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## Hearing Held for 'Gargantuan Project'

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The City of Glendale Design Review Board (DRB) meeting being held today, Thursday, July 8 at 5 p.m. will undoubtedly be well attended – even though the meeting is being held virtually.

On the DRB agenda is the preliminary hearing for a proposed development at 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. The listed developer, Garo Nazarian c/o Domus Design, proposes to build 78 residential units (102,263 sq. ft.) and nine commercial units (17,217 sq. ft.) that would be housed in three buildings that are four and five stories high. The design of the buildings has been noted as being “modern boxy,” not keeping with the aesthetics of the Crescenta Valley.

A flyer, created by Gary and Roxanne Myers who live near the proposed development, was circulated to nearby residents of the proposed project. The flyer includes a sketch depicting what the development would like if green lit by the City of Glendale and urges residents to take part in today's hearing to voice their opposition to the project.

Mary-Lynne Fisher is a member of the Crescenta Valley Community Assn. and is against the development.

“I am gratified to know that so many members of our community, many of whom have not previously been active in zoning and development issues, have come out to oppose this gargantuan project,” she said. “I look forward to hearing what the members of the Design Review Board have to say about it.”

“Aside from needing an Environment Impact Review because of the reservoir beneath New York Park [which sits north of the proposed development] and the gas station that formerly sat on the site of the used car dealership [at the northwest corner of New York Avenue and Foothill Boulevard], the most

see DRB on page 8

## Night of Celebration Seen – and Heard

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Mary O'KEEFE

Thousands of people throughout the Crescenta Valley and downtown Glendale enjoyed thousands of fireworks that were on display on the evening of Independence Day, July 4.

After missing any type of display last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on social gathering, this year people were eager to celebrate the Fourth of July ... with some new twists.

Rather than having its full, open field event at Crescenta Valley High School, on the Fourth of July the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association held a vibrant fireworks display that was available at no cost to the entire Crescenta Valley. The fireworks show lasted about 25 minutes and was made possible by community donors.

“This year we were all a little nervous about how the show would happen, and if it would happen at all,” said Mike Shaar, president, CV Fireworks Association. “Thanks to some sponsors, and to many generous members of the public, we were able to bring in enough do-

nations to make the show possible this year. I don't know many realize how much a show like this costs to put on. The coordinators are all volunteers in the community who have worked on the show year after year. It feels great to work with such a talented team.”

A few dignitaries were granted rooftop access at the high school to view the fireworks. They included former Fifth District Supervisor Michael Antonovich and his family, CV Town Council President Harry Leon and former CVHS Principal Linda Junge and her husband Jason.

“The fireworks display this year was amazing. We have heard a lot of praise from the community about the show,” said Shaar. “The number of fireworks launched was by far the largest ever and the audience seemed to really enjoy the show despite not being able to be on the field. From what we could tell there were thousands of onlookers around the school and surrounding area watching the event. The audio simulcast was an extra bonus we were able to put together.”

The City of Glendale opted to provide its own fire-

see FIREWORKS on page 12



The skies above the Crescenta Valley and Glendale were lit up by fireworks on the night of July 4.

## Wildland Fire Week of Remembrance

By Mary O'KEEFE

Last week was Wildland Fire Week of Remembrance. It is a time to remember those firefighters who have died in the line of duty fighting fires but also to remember those who have fallen after the fire fight.

According to the Congressional Research Service, in 2020 70% of the nationwide acreage burned by wildfires was on federal lands – 7.1 million acres. The other 30% were on state, local or privately owned lands.

“This week of remembrance covers such a broad array of incidents in wildland firefighting,”

see WILDLAND on page 7



During Wildland Fire Week of Remembrance firefighters who died in the line of duty are honored.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# A Brief Respite

In last week's column, Defecate Etiquette 2, I asked for suggestions on how to properly dispose of dog poop when walking my dog and s/he decides to make a deposit en route. I am overwhelmed and grateful for the number of responses I've already received and encourage you to continue sending in your opinion.

Originally I was going to share in this week's column a sampling of responses and advice I received; however, for two reasons I'm going to wait until next week. First off, next week is our annual Pet Appreciation issue and I thought it would be more appropriate to share that information in that issue. Secondly, this past weekend and the Independence Day celebrations have inspired me to share some thoughts with you.

In the Crescenta Valley, we historically have a vibrant Independence Day celebration that begins around 4 p.m. with access to the field at Crescenta Valley High School. There ticketholders would find a variety of booths, inflatables for kids to play on and live music. Outside the school were several food trucks that people could buy food from. Around 9 p.m. the recorded patriotic music would begin, signaling the start of the fireworks display. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday.

As we all know, pretty much all Fourth of July celebrations were cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This left a void that we were eager to fill this year. But as the holiday approached, restrictions weren't lifted in the County of Los Angeles that would allow on-field access. Rather than canceling any type of celebration, the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Assn. chose to have a brilliant fireworks display that would be visible throughout much of the valley. This would be done by shooting the fireworks up higher into the sky so folks

farther away from the school could more easily view them.

There was some limited seating available on a rooftop at the high school near where the fireworks were being shot. I was able to get a seat there and, before the display began, I visited with some of the others who were invited to attend. Former fifth district supervisor Mike Antonovich was there with his entire family. I shared a laugh with former CV High School principal Linda Junge and her husband Jason. CV Town Council president Harry Leon was there with his wife, whom I have never met before; what a pleasure that was! I also had the chance to visit with a couple who made a substantial donation to ensure a fireworks display would happen this year.

Probably like many of you, I watched the fireworks in awe. They were breathtaking and the patriotic music that accompanied them truly brought tears to my eyes.

I am so grateful to the CV Fireworks Assn. for having the confidence to move forward with having a fireworks display this year. The association raises money for the display through ticket sales – which were absent this year. Thankfully, the community – including some extremely generous donors – came together to fund this year's display.

God willing next year we will be 100% free of COVID (and any other viruses) and the CV Fireworks Assn. will be able to return to offering the high-end celebration that we have come to expect and enjoy.

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

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# Weather in the Foothills

It is the unqualified result of all my experience with the sick that, second only to their need of fresh air, is their need of light; that, after a close room, what hurts them most is a dark room and that it is not only light but direct sunlight they want.

~ Florence Nightingale

June 20 may be the first day of summer but the season really gets underway when the night skies glow and booms echo across the valley in celebration of our country's birthday. The candles are now blown out and the dogs are no longer shaking; on with summer! The weather is cooperating nicely, just as expected, with temperatures on the rise.

Long before the rich and famous built their mansions on the teetering cliff-sides of Malibu, real estate developers, cattle barons, gold seekers, railroad companies, farmers and health seekers were drawn to Southern California's climate. Their reasons may have been varied, but often East Coast and Midwestern residents sought relief from brutal winters. As song writer and vocalist Neil Diamond, conveys, "LA's fine, the sun shines most the time..." Climatologists agree that an average sky is clear well over 300 days per year.

Here in the Crescenta Valley stands the last of its kind: the Rockhaven sanitarium. To back up a bit ...

Drawn by the clean air and relentless sunshine people with mental and physical ailments began streaming into the area, convinced the Mediterranean-like climate would cure them of their ills. Those seekers ranged from "the rich and famous" to recovering Civil War veterans. In response, sanitariums emerged throughout the early 1900s.

By the 1920s, Crescenta Valley was home to at least 25 specialized facilities that treated chronic disorders such as tuberculosis, asthma, alcoholism, mental illness and dementia. Rockhaven opened in 1923, standing alone as a women-only mental health facility. The patients were referred to as "feeble-minded" in an old brochure. Also included was assurance of an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Hundreds of female patients over a span 80 years sought relief within the ivy-covered walls and beautiful gardens of Rockhaven. A vision comes to mind when visiting the sanitarium of a resident outdoors basking in the warmth of the sun and serenity of the Crescenta Valley.

With the sole exception of Rockhaven, none of these sanitariums survived intact. In the past week, California State Senator Anthony Portantino's request to preserve the Rockhaven Sanitarium property has been approved. Thank you! Also, the Friends of Rockhaven are to be commended for their unwavering devotion to secure Rockhaven's future.

A simple two-word forecast for the upcoming week: summer weather!

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### PUBLIC HEARING PLANNED

The City of Glendale is having a public hearing regarding development of 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta/Glendale. The hearing is being held virtually today, Thursday, July 8 at 5 p.m. It can be viewed on Charter Cable channel 6 or online at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/management-services/gtv6/live-video-stream>. Those who would like to make comments or ask questions during the meeting can call in (818) 937-8100. Written comments can be submitted beforehand to Roger Kiesel at [rkiesel@glendaleca.gov](mailto:rkiesel@glendaleca.gov).

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, July 10 from 8 a.m. until 10 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.

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](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com). Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

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](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

### OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 freeway off-ramp is Saturday, July 8. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:10 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools.

### COUNTY UPDATES MASK MANDATE FOR

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health has updated their guidelines for mask wearing in K-12 schools and summer camps.

- Masks are no longer required outdoors for children or adults, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks continue to be required for all children and adults while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Based on this new guidance, students, teachers, staff, and visitors will no longer be required to wear masks at Glendale Unified school and district facilities while outdoors, effective Tuesday, July 6. Masks will still be required indoors at all school and district facilities.

As summer expanded learning programs are completed and plans are made regarding the start of school in August, Glendale Unified will continue to follow all health and safety guidelines from the LA County Dept. of Public Health.

### JULY DOC TALK LECTURE

USC-Verdugo Hills Hospital, in partnership with the YMCA of the Foothills, presents the free Virtual Doc Talks on the topic of "The Importance of a Well Woman Exam." It takes place virtually on Wednesday, July 14 from noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom. The lecture will be presented by Brittney Alyce Johnson, MD, assistant professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

For more information and register, visit [uscvh.org/doc-talks](http://uscvh.org/doc-talks) or call (818) 952-2228.

### SUMMER BEACH BUS RETURNS TO THE FOOTHILLS

Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the City of La Cañada are rolling out the summer beach bus. The buses will travel weekly from local stops to Santa Monica Beach. There is a nominal fee. To learn more, see page 7 of this week's paper.

By Mary O'KEEFE

## Back to Bingo

The American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars 1614 are back to supporting nonprofits through hosting and organizing bingo games.

On Saturday, July 10, the veterans at the American Legion and VFW will host a bingo game to benefit the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The American Legion is based on four pillars, or areas of advocacy and service; the fourth pillar is children/youth. The Chamber's fundraiser falls under the children/youth pillar since the majority of the funds raised goes toward the organization's scholarship program.

Over the last few years the American Legion and VFW veterans have honed their bingo skills and offered support to many nonprofits that support youth but, during the pandemic, the doors of the American Legion Hall closed and most fundraisers went to a virtual format.

Now the veterans are back and ready to go. These days, like pre-pandemic times, bingo games are very popular and nonprofits are grateful for the chance to hold this type of fundraiser; however, the thought of doing a bingo game was not always the "no brainer" it is today.

"I was not keen on doing bingo the very first time," said Mike Baldwin, adjutant with the American Legion Post 288.

His concerns were soon laid to rest when he saw how much support they received from the community and the willingness of other organizations to take part and sponsor the games.

He credited fellow veterans Andy Gero and Lynn McGinnis with being the driving force behind the bingo games.

"They came up with the idea to ask businesses and other groups to sponsor games so nothing is taken from the [ticket sales] funds raised," Baldwin said. "We never charge the 501(c)(3)[non profit] group for our service and we have raised [to date] over \$135,000 for various groups."

The VFW and American Legion have hosted bingo fundraisers for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept., Crescenta Valley High School, football boosters club, Mary Pinola Education Fund at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center and CVHS Prom Plus. They were planning a game for Glendale Community College when COVID-19 hit and they had to cancel the event.

Now that many of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, nonprofits are ready to host bingo.

Sometimes the veterans host bingo games at their lodge at 4011 La Crescenta Ave., and other times travel to locations with their bingo organizational talents. In addition to this Saturday's game, they have organized a bingo fundraiser for the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy and Girl Scouts at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale on July 24. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at <https://www.vhbsa.org/bingo7-24> or at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will available to purchase from the Elks Club at 6 p.m. The first game is at 6:30 p.m. There will be raffle items and 50/50 drawing.

On Aug. 20 a bingo fundraiser is scheduled for the American Legion Post 288. Though they host many games for other organizations, the Aug. 20 event is a fundraiser for the Posts. It will be held at Healy Hall, on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2411 Montrose Ave. The funds raised will allow them to assist veterans and families during the holidays.

The veterans have several other bingo events planned in October benefitting the Glendale Quilt Guild and the La Crescenta Woman's Club.

The July 10 bingo that benefits the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held at the American Legion Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m.; tickets are \$20 and include bingo sheets for 10 games plus a dauber. Every bingo game pays \$100 cash. There will food and beverages available for purchase. (More details are in the ad in today's paper on page 23, which includes a coupon for a free game.)



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TOP: The American Legion Hall is expected to be filled on Saturday with bingo players, daubers in hand, eager to win some cash. ABOVE: Lisa Foster at a previous bingo event presents her winning card.

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# Local Crossing Guard Competing in ‘World’s Toughest Race’ to Raise Awareness of Epidemic of Speeding in School Zones

*Veteran crossing guard ran 67 miles on his 67th birthday, vows to keep running until legislature takes action to protect school children.*



By Justin HAGER

As a school crossing guard in La Crescenta, La Cañada, Monrovia, Arcadia and Duarte, John Radich is familiar with the dangers kids face from drivers who speed around schools.

“The number of times I’ve had to protect a young student from a driver speeding through an intersection is too many to count,” he said.

These observations are backed by national studies, which have found

that two thirds of drivers exceed the posted speed limit in a school zone during the 30 minutes before and after school. Additionally, according to a report from Safe Kids USA, one of every six drivers in school zones is distracted. This combination is a looming threat to the wellbeing of all children who walk, bike and skateboard to and from school every day. Radich realized something needed to be done.

That was when he heard about Senate Bill 735. Authored by California State Senator

Susan Rubio and sponsored by the Los Angeles based nonprofit organization Streets are for Everyone (SAFE), SB 735 would allow local governments to set up automated speed-safety cameras in school zones.

To raise awareness of SB 735, Radich worked with SAFE to organize an event in which he would run 67 miles on his 67th birthday. To connect some of the communities he worked in as a crossing-guard, he chose a route along the historic Route 66 from San Bernardino to



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the Santa Monica Pier. Along the way he handed out information about SB 735 and SAFE.

“Everyone I talked to during the run wanted safer streets for our kids and believed that SB 735 is a great tool to help achieve this goal,” he said.

Shortly after completing his trek, SB 735 was pulled from the Senate Transportation Committee due to a lack of support. A similar bill moving through the Assembly, AB 550, died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File. In response, Radich decided to compete in the Badwater Ultramarathon, a 135-mile race through California’s Death Valley. Billed as the “world’s toughest footrace,” the run features some of the most extreme temperatures and elevation shifts any runner can face and occurs annually in mid-July when temperatures can reach 130 degrees Fahrenheit. Very few people, even among ultra-marathoners, can finish this grueling race; however, Radich is ready to run it this year to

support the fight for SB 735 and safer streets for children. He had qualified for the race last November but had been on the fence about participating.

“I realized that I have the opportunity to use my legs to make the world a better place,” he said. “The California legislature needs to hear the message that in this state risking the lives of our children to save a few minutes is not okay. I may not be able to pass laws or issue tickets myself, but I can run. I’ll keep running until we do what is right to protect our kids. If I can convince even a couple of legislators to support SB 735, then I will have done some good in the world.”

Radich is accepting donations in support of SAFE at <https://gofund.me/ab013aa9>.

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LEFT: Crossing guard John Radich ran 67 miles on his 67th birthday in support of SB 735.

RIGHT: Radich now looks to compete in the Badwater Ultramarathon.

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# Schiff Secures \$20 Million in Funding for Local Priorities in House Transportation and Infrastructure Investment Bill

This week, Rep. Adam Schiff voted in support of the INVEST in America Act, which includes nearly \$20 million for local priorities shared across seven projects from Glendale to West Hollywood.

“Every day, I’ll continue fighting to make sure that California and our community receive the resources they need to thrive and invest in the future,” said Schiff. “The House passage of the INVEST in America Act is a critical step toward enhancing the safety, sustainability, and quality of life across our community. This year has shown us that infrastructure is about so much more than just roads and bridges, and must include investing in the American people and the communities where they live and work. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to swiftly pass this bill, so we can revitalize our economy and ensure we are ready for the future.”

Schiff advocated to ensure Los Angeles transportation and infrastructure saw significant funding support in the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure legislation. The bill, which now awaits a vote in the Senate, includes the following local funding priorities, which were requested by communities across the district:

- \$500,000 for the 5 & 134 Freeway Electric Vehicle DC Fast Charging Network (City of Burbank) to expand the installation of electric vehicle charging stations along the

I-5 & SR-134 Freeway corridors.

- \$2 million for the Olive/Magnolia Bridge Safety Barrier Rail Project (City of Burbank) to modernize barriers and pedestrian railings for safety purposes.
- \$2.08 million for the Broadway Rehabilitation Project (City of Glendale) to make safety improves for all modes of transportation.
- \$2.4 million for a Community Beautification Project (City of Glendale) to facilitate road, sidewalk, and driveway repairs and install shared roadway bicycle markings.
- \$3 million for the Beverly and Robertson Boulevards Complete Street Improvements (City of West Hollywood) to modernize roadways and make pedestrian safety improvements.
- \$4.8 million for the Flint Canyon Trail Repair/Restoration (City of La Cañada Flintridge) to create a permanent stabilization solution for erosion.
- \$4.9 million for Melrose Avenue Complete Street Improvements (City of West Hollywood) to modernize roadways and make pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.

The full text of H.R. 3684 can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/59pmhn7r>. The full descriptions of community projects Schiff requested can be found at [https://schiff.house.gov/transpo\\_funding](https://schiff.house.gov/transpo_funding).

# Stop the Recall Rally Held



Members of the community demonstrated against the recall of Governor Gavin Newsom recently at the corners of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. Those at the corners were against the recall because of the money it will cost the state to hold the recall election – reports have an estimate of \$215 million, according to the states finance department.

Protestors understand that some may not agree with Newsom but thought the best way to object was during the scheduled election for governor. The recall election has been scheduled for Sept. 14, 14 months earlier than the regularly scheduled election.

Photos of Mary O'KEEFE

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# Two Bodies Found in Vehicle Wreckage on the Crest

By Mary O'KEEFE

Two bodies were found inside a vehicle that crashed over the side of Angeles Crest Highway around mile mark 71.5. The two have been reported as missing teens Sophie Edwards and Ethan Manzano, although the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office has yet to identify the

bodies.

The two 19 year olds were reported missing on July 2. They had been missing since July 1 at 1:30 p.m., according to Los Angeles County Sheriff Detective Matthew Pereda.

The two had apparently let someone know they were taking the Crest to visit friends. LASD personnel and the Montrose

Search and Rescue team searched the area along with the couple's family members and volunteers.

A volunteer using a drone found the vehicle wreckage.

"The mountain [Crest Highway] is treacherous," Pereda said.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the accident.

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## GPD REPORTS

### Glendale Police Department Conducting DUI Patrols

Additional officers from the Glendale Police Dept. will be out on patrol on July 9 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The GPD remains committed to keeping the public safe when they are traveling.

"We want everyone to be as safe as possible, especially when they are on the road," Sergeant Bateman said.

Glendale Police Dept. reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Those who plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact their ability to drive safely should plan on staying at home.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

### Male Arrested for Robbery and Felony Assault

On June 14 at approximately 5:20 p.m., officers responded to Verdugo Park regarding a robbery that had just occurred. Upon arriving, officers contacted the victim and multiple witnesses. Officers were told that an unknown male, who was wearing a ski mask, ran towards the victim while they were in the park.

The victim began running away from the suspect; however, the suspect caught up to the victim and pushed the victim to the ground as he started grabbing for the

victim's cellphone saying, "Give it to me." The victim refused to give up his/her cellphone, which caused the suspect to punch the victim in the back of the head and then kick the victim before fleeing the location on foot.

Multiple officers established a perimeter and a search for the suspect was initiated with the assistance of the Glendale Police Dept.'s K-9 Unit. The suspect, identified as 27-year-old Vincent Calixto (transient), was located hiding inside of the perimeter. As officers were detaining Calixto, he spontaneously stated, "I'm sorry." Calixto was positively identified as the suspect and was arrested and booked for robbery and felony assault.

### Male Arrested for Possessing a Loaded Handgun

On June 13 at approximately 12:04 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 600 block of North Central Avenue regarding a male who had just brandished a firearm in public then fled in a vehicle with a female. Upon arriving, officers learned the reporting party had observed a male, later identified as 27-year-old Julio Vazquez-Molina of Tracy, arguing with a female near a parked vehicle. The reporting party attempted to intervene in the argument, during which time Vazquez-Molina retrieved a loaded handgun from the rear seat of the vehicle and placed it in his waistband, telling the reporting party to leave them alone.

After this, Vazquez-Molina and the female entered the parked vehicle and drove away from the location. Additional officers had responded and immediately began checking the area for the suspect vehicle and located it driving in the area of Central Avenue and Americana Way. The vehicle was stopped and both occupants were detained. Upon contacting Vazquez-Molina, officers asked him if he had a firearm, to which he stated he did and that it was in the glove box of the vehicle.

Officers recovered the loaded handgun from the glove box and Vazquez-Molina was arrested and booked for illegally carrying a loaded firearm in public.

## CRIME BLOTTER

### July 2

2500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a church was vandalized by someone who threw rocks through several windows. The rocks damaged not only windows but also computer equipment inside the rooms. Video surveillance revealed a young male with a thin build throwing several rocks at the windows. The suspect is thought to be between 16 and 20 years of age. After breaking several windows he walked westbound toward Foothill Boulevard and out of view.

The vandalism occurred at 3:54 a.m.

### July 1

4300 block of Bel Air Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the front driver's window was smashed and items were stolen from a vehicle overnight.

4200 block of Woodleigh Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, several items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle between 3 p.m. on July 1 and 9 a.m. on July 2.

### June 30

1400 block of Descanso Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, private information was stolen from a vehicle between 2:30 p.m. on June 30 and 9 a.m. on July 1.

2100 block of Lyans Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the posts that held a sign for a real estate developer were cut and the sign was placed on the ground. The owner reported the sign had been removed from the holes and laid flat on the ground twice before so he had the current sign put deeper into the ground.

The posts were cut between 5 p.m. on June 30 and 7:30 a.m. on July 1.



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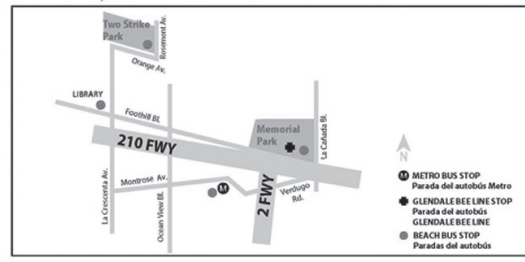
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WILDLAND from COVER

said Angeles National Forest (ANF) Fire Chief Bob Garcia. U.S. Forest Service is part of a mutual aid program. Angeles National Forest is in Mutual Aid Region 1, which includes Los Angeles County fire. Garcia spoke of the remembrance held not only for those who died while fighting fires, like Captain Ted Hall and Firefighter Specialist Arnie Quinones of Los Angeles County Fire Dept. who were killed in 2009 during the Station Fire at Camp 16 on ANF, but also for those firefighters who battled illness and injury long after the fire was contained. "Capt. [Dominic] Wright, who finished off his career in our dispatch center, was severely injured on a fire," Garcia said. Wright served with the U.S. Forest Service. During his tenure as an engineer on Los Padres Engine 74 he was exposed to hazardous smoke. He suffered extensive lung and respiratory injuries. After his injuries he moved to the ANF as dispatch captain where he served until 2017 when he passed away, according to U.S. Forest ANF spokesperson Diane Travis. "So the week of remembrance covers the incidents and honors the memory of those who we have lost but also [is a time to] renew the health and safety of our firefighters," Garcia said. "[It is a time] to honor those [fallen firefighters] first and

foremost." ANF is unique as a wildland area because it is so close to a large urban area. On any given day hundreds if not thousands of people will visit the forest. There are recreational sites for visitors, camping areas, hiking trails and locations for other activities within the forest but there are also roads that wind their way through the forest, including the Angeles Crest and Angeles Forest Highway. "Many of our forest roads have recreational access during the weekends and are commuter routes during the weekdays. Sometimes there is an overlap of those two activities so the mountain roads that have become commuter routes can become extremely dangerous," he said. "We had a line of duty death on the Angeles Crest in the 1980s." In 1985, Kenneth Burton, who served as the U.S. Forest Service Chantry Helitack superintendent and then as the Arroyo Seco assistant district fire management officer on the ANF, was involved in a fatal vehicle accident when the driver of an oncoming vehicle crossed into his lane. There have been technological advances in firefighting over the years that improve data-gathering on fires, like monitoring fuel moisture, but when it comes to fighting fire it is still very much a boots-on-the-ground effort. "[U.S. Forest] firefighters still

pack hose," Garcia said adding that depending on the location and the type of fire module, engine companies configure fire hoses into a backpack. The firefighters pack it up a hillside and, when they get to their location, they are able to lay thousands of feet of hose on a hillside. "We have engine companies – those are five-person engine companies – that carry five to six hundred gallons of water and several thousand feet of hose. That is one of our primary initial attack resources," Garcia said. "These are 20 person hand crews that construct the perimeter and separate fuels around the perimeter of the fire." The agency also has their Helitack Unit, which aerially delivers hand crews into specific areas. However, as prepared as firefighters may be, they still face dangers during wildfires. During official Wildland Fire Week of Remembrance it is especially important not to forget those who have fallen in the line of duty, and to support firefighters as they face this unprecedented fire season. The Wildland Firefighter Foundation is an organization that provides immediate financial and crisis assistance to families of fallen and injured wildland firefighters. To support firefighters and their families visit wildlandfirefighterfoundation.org.

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# Senator Portantino Garner \$1 Million for Unique Mental Health and Drug Intervention Program

Senator Anthony J. Portantino announced this week that his \$1 million budget request for the City of Glendale Police Dept.'s mental health and drug intervention pilot program was approved by the Legislature.

"This pilot program will allow for creative alternatives and offer better tools to deal with mental health and substance abuse issues," stated Portantino. "By diverting people experiencing drug abuse or mental health crises away

from incarceration and into treatment programs, California will save the money we would otherwise spend incarcerating these individuals. Creating a drug intervention and mental health treatment pilot program will help law enforcement deal with issues they have long struggled with."

Currently, the Glendale Police Dept. has just one mental health clinician assigned to the department who works with an officer in a co-response model

for mental health issues. The newly approved funds will allow the department to run a multiple year project to expand its mental health outreach and incorporate addressing substance abuse as part of the role of law enforcement. It will cover the costs of the program for three to five years.

Although the appropriation is specifically for Glendale's pilot program, the initiative will have statewide implications and benefits. The data and efficacy of

the program will be shared with the California Police Chief's Association, policy makers, and other drug treatment stakeholders for the potential expansion of the program.

"The Glendale Police Department is excited to receive this funding," stated Glendale Chief of Police Carl Povilaitis. "Our officers encounter people with addiction and mental health related issues on a daily basis, and those numbers have been increasing. We are

always looking for ways to resolve issues in the long-term, and this funding represents an opportunity to do just that. Addressing underlying addiction and mental health issues, and providing additional services in these areas, will not only help the individuals needing assistance but also promote a safe and healthy community overall. We thank Senator Portantino and the State for helping us create this pilot program in Glendale."

DRB from COVER

important element is preserving the 35-foot height limit codified in the North Glendale Community Plan. Whether this is accomplished by eliminating the commercial spaces or reducing the number of units is an issue on which the developer, the city and the community need to collaborate."

Susan Bolan, another member of the Crescenta Valley Community Assn. echoed Fisher's displeasure with the proposed development.

"I am grateful that Glendale has arranged for a preliminary hearing on this matter, giving the public an opportunity to weigh in before density bonuses and concessions are granted. We weren't able to with the proposal at 3950 Foothill Blvd.

"I can't believe that massive projects like

this one are still being brought forward by developers when they are contrary to everything laid out in the North Glendale Community Plan. It is heartbreaking to think about how this large project will affect La Crescenta and also the surrounding communities. It sets a significant precedent for future development."

The hearing is being held virtually today, Thursday, July 8 at 5 p.m. It can be viewed on Charter Cable channel 6 or online at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/management-services/gtv6/live-video-stream>. Those who would like to make comments or ask questions during the meeting can call in (818) 937-8100. Written comments can be submitted beforehand to Roger Kiesel at [rkiesel@glendaleca.gov](mailto:rkiesel@glendaleca.gov).

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### Obituary

Beverly Kay Ann Moore (nee Beaumont)



Aug. 30, 1931 – June 19, 2021

Beverly Kay Ann Moore (nee Beaumont) went home to be with the Lord on June 19 in Glendale. She was born on Aug. 30, 1931 in Glasgow, Montana. She was predeceased by her late husband Gary, and daughter Pamela. She is survived by daughter Gwendolynn, and two sons, James and Jay.

A memorial service for Beverly will be held today, Thursday, July 8, at 2 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church in Glendale.

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### Obituary

Melissa Mamakos



April 2, 1958 – June 23, 2021

Melissa Mamakos, a Los Angeles native, earned her wings on June 23. Predeceased by her parents, Mike and Helen Mamakos, she cherished her cats, loved a good grilled cheese sandwich and delighted in the beauty of the ocean.

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## Remembering Colin Andrew Jacobs



In memory of a life lost too soon, friends and family gathered to remember Colin Andrew Jacobs, 19. Jacobs drowned in the YMCA pool in July 2020 while working as a camp counselor.

Jacobs had grown up at the YMCA, participating in many activities there in his youth. A memorial Mass was held at St Bede the Venerable in La Cañada that was followed by a candlelight vigil at the site of Jacobs' death.

Jacobs graduated from St. Francis High School and was a student at USC where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.





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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Pioneer Memories: Tom Bonetto

Continuing on with the collected memories of several pioneers that were printed in a 1938 newspaper. I quote the article that paraphrases Tom Bonetto, and my inserted comments are in brackets.

Tom's parents emigrated from Italy at the turn of the century, initially settling in San Pedro's Italian community. A few years later they bought 10 acres in the Crescenta Valley, which also had an Italian population. Their land was on the southwest corner of La Crescenta and Montrose avenues. Tom and his brother Bart grew up in a tiny stone house on the corner of La Crescenta and Manhattan. Tom and Bart later established Bonetto Feed and Fuel, which became an early valley icon.

Tom's memories pick up in 1910: "He [Tom] was 13 and was enrolled in the one-room school building. [La Crescenta Elementary, on the same site as the current school.] Miss Jones was the only teacher and there were about 33 children

attending. A few months later Tom was graduated and was the only one in short trousers. [These would have been knickers and long stockings. Boys in knickers transitioned to long pants around puberty, so to have been the only boy still in knickers at 13 must have been an embarrassing memory for Tom.] It was whispered that some of the young men had cigars hidden in their pockets. [Shocking!]

"Lawrence Tibbett hoed weeds with Tom on the Baldrige Ranch [Onandarka Ranch, now the Oakmont Woods neighborhood] and was said to have been a 'good scout' and a diligent worker. [Tibbett's] wife insisted that he practice often and his voice carried across the countryside. [Tibbett, although largely forgotten today, was the top opera star from the '20s into the '50s. In the 1930s, he broke into movies as a star of many musicals.]

"La Cañada and La Crescenta school teams were playing baseball and football and the team members would walk

the distance between the two schools. There were dances at the La Crescenta School.

"The first Catholic services were held at the place now known as the Kimball Sanitarium [where La Crescenta Ralphs is today] with Father Catou [a retired priest] in charge. When the place was sold the Catholics attended mass in Tujung with Father Tonello in charge. [Holy Redeemer Church was not built until 1927.]

"Tom remembers the excitement of the children whenever Harvey Bissell appeared in his high-powered racing car. The youngsters would rush pell-mell just to see it pass by. [Bissell was the wealthy heir to the Bissell Vacuum Cleaner Company. He owned a huge estate at the top of La Crescenta Avenue, the Hi-up Ranch, where Pinecrest is now. Besides his racecar, Bissell owned a yacht, in which he sailed to the South Sea Islands.]

"Le Mesnagers had the vineyard where the Oakmont

Country Club now stands [in addition to the vineyard where Deukmejian Park is] and there were Japanese gardeners in Verdugo Canyon. The Bonettos bought their 10-acre tract from the late Fred Young. Cherries, grapes and prunes were some of the fruits grown by them, and they would leave with their produce about midnight with horse and wagon for the market at 6th Street, Los Angeles, and reach there about 3 a.m. They would return home at noon. [Their destination would have been the Los Angeles Wholesale Produce Market, a huge open-air exchange, which still exists today.]

"Later a business block was built across the street [from Bonetto Feed and Fuel] at La Crescenta and Montrose Avenues that housed grocery, drug [original site of La Crescenta Pharmacy, now on Foothill], hardware store, a barber shop and library. [All that in the space now occupied by 7-Eleven.]

Tom and his brother Bart were

community leaders, involved in many service organizations. Bonetto Feed and Fuel was torn down for apartments in the '70s. The little stone house the Bonettos originally lived in was recently demolished. The stones from the little house were reused for the foundations of the three new homes at La Crescenta and Manhattan. Tom Bonetto's later home is now a Glendale Historical Landmark, beautifully restored and located at 2819 Manhattan Ave.



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

NEWS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » HARRY LEON

## Development Proposed Along Foothill

I hope you all had a fun festive Fourth of July with your family and friends. Some celebrated our nation's Independence Day at Crescenta Valley High School with a full display of fireworks. This display was organized by the CV Fireworks Association. Big thanks to everyone who made it such a wonderful event.

Once again, the summer beach bus is available, thanks to our Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the City of La Cañada. The beach bus will take riders from La Crescenta to Santa Monica. You can check out the schedule at LAGoBus.com.

For those not into climbing aboard the summer beach bus but still

need to stay cool, there are plenty of options for pools and splash pads in every community. Visit parks.lacounty.gov to find one near you.

Let me once again warn the residents of our community that bulky item dumping is a violation of county ordinance. Please keep our community clean and safe.

The Land Use Committee has discussed with the Dept. of Regional Planning (DRP) the possibility of a more even distribution of housing units proposed for Montrose that would 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. A public hearing by the Planning Commission will take place in August.

Attorney Jennifer Oden, representing Walgreens, will make a presentation regarding the store's conditional use permit renewal application for the continued sale of alcohol at its 3001 Foothill Blvd. location. The presentation will be made at the CVTC general meeting on July 15 (rescheduled from June 17). Corporate has determined that it will request the following condition be deleted:

8(s): The permittee shall provide an area near the front of the store at which customers will be required to place their backpacks or similar bags upon entering the store.

Several local modifications are being sought including Plan RPPL2019004236; Project 2019-002386 at 5221 Ramsdell Ave. (R-1-1000) A yard modification is requested to demolish an existing retaining wall within the side yard and replace it with a 10'-0" high

retaining wall at the property line.

At 2434 Foothill Blvd. (SE corner of Sunset), Mr. Garo Nazarian of Domus Design, Project PRJ2020-001576; Plan RPPL2020005035, filed Aug. 10, 2020: A four-story, 31-unit apartment building with two-level sub-garage, providing three affordable units at 50% AMI and requesting one incentive - 10 feet height. (Note that Mr. Nazarian is the developer of record for the proposed lot at 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd.)

Do you want to host a vaccine clinic at your business or event? The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health will set up shop at your location for free. Fill out a form at <https://tinyurl.com/2vnumber5> to apply.

And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at [contact@thecvcouncil.com](mailto:contact@thecvcouncil.com).



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works display rather than directing its residents to other professional displays. Bursts of fireworks could be seen exploding in the sky above Glendale, launched from the rooftop of the Marketplace Parking Garage across Harvard Street.

According to Patty Betancourt with the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept., "The event went well. Hundreds of people lined up on Harvard, Brand Boulevard and in Central Park to watch the fireworks. We saw people from apartment balconies and guests at nearby halls looking on, as well as people walking up and down Brand, at the restaurants and using the green space at the Library and at Central Park."

The "Jewel City Sparkles" display was a celebration of the re-opening of downtown and the inaugural fireworks display was presented by the City and sponsored in part by Rick Caruso. Betancourt said that it hasn't yet been determined if the City will host another display next year.

"We will evaluate this year's event and do what we feel is most feasible and best for the community," she said.

Due to the pandemic La Cañada Flintridge had to cancel this and last year's Fiesta Day festivities, normally held on Memorial Day, but they did bring some of those traditional events to the Independence Day weekend. On July 5 the day started with a 5K run sponsored by the YMCA. About 200 runners took part in the run, including several young runners. Later in the morning, at 10:30 a.m., a hometown parade traveled along Foothill Boulevard, showcasing its grand marshal - the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"The parade was a complete success," said Pat Anderson, president and chief executive officer, La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce.

Anderson said they were happy to have the parade and very pleased to honor JPL as the grand marshal.

JPL members walked down parade route and others watched from the sidelines cheering on their colleagues. The recent Mars 2020 Perseverance rover, including the Ingenuity robotic helicopter that has had several successful flights on Mars, was highlighted.

This year the parade had two royal courts participate- both the 2020 and 2021 because last year's parade was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Later that afternoon, music in the Park was kicked off by the popular Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries. Music in the Park will continue through the summer on Sunday evenings starting at 6 p.m.

Though pleased with how well this year's festivities went, Anderson said the City of La Cañada Flintridge is already looking forward to next year.

"On May 30, 2022 we will have our parade and all the Fiesta Day activities," Anderson said.

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TOP: CV Fireworks seen from a nearby parking lot.  
ABOVE: Runner in La Cañada as part of the YMCA 5K.  
BELOW: Dana Kanstul as Tommy Trojan rides Traveler 9, USC's mascot in the La Cañada parade.



ABOVE: Glendale fireworks lit up the downtown sky.  
BELOW: Waiting for fireworks at CV are former CVHS Principal Linda Junge and her husband Jason.



ABOVE: Michael Antonovich and his son Mike.  
BELOW: CV Town Council President Harry Leon.





# YOUTH

## Class of 2021 Ticktockers Presented by NCL, Inc., Glendale Chapter



Front row, from left, are Kaitlyn Hammer, Meadow Solares, Audrey Melillo, Annalise Evans, Reese Ramseyer, Jayli Day, Natalie Yu, Caitlyn Eng, Catherine Layton and Jayden Husfeld. Back row, from left, are Sophie Clarkson, Emily Strauss, Devyn Cox, Stephanie Wichman, Chloe Lehmann, Cadie Carlson, Emmie Matthews, Berit Oxley, Isabella Gerhardt and Allison King.

Twenty-three young women from La Crescenta, La Cañada Flintridge, Glendale, Altadena and the surrounding area were honored by the Glendale Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. at the 70th annual Senior Presentation Ball on May 21, which was held at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort in Huntington Beach.

The Senior Presentation Ball is a tradition for the Chapter, highlighting and thanking the Class of 2021 for the girls' 8,722 hours of philanthropic service. The young women, or Ticktockers as they are known, began their NCL journey in seventh grade working with their mothers, called patronesses, to support the chapter's philanthropic partners. Over the years, the class volunteered at Ascencia, Union Station, Door of Hope, YWCA of Glendale, La Cañada Tournament of Roses, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, Operation

Gratitude, American Red Cross, Hathaway-Sycamores, Twelve Oaks Senior Living, the Chapter's annual rummage sale and more.

"The Senior Presentation Ball event theme 'It Starts with Us' truly represented the amazing integrity these Ticktockers have with their commitment to philanthropic service, thoughtful leadership and social/cultural awareness. Significantly, they mastered this in both the 'best of times and the worst of times,' these past 14 months," said Kelli Kunkle-Day, Chapter president. "This senior class fully recognizes that change, disruption and perseverance is not easy but fosters the necessary determination, awareness and skills needed as they move forward into the next chapters of their lives."

This year the Chapter's Presents event was just for the senior class families. Due to the pandemic, the event was re-imagined to protect the health and safety of all while

allowing a celebration of the 23 Ticktockers being presented. The event included a welcome from Ticktockers Chloe Lehman, president of the Class of 2021, and from Grade Level Advisor Christa Evans. The evening included the presentation of each Ticktockers, the father-daughter waltz, the Senior Service Award and a farewell toast. The co-chairs of the Presentation Ball were Andrea Vacheron and Linda Gump.

The Glendale Chapter of NCL, Inc., was first organized in 1942 and became a chartered chapter of National Charity League, Inc. in 1958. It works with over 20 local philanthropies, supporting them with hands-on service. Through the mother-daughter relationship, National Charity League, Inc. develops strong women leaders serving and impacting communities today and for generations to come.

Learn more at [www.nclglendale.org](http://www.nclglendale.org).

## YOUTH NOTES

**Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station is actively recruiting for the next Explorer Academy. Young adults who are between 14 and 20 years of age can apply.**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Explorer Academy is an 18-week commitment. The Academy is held every Saturday once started. The next academy will be held at STARS Center in Whittier starting Sept. 18.

Requirements:

- GPA of 2.0 or higher
- No serious criminal record/probation
- Must pass drug screening
- Must submit to a background check

The Explorers will be trained in laws, searching/handcuffing, writing reports, handling calls for service (domestic violence, family disturbance, felony traffic stops, active shooters, assaults, etc.). When trained, they can go on "ride-alongs" with full-time deputies on patrol in La Cañada Flintridge or La Crescenta. As Explorers gain experience, they have the opportunity to go on ride-alongs at other stations throughout the county.

The Crescenta Valley Station Explorers assist with numerous events such as the La Cañada Fiesta Days Parade, La Cañada Turkey Trot, Station Open House, Haunted Jail and volunteer rummage sale.

The Crescenta Valley Explorer Post has attended over 100 competitions. The Explorers have earned hundreds of trophies and certificates for their participation in these competitions. During the competitions the Explorers compete against other Explorer posts from across the United States.

Meetings are usually held the second and fourth Monday of each month excluding holidays, school commitments, family obligations, etc.

Over the years CV Station Explorers have gone onto the Naval Academy, Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Several of its Explorers have graduated the Sheriff's Academy and become Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies, San Diego County Sheriff deputies, Glendale police officers, and Los Angeles police officers.

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 20 who has interest in law enforcement can contact the Explorer coordinators Sergeant John Gilbert at (818) 236-4027 or Deputy Marcelo Ruiz at (818) 236-4026.

## CVHS Graduates Recognized with Scholarships

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Several elite Crescenta Valley High School graduating seniors who earned honors, awards and scholarships were showcased in the recent Senior Awards Ceremony that was held virtually. The ceremony began with a rocky start due to a power outage at the school, but the administrators worked through it and on went the show to recognize the top scholars who were challenged with so much during their 2020-21 senior year.

Local organizations, including elementary schools, awarded scholarships to the graduates,

who were recognized in several different categories.

To see a complete list of scholarships awarded and the names of the recipients,

visit [www.cvweekly.com](http://www.cvweekly.com) YOUTH.



## SPORTS

## Local Stars Take the Stage at the Tokyo Olympics

With the Tokyo Olympics just weeks away, several area residents are gearing up for competition on the world's biggest stage. Southern California is home to dozens of Olympic athletes, with several having particularly close ties to the local community and local high school and college sports culture. The CV Weekly is proud to feature a few of these local athletes and will be cheering them on when they compete in Tokyo at the end of the month.

By Justin HAGER

The last time athletes gathered to compete for Olympic glory, La Cañada High School graduate Colin Morikawa had just completed his freshman year at University of California, Berkeley and was raising eyebrows in the golfing world as the winner of the Sunnehanna Amateur Tournament. Now the former CIF player of the year is preparing to travel to Tokyo as one of the favorites to win Olympic gold. Despite being the youngest male on the U.S. Olympic Golf team, the 24-year-old is ranked No. 4 in the world and is coming off impressive victories in the 2020 PGA Championship and the 2021 WGC-Workaday Championship, both of which he won by multiple strokes.

Playing the same courses as Morikawa will be a more recent rising star in local sports. Born in Arcadia, Rose Zhang just turned 18 years old in May, but the incoming Stanford University freshman is already the No. 1 rated amateur golfer in the world and is no stranger to the global stage. She was on the winning U.S. mixed-gender team at the 2019 Pan-American Games and led the U.S. to championships at both the 2017 and 2019 Junior Solheim Cup and Junior Ryder Cup.

More than her accomplishments, however, is her personality as a soft-spoken, humble, honest and infectiously optimistic young woman who will almost assuredly make her a fan favorite in Tokyo.

Of course, for some athletes optimism isn't optional, it's essential. Swimmer Jamal Hill, who lives in Los Angeles and trains at the Boys and Girls Club in Pasadena, was only 10 years old when he experienced total paralysis and doctors considered amputating his right arm. He was diagnosed with Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT), a hereditary neurological condition that can result in progressive loss of muscle tissue and touch sensation in the body. Today, the 26-year-old U.S. Paralympian is ranked No. 3 in the world Paralympic 50 Free. While the world's eyes will be on his pursuit of gold in Tokyo, his eyes are set closer to home where, here in the U.S., Hill founded Swim Up Hill, an organization dedicated to empowering Black and Brown youth locally and globally and teaching one million people to swim.

Another U.S. Paralympian with Pasadena ties is track star Breanna Clark. A 2014 graduate of Pasadena City College, Clark has already secured her first Gold, claiming the medal and falling just one one-hundredth (.01) seconds short of a world record in the 400-meter dash at the Rio 2016 games. The



Photo by Roman INGUANZO  
CV High School graduate Desiree "Dee Dee" Hernandez, being honored here with her family on senior night at the high school, will be heading to Tokyo for the Olympics but will be on Team Mexico.

daughter of 1976 Olympic Silver medalist and now LAPD officer and Police Academy instructor Rosalyn Clark, Clark broke the world record one year later, at the 2017 World Championships in London. Then in 2018, she broke her own record again, winning the Paralympic National Championships in Tempe, Arizona.

Unfortunately for Team USA, the region's brightest softball star won't be playing for Team USA. Crescenta Valley High School graduate Desiree "Dee Dee" Hernandez, the two-time Pacific

League Pitcher of the Year who was recently named to 2021 All-CIF Southern Section softball team, is the youngest player on the Team Mexico roster and is considered by many to be the lynchpin of Mexico's dreams of taking home a softball medal from Tokyo. Already a veteran in international competition, Hernandez played with the Mexican National team at 15 years old at the 2017 World Cup of Softball in Irvine and again at the World Baseball Championship in Japan and the Games. She'll be returning to the U.S. in the fall

to play with the San Diego State Aztecs.

While the CV Weekly will be cheering for team USA throughout the Olympics, there would be something particularly special about a Gold Medal match-up between the Stars and Stripes and the CVHS Falcons' very own star on the mound.

If you know of other Olympians with ties to Crescenta Valley or our surrounding communities who weren't mentioned in this article, send us a note on our website at [www.cvweekly.com](http://www.cvweekly.com).

## Glendale Native is First WNBA Player to Surpass 9,000 Career Points



By Justin HAGER

You know you're doing something right when the "Black Mamba," Kobe Bryant, invokes his own legacy and nickname to bestow an honor upon you. And on Sunday night, the "White Mamba," aka Phoenix Mercury guard Diana Taurasi, proved that she was deserving of Bryant's recognition and a place next to Bryant in the record books as one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

Taurasi was already a 10-time WNBA all-star, five-time scoring

champion, four-time Olympic gold medalist, three-time WNBA champion, three-time NCAA national champion, and the WNBA's highest scoring player of all time – an honor she earned more than four years ago. But as her two-decade WNBA and collegiate career have repeatedly shown, she was not yet satisfied.

Of course, she could have just waited three weeks for her next great accomplishment: Taurasi has already been named to the Tokyo 2021 squad for what will be her fifth Olympic Games. But alas, the

39-year old Glendale native couldn't wait. After being sidelined for five weeks with a fractured sternum, Taurasi returned to the court and put up 25 points against her hometown team, the Los Angeles Sparks. The next closest active player in the WNBA is former teammate Candice Dupree, who is more than 2,000 points behind Taurasi.

Beyond the sheer audacity of reaching 9,000 career points, the accomplishment was particularly special for two additional reasons: (1) It was the first game in which Phoenix Suns Arena, the home of

the Mercury, was allowed to return to full capacity since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (2) it fell on the final week of Pride Month. Four years earlier, during Pride month 2017 (the same month she broke the WNBA scoring record), she made headlines for a different reason – she was featured on the cover of People Magazine, hand-in-hand with her former teammate and newly married wife, Penny Taylor, on their wedding day.

When asked what 9,000 points means to her, Taurasi said, "It's cool... I did it all with one team and

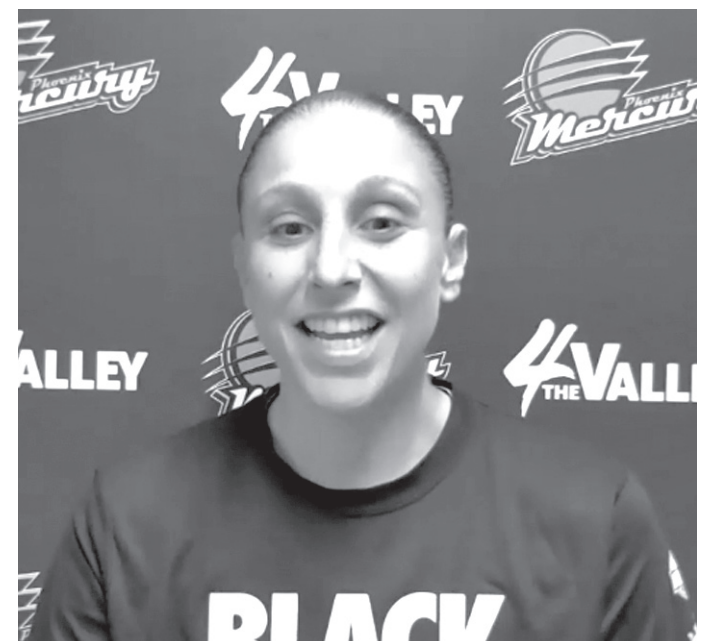
that means a lot to me."

Of course, in typical Taurasi fashion, she is already looking ahead to next great accomplishment.

"I guess I'll be happy when I get to 10,000," she said. "That's when I'll really celebrate, maybe even throw a party."

Diana Taurasi and the Phoenix Mercury next play the Seattle Storm in Seattle on July 11.

Courtesy of Mercury Media Guide  
LEFT: Diana Taurasi striking a pose after a game.  
RIGHT: Phoenix Mercury guard Diana Taurasi.





# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Mayor Visits TCC Associates

City of Glendale Mayor Paula Devine recently visited the Gogian House to reconnect with The Campbell Center (TCC) associates for a luncheon and to present their daily activities at the home. Before the luncheon, several residents gave a tour of the home to Mayor Devine and TCC leadership, which included an overview of the virtual services provided by The Campbell Center throughout the pandemic, like virtual art lessons and field trips to increase digital literacy. Several

residents were excited to show off their artwork they had made during the pandemic and gifted their personal paintings and drawings to Mayor Devine.

"I was grateful for the opportunity to visit and experience, firsthand, the wonderful work The Campbell Center does," said Mayor Devine.

"We are so grateful for the mayor's attendance," added David Fields, executive director, The Campbell Center. "We can't wait to have her back again soon."



ABOVE: TCC residents and staff pose with Glendale Mayor Paula Devine.

BELOW: Mayor Devine and John, a TCC resident.



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have so many others to choose from. Now let's assume your home is already in escrow subject to you finding a home of choice. And your buyer has removed all contingencies. Depending on the seller and his Realtor you may have better luck getting your offer accepted as your offer is stronger with a buyer in place.

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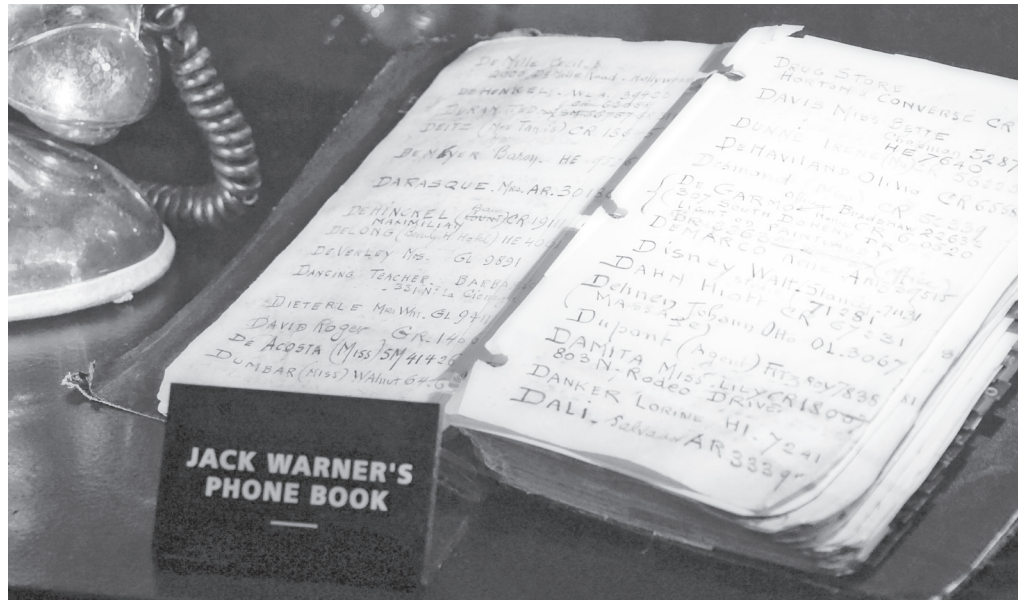


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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Warner Bros. Studio Tour Rides Again



By Charly SHELTON

After more than a year of closures and quarantine, many businesses and attractions are reopening to the public. Some attractions have reopened in the same condition as when they closed, just glad to have made it through the pandemic without going out of business. Other attractions took the downtime to construct new offerings and streamline things, making use of the guest-free days to do all the headache work of building without losing revenue-generating days to do it. Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank did just that and now that they have reopened, a whole new world awaits.

A brand new tour complex, complete with massive Warner Bros. gift shop, has just debuted with the reopening of the tour

last weekend. The Storytellers Showcase is the entry point of the tour and it showcases nearly 100 years of history on the lot, from the filming of hit TV shows like “Friends” and “Dallas,” to the classic animation of the Looney Tunes and Tom and Jerry, to the timeless classics filmed on the lot like “The Jazz Singer,” the first talking motion picture. And the archives have been opened up for this exhibit as well, which includes the microphone on display that was invented for “The Jazz Singer” as well as Jack Warner’s phone book with entries including “Disney, Walt” and “Dali, Salvador” and “Davis, Miss Bette.”

Then, halfway through the tour, guests are invited to step into the world of the modern classics like the DC Universe films and the Wizarding World films. Guests can get sorted into their Hogwarts house, lie in Harry

Potter’s bed in the cabinet under the stairs, visit The Watchtower database of the Justice League headquarters and even stroll through the Batcave with several Batmobiles on display and a live screen as different iterations of the iconic car take off to go fight crime in Gotham City. And the “Friends” experience is even more immersive, with a full Central Perk Café offering coffee, sandwiches, signature lattes and a couch to sit on with your own friends.

All these new offerings come alongside the already stellar studio tour, which was a great attraction to begin with. For those who have never been, the tour winds its way across the Warner lot, past the iconic water tower where the Animaniacs live, through the backlot sets that were home to the “Gilmore Girls,” past the sound stages where “Casablanca” was filmed, and is

now bookended with the museum and the immersive exhibit. It’s a three-hour-tour and a lot of fun – not only for tourists who want to see how movies are made but even for LA locals who are no strangers to walking a studio lot.

Shooting on a stage or on a backlot is fun, but it never has the old Hollywood glamour one would hope for. You get in trouble for wandering off, you spend more time with sandbags than with iconic sets, and the whole point of shooting there is to separate the look of this show from the look of whatever famous movie was shot here 20 years ago so as not to copy it wholesale. But on a tour, you get to see the whole lot and immerse yourself in the famous films that are really cared about. If you’re shooting background shots for a CBS pilot that will never get picked up, and you’re on the stage where Bogart said to Bergman “We’ll always have

Paris,” you aren’t thinking about the CBS pilot first and foremost. Being on this tour allows film fans to revel in the idealized movie studio experience and, for the uninitiated, give a peek at how films are made.

The Warner Bros Studio Tour is a lot of fun, and it has just recently reopened so everything is still shiny and new. Come visit the lot and see for yourself. Starting July 15, the tour is offering So Cal Resident ticket deals to get the locals to come see what they’ve been missing. Visit WBStudioTour.com for tickets and more info. And to check out a video tour of what’s in store for you, find our coverage on TikTok at @zipadeedodad.

Photos by Charly SHELTON  
LEFT: The iconic WB water tower.  
RIGHT: Jack Warner’s phone book is on display.

### THEN & NOW I



**Then »** If you moved to the 2800 block of Manhattan Avenue in the Crescenta Valley in the boom years of the late '20s, this is what the street in front of your new home looked like: an undulating dirt track scraped out of the sagebrush that ended at a large bush, and lots of short scrubby bushes and trees. This was the view from the front of the Bonetto home where the family had moved from San Pedro in 1910 – the only house on the block. Not such a bad life, though, as the feed store they owned was just a block up at the corner of Los Angeles (La Crescenta) and Montrose, the streetcar ran along Montrose Avenue all the way down to Glendale, and the brand new La Crescenta Woman’s Club was a half a block away and was the social center of the valley. As a new resident back then, you would have seen a petition being circulated in the valley by the new Verdugo City Association of Commerce proposing some name changes in the valley. Montrose Avenue was to be renamed Indiana Avenue, Honolulu was to be Broadway, and Crescenta Valley as a whole was to become North Angeles.

### Piedmont Avenue Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now »** The street names didn’t change but the look of the valley sure did! This is the same view of the 2800 block of Manhattan looking west from the front of the Bonetto home. More houses and bigger trees but still a great place to live. The feed store is gone, but the 7-Eleven at La Crescenta and Montrose avenues now feeds the needs of locals. Instead of the trolley line, most people would opt for the freeway off-ramp two blocks up. The Woman’s Club is still there, though, and after over 100 years in existence still supplies a meeting place for community groups.



# Scene In LA - July 2021

California has fully reopened and removed all capacity limits and physical distancing requirements regardless of setting. That means most theaters can open again at full capacity – if they choose to and are ready to do so. Many local theater venues are not ready to do that just yet. A lot of preparation is necessary to get things back up and running again; patience will be needed while things get organized. In the meantime, here are a few shows that are already running or have set opening dates this month:

11 through Nov. 7 at Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga. For tickets, call (310) 455-3723 or visit [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com).

## The Last, Best Small Town

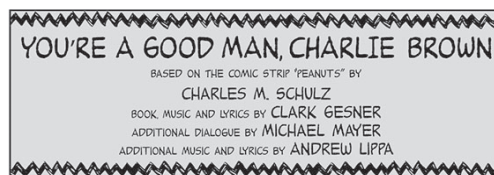
by John Guerra



*"The Last, Best Small Town"* In this modern-day "Our Town" by LA-based Latinx playwright John Guerra, two neighboring families, one Latinx and one White, live in the town of Fillmore – the self-proclaimed "Last, Best Small Town in Southern California." As the first decade of the 21st Century unfolds, the children of these families come of age, fall in love and suffer loss as they continually hunt for their place in a world that can no longer promise them a better life than their parents had.

Written by John Guerra and directed by Ellen Geer, it runs July 31 through Nov. 6 at Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga. For tickets, call (310) 455-3723 or visit [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com).

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Written by Clark Gesner, with music by Clark Gesner, and directed by Christian Lezano, it runs July 31 through Aug. 29 at the Sierra Madre Memorial Park in Sierra Madre. For tickets, call (626) 355-4318 or visit [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org).

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

Area theaters continue to expand their online offerings with more and more events to experience on a virtual basis. Some of these online events are only available on a one-time basis, while others are ongoing and can be viewed anytime on-demand. Visit each of the websites to see what is currently being offered. You will find free content as well as pay-per-view to choose from.

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

*"An Octoroon"* A spectacular collision of the antebellum South and 21st Century cultural politics, "An Octoroon" is a gasp-inducing deconstruction of a moustache-twirling melodrama by 19th Century playwright Dion Boucicault that twists a funhouse world of larger-than-life stereotypes into blistering social commentary.

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

*"Taming the Lion"* William Haines acted in 50 films between 1922 and 1934 and was the number one box office draw at the end of the silent era. He was also the first openly gay movie star, a fact that the MGM studio attempted to conceal, fearing that Haines' gayness would prove to be box office poison. Studio executives Louis B. Mayer and Irving Thalberg attempt to force Haines to marry a woman to please the fans. But Haines is devoted to his male lover, Jimmie Shields. Mayer sends Haines' best female friend, Joan Crawford, to try to persuade Haines to marry a woman. Mayer gives Haines an ultimatum: marry a woman and continue to be a movie idol, or turn his back on his movie career and lose everything so that he can stay with Jimmie.

Written by Jack Rushen and directed by Melanie MacQueen, it runs July 9 through Aug. 1 at the Theatre 40, in the Reuben Cordova Theatre in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 364-0535 or visit [www.theatre40.org](http://www.theatre40.org).



*"Julius Caesar"* A thriller about power, politics and the elusive nature of truth through a slightly different lens with the iconic tale told from the vantage point of the soothsayer.

Written by William Shakespeare and directed by Ellen Geer and Willow Geer, it runs July 10 through Oct. 30 at Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga. For tickets, call (310) 455-3723 or visit [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com).

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Written by William Shakespeare, with music by Ellen Geer and Marshall McDaniel, and directed by Melora Marshall, it runs July

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### WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com June 5, 2021 - July 11, 2021

**♈ ARIES** March 21 - April 19  
Too much of anything can be detrimental to your system, including fun, which is why it helps to spend time alone. You're in the mood to live life to the fullest, but try and keep a semblance of balance. If your energy reserves get depleted or immune system runs down, you could be more vulnerable to infection. Inner peace is the key to good health.

**♎ LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  
Stay calm if you want to avoid high blood pressure or tension headaches. If you can adjust your attitude accordingly, life will be much easier and your body will function more efficiently. Your health is in your hands - or your head. The happier you are, the more your body will respond. Keep smiling!

**♉ TAURUS** April 20 - May 20  
Continue with your current routine. This period may be tense, so give yourself space to do everything. Your partner's health could be delicate, so a little TLC wouldn't hurt. It's nothing serious. Fresh air will help you both feel better. Drink plenty of fluids.

**♏ SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
The cosmos could be making you jumpy. You'll feel irritable and tired if you keep pushing yourself to do more than you have to. A dormant cold could suddenly worsen and cause you to lose time from work. Pace yourself, and talk through difficult issues. Avoid too many snacks if your stomach is sensitive.

**♊ GEMINI** May 21 - June 20  
The cosmos could cause some tension. You may be trying to muster the willpower to get moving. There seem to be annoying symptoms or even minor accidents that prevent you from feeling 100 percent. This could be because you're frustrated with some area of your life. Get it figured out and help yourself feel better. Exercise away the cobwebs.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21  
This could be an intense time, so keep yourself grounded. If you forget to feed and rest your body, you're going to be more prone to accidents and other health problems. Stay aware and you'll be able to maneuver through the days ahead. There could be a lot of stress around, so try to stay relaxed.

**♋ CANCER** June 21 - July 22  
You seem to be living on the edge, especially as far as your social life is concerned. You could get frazzled by staying out late, drinking too much, and exposing yourself to smoke. If you have to be on the go, take care of yourself the rest of the time. Walk in the fresh air, get adequate sleep, and eat nourishing food.

**♑ CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19  
You could feel on edge and be more prone to stress. It isn't serious, but it could be enough to make you tense if you don't consciously avoid it. Watch out for minor accidents caused by your mind being elsewhere. The cosmos might encourage you to eat more than usual. Don't feast on treats - eat well.

**♌ LEO** July 23 - August 22  
You might have to deal with headaches now. You may need to express your anger but find yourself blocked. This and being under pressure may cause your body to react. You need to be especially careful now. Later these problems should ease and you'll feel ready for anything. Don't give up your health and exercise program.

**♈ AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
Try not to get overheated this week. It's better to move slowly than it is to rush. A tendency to manipulate events linked with money could increase your blood pressure and make it more difficult for you to stay calm. Don't try force your agenda. It's better to let things fall into place and ensure your peace of mind.

**♍ VIRGO** August 23 - Sept. 22  
Your energy level is high, but a number of influences may cause you to overeat and indulge as a way to try to feel better. One issue could be causing you frustration, and this won't help you function at your best. Try to be good to yourself.

**♓ PISCES** Feb. 19 - March 20  
Keep up your research into any health issues. You have all the help from the cosmos that you need to find the facts. Don't stick with the tried and true. Instead, look at alternatives and listen to what people say about their results. Once you've gathered enough information, you can make an informed decision. Trust that you'll know what to do.

## CALENDAR this

### BINGO FUN PLANNED

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a bingo game on Saturday night, July 10, at the American Legion/VFW Hall at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the first game starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20, which includes 10 games plus a dauber. Tickets may be purchased on July 10 at the door of the Memorial Hall, or they can be purchased now at the Chamber office. Call the Chamber office [(818) 248-4957], or contact either Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195 or Mike Baldwin at mhbaldwin1960@sbcglobal.net for information. Food and drink refreshments will be available but are not included as part of the entry ticket.

### 'TEA & MARTIAL ARTS'

On July 18, Shoseian "Whispering Pine" Teahouse is hosting "Tea & Martial Arts" that includes a demonstration at noon of Shindo Muso Ryu jojutsu - a very old style of Japanese stick-fighting.

There will be two seatings for the tea ceremony; one at 11 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m.

Seating is limited for the tea ceremonies and tickets need to be purchased (\$20/person) in advance to reserve a seat.

While indoors masks are mandatory.

Visit the new website "www.GlendaleTeaHouse.org" to RSVP and pre-register by July 15.

The stick-fighting demo will be held outside in the garden and is a free event. A lunch can also be brought and a picnic can be held

in the Japanese garden.

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, July 15 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be a video presentation given by Andrea Worrell on "Growing The Little Ones." We will learn all about growing the miniatures and semi-miniature African violets. Questions and answer will follow.

Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings. For more information telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website:

www.burbankafrikanviolets.weebly.com.

### MOTOR CLASSIC BENEFITS CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Cancer Support Community Pasadena (CSCP) will once again be a beneficiary of proceeds from the San Marino Motor Classic's upcoming Symphony of Cars Gala on Aug. 21.

This year's motor classic has a weekend full of unique events, including an automotive art exhibit and sale, a gala and an exhibit of auto-themed watches, as well as the outstanding automotive exhibit and contest.

For tickets and more info about the San Marino Motor Classic, visit www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com.

Founded in 1990, Cancer Support Community Pasadena is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing professionally facilitated support groups, educational workshops, and healthy lifestyle classes for cancer patients and their families, survivors, and those bereaved having lost someone to cancer. All of its programs are offered free of charge. For more information on CSCP, visit cscpasadena.org or call 626-796-1083.

### VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

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

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

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

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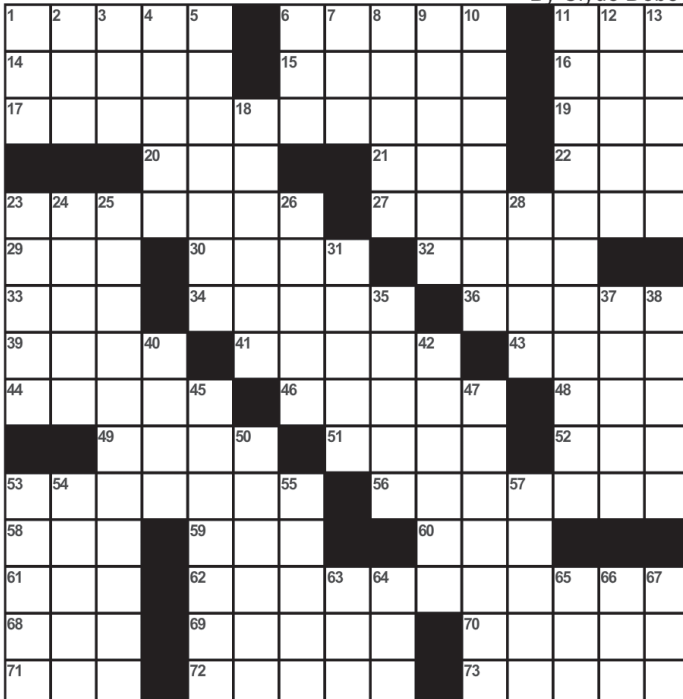
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### ACROSS

- 1) Plumed military cap
- 6) French clerics
- 11) Wrestling surface
- 14) Someone from Cedar Rapids
- 15) Purge, Pied Piper-style
- 16) Urban attachment?
- 17) What an actor may take
- 19) Bobbsey twin
- 20) You might put some money in it
- 21) Not well
- 22) Fury
- 23) Happen as planned
- 27) Mark the boundaries of
- 29) William Tell's canton
- 30) Certain saucers
- 32) Perfume with a "verboden" name
- 33) Bestowed title
- 34) Dating from
- 36) Country singer LeAnn
- 39) Smart-alecky
- 41) Wise saying
- 43) Good whack
- 44) Mariner's vessel
- 46) Fall into \_\_\_ (be ensnared)
- 48) Is for two?
- 49) A crucifix
- 51) Words before "goal" or "course"
- 52) \_\_\_-X
- 53) Was a sleazy salesman
- 56) Undersea weapon
- 58) Clothes line
- 59) Aussie coin critter
- 60) All-terrain vehicle, briefly
- 61) Geneticist's study
- 62) Place for furs
- 68) A little energy
- 69) Where naval battles are fought
- 70) Hollywood award
- 71) Game cube
- 72) Diminutive
- 73) Maintains

### ACT YOUR?

By Clyde Dobej



### DOWN

- 1) "Not my spelling error" notation
- 2) Weed-whacking tool
- 3) Barley beard
- 4) Couric of TV
- 5) Burdensome
- 6) Promos
- 7) Wager
- 8) Alternative to a ponytail
- 9) "Bald" baby bird
- 10) Exemplary
- 11) Lowest legal amount of pay
- 12) Asteroids maker
- 13) Article of faith
- 18) Fiber used in basketmaking
- 23) Crescent features
- 24) A college at Oxford
- 25) Reverse representation
- 26) Henry or Peter of film
- 28) Sacred bird of the pharaohs
- 31) Sings like Fitzgerald
- 35) Florida marsh bird
- 37) Dog-\_\_\_ (like some used books)
- 38) Anagram of "notes," aptly
- 40) Implement
- 42) Go to a diner
- 45) Stinky animal
- 47) Had some food
- 50) Lower in rank
- 53) Use an office machine
- 54) Artist Matisse or Rousseau
- 55) Edible seaweed
- 57) In and of itself
- 63) Family room
- 64) Two cents worth
- 65) Biggest heart?
- 66) Continuity problem
- 67) Hospital trauma centers

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## RELIGION

**Question:**

*I'm a leader in a local organization. We had a guest speaker recently and, after the meeting, several of us took him to lunch. Two or three in our group kept bombarding the man with questions to the point that he barely had time to eat. He was cordial and was answering the questions.*

*To me, this was rude because when most of us were done eating he had barely touched his food. I didn't want to sound obnoxious, but I'd like to know what to do if this happens in the future instead of saying, "Please let the man eat!" which I felt like doing, but didn't. Any suggestions?*

~ Irritated

Dear Irritated,

First off, good for you for not speaking from irritation. As it says in Proverbs, "A harsh word stirs up anger." (Prov. 15:1) So good for you for not unintentionally embarrassing or offending your associates. But that left the speaker unable to eat and you silently irritated. So holding your tongue isn't enough. The first part of the Proverb is also helpful: "A soft answer turns away wrath..." or embarrassment

or offense.

But, like you, sometimes I can't figure out how to give that "soft answer" to the situation. But I always know someone who can and he loves to have us invite him into every situation. God always has the right perspective on a situation. "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." (James 3:17)

So the Apostle James advises, "If any of you lacks wisdom, [What can I say to let our guest eat?!], let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5

I find that when I lift my heart and mind to God, it is so much easier to find words with the right amount of grace or humor to redirect a situation in a helpful way. For instance, you could have done it with a compliment that nudged your peers.

"It has been so interesting talking to you, I'm afraid we aren't giving you time to eat." Or you could apologize as if you were also an offender and redirect the conversation: "We have been so interested in hearing from you that we aren't giving you time to eat. I'm so sorry. Is there any

**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.*

question we can answer for you?" In both cases you are pointing out the obvious but gently.

My final thought is to encourage you to speak with your associates about it – again, gently but assertively. All healthy relationships involve sharing what we think. But remember to pray first so you share with the mind of Christ, a way that is open to reason, peaceable and gentle.



Rev. Rob Holman  
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Dear Irritated,

If you have ever been questioned like this, you know what it feels like ... an interrogation! I'm sure the person being interrogated wouldn't have minded if you said, "Please let the man eat." You could have said it with a laugh to soften it a bit. Before it happens again to your next guest speaker, remind everyone to let the person eat and then ask questions in a more conversational style.



Carolyn Young, LCSW  
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**Question:**

*Our daughter's husband left her with two young sons, ages 4 and 6. She was just reported to the county children's services because she's been going out at night and leaving them alone. Had we known this we would have cared for them, but we think she didn't want us to know she was going out because we don't believe in that behavior. We appealed to the court to let us take the boys instead of foster care, and now we have them.*

*Our difficult question is how can we help our daughter be a better parent? We're baffled by her behavior because we took her to church every Sunday since she was born and we've never been a*

family that goes out to bars.

*Our grandsons are asking for their mother. What do we tell them? She does have visitation rights and they always want to go home with her. We pray for her and our grandsons every day.*

~ Discouraged

Dear Discouraged,

How wonderful that you appealed to the courts so you could foster your grandchildren. Your love and nurturing will certainly help to provide some stabilization in their lives. Child abandonment can cause lifelong issues when unaddressed and showing them your love will offer them the sense of security they might otherwise not experience. It appears their father is completely out of the picture so it's only natural that they would want to go home and be with their mother as that is the only life they have ever known. Interestingly, your daughter is viewed as abandoning her children but their dad, though completely out of the picture, is not!

It is unfortunate that, despite the fact that you have provided a healthy foundation and instilled good values for her, your daughter is making careless decisions that could impact her children for the rest of their lives. There can be numerous reasons why a parent shows reckless behavior towards their children. Many times, single parents can feel overwhelmed and incapable of handling the responsibility of their children on their own. That inability often reflects on their own sense of self-worth causing individuals to act out in uncharacteristic ways. Now that the life she knew with her husband is over, your daughter might feel as though she has been abandoned. As misguided as it is, going out and seeking her own freedom as a single woman might be your daughter's way of re-establishing her identity. She might be using it as a way of recovering from her own sense of abandonment. I point this out not to justify her behavior but to demonstrate how important it is to refrain from being judgmental.

The Science of Mind teaches us to trust that everything not only happens for a reason but for a good reason. The moment we shift into a positive interpretation of the circumstances, ask what the gift this situation has to offer, the wisdom will be realized and by-product will always be for

goodness' sake.

Whatever the reason, your daughter's actions demonstrate that she needs professional counseling to get her life on track and then re-establish her sense of self-respect and purpose. This scenario requires not only having faith in God, but the faith of God to create a new direction for your daughter and her family. Your continued love and support will help your daughter find her way back to herself and show your grandchildren that they are safe in your care in the meantime.

In Light,



Rev. Mary Morgan  
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Dear Discouraged,

My heart goes out to you as you deal with these difficult family dynamics on many levels. Any time we have to deal with adult children who aren't living up to the standards that we've tried to raise them with, or we find them endangering themselves or their children, it places us in a hard place. During this time that you are guardians for your grandsons, your love and grace and support for your daughter rather than disapproval will allow you to continue to speak into her life. Not that you condone her behavior – but you love her for who she is and believe the best in her. The first question that you raised about helping her become a better parent is an important one, but the answer depends entirely on whether or not she really wants help. There are many sources for helping her with her parenting skills, but I believe she needs to begin by dealing with her own internal issues first. She needs to face her own pain, disappointment and regrets for what's going on in her life that would drive her to make decisions to the detriment of her sons. If the courts haven't mandated therapy for her I would suggest that she find a good Christian therapist who can help her work through the struggles that she's going through that have led to her

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**NOTES & NODS****This Week at LCIF**

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center. On Sunday, July 11 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver the message called "Final Days."

The service will also be live-streamed at 10 a.m. on the church's YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel after 11 a.m.

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.

**Prayers in the Park**

All are encouraged to pray with members of Lift Up La Crescenta at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta on Saturday, July 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Meet in the bleachers just east of the parking lot. Try to get

there early as parking can be very limited. Bring masks and social distancing is observed.

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

**Indoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian**

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

Come for live music, prayer time and an inspiring message, surrounded by the church's historic stained-glass windows that were beautifully restored last summer.

Sunday services also feature special programs for children and youth from preschool age to high school.

COVID-safe practices in line with Los Angeles County public health guidelines will be observed.

For those who prefer to worship from home, LCPC's online services are available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

**Walk and Word**

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

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



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making poor choices and ultimately losing her sons. Thank God your grandsons have you in their lives at this difficult time. You have to remember that they too are trying to process all that has happened at whatever level a 4- and 6-year-old can. And, of course, they long for their mother as any child would. As grandparents who love God, you can continue praying together with the boys for their mother. Pray that she will remember again how much God loves her and that His grace can help her in every area of her life if she will just turn to Him. As you talk with them about their mother, continue to show them that you love her and are trying to do what you can to support her and help her make right choices so they can be reunited with her again. The writer of Proverbs 22:6 (MSG) reminds us to "Point your kids in the right direction – when they're old they won't be lost." Many people interpret this to mean they will never lose their way. I believe he's teaching that when we instill God's word into

our children's hearts and minds, they will be able to find their way back to that truth, when and if they temporarily lose their way. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you walk this difficult journey with your daughter and your precious grandsons. I also trust that you have a good support system around you of Godly friends and a pastor who can pray with you and help you process what is taking place in your life. And never forget, "God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us." Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)



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# CVUMC Welcomes New Pastor

Rev. Denyse Barnes was appointed as senior pastor to Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church effective July 1. She is also appointed as associate director of Justice and Compassion Ministries to the California Pacific Annual Conference.

Divinity from Claremont School of Theology in May 2018 and is currently studying for her D.Min



Rev. Denyse was commissioned as a provisional elder in June 2018 and ordained in full connection in June 2020. She was appointed to Hollywood UMC as associate pastor effective July 1, 2018. In June 2019 Denyse was appointed quarter-time to the Cal-Pac annual conference as LGBTQIA+ advocacy coordinator. She graduated with a Masters in

where her thesis is based on a proposal for a new organizational structure for the UMC based on Celtic Christianity models. Rev. Denyse hails from the UK

originally, leaving there in 2003 and teaching English as a second language in various countries across the globe. She arrived in the USA in 2004 and has worked as a travel consultant and tour guide for adults with developmental disabilities and as an in-home hospice caregiver for Alzheimer's patients and their families.

Prior to leaving England, Rev. Denyse was teaching computer skills to young people with severe epilepsy.

She married Deborah Levinson on Aug. 1, 2020 and, when not working, can be found with her dogs, Sheldon, Jiminy and Mozzie at the beach or in the park.

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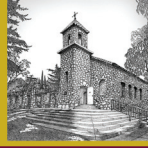
  
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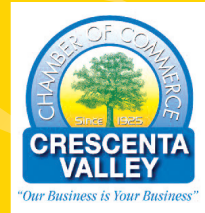
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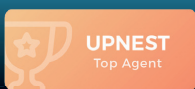
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