.

### SCE INSPECTION ALERT

Over the next few weeks, Southern California Edison will be conducting aerial inspections in your neighborhood utilizing drones and/or helicopters. Inspectors are using drones and helicopters to inspect equipment in hard-to-reach areas and from difficult angles. The focus of these operations is SCE electrical assets, structures and right of ways that support SCE assets. These inspections are just one part of SCE broader wildfire prevention and mitigation program focusing on keeping communities safe. The amount of time it takes to conduct inspections varies.

### NNO PLANS FROM CITY OF GLENDALE

The City of Glendale is hosting its Annual National Night Out in-person on Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. NNO is a community-driven event where neighbors get to know each other and share concerns, strategies and ideas for safer communities. This year expanded activities include block parties, potlucks, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests, and parades.

Members of the Glendale Police Dept., the Glendale Fire Dept., the City Council and city officials will hear concerns and ideas and explore how to improve the safety of local neighborhoods.

Visit <http://www.glendalenno.com/> to find a local Glendale NNO event or contact the Community Impact Bureau at (818) 548-4015 or (818) 548-4016.

# Celebrating the 100th Birthday of a Longtime GPD Detective

By Mary O'KEEFE

In December 1947 Lorraine Curry was hired by the Glendale Police Dept. as one of its first "policewomen." So many years later, GPD officers visited her on her 100th birthday. She served the department for 33 years and retired in 1980.

"She is still paying dues into the [Glendale] Police Officers Association as a member," said GPD Sgt. Teal Metts.

Metts is the driving force behind the department's museum, and he had a lot of questions for Curry as a living history resource, including what it was like to be a female in the department.

"She didn't hold back," Metts said. "She said it was difficult. Society told you [as a woman] your role is to be in the house and not wearing pants."

In fact, during the first years on the police force, policewomen wore skirts, not pants. Women at the time were not in the field with policemen but worked in more of a clerical role; however, that did not mean they did not play an important role in the department.

Metts had a photo of Curry walking with another woman down one of the hallways at the station. He was pretty certain the woman was a prisoner but wasn't sure who she was; the woman had her hands over face.

"[Curry] remembered who she was," Metts said.

Curry was escorting the woman who was accused of killing her husband. Metts knew this case well; it revolved around a three-day argument over the raising of the couple's young child. The woman reported being beaten by her husband and, in the end, she shot him.

Metts didn't want to dominate all of Curry's time though he had so many questions for her. After talking with her he was able to fill in some blanks in the museum's scrapbook.

During many of the museum's events, Metts creates a world for patrons that include going back into the history of the GPD. For one of these he recreated a policeman's uniform, which just happened to be one from 1947. He wore that uniform when he visited Curry.

A decade or so after Curry became a policewoman department rules were changed and men and women were referred to as "officers." She continued in the department and was at the detective level when she retired.

Metts continues to collect items for the museum, which is located in the lobby of the GPD station, though it has been closed due to the pandemic.

Anyone who would like to donate an artifact can bring it by the GPD station on Isabel Street or call the station at (818) 548-4911 and ask for Sgt. Teal Metts.



Photos courtesy of Glendale Police Officers Assn.

ABOVE: Many GPD officers visited the former detective on her 100th birthday. BELOW: Former detective Lorraine Curry sitting in a patrol vehicle talking on the radio.



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## NOTES & NODS

**Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Annual Fundraising Event**  
 Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church in Sunland (corner of Sunland Boulevard and Johanna Avenue) will host its annual rummage sale on Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from this event will support the church's mission projects in the community.

Enjoy a day of shopping! There will be lots of good stuff this year. Numerous families donate to the sale, so a variety of items are promised. This year the books are free!

Want to come early and be the first to look and buy? Then donate \$5 and come in at 7:30 a.m.

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, 10158 Johanna Ave, Sunland

**This Week at LCIF**  
 Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to "Couch Church" on the church Facebook page and YouTube channel for worship. On Sunday, June 6 at 11 a.m., all are invited to join the Southwest California Synod's celebration of "For Such a Time as This." For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the church 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](http://www.lcifoothills.org/vbs). Registration is \$20/child and \$15/sibling.

Visit the church's website at [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for details on all of the events happening including

small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. 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 via email at [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

**Indoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian**  
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Come for live music, prayer time and an inspiring message, surrounded by the church's historic stained-glass windows that were beautifully restored last summer.

Sunday services also feature special programs for children and youth from preschool age to high school. COVID-safe practices in line with Los Angeles County public health guidelines will be observed.

For those who prefer to worship from home, LCPC's online services are available at [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit [lcpc.net](http://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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SVP from Cover

this dangerous person from residing in our safe, family-oriented neighborhood.”

The proposed address for the placement of this sexually violent predator is 5632 Freeman Ave. in the Briggs Terrace area. This is slightly over one mile from two elementary schools and Rosemont Middle School. It is 1.1 miles from Two Strike Park.

The press release was shared on social media and the response was immediate. Crescenta Valley Town Council was called into a special meeting where the council voted to create a letter of opposition to the proposed move, which was sent to both Barger’s office and the office of Deputy District Attorney Jay S. Grobeson. One of the Briggs Terrace neighbors posted an articulate explanation of why this location is the wrong place to move a sexually violent predator, and what the community can do to oppose this proposal.

“I am not an advocate,” said Alex Gardner, the neighbor who wrote the post. “I just posted something on Facebook and now I have a microphone.”

He, along with his wife and fellow neighbors, worked fast creating fliers and sharing information on what they found out about Grassmier. They organized a community meeting that was held in the neighborhood on Tuesday.

Grassmier has a long list of violent sexual crimes, including an assault against a minor under 14 years old. He was convicted in 1989 and for decades has been in a state hospital.

“A ‘sexually violent predator’ means a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against one or more victims and who has a diagnosed mental disorder that makes the person a danger to the health and safety of others in that it is likely that he or she will engage in sexually violent criminal behavior,” according to the state of California definition.

“I want us to be more than angry. Anger is something that everybody feels when a sexual predator is put into their neighborhood. What we need to be is constructive and focused. We need to explain to the judge why this is not the community to place an individual like this,” Gardner said. “This a community that has more children than houses, this is a community that does not have street access to the rest of La Crescenta, this is a street where if you are a family and you want to go for a walk you have a choice of two streets and now one of them [could] soon have a predator.”

The Briggs Terrace area has one way in and out; it is considered to be in an area at an extreme high risk for wildfire; there are no street lights; cellphone service is almost non existent and power outages are typical.

The home where the sexually violent predator is proposed to live is actually nestled into the neighborhood. Its new owners purchased the home three months ago and had attempted to rent the residence, but apparently had no success.

Gardner said that he is a reluctant advocate but will accept that responsibility if that is what it takes to make sure this proposal is stopped, and that precautions are put in place so this risk does not occur again.

“[We need] to send a clear message to the investor that purchased this house three months ago that this will not be tolerated in our community, and don’t try to come back again with another predator,” Gardner said. “If this is your profit model, stay away – this is not the place for you.”

CVW attempted several times to call the owner without success. However, some neighbors have been able to reach

the owners and have offered to help the owner find a more suitable renter. It is not known if the owner will accept these offers.

The neighbors are continuing to move their plans forward, which include fundraising for lawn signs and fliers as well as hiring legal counsel – not to file a lawsuit but to make certain the neighbors understand all of their rights.

Crescenta Valley Town Council President Harry Leon spoke at Tuesday’s meeting. He made it clear that this is a concern not just for the Briggs Terrace area, but for all of Crescenta Valley.

“It doesn’t matter whether you live east or west of Pennsylvania Avenue, east or west of Ocean View [Boulevard], or above or below Foothill [Boulevard],” he said.

The neighbors are asking people to sign a petition at [change.org](http://change.org), which can be found at <http://chnng.it/yGDPznqFSm>.

It is advised that letters are written that are specific as to why this location is not a suitable place for a sexually violent predator. Letters should be sent to Deputy D.A. Jay S. Grobeson at [jgrobeso@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jgrobeso@da.lacounty.gov).

The LA County District Attorney’s Office responded that it had no comment at this time when CVW requested an interview.

Letters protesting the prospective placement have already been sent by hundreds of residents, as well as elected officials and community leaders, including CVTC, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Glendale Unified School District, the CV Chamber of Commerce and Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

LA County Sheriff’s Dept./Crescenta Valley Station has contacted the DA, sharing its opposition to this proposed move.

“We are very concerned with the purposed placement of [the sexually violent predator],” said Lt. Holwager of the CV Sheriff Station. “Based on the SVP, his crimes and the amount of supervision he would require, coupled with the neighborhood, it is not conducive to a successful rehabilitation and puts that neighborhood in danger.”

There will be a protest to the proposed placement at the intersection of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard on Saturday, June 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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# CRIME BLOTTER

**May 27**

2800 block of Prospect Avenue in La Crescenta, several items including a computer laptop and personal information were stolen from a vehicle that was parked at the location. A window was left rolled down a few inches; the owner stated he did this to make certain the vehicle did not get too hot.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest, items including computers were stolen from a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle had locked his vehicle before going to a hike. When he returned he found the driver's side door lock

was damaged [punched] and all his items were missing.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**May 26**

400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that after she had finished shopping at a local store she walked toward her parked vehicle when an unknown male walked toward her vehicle and "smashed" the front and rear windows of her car. The suspect then entered a black sedan that was driven by an unknown driver and left the area. A photograph was shared by a witness of the suspect crouching between a new model black Toyota Camry and the victim's

vehicle. The suspect was seen reaching inside the vehicle through the broken windows.

The incident occurred at 5:22 p.m.

**May 25**

Big Tujunga Canyon Road in Angeles National Forest, the rear window was shattered and items were stolen from a vehicle between 1:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

2300 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the front passenger side window and rear window were shattered and personal items were stolen from a vehicle between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

# GPD REPORTS

**Male Arrested with Loaded Firearm and Illegal Drugs**

On May 26 at approximately 9 p.m., officers assigned to the Glendale Police Dept.'s Special Enforcement Detail conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for an equipment violation in the area of San Fernando Road and Wilson Avenue. Upon contacting the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, identified as 44-year-old Andres Castillo of Los Angeles, officers could see a handgun in plain view on the front passenger side floorboard.

Castillo was detained and the handgun, which was found to be loaded, was recovered by officers. A search of Castillo's vehicle revealed an additional 41 rounds of ammunition, a spent bullet casing, a holster and cocaine. In addition, officers located methamphetamine in Castillo's possession.

Castillo was arrested and booked for carrying a firearm while in possession of illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs and illegal possession of a firearm in a vehicle.

Male Arrested for Burglary,

**Vehicle Theft, Fraud and Illegal Drugs**

On May 25 just after 7 a.m., officers from the Glendale Police Dept.'s Special Enforcement Detail conducted a probation compliance check of 36-year-old Hmayak Kurazyan at a residence on the 1000 block of Highland Avenue. Upon contacting residents at the location, they were advised Kurazyan was not home; however, officers located Kurazyan hiding inside his bedroom. Officers also located methamphetamine, heroin, drug paraphernalia and a set of keys on the ground next to where Kurazyan was hiding.

During a probation search of Kurazyan's bedroom, officers located a designer purse, backpack and wallet along with a law enforcement sweater with another name embedded on it, driver's licenses and a credit card belonging to other people, more methamphetamine and approximately \$3,000 in cash amongst other items.

Through further investigation, officers were able to locate the owner of one of the designer bags, who had been the victim of a vehicle burglary in Glendale earlier in May. Officers were able to locate the owner of the law enforcement sweater, who had also been the victim of a recent vehicle burglary in Glendale. The owner of one of the driver's licenses found at the location had also been the victim of a vehicle burglary in Glendale. Using one of the keys on the set of keys initially found next to Kurazyan, officers were able to locate an unoccupied parked (cold-plated) stolen vehicle just down the street from Kurazyan's house and the vehicle was returned to its owners.

Kurazyan was arrested and booked on multiple charges including burglary, vehicle theft, fraud and illegal drug possession.

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**Notice of Public Hearing  
For 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and  
Availability of Draft Plan for Review**

Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) hereby releases its Draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) for public review. The UWMP will be available through June 21, 2021 at the following locations:

- FMWD District Office (4536 Hampton Rd., La Cañada Flintridge, CA)
- Online: www.fmwd.com/publications-and-reports

A Public Hearing will be held on **June 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM** to consider comments to the Draft UWMP and to adopt the UWMP. The Public Hearing will be held by Zoom virtual conference (**Meeting ID: 993-2680-0954, Password: 419316**).

FMWD encourages the active involvement of its citizens. If you have any questions concerning the 2020 UWMP, please contact: Michael Le, Water Program Technician, (818) 790-4036 or email: mle@fmwd.com.

SQUIRREL from Cover

had happened two years ago when Edison upgraded overhead power lines in the area, so the utility was even more sensitive to the needs of the community.

The earlier shutdown was “coincidentally caused by a squirrel at 6 p.m. and was not part of the planned outage for later in the night.

“Crews were dispatched to fix the damage first before proceeding with the planned work,” Assistant City Manager John Takhtalian wrote in an email, explaining what happened. “Coincidentally, a squirrel chewed through wires causing a transformer to explode at Broadview, near Market, and our crews were called out to a fire at 5:30 p.m., about a block away from the planned outage area.”

“It had nothing to do with the planned outage,” Haroutunian emphasized. “We would never go before the time we announced – we sent out two postcards and emails to make sure people knew exactly what we were planning. We make every effort to work with local businesses, especially now.”

While some power to the area affected by the transformer explosion was restored at 7:43 p.m., the 3500 block of North Verdugo was dark until just after 11 p.m.

“Power was up to Honolulu Avenue way before 6 a.m.,” the utility’s spokesperson said.

“Mr. Collins’ restaurant was not part of the planned outage; that’s why he didn’t get a notice about it. He’s not fed from the vault we were working on. His outage was from the squirrel.”

The planned outage affected the north side of the 2301-2335 block of Honolulu Avenue and 3807 and 3809 Ocean View Boulevard.

“We don’t just say we sent out an email. Sometimes we even go door-to-door to let people know as the business owner might have gotten the notice. That night, we updated our social media pages to ask for patience and even noted the addresses of what was out. We try our best to keep people updated,” Haroutunian added.

The squirrel died.

MEMORIAL DAY from Cover

was to the flagpole that sits at the top of a hill near the cement slab that was once the area where funerals were held. With the flagpole repairs completed Durst said it was time to hold the event.

“I wanted to do something for Memorial Day,” he said.

Durst had previously spoken with Lloyd Hitt, a veteran of the Korean War, about a man named Richard White with whom Hitt had served. Richard did not make it back home.

“I thought about Richard many times after [our talk],” Durst said.

Richard White was born in El Paso, Texas in 1935. His remains were returned there after he was killed in Korea.

Hitt did not know where Richard was buried so Durst began a search that led him to a military cemetery in Texas. He was able to contact a representative at that cemetery and she virtually joined the Memorial Day ceremony. Hitt was given the phone and spoke as if directly to Richard.

Hitt told Richard of his life as he continued in the U.S. Army. He became a leader in S-2 Unit, which is the unit that manages security. He spoke of Pork Chop Hill, an area in the Korean peninsula where there were extended battles and where they both served.

“We always got along,” Hitt said as he was talking to “Richard.” “You used to tell me about your family.”

He spoke about a letter he had written to Richard after his death, long after Hitt had returned to the states. Richard remained in Hitt’s heart over the years.

“It seems a lifetime since we spoke for the last time on that morning of July 10 of ’53 and I have never forgotten,” the letter begins.

“You gave me the cot next to yours and then made me your assistant gunner. Your quiet confidence gave me confidence.”

President Harry Truman’s Executive Order 9981 ordered the integration of the military, and the Korean War was one of the first times the military units were integrated. Richard was Black, and Hitt said that, in 1950s America, Black, White and Hispanic neighborhoods were separate. He had not known any Black people but for him integration was positive.

“I never saw any fights,” he said. “In boot camp we were integrated. A lot of our officers were Black.”

Richard had taken Hitt under his wing from the moment he arrived in Korea.

“Richard had a lot of experience. He had been there at least six months before me,” Hitt recalled.

“The machine gun bunker was small but you made it like home with your rosary hanging and your stationary propped up. I often think of our long nights in our bunker,” he wrote.

The tripod for the unit’s 30-caliber gun had been damaged and Richard told Hitt to keep an eye out for one.

“Later at the top of Pork Chop Hill I spotted a tripod on the side of the road. As I went to retrieve it two mortar rounds came in and I hit the dirt,” he said.

Hitt took shrapnel to his arm and shoulder. A medic ordered him to the medical bunker.

“I should have been next to you that night, feeding your machine gun; instead I was in the hospital. I should have been there to support you when a direct hit on your gun position destroyed you

that night,” he wrote.

That was the night Richard had been killed – July 13, 1953, just a few days prior to the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement and just two days shy of his 18th birthday.

Hitt finished his letter: “Richard, I will always remember you and have not forgotten your sacrifice. Perhaps one day we can relive old times. Your friend, Private Bill [Lloyd] Hitt.”

Durst continues to raise funds for the cemetery repairs. For those interested, there are a few ways to help this project, which is in need of funds and support. People can

help by donating money. Checks can be made out and mailed to Little Landers Historical Society, P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, California 91043. Please write VHC (Verdugo Hills Cemetery) 100 in the check memo.

People can also help by volunteering. The second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is a cleanup day at the Verdugo Hills Cemetery. The next one is Saturday, June 12. Parking is limited so carpooling is advised. The VHC is located at 7000 Parsons Trail Road in Tujunga.

More Memorial Day commemorations will be featured in the June 10 issue of the CV Weekly.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Notice is hereby given, that the District’s Draft Urban Water Management Plan is available for public review.

The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires urban water suppliers, such as CVWD, to prepare a management plan of its current and future water resources so as to continue to provide its customers with an adequate and reliable water supply.

The District is inviting public review and comment on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The public can make comments through June 22nd, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. in writing to CVWD, 2700 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta, CA 91214 or by email to ccolby@cvwd.com.

**A public hearing on the draft 2020 UWMP will be held June 22nd, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

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All public comments will be reviewed before the Board of Directors considers the draft 2020 UWMP for adoption at its June 22nd, 2021 meeting.

Copies of the draft 2020 UWMP are available for review on the District’s website at [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com), or at the District’s main office. Customers may also request an electronic copy by email to [ccolby@cvwd.com](mailto:ccolby@cvwd.com).

# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Pioneer Memories: Emily Lanterman

I've often said that it were not for our old local newspaper, The Ledger, we would know little about CV's history. Grace Carpenter, the paper's publisher, had a great love for our history and she spent a lot of the newspaper's ink on printing the memories of our local "old-timers." I recently came across the mother lode of these memories, collected in 1938. In the next few weeks, I'll be featuring these writings and interviews. (I'll interject my own comments in parenthesis.)

We start with Emily Lanterman. Jacob and Amoretta Lanterman bought and subdivided La Cañada in 1875. Their son Roy became a doctor in 1893, and moved to Los Angeles. Dr. Roy Lanterman was handsome and popular, and he soon married the equally beautiful and popular Emily. They honeymooned at the Hotel Coronado in San Diego then returned to Los Angeles. They visited

La Cañada in a buckboard wagon, traveling from Pasadena and crossing the Arroyo on the old iron bridge, the footings of which can still be seen, just inside the Devil's Gate Dam. Here's what Emily wrote about her first impressions of La Cañada in 1895:

"We drove through fields of golden poppies (Altadena), across the Arroyo Seco bridge, shaded by towering sycamore trees that were rooted in the mossy banks of a mountain stream below, a paradise of trout-filled pools. Through a riot of bloom on the first mesa (La Cañada High School area), then up the steep narrow road hugging the hillside. Suddenly the way was blocked by a gypsy caravan drawn by donkeys with gaily-bedecked riders. Our startled horse attempted to kick the dashboard in and back over the embankment.

"At last! The second mesa (St. Francis High School area), a breath of incomparable pure mountain air, and

a view of a long shady lane between rows of waving eucalyptus trees that was Michigan Avenue (today's Foothill Boulevard) in the heart of the foothill valley, our La Cañada of 43 years ago.

"Against the skyline, giant pine trees on Sister Elsie Peak (Mt. Lukens, which is quite bare today), which guarded the water canyon (Pickens Canyon) where years before Theodore Pickens had felled many stately monarchs to furnish the Mullaly Brick Co. of Los Angeles with fuel. (Theodore Pickens may have cut down a few trees, but the main timber industry was carried out by Chinese crews hired by various LA brick companies.)

"Dr. Lanterman pointed out the old Soledad Grade that Los Angeles capitalists had started hoping to complete a stage road through the Sierras (San Gabriels), but had abandoned. Twelve miles were

completed however, part way on good road, part pack trail. Later we drove up the grade many times, as today many travel in the same canyon on Angeles Crest. (That abandoned wagon road can still be faintly seen in a few places, just parallel and above the Angeles Crest Highway.)

"I found most of the families in the valley to be interesting, kindly people, some prosperous, but mostly struggling ranchers, for a drought was upon the land and a threatening depression alarmed everyone. (La Cañada was poorer than La Crescenta in 1895, the opposite of today. The "Great Drought of 1893 to 1904" affected Southern California, and the "Panic of 1893" depressed economies worldwide until 1897.)

"The camps of the Mexican woodchoppers could be seen on the hillsides and in the canyons, and it became the chief work of the 'King's Daughters' to which every woman

belonged, to provide the destitute Mexican families with clothing." (Bands of woodcutters lived in camps on the Verdugos, San Rafaels and in the Verdugo Canyon, providing fuel for Los Angeles. The "Kings Daughters" was a faith-based charitable organization started in 1886 by a Methodist minister's wife.)

Emily Lanterman lived with her husband Roy in Los Angeles where his practice was. Trouble followed Roy and he found himself several times on the wrong side of the law. Emily was his rock, and stood beside him through all his travails. In 1915, they decided to move back to La Cañada. It was then they built the grand Craftsman home that is today the Lanterman Museum.

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

*Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.*

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## Gifts From My Ancestors

Today I honor two women in my family, Mary and Betty. They each had significant influence on me and probably neither one ever knew it.

Mary was married to my great-uncle, Charles; she was my great-aunt by marriage. My mother always said that Charles and Mary were the kindest people she knew. They were the perfect example of leading an honorable life. Faith and

family were everything to them.

Growing up, I would occasionally see my aunt and uncle at a family gathering and they seemed like nice people. They always made sure to ask how I was doing and listened intently to my answer. Uncle Charles had a wide, warm smile. After I was married, we started receiving Christmas cards from them. Charles meticulously chronicled the family

activities while Mary added a personal note. I realized that reading the cards was a great way to learn more about my extended family. Each year, I looked forward to catching up through the cards and responded in kind by telling stories about my own growing family. Before too long, I developed my own take on the family newsletter, frequently adding

see BOLAN on page 14



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## SPORTS/YOUTH

## Girls Soccer Gets Tournament Invite

By Justin HAGER

The CVHS girls' soccer team saw their incredible season come to an end on Tuesday after a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to Westview in the CIF state tournament. However, unlike most other teams facing elimination, the Falcon girls continue to serve as an inspiration to their school and community, putting team and friendship above the "win-at-all-costs" mentality that offers a reminder that, for most student athletes, high school is the final opportunity they'll have to play and the friendships and bonds of teamwork are far more important than the scoreboard.

CVHS coaches entered their May 22 CIF-Southern Section semifinal match against Alta Loma already knowing that they had secured an invitation to the CIF state tournament, but they held the information back from the girls so as not to distract them from the game at hand.

After losing the match the coaches told the girls of the invite and said it was their decision whether they wanted to play in the tournament or not. Although the girls' love for the sport of soccer and desire to compete at the highest levels in the state was evident by their prowess on the field and undefeated Pacific League championship season, their decision to compete was not immediate.

Many of the girls on the team this year have been playing together for a decade or even longer. They started as a youth team playing under coach Robert Parada whose own daughter, Megan, also plays for the team. Added to that longevity as a team was the fact that, prior to this year, the CVHS girls' soccer team had not qualified for the CIF state tournament since 2002. Given these circumstances no one would have been surprised had the girls immediately said, "Yes" to the invitation without reservation.

Yet when they learned of their invitation,



Photo by Roman INGUANZO  
Head Coach Tyraysha Peterson speaks to the team to inform them of their CIF state championship opportunity.

the girls' decision to participate came with a caveat – a stipulation that each and every member of the team agreed to as a condition of their participation.

You can read more at  
[CVWeekly.com/SPORTS](http://CVWeekly.com/SPORTS)

## CVHS Baseball and Softball Enter CIF Sectionals with High Hopes and Tough Opponents

By Justin HAGER

The CIF Southern Section boys' baseball and girls' softball tournaments both kickoff this week and for fans of Crescenta Valley athletics there is reason to be optimistic for both squads.

The girls' softball team closed out the regular season ranked 106th in the state of California, with a 15-4 overall record, a 13-1 record in League play, and in sole possession

of the Pacific League championship title. During their Pacific League championship run, they lost only one game, handed rival Arcadia their only two losses of the season, and outscored their opponents 211-15. Of the three games they lost in non-League play, all three came to teams ranked in the top 100 in California, including a heartbreaking one-run loss to CA No. 5 and U.S. No. 29 ranked Westlake back in April.

Unfortunately for CVHS softball

fans, the first round of the CIF Sectionals will see the Falcons take on CA No. 93 ranked Royal, a team they lost to 5-3 earlier in the season. That matchup was set for the afternoon of Wednesday, June 2, which means that the game will not conclude prior to CV Weekly press time. If the Falcons are triumphant on Wednesday, they'll take on CA No. 107 Murrieta Mesa, who defeated Valley View 8-0 on Tuesday night.

Although the boys' baseball team

closed the season with back-to-back losses to League rival Arcadia, they also have reason for optimism after finishing the season with an overall record of 17-10, a league record of 11-4, and in second place in the Pacific League. The Falcons outscored their opponents 96-36 in League play and were ranked as high as the top 100 in California during the season.

Like the girls' softball team, the boys' baseball team will also face a challenging opponent in the first

round of CIF sectionals as they take on Sherman Oaks' Notre Dame High School, a team that lost eight times during the season but is currently ranked No. 19 in California after early season victories over U.S. No. 17 ranked Jsera Catholic and U.S. No. 18 ranked Orange Lutheran. First pitch for the Falcons and the Knights is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 3 at 3:30 p.m. If CVHS wins, they would play the winner of Ayala and Beckman on June 8.

## St. Francis Celebrates the Class of 2021

One hundred and seventy-eight young men from the Class of 2021 graduated on Friday evening, May 28, in a joint baccalaureate Mass and graduation ceremony hosted by St. Francis High School under the lights in Jim Bonds Stadium on Friedman Field in La Cañada Flintridge.

Fr. Joseph Seraphin Dederick, OFM Cap., the Provincial of the Western American Province of the Capuchin Franciscan Order, represented his Excellency Bishop José Gómez, archbishop of Los Angeles, at the ceremony. Fr. Tony Marti, OFM Cap., the school president, Thomas Moran, the school principal, and Mark

Heydorff, the chairman of the Board of Directors, also officiated during the 72nd Annual Commencement Exercises for the local Catholic, college preparatory institution.

Joseph Adams and Janssen Van De Yacht led the national anthem, Michael McGrath, the senior class president, welcomed those in attendance, and valedictorian Justin Chung gave a formal address to the audience. Chung also received the Capuchin Award and Medal for Scholarship. The program also recognized Salutatorian Joseph Ferry Jr. for his exceptional achievement. Additionally,

Matthew Gurlekian was presented with the Rudy Trujillo Award for

superior academic effort.

At the time of graduation, students from St. Francis High School's graduating Class of 2021 have received 393 scholarships, awards, and/or grants to colleges and universities throughout the United States. These scholarships and awards equate to a total amount of \$22,324,266 offered towards the recipients' educational costs.

To see a complete list of St. Francis Class of 2021 graduates and a list of awardees, visit [www.cvweekly.com/YOUTH](http://www.cvweekly.com/YOUTH).

Photo provided by Andrew BURGHODORF  
Salutatorian Joseph Ferry Jr. (left) and valedictorian Justin Chung.



## National Merit Scholarship Corp. Awardees Announced

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 3,100 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. An additional group of scholars will be announced in

July, bringing the total number of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship recipients in the 2021 competition to about 4,000.

This year, 160 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 85 private and 75 public institutions located in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

The announcement is the third National Merit Scholarship release in 2021 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation

(NMSC®). NMSC named recipients of corporate-sponsored awards on April 21 and winners of National Merit® \$2500 scholarships on May 12. Additional recipients of college-sponsored awards will be announced on July 12. By the conclusion of this year's competition, about 7,500 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$30 million. Awardees include:

Krissie Essilfie of Glendale who attends Flintridge Preparatory School in La Cañada Flintridge and plans to attend the University

of Southern California to study international relations; Sarah Nakama of Glendale who attends Crescenta Valley High School in La Crescenta and plans to attend the University of Southern California to study computer science; Jennifer L. Spinoglio of Glendale who attends Westridge School in Pasadena and plans to attend the University of Chicago to study public policy; Simone M. Kang of La Cañada Flintridge who attends Westridge School in Pasadena and plans to attend Texas A&M University to study computer engineering;

Amelia E. Seropian of La Cañada Flintridge who plans to attend the University of Chicago to study fine arts; Sarah Ashley Thein of La Cañada Flintridge who attends Polytechnic School in Pasadena and plans to attend the University of Chicago to study neuroscience.



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Pandemic Doesn't Slow Down ALG



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The OSB crew of Rayma Halloran, Kathy Blyth, Rouby Hardy, Christine Chisholm, Betsy Savant, Karen Millman, Aida Voskamian, Mary Lo Follett put together the clothing bags for the students.

The crew of Assistance League of Glendale – Operation School Bell assembled bags of clothes for 235 GUSD students. These included 72 homeless students who sent in their sizes so the ladies could assemble bags that will be sent to their schools.

Though Senior Neighborhood Fellowship luncheons could not happen due to COVID-19, the Assisten girls wrote 340 cards for seniors throughout the year to keep in touch.

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### GBRA Does It Again! Glendale Burbank/Crescenta Valley Republican Assembly

Another big success! A celebratory brunch “bringing us all together again” was held on May 22nd that attracted approximately 100 RSVPs.

Socially distanced, all rules respected, the crowd dined on a scrumptious and beautifully served sit-down brunch provided by the University Club of Pasadena while enjoying each other's company at their tables.

Speaking to a spellbound audience, Susan Shelley enumerated all of the bills coming out of Sacramento, and those getting ready to debut. She eloquently and accurately summarized each bill and, point by point, described the real world consequences of each: the good, the bad, the ugly. Susan answered several questions from the audience and “held court” for quite awhile after the event. Also speaking was a representative of the Gascon Recall effort, Karen Roseberry, and Denise Soto, the school choice advocate.

Among the guests in attendance were Former District Attorney Robert Philibosian; Abbo Jabarian, editor of U.S. Armenian Life newspaper; and the former State chairwoman of the California Republican Assembly Celeste Grieg, who joined us and donated two lovely “movie night” baskets to our raffle.

Glendale Burbank/Crescenta Valley Republican Assembly thanks everyone who made this day a great success, and welcomes all to join our organization and contact us at [gbraclub.org](http://gbraclub.org)

*We do a lot of good, and we have a lot of good fun doing it!*



## CV Weekly On The Move!!



Marilyn Wright (left) brought the CV Weekly with her to visit friends in Christiana, Tennessee. She is seen with her friend Annie Craig.

Marilyn said that her vacation is “relaxing” and she is having a good time visiting her best friend Mona Sexson.

*CV Weekly loves to travel!*

*Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.*

## People Making News

Michelle Garabetian, current La Crescenta resident and CVHS alumna (class of 2017), has been selected as one of the commencement speakers for the 2021 UCLA commencement. The UCLA College's virtual celebration will be livestreamed at 6 p.m. on June 11.

Elicet Munoz Pinto of La Crescenta, Sasoon Dehbashian of Glendale, Sally Navas of Sunland, Crystal Caban, Serly Tomas and Naomi Velasquez of Tujunga and Arjun Aron of La Cañada Flintridge were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

They are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional

staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 to recognize excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

Brandon Patrick Kenney of La Cañada Flintridge is among the more than 5,000 candidates for graduation in the University of Mississippi Class of 2021 who was celebrated during the university's 168th commencement exercises April 29 - May 2.

Kenney, who is an integrated marketing communications major, is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in the School of Journalism and New Media.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation's most beautiful, Ole Miss' main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.

## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis! Selling Quietly

Dear Phyllis,  
I look forward to your real estate questions and think this is a new topic for discussion. I have a sister who my mother disinherited years ago. She was a drug addict and a real disappointment to my parents. She moved out of state years before my mother passed and I have only had limited contact with her. My mother had a long illness and a lot of medical bills. After she passed, I inherited the home. With my being on a fixed income there are a lot of repairs and updates that were never made. It's time for me

to move to where the cost of living is less, and I need to sell. But I don't want my sister to find out. I don't want her judging me for the condition of the home or asking for money. With everything being so available on the internet how can I best accomplish selling quietly?

Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,

What an interesting question! What you want to accomplish is to sell your home without being listed in the multiple listing service (MLS). Once listed in the MLS, the information is then fed to Realtor.

com, Zillow and thousands of other sites. In this instance if your sister were looking online, she would learn the home was listed for sale.

I had a similar situation years ago. I represented a woman who went through a messy divorce. She was embarrassed over the details of her divorce becoming so public. And when it came time to sell, she didn't want friends to know how her once beautiful home had deteriorated.

Your best option will be to contact an experienced local real estate agent. This agent will have a

network of home buyers, investors, and other Realtors. Preferably one working in one of the larger brokerages with lots of real estate agents. Not listing in the MLS limits your home's exposure and you want to increase it with your agent and his/her larger brokerage.

Once your home is sold, our MLS rules require that we report the sale in the MLS. But information regarding the condition of the home can be omitted. And by that time, you will have moved.

Best of luck to you on your sale and thank you for your question!



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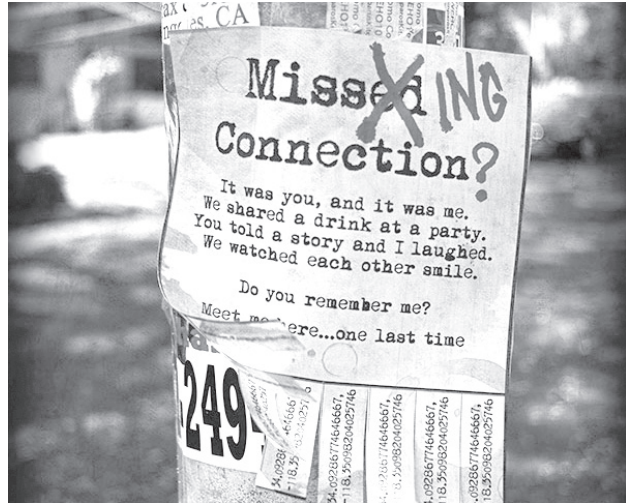


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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Scene in LA – June 2021

The good news is that California is set to fully reopen our economy on June 15 by removing all capacity limits and physical distancing requirements regardless of setting. That means most theaters can open again at full capacity – if they choose to and are ready to do so. The bad news is that most of our local theater venues will not be ready to do that just yet. A lot of preparation and organization is needed to get things back up and running again, so we will have to be patient while things get organized. In the meantime, here are a few shows that are already running or have set opening dates this month.



*“Love Note”* Rogue Artists Ensemble presents a unique, interactive, in-real-life audio experience that guides audiences through a twisted collection of love stories, meditative romance and lost connections in West Hollywood’s Plummer Park. Using only your cellphone and headphones, you’ll discover and listen to stories “The Collector” has compiled about romance, compassion and connection, leading to a secret phone line where your own love story will become part of The Collector’s archive. This program is supported by a grant from the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division as part of the City’s One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival (May 22 – June 30). More info at [www.weho.org/pride](http://www.weho.org/pride) or @wehoarts.



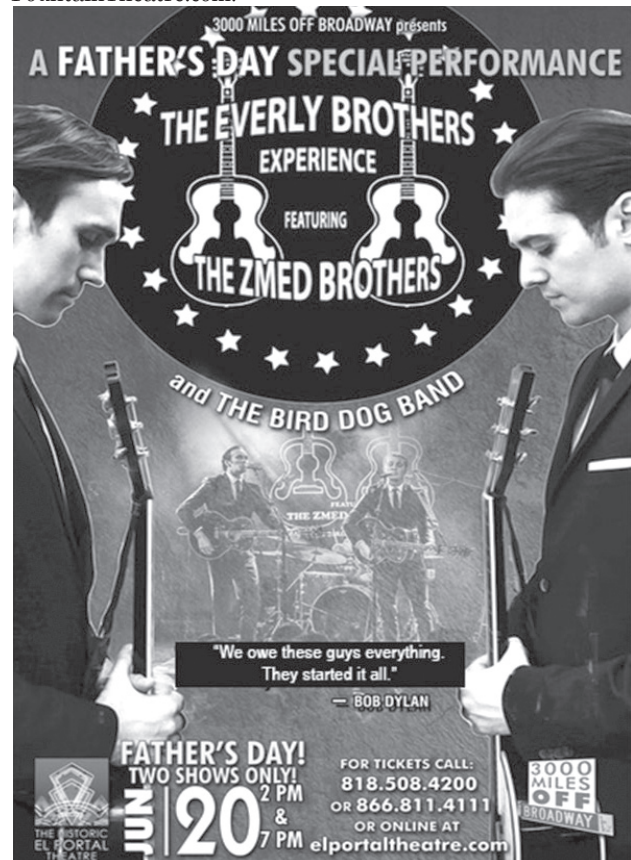
Written by Lori Meeker and directed by Sean Cawelti, it runs through June 30 at the Plummer Park in West Hollywood. For tickets call (213) 596-9468 or visit [www.rogueartists.org/lovenote](http://www.rogueartists.org/lovenote).

*“Motel 66”* Twelve new one-act plays set in different cities along “Get Your Kicks on Route 66” performed as two different programs. Program A: Head East runs Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Program 1 – Go West runs Fridays and Sundays at 8 p.m.

Written by various authors, it runs June 17 through Aug. 1 at The Yard at the Group Rep in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 763-5990 or visit [www.thegrouprep.com](http://www.thegrouprep.com).

*“An Octoroon”* inaugurates the new outdoor stage at The Fountain Theatre. A spectacular collision of the antebellum South and 21st century cultural politics, “An Octoroon” is a gasp-inducing deconstruction of a moustache-twirling melodrama by 19th century playwright Dion Boucicault that twists a funhouse world of larger-than-life stereotypes into blistering social commentary.

Written by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, based on the 1859 play by Dion Boucicault, and directed by Judith Moreland, it runs June 18 through Sept. 19 at the Fountain Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 663-1525 or visit [www.FountainTheatre.com](http://www.FountainTheatre.com).



*“The Everly Brothers Experience”* features the Zmed Brothers as the famous duo. All performances will be adhering to all CDC guidelines and recommendations for safe activities regarding COVID-19. Facemasks required for all patrons while inside the venue.

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Dog,” “Wake Up Little Susie” and more!

Written by The Zmed Brothers, with music by The Everly Brothers, and directed by 3000 Miles Off Broadway, it runs two shows, one-night only on June 20 at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit [www.elportaltheatre.com](http://www.elportaltheatre.com).

*“Tevye in New York!”* imagines the life of Tevye and his family after the curtain comes down in “Fiddler on the Roof.” Set in 1914, the play follows Tevye as he vies for his piece of the American dream, from his journey with his daughters across the Atlantic Ocean through Ellis Island past “the big green lady” and into the crowded streets of Manhattan’s Lower East Side.

Written by Tom Dugan and directed by Michael Vale and Tom Dugan, it runs June 26 through July 25 at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Pop-Up Outdoor Terrace Performance Space in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 746-4000 or visit [www.TheWallis.org/Tevye](http://www.TheWallis.org/Tevye).

Our local theme parks continue to operate at limited capacity, which is a welcome relief to many enthusiasts who are flocking to them in droves. Most require advance reservations online as well as advance ticket purchases. You will need an app in many to be able to take full advantage of those attractions that have reopened. Attendance is limited to California resident visitors in most parks. Please check theme park websites for details and availability before planning a trip.

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<https://www.sixflags.com/magicmountain/>

Universal Studios Hollywood  
<https://www.universalstudioshollywood.com/>

Area theaters continue to expand their online offerings with more events to experience on a virtual basis. Some of these online events are only available on a one-time basis while others are ongoing and can be viewed anytime on-demand. Visit each of the websites (available at [www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE](http://www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE)) to see what they are currently offering. You will find free content as well as pay-per-view to choose from.

Our warmest wishes go out to all of our readers as we now sail on into calmer waters.

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

### THEN & NOW I



**Then »** By the mid-’30s the trolley tracks that ran up the center of Verdugo Road from Glendale to Montrose had been abandoned. Here we see local community leaders participating in a tree planting ceremony where the tracks had been. The plan was to turn Verdugo Road into another Christmas Tree Lane like the popular attraction in neighboring Altadena.

### Verdugo Road Center Median Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now »** The Christmas Tree Lane idea never took hold but many of the deodar trees planted nearly 80 years ago are still there. This shot taken looking north on Verdugo Road, just above the intersection of La Crescenta Avenue, shows a beautifully landscaped entryway to the Sparr Heights Business District.

# Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, June 16 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed.

Violinist-violist Andrew Kwon and violinist Haesol Lee will perform duos by Louis Spohr, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Bela Bartok on a Facebook stream and YouTube. Scheduled is Mozart's "Duo No. 1 for Violin and Viola in G Major, KV 423," Spohr's "Duo Concertante No. 2 for Two Violins in D Major, Op. 67/2" and

Bartok's "44 Duos for Two Violins, Sz. 98, BB 104 44" and "Erdélyi" tánc (Transylvanian Dance - Ardeliana) – Allegro moderato.

Praised for his bold, no-compromise manner of playing as well as his sensitivity in ensemble settings, Andrew Dae Yun Kwon's virtuosity and charismatic stage presence has captivated audiences throughout the world. Born into a musical family, Kwon first began his studies on the violin in Korea with his father, who was a choir and orchestra director. Since making his Carnegie Hall solo recital debut at age 10, he has appeared in concert halls throughout the United States, Canada, Germany, South Korea and China.

In the past few years, Andrew has performed solo, chamber and orchestral performances in a variety of prestigious locales and as guest concertmaster of the Orange Coast College Symphony Orchestra in the 2019-20 season and as a freelance musician with the recording studios of Los Angeles.

Also an avid chamber musician and violist, Kwon has concertized as violist of Ensemble Encanto, performing works for viola, harp, flute, and soprano in performances at the Capital Fringe Festival in Washington, DC, the New Music Gathering in Baltimore, and a residency in Lost River,

West Virginia.

Kwon is passionate about teaching and passing the torch onto a new generation of musicians. His violin and viola students have received numerous prizes in local and national competitions and can be seen in the principal chairs of the Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra, Orange County Youth Symphony, California All-State Orchestras, All-Southern Orchestras, and the National Youth Orchestras of America.

Haesol Lee made her solo debut at age 19 as a winner of LAKMA competition, performing "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso" by Saint-Saëns. She is currently a master's student at The Juilliard School with Li Lin. She received her bachelor of music degree from Rice University where she studied with Paul Kantor on full scholarship. Before studying at Rice University, Haesol

also studied chamber and orchestral music at Colburn School on scholarship and attended summer festivals including Meadowmount School of Music, Aspen Music Festival, and Madeline Island Music Festival with full scholarship. She has worked with renowned artists including Paul Katz, Bing Wong, Clive Greensmith, Jupiter Quartet and Miró Quartet. She has also performed in venues including Carnegie Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, and Los Angeles Music Center. Haesol plays a 1900 Stefano Scarpella provided by the Juilliard School.

For more info about the program and artists, and the link to the stream, visit <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 13th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts.

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# JUST FOR FUN

## CALENDAR this

### AUW WELCOMES LEAP

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Glendale branch Zoom meeting, will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m. To receive an invitation, contact Marilyn "Susie" Robinson at Marilyn\_Robinson@hotmail.com with name and email address by Wednesday, June 9.

Speaker Dr. Jorja Leap, Ph.D., M.S.W will discuss "My Journey Working at Homeboy Industries." Homeboy Industries is the largest gang intervention and re-entry program in the world. Dr. Leap will tell her story about patience, devotion, frustration and ... outcomes! Her research is designed to teach elected officials, activists, communities and those in despair about what needs to be done to help gang members heal.

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, June 17 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 No. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be "The Judging of the Annual 2020 Project Plant Sassy Sadie." The game "Leaf Bingo" will also be played; each time a "Leaf Bingo" player calls out "bingo!" they go up to the table and select a named African violet leaf. Everyone will learn that growing an African violet begins with a leaf.

Refreshments will be served and friendships made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. For more information call (661) 940-3900 or reference the website [www.burbankafriaviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafriaviolets.weebly.com).

### VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at [cls74reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cls74reunion@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 HOME TOUR

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 was 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.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

May 31, 2021 - June 6, 2021

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

There are many gadgets on the market that claim to improve health. You might be drawn to experiment with a few of them to help you keep track of your well-being. You might also be interested in purchasing exercise equipment or new sportswear. It could be a fascinating but expensive week

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The cosmos is going to bring a lot of feelings to the surface. Don't try to stuff them by overeating your favorite foods. It's better to welcome whatever comes up, acknowledge it, and let it go. You might also feel moodier than usual. Do something different from your usual exercise routine.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You're currently socializing and enjoying yourself. After all the fun, don't forget to look after your health and recuperate. You're going to be busy for some time to come, so you'll need to devise a strategy that helps you maintain excellent health while meeting new people and continuing to network.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Food issues could come to the surface. You may discover that you have allergies to certain foods, or decide you'll overcome particular eating patterns that haven't been

good for you. The company of good friends seems to encourage good health and bring you a chance to relax and enjoy life. You could feel moved to join a gym to find more support.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Watch out for infections. They won't be major, but you might want to take extra good care of your throat. Try vitamin C, zinc, tea with lemon, and other treatments that soothe you and beef up your immune system. If you're traveling abroad, you're going to remain in great health, but take precautions anyway. The relaxation will help recharge your batteries!

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Your feelings have a profound effect on your body. This is why it helps to develop a loving attitude if you want to feel well and eliminate disease from your body and your life. If you're filled with animosity, even unspoken, it's still going to impact you at the cellular level. Be happy and be good to yourself!

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You may notice a difference in your well-being now. Even though you're faced with challenges, you'll feel a lot more optimistic. It's as though the challenges don't affect you in the same way. You're prepared

to believe you can handle anything. An absence of stress in your life means less chance of contracting an illness.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It's time to become more aware of what your body is trying to tell you. You'll notice a difference between what you consider healthy and what your body knows is good for you. Pause before you eat something. Sense whether or not your body wants to absorb this kind of food or it's just an emotional craving. You can change your diet for the better if you do this.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The Universe is giving you a feeling of overall optimism with regard to your health. If you've suffered from any particular issues, you may find that your problems get resolved sooner rather than later. You'll be more relaxed, too, and this is bound to affect you positively. You'll enjoy developing new habits to maintain your well-being.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You could be inclined to overindulge now. Sometimes a little of what you fancy does

you good, and in your case this is probably true. But remember to exercise, and don't renounce your diet or give up on your overall discipline. Keep your health goals in mind and stick with your plan. You'll be glad you did once you see the results.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It's time to feed your brain and nurture your understanding of how you can improve your health. If you want to take things a step further, this is a good time to begin a course in a health or exercise subject. If you dedicate your time to learning about wellness, you'll find it easier to maintain your discipline, even in difficult situations.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The environment in which you live has a huge impact on your health. If your home is cluttered, you may notice an overall lack of energy and inspiration. The more space you have, the happier and more relaxed you'll feel. It might be a good idea to solicit the services of a feng shui expert who can recommend ways to improve your overall well-being.

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Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta located at 4454 Lowell Ave La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storagecenters.com](http://www.storagecenters.com) on 6/17/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Todd Alexander Moore; Olivia Renee Wagner. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly May 27, June 3, 2021.

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long personal notes to the cards I sent. This new holiday tradition became an important part of who I am now. When Charles passed on, Mary continued to send out her personalized Christmas cards and we mostly kept in touch that way, but occasionally we did visit in person and our families were together as she celebrated her 90th birthday. Betty was Charles' sister and my paternal grandmother. She was married to my grandfather, Harold. When I was a little kid, I loved to sit on my grandfather's lap and

he pretended to pull coins out of my ear. Betty was always busy with projects. She didn't pass too many junkpiles on the street without taking a look and loved to go treasure hunting out in the desert. She was spontaneous and erratic. It seemed she was always chasing my sister and me with hairbands, telling us to get the hair out of our eyes. What I didn't know growing up was that Betty suffered from depression her whole adult life. It was an inherited family trait. She spent a great deal of time in and out of

mental health facilities, trying to get well. Harold loved her so much and supported her, but it wasn't easy, raising their four children together. He himself was a polio victim who wore a leg brace. At some point, Betty found refuge from her depression in art. She painted mostly landscapes of the many places that she and Harold had visited together. She was really quite talented. She painted one abstract scene that she described as a car that had just hit a fire hydrant. You can see parts of the car with the headlight on

and the yellow of the hydrant among a whole canvas of splashing water. It is very creative and unique. My grandparents have passed on and, as an adult, I have a better appreciation of who they were as people. I recently read the love letters that Harold and Betty sent to each other during one of her hospital stays. The letters are very touching and reveal a couple I never knew. Betty's paintings remind me that beauty can emerge from any adversity. My last Christmas card

from Mary came last year. She recently left us at age 96. Her son, Paul, contacted me to tell me that Mary had a painting in her living room that was given to Charles by Betty a long time ago. He wanted the family to have it. It is a scene that must have been painted at Arches National Park in Utah. What a nice surprise from my artistic grandmother to my kind-hearted aunt, then to me. I will treasure it always.  
  
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# BUSINESS

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

## Looking Ahead It's Looking Good

Last month our Chamber announced the awarding of student scholarships to 11 deserving high school seniors. The level of their community involvement and academic achievement, particularly during this most difficult year, was truly amazing. Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce certificates and scholarships awards will be presented to Kimberly Blood, Brendon Pehar, Cadie Carlson, Conner Harvey, Lorianne Bodnar, Alden Marriott, Juliana Merida, Bet-Sua Joza Perez Marcial, Solmih Kim, Sarah Ricci and Kyeongseo Jeong. Congratulations and continued success to each of our scholarship recipients.

On Thursday, June 10 our much-anticipated Vendor Silent Auction will kick off at 6 p.m. with the presentation by member donors of their gift items up for auction followed by online

bidding until midnight, June 24. Winners will be announced on Friday, June 25. Bidding instructions will be available on our Chamber website, www.crescentavalleychamber.org or you may call the Chamber office, (818) 248-4957, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. noon, for details.

News Flash! Bingo is back in the Crescenta Valley! Be sure to "save the date" for an Evening of BINGO on Saturday, July 10 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall. Always fun and exciting with \$\$\$ to win! Doors open at 6 p.m. with refreshments available for purchase and the opening game of bingo starting promptly at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Mike Baldwin at mhbdwin1960@sbcglobal.net or the Chamber office.

Of course there is more scheduled throughout the

remainder of the year ... our Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday, Aug. 20 at Scholl Canyon Golf Course; the Hometown Country Fair on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Crescenta Valley Park; our classic 5K Pumpkin Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 30; an Evening of Poker with date and location details to be announced soon; and an array of Chamber mixers to complement our exciting events.

CV Chamber of Commerce Notes:

We are proud to announce the newest member to our Chamber family: Pure Interval Training Fitness, LLC (owner Tawna Hutchinson) in their new location (June opening) at 3115 Foothill Blvd., #B, La Crescenta. Tawna and her team of instructors offer personalized fitness training seven days a week and may be contacted at (323) 999-4484 or www.pit-fit.com.

A ribbon-cutting grand opening is scheduled at their Fitness location on Saturday, June 26.

June Emergency Preparedness Tip:

Now is the time to dispose of your household hazardous waste. Batteries, cleaners, electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, motor oil and filters, paint, pesticides, and pool chemicals are just a partial list of household items that generate hazardous waste, may be harmful to the environment and are dangerous or illegal to dispose in the trash. They may also present a potential fire hazard to your living area. Please visit CleanLA.com to find a drop off location near you. Don't wait until it's too late.

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."

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» NEWS FROM MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## 'We don't know them all, but we owe them all.'

We ended May with a beautiful remembrance of our fallen heroes on Memorial Day. Our observance at the Montrose Vietnam War Memorial (on the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard) had to be kept private this year due to the city's current guidelines on holding events. However, we felt everyone's spirit with us and we were overwhelmed with the community's response to the Memorial Day Remembrance video we presented with the Montrose Shopping Park Association on our website and social media platforms. A special thank you to: Congressman Adam Schiff, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Supervisor

Kathryn Barger and Glendale Mayor Paula Devine for their touching message contributions to the video. We are here today because of all of those who have served, fallen and sacrificed for our country. Watch the Remembrance video on our website MontroseChamber.org or visit our Facebook, Instagram, or Youtube accounts.

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: Oktoberfest will resume this

year on the first Saturday in October! We look forward to releasing more information about it as it becomes available.

Events/Fundraisers:

Krispy Kreme in Montrose – Support our chamber's efforts by celebrating National Donut Day with us at our Krispy Kreme drive-thru fundraiser. You can purchase a dozen (or more) Krispy Kreme donuts this Friday, June 4, beginning at 6:30 a.m. (while supplies last) at the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union parking lot (located at 1800 Broadview Dr., Glendale). It's a perfect way to support your local chamber of commerce while putting a smile on the faces of your donut-loving

colleagues.

Fireworks – On Sunday, July 4th, the CV Fireworks Association will host its annual fireworks show. Spectators will not be allowed on the Crescenta Valley High School field due to COVID restrictions but residents across Crescenta Valley can enjoy the "primarily high up in the air" fireworks show visible from many spots outside of the school. If you would like you contribute to this year's event, please mail your check, payable to CV Fireworks, to 2629 Foothill Blvd., #179, La Crescenta, CA 91214 or visit CVFireworks.com and click on the "donate now" button.

Any and all fundraiser

collaborations/suggestions are appreciated. Please email them to mvcc@montrosechamber.org. 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!).

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