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Election Protocols and Gascón Policies Discussed at Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council took up two hefty issues for relatively long discussions. Responding to inquiries from the public and from council members, City Attorney Mike Garcia shared the results of a detailed report studying the possibility of moving from currently electing councilmembers at-large citywide to smaller, district-based council districts and of directly electing the city's mayor, rather than having the position rotate among the councilmembers.

Glendale is a charter city and changes like these generally require a vote of the public. In 2015, Glendale voters rejected a charter amendment that would have allowed for district elections. In 2015 and 2016, respectively, the Glendale Community College and Glendale Unified School District opted to move to elections by district; district elections in both school districts began in 2017.

Among California's 74 most populous cities, 78% elect their councilmembers at-large; 72% elect their mayor directly. Generally, Garcia told the council, those in favor of localized elections argue that each area would be represented by someone who lived in that area; those against the changes posit there could be fights over resources or heightened focus on parochial issues.

"Don't we want to ask the voters what they think?" Councilmember Vrej Agajanian wondered, attempting to understand the process of averting a charter amendment election as it was detailed by the city attorney.

"The current system is working," Councilmember Ara Najarian said. "Let me tell you about our neighboring cities. If you want a land use issue to be advanced, there's only one person you have to speak to and it's not the mayor or the head of the

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New Curriculum Greet Students Returning to School

By Justin HAGER

GUSD students return this week to in-person, on-campus learning with virtual and real-life adventures waiting for them.

Elementary, middle and high school students returned to school this week! While Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) students, parents, teachers and administrators will continue to face some uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, current plans have students on campus five days a week for a full day of in-person instruction, with an independent study option available for students and families who need it.

The GUSD board of education and superintendent are focused on four key areas this year: academic acceleration; health and safety; social emotional wellness; and equitable access to resources. To foster these goals, new and improved support services include additional reading and math teachers to support elementary students, opportunities for one-on-one tutoring and personalized support, and exciting new digital content for all students including virtual field trips, real-life cultural experiences and more. GUSD is also offering more mental health services including a mental health therapist and mental health interns at all schools.

Masks will be required indoors for all students,



By Justin HAGER
A sign outside La Crescenta Elementary declares 'We're Back!'

employees and visitors. Current state and county health guidelines will allow students to return to more normal interactions with their peers at breakfast, lunch, during recess, extracurriculars, and athletics, as long as they fulfill daily health check requirements. Masks are optional for students, employees and visitors while outdoors. Unvaccinated employees will undergo weekly mandatory COVID-19 testing. Per the LA County Dept. of Public Health, only limited mask exemptions will be allowed and only with the approval of

a medical professional.

GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian said that she is "incredibly excited" about the upcoming school year.

"Our students have been patiently waiting to return on campus and we have taken every possible precaution to ensure that they are able to learn and still remain safe," she said. "We have been working with a healthcare partner group, an advisory group composed of doctors of infectious

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After Four Decades Two Local Businesses Say Goodbye

By Mary O'KEEFE

Two local iconic businesses are closing their doors with the possibility of reopening with new owners.

Jane's Cakes & Chocolate Supply, 645 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge, has been in the area for 41 years. Over the years the store has moved and different owners ran the supply store but it has been a constant go-to resource for all types of bakers, from professional to novice.

On Aug. 27, owner Tom Samaha had planned to close the doors and move the business to Nashville, Tennessee, where he

has lived for the last year.

"When I sent out the notices [to our customers] that we were moving I got several inquiries asking, 'Do you want to sell?'" said Samaha.

The decision to close the doors and move the business was very stressful for Samaha. He received a lot of feedback about how meaningful Jane's Cakes has been to so many. He began receiving inquiries from people wanting to buy the business.

He said he doesn't want to get anyone's hopes up but escrow looks like it is "going in the right direction."

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Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
The owner of Jane's Cakes & Chocolate Supply, which was located for years in Montrose before relocating to La Cañada, is now hoping to pass the baton to a new owner.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Changes in the Air

This week saw some big changes both nationally and locally. On the national level, it was decided that enough was enough and it was time to pull the plug on having troops in Afghanistan. The withdrawal of American troops is supposed to be complete by either Aug. 31 or Sept. 11.

I have heard that the Afghans who we were trying to train over there to defend their own country weren't skilled enough or interested or were too scared, starving or discouraged to fight. This opinion is supported by the rapid rate in which the Taliban conquered all major towns and cities in the country. The fact that the president of Afghanistan also high-tailed it post-haste didn't apparently infuse confidence in the citizens of the Middle East country.

After 20 years of being over there, it appeared to me there were only two choices: become the United States of Afghanistan and stay forever or do what was done – withdraw the troops with the understanding (if not expectation) that the Taliban would quickly come in and claim the country. Is it horrible, especially for women? Absolutely. Are the citizens happy with the decision? Not all as was apparent by those who hung onto exiting aircraft with the hope of ... flying to freedom? To me it shows the desperation of the people, some of whom were offered "amnesty" by the Taliban for actions undertaken while the U.S. occupied the country, including those who worked for foreign governments. I don't know if they're holding out much hope for that amnesty, though.

As chaos continues to ensue and foreign embassies close and try to get their people out of the country, there are many opinions. Was it right to withdraw? Was the manner of the withdrawal correct or could it have been done in a better way? Should it have been done sooner – or not at all?

Ultimately, though, it is the Afghan people who will have to live with the decisions that were made ... and God help them.

Welcome back to school, students, staff and administrators! Who in the world would have thought we would have had to deal with drizzle after so much heat? But it was a blessing for our students who had to rise and shine and make their (masked) way to school on Wednesday morning. CV Weekly had photographers at many of the local schools and captured much of the excitement felt throughout the district (see pages 10 and 11). This week's cover story also gives insight into the safety protocols implemented by the district.

It's now our responsibility to watch out for the kiddos making their way to school – traffic is going to stink and walkers may be looking at their phones rather than watching for cars.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Better the chill blast of winter than the hot breath of a pursuing elephant."
~ Chinese proverb

The internet and the local news, or a simple glance out the window, are sources for current and upcoming weather. These may determine our choice of clothing or activity. For most of us, knowing the weather is helpful; but for those in the armed forces accurate weather information is vital.

After last week's column on weather balloons, I received a lovely email from a local veteran. He served in Japan during the Korean War. Based at Niigata AFB, he served as station chief in charge of the weather station. From there weather balloons were sent out to collect pertinent weather data. Given his permission, I will continue in detail next week.

Military meteorologists play an essential role, whether it's to determine if conditions are suitable for aircraft or for delicate operations. There are three types of military meteorologists used by the United States Armed Forces. The most conventional are at computers poring over the rapidly and ever-changing atmospheric data. Commanders depend on them to accurately forecast the weather; plans are made accordingly, affecting everything from training to real combat.

The second type of meteorologists are the courageous and skillful pilots who fly directly into the eyes of hurricanes. Facing wind speeds over 100 miles per hour, pilots make do in order to keep civilians safe – mostly because no one else is daring enough to take on such an important task. Within nature's swirling and torrential hell much is learned of approaching storms, including wind speeds, air pressure and humidity. Getting this sort of information from the direct center of the storm is the only way for the folks in the storm's path to accurately determine the hurricane's trajectory – and any potential damage it may cause.

Lastly, the sometimes overlooked or unknown position; this is not with intent, but because they go unseen: part of the USAF SOWT – Special Operations Weather Technician or Team. Rarely encountered by other troops, the special operations weather technicians of the Air Force had their "special operations" status sometimes questioned. These airmen were embedded with the rest of the operators as they sneaked into locations with reconnaissance teams to collect valuable information for upcoming assaults. The SOWTs were trained as recon first and weathermen second. To reflect their status, in 2008 the SOWT were renamed Special Reconnaissance. Weather forecasting to the extreme!

Wow!
Yesterday's drizzle and much cooler temperatures were a welcomed surprise. As low-pressure drifts in from the east, a similar forecast is with us through the weekend. Don't get out the woolen mittens yet; more summer is on the way!

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NEWS

Familiar Faces in New Places

By Mary O'KEEFE

As students in the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) head back to school this week, those attending Rosemont Middle, Crescenta Valley High and Valley View Elementary schools will be seeing a few changes on their campuses – not only with COVID compliance but also with new leaders.

Dr. Brook Reynolds is a familiar face on the campus of Valley View

Elementary. After all, he's been principal of the elementary school since 2015. But, like the school's sixth graders, he is promoting to the next level – in his case to the position of executive director of elementary services at the GUSD. His primary job will be supporting and managing elementary school principals – a role that will allow him to continue to visit elementary schools within the district and see students.

"I view this opportunity as a transition from Valley View, not

leaving Valley View," Dr. Reynolds said. "I see this as an opportunity to support all schools – not leave one behind."

During his time at Valley View, he had to navigate the uncertainty brought about by COVID-19 and was grateful for the team there.

"Everybody has different ways of dealing with the pandemic; there's no right or wrong," he said. "Everyone has in common the need for information and they want to be heard."

To facilitate this, he continued having meetings to bring everyone up-to-date with the knowledge that he, as a principal, had to share.

"People felt they were part of the process," he said. "Our goal was to communicate and provide the opportunity for everyone to be part of the conversation."

Calling his time at Valley View "the greatest gig ever," he looks forward to the chance to visit all the school sites and see the students learning.

"I am excited at this new opportunity to put a lifetime of experience to work and make

a difference for the leadership, staff, families and students at the 20 elementary schools, and the Glendale Unified School District," he said. "One of my favorite things to do is encourage and support others to reach their potential. In my career, I have had the opportunity to be a principal mentor and have worked with new site administrators and APs as they started their careers."

He will continue at Valley View until his replacement is in place.

Susanne Risse has been principal at Monte Vista Elementary since 2013. She felt it was time for a

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Aug. 21. 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.

CVTC STREETS & TRANSPORTATION MEETING

The monthly Zoom meeting of the CVTC Streets & Transportation Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Updates will be giving on current projects in addition to discussing new proposals.

The meeting is open to all interested parties. Meeting ID is 956 9812 8070 and the password is 750226.

CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26 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 own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

CERT HOLDING IN-PERSON CLASS

The year's first in-person CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class will be Oct. 2 through

Oct. 9 at the CV Sheriff's Station. All LA County COVID-19 guidelines will be followed at the time of the class. Masks will most likely be required. Class will be limited to 25 people.

As always on the last day of class, all CERTs are welcome to participate in the drill. Please call to register for the one-day drill taking place on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Also a Zoom seminar is being held on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. focusing on fire evacuations: "Can You Evacuate in 15 Minutes?" To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3ft9r9kz>.

For more information, contact Paul or Lisa Dutton, CERT coordinators, at (818) 249-8378.

BIKE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Go Glendale is hosting a virtual Bike Safety 101 workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. on Zoom. Improve bicycling safety knowledge. This is a need-to-know class taught by Nathalie Winiarski, League of American Bicyclists, league cycling instructor. The workshop will include a quick overview of bike basics, rules of the road, things to know to bike confidently, and river path routing – a one-hour, off-bike class. This meeting is open to all commuters, residents, and students of Glendale. The first 30 Go Glendale member participants will receive a \$10 coffee gift card and a Smart Cycling Guide. To RSVP, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bx36kkz7>.

SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION CONFERENCE

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is hosting a two-day virtual conference on suicide awareness and prevention. It is being held on Saturday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

To register for the webinar, and for more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/xwmy272f>.

COMMEMORATIVE MOTORCADE PLANNED

The annual commemorative motorcade in remembrance of Sept. 11 will be held on Friday, Sept. 10. The map will be published in the Sept. 9 issue of the CV Weekly and will also be online at www.cvweekly.com when it is available.

COVID-19 WALK-UP VACCINATION CLINIC

Tournament of Roses, in partnership with Pasadena Public Health Dept., is hosting a COVID-19

walk-up vaccination clinic open to the public today, Thursday, Aug. 19. The clinic will be held at the Tournament House, 391 S. Orange Grove Blvd. in Pasadena from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tournament of Roses volunteers will be assisting with non-clinical duties.

This will be one of the first clinics in Pasadena to offer "supplemental" or "third" COVID-19 shots to people with immune conditions.

Those who get vaccinated will be entered for a chance to win tickets to the 2022 Rose Parade® presented by Honda.

Free street parking is available on Arbor and Lockhaven streets, north and south of Orange Grove Boulevard.

FUNDS TO BENEFIT EDUCATIONAL NON-PROFITS

The Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund will be accepting grant applications from Sept. 1 through Oct. 2. The 2021 grant form/application are for those non-profits that benefit educational programs in the Crescenta-Cañada Valley.

Applications are available on the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce website <https://tinyurl.com/du4vbcex>.

Those with questions can contact Edna Karinski, CEO, Community Foundation of the Verdugos, at (818) 241-8040 or Jean Maluccio, Crescenta Valley Chamber, (818) 248-4957.

CV YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL APPLICATION

Applications are being accepted for the Crescenta Valley Youth Town Council. The Youth Council is an organization that is mentored and managed by the Crescenta Valley Town Council. Being a member of the Youth Town Council provides a chance for students in grades seven-12 to be the voice of the youth in the community. Those on the Youth Council will encourage people to voice their concerns and as a group will try to find solutions.

Time commitment is about an hour a week with regular meetings and frequent events. Youth Town Council members also earn volunteer hours for the work done. Applicants must be in grades seven-12 and live in the La Crescenta area. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 31 at 11:59 pm.

For more information, including the application form, visit <https://tinyurl.com/nuaahm75>.

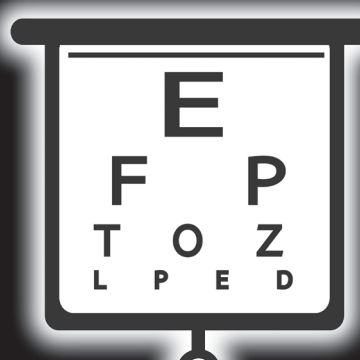


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GCC Approves Phase 2 of Mandatory Water Conservation Ordinance

On Aug. 10, the Glendale City Council implemented Phase II of Glendale Water & Power's (GWP) Water Conservation Ordinance. Glendale and many cities in the state that rely on water from the state water project are moving towards mandatory water conservation due to a lack of expected runoff. Moving into Phase II also supports the governor's July 8 emergency declaration requesting voluntary conservation for all areas of the state.

Phase II of the Mandatory Water Conservation Ordinance will limit outside watering to three days a week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for no more than 10 minutes at each watering station. The City appreciates the efforts that residents have made to conserve water, and continues to encourage residents to be diligent in their water usage. The drought charge for Phase II of mandatory water conservation is \$0.30/HCF, which equates to about \$.0004/gallon, or 40 cents for 1,000 gallons of water. The drought charge is intended to recover the portion of fixed expenses that is collected in the variable water rate. Customers who reduce their water use will either continue to receive the same bill, or have lower bills depending on how much water they conserve.

GWP's Chief Assistant General Manager of Water Michael De Ghetto stated, "This is a great opportunity for residents and businesses to secure their own water future. The community has done a great job being a part of the solution; I have no doubt that they will continue to be even more efficient when using this

precious resource in the future."

Most of a customer's water usage is used for outside landscaping. The easiest way to conserve is to curtail outdoor watering as much as possible. Customers can visit <http://saveourh2o.org/>, www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com or www.Bewaterwise.com for more tips and information on conserving water.

Water Conservation Tips:

- Use a nozzle on your hose while washing your car.
- Do not hose down driveways or walkways; use a broom instead.
- Repair leaks, replace damaged sprinkler heads, and adjust sprinklers to avoid over-spray.
- Set your lawn mower blade height at two or three inches. Longer grass blades will reduce evaporation and shade the roots.
- Use mulch under trees and plants to help retain moisture.
- Water early in the mornings or late at night.

Customers who do not comply with Phase II of the Water Conservation Ordinance will receive a violation warning notice. Repeat violations can result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

Customers can anonymously report water waste by calling GWP's water waster hotline at (818) 550-4426 or submitting an online form at www.GlendaleCA.gov/ReportWaterWaste.

GWP's Partially Recirculated Draft EIR for the Proposed Grayson Repowering Project Now Available

On Aug. 9, Glendale Water and Power (GWP) published the Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (PR-DEIR) for the proposed Grayson Repowering Project at www.GraysonRepowering.com for a 60-day comment period. The PR-DEIR for the Proposed Grayson Repowering Project, located at 800 Air Way in Glendale, examines two new project alternatives, provides project updates to the environmental impact report analysis, including an update on cultural and paleontological resources impacts, and adds the analysis of energy and wildfire environmental impact categories.

The proposed project would replace aged, unreliable, inefficient and high maintenance equipment at the Grayson Power Plant with a combination of energy storage and new, efficient, faster-starting and more environmentally-responsible generation technologies. The PR-DEIR is issued for public comment in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

An overview of the PR-DEIR will be presented in early September to the GWP Commission and the Sustainability Commission. More information regarding this meeting will be available at www.GraysonRepowering.com as soon as the meeting is finalized.

The Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Grayson Repowering Project is available for public review at graysonrepowering.com/#2021-pr-deir. Copies of the PR-DEIR will also be available for public review at the following locations. Due to COVID-19,

in person review at the Community Development Department and GWP Administration Office is by appointment only. Please contact the individuals listed below to make an appointment:

City of Glendale Community Development Department

Planning Division
633 E Broadway, Room 103
Glendale, CA 91206
Contact Erik Krause at (818) 937-8156 to make an appointment.

Glendale Water & Power Administration Office

141 N Glendale Ave., 4th Floor
Glendale, CA 91206
Contact Catalina Lee at (818) 548-2107 to make an appointment.

Glendale Central Library
222 E Harvard St.
Glendale, CA 91205

To view the PR-DEIR, residents will not need to make an appointment for the Glendale Central Library. Walk-ins are welcome and the report will be at the reference desk.

Submit comments on the PR-DEIR in writing to the Community Development Planning Division at the following address: 633 East Broadway, Room 103, Glendale, California 91206; Attention: Erik Krause, Deputy Director of Community Development.

Residents may also submit comments on the PR-DEIR by facsimile to (818) 240-0392, or email to ekrause@glendaleca.gov. Please include "Grayson Repowering Project PR-DEIR" in the subject line. The deadline to submit comments on the PR-DEIR is Oct. 8.



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diseases and other medical experts from USC Verdugo Hills, UCLA and others to ensure that we are going beyond the LA County Dept. of Public Health and address their concerns as well.”

However, some parents and teachers do not believe the district has gone far enough. Approximately 60 parents, teachers and representatives of the Glendale Teachers Association held a rally on Monday night outside of the board of education meeting demanding a memorandum of understanding that would extend the mask mandate to outdoor settings, limit or control large gatherings, move necessary gatherings, such as meals, outside and weekly mandatory testing for everyone on campus, regardless of vaccination status.

According to Sarah Morrison, the bargaining chairperson for the Glendale Teachers Association, “Learning happens best when everyone feels safe.”

“The district has been given the funding by the state to invest in further mitigation measures ... I don’t see how it could hurt kids or their learning.”

Andrea Reuter is a third grade teacher at Edison Elementary.

“Every inch of every campus was masked in the spring, and that was without the Delta variant,” she said of the precautions taken throughout the district.

Keppel Elementary third grade teacher Debbie Bamberger was more pointed in her remarks regarding the need for the implementation of safety protocols.

“Try learning from a hospital bed or going back to full-time distancing because COVID comes back,” she said.

A written statement from Dr. Ekchian stated, “Glendale Unified has implemented multiple layers of mitigation on our campuses to protect students and employees while continuing to create a welcoming environment and foster a positive culture of learning for all students.”

When asked about the rally outside the district offices, she noted that GUSD is in line with all public health requirements, has arranged for numerous opportunities for vaccination and offered tents for outdoor learning, which goes beyond Dept. of Public Health recommendations. She underscored that “everyone is invited to participate” in testing and vaccination opportunities “whether they want to be tested once a week or five days a week.”

Beyond the COVID pandemic, a small but vocal group of parents and teachers have also recently expressed concern over the adoption of new curriculum standards at GUSD, including the “Learning for Justice” (formerly “Teaching Tolerance”) standards adopted by the GUSD in February.

Originally developed by the Southern Poverty Center, the standards use age-appropriate strategies, language and learning outcomes as a road map to help educators integrate anti-bias education into existing K-12 curriculum and make schools more affirming, supportive, just and equitable for all students. The program’s 20 “anchor standards” include items such as “students will express pride, confidence and healthy self-esteem without denying the value and dignity of other people” and “students will examine diversity in social, cultural, political and historical contexts rather than in ways that are superficial or oversimplified.”

Dr. Ekchian became a strong proponent of the standards after they were brought to her attention by the superintendent’s parent-advisory council in September of 2020. For the next four months the standards were reviewed and discussed by the GUSD board. Opportunities for public comment and feedback were available at their meetings on Jan. 19 and Feb. 2. Neither meeting saw any member of the public speak against adoption of the standards and on Feb. 2 the board unanimously voted to adopt

the Social Justice Standards as part of GUSD’s curricular program as a tool with lessons and outcomes at each grade level to develop student competence in the areas of identity, diversity, justice, and action. The standards will be formally infused into the curriculum of the core subject areas where there is a natural and appropriate fit.

When asked about the standards, Dr. Ekchian said, “The teaching tolerance standards promote inclusivity and respect for one another and the opportunity to learn about different people’s history and different culture’s history. Our goal is 100% to promote inclusivity, respect and a safe atmosphere for all of our students. Students must feel comfortable in the setting in which they learn. That is neither complicated nor controversial.”

While some critics of the standards have offered unfounded and blatantly racist and homophobic critiques, more reasonable critics have noted that the standards may cause some students to feel “bad” or “guilty.” Critics have pointed to references in the materials that cite “dominant culture” and discuss examples of discrimination perpetrated by western white cultures against Black, indigenous, Latino, Asian and LGBTQ+ people.

When asked about these critiques, Dr. Ekchian explained, “I think there is a misunderstanding about whether we are focused on inclusion and respect. We are. And I look forward to the opportunity to educate our students and our community,” adding, “We are teaching our students critical thinking and they need to be able to examine information from multiple points of view.”

More information about the GUSD 2021-22 school year is available by visiting <https://www.gusd.net/>. For more information on the Learning for Justice standards, visit <https://www.learningforjustice.org/>.

To see more photos of the first day of school at some local campuses visit pages 10 and 11.

to commit murder, felony assault likely to cause great bodily injury, felony domestic violence resulting in traumatic condition are some of the offenses that are neither serious nor violent [under this policy] and [therefore] qualify for zero cash bail.”

In the last 18 months, he further reported, the police department has seen increased rates of recidivism, with 452 people reoffending at least twice, 143 repeat offenders committing crimes three times, 60 reoffending four times. One individual was arrested 17 times.

Further, the police department shared, the DA’s misdemeanor case management system appears to be resulting in the lack of prosecution of any misdemeanors, with at least 825 misdemeanor cases submitted by the Glendale Police Dept. being rejected by the District Attorney’s Office, including people arrested in possession of illegal drugs.

“There’s no treatment or drug diversion. Those cases are immediately dismissed. There is no exception to this – and at this point there are no drug treatment programs available at the time of arrest or in lieu of any judicial process,” Captain Williams said.

“The blanket policy of not allowing special allegations to be filed results in violent individuals being released from custody and given probationary sentences rather than more appropriate sentences based on the actual violation,” local attorney and victims’ rights advocate Kathleen Cady said, calling in. “Some felonies are only considered ‘violent’ with an enhancement. They’re not prosecuting misdemeanors pretty much at all and this affects the quality of life and empowers the criminals. Hence the spike in crime we’re seeing across Los Angeles County.”

“I’m a long time Glendale resident, calling in tonight opposed to the other callers,” Ingrid Gunnell said, sharing that she is glad to hear “this report and discussion will not lead to a ‘vote of no confidence’ because both Ara Najarian and Paula Devine said it won’t.”

“I understand victims have rights and one of the main reasons that more than half of the county voted George Gascón in is because Jackie Lacey failed victims of police violence. George Gascón ran on a platform and

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community development department or the city manager. It’s the councilmember in that district. This is what they call Balkanization. You might as well split up Glendale into five separate cities because that’s really what happens. Just look at Los Angeles.”

The council voted 3-1-1 to maintain the status quo at this time, with Devine, Agajanian and Najarian voting to keep the current system and Kassakhian abstaining.

Also on Tuesday, the council extensively debated a report from the police department critical of several policy directives issued by newly elected District Attorney George Gascón. Specifically, Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis and Captain Robert Williams reported on the negative impact of three of the DA’s new edicts, noting a “slight uptick in the crime rate” in the city (overall crime is up 3%, violent crime up 13%, grand thefts up approximately 50%, they shared), coupled with the ongoing impact of the pandemic in delaying the courts in processing a backlog of cases.

First, Williams reported on the policy of eliminating cash bail, noting that “crimes such as solicitation

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CRIME BLOTTER

Aug. 16

2700 block of Timberlake Drive in La Crescenta, a resident was inside his home when he heard two loud bangs. He went outside and found that the rear window and front windshield on his vehicle were smashed. The right passenger side rear quarter panel of the vehicle was scratched as was the roof.

The incident occurred at 12:39 p.m.

Aug. 13

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman was at a restaurant with her husband. She hung her purse on the back of her chair.

A few minutes later she reached for her purse and it was missing.

Surveillance footage revealed a man [suspect] dressed in a dark business suit walked into the restaurant. He stood at the right of the victim's chair and ordered water at the bar. He took off his jacket and placed it over his left forearm then grabbed the purse off the back of the chair and left the restaurant. Another man entered the restaurant after the suspect, asked for a table but then left at the same time as the suspect. The second suspect was wearing scrubs.

The theft occurred at 8:20 p.m.

Aug. 11

1900 block of Waltonia Drive in Montrose, the lock on a storage box that was in a parking garage had been broken and items were stolen. Surveillance footage revealed a 2015 silver Hyundai Sonata enter the parking garage and reversed into the parking space where the storage box was located. A suspect, described as a White male wearing a black sweater, exited the Hyundai and walked towards the storage box.

The suspect opened the trunk of his car and then was out of sight of the camera. He was then seen getting back into his car and driving out of the area at 9:02 p.m.

Aug. 10

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, according to an employee a female adult entered the store with a large black handbag. She walked through the store and placed several items into the shopping cart. She got a shopping cart and put more items under the cart. She walked out of the store without attempting to pay for the items in her bag or in the cart.

She entered a silver sport utility vehicle and drove away at 1:11 p.m.

Aug. 7

4100 block of Briggs Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle at 4 a.m.

Aug. 2

2900 block of Santa Carlotta Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between Aug. 2 and Aug. 6.

Obituary

Larry Franklin Brown



Aug. 4, 2021

Larry Franklin Brown, 78, of La Crescenta passed away peacefully on Aug. 4 surrounded by the love of his family. Born in Glendale to Orval and Marguerite Brown, he grew up in Eagle Rock and lived most of his life in La Crescenta. He graduated from Eagle Rock High School, married his high school sweetheart, and worked in sales for Chevrolet and Lance Campers for many years before turning his hobby of woodworking into a career later in his life.

Larry was a member of the Early Rodders Car Club and loved to take his '40 Ford Coupe to car shows. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching all sports, especially football. He was sometimes known to relieve his friends of their money at a friendly poker game. He enjoyed all things outdoors including fishing, hunting, target shooting, dune bugging and camping with family and friends. He then discovered the joy of traveling the world and was blessed to experience the cultures of so many other countries including China and Africa. Larry enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and touched everyone he knew with his great smile and humor. His positive attitude and strength in dealing with his health issues was an inspiration to many.

Larry was devoted to his family and leaves behind his wife of 58 years Joanne; his brother Dean; and brother-in-law Rock Lambiotte. He was the proud father of daughters Karen Snyder (husband Howard) and Kristen Thompson (husband Dave). He was also an amazing papa to his grandchildren Krystal (husband Nathan), Justin, Rachel and Faith and great grandchildren Ian and Nathan. He also leaves behind his many nieces and nephews.

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Obituary

Francis (Skip) Leigh Jennings



Sept. 19, 1964 – June 28, 2021

Skip was born in Glendale to loving and supportive parents Marianne and Francis Jennings. He attended Fremont Elementary, Rosemont Middle School and Crescenta Valley High School.

Upon graduation Skip enlisted in the Navy where he served 14 years. During his tour of duty he received many awards for his outstanding service and bravery including the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

After leaving the Navy he attended Glendale Community College where he received his associate degree in art in 1994. From there he became a certified electrician. He was active in the American Pool Players Association and belonged to two pool teams where he made many friends.

Skip leaves behind his parents, brothers Scott and Steve, sister Tammie and many nieces and nephews.

He will be forever missed and always loved.

GPD REPORTS

Male Arrested for Burglary, Released, Rearrested Three Days Later for Burglary

On Aug. 8 just after 3 a.m., Glendale police patrol officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of North Pacific Avenue regarding a male who was breaking the front window of a business. Upon arrival, the officers located the male. The male initially attempted to flee, but was ultimately detained.

The window to the business was broken and several contents within the business were displaced. The male, later identified as 24-year-old Jordan Anderson (transient), was arrested for burglary. Due to Los Angeles County's zero-dollar bail schedule, Anderson was released within hours from custody with a notice to appear in court at a later date.

On Aug. 11 at about 7:45 a.m., Glendale police patrol officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of South Glendale Avenue regarding a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, the officers noticed a shattered window at the front of the business. Officers viewed surveillance footage and identified Jordan Anderson as the suspect.

Anderson was located nearby and found to be in possession of over \$700 worth of items from the store.

Anderson was subsequently arrested for burglary and officers were able to obtain a bail hold on him.

GEORGE'S from COVER

COVID has been a busy and interesting time for Jane's Cakes.

"We never closed our doors," he said.

For those who stayed "safer at home" baking was a way to pass the time though getting supplies was not easy. It was difficult to find flour and baking supplies at the grocery stores but Jane's Cakes was there for their customers.

"We were buying flour in 50 pound [bags]," he said. "We would repackage [the flour] every day from 500 to 800 pounds."

They were able to get yeast when it was in high demand and even sold eggs and butter.

"Last year was our busiest year," Samaha said. "And during that

time we were sending out bread recipes to [our customers]."

Jane's Cakes has been the go-to resource for professional bakers and also for those who have never baked before in their lives.

"We have had people come in who have never baked a cake before but were going to bake a wedding cake that was needed the next day," he said. "We continue to be friendly and helpful."

Another local business that has closed its doors has also been around for 41 years. George's Pizza announced it is closing its doors.

"After 41 years of serving the community the time has come for George's Pizza to say goodbye. Closing wasn't an easy decision,

but Pizza George was ready to toss pizzas in retirement at his beach house instead of here in the kitchen," according to a statement released on the restaurant website.

George's Pizza was the place to go after football games and for Jet Propulsion Laboratory lunches. It was always a place that non-profits, like Prom Plus, could look to for support. George's Pizza for years helped feed hungry seniors at the Prom Plus after-prom event.

The doors to George's will be closing; however, according to its statement, it will be opening again with a new business, Fresh Brothers Pizza. An opening date has not yet been announced.

PROFILES from COVER

change – both for her and the school. When the opportunity arose to apply for the position as principal at Rosemont Middle School, she knew she wanted to do it. Having been chosen, she said she feels the change is positive, although she loved her staff and students at Monte Vista.

Risse has been at GUSD since 1991, first as a Spanish bilingual teacher at Horace Mann Elementary School. She served as teacher specialist for Title VII Project SUCCESS in 1996 and was promoted to assistant principal of R.D. White Elementary School in 1999. In 2001, she was promoted to principal at R.D. White and then chosen as principal at Monte Vista. Risse received her bachelor's degree in general humanities from Santa Clara University. She received her master's degree in educational administration from the University of La Verne, according to GUSD.

"[Former Rosemont principal Dr. Scott] Anderle has always been a good colleague and a good man," she said.

This school year Anderle transferred from being Rosemont principal to return to teaching. He and Risse spoke over the years and she was excited about the opportunity to lead the middle school.

"I had not worked with this age group before," she said.

She has already attended Howdy Days orientation for both seventh and eighth grade students.

"What I got from the kids was excitement," she said.

She is sensitive to the concerns parents, teachers, staff and students have as they all head back to in-person learning after nearly two years of virtual learning. The concerns are not only for the students' physical health but also their mental-emotional health.

Risse added that most staff and kids seem primed and ready for the next phase of returning to school.

"My emphasis with staff is to [ask them] to give me some grace as I come into Rosemont and I will give [them] grace coming from the pandemic," Risse said, "and we

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will all give kids grace as they come back.”

She added that people who know her would say she is approachable and she welcomes parents’ emails. She encourages parents and students to speak to her directly if they have concerns.

“We are at school to learn,” Risse said. “If you mess up and run down the hallway we will correct you – but kindness and respect are my number one [rules]. There is no reason for anyone to be unkind. I [want Rosemont] to be a safe place both physically and emotionally.”

Christine Benitez is a familiar face at Crescenta Valley High School. She has been associate principal at the school since 2014 and now, with the departure of former principal Linda Junge, Benitez is taking the lead.

“Linda and I were like two halves of a whole,” Benitez said. “We were a team.”

She is well-prepared to take the helm at CVHS even though COVID guidelines make in-

person learning an unusual start to the new school year. Benitez wants to make sure the statements and procedures at the high school are clear and consistent.

Benitez said the students are used to having a dress code and face coverings are now part of that code; however, there may be times when they will have to be reminded to mask up – as will adults as well.

“We are rebuilding this school community,” she said. “A lot has happened in the past two years.”

Anxiety is part of returning to school for both staff and students. In anticipation, CVHS has hired more counselors; there are now six, which lowers the student-to-counselor ratio. There is also the Wellness Center that Benitez and Junge had been working on prior to the pandemic.

“It is a calming space where we use restorative practices, a place where kids can go to relieve anxiety,” she said.

The funding to create and

operate the Wellness Center was from a one-year grant. Her goal is to find a way to keep the Center open.

She said she was happy to see teachers use the space as they prepared for school to open. Benitez said the teachers are using restorative practices as they transition from virtual teaching to in-person.

Benitez’s dad was a firefighter and he was also crafty. Her philosophy for preparing for this unusual school year is in line with what she learned from her dad as he readied a room for painting or wall papering.

“I grew up wall papering and painting with my dad. Before you start you have to prime the room. [With the school year] you prime with information,” she said.

She wants to share information, though the mandates regarding COVID compliance are ever-changing. The most important thing, she said, is to get the information to all stakeholders. To help facilitate this, Benitez has started a parent leadership council that includes several organizations.

“This offers a variety of voices,” she said.

She plans to continue to grow this council and wants to bring back “coffee with the principal” conversations.

Benitez began her career in education in 1997 as a math teacher at Hoover High School in GUSD. In 2005, she served as assistant principal in Santa Clarita. She then returned to GUSD and CVHS. Benitez received her bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Ohio State University. She

received her master’s degrees in teaching mathematics from the University of Virginia and in educational administration from California State University, Northridge, according to GUSD.

CVHS also welcomes two new assistant principals to its staff: Annette Babakhanian and Miguel Gonzalez. They join fellow assistant principals Bill Gallimore and Jordan Lessem.

Gonzalez lives in the community and his son attends CVHS. Prior to taking the assistant principal job at the school he was with Grant High School, part of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

He heard of the available position at GUSD and applied.

“I came in for the interview and [waited] to see what would happen,” he said.

When he found out he got the job he said it was the “perfect spot” for him.

“I was hoping for CV,” he said.

Gonzalez will be overseeing the athletic department, physical education and school safety.

Babakhanian has lived in La Crescenta for 19 years. Her kids attended Valley View Elementary, Rosemont Middle School and CVHS. She has worked at GUSD for 17 years; her last position was as assistant principal at Toll Middle School. She has worked at several Glendale elementary schools but had never worked with high schoolers. She said she is looking forward to this new age group. She will be working with career tech education and special education.

Both Babakhanian and Gonzalez said a primary

concern for the beginning of the school year was the wearing of facemasks.

“Keeping the masks on is a big [issue],” Gonzales said. “And the kids need to self-monitor symptoms.”

He said he understands that students don’t want to fall behind or leave school but if they are not feeling well they need to stay home.

Babakhanian added the district will follow the guidelines of LA County Public Health.

“I hope very soon we will reach herd immunity but [until then] the challenge will be to remind people to wear a [face] mask and to wear it over their nose,” she said.

Both said they are excited to have students back in the Falcon hallways. Babakhanian and Gonzalez have and had their own children go through CVHS. This was a concern when they decided to take their jobs.

Gonzalez asked his son, prior to taking the position, if he would have an issue with his being at the same school that his son attends. He said his son responded in a “typical” teen way by saying, “Okay” and not being overly excited. Babakhanian’s children have graduated from CVHS.

“They said ‘We are so happy we are not there anymore,’” she said of their reaction that Mom was going to be on-campus.

Now that schools are back in session, drivers are reminded of increased traffic, especially in the areas around local schools, and are asked to exercise caution and not speed on surrounding neighborhood streets.

Robin Goldsworthy contributed to this story.



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that is what he is implementing. The recall effort of George Gascón basically began the day after he got elected.”

The question, Councilmember Dan Brotman contemplated, is “whether the incarceration first approach is effective. There’s a movement towards looking at alternatives to incarceration – the LA County board of supervisors set out a direction and what Gascón is doing is very much in that spirit.”

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian noted, “Our correctional system is broken, and it doesn’t work and that’s a fact. Jails and prisons have taken the place of mental health institutions and care facilities, and our society is beset by a culture that treats humans like tissue paper, like disposable numbers – look at our homeless crisis – it’s hard not to think ‘a pox on both their houses’ when we see it. We imprison more people in this country than anyone else on the planet.”

Kassakhian proposed communicating with the DA directly, outlying the city’s concerns and asking for a response and a meeting between staff and the DA’s Office.

Councilmember Ara Najarian reiterated that his intent is “not a request for a ‘vote of no confidence’ or recall.”

“I spent two years as a non-

attorney law clerk in Glendale and Downtown Los Angeles courthouses under Bob Philibosian,” he said. “Safety is of the utmost importance, and I fully support our police department.”

Mayor Paula Devine agreed. “It has to be demoralizing for the police department to make all of these arrests only to see the perpetrators walk out of jail and do it again. And again and again. It’s time we formally express our concerns. What we’re seeing now is not acceptable.”

Earlier in the meeting, Councilmember Dan Brotman reminded Glendale renters and landlords about the state’s program for COVID-19 support.

“It’s well funded and applies to both landlords and tenants and may cover utilities,” he shared in advance of the end of the eviction moratorium anticipated at the end of September.

City staff reported that of 465 questions that were asked on the city’s hotline, 30 calls regarded COVID-19 evictions; in Glendale, 2,462 applications have resulted in \$33 million in rental assistance. Anyone can apply at https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/.

Councilmember Kassakhian wished the best of luck to everyone going back to school “at this exciting time, especially for parents who’ve had kids in quarantine for all these

months.”

Mayor Devine expressed continuing concern that local hospital beds are being taken by COVID-19 patients while people in the emergency room are waiting, sometimes for many hours. She wondered if the city has approached local businesses to urge them to require vaccines for entry.

Staff announced a Pop-Up Health Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in coordination with the Armenian American Medical Society, in front of the Glendale Galleria, that will include free screenings, booths and vaccines.

Of important local note, last week the council approved the move to Phase II of Glendale Water & Power’s (GWP) Water Conservation Ordinance. (For details see the information from the city on page 4.)

“At least in Glendale, water can’t be used as an excuse for not building more units,” GWP’s Chief Assistant General Manager of Water, Michael De Ghetto told the council. “This is a great opportunity for residents and businesses to secure their own water future. The community has done a great job being a part of the solution: I have no doubt that they will continue to be even more efficient when using this precious resource in the future.”

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Pioneer Memories: The Robinsons and Their Radio Station

Continuing with the memories of various CV pioneers that were published in a 1938 edition of our local paper, we turn to the remembrances of Formosa Robinson. In 1927, she and her husband Frederick Robinson created their own radio station in their home among the sagebrush, high up on New York Avenue. It was a powerful radio station, 100 watts, transmitting thousands of miles. This astounding achievement was due to the genius of Frederick Robinson, who was both an inventor and an artist. The radio station ran for just a couple of years, and a wide variety of local talent made their way up the hill to the top of New York Avenue to broadcast their homespun songs, jokes and lectures across the U.S., and even to other nations. My comments are in brackets [].

Here are Formosa's memories:

"This is KGFH, La Crescenta, California! Owned and operated by Frederick Robinson.' What a thrill

for the old-timers of the valley! There was a big circus tent to hold all the visitors, many to talk and sing for the first time on radio. And oh, the shaking knees!

"Dear old Mr. Hauber, with loving gaze watching his daughter sing, 'The Kerry Dance.' Swami Paramanda with his good words, another first-nighter. [The Swami was the founder of the nearby Ananda Ashrama, which still exists today.]

"The studio in the home was different from a downtown studio for through the open door we heard the sounds of nature, the frogs in the pond or a coyote howl.

"Talent came from near and far in groups and alone; one brought another. There was no formal radio announcer or censorship, so the amateur who had never faced an audience had more courage to face the mic, and have the home folks listen in.

"There were banjo players and

dance orchestras. Smiling Lala Justice, with her nimble fingers, played and accompanied many ambitious singers. Wally, who still entertains in a nearby city, just for fun sang his Scotch (sic) songs and handled his own program. He had his keen jokes on the side, for it was all too serious to ad lib over the air. Then Johnny, of Hoffman and Fowler, about the only grocers in Montrose, often brought up an [American] Legion crowd to sing and talk.

"Oh, but sometimes it was extremely funny or shocking. A church crowd came out one evening about nine o'clock. The handsome baritone stole out to his car and took a few swigs from a hidden flask, then came in and sang Kipling's 'To The Ladies.' [This was a ribald song about a soldier remembering his many romantic liaisons.]

"Many times we had real musical treats: the Zoeliner Quartet [a world-famous string quartet], 16 violins, or

Madame Sprotte and her pupil Betty Robbins, who won the 'Hollywood Radio Trip Around The World.'

"So for nearly two years they came up New York Avenue to perform on an unsponsored, unpaid program, the only station of that type on record, and were heard from Nova Scotia to Australia. The first operators, Oliver Garretson and Glen Romenger, were proud of its distance on 100 watts. These men are now valuable soundmen in the film world. Yours truly was the 'female announcer' on KGFH."

This was an amazing accomplishment, to create a radio station from scratch and out of one's home no less. Frederick Robinson, after trying to expand the radio station, finally ran out of money and sold the station in early 1929. He went on to other ventures and, just after WWII, the Robinsons sold half their acreage at the top of New York Avenue to a developer. It can be assumed that Frederick Avenue,

which runs next to New York, is named for Frederick Robinson. The Robinsons both died in the late 1940s.

KGFH, Radio La Crescenta was a boon to the valley's growth as it brought the name La Crescenta to the world. Later this year, the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley will hopefully be self-publishing a small book on this unique radio station, written by local historian Fred Hoepfner.



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 » LAURA FRIEDMAN

We Need Safe Streets

As a mother and the state representative for over 465,000 people, the safety and well-being of all Californians is always on my mind. For years I've been particularly concerned about the increasing risks for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists on our roads. Motor vehicle crashes are the fourth leading cause of premature death in Los Angeles County. Year after year, coast-to-coast, communities across our nation have seen a steady increase in the number and severity of traffic-related injuries and fatalities. In 2020, over 42,000 Americans lost their lives to traffic collisions, while 4.8 million road users were seriously injured. This is especially true in California where we saw over 3,800 traffic-related fatalities just last year. While there isn't any single root reason behind this ever-increasing threat, there is one factor that dominates all the others – speeding.

For many of us, stay-at-home orders meant we were spending dramatically less time on the roads. But unfortunately, some drivers took advantage of our less congested streets by speeding, showing a disregard for the safety of other vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. Traffic deaths nationwide grew about 24% in 2020, according to the National Safety Council. According to the National Transportation Safety Board, speeding is the leading cause behind 31% of all traffic fatalities. If we want to tackle traffic violence, we must find a way to compel drivers to

maintain safer speeds.

Research has shown that a reduction of five miles per hour in speed results in an 8%-15% reduction in injuries, with some studies showing a 39% reduction in injuries. A range of research also suggests lowering speed limits may result in the number of fatalities dropping by 10% to 30%, while reducing fatalities for vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists by 80%-96%. It is time for us to recognize and implement slower speeds on local roadways, backed by research and engineering.

Throughout my time in the legislature, I have been proposing and collaborating on measures every year to curb reckless driving, street racing and speeding. My first successful measure, AB 2363, passed in 2018, created the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force to perform a deep dive into the data of traffic collisions, the key causal factors and our existing policies around regulating speed. The task force's recommendations formed the foundation for my bill AB 43, which aims to create a pathway for our cities to promote safer streets for all and reduce traffic collisions.

Under current law, municipalities and the state set speeds using an antiquated methodology called the 85th percentile rule. Under the 85th percentile rule, speed limits are set every few years

by measuring the speed at which 85% of vehicles drive on a road. In other words, the speed limit must be set to accommodate speeding cars regardless of how unsafe that makes a road. It is a process rooted in the idea that speed limits are safest when they match the natural velocity of the majority of drivers. However, all that has resulted from this methodology is constantly increasing speed limits that fail to take into account the safety of a road for all users.

If successful, AB 43 will provide local governments with more flexibility on setting speed limits based on factors such as safety and traffic collision data. This bill requires traffic surveyors to take into account the presence of vulnerable groups, including children, seniors, the unhoused and persons with disabilities, when setting speed limits. It permits cities to lower speed limits beyond the 85th percentile on

streets with a high level of injuries and fatalities, and ensures they will never again have to raise a speed limit on any road because of "speed creep."

In addition to AB 43, I'm working with my colleagues in my role as the chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee to bring forward more direly-needed policies to improve road safety. I'm coauthoring Assemblymember Vince Fong's AB 3, which will authorize courts to suspend or restrict driver's licenses for those convicted of participating in motor vehicle sideshows. I also partnered with Assemblymember David Chiu to introduce AB 550, which would have allowed automated enforcement of speed limits in high injury networks. This bill stalled earlier this year, but I am committed to bringing it back next year.

I'm proud to report that thus far these efforts have received strong,

bipartisan support. However, that support doesn't mean it's a done deal. Reforming traffic laws is tricky and I've learned over the years that there are a lot of stakeholders with a wide range of perspectives. However, the need for these measures keeps hitting close to home. Just this month, street racing took the lives of three innocent young people in Burbank. I know that here in the Crescenta Valley we're not strangers to these horrific and senseless incidents of vehicle violence, which is why this year I hope my colleagues and the governor will support our efforts to make our streets safer.

What do you think about these measures? As always, please reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember. Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

History: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

While we recently heard congressional testimony (at least some of us anyway) describing the angry mob which stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, waving Confederate battle flags, chanting the N-word, murdering a police officer and threatening to hang the vice president, now a smaller but equally irate crowd of their sympathizers has shown up at a meeting of the LCUSD school board in a passionate effort to protect

the innocent ears of our children from hearing such significant facts of American history as that the White House was built by the labor of African slaves, that White southerners lynched thousands of Africans in the 1920s, '30s, and '40s, or that during the lifetimes of many of their grandparents Blacks were not allowed to dine in the best restaurants of cities like Washington DC, NY City, and Glendale (to name a few) ...

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GUSD Students Head Back to School

By Lori BODNAR

Excitement and raindrops filled the air as students headed back to school, their smiles covered by protective masks. Besides pandemic safety changes, Rosemont Middle and Crescenta Valley High School have new principals, teachers, electives and block schedules with seven periods.

New CVHS Principal Christine Benitez said, "It's important to come together safely and create relationships in person. CVHS follows LA County guidelines and GUSD protocols to keep staff and students safe. We have amazing staff, hard-working students and a caring community."

CVHS senior Seon-Jae Yoon said, "I'm looking forward to AP psychology and marching band, seeing friends, and attending senior

events like prom and graduation. Starting this year means I am one step closer to my future career."

Yoon is Chemistry Club co-president and is also in Robotics Club.

Suzanne Risse is the new principal at Rosemont with 20 years administrative experience.

"We follow district and county safety guidelines. I'm excited to meet the students! I've met staff and they are incredible!" she said. "I have an open-door policy. I am approachable, positive and believe education can transform lives."

Rosemont seventh-grader Zora McCoy said, "I'm excited for the social aspect of school and having different classes. We had subject switches in elementary school, but it's going to be interesting to have that full time."

"We are focusing on a positive start to the year by emphasizing school community," said Mountain Avenue Elementary Principal Jaelyn. "All safety guidelines are implemented. I am appreciative of the faculty for their hard work over the summer preparing for student arrival!"

Fifth grade Mountain Avenue student Paige Jansen was eager to get back to campus.

"I can't wait to do more writing in school!" she said. "I'm excited to see my teacher and friends. I'm nervous and happy to be back."

Students and parents were filled with a range of emotions when heading back to school: many are happy and anxious. The GUSD principals and staff have worked hard to prepare for the year so it is fun and enriching. For families concerned about in-person school, an independent study option is available.

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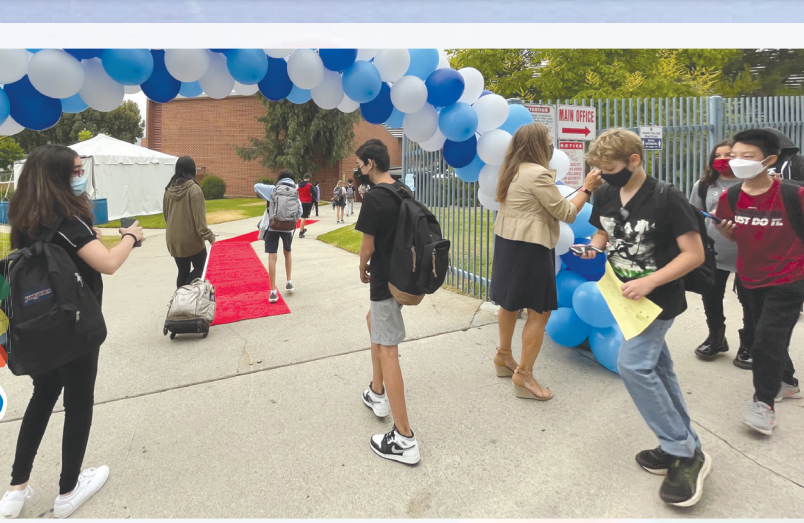
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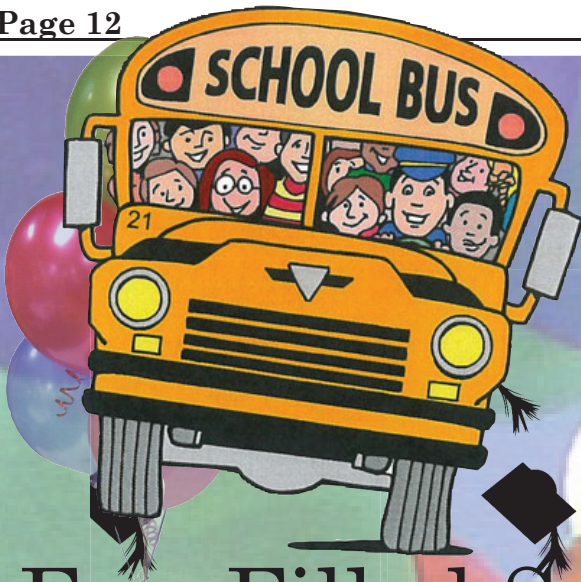


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ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL





BACK TO SCHOOL

Fun-Filled Summer Camps with the YMCA

By Lori BODNAR

Back to school has arrived, though some students have been at school for six weeks already attending Campalooza. At the summer camp, kids enjoyed fun summertime activities such as canvas painting, archery, water balloons, a Coke/Mentos soda geyser experiment, basketball, dodgeball, kickball, movie watching, lanyard making and creating friendship bracelets, playing with giant bubbles and forming new friendships.

Summer camps were supported by Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) summer learning and enrichment programs. GUSD partnered with the local YMCAs to bring exciting educational experiences to the day camps, which focused on learning through sports, arts and social-emotional activities.

Dunsmore Elementary hosted Campalooza. Other GUSD schools with YMCA Campalooza events included Lincoln, Balboa, Columbus, Edison and Valley View elementary schools.

Camper Alyssa Howe attended Dunsmore Campalooza.

"My favorite part of the camp was the water balloons," Alyssa said. "One new activity I did was [making] handprints."

On Thursday, Aug. 12 Dunsmore held



Alyssa Howe at Dunsmore Campalooza



Campers learning archery in the auditorium



Counselor Quiara Jackson

pajama day, which the campers also enjoyed.

Quiara Jackson was one of the camp counselors.

"The students definitely enjoyed the day camp because they hadn't seen their friends for over a year and the camp gave them a chance to socially engage with others and play with their friends," she said.

GUSD schools and the YMCAs took precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the day camps. Each school had about 120 kids attending. The students were put into pods of 10 and each pod

was assigned a counselor. Pods were divided by grades. The kids, counselors and YMCA staff all wore masks and had their temperature taken each day.

Vince Iuculano is CEO of YMCA of the Foothills.

"YMCA has coordinated with Dunsmore Elementary in the past for day camps, but this is the first time since the late '90s," Iuculano said. "We are trying to build the next generation of leaders. This day camp helps the kids be social and build leadership. It also helps instill the core philosophy of compassion, caring, self-

worth and responsibility to develop them into effective leaders. The kids also have fun at the camp."

George Saikali, Glendale YMCA CEO, added, "Our main focus of the YMCA enrichment activities is to build leadership and self-confidence."

Students enjoyed Campalooza with the fun, engaging, educational activities and games planned at their schools by the YMCA. As summer draws to a close and the camps end, the students look forward to seeing their friends – including new ones – as they make their way back to school.

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ALFie Company to Perform 'Willy Wonka KIDS'



Previous performances by the ALFie Company include "Singin' in the Rain JR" on March 6, 2020.

Students in grades five-10 are invited to join the ALFie Company production of "Willy Wonka KIDS." This fall production of the Assistance League® of Flintridge (ALF) drama program is an adaptation of the 1964 children's novel by British author Roald Dahl. The story features the adventures of 11-year-old Charlie Bucket who wins an opportunity to get a peek inside the chocolate factory of eccentric chocolatier, Willy Wonka.

Assistance League of Flintridge offers after-school drama sessions to students in La Cañada Flintridge and the surrounding communities. Each session culminates with a public performance of a play at Lanterman Auditorium. ALF drama sessions are designed for beginners as well as experienced drama performers.

Young actors will love playing the outlandish,

larger-than-life characters in "Willy Wonka KIDS." Katelyn Fike will direct this fun adventure, leading students in song and choreography as well as acting and stage techniques. In previous years, Fike directed ALFie Company classics such as "Singin' in the Rain JR." and "James and the Giant Peach JR."

Rehearsals begin Sept. 14 with the performance on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. Students will meet both at ALF and Lanterman Auditorium on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-5:30 p.m. The program will follow current COVID-19 guidelines as defined by the LA County Dept. of Health. Online registration opens on Friday, Aug. 20 at noon and the cost is \$300 for the full session.

For more detailed information and to register, go to ALFlintridge.org or contact programs@alflintridge.org, (818) 790-2211.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Urges No to Recall

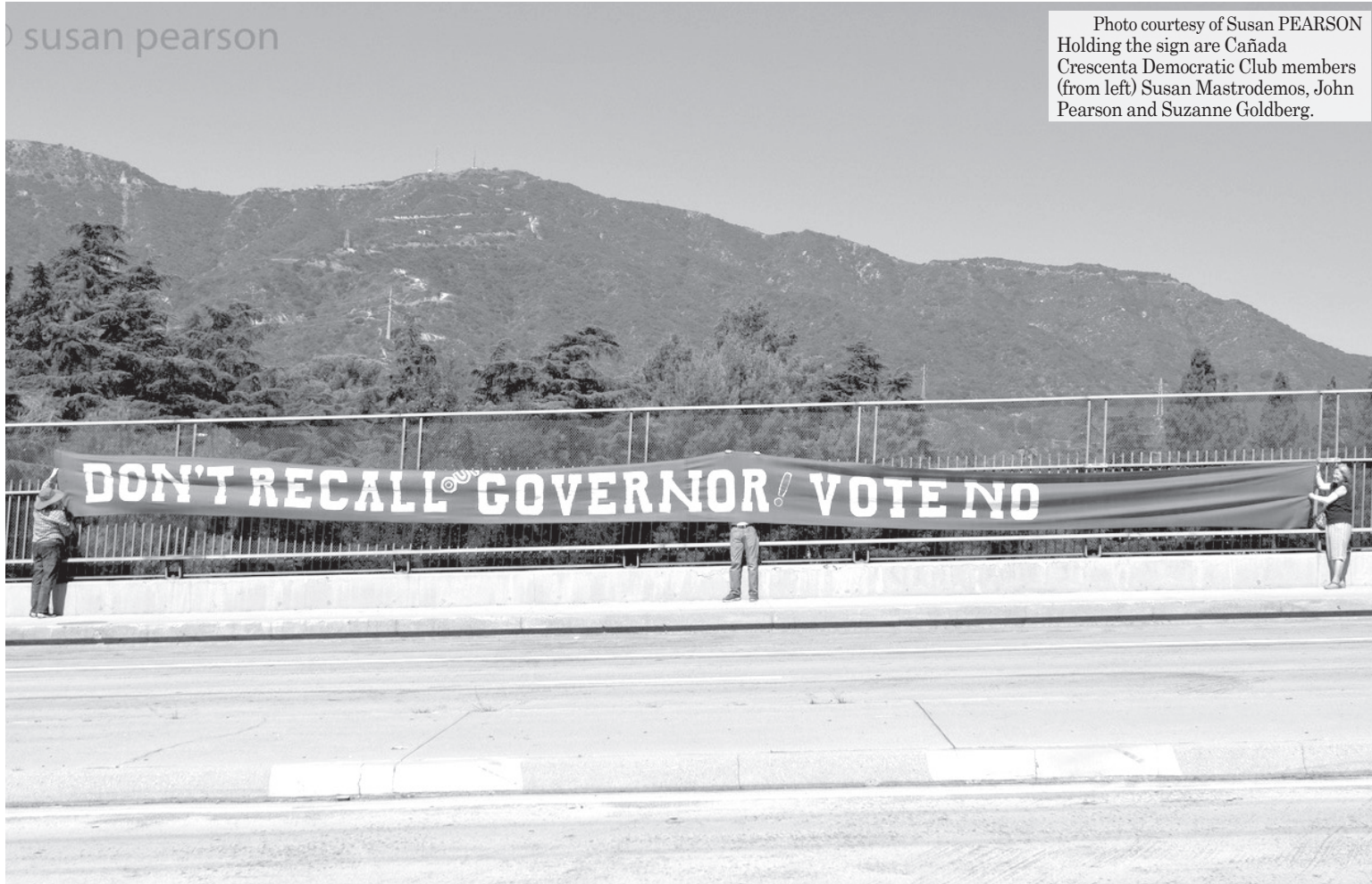


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Holding the sign are Cañada
Crescenta Democratic Club members
(from left) Susan Mastrodemos, John
Pearson and Suzanne Goldberg.

Susan Mastrodemos, VP of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club, made a giant banner that hung over the 210 Freeway at La Crescenta Avenue on Aug. 6 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Democratic Club is rallying every Friday through Sept. 10 to urge voters to vote no on the Governor Newsom Recall. Opponents of the recall will stand with signs at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu

Avenue from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. while others hold the sign on the La Crescenta Avenue bridge of the 210 Freeway, facing westbound traffic.

Birthday Savings at CBD Comfort Zone

CBD Comfort Zone is celebrating its second birthday this month. Their doors opened on Aug. 12, 2019 and *CBD Comfort Zone* has spent every day since helping people. Stu Meyer opened *CBD Comfort Zone* because he learned firsthand how hard it was to find high quality, reputable CBD products. He personally curates all the products he sells. He visits the hemp farms and the extraction facilities and tests all products to ensure their quality before they hit his shelves.

CBD Comfort Zone revolutionized the way people shop for CBD by creating a calm and welcoming environment. When visiting his store customers expect to learn how and why CBD works, and have all their questions answered. Stu and his employees are caring experts and are excited to share their knowledge.

"My customers come in because they are in pain, have anxiety and/or have difficulty sleeping," he said. "There is nothing more rewarding than hearing back from our customers that our products have helped them."

CBD can provide relief those who suffer from arthritis, neuropathy, sciatica, backpain, joint pain, neck pain, muscle tension and more. Those with anxiety or depression also find CBD beneficial and it can work wonders for sleep.

To celebrate CBD Comfort Zone's second birthday, they are offering 15% off all month!

CBD Comfort Zone is located at 2490 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. They can be reached them at (818) 369-7070 or by visiting CBDComfortzone.com. They are open seven days a week for your convenience.

New Girl Scout Cookie Announced

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) announced this week that the new Adventurefuls cookie will join the nationwide lineup for the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie season. It is described as an "indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt." Girl Scouts in Los Angeles will offer the Adventurefuls cookie next season alongside the cookie varieties offered last year, including favorites

like Thin Mints® and Samoas®.

Every purchase of Adventurefuls, and the whole portfolio of iconic cookies, during cookie season, fuels local Girl Scouts' adventures throughout the year: exploring what interests them, discovering their passions and taking action on issues they care about. Through the Girl Scout Cookie program, not only do girls become entrepreneurs as they gain hands-on experience running their own small business, but they

also earn money to fuel their Girl Scout adventures, which catapult them where they want to go.

Also new this year, GSUSA recently announced new Cookie Business badges that help girls think like entrepreneurs as they run their own cookie businesses and incorporate online sales via the Digital Cookie® platform. The badges progress from goal-setting and effective sales pitching in person and online to using market

research, creating business plans and implementing digital marketing campaigns.

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles kicks off cookie season in January 2022; visit www.girlscoutcookies.org to sign up to be notified as soon as Adventurefuls and other Girl Scout Cookies are on sale. Find an adventure at Girl Scouts by joining or volunteering at www.girlscoutsla.org/join.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Selling A Vacant Home

Dear Phyllis,

We plan on selling our home with the agent who sold it to us. After meeting with him we worked out most of the details and decided we prefer to move first rather than sell while living in the home. He suggested that we pay to have the home professionally staged for us to sell for the highest price. I have several concerns about staging. Of course, one is that I don't know that it is worth the expense. And of greater concern is security. Several years ago, one of our neighbors had their vacant home on the market and it was broken into and some of the staging stolen. Over the years, crime has increased in the Foothills and I just don't want our vacant home to become a target. What are your thoughts when selling a vacant home? Downsizing

Dear Downsizing,

Home staging is very important when rooms are small, or the floorplan is confusing. Selling a vacant home is completely different from selling one that is occupied. A vacant home can

attract unwanted attention. When I list a vacant home, I assess the situation, the neighborhood, and the neighbors. Sometimes I don't even place a "For Sale" sign because that may draw unwanted attention to the home.

Have you heard of virtual staging? Virtual furnishings and accessories are added to the property photos. This enables potential buyers to visualize their future home and is proven to significantly boost property appeal. In addition to not creating a target for thieves, it's less expensive, faster and less invasive than traditional home staging.

Keep in mind that your buyer's first showing is online. You want to get them in the door. Will they be shocked when they see your vacant home? Maybe, but many times, I have had professional photographs taken of a listing and then the seller moved, leaving the home vacant. Your buyer's first impression and most memorable impression was that of your virtually staged home. Discuss this option with our real estate agent. Best of luck on a successful sale!

People Making News

Sevana Bagramian of La Cañada was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Bagramian was initiated at California State University, Northridge.

Bagramian is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.



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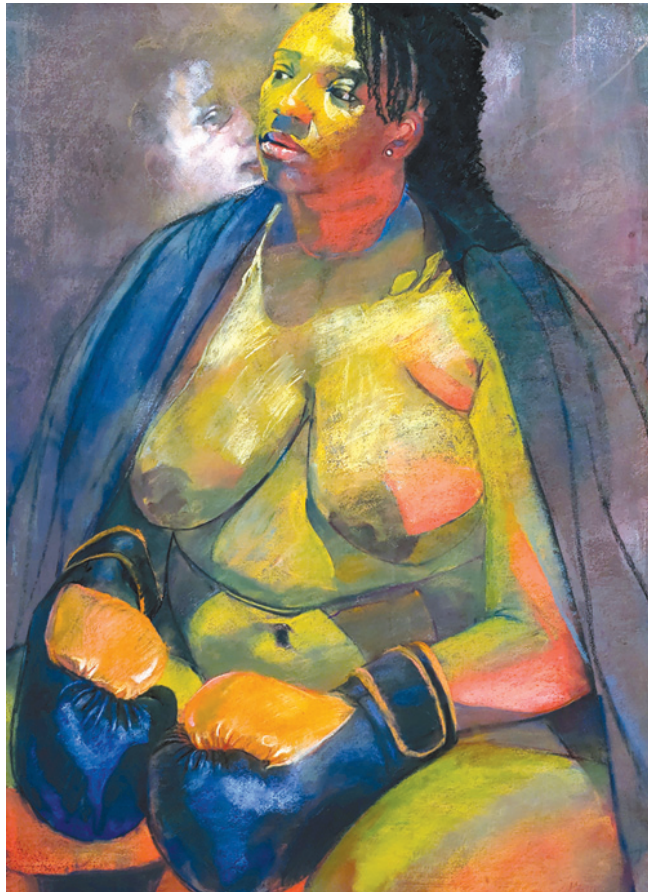


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Brand 49 Works On Paper Exhibition



Brand Associates in partnership with Brand Library & Art Center, announced the opening of Brand 49 Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, on view from Sept. 11 through Oct. 29. The exhibition includes 125 artworks chosen from 1200-plus submissions selected by juror Marvella Muro, director of Artistic Programs and Education at Self Help Graphics and Art (SHG) in Los Angeles. The exhibition will be presented both in person and online. The opening ceremony on Sept. 11 will begin with a live stream tour of the galleries and will also be available on YouTube for those who are not able to attend in person. A complete catalog will be available virtually at no cost and there will be a grid presentation of all artworks. In addition, a printed catalog for sale will accompany the exhibition.

For more information, visit associatesofbrand.org.

This year, financial barriers to Brand

49 were removed with entrance fees that were greatly reduced and, if necessary, waived completely.

As the country continues to reckon with a public health crisis and deeply ingrained racial injustice, artists responded to the Brand 49 call with bold creative works grappling with current events and our collective social questioning.

"Artists from around the country responded with enthusiasm to our call for artists and this year we will have a record-setting 125 artworks on display," said Brand Associates president Debra Thompson. "Once again, we will have artworks in a wide variety of paper-based media with content ranging from the intimate and personal to the expansive and political. Returning to the Brand Gallery with a physical exhibition is something for which we had been hoping and planning. Brand 49 will be a great opportunity to join together in celebration of artists and art."

Prizes totaling \$4,700 will be awarded to six works in the show, including the Juror's Award selected by Muro, the Jane Friend Award, the Robert Brown Award, and three Brand Associates awards selected by the board of Brand Associates. These awards will be announced in the Sept. 11 opening event.

"Jurying Brand 49 has been both an honor and one of the most challenging tasks I've accepted," said juror Marvella Muro, director of Artistic

Programs and Education at Self Help Graphics and Art (SHG). "We received an astounding number of submissions, each unique in style, medium, and theme. Despite these differences, the artists' need to create and express themselves during a dark period is a linear thread that connects this group beyond the exceptional work on or made of paper."

The artwork in Brand 49 is available for sale.

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LEFT: Laura Klopfenstein, "blunt," 2021, collage, acrylic and graphite on paper.
MIDDLE: Martin Beck, "Study For a Boxer 2," 2020, mixed media on prepared paper.
RIGHT: William Ner, "Environment Friendly," 2020, graphite on paper.

THEN & NOW I



Then » The 850-seat Tujunga Theater was built by the Edwards Cinema chain in 1938. It changed names several times over the years: the Hilltop, the Rainbow, and finally the Canyon Theater. Here it is when it was the Rainbow Theater in the 1980s. It closed its doors for good in 1998.

Rainbow Theater Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » Although a grassroots effort was mounted to save the architecturally significant theater, it was sold in 2002 for "land value only." The art deco arch was torn down and the basic framework was used to create this banquet hall. The banquet hall hosts wedding receptions and celebrations of all sorts with a stage, dance floor and seating for 500.

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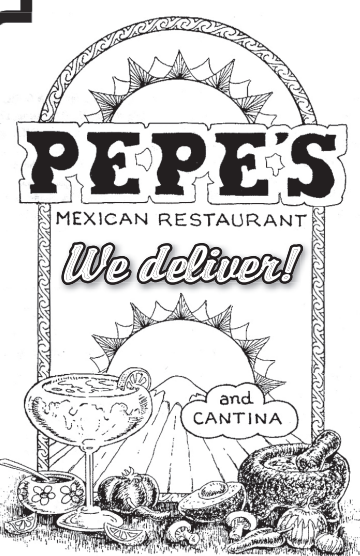
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Pianist Nancy Fierro will perform works by Scarlatti, Szymanowska,

Debussy, and Khachaturian on a Facebook stream and YouTube. More info about the program and artist, and the link to the stream, can be found at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 14th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community. Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.



Dr. Nancy Fierro is a noted concert pianist, lecturer and author. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano from the University of Southern California and a certificate in piano, theory, and analysis from the American Conservatory of Fine Arts in France. In addition to her mastery of the traditional repertoire, she is considered an authority on music by women.

As a concert artist, Dr. Fierro has been hailed by critics for an interpretive style both powerful and dramatic. Legendary musician Nadia Boulanger praised her as a “real pianistic talent” with deep musical understanding. At Boulanger’s invitation, Dr. Fierro gave a concert in the Jeu de Paume salon of the Conservatoire Americain in France. Other international appearances have included performances in Mexico, Canada and Germany.

Dr. Fierro recorded one of the first compilations of women’s music, entitled “Premiere.” This successful album was followed by “The Romance of Women’s Music” and “Riches and Rags,” commissioned by the Polish Music Reference Center at the

University of Southern California. She has also given several premieres of significant works by women, notably the first American performance and recording of the “Sonata No. 2” for piano by the Polish composer Grazyna Bacewicz. A professional speaker, Dr. Fierro has been a guest-artist lecturer on numerous university campuses, for the Music Teachers National Association State Convention, and for the Music Teachers Association in California.

Dr. Fierro has received several awards including a Certificate of Honor from the Third International Congress of Women in Music and the Sigma Alpha Iota Radio-Television Award for her radio production of “Nine Centuries of Women in Music.” For five consecutive years, Dr. Fierro was also selected by the California Arts Council to participate in the Touring Artists program. Currently, Nancy Fierro maintains a private studio, lectures extensively on the 12th century composer Hildegard of Bingen, and is on the piano faculty at Mount St. Mary’s College in Los Angeles.

Brand Library Announces Summer Concert Plaza Series

The 2021 Brand Library Plaza Series will consist of five outdoor concerts, which will take place at Brand Library from Aug. 13 through Sept. 24. These concerts are free and are on Friday evenings at 7 p.m., and will feature music groups from Southern California and beyond. Seating is not provided; visitors are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and picnic on the grassy hillsides in Brand Park. Performances run approximately 60 - 90 minutes without intermission. The concerts are sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks, and the Brand Associates.

Aug. 27 – The Leftover Cuties This noir-pop quartet blends timeless songwriting with an eclectic edge. Combining alluring female vocals, ukulele, upright bass, horns, keys, accordion, brushed drums and playful noisemakers, this band has a unique sound to call their own. The Leftover Cuties are Shirli

McAllen, Austin Nichol森, Mike Bolger and Stuart Johnson.

Sept. 3 – Son Rios This multicultural Salsa band was formed and based in Glendale. They have performed at various venues throughout Southern California with their take on Salsa classics.

Sept. 17 – The ROAMies Rory Partin and Alexa James marry hooky melodies, soulful harmonies, eclectic instrumentation in a pop-meets-country, Americana sound.

Sept. 24 – Reckless Night Ensemble Their performances blend multiple genres inspired by the music of Raymond Scott, a composer, inventor, pianist, engineer and electronic music pioneer of 1930s & 1940s swing and jazz. In addition, RNE performs the songs of Lalo Guerrero, the father of Chicano music who combined swing, Latin, rhythm & blues and rancheras into a style that is truly Mexican-American. Vocals by Lalo’s son Mark Guerrero, himself an acclaimed East LA music figure.

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RELIGION

Question:

My dear friend and I taught together at the same school for many years. She moved out of state and we mainly stay in touch by telephone. My problem is that she does most of the talking, very little listening and talks so fast I cannot even comment without interrupting her and when I do she tells me I'm being rude.

I really do value our friendship. Is there a kind way to convey to her I don't feel she's listening without our friendship being jeopardized? Sometimes I just feel like hanging up, but I don't.

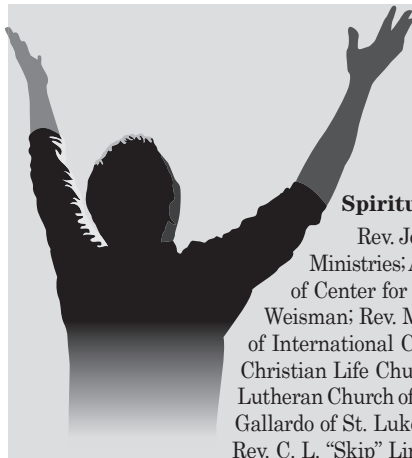
~ Bewildered Friend

Dear Bewildered Friend,
My first question would be this: Was your friend like this before she moved out of state? If so, how did you keep the friendship going then? If not, perhaps you should tell your friend that she has changed, and not for the better!

When I told my therapist wife about your situation, she opined that your friend probably tells other people that they are rude, too, when they try to get a word

in edgewise. I am not sure that there's a satisfactory way out of your dilemma. I think you need to confront your friend in some way, and I know that that is a hard thing to do! I personally hate confrontations, but sometimes such action is required.

You say you don't want to lose the friendship, but at what cost? And is it really a friendship if you don't get some of your needs met? I understand that you don't want to be the bad guy. I don't, either, and I get calls sometimes from friends who seem to call at the most inopportune times – for me! But I'll listen if I don't have something to say, and I just sort of wait until they finish what's on their minds and then they decide to hang up. (Did I mention that I'm sometimes a wuss in my own relationships?!) But here is what I would do: The next time you talk and your friend doesn't seem to want to listen, try to say as politely as you can that you need to speak, too. And if you are called "rude" again, say something like, "I'm sorry, but I have needs, too. I've listened to you for a while, and now it's your turn to listen. After all, we both have two ears and only one mouth. I think that's God's way of



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.

telling us that sometimes we need to listen at least as much as we talk."

If that doesn't work, I'm guessing that you wanted and needed that so-called "friendship" more than your friend did.



The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
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Dear Bewildered Friend,
It is a rare gift to have a friendship that has lasted over the years, despite being at a physical distance from each other. I feel your frustration and also feel that your concern comes from a place of love. I am wondering if this is a new behavior that your friend is displaying with her lack of listening? Sometimes sudden changes in behavior can indicate a medical issue. Maybe she has become hard of hearing? Maybe she feels lonely, depressed or isolated? That is the case with my mother-in-law. Because she has hearing issues, and can't hear us well on the phone, she will often talk continuously, and very quickly, leaving no space for us to reply. She has also become lonely, with the COVID lockdowns, and has no one else to talk to.

Whatever the issue, you need to find a workable solution to this problem, before you become so frustrated that you do end up hanging up on your friend and risk losing your friendship. I have discovered that when I just listen and allow a natural space to open up, my mother-in-law eventually comes to a stopping point. Then she asks how I am doing and apologizes for talking so much. I tell her it's okay, and start to tell her how I am. Sometimes she starts on another burst of talking and other times she really hears me. I love her, and I allow her to do what she needs to do. Every now and then, I do get a word in edgewise and I keep my sense of humor about it, knowing the challenges that she is living with.

There is an ancient Arabic proverb that states: Speech is silver, silence is golden." And, quoting the Bible, there is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." (Eccl.3:1, 7) I suggest not interrupting your friend, as it doesn't work anyway (and truly is a bit rude, after all). Wait in silence until a natural pause unfolds. Be patient and kind. If this still doesn't work for you, I suggest you write her a letter about how you feel, asking if there is anything you can do to help the conversation to flow in both directions. You can also choose to see this as an opportunity for you to become an even better listener. After all, true listening comes from listening with your

heart, listening without an agenda and always listening with love.



Rev. Karen Mitchell
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Question:

With the school year about to begin, my husband and I can't agree on whether to send our 7-year-old son back to in-person learning or continue at home via the Internet. In-person means he has to wear masks the entire school day except at lunchtime. I think at this time we should keep him home and perhaps even consider home schooling. Safety first is my reasoning. Our disagreement over this has become intense, because his father thinks the social aspect is more important.

Two questions: If you had a child this age, would you send the child back to school? Do you believe socialization is more important than safety? Thank you for helping us to sort this out.

~ Quarreling Parents

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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, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. Guest Pastor Deborah Andersen will lead worship with a message from her series in Ephesians titled "The Times: Look, Listen, Learn." 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 is collecting non-perishable food and clean, gently used clothing to distribute to local people in need. Please bring the items to the church office lobby during office hours.

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.

Lift Up Crescenta Valley

Lift Up Crescenta Valley next meets on Saturday, Aug. 21 for Prayers in the Park at Deukmejian Park from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Lift Up Crescenta Valley will pray for the city and the country for spiritual transformation and softening of hearts to bring about revival in the land. Never has the need for prayer been greater than at this time.

Meet in the bleachers just east of the parking lot overlooking the Crescenta Valley. Because parking can be limited it is advised to arrive early.

Those who have been vaccinated may sit together and anyone who wants to practice social distancing and wear a mask is welcome to do so.

People who have a cough, fever or difficulty breathing are asked to not take part.

Deukmejian Park, 3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta/Glendale

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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Dear Quarreling Parents,
This has been a quandary for so many parents. A year ago, I would not have allowed my kids to go to school if they had an option. As time passed, I was fine with the idea of them going in the fall as we began the summer. Then the Delta variant hit our area and I was so frustrated for the kids' safety – including their mental health safety. And this is the biggest problem I have seen overall due to COVID.

This past year, as a psychologist, I have seen a tremendous rise in mental health issues in individuals – especially children and teenagers. For young people, socialization is safety. Humans are created by God to be in reciprocating relationships. The Bible speaks a lot about community and healing in community. Science shows that many mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression, trauma, isolation, loneliness (yes these are mental health issues too), are improved and sometimes even cured by behaviorally being busy and interacting socially on

a regular basis. I saw kids so depressed this past year that it became dangerous for them and treatment had to be sought.

This year is my son's senior year in high school and he is on the varsity basketball team. His college future, education and career all depends on what he loves and worked for since he was 7 years old. The loss of playing basketball, fellowship with his teammates, a possible athletic scholarship and the depression that would inevitably follow if he did not attend his senior year would be much worse than getting sick for a couple of weeks.

Likewise, our 8-year-old twins have been happy and thriving since they started school two weeks ago. They shine and have so many stories. They had been doing school remotely for almost 18 months. We had to have them tutored over the summer because they just were not meeting their standards online. It was a year of frustration and inactivity.

So unless a child is immunocompromised, as a health

care professional I believe the good outweighs the negative on this one. I would, and did, send my children to school.



Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian
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Dear Quarreling Parents,
This virus has divided people like nothing before. So I suspect that offering my opinion will do little to help you sort things out. But I'll give it a try.

I should begin by reminding you how much has changed over the last year and a half. Back to school 2021 marks the third school year impacted by this virus that escaped from Wuhan in the fall of 2019. So many have opinions – myself included. And those

opinions have had to be corrected over and over as we learn more and more about this virus. My own family experienced COVID and we did not have mild cases. So I am sympathetic to your call for safety. I should add of all the people I know who are currently sick with COVID all but one had been previously vaccinated. COVID-19 is a humbling disease for those who have all the answers. Discount everyone who says they have all the answers.

You have asked two questions: If you had a child this age, would you send the child back to school? Do you believe socialization is more important than safety?

Let me be forthright. First, if I had a 7-year-old, I would indeed send him back to school. Second, nothing is more important than the safety of my child. My wife quietly suspects that I'm a safety maniac where our child is concerned. She's probably right. But can I offer some food for thought?

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Programs are offered to the public free of charge. When held in person, meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at the La Crescenta Library, located at 2809 Foothill Blvd.

The program chair comes up with ideas that are relevant to the community and that create both awareness of and increased engagement with outdoor recreational activities. Candidates should be familiar with using Zoom for simple meeting hosting. Additional technology skills with using a projector would also be helpful. Programs should be geared

in age to a diverse audience, promote conservation issues and efforts, safe enjoyment of the great outdoors, or feature wonderful places to visit.

If interested, contact Pat Kramer, secretary, at pat@writerpatkramer.com.

BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold the first meeting of the 2021-22 season on Sept. 2 at the Little White Church at 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Member Robin Gemmill, a master gardener, former nurse, and a current City of Burbank Sustainability Commissioner, will give a presentation on vegetable gardening. Her talk comes at an ideal time as gardeners begin to switch to

winter plants. The techniques applied in winter gardens can be applied again when moving to summer vegetables.

The meeting is open to everyone; masks are required and, in the event that indoor gatherings are prohibited, the meeting would take place via Zoom.

Those with questions about the meeting can contact Anne White at the (818) 434-3616 or via email at aewhitehouse18@gmail.com.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

In preparation for its annual Hometown Country Fair, being held on Sept. 18 at CV Park, the CV Chamber of Commerce is accepting vendor applications.

Vendors are encouraged to submit an application by calling the chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or visiting the chamber website at www.crescentvalleychamber.org.

AUTHORS SHARE INSIGHTS ON NAVIGATING COLLEGE AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

Today, Thursday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore presents authors and high school coaches Jill and Dave Henry who will share insights and advice from their award-winning book "The Greatest College Health Guide You Never Knew You Needed: How to Manage Food, Booze, Stress, Sex, Sleep, and Exercise on Campus." This is a "no BS-guide to managing physical and mental health on campus, featuring hilariously powerful stories of personal triumph and inevitable struggle." The book helps students avoid the freshman 15, sophomore slump, crippling anxiety

and the worst hangover and also how to de-stress throughout undergrad years and beyond.

For this event: Seating is limited. Reservations are recommended. Masks are required.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd. La Cañada Flintridge and is open Monday - Friday, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. There is street parking as well as a lot behind the store off Beulah Drive. To make reservations for Jill and Dave Henry's free event, stop in the store to sign up, call (818) 790-0717, or register on the event page on the https://tinyurl.com/5c2jsnen (scroll down to the bottom of the page and fill out the form).

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.

SQUARE DANCING CLASSES

All are invited to learn America's heritage folk dance - square dancing. A new beginner class is starting 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16 at St. George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. The first two classes are free.

Meet new people while getting some exercise. Proof of vaccination and masks required at the present time. For more information contact Ileana at (818) 952-3349 or email illi313@yahoo.com or visit www.setsinstep.org.

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.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com August 16, 2021 - August 22, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

This time is ideal for thinking about improving your working conditions. You might want to make some dramatic changes to your workspace or the way you deal with customers. Bringing healthy snacks to co-workers can be a welcome treat that builds morale. Events can bring you to a crossroads. Don't let anything undermine your confidence. Simple assignments can suddenly take on a life of their own. A careful review may be necessary.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

A disciplined approach will help you shine now. You may be inspired to make some sort of dramatic gesture. It's a very lucky time and excellent for a job interview. Be sure you're sharing from the heart. Aspects could mean doing some things over. There could be a short-lived power struggle at home. An honest talk can clear the air and help everyone feel more on track.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You may feel rather emotional about your obligations now. This can lead to misunderstandings with co-workers or family. Your desire to do well is commendable, but don't let your need to be perfect unnecessarily stress you. This is a lucky time to apply for a job or ask for more responsibility. If you have any insecurity about your skills, this is the time to ask for help.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You have wonderful taste. You can create something lovely and original now. Share your ideas. It's time to review plans, recycle, or reuse things in the workplace. Travel or networking in your community can expand your horizons. Be cautious about accidents if you're feeling angry. An exciting and original approach might bring you to the attention of others. You have a talent for managing events.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Your luck is strong now. Networking can help you find a new or better job. Take advantage of any learning or training opportunities. This is one time when you should be able to mix work and fun with few ill effects. Do your best not to overcommit your time or energy. Honestly facing emotional challenges can bring great relief. Often what you fear the most doesn't even happen.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

This time begins a welcome period in which you can feel confident and happy no matter what your work situation. Get as much done as possible, especially outstanding assignments. There could be some unexpected changes. Someone may be confused by your natural reserve. This can be misinterpreted as arrogance. Speak up and ask friendly questions to put others at ease. The time is ideal for a serious conversation you may have been avoiding.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Be patient even if your work life is less than ideal. Good news and good luck should begin to turn things around now, especially if you're

looking for work or a better position. There is a risk of becoming overconfident, especially where detailed financial or legal work is involved. Don't hesitate to ask the advice of experts or superiors. Focus on your appearance. A few new accessories can upgrade your wardrobe.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This time begins a long period that can bring important new contacts to improve your prospects. Focus on practical matters and work alone as much as possible. Be conservative when estimating the time a job will take. There's a strong possibility that you'll have to adjust your expectations later. Enthusiasm for your work is most attractive. Your ability to clearly explain things to a customer or co-worker will be appreciated.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You'll be supercharged with ideas now. You have such high expectations that it can be difficult to tolerate other people's weaknesses or failings. Be kind to yourself and don't take on everything at once. Midweek there's a risk of becoming too demanding. You'll make better progress using diplomacy. A younger person needs your attention. Find ways to build his or her self-esteem. Make an extra effort to look your best. This could be a busy period. There will be a tendency to take on more than you can reasonably handle. Don't hesitate to let others help you. Sharing the work is more fun and makes the time pass more quickly. Outside interference or someone's jealousy can undermine your confidence. Be patient and direct in stressful situations. Try not to take other people's judgments personally. This period is lucky for making a good impression on everyone you see.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Pay attention to what needs fixing around your workspace now. You have an opportunity to take action or make any new start. Trust your heart over your head. People should be generous with time and attention now. This can be a breakthrough period if you're willing to negotiate and do things differently. It's an excellent time to review plans, recycle, or reuse. Roadblocks will begin to ease.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Do what you can to support your natural preference for structure now. You have a chance to be of service in a more creative way. Share something with others that you truly enjoy. Review plans or find ways to recycle or reuse. It's also a good time to conquer any workspace clutter. Be generous and give away unused things. The time is ideal for team meetings and cooperative ventures.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Pay special attention to any commitments you've made. People appreciate it when you're accountable. This is an ideal time to apply for a job or network to improve your chances for one. Confidence will help you stand out in a crowd. It's an auspicious time to review plans, recycle, or reuse. You may be feeling upbeat and adventurous. It's positive for travel and related jobs.

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ACROSS

- 1) Letter shaped like a horseshoe
- 6) Sizable
- 11) Opposite of gross
- 14) Electrical unit
- 15) Passover month
- 16) Kind of moron?
- 17) About to appear
- 19) Headstone letters
- 20) German poet Heinrich
- 21) King's place
- 23) Trumpeter Herb
- 26) Moored
- 27) Word before "in sickness and in health"
- 28) Performed wrongly
- 29) Neither here ___ there
- 30) "Natural" starter
- 32) Odist's Muse
- 35) Tolkien forest creatures
- 37) Arranges by kind
- 39) Slide sideways
- 40) Your house, e.g.
- 42) Palette pigment
- 44) Yoko of music fame
- 45) How much folklore is passed on
- 47) With a sharper taste
- 49) Court rule enforcer
- 51) Sneaker bottoms
- 52) Trig function
- 53) Mill output
- 55) Nest egg component
- 56) Worthless
- 61) Fifth of a scale
- 62) Brother in a hood?
- 63) Arctic inhabitant
- 64) Right-angled extension
- 65) Musical "repeat" sign
- 66) ___-weeny

PLENTY OF DINNER SCRAPS

By Carl Cranby

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DOWN

- 1) On vacation
- 2) Long March leader
- 3) Goof
- 4) Amass
- 5) Sticks like glue
- 6) In a little while, to Shakespeare
- 7) Wordless entertainer
- 8) Tire-pressure abbr.
- 9) Knights' weapons
- 10) Fencer's warning
- 11) A U.S. state
- 12) Napoleon was one
- 13) Did a word processing chore
- 18) Like oranges and lemons
- 22) Mixes batter
- 23) Sleeping problem
- 24) Fish-eating diving birds
- 25) Stops for ships
- 26) Annually celebrated event
- 28) Compassionate treatment
- 31) English Channel borough
- 33) Like a fork
- 34) They're sniffed at
- 36) Ecological stages
- 38) Living room piece
- 41) Export-import duties
- 43) Cheese dish
- 46) Poe's maiden
- 48) Put new shelf paper down
- 49) Paycheck booster
- 50) Flynn of old Hollywood
- 53) Musial or Laurel
- 54) "Comin' ___ the Rye"
- 57) Semi, e.g.
- 58) Really regret
- 59) Loud noise
- 60) Sloppy home?

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The voices we listen to in the media seek to trap us in the prison of two ideas. Increasingly, here are our two choices: Anyone who isn't vaccinated or wearing a mask or isn't social distancing is automatically a murderer; or all of this is a scam, a "plandemic" devised by the government as a way to control you. Do not comply! Both of these two ridiculous ideas have been poured down our throats to divide us for months. We've been bombarded with social media censorship, partisans in lab coats and shifting medical conclusions by institutions we


trusted. People don't know what to believe anymore! The longer this drags on, the more suspicious I become of the voices that seek to divide us. And now even you two are divided.

First, resist the prison of only two ideas. That prison exists solely for click bait, ratings, money and dividing people. Lots of things can be true at once. Adults do risk assessment every day about a wide variety of the issues of life. There is risk every time you leave your house or drive your car or take your child to school. Do your homework and

take the risks that are acceptable. And then pray. This leads me to my second point.

At the outset of this pandemic, I heard one lauded epidemiologist proclaim that the virus does not respond to prayer. My heart sank at his hubris. By contrast, just a few days ago, the governor of Louisiana declared a day of fasting and prayer against the virus. He understands that when the only way forward is dangerous, the providence of God is a bulwark of protection against life's perils. There is so much danger out there, so much you

can't control. I struggled with this. I still do. But life was never meant to be risk-free. Do an assessment. Then pray.


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