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Council Ponders Spending Limits, Voter Participation

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council spent a bulk of its Tuesday night meeting considering various measures to set spending limits for municipal elections and ways to increase participation in local elections by providing public funds, perhaps in the form of “matching funds.”

Some jurisdictions provide funds to potential candidates who meet qualifications to receive the money. The City of Los Angeles, for instance, requires candidates to collect contributions of at least \$5 from 100 residents of the city to begin to receive matching funds.

“I am definitely against this. If you want examples of how this is going, just Google LA,” Councilmember Ara Najarian weighed in. “Who’s going to administer this? We can’t even figure out how to verify the dates to file for election.”

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian acknowledged the valid points made in opposition to the proposals but added, “The essence of our democracy is that anyone can run for office.”

“I’m against this as well,” Mayor Paula Devine shared. “I just can’t see using money we could be using for roads, putting it into campaigns and then [the candidates] lose. In 2018, Long Beach gave candidates \$450,000. How many of them won? I just can’t see putting this in the budget.”

Councilmember Vrej Agajarian suggested a potential compromise for future consideration – to provide direct one-to-one matching funds up to \$10,000, to include the city filing fee, which is currently \$2,500.

“I want to encourage people to run,” he said.

The Council will consider potential voluntary campaign spending limits as well.

After debating additional potential disclosure requirements, the Council authorized an increase in the current campaign contribution limit from \$1,140

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A Testament to the Armenian Spirit

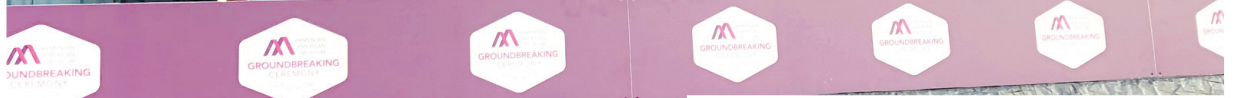
By Maya PORCELLI, intern

Museum is a “celebration of all that can be accomplished when we work together.” ~ Shant Sahakian, executive director, Armenian American Museum.

“What is the worth of human life, unless it’s woven into the lives of our ancestors by the records of history?”

This quote from the Roman philosopher Marcos Tullius Cicero was shared by Reverend Berdj Djambazian of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America in Glendale’s Central Park at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Armenian American Museum on Sunday, July 11.

The ceremony, attended by hundreds of local residents, supporters and dignitaries including CVTC President Harry Leon, the Glendale City Council, State Senator Anthony Portantino, and U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, was a celebration of nearly a decade of work to create the facility. The goal of the museum is to promote understanding and appreciation for the diversity of cultures in the United States, specifically



Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Maya PORCELLI
Organizers of the Armenian American Museum stand with the golden shovels signifying the groundbreaking of the historic center.

through the telling of the story of Armenian strength, resilience and industriousness.

“It’s important to mark the start of this project,” said Glendale City Councilman Ardy Kassakhian. To him, the idea for the project began 20 years ago when a Glendale City Councilman was admonished for lowering the American flag to half staff in recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

Kassakhian added that the facility will not be just a museum but a cultural campus that will enrich and inform all people, whether or not they’re

Armenian.

“It’s a museum for everybody,” he said.

Throughout the hour-long formal program the oft-repeated theme of deep respect for Armenian ancestors was filled with gratitude for the opportunities they provided for the current generation. Armenians have survived many catastrophic events, including the Armenian Genocide and the recent Armenian-Azerbaijani clash. However, the Armenian spirit is one of perseverance.

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Gus and Andy’s Kitchen and Bar Nears Opening

By Mary O’KEEFE

There appears to be a light at the end of the restaurant tunnel at the corner of Verdugo Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.

Gus and Andy’s Kitchen and Bar is looking to open, with the earliest date in August and the latest date in the beginning of fall.

The site at 2201 Honolulu Ave. has been empty since Rocky Cola Café closed its doors in 2012. Another restaurant owner had attempted to open a restaurant but had to let the lease lapse. Then longtime La Cañada Flintridge resident and restaurateur Tom Christopoulos acquired the location and

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Photo by Mary O’KEEFE
Work continues on the interior and exterior of Gus and Andy’s Kitchen and Bar located at the former site of Rocky Cola Café, which closed its doors in 2012. The owners hope to be open no later than early fall.

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Your pets need a little attention too.



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Are your pets safe and ready for summer?

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Defecate Etiquette Part 2: Pack It In, Pack It Out

In my July 1 column, Defecate Etiquette Part 2, I asked for responses to the question of the propriety of depositing filled doggie poop bags into trash bins that were on the street. The responses I received gave me points to ponder.

Anne wrote, "People had been putting their filled doggie bags in my empty green waste cans. That's if they bothered to pick it up at all. So I put signs on both my green cans saying 'Please - NO Dog Poop in Green Cans' - and then I hung some bright pink (hard to miss) doggie bags for people who didn't have them. I've had no more problems."

Joyce shared, "Although I am not thrilled to see dog feces bags in my filled trashcan, I find it totally disgusting to have it deposited in my newly emptied can. I get to smell dog feces every time I open my trashcan for a whole week! Ugh! It still smells even when it's in a bag. I usually rush out to bring my trashcan in as soon as it has been emptied specifically for this reason. My neighbor says she only deposits her doggie bags into dog owners' filled cans. I wish there were more like her."

Randy was in agreement with Joyce and suggested putting the poo in a ziploc bag to help with the stink.

Dennis wrote, "My wife and I babysit friends' dogs. We've always picked up after the dogs. I either deposit the bags in the barrel at Two Strike Park, or I throw them in our own trash. I've been tempted to throw them in trashcans (before pick-up, of course) on the street, but what if the owners wouldn't like it? So it's either the barrel at Two Strike or our own trashcan."

Kristy shared, "I am a dog owner ... and I just carry my bag around: I know it's icky, but I have a small can by my garage I deposit my bags in all week and then on garbage day dump into my larger can."

A reader, A Very Nice Lady, wrote, "The common link in dog ownership is the mistaken

belief that their dogs are not an affront to others. You can accept not everyone is a dog lover but you think that means we are neutral on the subject. It just isn't so. I don't want your dog poop in my trash. I don't want your dog pee on my plants, curbside or otherwise. I can't imagine lifting someone's trash and depositing a bag of dog poop and not thinking they would mind. That is bizarre to me. I still want my disposals only in my bin, no contributions."

Of course, not everyone was interested in sharing ideas. One reader chastised me for even asking the question and inquired whether or not I had "any sense of common decency."

Mike reminded me of the impropriety of going onto someone's property to deposit "the bag." If trashcans are curbside, Mike said he thinks it's okay to deposit if the can already has stuff in it; however, if no pre-existing stuff, then do not add your poop to the empty trashcan and hold onto it until you get home.

Mary shared, "Some years ago I found a box of pet waste bags (Zippy Paws) with handles. I put one in my pocket when we leave. When I need to pick up after Mutley, I pick up the poop and put the bag on my wrist. With this bag I just carry it home and put it in my own trash."

So the overwhelming opinion, and one I take to heart, is bring it home and dispose in your own trashcan.

Perhaps my friend and reader Karen summed it up best: "Like the Boy Scout philosophy, if you pack it in, pack it out."

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Weather in the Foothills

"Our population and our use of the finite resources of planet Earth are growing exponentially, along with our technical ability to change the environment for good or ill."

~ Stephen Hawking

Weather is the one trusted topic that can be included in polite conversation. So we have been taught. But these days I'm not too sure. Try throwing the two words, "global warming" into a friendly chit-chat; don't be too shocked if you find yourself in the middle of a heated discussion ... or worse.

To differentiate and clarify, climate is just a bigger picture of day-to-day weather or an average over a long period of time. "Global warming," perhaps a gentler term, is used interchangeably with "climate change." As is often the case, when a subject becomes politicized and hits the media, it turns into one "hot mess."

It all began on June 23, 1988 when James Hansen, a climate scientist at NASA, appeared before a U.S. Senate hearing with a warning for the world. Essentially, he said three things: that Earth was the warmest it had been since recording began; that the increase in temperature was due to the greenhouse effect; and that the effect of this global warming was extreme weather events were more likely. What's really going on and who's to blame? Man or nature?

We know periods of warming and cooling - glacial and interglacial periods - have happened in the past, long before humans arrived. Natural "climate drivers" include sun variations, volcanic eruptions, blowing dust and ocean salt spray. Variations in snow and ice cover can change how much the Earth's surface reflects the sun's energy back into space. Natural ecological phenomena include methane-emitting termite mounds and CO2 uptake by plants. One area of interest occurred 66 million years ago. An asteroid seven miles wide slammed into Earth; 75% of life perished, including the dinosaurs, as temperatures plummeted.

Yes, nature has shaped the Earth's climate but most climatologists now include a human influence. Why? First off, warming is occurring 10 times faster than when Earth emerged from ice ages. Also, scientists can distinguish between CO2 molecules emitted naturally by plants and animals and those that result from the burning of fossil fuels. No matter the cause, we need a healthy planet.

Back to the weather ... A minor warming trend is expected into next week. The more exciting weather story comes as a couple of tropical storm systems move from Mexico out over the Pacific. As monsoonal conditions develop they bring humidity and thunderstorms to Southern California's desert and mountain regions. Depending on timing, the fun begins Sunday or Monday; most likely it'll be Tuesday and Wednesday. As thunderheads over the San Gabriels and moisture off the ocean come together, rains may fall across the foothills.

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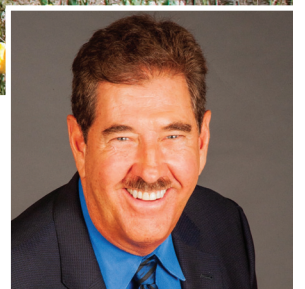
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NEWS

IN BRIEF

CVTC GENERAL MEETING CANCELED

The general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, originally scheduled for tonight, July 15, has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 19.

NEW PRINCIPALS ANNOUNCED FOR CVHS AND ROSEMONT

The Glendale Unified School District has announced the appointment of new principals for Crescenta Valley High School and Rosemont Middle School. The new principals undertake their new positions immediately.

To learn more, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ckbsw2nh>.

CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

PASADENA HUMANE'S FREE ADOPTION DAY

Pasadena Humane's Free Adoption Day is this Saturday, July 17. Fee-waived adoptions will be offered for all available animals. All dog and cat adoptions include spay or neuter surgery, a microchip and age-appropriate vaccines. New adopters will also receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam at VCA Animal Hospitals.

The shelter is located at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. It will be opening its doors for adoptions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Following current CDC guidelines, vaccinated guests will not be required to wear masks; however, the Pasadena Public Health Dept. is currently recommending mask usage in highly-trafficked indoor spaces.

To view animals for adoption, visit pasadenahumane.org/pets.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, July 18. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE DANGER ELEVATED TO EXTREME

Fire officials are raising the fire danger level from "Very High" to "Extreme" in the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

For a list of all fire restrictions visit www.fs.usda.gov/angeles/.

A 'Plebe Summer' for Kim



TOP: CVHS graduate Abigail Kim will head east to Annapolis in the fall.
Courtesy of U.S. Naval Academy
BOTTOM: Kim was selected for the U.S. Naval Academy's freshman class.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently Abigail Kim, a recent Crescenta Valley High School graduate, was setting up an account and getting ready for her future school home in Annapolis, Maryland.

Kim is one of the 1,200 candidates nationwide who was selected for the U.S. Naval Academy's "plebe," or freshman, class. Each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. The summer program is designed to prepare the student for the next "four years of challenge," according to the Naval Academy.

"Honestly, no," said Kim of having a dream of going to Annapolis.

But by her junior year at CVHS, the U.S. Naval Academy had become her first choice for college. She can work towards a commission as a naval officer or as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"My two best friends enlisted as U.S. Marines and wanted to be part of that community," she said. "I would really like to get a commission as a U.S. Navy pilot or with U.S. Marine air."

Founded in 1945, the U.S. Naval Academy is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen. U.S. News and World Report has recognized the Naval Academy as a top five undergraduate engineering school and a top 20 best liberal arts college, according to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Kim said she knows the rigors she will face at the Academy and is looking forward to it.

"I think the Academy aligns with everything I have done growing up," she said.

Sports have always been a part of her life and she loves athletics. She is excited and nervous about this summer. She knows it will be a time that tests her and she understands that will be necessary as she enters this new phase of her life.

Kim's family is excited about her acceptance into the U.S. Naval Academy.

"My dad cried when I told him," she said.

Kim was admitted late to the Academy; she found out when she was in class at CVHS. When she received the notice the first thing she wanted to do was tell her dad, Peter Kim, a teacher at CVHS.

"I asked my teacher [at the time] if I could go to my dad's classroom," Kim said.

Her dad cried, and her mom was a little nervous but excited.

"I am the youngest, and the little girl," Kim said.

Her parents are very proud of their daughter and even though she will be across the country they know she will do well.

"Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity

sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps," according to the Academy.

Kim said if she does not get into the air corps she wants to work in cyber information, but she will have this summer plus four years to decide in what direction she ultimately wants to go.



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This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center. On Sunday, July 18 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver the message called "Some for You, and Some for You ..."

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.

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.

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Seeking Public Comment for **CVWD's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)** that helps CVWD to be better prepared for a wildfire or earthquake event.

The LHMP is available on the District's website cvwd.com, as well at CVWD's main office located at 2700 Foothill Blvd.

The Public Comment Period will be open from July 13th – July 27th.

The comments gathered from the CV Community, local agencies, other stakeholders, will be incorporated into the Final Plan that will be submitted to Cal OES and FEMA.

Comments may be submitted to JBautista@cvwd.com or online at <https://www.cvwd.com/local-hazard-mitigation-plan>



Marathon Design Review Board Meeting Signals Trouble for Proposed Foothill Development

By Justin HAGER

Despite being the final Glendale Design Review Board (DRB) agenda item and delaying by four hours the beginning of its preliminary hearing on a proposed 57,000 square foot mixed-use development on Foothill Boulevard, neighbors and nearby residents to the proposed project were not to be deterred from their chance to voice their opinion. Opponents of the project stayed the course and took advantage of the opportunity to ask questions, express their opposition, and put up important hurdles prior to the project's SB 1818 density-bonus determination.

The project was presented in a preliminary hearing on Thursday night by its designer and developer, Garo Nazarian, a senior planner for the City of Glendale assigned to the project. Kiesel shared the basic plans for the development: two four-story mixed commercial/residential towers and a third five-story mixed commercial-residential tower. To help preserve the sightline, 14 feet would separate each tower with connections between them on the street level via the sidewalk, on the second floor via a resident-only green space/promenade, and on the fourth floor via a bridge or catwalk. The three towers would be constructed on a 57,900 square foot site with 17,200 square feet of commercial space and 78 housing units, including eight-to-10 affordable units. Kiesel also noted that he had received approximately 150 emails, letters and phone calls about the project prior to the meeting and of those only one was in support of the project while the other 149 were opposed. Board member Caro Minas echoed the sentiment, saying, "Response from the public has been overwhelming in this case."

Following Kiesel's initial presentation, Nazarian fielded questions regarding the conception and planning of the project and his vision

of helping address California's homelessness and housing crisis by adding more housing stock and increased commercial space on a major artery, while preserving the visual sightline between Foothill Boulevard and New York Park (located north of the proposed development) and mountains above. Unfortunately an attempt by Nazarian to portray the idea as a long and carefully crafted proposal backfired when he admitted to working on the planning and design for almost two years, a time frame that Mary-Lynne Fisher, president of the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association, noted had not included any outreach or input from local community members or stakeholders, implying that Nazarian had intentionally kept the project out of the public eye until required by the law to seek approvals.

Grant Michals, president of the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council (who specified that he was speaking as an individual resident of the community), went even further, implying the threat of litigation over the project by saying that "as someone who has filed appeals based on SB 1818 projects, the height of this project is of concern" and that in cases like this "we have successfully won on appeal; I want the DRB to consider that in their deliberations."

A total of 35 callers waited four-and-a-half hours to express their opinions, with only one caller at the hearing expressing support for the project as a necessary step to solve California's ongoing housing crisis.

Following public comment, which lasted just short of two hours, all five members of the DRB expressed reservations about the project and suggested that Nazarian may need to go back to the drawing board. Nina Tchagayan was perhaps the most plain spoken in her rebuff.

"It's just too large of a site," Tchagayan said. "Maybe it's eliminating the upper level of the building or maybe it's something else, but just something to really reduce the mass and scale [needs

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started to work.

It took time working with permitting and remodeling and, of course, the pandemic slowed things down.

"It pushed us back with equipment, materials, construction and subcontractors," Christopoulos said. "[COVID-19 restrictions] did slow us down."

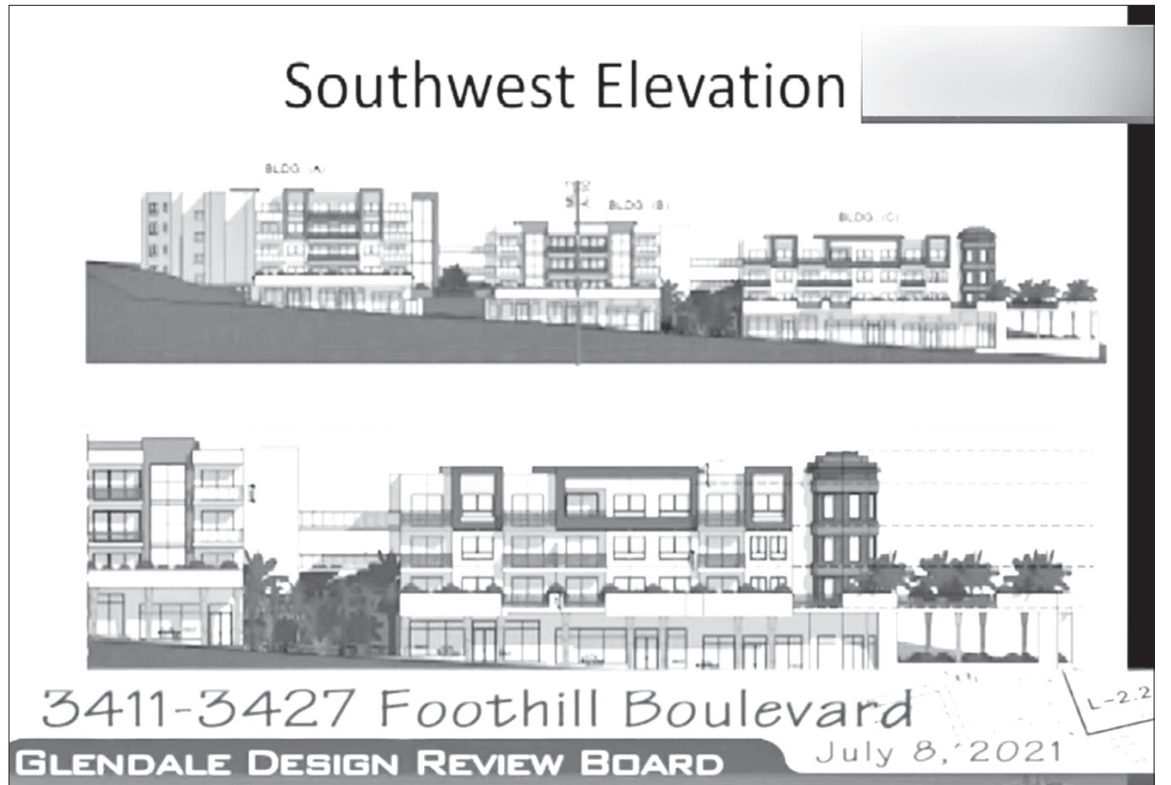
In addition, due to the pandemic the City adjusted the way it did permitting and inspections. Everything went virtual and changing or following up on permit issues just took longer. As he views the opening of the restaurant, Christopoulos is a little concerned about hiring employees; like most restaurant

owners, the current workforce appears to be turning away from service jobs.

But the momentum forward toward the restaurant's opening has been obvious to those interested, particularly in the last few weeks.

The Historical Society of Crescenta Valley has been watching the progress of Gus and Andy's Kitchen and Bar, and its members like what they have seen.

"Tom had said from the start that he would restore the restaurant to its 1940s art deco façade. We are so happy that he kept his word. Gus and Andy's speaks to Montrose's heritage,



to be done]."

Chris Welch echoed this sentiment.

"A simple solution might be to just reduce the size of some of these units," said Welch. "Some of these units are bigger than the size of my house."

He went on to emphasize the importance of community input by advising Nazarian that he needed to "meet with the community, talk with the community, engage with the community."

In addition to issues of size, scale and mass, board members also agreed that the aesthetic needed to more appropriately reflect the traditional architectural and community-oriented design of the neighborhood. Several board members discussed Spanish architecture and detailing.

"Make the buildings different masses and volumes to help them feel like they fit a small community," suggested Francesca Smith.

All five of the board members also agreed that the current design for three entrances to the subterranean parking lot raised concerns about traffic flow and access to the subterranean parking garage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

and will be the perfect welcoming beacon into the Montrose Shopping Park," said Mike Lawler, former president of the HSCV. "The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley salutes Tom. We would love to see some of the other historic buildings in Montrose follow the example of Gus and Andy's."

Christopoulos has made it known that his plan for the restaurant is to capture the hometown feel of Montrose.

"It's like a backyard grill where you go with family and friends," he said of the restaurant's style.

The restaurant will be "fresh casual" where diners order food see G & A on page 6



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Obituary

Vivian Walters Mills

Aug. 31, 1922 – July 6, 2021

Born Aug. 31, 1922, Vivian died after a brief illness on July 6. Vivian was predeceased by her husbands Allen Hagman, John Walters and Ernest Mills, and her two sons Steven Walters and James Walters. She is survived by her two daughters Carol Walters Markwith and Donna Walters Thonis. Also surviving her are five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two stepdaughters, her dear friend Francie Dickinson, and a multitude of nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren and friends.

Vivian was an inspiration to us all. Despite her tragedies, she carried on. She was tenacious and never gave up. She lived her life with the utmost grace and dignity. She embraced technology and kept in touch with all of her loved ones through constant email.

Although her account is now closed, may her example of a life well lived be carried on by all of us who were fortunate enough to love, know and learn from her.

Up in the air you go flying again. Love you, Mom.

G & A from page 5

at the counter and then grab a table. There will be a full bar and service for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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CRIME BLOTTER

July 18

800 block of Greenridge Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear patio door of a home was shattered and several rooms were ransacked. Nothing was reported stolen at the time of the report.

The burglary occurred between July 10 at 11 a.m. and July 11 at 11:45 p.m.

July 9

700 block of Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, several personal items were stolen from a vehicle that was parked at the location.

The theft was between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

July 5

300 block of Inverness Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman had reported recently purchasing a home. The home was not occupied; however, when she went to the location she saw

a camping chair near a window, footprints on the chair and a window open wide. It was discovered that someone had entered the home, walked through the rooms, used one of the bathrooms and created plumbing issues.

The incident occurred between July 5 and July 10.

July 7

2200 block of Saranne Street in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

July 6

2600 block of Mary Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between July 6 and July 9.

July 2

4200 block of Chula Senda Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident received a call from a person

who stated he represented "Amazon" and that someone had hacked into her account. Through a series of questions the person on the phone was able to access the resident's computer and bank account. He led the resident to believe he had transferred funds into her account and then asked her to transfer the funds back to another bank account. The resident later discovered this person representing Amazon did not work for the company and the funds he told her he transferred to her account had not been transferred; however, she was still missing the funds she transferred to another bank. The theft/scam occurred at 4 p.m.

June 21

500 block of Palmerstone Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the door lock was damaged on a vehicle and an item was missing from the victim's car between June 21 and July 6.

GPD REPORTS

Vehicle Theft Arrests Made

On July 8 at approximately 4:54 p.m., a patrol sergeant located an occupied stolen vehicle parked in the Glendale Galleria parking structure. Additional officers arrived on scene to assist. The male seated in the driver seat, identified as 23-year-old Christian Molina of La Crescenta, and the male seated in the passenger seat, identified as 23-year-old Chris Zavik of Glendale, were both detained without incident. Molina told officers he had purchased the vehicle for a "really good price" and did not know it was stolen. Molina provided officers with a title for the vehicle, which was determined to be a fraudulent title. Molina and Zavik were subsequently arrested and booked for vehicle theft.

On June 23 at approximately 4:30 p.m., a patrol officer located an unoccupied stolen vehicle parked in a parking lot on the 3800 block of Foothill Boulevard. The officer then observed a female, later identified as 51-year-old Anna Gutierrez of Burbank, enter the vehicle and put a bag into it. She then walked away from the vehicle and was contacted by officers. Gutierrez had a key to the vehicle with her and stated she had just borrowed the vehicle from a friend, but could not provide anything more about her friend other than a first name. Gutierrez was arrested and booked for vehicle theft.

Male in Possession of Loaded Handgun Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales, Female Arrested for Fraud and Drug Charges

On July 3 at approximately 7 p.m., a patrol officer was driving through a motel parking lot on the 6700 block of San Fernando Road. While doing so, they conducted a records check on a vehicle that revealed its registration had expired in 2018; however, the vehicle had a 2021 registration tab attached to its rear license plate. The officer also observed an empty holster on the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

While the officer was conducting further investigation, two subjects, identified as 32-year-old Cory Sims (transient) and 26-year-old Britney King of La Crescenta, exited a motel room and began to enter the above-mentioned vehicle. The officer contacted the two regarding the registration violation and Sims stated the vehicle belonged to him. Additional officers arrived on scene to assist and a consent search of Sims' vehicle revealed a counterfeit driver's license. Sims initially told the officers that the holster in his vehicle was for a BB gun. After further questioning, Sims admitted he did in fact have a firearm and illegal drugs in his motel room and then gave officers consent to search his room.

During a search of Sims' motel room, officers located a stolen loaded

handgun, a substantial amount of methamphetamine and heroin, drug paraphernalia and paperwork containing other people's personal identifying information. Sims was subsequently arrested and booked for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and for possessing illegal drugs for sale. King was arrested and booked for fraud and possession of illegal drugs.

Two Males Arrested for Catalytic Converter Theft

On July 8 at approximately 4:30 a.m., a Glendale PD patrol sergeant was patrolling in the area of Irving Avenue and Glenwood Road when he observed a vehicle illegally parked in the middle of the road along the 1100 block of Irving Avenue with its brake lights on. The vehicle was stopped directly next to a legally parked vehicle and the sergeant could see a subject going back and forth between the two vehicles. The illegally parked vehicle eventually drove in reverse up Irving Avenue to Glenwood Road where it began driving westbound, then parked in front of a driveway without using its turn signal.

The sergeant conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle for the observed violations and, as he was walking up to contact the driver, he observed two cut off catalytic converters along with a vehicle jack and stand in plain view inside the vehicle. The driver, 45-year-old Arturo Guizarro of Los Angeles, and the front passenger, 38-year-old Arturo Leal of Los Angeles, had conflicting stories for what they were doing at the location.

Another officer responded to the 1100 block of Irving Avenue and located a parked vehicle that had its catalytic converter cut off of it. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and it appeared that the catalytic converter had just been stolen. During a search of Guizarro's vehicle, officers recovered the two freshly cut off catalytic converters, the vehicle jack and stand, numerous new and used reciprocating saw blades and methamphetamine pipes. Guizarro and Leal were both arrested and booked for grand theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Male Arrested for Possessing a Loaded Handgun And Methamphetamine

On July 7 at approximately 5 p.m., officers with the Glendale Police Dept.'s Special Enforcement Detail

conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle that had its rear license plate flipped so it was facing straight up, making it completely unreadable, in the area of Chevy Chase Drive and Broadway.

Officers contacted the rider, identified as 38-year-old Ryan Legaspi of Glendale, regarding the violation. Legaspi stated he didn't know his license plate had been flipped up. During a search of Legaspi, an officer located a loaded handgun with no serial number on it concealed in his waistband along with methamphetamine and methamphetamine pipes.

Legaspi was subsequently arrested and booked for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and for being in possession of illegal drugs.

Male and Female Arrested for Vehicle Theft and Fraud

On July 5 at approximately 9:30 a.m., a Glendale PD patrol officer was driving through the parking lot of a motel on the 1500 block of East Colorado Street when s/he located a parked, unoccupied, stolen vehicle in the lot. Through further investigation, the officer was able to identify the motel room associated with the vehicle and that the room was registered to 34-year-old William Membreno of Bell. A records check of Membreno revealed he had multiple outstanding felony arrest warrants and was actively on formal probation.

Additional officers arrived on scene and Membreno was contacted in his room along with a female, who gave the false name of "Eden Whirlwind" but was later identified during the booking process as 25-year-old Kari Swalley of Los Angeles. Both subjects admitted to having personal items in the stolen vehicle and they had arrived at the location in it. During a search of the room, officers located methamphetamine, a shaved down screwdriver (potentially used to start the stolen vehicle) along with a large quantity of stolen checks and credit cards belonging to other people. A search of the stolen car revealed even more stolen checks and credit cards belonging to other people along with a stolen laptop whose owner was identified and contacted. The ignition to the stolen vehicle had been punched.

Membreno was arrested and booked for vehicle theft, fraud and his multiple outstanding felony warrants. Swalley was arrested and booked for vehicle theft, fraud and falsely identifying herself to officers during an investigation.

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to \$1,190 (a 4.33% increase based on two years of cost-of-living increases). The ordinance allows for this amount to be adjusted in July of odd years.

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Devine announced that effective Monday, July 19, city facilities and offices will fully reopen, including Council and commission meetings. Remote call-in options will remain in place for those wishing to monitor the meetings remotely.

Councilmember Dan Brotman thanked State Senator Anthony Portantino for his advocacy in securing funds for regional climate resiliency.

Devine also acknowledged \$8 million Senator Portantino was able to have included in the state budget for Rockhaven.

“Did the state buy it?” Councilmember Ara Najarian asked. “The Portantino Park? A state park?”

Councilmember Brotman questioned city staff about the

progress of verifying city staff vaccinations to repopulate city facilities and operations as well as the effectiveness of a recent mobile vaccination clinic.

“I understand we only vaccinated eight people?” Brotman asked.

Firechief Silvio Lanzas provided the Council an overall update of the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Glendale: To date, Los Angeles County has more than 12 million verified cases and more than 23,000 deaths; in Glendale, there are more than 20,000 cases and 629 deaths.

Lanzas urged all Glendaleans to get vaccinated.

“42% of our community remains unvaccinated,” he said. “This is the fifth day with more than 1,000 new cases, numbers we haven’t seen for several months, an increase of 500% from just one month ago.”

Folks can find a convenient vaccination spot online at <https://myturn.ca.gov/> or by calling (833) 540-0473 for help with transportation to a vaccination site or a home visit. Lanzas reminded everyone that the vaccines are free and available to all.

City sustainability officer David Jones announced a plastic-free pledge for July, announcing it a plastic-free month.

Here is the pledge, which can be found on the City’s website and by clicking <https://tinyurl.com/yjmb5k6x>: “I commit to reduce my use of single-use plastic products through the month of July 2021. During the course of this campaign, I pledge to make changes in my life to develop more sustainable habits and reduce my impact on the planet. I will contribute to a greener Glendale by dedicating time to REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE using at least five of the tasks listed ...”

Finally, the Council heard an update on plans for protected bike lanes on Glenoaks Boulevard. Assistant director of Community Development Bradley Calvert overviewed two alternates, indicating that the city plans on further engagement of the public on the options. The amount of outreach the city was able to do was limited by COVID, Calvert explained.

The protected bicycle lanes are made possible by the construction that will be necessary for the BRT (rapid bus) already planned. Calvert explained the goal of the project is to enhance safety and accessibility for bicycle infrastructure in west Glendale. The protected bike lanes would run either along the curb, on the safe side of parked cars, or along the landscaped median, which will be protected in all future plans. Both plans would reduce the number of traffic lanes on either side of the street as well as reducing the width of the lanes

from 12 to 10 feet.

The city’s Traffic and Parking Commission expressed its preference for the curb option, noting the potential for enhanced interactions with local businesses and urged planners to consider additional cyclist amenities.

“I’m really excited about the creativity and forward looking of this,” Councilmember Brotman commented on the plans. He prefers the curbside option, noting he “could picture myself in the center path feeling very uncomfortable. The people in bicycle tights will ride no matter what. We want families to feel safe riding. And we want them to engage with businesses. That’s a higher priority than coordinating with the BRT.”

The bus and bike projects are anticipated to finish in 2024. Councilmember Agajanian expressed concerns about the impact on traffic on Glenoaks.

GROUNDBREAKING from Cover

“Our history runs very deep, deeper than our wounds. Our history is very rich, and now it will be on full display,” Ellina Abovian, the host of this event, said.

While the Armenian American Museum does plan to educate its visitors on these dark parts of history, those leading this project also hope to feature the contributions to society by Armenians. Acknowledging the past while also uplifting current generations of Armenians with positive representation is exactly how the creators of this museum plan to unite and heal their community.

“The Center will symbolize the unity and oneness of the Armenian people,” said board of trustees co-chair Bishop Torkom Donoyan.

The leaders of the Armenian American Museum hope to open the doors to the museum in three years. They are planning to have an outdoor amphitheater, exhibits that show Armenian history, and many other features. This museum comes at a very opportune time, with President Biden acknowledging the Armenian Genocide for the first time in American history, the fighting at Artsakh and, since Southern California has the largest population of Armenians in the country, Glendale is the perfect place for the museum.

“It is a beacon of hope for the County of Los Angeles and the State of California,” said Donoyan.

Rep. Adam Schiff added that the museum will be a destination for people from around the world, a place to make cross-cultural connections by sharing the Armenian American story, and then said he is advocating for additional funding for the museum, “which is richly deserved.”

“This will not be a one-time march, meeting, or event that is seen and forgotten,” groundbreaking chair Talin Yacoubian said. “This is a priceless chance to show the world our long fights, perseverance, incredible accomplishments and rich heritage.”

Robin Goldsworthy contributed to this article

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Pioneer Memories: Art Aiken – Timber Operations

Many residents of the valley are surprised that our bare, rocky San Gabriel Mountains were once forested with big conifers and that lumber camps were part of our landscape. The forests were cut for firewood for Los Angeles, specifically to feed LA's brick-making factories. Art Aiken was there to watch it happen. He moved here in 1887, and here describes the lumber operations:

"I know first-hand that as late as the 1890s there were spotted stands of Big Cone Spruce, near the crestlines and canyon slopes, while in the canyon and also on the canyon slopes were to be found generous sprinklings of canyon live oak, California sycamore, California laurel or bay tree, broadleaf maple, and many other varieties and species of forest trees.

"As for cutting fuel on a large scale, it really existed for from 1893 to about 1900 [and] in Pickens and Sutton Canyon alone

many thousand cords were cut. In those locations the operation sounds difficult but, to the contrary, it was simple. A crew put in the winter months felling and cutting into four-foot lengths the big cone spruce, two feet or more in diameter (some perhaps in excess of five feet), splitting these logs with the aid of black powder and of course the usual woodsman tools. Then when spring opened, they were ready to transport down the mountain.

"This was done by the building of a tramway two-feet wide with steps (ties) about 20-inches apart, all of which was made of wood, and traversed the canyons over two miles. On this track were small cars made of light, strong wood not over one-foot high, with small wooden wheels which were shod with steel. Four or five cars were hooked together, each with a separate rope brake that operated from a rear platform where the

driver stood.

"Owing to the steep grade the operator needed great care that his load didn't go too fast as that would be disastrous, both to his load and himself. After reaching the lower end of the track he would unload the wood, then pile the four or five cars one on top of the other, put a rope around his shoulders and drag the empties to the top for another load. After two loads in the A.M. this operator would be relieved from this duty and spend the rest of the day getting ready for the next load, while someone else would take down two loads.

"The down trip was lots of fun for me, but the return trip, pulling the cars back, was anything but fun. I never tried to pull them back alone, but the lumbermen did.

"From the end of this tramway the wood would be taken to Los Angeles by teams, a hard day's journey away, to be used for fuel. At this time most of the cutting

for wood was spruce; there was considerable oak that was cut for the same purpose."

These timber-cutting operations were handled largely by Chinese crews.

Imagine the danger of felling big trees with axes on the near-vertical slopes of our mountains. And imagine the labor involved in laying two miles of track down the mountains, tall trestles spanning the canyons. Those tracks still existed at the turn of the century, and a couple of old photos exist showing them, but I'm sure they soon burned. Being wood, no trace of them exists today.

As for the large conifers (called spruce by Aiken and commonly called both bigcone Douglas fir and bigcone spruce), the forests that once blanketed our mountains are gone. The fir trees never grew back. A very few isolated single trees can be seen high up in the canyons above us. As Art puts it:

"Some of the reasons for their disappearance can be laid to fires, some to flood, and some to cutting for fuel and clearing land."

Aiken was a founder of the Angeles Forest Protective Association in the '20s. At Grizzly Flats, just over the ridge from Briggs Terrace, Aiken replanted a vast forest, which grew thick and green for decades until the 2009 Station Fire burned that forest to the ground.



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 SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

As a mother, the safety and wellbeing of my child is my top priority, which is why what I learned in a conversation I had last year shocked me into action.

Did you know that right now it is totally and completely legal to include a particularly toxic group of chemicals in products meant for our children? In fact, there is a class of over 9,000 chemicals that can be found in everything from blankets, teething toys and crib pads to car seats – chemicals that have been linked to serious health problems including cancer, hormone disruption, kidney issues, liver damage and thyroid disease. These chemicals are called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, otherwise known as PFAS, and I'm determined to keep them out of our children's products.

Though I certainly follow environmental policy pretty closely even I was stunned to learn of the

prevalence of toxic PFAS chemicals in juvenile products, a fact that was brought to me by the environmental research and advocacy nonprofit the Environmental Working Group. In response, I put forward AB 652, a measure sponsored by the Environmental Working Group that would prohibit the sale of many juvenile products made with intentionally added PFAS chemicals.

Well-researched studies indicate that health effects are occurring at common exposure levels in the general population. Through its Safer Consumer Products program, the California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control has stated that the identified health hazards of PFAS are very real. Several studies have reported the adverse effects of PFAS on children's health include learning disabilities, dyslipidemia, lowered immunity and even renal issues. They concluded that PFAS chemicals need to be removed from

certain products as their presence in some goods can lead to exposure through skin absorption, dust ingestion or inhalation.

So if they're this dangerous why do we use them at all?

Most commonly these chemicals are put into and onto products so that they can be marketed as "stain and water resistant." In most cases, they have little to do with the actual function of the product itself. Since the PFAS chemicals are not essential for these juvenile products to be used, our children are being exposed to these chemicals for no good reason.

There are areas where we've already prohibited the use of PFAS and other dangerous chemicals. Just last year, Gov. Newsom signed legislation phasing out the use of PFAS in firefighting foam. In 2018, the state banned the use of toxic flame retardants from juvenile products. So it seems only a natural

next step that we do the same with PFAS chemicals.

So far my colleagues have agreed with me. AB 652 passed through the Assembly with a resounding 54 votes of support on the Assembly floor. However, that doesn't mean it's a done deal, especially as we move forward. There are still voices of opposition that will argue that we already have taken steps to address toxic chemicals, such as Proposition 65 and the Dept. of Toxic Substances Control's Safer Consumer Products program. Over the past few months, I've worked with groups in opposition to the bill to address their concerns and find common ground. To be honest, we have the data and it shows there isn't anything currently on the books that's moving nearly fast enough. For the Safer Consumer Products program, we could wait another decade before they might get to the issue of PFAS in these juvenile products. In that

time, our children would have been exposed to a chemical that will stay in their bodies for years – potentially causing a host of serious and lifelong health issues.

That's not a risk I want to take as an elected official, as a Californian, and certainly not as a mother of a young daughter.

A restriction on the sale of specific products containing PFAS is the only way to ensure that every Californian has access to products that do not present a dire health risk to their families just by their mere presence in a home. I hope my colleagues in the State Senate continue to agree with me and give my AB 652 their 'aye' vote.

Laura Friedman represents Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Franklin Hills, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Way Forward May Be Shrouded in Fog

Many Crescenta Valley residents have recently read several editorials from members of the Crescenta Valley Water District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and responses from the Crescenta Valley Water District.

I had been a member of the CAC in an effort to help provide better transparency between the community and District. As a customer, I have also been concerned with the rate increases in 19 out of 20 years that far exceed any indices I know about.

Reading Mr. Ochoa's article published in the CV Weekly, July 1, 2021 issue, I have to take exception to several of his comments.

To my knowledge, the CAC never endorsed any formal rate increase. The Cost of Study that the District bases the increases on has not been completed nor ever distributed to the CAC allowing the CAC to make an educated recommendation.

As a customer I have many concerns. I have questioned the District why single-family homes, which represent 68% of all users, are getting hit with a tiered rate while 32% of users are on a fixed rate for water.

Mr. Ochoa now implies tiered rates are driven by single-family users causing peaking? Peaking is just one element in the rate structure. Is he suggesting that all homeowners are running their sprinklers at the same time, using excessive water, and the only user group causing this "peaking" condition? I remain confused being told tiered rates were to promote conversation for the last several years.

I quote the verbiage on page 15 of the last published Water and Sewer Cost of Service Study: "The District established inclining tiered (also known as inclining block) water rates to incentivize customers to use water in an efficient manner." I question why then is 32% of the customer base exempt for tiered

rates?

I am disappointed the CAC had been abruptly canceled as I strongly believe that the community needs better transparency between the District and customers with three years of rate increases on the horizon.

As the fog lifts, I remain certain that customers will be hit with substantial rate increases in the upcoming Prop 218 notice for water rates, wastewater rates, service charges and wastewater service charges. These charges will most likely be locked in and increased each year for the next three years. I remain confident that the single-family homeowner will be asked to carry the burden through increases in the tiered rate structure.

I can only hope our elected board members and the District will review all the facts and make decisions that fairly represent all the users within the District.

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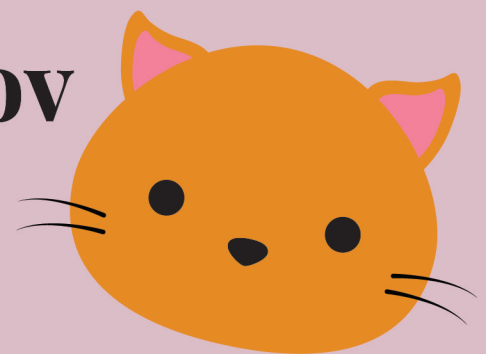
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Too Hot to Trot – Preventing Pets from Overheating

By Mary O'KEEFE

With temperatures on the rise it is important for everyone, including pets, to stay hydrated and to know the signs of dehydration and heat strokes.

"I wish people would [realize] how incredibly hot [the interior] of cars can get," said Dr. James Speas of Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), "Every year, hundreds of pets die from heat exhaustion because they are left in parked vehicles."

Speas said that it doesn't have to be that warm: if there is not enough air circulation pets can be in distress.

When the temperature outside is 70 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature inside a vehicle can be 90 degrees. On a day that

is 85 degrees Fahrenheit outside, it takes about 10 minutes for the inside to reach 102 and, within 30 minutes, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise to 120 degrees.

Speas said owners need to know what the temperature is wherever their pets are, whether inside or outside. This also includes when pets are being walked outside by their owners.

"Surfaces can get incredibly hot," Speas said.

It is not advised to take pets outside on hot days if it can be avoided; however, if pets are being walked owners need to make sure they check the temperature of the surface on which the pet is walking.

"It's not a bad idea to check with your hand, or take your shoe off [to check the surface temperature with your foot]," Speas said, adding this is a good way to see how



much heat has been retained on surfaces like sidewalks and streets.

The number one sign that a pet is in distress is panting.

"Excessive panting is the biggest sign," he said.

Panting is a sign of heat distress in both dogs and cats. When pets' body temperatures rise it affects their neurological system, which can cause depression.

The pet can become lethargic, Speas added.

If pets appear to be overheated, owners can cool them down slowly either in the bathtub or shower or by gently running water from a garden hose over them. But they have to be cooled down slowly; it is not advised to give them an ice bath.

And if the pet has severe symptoms, does not improve after cooling down or if pet parents are worried they should call their veterinarian and/or take their pet in for a checkup.

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For the comfort and safety of their pets, owners need to know what the temperature is wherever their pets are, whether inside or outside.



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The Power in the Chip

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

During the day, Pam Fernicola is the office manager at Our Lady of Lourdes in Tujunga. But in her other life she is Super Pam, defender of animals.

Why? She microchips pets. For 11 years, Fernicola has been making sure lost pets are reunited with their owners by providing a mobile microchipping service.

This service began after she suffered the loss of her cat.

"My cat went missing and, like everyone does, I put up signs and contacted shelters," she recalled. After several days and dozens of phone calls, a shelter worker said they had a cat that fit Fernicola's description of Nugget but she had to be put to sleep because she was injured.

"If she had been chipped I could have been reunited with her and taken her to our vet," Fernicola said.

She immediately became an advocate for microchipping and started Mobile Pet Microchipping, a service to protect pets.

"Microchipping is vital," Fernicola said. "You wouldn't believe the number of pets that are not only lost but are stolen. A microchipped pet is much more difficult to transfer (or sell) to someone else."

According to Fernicola one out of three dogs goes missing in their lifetime. Many times they wind up in a pound or shelter and often these facilities have microchip scanners. If the pet has been microchipped, it can be easily reunited with its owners.

"If the owner has been responsible," Fernicola added.

That responsibility includes making sure the proper microchip paperwork is filed with an appropriate agency that can facilitate reuniting the pet with its owner. As part of the service she provides, in addition to microchipping the pet Fernicola files the paperwork with a reliable service. In her case, she uses American Kennel Club Reunite.

The chip, which is no bigger than a grain of rice, is quickly inserted in the skin beneath the animal's shoulder blades. It has a 15-digit number on it.

If the microchipped pet goes missing and is found, the person who found it can have the animal's chip scanned. The number is displayed and can be entered into petmicrochiplookup.org. The agency that has the pet owner's information will contact the pet owner to tell them the happy news that their pet has been located.

Fernicola warned against using "freebie" websites to register pets as owner privacy is not always protected.

Which is why using her service is beneficial.

She will go to pets' homes and microchip them there and also file the paperwork.

"The pets are completely at ease," she said. "The owners are also able to watch the process."

And then they can rest assured that if the unexpected happens and their pet goes missing – whether dog, cat, horse or bunny (to name a few) – the chance of being reunited has been greatly increased.

For more information, visit www.chippit.org.



Nugget, the cat who started Pam Fernicola on her microchipping mission.

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YOUTH - SPORTS

CSA Pony Tournament Team Ends Meaningful Summer Run

Practice, learn, improve: Those were the goals of CSA's 2021 Mustang-9 Pony tournament team – and they were met.

The team represented the league at the Pony SoCal East Region Mustang-9 tourney, held June 25-June 29 in West Covina. It was CSA's first Mustang-9 team to compete at Pony since 2018.

Since being formed over Memorial Day weekend, the players, all either 9 or 8 years old, had roughly just 20 days to learn new parts of the game, and drill on old skills. The team practiced up to four times a week.

At the tourney in West Covina, the team kept right on cramming. The CSA group played games on back-to-back-to-back-to-back days against teams from La Cañada, West Covina and Whittier. The

squad went 0-3 in pool play, and was eliminated by Whittier in a knockout game on June 28.

Sad ending? Hardly. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the children on the team had been shut out of summer baseball in 2020; some had never played tournament ball at any time before. This summer, they got the chance to get in the game; so, happy ending – for them and for their league.

Players on the 2021 CSA Mustang-9 Pony tournament team were Justin Baik, Roberto Del Castillo, Ben Gibson, Dylan Heo, Ryan Hoonanian, Jett Kim, Graham Levine, David Nam, Logan Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Roman Sahakiyan and Connor Sawada.

Submitted Joal RYAN



La Crescenta Student Earns Championship Status

Chloe Choi, a student at La Crescenta Elementary School, was selected as the second grade grand national champion in the 30th annual Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. This means Chloe had the best print handwriting among all of the second grade entries from across the country.

Nine students – one in each grade from kindergarten through eighth – earned the distinction of grand national grade-level champions. Nine other students emerged as semifinalists. Students who compete come from both public and private schools across the country that use the Zaner-

Bloser handwriting and/or reading curriculum. These winners were selected from more than 70,000 participants in this year's competition.

Celebrating its 30th year, the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest is the longest-running and best-known handwriting competition in the U.S. It's meant to encourage handwriting instruction and recognize students for their outstanding penmanship, a skill that many education experts believe bolsters academic success.

"Research has shown time and time again that handwriting has a positive effect on children's

learning, providing many benefits that support cognitive development and improve academic outcomes," said Lisa Carmona, president of Zaner-Bloser. "Our contest recognizes handwriting as an important component of literacy education and celebrates students for their hard work and commitment to excellence."

The contest also includes a category for students with special needs. The Nicholas Maxim Award, named in honor of a past participant whose passion for writing inspired the award, is open to students with a cognitive, intellectual, physical, or developmental disability who excel in manuscript and cursive.

Ahmadi Named Scholarship Recipient

Anahita Ahmadi, a graduate of Crescenta Valley High School, is the recipient of the National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship. The University of Southern California is private, coeducational, and nonsectarian, and is located in the heart of the city of Los Angeles. Undergraduate enrollment is nearly 14,000 students. Ahmadi's probable career field is computer science.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the National Merit

Scholarship Program who will attend their institution.

College-sponsored awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Bingo Fundraiser – A Very Popular Event



By Mary O'KEEFE

The first post pandemic bingo in Crescenta Valley occurred last Saturday at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, where the American Legion Post 288 meets.

There were over 125 people in attendance, daubers at the ready, eager to claim one of several \$100 prizes.

"This was the first [post-pandemic] bingo of the year and it was phenomenal," said Steve Pierce, executive director of the CV Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit benefitting from the game. The CV Chamber sponsored the bingo fundraiser, which was organized and run by members of

Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] Post 1614.

"Everyone had a great time," Pierce said. "I think people just wanted to get back to [some kind of] normalcy."

The event was a fundraiser that helps support the Chamber and its high school scholarship program. Pierce said they were happily surprised by the turnout.

"Two weeks ago we had 40 tickets sold so we thought maybe we would get 75 people [attending]," he said. "It was beyond our expectations."

Those in attendance were excited about playing; two people each won two different games, which Pierce said is against all odds. He said the Chamber was

very happy with all the sponsors, including State Senator Anthony Portantino, who stepped up to help.

Other nonprofits are ready to hold their own bingo fundraisers; all are being organized by veterans of American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614. On July 24, the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America invites the community to its game.

According to Amy Taylor, district director, the event could not be possible without the help of the Charter's partners, community members and businesses that are sponsoring games.

"It is the Verdugo Hills Council's first live fundraiser [this year] for Scouts in the community," she

said. "Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for 2,000 Scouts that we currently serve in our council."

The game is being held at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the first game is at 6:30 p.m. There will be raffle items and a 50/50 drawing. Dinner will be available for purchase. Tickets for the game are \$20 and available at the door or online at www.vhcsa.org/bingo7-24.

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.

On Aug. 20 a bingo fundraiser is scheduled that will benefit the American Legion Post 288. 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 also have several other bingo events planned in October benefitting the Glendale Quilt Guild and the La Crescenta Woman's Club.

Photos by Dick CLUBB

LEFT: CV Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy presents the first prize of the night.

MIDDLE: From left, Joe Kroening, Anthony Portantino and Joanne Linkhorst.

RIGHT: Veteran Robert Wollenweber gave cash to another winner.

Glendale Memorial Hospital Delivers Large Donation of Food to Benefit the Los Angeles LGBT Center

Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) hosted a month-long food drive during June's National Pride Awareness Month to benefit the clients served by the food pantry at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Hundreds of hospital employees came together in a show of humankindness by donating specific items to meet the growing needs of Los Angelenos facing food insecurities.

"GMHHC celebrates the diversity of our communities and recognizes the importance of raising awareness," stated Jill Welton, GMHHC president. "As a community hospital, we value and understand the work of the LGBT Center in keeping people healthy, and it's our privilege to deliver nutritious meals that contribute to overall wellness."

Pictured from left are Aimee Mendez, LA LGBT Center maintenance manager, Brad Grote, GMHHC chief operating officer, Cassie McCarty, GMHHC director of Mission Integration, Jill Welton, GMHHC president, Ron Yolo, chief nursing executive officer, Marie Filipian, Community Health Manager, Angela Echevarria, LA LGBT Center associate director, Andy Avila, LA LGBT Center property coordinator, Matthew Hernandez, LA LGBT Center technical manager.



TRAVEL & LEISURE

Work of John Simmons Prominently Featured in Three Locales



John Simmons, ASC - Courtesy Photo

Three prominent Los Angeles Art Galleries, The J. Paul Getty Museum, Aziz Gallery and The Jean Deleage Art Gallery at CASA 0101 Theater, will simultaneously present three separate art exhibitions featuring the photography of two-time Emmy Award-winning cinematographer, photographer and artist John Simmons.

The three exhibits include "In Focus: Protest" at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles through Oct.10. The exhibition features images made during periods of social struggle in the United States, and highlights the myriad roles protest photographs play in shaping the understanding of American life. Reservations can be made at www.getty.edu/visit or by calling (310) 440-7300.

"Chronicles Of Our Culture" at Aziz Gallerie in Leimert Park Village continues through July 18 and features the photography of Simmons and other contemporary artists

throughout the African diaspora. There was a special artist talk and reception with John Simmons at Aziz Gallerie on Saturday, July 11.

Call Aziz Gallerie at (323) 815-1843 for more information or visit www.chroniclesofourculture.com and/or www.azizgallerie.com.

"Capturing Beauty: The Artwork and Photography of John Simmons" at The Jean Deleage Gallery at CASA 0101 Theater in Boyle Heights is on exhibit through Aug. 31. This exhibit features a free online virtual guided tour by Simmons of three of his multi-layered paper collage cartographies and 17 of his black and white photography images, representing a full spectrum of life, circa 1965 – 2021. Note that pieces in the exhibit are for sale.

<https://casa0101.org/?exhibits=the-artwork-and-photography-of-john-simmons>

Katherine and Patrick Marsh on Glendale Noon Concerts Roster



Flutist Katherine Marsh and violist Patrick Marsh will be performing in the July 21 Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts.

On Wednesday, July 21 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed. Flutist Katherine Marsh and violist Patrick Marsh will perform works by J.S. Bach, Devienne, Vieuxtemps and Pleyel on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

The program includes J.S. Bach (1685-1750), "2 Part Invention in E Major, No. 6," Francois Devienne (1759-1803), "Duo Op. 5 No. 4," Henri Vieuxtemps (1820-1881), "Capriccio for Viola" and Ignaz Pleyel (1757-1831), "Duo Op. 44 No. 3."

Flutist Katherine Marsh is an active professional musician and teacher. She is currently the solo piccolo player of the Santa Barbara Symphony and has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Santa Barbara Grand Opera and Master Chorale, as well as other numerous symphony and chamber ensembles throughout Southern California. Originally from Bowling Green, Ohio, Katherine received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music degree from the University of Southern California. She regularly performs new music by local Los Angeles composers on the Glendale Noon Concerts series. In addition, she premiered the James Domine Flute Concerto with the

San Fernando Valley Symphony. Her piccolo and flute playing can be heard in many "Star Wars" video games.

Patrick Marsh received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Music degree from The Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins as a viola major. As a violist, Patrick was one of the founding members of the Clemens Quartet, a string quartet performing and competing throughout the United States.

As a violinist, Patrick is a former concertmaster of The Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. His performance opportunities have taken him across the United States, Europe, and St. Petersburg Russia.

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

More info about the program and artists, and the link to the stream, can be found at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

For more information, email glendalesda@gmail.com or call (818) 244-7241.

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

THEN & NOW I



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Now » This photo by Ken King shows modern rock climbers descending the canyon. Where these climbers have the latest in ropes and climbing gear, Chinese lumber crews ascended these canyons with no gear at all, built an elaborate rail system, and cut down trees from the near vertical walls of the canyon.

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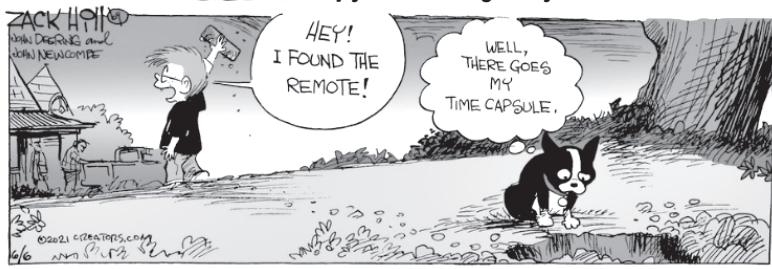
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You're motivated to focus on getting your body in shape. There could be a few difficult days in which you feel emotional. The aspects could leave you feeling drained. If you have a lot to do, try to delegate some tasks. You need to relax and process your emotions. You'll feel better in a few days.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Events may cause a minor crisis. Some days could be stressful, so if your energy flags, it's a good indication that you need to relax your body. Do less rather than more. Nervous tension could be with you for some time. As the days unwind, pamper yourself and feel the benefits.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Keep your thoughts about yourself upbeat and very positive. This will have an effect on your health. The way you think is crucial to your well-being, and you can see this firsthand. As you become elated, rebellious, assertive, or confused, you'll notice that your body responds accordingly. Act on this information.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Developing greater spiritual awareness connects you with your ability to influence your health. You'll notice how an inner pattern of behavior manifests as a health issue. You're in an upbeat, energetic mood that's going to keep you in good shape. Don't let another's casual assessment of your health affect you.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

There's a powerful flow of dynamic energy that you can tap into and use to your advantage. This could be followed by a period of frustration, which won't help your blood pressure. Stay cool. By doing so, you'll feel capable of anything. You need to be more careful if you're going out. You could be vulnerable to viruses now. Boost your immune system!

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Create and work with your artistic impulses. A wonderful influence is creating a dynamic flow of energy directly related to your health. Get out and do those things that fill you with passion. The blocks to well-being will vanish. If you're socializing a lot, rest and eat well. It's time to recommit to your health goals.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're doing well. People notice that you have an extra glow about you. You understand why it's so important to factor your body into your plans. You can't function if you suffer from chronic bad health. Find your own rhythm in order to operate at maximum efficiency. Don't let anyone interfere with your health plans.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The cosmos is guaranteed to get everyone worked up. Stay calm and don't let anything or anyone upset your digestive system. If you can keep yourself together, the days ahead should be much easier and more restful. Relationships might be tense, but getting intimate could help you see the reality of any issues and bond more closely with your mate.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You could have a minor accident if you rush. The aspects are nothing to worry about, but they could increase a sense of panic and agitation. Things should be more restful in a few days. For your overall peace of mind, keep relaxing deeply for a minute or two during the day. Get in the right mood to face any challenge.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Arguments or emotional confrontations could make you feel unwell. There is a lot of stress around now. If you can stay calm rather than overreact, it will help you feel better. Delegate some tasks and give yourself a bit of time off. You'll feel a sense of release that enables you to return to your usual vibrant self.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Take it easy if stressful influences lead to minor accidents at home. You and your partner could be at loggerheads. Things will calm down and be more relaxing later. Use this opportunity to pamper yourself and feel good about life again. Good, old-fashioned home comforts will bring you down to earth, but try not to overdose on comfort foods!

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Arguments on the home front could bring a powerful current of tension. One issue could cause sparks. If you feel on edge, it could contribute to tension headaches or sore muscles. This is the last thing you need when you're busy. The pressure diminishes as the week progresses. The more you can relax your mind and thoughts, the better you'll feel.

CALENDAR this

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting this morning, Thursday, 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.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com.

GASCÓN SPOKESPERSON TO ADDRESS DEMOCRATIC CLUB ABOUT DA RECALL EFFORT

Jamarah Hayner, campaign manager to George Gascón and co-leader of his transition to Los Angeles County district attorney, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, July 18 Zoom meeting of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club, which runs from 3 to 5 p.m. Log-in info is found on the Club's website, ccademclub.org.

Hayner will bring Democrats up-to-date on what Gascón has accomplished and offer a defense against the recall campaign against him. Members will also vote on a resolution to oppose the district attorney recall effort. LA County voter signatures are being gathered until Oct. 27, when it will be determined if the recall can proceed.

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta Valley and Sunland-Tujunga. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge. For more information, the Club's website is ccademclub.org.

'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 jujutsu—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.

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.

MAKING MUSIC THE SUZUKI WAY

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its "Making Music the Suzuki Way - Every Child Can Learn!" parent information night on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in Encino. All adults are invited to attend. For more information and the exact address and to RSVP, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org.

The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

The Suzuki Method is renowned for helping children develop musically, especially from a young age, and SMPLA offers music education in violin and guitar. Early musical education significantly enhances a child's brain development, motor coordination and speech, and also increases a child's level of discipline, awareness, and character.

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.

Answers for puzzle 07.08.21
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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 "verboten" 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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: ARMAN GRIGORIAN. Case number 21GDCP00289. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 Glendale Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner ARMAN GRIGORIAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: ARMAN GRIGORIAN to Proposed Name: ARMAN GRIGORYAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **NOTICE OF HEARING** a. Date: JANUARY 5, 2022 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: D b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021.

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