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## Budget Presented at Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

Citing more than 14 hours spent over the course of seven study sessions, City of Glendale finance director Michele Flynn presented the proposed FY 2021-22 budget to the city council for final adoption at its Tuesday night meeting.

Totalling \$972.6 million, the budget includes \$247 million in general fund expenditures; \$121.2 million in special revenue funds; \$8.3 million of Measure S funds; \$16.5 million in capital improvements; \$434.8 million in enterprise funds (city operations such as refuse collection, sewer maintenance, Glendale Water & Power); and \$121.3 million in internal service funds (to pay for services that support the rest of the city – fleet, building maintenance, technology, employee benefits).

According to Flynn's report, revenues are estimated at \$231 million, up an estimated 4.9% from last fiscal year. The budget the council adopted included no use of existing fund balances or dips into the city's reserves, which is estimated at \$79.4 million – 32.1% – above the level set by council policy.

The budget includes \$11.9 for housing; \$6.5 million for infrastructure; \$4.4 million for parks and recreation; and \$6 million for other "quality-of-life" improvements.

The new budget includes a cost-of-living adjustment on 659 of the city's 2,342 fees and adds three new fees.

"Great presentation, great budget," Councilmember Ara Najarian said after the presentation. "It covers so many of the things we think are important for this community – everything from housing to sustainability, recreation, libraries, tenant and landlord services, bicycle plans, the streets, historic surveys. I can go on and on. And we're not digging into reserves, banking a little from Measure S for next year."

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## Procession for Firefighter Specialist Travels through Crescenta Valley

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Firefighter Tory Carlon had a history with the Crescenta Valley.*

On Saturday a procession for fallen Los Angeles County firefighter specialist Tory Carlon traveled eastbound on the Foot-hill (210) Freeway ending at Crippen Mortuary on Honolulu Avenue.

On June 1, the 44-year-old firefighter was killed and a fire captain was injured at Fire Station 81 in Agua Dulce. Carlon left behind his wife, Heidi, and three young daughters.

Carlon had served at several fire stations throughout his career including LACoFD Station 82 in La Cañada Flintridge.

Carlon died and a fire captain was injured after they were shot at Fire Station 81 by an off-duty firefighter. Authorities have stated the shooting appeared to be a workplace dispute. The shooter died by suicide.

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Photos by Mary O'KEEFE and Mark SHELTON  
Firefighters stand atop their engine as the procession for fallen Los Angeles County firefighter specialist Tory Carlon passes.

## Protesters Rally to Demonstrate Against Placement of SVP

*Details on how to take part in the June 11 hearing by Los Angeles Superior Court concerning the placement of a sexually violent predator (SVP) into a Briggs Terrace neighborhood can be found at the end of this article.*

By Mary O'KEEFE

From the moment a press release by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger was sent on Friday, May 28 that warned of the potential release of a sexually violent predator (SVP) in Crescenta Valley neighbors began to mobilize.

Alex Gardner, a Briggs Terrace resident, posted an informative and factual message on Facebook and soon found himself the leader of a movement. On the following Tuesday, he along with other neighbors had organized a neighborhood meeting to voice and share not only their concerns but a call to action.

On Saturday, June 5, the neighbors and supporters, who are now working

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Alex Gardner, right with microphone, addresses the crowd who gathered on Saturday to protest the placement of a sexually violent predator in a local neighborhood.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Shock ... and Awe

Like most, if not all, residents in the Crescenta Valley I was shocked to learn of the proposed placement of a sexually violent predator into a Briggs Terrace neighborhood. Mary O'Keefe has been closely following the story and has made sure to keep CV Weekly readers abreast of this unfolding situation.

There are so many facets to this story that are disturbing: how did the Dept. of State Hospitals determine that he would be a good fit in an area that is predominately families with children? Why does anyone think it a good idea to place him in an area with only one entrance and exit? Or with sketchy (at best) cellphone service?

Mary has outlined much of the process on how an SVP is released into a community and, frankly, some of the steps seemed to have been skipped. Thankfully, the protocol that allows the community to voice its concerns is not one of those skipped items. In addition to encouraging local residents and community leaders to send letters to DA Jay S. Grobeson all concerned parties can take part in a hearing that is being held tomorrow, Friday, June 11 regarding the proposed housing for Calvin Grassmier. While there seems to be some indecision regarding whether or not residents can speak at the hearing, everyone can listen in at <https://lacvirtualcourts.webex.com/meet/hwd-dept-203?fbclid=IwAR0U3riL0gYyjHBXfQ4GyjGTfm61xS9cOogWsGcZfE-Hkn9yML9r7iHoY29s>. Note that this is a video call-in event, not a drive-to event. To call in, at 8:30 a.m. on Friday dial (213) 306-3065 and enter participant passcode 1464807376#.

Which leads me to the "awe" aspect of my column: that is, the community's re-

sponse to the news about Grassmier.

As soon as the news became public that a home on Freeman Avenue in Briggs Terrace was being considered as the residence for Grassmier, residents protested this possible placement. Local resident Alex Gardner, organizer of Briggs United, gathered pertinent information, shared it with neighbors and supporters at an outdoor meeting last week, then took part in a protest of the placement that was held on Saturday at the corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

Several civic organizations and businesses, including Crescenta Valley Weekly, sent letters to DA Jay S. Grobeson objecting to Grassmier being placed in the community. Many of these letters were detailed in the reasons why Grassmier shouldn't be housed in Upper Briggs Terrace. This is important because, while emotions are high, it is important that the DA receives hard facts why this isn't a good fit.

I personally have a question: why is this house being offered at all? It is a 1,756 square foot, three-bedroom house in an area that can garner \$5,000 in monthly rent. Considering that my tax dollars (and yours) will be paying this rent why isn't more cost-efficient housing being sought? It ticks me off.

In any case, Mary will be reporting on the results of the hearing on Friday morning.

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# Weather in the Foothills

"The sea! The sea! The open sea! The blue, the fresh, the ever free! Without a mark, without a bound, It runneth the earth's wide regions round; It plays with the clouds; it mocks the skies; Or like a cradled creature lies."

~ Bryan Proctor, English poet 17th & 18th Century

Weather ... A "master manipulator" of man, creature and all earthly experience. The creator of landforms, builder of empires and civilizations ... nothing goes untouched by weather. Day-to day it's called weather; year after year the established weather patterns become climate. Every Friday, for over a year and a half, my husband, my dog and I escape. Up the coast we have a magic place – a bluff overlooking a vast expanse of the Pacific. There, watching the sky and water, I ponder many things. One of these brought forth their connectiveness with weather.

Why is the ocean blue? There are two major reasons why the ocean appears blue. Compare the water on a cloudy day and a sunny day as the water acts as a mirror for the sky. If the sky is grey, the water will be as well. Under a blue sky, the water takes on a rich blue color. Now the complex but simplified science behind water color.

Water scatters short wavelength light – such as blue – into the atmosphere. The longer wavelengths – red, purple and orange – pass through the water and disappear into the depths of the ocean. On to waves ...

Ask a surfer about current weather conditions. Why? Their quest for the perfect wave! Waves are generated by wind out on the ocean. Starting as ripples, the wind pushes them along and they slowly become waves. But how does the wind come to be? As the sun heats the air it expands and rises. When air rises, cooler air rushes in to replace it. This movement of air is wind. But don't let anyone tell you this wind stuff is simple ... just look at how difficult it is to predict the weather more than one week ahead! Two weeks is even harder. Maybe we should just consult with a surfer instead of a meteorologist. Better yet, a meteorologist who surfs!

The light rains of last Monday may just about conclude our spring weather as the marine layer has disappeared. Temperatures are on the rise. Temperatures in the 90s to around 105 are predicted for the valleys, foothills (La Crescenta) and mountains into the middle of next week. And then, summer arrives on June 21. The barely-used umbrellas may officially retire to the closet and get some rest; nature willing, next year's rainy season will be measured by the bucket and not the inch!

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## NEWS

## IN BRIEF

**CV WEEKLY OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY**

The CV Weekly office will be closed on Friday, June 11 to cover local commencement exercises.

**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. Please be sure to drink plenty of fluids prior to donating.

**OFF-RAMP CLEANUP**

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 Freeway off-ramp is Saturday, June 12. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:15 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools.

Questions? Call Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195.

**ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY**

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be trimming back spring growth around the trails and working on fire hazard reduction on some of the slopes.

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

LA County guidelines are being followed in requiring visitors to wear facemasks and practice social distancing while volunteering at 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 RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

**REMEMBERING FLAG WEEK**

Community members are asked to remember Flag Week by flying the American flag at their home or place of business from June 13-June 19.

The origins of Flag Week are in Montrose; read letters to the editor in this week's paper to learn the history of Flag Week and the part that CV residents had in creating this observation.

**GLENDALE HOSTING FIREWORKS SHOW**

The City of Glendale will present the Jewel City Sparkles Fireworks Show to mark the grand re-opening of activity in downtown Glendale. The show will take place on the 4th of July beginning at 9 p.m. in downtown Glendale.

The show will be centered near Harvard Street and Brand Boulevard. This is not a ticketed event, and spectators are encouraged to view the show from anywhere in the area. All LA County Dept. of Public Health protocols must be followed. Please practice social distancing.

As a reminder, all personal fireworks, including "safe and sane" varieties, are illegal in the City of Glendale.

# CV Principal Linda Junge Going to South Pasadena

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley High School Principal Linda Junge has announced she will be leaving the district on July 1.

"You deserve to hear from me directly that I have accepted the position of assistant superintendent of Human Resources in the South Pasadena Unified School District," Junge stated in an email she sent out to Falcon families.

Junge has been with the Glendale Unified School District since 1997. She was raised in Glendale, and her husband graduated from CVHS. She has roots in the community; however, she lives in South Pasadena.

"This opportunity presented the possibility for me to contribute to my [new] hometown where I have lived for the past 12 years," she said.

Junge has worked in several areas at GUSD ranging from the public information officer to principal. Eight years ago Junge took the position of CVHS principal during a difficult time for students and staff. A student had died by suicide at the school, which was witnessed by numerous students, teachers and staff. The school was in mourning and in shock.

Junge approached her job as principal with empathy for the staff and students.

"I think I did a lot of listening, and trying to connect people and get to healing," she said.

Her approach was influenced by personal loss: her brother and brother-in-law both died by suicide.

"I remembered [after my brother's death], a day or two later I saw my dad get in the car and go back to work. He said, 'Linda you have to go back to work,'" she recalled.

That was her driving force, going back and moving forward. She said it would be easy to just get mired in sadness but it was important to keep moving forward, to go back to work.

She said when someone is in the middle of a situation it is difficult to see if they are making an impact. During one of those first days back at school the hallways were quiet, as if everyone was afraid to make noise. Then CVHS student Dylan Sylvester did something silly as he jumped down a staircase, which Junge saw. She started laughing, then he started and that led to his friends laughing.

"It was so good to hear laughter in the halls again," Sylvester said at the time.

And maybe that is the legacy Junge will leave at CVHS. She brought a sense of fun, of strong school spirit and of joy. She embraced the strong community spirit of the Crescenta Valley.

"[Former CVHS principal] Linda Evans described CV as a porous campus. That's a perfect [definition]," Junge said noting the campus is filled with support from local businesses, families and the entire community.

It is that sense of community she feels at her home in South Pasadena and what she wants to bring to her new position.

She may not be at CVHS as principal but she will still be connected to GUSD. Her daughter is a senior at CVHS and her son attends Rosemont Middle School; her parents live in La Crescenta.

Junge said her decision to leave was well-timed for her children as well - especially for her daughter who can now spend her senior year as just a student and not the daughter of the principal.

Junge said she is proud of what she has done while at CVHS and loves the school community. For the past two years she has been working on the Wellness Center for the school and this week announced the teacher specialist for the program, Vanessa Blackwood.

"She has been part of this team for two years. She has unique interpersonal skills,



File photo

A spirit of fun was evidenced early in her CVHS career when Linda Junge had ice water dumped on her as part of the Ice Water Challenge.

is very articulate and is passionate for this [program]," Junge said.

The program will guide in "restorative practices and mindfulness."

South Pasadena Unified Superintendent is excited about welcoming Junge to its school family.

"We are very excited to welcome Linda Gubler Junge as a South Pasadena Unified School District cabinet member," said Superintendent Geoff Yantz. "Dr. Junge's extensive experience as an equity-driven leader will bring creativity and innovation to SPUSD's Human Resources Department. With responsibility for all personnel functions including negotiations, and strategic faculty

and staff recruitment and retention, Dr. Junge's overarching goal is relevant and responsive education for our students."

Junge will be bringing the community spirit she experienced at CVHS to her new job.

"Community is what life is all about," she said. "We are all about family, we are all connected."

She will also bring her positive attitude. Junge did admit this year of pandemic has been difficult but she still has faith that the world will be a better place in part because of what she has seen in the CVHS students.

"Working at CV with these students, they are so talented and so [smart]," she said. "It is going to be a better world."

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# Parklets' Days are Now Numbered

By Mary O'KEEFE

Montrose Shopping Park Association held its monthly meeting on Thursday. The board discussed plans to return to holding in-person events, including the Annual Car Show currently scheduled for Sept. 5 and the Annual Montrose Arts and Crafts Festival scheduled for Oct. 23 and Oct. 24. Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Oct. 2.

The board also discussed discontinuing the al fresco dining arrangements in Montrose. This is the pandemic work-around in which K-rails were set, and decorated, along Honolulu Avenue as a way for restaurants to provide outdoor dining for patrons, helping them survive the financial devastation of the pandemic because interior dining was not allowed per COVID-19 guidelines.

On June 1 the Glendale City Council directed its city staff to extend the downtown program.

"Council directed staff to extend the downtown program to the end of October and in the meantime develop solutions for consideration of a long-term program, including enhanced parklets that improved aesthetics and experience," stated Bradley Calvert, assistant director of Community Development, Planning and Economic Development for Glendale.



File photo

Parklets that dotted the Montrose Shopping Park may go away come Labor Day as the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. prepares for in-person events that utilize the street.

Although the City will be removing the parklets at the end of October, Montrose parklets were originally scheduled for removal after Labor Day.

"We have had conversations with Montrose [Shopping Park Association] as they have expressed interest in having them removed just before Labor Day for their car show," Calvert added.

During Thursday's MSPA meeting, Casa Córdoba Restaurant owner, and MSPA board member, Jeannie Bone voiced concern about notifying restaurant owners of the end to the al fresco program in a timely manner. She stated it would be better to let them know sooner than later so they could best prepare for the change.

On Tuesday board members were informed by Calvert's

office that they should inform businesses of the anticipated timeline to remove the parklets.

"We asked the MSPA to provide this information since it was their position to not extend the program," he said.

Calvert said his office has spoken to some businesses that have reached out to the Council and invited anyone who would like to speak about the matter to contact his office.

Calvert is scheduled to attend the MSPA board meeting on July 1. Meeting information can be found at shopmontrose.com; click on MSPA.

The parklets, or al fresco dining, have proven to be very popular with diners not just in Glendale and Montrose but also throughout California. During the pandemic restaurants first were only allowed to provide



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delivery or pick-up service. Then some restrictions were lifted and outdoor dining was allowed. Cities across the state and country began to place K-rails in parking spaces to provide seating for patrons. For some restaurants these parklets expanded existing outdoor dining while for others it was a completely new way of providing service. Restaurants scrambled to get outdoor heaters, tents, tables and chairs. The City of Glendale also helped with supplies when needed.

People filled those Montrose dining tables, and all appeared to be happy to just to be out again. Many restaurants found their "groove" and when interior dining was once again allowed and dining rooms began to fill outside dining remained a popular option as well.

One issue with the al fresco program is the amount of parking that is lost due to outdoor dining, and parking in most California towns is a premium commodity. Retail shops and restaurants are affected by the loss of parking and with the upcoming events the parklets would limit parking and display spaces. The MSPA board asked the City to help find new ways of extending outdoor dining without taking away parking spaces.

"There have been questions about expanding opportunities for sidewalk dining, but that is something we would review on an independent application process per each business," Calvert said. "We are not planning for a committee on this matter at the time, as MSPA was firm in their desire to see the al fresco locations removed by Labor Day."

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# Bailey Center Food Bank Cupboard is Running Low

By Mary O'KEEFE

Bailey Center food bank in Tujunga is continuing to see an increase in need for families and individuals. Organizers need non-perishable foods like canned goods, cereal, pasta sauce and pasta noodles.

Not surprisingly, throughout the pandemic Bailey Center volunteers have seen an increase in need, and they are now providing food for

over one thousand people every Wednesday. They are trying to keep up with the demand but it has been difficult. Their food pantry has expanded as the need has increased, but keeping it filled with items to distribute has been challenging.

Anyone who can and would like to donate can do so by bringing donations to the Bailey Center, which is supported by the United Methodist Church,

at 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga. Volunteers are there to receive donations on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Items can also be dropped off at the CVW office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta/Glendale. Donors can call the office at (818) 248-2740 during regular office hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to be directed where to drop off donations.

# Vendors' Auction Offers Something for Everyone

The CV Chamber of Commerce is hosting a vendors' auction that kicks off tonight, Thursday, June 10 at 6 p.m. with a live Zoom presentation. The Zoom event will give buyers the chance to see the variety of items up for bid that include memberships to the YMCA of the Foothills, a gift certificate

for stonework paving, and even a three-day, two-night stay at a Palm Springs condominium.

All items were donated by local businesses and community supporters and proceeds benefit the CV Chamber of Commerce and its philanthropic outreach efforts.

Bidding on the auction continues

for two weeks with winning bidders announced on Friday, June 25. (See page 11 for full details including Zoom information.)

The online service 32 Auctions is where the auction is being held. To access the auction visit [www.32auctions.com/123420](http://www.32auctions.com/123420).

DEMONSTRATIONS from Cover as Briggs United, were organized and a community force. A demonstration was held at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue. People filled the lot on the northwest side of the intersection and filled sidewalks at the nearby corners.

They had reached out to elected officials, neighbors, residents and others asking for their support in their position against having the SVP placed in housing in their neighborhood.

Gardner took to the microphone on Saturday making it clear that Briggs United was there for one purpose and one purpose only: to bring attention to the fact the court is considering the placement of Calvin Grassmier, a man considered by the state as an SVP, in a rental home at 5632 Freeman Ave. in La Crescenta.

Grassmier has been convicted of several sexually violent crimes, including rape by force and a sexual act by force against a child younger than 14 years old.

"Now this is the part that is disturbing but if we want to be realistic we have to be honest about what we are facing. There is no point hiding away from what Calvin has done," Gardner said.

Gardner pointed out that Grassmier has been in a state hospital since his release from prison in 1996. He shared Grassmier's crimes in detail with those at Saturday's demonstration. These were crimes he has been convicted of.

"A conviction is not equal to his crimes. A conviction is what we know about," he said. Gardner added that those who have experienced sexual violence often remain silent.

"So we don't know his list of crimes, only his convictions," he

said.

He clarified again that Briggs United and supporters wanted to bring attention to Grassmier's proposed move to the rental home at 5632 Freeman Ave.

"Now we are part of this fight. This is not just our fight," he said.

Gardner referred to a process that has been confusing in this case. According to the California Dept. of State Hospitals' (DSH) website, the search for appropriate housing follows a series of steps.

The search for housing does not begin until after a judge grants an SVP conditional release and has determined the individual's county of domicile.

Grassmier is not from the Crescenta Valley area, according to Barger.

The first step to find housing, after the judge has granted the conditional release, is to review any housing searches that have been conducted in the past. Then, if necessary, a new one will begin. They then begin the home search.

"Staff examines existing searches for properties that were previously identified. Such information is used only as a starting point. Staff uses many resources to find potential properties for rent including the review of newspapers and Craigslist advertisements, visiting local real estate offices and even driving through neighborhoods in search of 'For Rent' signs," according to DSH.

Global Positioning Systems are used to ensure a possible residence is more than 2,000 feet from a school or park in accordance with Megan's Law requirements.

The homeowner often requires a deposit to hold the property while the court process is

occurring.

Each property that is visited is added to a housing report summary; if the property is approved by the court a hearing date is set to allow notification requirements of county officials and neighboring property owners.

Briggs Terrace residents voiced their concern about the process of determining this particular neighborhood as being suitable.

The area has one way in and one way out, there are more children than houses in the neighborhood, cellphone service is spotty, power outages are common, anyone in the proposed home can easily see into the neighbor's home, including their pool. In addition, this area is considered at extreme high risk for wildfires, which means Southern California Edison can shut off the power if they deem it necessary due to fire danger.

"Prior to the date of placement of a conditionally released patient in a residence, the residence is provided a generator and an individual emergency and evacuation plan. The plan details the steps to be taken in an emergency. When electricity is interrupted, the GPS device can remain charged. Prior to proposing a residence, staff conduct tests of the actual GPS and cell service on the property," stated Ken August, spokesman for DSH, in response to inquiries by CVW.

August, however, cannot speak to the specifics of Grassmier due to privacy laws.

"Housing searches are carefully evaluated with significant considerations made to community safety and patient community integration beyond statutory requirements. Risk

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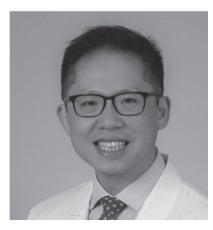
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Before the adoption of next year's budget, the council reviewed agenda items for next week, including a joint meeting of the council with the city's housing authority to discuss the establishment of a tenant-landlord commission and a review of a proposed citywide Wi-Fi masterplan.

Next the council issued a proclamation supporting Pride month. Mayor Paula Devine read from the declaration, "[we're] excited to have Pride in Glendale," emphasizing the importance of a place in which each individual is "valued, safe, and empowered by their community," and presented it to Demi Sedrakyan, Hoover High Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) co-president and youth representative to the local advocacy organization, glendaleOUT.

Councilmember Dan Brotman added that he "hoped that we'd have the first gay pride parade in Glendale last year but then COVID. Does it have to be in June? The city will be 100% behind you and we'll all be marching with you."

Brotman also acknowledged the online resources Glendale Library Arts & Culture produced for Pride Month: <https://eglendalelac.squarespace.com/pride-month>.

Then he asked for an update on the city's progress in helping to get everyone vaccinated.

"I'm concerned about repeated misinformation about the efficacy and safety of the vaccines," he said. "The vaccines we have available today are probably among the safest and most effective that have ever been offered, for any disease. These are extremely safe and extremely effective."

Glendale Memorial chief medical officer Dr. William Wang responded. First, he recounted the overall numbers: 33,207,488 cases and 595,301 deaths in the U.S.; 3,770,802 cases and 62,745 deaths in California; 1,245,267 cases and 24,392 deaths in Los Angeles County; and 20,208 cases and 628 deaths in Glendale.

"Are they working?" Dr. Wang answered the councilmember's questions about vaccines with

a chart showing the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths being at the lowest point since the beginning of the pandemic. "We commend the council for acting early, for starting mandatory masking before it was popular – even before the County – for being brave and showing leadership. The dip is due to everything that's been done – all the hand-washing and mask-wearing and social distancing – all of it together with the vaccine now."

So far 37,979,972 vaccinations have been administered in California. Forty-five percent of California adults are now fully vaccinated. In LA County, 9,826,212 doses have been administered; 45.5% are fully vaccinated. In Glendale, 97,672 doses have been administered; 55.2% have received at least one dose) and 69.6% of those 65 or older have been inoculated.

"This is wonderful news because Glendale is taking care of its older population. Patients who are over 65 represent 80% of COVID-related deaths," Dr. Wang explained. He encouraged folks to get the most updated information directly from the CDC website: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

During their comments section of the meeting, councilmembers questioned staff about changes being reported on local bus routes. City staff responded that the changes are being made by Metro as they roll out the "Next Gen" transit plan.

The council approved routine public works' building maintenance contracts, allowing several time extensions for competitive bids; adopted this year's appropriation limits called the Gann limit based on a 1979 voter-approved statewide measure aimed at limiting the growth of government; and approved an annual transfer from GWP, \$17.4 million this year.

The council debated and then approved funding for improvements to the playgrounds in Pelanconi and Glenoaks parks, including this city's first zip track in Glenoaks Park (replacing the sand volleyball area in the middle of the park).

The city is contracting for the parks' work with GameTime, a member of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit organization dedicated to explaining sustainable building practices, addressing environmental concerns, increasing energy efficiency and reducing waste. The playground equipment is made from recycled materials.

GWP's chief assistant general manager, Michael De Ghetto, detailed the utility's updated water management and water shortage contingency plans. The agency supports tunnels around the Bay Delta, he said, for environmental and resiliency improvements, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD)'s regional recycled water projects, and continuing turf removal rebates (still available from MWD).

De Ghetto detailed the success of past efforts at replacing lawns. In 2015-16, 2.2 million square feet of turf was removed, representing a savings of 226-acre feet of water per year.

"That 325,900 gallons of water – think of it as one acre, one foot deep with water. Because people in Glendale did that, those are savings we still get."

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian reported his participation in deliberations representing Glendale at the MWD in the selection of a new executive director.

"Ultimately I think the board has made the right decision and the MWD will be in good hands with Adel Hagekhalil," he said.

Mayor Paula Devine urged the council to adjourn in the memory of two recently passed beloved local leaders: Eugene Pepper and Ron Farina.

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"Ardy" Kassakhian; the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce; and the Crescenta Valley Town Council, among others. There have been well over 300 letters written by community members and sent to the District Attorney's office.

Supervisor Barger urges the community to submit written comments to the district attorney and to (virtually) attend the Los Angeles Superior Court hearing on June 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Written comments can be directed to the District Attorney's Office: Jay S. Grobeson, Deputy

District Attorney, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 9425 Penfield Ave., #3210, Chatsworth, CA 91311 or email [Jgrobeso@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:Jgrobeso@da.lacounty.gov).

Those interested in taking part in the video call-in can join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. The hearing takes place at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 11. Click or enter this URL to join <https://lacvirtualcourts.webex.com/meet/hwd-dept-203>. Log on to WebEx in Dept 203 or call (213) 306-3065 and enter participant passcode 1464807376#, then #.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Pioneer Memories: Helen Haskell Thomas (Part 1)

Continuing to delve into a 1938 newspaper treasure trove of pioneers' memoirs of the Crescenta Valley, we turn next to Helen Haskell Thomas. Here's a quick background on her.

As we know, Dr. Benjamin Briggs is considered the founder of La Crescenta. Dr. Briggs had several brothers and sisters, many of them wealthy. His sister Maria (Briggs) Haskell lived in San Francisco, and had children of her own. When Dr. Briggs bought the Crescenta Valley, Maria partnered financially with him. Helen Haskell Thomas was Maria's daughter, and she came down from San Francisco to visit a few times after the purchase in 1881. Helen was young, beautiful and wealthy. She stayed for a few weeks each time, but eventually moved to Paris to go to art school. There she met and married an up-and-coming young artist, Seymour Thomas. The pair moved back to La Crescenta during WWI, and

lived out the rest of their lives here, Seymour Thomas becoming one of the top portrait artists in the nation.

Helen's memories are long and scattered. I'll paraphrase her writing. (My comments are in brackets.)

Helen said that her uncle Benjamin and her mother Maria came to the Crescenta Valley in 1881 to buy land. Benjamin Briggs' goal was to establish a home and sanitarium for the treatment of lung diseases. [Briggs' first wife had died of tuberculosis, and Benjamin had contracted it as well. He became a doctor specializing in lung disease specifically because of this.] According to Helen, Dr. Briggs had traveled extensively – Switzerland, Italy and France – looking for the perfect climate for his sanitarium. [Clean, dry air was the only treatment available for TB in that time.] The doctor found that the Crescenta Valley had that perfect climate he was looking for.

He built his home on Briggs Terrace at the top of Briggs Avenue and treated a few patients there.

Helen related that her uncle named the valley La Crescenta because of the visual crescents of the hills surrounding his valley.

Maria, on the other hand, was looking for a rural experience for her San Francisco city-raised children. She wanted particularly for her sons to learn how to till the land and grow crops. She felt the city was no place to raise boys, so she left her husband behind in San Francisco and brought her sons with her. She immediately found the soil of the Crescenta Valley too rocky for a farm. [No kidding!]

So she sold her portion of CV to one of the many Briggs nephews and bought land in La Cañada instead [above Foothill and east of Angeles Crest]. This land she did find farmable. She and her sons built an adobe house and planted the land in grapes and peaches.

They stayed until 1887 when they sold out and moved back to the city of San Francisco.

Both Maria and Benjamin wanted to establish schools for their new communities, Maria in La Cañada and Benjamin in La Crescenta. At that time, about 1885, state law said a school had to have a teacher in place in order to qualify for state school funding. It just so happened that young Helen happened to be visiting from San Francisco, and she volunteered to be the teacher for both schools, with no pay, so that state funding could be established. In the case of La Crescenta Elementary, it was only for two weeks. After that a state-paid "real" teacher took her place. [Because of this Helen Haskell Thomas is always cited as the first teacher for both La Cañada and La Crescenta, even though it was only for a couple of weeks. After Helen died in the 1940s, her husband Seymour Thomas donated two paintings of young Helen he had

done soon after she moved to Paris. The portrait of Helen, the first teacher at La Crescenta Elementary, hangs in the school library and the portrait of Helen, the first teacher at La Cañada Elementary, is displayed at, I believe, the Lanterman House Museum.]

Next week I'll continue with Helen's memories of early CV, including some gossip and [gasp!] a scandal.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### It All Started in Montrose!

The Congress of the United States, by Joint Resolution on June 9, 1966, approved H.J. Resolution 763 proclaiming the week in which June 14th occurs as National Flag Week, and the same Resolution requested that the President is to issue every year a proclamation and also to call upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during this week.

The origin of Flag Week is very special because it originated in Montrose through the hard work of Bill Bailey, Don Carpenter, Congressman H. Allen Smith, the Crescenta Cañada Rotary Club and my father Vito Cannella back in the '60s. Nurtured by their love of country and gratitude of those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's symbol, the American flag, this group had a desire to contribute something positive to the fabric of our country during the difficult Vietnam War era. They dreamed of a national movement to convince Congress and the President to join them in their love for the flag. From humble origins and the small town efforts of our community, they collected thousands upon thousands of signatures across our state; this dream got the attention of the United States Congress and passed in a joint session and was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966.

So, for the last 55 years we ask the citizens of our nation to give recognition and respect for our flag by asking that we honor our flag more than just one day on the national calendar (June 14th), but put aside a whole week to honor the flag and ask that all citizens fly our flag for that week.

This cause was very important to my dad. Every year since 1967 he would write each President reminding them of their duty to issue the proclamation and every year he got a response from the White House indicating that they would. My father has passed and one of the things we talked about prior to his death was his wish that the story of Flag Week not be forgotten as he was the last of the originating supporters. I promised him I would carry his message reminding our community of its history and connection to our hometown. I wrote that letter to President Biden and will remind all of you

to fly your flag the week of June 14th.

That is the purpose of my letter today. God Bless America and watch over her.

Grace Chase  
Montrose

#### Celebrating Diversity in the Foothills

The Balcony of LA is a local non-profit dedicated to representing La Crescenta's art, business and community. This month we focus our attentions on celebrating the diversity of where we live.

Pride Month is celebrated annually in June and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for the LGBTQIA+ community. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQIA+ individuals have had on history.

Through raising awareness, it encourages acceptance and support for people of all backgrounds and makes our community a safer place where a multitude of perspectives can be heard and recognized. Memorials are also held this month for those who have been tragically lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS.

La Crescenta is home to a wide birth of individuals, each with similar desires to be seen and accepted without fear of judgment or shame. The Balcony of LA stands firmly in support with the LGBTQIA+ community, not just this month but in all months because we believe that the Foothills are a place where individuals of all backgrounds are welcomed and encouraged to flourish.

Pride is awareness of one's own dignity. It is a feeling of acceptance of one's self. Both individuals and communities can have pride in themselves. The rainbow-themed flag is a reminder that this thing called life is rarely black and white. This prism of humanity, gathered together, living on common ground is one of our greatest assets. To overlook its value is to remove the colors, reducing it to nothing but a white symbol of surrender.

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Jade & Johnny Brookbank  
The Balcony of LA

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

## Happy Summer!

Hearty congratulations to the Class of 2021 at Crescenta Valley High School and to the CV Town Council (CVTC) scholarship recipients from our community: Community Service – Alden Marriot of CVHS, Brandon Lau of Clark Magnet; Academic Achievement – Kimberly Blood and Connor Harvey of CVHS. Post-Secondary Goals – Sarah Ricci of CVHS, Alex Abnous of Clark Magnet.

On May 28, in opposition to the potential release of a sexually violent predator into La Crescenta, a letter was written to Deputy District Attorney Grobeson:

"On behalf of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, we write to express our vehement opposition to the potential release of a what appears to be a recidivist sexually violent predator into our bedroom community.

"The proposed placement address for Calvin Grassmier is 5632 Freeman Ave. in La Crescenta, which is one mile from Two Strike Park and circa two miles of the La Crescenta Library and at least half a dozen schools (Rosemont Middle School, Monte Vista Elementary School, Mountain Avenue Elementary School, Valley View Elementary School, La Crescenta Elementary School, and Cloud Preschool). Echoing our Supervisor, Kathryn Barger, for the 5th District: We are 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. We strongly and vocally oppose this outrageous proposal and urge you to dissuade the judge from permitting this dangerous person from residing in our safe, family-oriented neighborhood.

"As you well know, sexually violent predators have a high likelihood of recidivism. Mr. Grassmier has already proven that he is a recidivist, making his entry into our community a non-starter."

At the May 6 Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting, the LUC voted 6:1:1 (Chris Kilpatrick abstained as a CVTC member) to present to the CVTC the following recommendations regarding the Housing Element being developed by the Dept. of Regional Planning (DRP) under the State of California mandate to increase the number of affordable housing units within the County of Los Angeles. Please refer to the document giving a brief description and timeline of the Housing Element that is posted on the CVTC website. The proposed letter to be sent to DRP was amended to include items 5 and 6 at the LUC meeting held on June 3, 2021 and will also be posted on the CVTC website as soon as possible.

The LUC has discussed with the DRP the possibility of a more even distribution of the housing units proposed for Montrose to include the commercial portions of the Foothill Boulevard corridor. The development of this

corridor is governed by the La Crescenta-Montrose Community Standards District. The LUC requests that the CVTC reach out to the community as we continue to pursue this option with DRP. The Planning Commission public hearing will take place in August.

Crescenta Valley Town Council recognizes June 2021 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and urges everyone to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQIA+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty and justice. The Crescenta Valley models, advocates, actively supports and promotes the inclusive and respectful treatment of all community members.

For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thevcouncil.com.



Harry Leon, President  
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## Record Number of CVHS Speech and Debate Students Reach Championship Competition

By Lori BODNAR, intern

**T**welve Crescenta Valley High School students qualified to attend the California High School Speech Association (CHSSA) state championship and nine students earned the opportunity to compete at the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) championship.

This year saw the highest number of CVHS students qualifying for nationals as well as many students qualifying for state. Comparatively, last year one CVHS student qualified for nationals and eight students qualified to attend the state championship.

The CHSSA state championship was held on April 23-25 and the NSDA championship is being held virtually from June 14-19.

The NSDA was created in 1925 to provide recognition and support for students participating in speech and debate activities and is the pinnacle of public speaking. NSDA provides an infrastructure platform to connect, support, and inspire a diverse community committed to empowering students, with their voices heard and celebrated through competitive speech and debate.

Shannon Marshall, the speech and debate teacher and team advisor at CVHS, said, "I'm incredibly proud of our team's accomplishments this year. But I'm most proud of the camaraderie the group achieved, and the support offered to all of the new members on our team. The incredible leadership of our team coach and CVHS alumnus, Brian Walker, and of our captains and officers made this year incredibly special in spite of all of the challenges."

The CVHS speech and debate students performed well at the CHSSA championship

tournament. Of the 12 CVHS competing students – Eric Eubank, Emily Cha, Connor Eubank, Lucy Rickey, Eran Karmon, Maneh Davityan, Miriam Awan, Madi Valiente, Ellena Kim, Joseph Hyung, Maria Kanayan, and Kyle Pak – three made it to semifinals at the state championship. Karmon earned eighth place in California for impromptu speaking and Connor Eubank placed 11th. Eric Eubank placed 11th in California for Tiktok, a supplemental event this year.

Connor Eubank, the team co-captain, said, "It was a very novel experience; for most of our members it was their first time going to the state tournament and, because of the online format, even for those students who had already been to the state tournament before it was incredibly different. There was really strong competition but our team did super well.

"One of the great parts about state competitions was the fact that we had so many people going, we were able to call each other in-between rounds and swap stories and hype each other up, all of which we've missed out on a lot this year because of everything being online."

Nine of the CVHS speech and debate students will be representing CVHS and California nationally in the National Speech and Debate Association championship. The competing students are Eric Eubank, Connor Eubank, Lucy Rickey, Ellena Kim, Emily Cha, Eran Karmon, Maneh Davityan, Asante Guzik, and Miriam Awan.

Students also competed at the Tournament of Champions (TOC) and National Parliamentary Debate League Tournament of Champions (NPDLC TOC), two other national level championship tournaments. Karmon



earned 27th place in the entire nation for original oratory speaking at TOC. Rickey and Connor Eubank placed 13th in the nation for parliamentary debate together at NPDLC TOC.

In total, CVHS speech and debate team has 35 students.

Most aspects for the team this year – training, practicing and tournaments – was different due to the pandemic restrictions. Rickey, the team co-captain, said, "At the beginning of the school year, the team practices were less dynamic than they had been in the past. Most people would join practices, do what they needed to do, and leave. However, as the year progressed and people spent more time getting to know each other, the social aspect of the team was definitely revived.

"Socializing on the team went from what used to be talking before practices to late night philosophical text conversations, playing video games together, and arguing over politics and

the economy. As for tournaments, there were two really big changes: tournaments became more accessible as competitors didn't have to worry about the expenses of traveling to large invitational. This opened up a lot of great opportunities, including debating people from Northern California all the way to New York, all of who have different styles than our own. There was a loss of the social aspect of tournaments, especially the part of meeting people in person from various teams. However, the debate community stayed really strong and the team still were able to meet a few amazing debaters that we wouldn't have had the opportunity to meet if the year had been like normal."

Photo provided by Lori BODNAR Held virtually this year, members of the CVHS speech and debate team excelled in competition.

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## SPORTS

# Village Christian Shows Strong Performance after COVID Delays

After all the delays, the Zoom meetings, the practices and the anticipation, Village Christian head football coach Richard Broussard was able to gather his troops and play some football during spring 2021. With COVID-19 postponing the usual 2020 fall football campaign, the Crusaders were able to play a shorter, but no less exciting, football season.

With a schedule of four games, Village Christian put together a 2-2 season, while averaging over 33 points a game. From March 20 until April 10, VC opened up against Heritage Christian, as both teams looked sharp for their opening contests. Heritage edged VC 24-19, as VC player of the game Elijah Lee led the way. Lee, a senior running back and defensive back, finished the shortened season with 641 rushing yards in 74 carries for an 8.7 average.

One week later, VC picked up its first win of the season over Whittier Christian defeating WC 41-0. Senior leadership was determined the key in the game as the player of the game, senior Aiven Martinez at the quarterback, led the air attack with a 27-46 performance for 389 yards that included six touchdowns and no interceptions. Junior wide receiver Sam Faulkner was on the other end of many of those completions and who should be the go-to receiver next season.

Week 3 of the season was one to remember as Maranatha and VC combined for 77 points in a 42-35 Maranatha win. Junior wide receiver Evan Clarizio was named VC player of the game while reigning offensive lineman MVP of the Olympic League, Dan Callison, played well in the trenches. Callison played every offensive snap this season, giving up no sacks while credited

with 30 "pancake" blocks. The 6'3", 290-lb. lineman also moved well, showing 5.8 speed and quickness along the offensive line.

The concluding game of this short four game season was on April 10 when VC met Whittier Christian on the gridiron, defeating WC 38-6. QB Aiven Martinez was named player of the game with additional outstanding performances by Isaac Estrada, Elijah Lee, Jesse Garcia and Asael Santiago.

Estrada, a two-way player at linebacker and fullback, shined on both sides of the ball with two sacks on the year, 2-2 point conversions, 7.4 average yards on his carries, and 20 tackles.

Elijah McGee carried the load well with his 4.5 speed and followed the path carved out by lineman Jesse Garcia graded out with a 76% blocking proficiency. Santiago worked on both sides of the ball as well, averaging three solo tackles a game.



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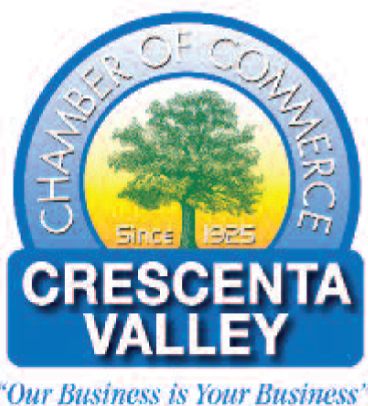
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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Memorial Day Observed



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Despite restrictions imposed by COVID-19, approximately 150 people attended the Memorial Day Field of Honor held at Forest Lawn – Glendale.

Known for its stunning display of 1,000 American flags adorning the Forest Lawn property, the Field of Honor has been a part of Memorial Day celebrations for four years. It was started under the guidance of Rotary President Tom Propst, retired Glendale Fire battalion chief, as an effort to celebrate and respect the lives of veterans. Last year, COVID-19 canceled the event; this year's commemoration was one of the first community events in the area.

Dr. David Viar, superintendent/president of Glendale Community College and a veteran, was the keynote speaker and reflected on his

time spent in Vietnam.

Many dignitaries were present at the commemoration including Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis, Glendale Mayor Paula Devine, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Glendale Sunrise Rotary President Mike Shaar and Glendale Fire Chief Silvio Lanzas.

Denise M. Miller and Sharon Townsend chaired this year's event.

The Glendale Sunrise Rotary owns the flags and purchases replacements for the ones that are picked up by flag sponsors. Major supporters for this year's event include Forest Lawn, Loan Depot, Andy's Transfer, City of Glendale, CV Insurance and SIG Property Management, among others.

According to Glendale Sunrise Rotary spokesman Stephen Ropfogel, if any non-profit is interested in partnering with the

Rotary to raise funds for their non-profit organization by becoming a Friend of the Flag, contact him at [Findologist@Earthlink.net](mailto:Findologist@Earthlink.net). To view the Facebook live event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleSunriseRotary/videos/1125742681170469>.

In nearby Two Strike Park, a ceremony was held that was not open to the public due to COVID-19 concerns. Hosted by American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614, the brief event began at 7:50 a.m. and included the raising and lowering of the flag to half-staff in honor of Memorial Day. This year, local cellist Jeffrey Dean was at Two Strike Park to play the cello in tribute to the fallen. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqzBfaAke4s> to see the ceremony.

The Posts typically host well-attended events on Memorial Day and Veterans Day but, because of the pandemic, have had to

curtail in-person events. They are hopeful, however, that this year's Veterans Day commemoration will be held in-person.

The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce also hosted a Memorial Day observance. Usually held for the public at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue at the site of the Vietnam War Memorial, this year's event was a private in-person remembrance at the Vietnam War Memorial, but was filmed and can be viewed at <https://www.montrosechamber.org/>.

Later in the day, board officers, members and friends of Glendale Burbank/Crescenta Valley Republican Assembly (GBRA) met at the Vietnam War Memorial with members of American Legion Post 288 to present the Post with a donation for its Memorial fund.

For more photos, visit [www.cvweekly.com/BETWEENFRIENDS](http://www.cvweekly.com/BETWEENFRIENDS).

Photos by Vic PALLOS

LEFT: One thousand flags grace the entry to Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, site of the 2021 Field of Honor and Gratitude Ceremony, presented by the Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club.

TOP: From left, attendees Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis, event co-chair Sharon Townsend, Glendale Mayor Paula Devine, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Superintendent/President Glendale Community College Dr. David Viar, Assemblymember Laura Friedman, event co-chair Denise Miller, VP - Operations Forest Lawn Glendale Angie Ray, Glendale Sunrise Rotary President Mike Shaar, Glendale Fire Chief Silvio Lanzas, and chaplain, Glendale Fire Dept. Tim Thome.

BOTTOM LEFT: Gordon Reynertson, 94, a U.S. Army veteran who fought in France and Germany in WWII, was among the vets attending the ceremony.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mike Shaar, president of Glendale Sunrise Rotary, welcomes guests.

BELOW: Dr. David Viar, superintendent/president, Glendale Community College, and Vietnam War veteran, returns as event keynote speaker.



## Premium Outdoor Furniture and More Offered by Aldik Home

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# Thursday Club To Host Estate Sale

The La Cañada Thursday Club will host an extensive one-day only estate sale in its courtyard on Saturday, June 19 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Holiday items will be featured and other sale items include art, china collectibles, crystal, electronics, furniture, garden and outdoor items, housewares, linens, pet items, sporting goods, toys, vintage items as well as clothing and accessories. Everything will be priced to sell.

The historic Thursday Clubhouse is located at 4440 Woodleigh Lane. Admission is free and there is plenty of parking.

The club is a social, cultural and philanthropic organization that supports a scholarship and debutante program. For information about the club, visit [lacanadathursdayclub.org](http://lacanadathursdayclub.org). For information regarding the courtyard sale, contact Sheri Morton at [sdmorton@charter.net](mailto:sdmorton@charter.net).

# Expansion is Part of Pasadena Law Firm's Anniversary Celebration



Philip Barbaro Jr., partner of the estate planning, trust administration and family law firm of Barbaro, Chinen, Pitzer & Duke LLP, recognized the firm's 130-year history by announcing its expansion. Founded on April 15, 1891 by J.H. Merriam, the law firm has held a prominent place in Pasadena's history since its inception. While the firm's name has changed from time to time through the years to reflect the names of its partners, what has not changed is its dedication to providing legal counsel in trust administration, estate planning, trust and estate litigation, conservatorships, guardianships, and probate work, as well as family law.

Attorney Barbaro, the firm's longest-serving partner, said, "As we celebrate the past, we are also focused on our future. I'm pleased to announce the appointment of our newest partner, Brittany Duke, who brings a

vibrancy to our practice, ensuring our long legacy will continue well into the future."

Also joining the firm is attorney Kristen Schwarz Jones whose legal practice provides comprehensive analysis for long-term care needs, customized estate planning and assessment of government benefits, namely Medi-Cal and veterans benefits. Barbaro additionally welcomed associate attorney Daniel Sullivan who joined the firm last year bringing his practice in estate planning, property tax and trust litigation.

"With the added contributions of these three valuable individuals, I have every confidence that our practice will continue to strengthen and grow," said Barbaro.

Throughout the years, the partners have served in leadership positions with a variety of reputable organizations.

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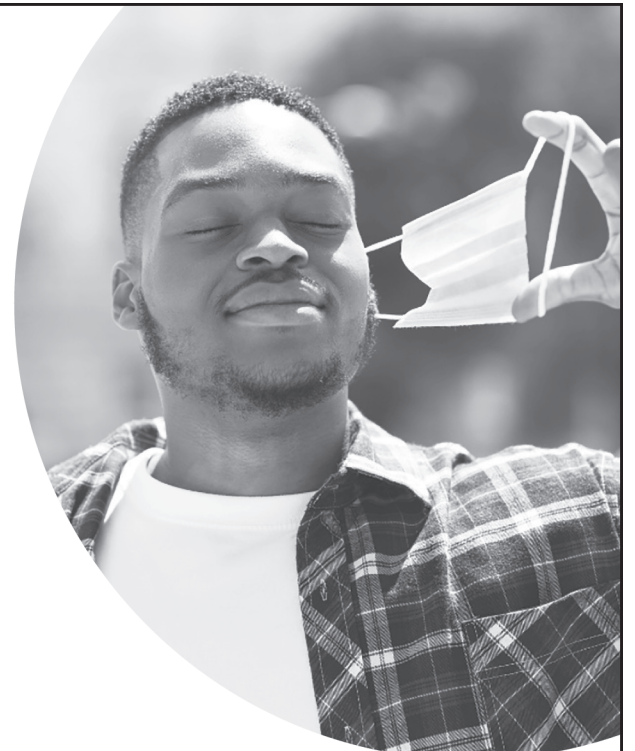
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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Hosts She Loves Collective Installation, HER RELIC

Glendale Library Arts & Culture and ReflectSpace Gallery present HER RELIC by She Loves Collective, an expansive yet intimate art installation showcasing 500 pounds of traditional Armenian lavash bread. The immersive installation takes over the whole ReflectSpace gallery to create a unique space to contemplate our common sources of nutrition as well as the often invisible impact of women's labor in sustaining our planet.



HER RELIC continues and extends She Loves Collective's exploration of healing, moving forward, and growth through a variety of themes broadly construed as "relics" while paying close attention to the role women play in society, particularly in Armenian communities. HER RELIC installation is sculpted and enveloped with roughly 500 pounds of lavash – a soft, thin flatbread recognized by The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as having originated from Armenia. Lavash is typically prepared by women and is a traditional staple of sustenance in Armenian

culture. Lavash represents nutrition and life.

From April to May 2021, MY RELIC, the previous iteration of this installation, was showcased along Artsakh Avenue in Glendale. It was sponsored by the Glendale Arts & Culture Commission and received a special commendation from the City of Glendale's Mayor Paula Devine.

HER RELIC installation at ReflectSpace Gallery runs to Aug. 15 and is open to the public during regular library hours (Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.).

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### THEN & NOW

### Memorial Park Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** The first schoolhouse in La Cañada was built around 1885 at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. To start the school, the property, plus \$500, was donated by Maria Haskell, sister of Dr. Benjamin Briggs. Maria's daughter Helen Haskell was put to work temporarily as the school's first teacher until a real teacher could be hired. The school was also the center of social activities for the farmers and health seekers of La Cañada with dances, musical performances and lectures held for early families such as the Lantermans, the Williams and the Watermans.



**Now »** The site served as the community's elementary school until it was taken by the construction of the 210 Freeway in the late '60s. The school site was moved north a little, and the school bell from the old school is mounted in front of the new La Cañada Elementary School. Once the freeway was complete, Memorial Park, so named for the plaques to local servicemen located there, was built over the top of the freeway at that location. Few who use the park realize a freeway is just below their feet and few drivers on the freeway realize they're driving under a grassy park.

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## CALENDAR this

### TGHS HOSTING VIRTUAL VIEWING EVENT

The Glendale Historical Society invites the community to view a documentary tonight, Thursday, June 10 at 7 p.m. about Rockhaven Sanitarium, one of Glendale's greatest and least-known treasures.

Beginning in 1923, Rockhaven provided dignified care for mentally ill women. Owned and operated by women, it was groundbreaking both in women's history and in the history of the treatment of mental illness. This beautifully filmed and produced movie details the story of Rockhaven Sanitarium from its vital past to its current

abandoned present.

Joanna Linkhorst, president of Friends of Rockhaven, will introduce the 25-minute documentary and provide additional insights about this remarkable treasure. Following the film will be a Q&A with Linkhorst, local historian Mike Lawler and award-winning writer, director and editor John Newcombe.

Event is complimentary but advance RSVP required. Visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/rockhaven> to register or for more information.

### AAUW 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](mailto:Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com) with name and email address.

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.

David S. Cheng, MD, will give the presentation. He specializes in the rehabilitation and non-operative treatment of spine disorders. He is board-certified in both physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R) and pain medicine.

This lecture series presents a variety of health-related topics to community members throughout the year. In compliance with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, lectures are presented via Zoom teleconference.

Note: RSVP is required. Please provide an email address when RSVPing to receive the Zoom teleconference link. Use the online form or call (818) 952-2228 to register or visit [uscvh.org/doc-talks](http://uscvh.org/doc-talks).

on Sunday, June 27.

The original owners of this house, Lansing and Katherine Beach, met in France during WWI. It is said that they had this home built in this style as a tribute to their courtship. Participants will also virtually visit the home of architect Everett Phipps Babcock. This home, known locally as the "fairy tale castle" then, has the feeling of a medieval manor. Built in the English Tudor style in 1926 for the architect and his wife Clare, it served as Babcock's residence and home office for a period. The home is a city landmark and is part of the recently designated Arden Road Historic District.

Tickets 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.

### 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](mailto: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 group will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

## ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com May 31, 2021 - June 6, 2021

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Don't allow yourself to be so driven that you're stressed. Stress is a major factor in all kinds of health issues. Find a way to cut back on it and still fulfill your heart's desire. Do whatever it takes to be successful without suffering from too much tension. If it means aiming a notch or so lower than you'd like, it's probably worth it.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You might enjoy experimenting with some of the new healing methods available. Vibrational healing is something that you could be attracted to now. Flower and gem essences are two examples of this kind of modality. Research your options and then see if it could be of use to you. You may experience a breakthrough!

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Nothing can touch you this week. You feel on top of the world and ready to face any challenge. The cosmos is helping you to have faith. This is your time - you can reach for the stars. In the process, you can be assured that your health will be good, too. Your positive energy will impact every cell in your body.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're doing as much as you can to improve your health. It's also possible that you could go the other way and try to sabotage it. It all depends on how well you know yourself. If the latter is the case, you need to get to the core of the problem and fix it. Only then will true healing be within your grasp.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

It's time to shake all that stress out of your body and have some fun. Try any form of exercise you really enjoy that gets you moving. Dancing is a favorite, because the music makes you want to move. You can do this in the privacy of your own home or while out socializing. Either way, it will make you feel better.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're probably feeling a lot better all around. Perhaps you now relish the idea of exercising rather than dread it as you have before. You can be something of a health nut as you worry about every ache and pain. It's the worry that can cause you the most problems. From now on, this inner anxiety will begin to vanish and leave you in peace.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your social life may ratchet up now. All you care about is having a good time! One way to stay healthy and still have fun is to join a fitness club or other sports group. You can benefit from positive group interaction and stay on your toes, too. Find friends who support your same goals and you'll flourish.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

A general health problem that you may suffer from is a tendency to be sensitive to foods or environmental factors. You may have allergies, intolerances, or perhaps a mild problem that reveals itself now and again when you're stressed. If you have symptoms and can't seem to find the source, you might benefit from a few tests.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Be careful of the kinds of foods you eat while at work or socializing. You could add pounds without realizing it. It might help if you pack your own lunch for the office. You can control the calories that way. Be more aware of what you're eating if you're at a party. It will save you a lot of trouble later.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You can heal many health issues with mind over matter. Some people who have struggled with troublesome illnesses have found that they feel better when they harness the power of their own thoughts. You have this power available to you. You can make it work if you have the determination.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Do you feel like you have to conform to others' ideas of a healthy body? You might be quite self-conscious if your body shape doesn't match your idea of perfection. You could even let this affect your chances of success. There is no perfect shape. Accept yourself as you are and enjoy peace of mind.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It may be of some benefit to join an online group associated with any health problem you may have. On the other hand, you could benefit from connecting with a group that focuses on yoga or meditation. Explore the local offerings. You'll gain in any number of areas, including diet, serenity, and beyond.

### HEALTH AFTER CANCER

An online program dealing with healthcare after cancer will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday, June 15 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Karla Wilson, RN, nurse practitioner specializing in childhood, adolescent and young adult survivorship at the City of Hope, will offer strategies to enhance health and well-being after cancer. She will also discuss the importance of health screenings for general health maintenance and the value of a healing diet and exercise to improve energy and decrease fatigue.

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

### VIRTUAL DOCTALK LECTURE

The next presentation of the free USC Verdugo Hills Hospital lectures, in partnership with YMCA of the Foothills, is titled "Spine Health" on Wednesday, June 16 from noon to 1 p.m.

### 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.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com).

### PASADENA HERITAGE SPRING HOME TOUR

Pasadena Heritage presents Part 3, the final installment, of its spring home tour. The Revival-style architecture of the charming Lansing Beach House, a French Norman-style home built in 1927 by David Witmer and Loyall Watson, will premiere

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### ACROSS

- 1) Some opera performers
- 6) Taro corn
- 10) Big loser's nickname?
- 14) Black-and-white cookies
- 15) Christian name?
- 16) Sweat source
- 17) Two-bit hustlers, e.g.
- 20) Best guess, for short
- 21) Goes back out
- 22) Sight and hearing
- 23) Metabolism descriptor
- 25) Ancient
- 26) Command to a dog
- 28) Downsize or upsize
- 32) Lowest deck
- 34) French Sudan, today
- 35) Victoria's Secret purchase
- 38) Where to powder one's nose?
- 42) "Absolutely!"
- 43) Caspian Sea feeder
- 44) Snafu, basically
- 45) Open-mike-night participant
- 48) Aardvark fare
- 49) Goblet feature
- 51) French common soldier
- 53) Cordwood units
- 55) Alliance
- 56) Post-wedding title
- 59) Predictable type
- 62) "If it \_\_\_ broke ..."
- 63) Large ratite bird
- 64) Daggery in manuscripts
- 65) Military headquarters
- 66) Like some memories
- 67) Harder to find

### DOWN

- 1) Big name in home audio
- 2) Kind of dealer
- 3) They're worn by travelers
- 4) "Fa" follower
- 5) Small land masses
- 6) Like some mushrooms
- 7) Darkens
- 8) Anonymous John
- 9) Tolkien creatures
- 10) Water soaker-upper
- 11) Baggly
- 12) Got on the nerves of
- 13) Thing to tidy up
- 18) Alpine transport
- 19) It's true to life
- 24) What little things mean?
- 26) Sacred
- 27) Great Lake name
- 29) Photog's request
- 30) Diner or sleeper
- 31) Pledge of Allegiance ender
- 33) Fall suddenly
- 35) Post office purchase
- 36) Beat badly
- 37) Some band equipment
- 39) It's full of periods
- 40) Gangster's gun
- 41) 100 dinars
- 45) Infuse with oxygen
- 46) Transfer to a central computer
- 47) Good vantage point
- 49) Muscle-fiber furrow
- 50) Driver's ed students, often
- 52) Athena's blood
- 53) Strike ignorer
- 54) Beach lapper
- 55) "It's \_\_\_ real!"
- 57) Anger
- 58) Ruckus
- 60) Frat letter
- 61) Lawyers' grp.

### YOU DIRTY RAT!

By Tim Burr

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# RELIGION

## Question:

*I grew up in the 1950s in a small town where I felt safe. Now, these many years later, I don't feel safe because there is a barrage of mass shootings. I'm having a difficult time wrapping my mind around the statistics just since the beginning of this year. I looked up statistics and, in the 1950s, there were three mass shootings, eight people dead and five injured. There was one shooting in 1954/five injured. The others were 1959 and four dead in each shooting.*

*This year's statistics are staggering and we're not even six months into the year - 11 shootings, 67 dead and 42 injured. My question is what do you think is behind the rise of these shootings? Is there something that we, as ordinary citizens, can do to help stop this madness?*

~ Concerned Senior Citizen

Dear Concerned Senior Citizen,

I too have been concerned about the growing number of mass shootings in our nation. I think there are several causes. Society has been militarized in the name of defense. We spend a higher percentage of our gross domestic product on the military than other industrialized nations. It implies we think violence is a good problem solver despite our lack of success in our many actions around the world.

Our consumerism plays a role, too. The excessive consumption of goods and services doesn't seem to make many happy or give them peace of mind. The NRA pushes fear to make more profits without regard to the lives lost via the products produced by their member corporations. Hate radio stirs up resentment and makes some feel they are victims of other groups of Americans. This seems to affect men more because 96% of mass shooters from 1982 to the present have been male, per statista.com. There is more diversity in ethnicity of the mass killers but the majority, 66%, identify as White. I think many White male Americans have a false sense of superiority and turn to

violence when they feel threatened. There are many things ordinary people can do to combat this rage and murder. We can contact public and private education officials and urge more emphasis on critical thinking skills and non-violent problem solving techniques. We can model consensus building rather than a "winner take all" philosophy of life. Concerned citizens can demand better mental health services to help people deal with their anger, resentment and fear.

Most importantly, we can support sensible gun legislation such as universal background checks, waiting periods and limits on high capacity magazines. Groups to contact for more information are: Prevention Institute (preventioninstitute.org), Wear Orange (wearorange.org), and Students Demand Action (studentsdemandaction.org) (there is a chapter at CVHS).



Sharon Weisman  
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Dear Concerned Senior Citizen, What is causing this? That's a simple question for a complex malady with no simple answer. I can only offer my perspective in hope of a clearer understanding that is helpful in pointing to potential solutions.

As a Religious Science practitioner, we are trained and dedicated to healing and the relief of suffering both physical and spiritual. I was shocked after I first began my practitioner ministry to realize firsthand that most illness and suffering I was encountering in my clients, from cancer to alcoholism, even racism and most behavioral issues, were somehow rooted in self-hatred and a lack of self-worth. I have seen firsthand how corrosive self-hatred is to individuals, families and, yes, even societies. It is not an easy thing to cure, either, because it often



## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

### Spiritually Speaking Participants

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

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

entails giving up beliefs we have used to define ourselves. Nor is it an easy thing for some people to self-manage, and they do so in varying degrees with varying success. The problem is when self-hatred becomes so destructive, people turn it inward and become overwhelmed to the point of sickness or suicide; or they turn the self-anger and rage outward, and take up a gun and harm others. The problem with self-hatred is that it is "self-kept" as a hidden disease that can mask itself well, until the undeniable symptoms appear.

So, what is to be done? Dr. Ernest Holmes, the founder of the Science of Mind, once pointed out that the explanation is the cure. Here is my take on an explanation, and I emphasize that it is only my take.

All of us are born into ignorance. In my opinion, ignorance is the real "original sin" humanity suffers from. Indeed, no one, because of our ignorance, gets through life without messing up at some point. All the anger we see directed at ourselves or others for being less than perfect is rooted in fear, which itself is the result of ignorance. Now the question is, just what are we ultimately ignorant of?

Each of us is an individualized finite manifestation of the Infinite at play in its own creation. To put it another way: God is at play in His own creation as us. The one became the many. We are the divine manifesting in its own dynamic and every-changing creation. As such, we are of enormous importance and

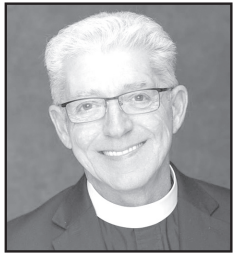
value but we don't see it (much less believe it); but Jesus did, and quite clearly. He also fully understood the limitations we are subjected to that are necessary for creation to occur, which is why He was so keen to point out that at any given moment, God's forgiveness is ours, waiting only for our acceptance. To see ourselves as someone God hates and punishes is not only untrue, but too cruel to bear. To believe we are unacceptable to a God who judges and condemns us for imperfections and limitations we had no hand in creating is itself a result of ignorance. Indeed, as Ernest Holmes once pointed out, evil is not a thing, or power, or an entity in and of itself. The evil we experience is all the result of ignorance. We are not evil beings; we are ignorant beings that can create pain and suffering as a result of that ignorance.

Which is why Jesus always said the Father, who is all-knowing and all-understanding, is not a condemning, judgmental God, but rather is a God of love, of mercy, grace and infinite-unending forgiveness, acceptance and pardon. The true nature of God is one of acceptance and not rejection. For how could God reject and condemn what is of its own self, or the result of its own hand?

Where there is love and acceptance for oneself and for others, where there is a self-forgiveness and a forgiveness of others, where there is the recognition of what it is to be human with all its seeming limitations, along with empathy

and compassion for oneself and for others, there is no need for guns.

So how do we change it? The Zen Buddhists have a saying: "If you do not get it from yourself, where will you go for it?" The Catholic lay ministry of the Christophers has a similar saying. Namely, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." In Centers for Spiritual Living, weekly we sing a hymn that begins and ends with "let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." In short, become the healing you wish to see in the world. Even if it is nothing more than a changed awareness on one's own part, that awareness itself ripples its goodness out into the world and helps to uplift and bless all of creation.



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## Question:

*I just found out a close friend has died. We didn't stay in touch much over the last year because of restrictions. Even though we did not have our weekly lunches like we normally had done, we still talked at least twice a week on the phone. For the past two weeks, I called and called and left a message each time I called.*

*Finally, her daughter called and said she had passed away in a local hospital two weeks ago from a heart attack. I feel so helpless that I couldn't speak to her before she died, perhaps offering words of comfort. Quite frankly, I'm devastated. She was like a sister to me.*

*Please say something about family letting friends know when a family member is ill or dying. I know they knew about me because I was invited to many of their family functions.*

~Heartbroken Friend

Dear Heartbroken Friend, I am sorry for the loss of your friend. News like that often comes so suddenly, forcing us back and into the memory of our last interaction. Were we kind

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and comforting? Could they sense the love we have for them? Did they overlook any wrongs we may have done? Most people, like you, long for one more conversation, one more moment together.

As a pastor, I am often in the line of connections when a loved one has passed. Arrangements must be made. And I often ask the family to provide a sense of who has been lost – favorite hymns or Scripture or hobbies. Most people are not prepared to share what seems to be simple answers, not because they are not thoughtful or aware of the answer, but because grief clouds our hearts in a way that obscures almost everything in our mind.

Honestly, I know that the only reason I am contacted is because I am on the to-do list given by the funeral home or I am looked to in order to help bear the burden of sudden grief. Few people have such responsibility in our friendship circles. In fact, when I have experienced sudden loss,

I must admit that the last thing on my mind was notifying anyone but the closest of family, those who could grieve with me at my most vulnerable. Otherwise, a statement on social media or an obituary in the local newspaper would have to suffice.

In the death of loved ones, we often reflect on what should have been different, how we might have changed an interaction with them. What we need in these moments is grace – grace to realize that love overcomes our mistakes. Grief often robs us of grace as we turn inward (rightfully) in our loss.

But as we try to discover grace for ourselves, those who are grieving near us must also be given grace. They, too, have turned inward. I imagine that, being so close of a friend as you were, the family did not intentionally withhold the sad news. You were overlooked because the magnitude of their grief clouded everything else. How might you shine a beacon of hope to them, of

understanding and grace, reflecting the love you shared with those who have been left behind?



Rev. Kyle Sears  
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Dear Heartbroken Friend,

Of course you are devastated. You were very close with this woman. You say that you didn't stay in touch much, yet you spoke on the phone at least two times a week. When someone is that regular a presence in your life she is a part of the rhythm of your week. She is in your thoughts.

All kinds of thoughts must have gone through your mind during the two weeks you called and didn't hear from her. You must have felt many

feelings during that time. Then you came to know what had happened. You had lost your friend.

Of course I do not know the exact order of events that your friend went through. It sounds as though it was a severe heart attack and sudden. You know, no one is allowed to visit someone in the hospital. In some cases, one person, usually a family member, is allowed. You probably wouldn't have been allowed to visit her. I mention this because it would have even been unlikely that you would have been able to talk on the phone with her. Even though you wish you could have talked to her and offered words of comfort, she likely wouldn't even have been able to speak with you.

I really do not know the accessibility her daughter had to your friend's phone messages or even how devastated she was during those two weeks after her loss. However, we really can't judge her for not calling. As sad as it was for you, it was about your friend and

the end of her life.

Recently, I lost a friend who was very dear to me. I felt very unfinished because I did not get to see her after the pandemic. We didn't talk regularly on the phone because previously we had seen each in person at least two times a month. It was such a pleasure to have her in my life. She was so dear to me. I miss her.

I hope in time you will reconcile with the events that have occurred. Perhaps writing a letter to your dear friend and saying all you had left to say would help. I know it will bring you some peace.



Rabbi Janet Bieber  
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**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 worship. On Sunday, June 13 at 10 a.m., Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called "Planting Trees." For those unable to watch live, videos will be available on the church website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. After the service, at 11 a.m., the service will be live-streamed on YouTube from the Worship Center. Church operators will then practice with new camera equipment in anticipation of live-streaming the indoor worship services beginning June 20 at 10 a.m. The community is invited to join in for some music and friendly banter on the church's YouTube channel.

The church is collecting new and gently used shoes for the homeless. Please bring them to the church office lobby during regular office hours.

Visit the church's website at 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 or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

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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](mailto:ccolby@cvwd.com).

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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).



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Nestled at the end of **flag lot**, this **secluded custom home** just hit the market in Montrose. The first floor is highlighted by an open concept **designer kitchen with stainless appliances, farm sink, and double Thermador ovens**. The **oversized eating area is warmed by a fireplace** and offers ample storage. Upstairs are three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The primary suite boasts full bath, balcony and walk in closet.

Entertain in style in your private backyard with patio, **jacuzzi and sparkling pool**. Additional features include, Nest, pavers and hardwood floors, energy efficient double pane windows and doors, pull down attic storage, and detached garage with storage room.



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