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Trio of Issues Tackled by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

At the most recent Glendale City Council meeting, held on Aug. 23, the council addressed three issues of substance. First, the council acted to update its processing of business licenses by fixing what it calls "Title 5." Staff summarized the intent of the update "to improve customer service for businesses, to streamline the process and to clean up obsolete, unenforceable, redundant or insufficient processes."

For instance, by collecting information on one master application, business customers could provide the city the information it needs without completing multiple, often duplicative, applications for specific subcategories of industry. Staff recommended combining the processes to create more of a "one-stop shop."

"People would have to come in for an application fee followed by a permit fee, and then a license fee and the same process repeated year after year after year – it was a lot of steps for businesses to get through; it was not business friendly," Assistant City Attorney David Ligtenberg briefed the council.

Similarly, staff recommended streamlining the appeals process so that it is the same process for all appeals and follows a uniform code of procedures – tweaks that may result in financial savings for businesses as well.

"Licenses are intended to be fee neutral," Ligtenberg explained. This means that the city should be collecting enough to cover costs but not so much as to "profit" from the transactions.

Councilmember Ardy Kasakhian agreed to changes proposed regarding the sale of food from a motor vehicle.

"When the city, when everyone in the country pretty much,

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Hot Rods, Classic Cars, & Antique Motorbikes at Upcoming Car Show

By Lori BODNAR

Calling all car lovers! This Sunday's car show in Montrose highlights some the best vehicles that ever rolled off the assembly line.

Anyone who is an automobile aficionado or interested in viewing vintage cars and motorcycles should put their pedal to the metal and come to the Montrose Car Show! The 19th Annual Old Town Montrose Car Show, hosted by the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA), is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5. Over 300 hot rods, classics, exotics, muscle cars, and vintage cars plus trucks and motorbikes will be on display in the 2200, 2300, and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue as well as on Wickham Way and Ocean View Boulevard near Honolulu. Car owners will be nearby to answer questions about what is, for many, their prized possession. Some displays will have the car hood open for a glimpse at the unique engines. Age is just a number as is evident by the oldest car on display. At 104 years old, the 1917 Ford Model T owned by Brent Unger will be a sight to see.

There will be much to see – and hear – at the free admission car show, including a Cacklefest.

"There will be two special shows-within-the-



Photo provided by MSPA
 An estimated 300 cars will be on display at the Montrose Car Show taking place on Sunday, Sept. 5 along Honolulu Avenue.

show: at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. [there will be the] Cacklefest," said Dale Dawson, event coordinator of the MSPA and the organizer of the Montrose Car Show. "Cacklefest features dragster vehicles that use a combination of fuels, including nitro and alcohol. They will start and rev their engines on Ocean View below Honolulu in a specially cordoned area. Earplugs will be made available to the public at no charge since the cars roar really loud!"

There will be an award ceremony at 1:15 p.m. to recognize the winners in various categories. Bob

Beck from the Irwindale Speedway will be the announcer for the event. While strolling along the avenues, visitors will be entertained by a professional DJ who will be pumping up the audience by playing upbeat tunes. A 2021 Montrose Car Show T-shirt has been designed and will be sold at the event with a portion of the proceeds being given to the MSPA to defray the cost of the event.

The car show is free to attend.

Precautions are being taken to reduce the

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Mandatory Vaccinations for GUSD Employees

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Unified School District Board of Education adopted a resolution at its Tuesday meeting requiring all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Nov. 1.

"From the moment vaccinations were first available, Glendale Unified has worked diligently with our healthcare partners to provide vaccination opportunities for employees, students and families," said GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "I am incredibly proud of our District's continued commitment and efforts to vaccinate our community, which have resulted in an already high vaccination rate among our employees."

The mandate does take into consideration religious and health reasons for not getting vaccinated.

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

The Band Played

On Thursday night, my son Danny and I headed to the “Fabulous Forum” in Inglewood to relieve some stress by listening to one of my all-time favorite bands, the Foo Fighters. I didn’t realize I had so much pressing on me until the opening number – “One of these Days” – started and I actually shed a tear – or two.

Steve had gotten the tickets for my birthday back in May. The concert was originally slated for July but unfortunately COVID reared its ugly head and a member of the band’s support team came down with the virus, necessitating a cancellation. Steve couldn’t make Thursday’s concert – work beckoned – and so Danny was called in as my “substitute date.”

I have to say, though, that he was a great date. Not only did he do the driving, he bought

us dinner and paid the (gulp!) \$45 parking fee at the Forum. (I am truly old; when I saw how much the parking cost I almost lost my dinner. Danny barely blinked.)

No surprise that the Foo Fighters were truly magnificent. We had fantastic seats (thank you, Steve) though we stood for a good portion of the two-hour concert.

Highlights included Dave Grohl taking over the drums for Taylor Hawkins who did a rendition of Queen’s “Somebody to Love” – an ambitious undertaking when one considers the vocal range of Queen frontman Freddie Mercury. (Side note: Steve and I saw Queen perform at the Forum in 1982 when Billy Squier opened for them. Truly epic.) Another highlight for me was when the “Dee Gees” emerged, the Foo Fighters’ homage to the Bee Gees and the disco era that I so love. Dave’s

take on Barry Gibbs’ “Night Fever” was a lot of fun as was the finale of the night: when the little drummer girl herself, Nandi Bushell, took the stage and belted out “Everlong,” proving she has the chops to play with the big boys.

It was a night neither Danny nor I will soon forget.

This edition marks the beginning of year 13 for CV Weekly. It was 12 years ago that the Station Fire broke out and made the cover of the inaugural issue of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. So much has happened over these past dozen years and I’m so grateful for those who have helped to make sure the stories were told week after week: designers Steve Hernandez and Matt Barger; writers Charly Shelton and Mary O’Keefe (plus so

many more over the years); columnists that include Sue Kilpatrick, Mike Lawler and Susan Bolan; office manager Rachelle Miller; proofreader Anne McNeill; and the gifted sales staff of Chuck Holler, Sonya Marquez and Lisa Stanners. I’m also eternally grateful to the readers who look to the CV Weekly every week to give them the information they need to know and especially to the subscribers who support our efforts. I appreciate each and every one of you and thank you for showing up every single week, year after year.

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“To breathe the same air as the angels, you must go to Tahoe.”
~ Author Mark Twain

Sadly, Mr. Twain’s quotation doesn’t apply at present because the Lake Tahoe area is burning. Tahoe is known for its pristine air and deep clear water, but the devastating Caldor Fire continues to spread, shrouding the area in hazardous air.

The Caldor Fire is one of several destructive wildfires sparked in California this year. The state’s landscape is covered in extremely dry vegetation after a dry winter. Most scientists agree that climate change is to blame. The West has been warmer and drier in recent years, exacerbating the potential for wildfires to be more frequent and destructive.

An image got my attention a few days ago. A snow gun at the Sierra-at-Tahoe Ski Resort was blasting water at the blaze as flames threatened the ski area. I had never seen one used for this purpose – what a perfect idea. Apparently one of several snow guns was set up ahead of the fire’s arrival; resort workers manned the machine to support firefighters who tackled the inferno with more conventional equipment.

The snow machines, or snow-making guns, are often used to create a blanket of snow for skiers. In this case they were used to hose down vegetation-covered hillsides. Staying just ahead of the flames, they are not intended to stop a wildfire but prevent flying embers from starting spot fires. Besides soaking the ground, the spraying of water increases the humidity of the surrounding air. Also, snow guns are valuable when aerial assault becomes impossible due to smoke or nighttime dark. Although unknown to me, this firefighting technique isn’t new.

Wouldn’t you know it?! The first snow machine came out of Hollywood. In 1934 Warner Bros. technical director Louis Geib conjured up a cold and wet blizzard on a sunny backlot in Burbank. Three rotating blades shaved ice from a 400-pound block and a high-powered fan blew the resulting particles into the air. The idea was such a hit that the local burgeoning ski industry began experimenting.

The first snow cannon used for firefighting purposes came from a company in South Tyrol, Italy – EmiControls, a 2011 spin-off of TechnoAlpin. Apparently the nearby fire service in conjunction with the company came up with a new invention for firefighting. Sharing a similar Mediterranean climate like ours, fires in Italy are by no means a rarity.

September arrived cool but will change abruptly. Come Sunday, temperatures close to 100 degrees are predicted. By Tuesday, the mini-heatwave will be erased by cooler temperatures (once again) plus a monsoonal flow.

Do I detect autumn in the air?
Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.

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CV Y TO REOPEN

On Tuesday, Sept. 7 the Crescenta Valley campus of the YMCA at 3931 Lowell Ave. will reopen. Incentives will be given out during the day. The CV Y will be open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PORTANTINO OFFERS CLARIFICATION

State Sen. Anthony Portantino responded to the question regarding how the \$8 million he secured for Rockhaven was dedicated.

"The money is for the restoration and preservation of Rockhaven, for the purpose of opening this important historic property to the public as a museum and park," said Portantino. "I am also happy to address or facilitate the answer to any questions the City has as it moves forward to preserve this landmark."

ROSEMONT PRESERVE 'OPEN GATE'

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Sept. 4. 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.

OPEN HOUSE AT ALEX THEATRE

Glendale Arts will host an open house event on Saturday, Sept. 4 to celebrate the 96th birthday of the historic Alex Theatre. The event, which also marks the Alex's reopening to the public after being temporarily shuttered during the COVID crisis, is free to the public and runs from noon until 5 p.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to roam the historic, pristinely maintained theater grounds including the stage area, dressing rooms and VIP spaces frequented by many top performers over the past 96 years. There will be opportunities to visit the projection booth, step onstage and see where all the backstage action takes place.

The Alex Theatre is located at 216 N. Brand Blvd. Reservations are not required. For more information, email info@glendalearts.org or call (818) 243-2611, ext. 11. To donate to the Alex, visit alextheatre.org. Donations of support will also be taken on-site.

USC-VHH ASKING FOR SUPPORT

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is experiencing a third wave COVID surge but, according to a hospital spokesperson, this one is a bit different than the first two as it is severely impacting the hospital's Emergency Department. The ED is seeing very high volumes for this time of year. A meal train has been established to provide a way for the community to support these frontline workers. The meal train is for a limited time to provide lunches and dinners for the USC-VHH Emergency Department. Visit bit.ly/uscvhmeals to donate.

Those who would rather make a monetary donation for the purchase of meals can visit bit.ly/USCVHHCovidResponse.

HUNGRY BEARS

The harvesting of grapes at the Stone Barn vineyard at Deukmejian Park has been canceled ... by the bears. On Thursday night the bears bent over the fence around the vineyard and ate all the grapes leaving broken vines and broken irrigation pipes and bear scat.

Local Women of the Year Honorees on the Frontlines

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently Congressman Adam Schiff held a luncheon for the 2020 and 2021 Women of the Year. Several of the 2021 honorees worked in the medical field. Two of the 2021 honorees were Susan Sung Hee Lee of La Crescenta and Dr. Wint Hun of La Cañada Flintridge.

Hun is a board-certified Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine specialist and treats patients at her office and at Adventist Health Glendale, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and Methodist Hospital in Arcadia.

"Dr. Hun's fearlessness and expertise emboldened USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's team giving them courage to battle the healthcare crisis," Schiff stated.

Hun missed the initial call from Congressman Schiff letting her know she had been chosen as a woman of the year. She said she was "very happy" when she heard of the recognition.

These past two years have been incredibly busy for Hun and her colleagues.

"At VHH I am part of the infectious disease team," she said.

She works on a variety of infectious diseases and still sees patients with infectious diseases that are not the result of the pandemic. But in the past two years patients with COVID-19 have dominated her practice.

"At one point I was seeing over 60 patients a day [with COVID-19]," she said. "During the COVID [surges] time I didn't have a day off."

She said she worked for five months without a day off. She has a partner in her practice who helped but everyone was busy.

She said about 90% of patients who have entered the Emergency Room [ER] at VHH with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. The Delta variant of COVID-19 is much more infectious than prior variants and is driving the spikes in cases.

"[COVID] is a respiratory virus, very contagious and can cause [more] damage," Hun said. "COVID is much more transmissible especially with the Delta variant."

She added that patients with Delta are "very sick."

"No matter how much we try, the patients stay very sick," she said.

She added that COVID-19 is different from other respiratory diseases like pneumonia.

"The corona virus mutates all the time, and sometimes it mutates and becomes much more efficient," she said.

That is being seen with the Delta variant and why those in the medical field are battle weary as numbers of COVID patients rise.

"In [just] a week our cases [have risen] notably. For the past six month we were down to zero and now are picking up with over 20 or more [patients] a day," she said. "It seems that we are mostly seeing cases - 90% - [in] unvaccinated [patients]."

There are some patients who come to the ER who are vaccinated yet have COVID-19 and are deemed "break through" cases but that is rare. Hun estimated about 3% or lower are COVID cases of people who have been vaccinated.

"[Vaccinated patients] have mild symptoms, not very serious, and they respond to treatment and recovery is much better," she added.

She explained that the coronavirus



ABOVE: Dr. Wint Hun was honored as a Woman of the Year and is a board-certified Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine specialist.

BELOW: Another honoree was Susan Sung Hee Lee, a registered nurse at USC-VHH



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On August 16, 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation declared a water shortage for the first time in the Colorado River. With ongoing drought conditions across most of the state, Southern California is currently receiving only a 5% allocation from the State Water Project.

Rainfall measured at CVWD's main office was the lowest it's been since the 2006/2007 rainfall year and the second lowest on record since 1964.

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SB 9 and SB 10 headed to Governor's Desk after Passing Final Floor Votes

By Justin HAGER

After months of speculation and debate, Senator Scott Weiner's housing bills, SB 9 and SB 10, successfully passed their final floor votes in the past week and are headed to the governor's desk.

SB 9, which provides for automatic approval of proposed housing developments with two residential units in a single-family residential zone, passed the

Assembly 45-19 and the Senate 28-7. Local Senator Anthony Portantino voted in favor of SB 9 while local Assemblywoman Laura Friedman voted against it.

SB 10, which allows a local government to zone a parcel for up to 10 units of residential density if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, passed the Assembly 44-12 and passed the Senate 28-6. Senator

Portantino voted against SB 10 while Assemblymember Friedman declined to support the bill by declining to cast a vote.

The CV Weekly will provide more analysis of the final versions of the bill and their impact on local communities if the bills survive the governor's desk and become law. The governor has 12 days to sign the bills into law, veto them or take no action and allow them to become law by default.

Questions Answered about Legislative 'Gut and Amend'

By Justin HAGER

The CV Weekly received multiple questions this week about the legislative "gut and amend" (G&A) process and the possibility that the process could be used to introduce a statewide COVID-19 vaccine mandate. The issue became a hot topic after leaked documents showed that a legislator had inquired about the possibility of introducing a mandate using the G&A process after the normal bill deadline passed.

G&A is a tool of the legislature that allows law makers to take pre-existing bills that have gotten "stuck" in the process but have not yet died and amend them to remove all the original language of the bills and replace them with new

language. The process effectively allows legislators to introduce new legislation in circumstances where they might otherwise be prohibited due to having already reached their bill-count limit for the year or if they have new and urgent legislative needs after the regular bill introduction deadline has passed.

While some pundits have characterized the G&A process as trying to "pull a fast one," it is an especially important tool for responding to emergencies such as natural disasters or public health crises, which can occur at any time and demand an immediate response that cannot wait for the beginning of the next legislative calendar year. In exchange for this tool, G&A bills require additional

permission and support from the leaders of the legislature because getting a bill "unstuck" and moving it through the legislative process so quickly generally requires the speaker of the Assembly, president pro tem of the Senate, appropriations committee chairs, and policy committee chairs in both chambers to all agree to take action on behalf of the bill.

Despite significant discussion of the idea in the media and on the internet, as of press time no COVID-19 vaccine mandate language had been introduced or amended into any legislative bills in Sacramento and Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks (Oakland), has indicated that she will not be moving forward with the idea.

Concerns About Street Safety on the Rise

By Mary O'KEEFE

The days of open roads and very little traffic are over as drivers venture back onto streets and highways returning to a somewhat normal life. People who were not in isolation but on the roads during the pandemic may have gotten used to driving a little faster than they normally would while others got used to driving a lot faster. Unfortunately many drivers have continued that habit even though more vehicles have returned to the roads.

On Aug. 25 at about 1 p.m. an 18-year-old man was driving his vehicle at a reportedly high rate of speed near the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Stocker Street when he lost control of his car. The vehicle sideswiped another vehicle that was traveling westbound on Stocker Street, collided with a bus bench, struck two pedestrians, sideswiped a business and then collided into an apartment building.

Luckily all involved suffered only minor injuries.

Earlier in the month, on Aug. 3, a fatal accident occurred at Andover Drive and Glenoaks Boulevard in Burbank. According to the Burbank police report, two vehicles, a Kia and a Mercedes Benz, were driving northbound on Glenoaks at a high rate of speed for several blocks, allegedly racing. Another vehicle, a Volkswagen, was attempting to turn left from southbound Glenoaks to eastbound Andover Drive when a collision occurred. Two males and one female in the Volkswagen, ranging in age from 19 to 21, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver, the only occupant of the Kia, sustained serious injuries and was transported. The two people in the Mercedes Benz did not report any injuries.

The number of drivers traveling faster than posted speed limits, street racing and driving recklessly are increasing throughout Los Angeles County.

"We have more reckless driving than racing on our streets [lately]," said Sgt. Ben

Bateman, Glendale Police Dept.

He added the street racing officers are seeing in Glendale is more impromptu racing than the organized street racing in many other areas of the County, which include notices posted on social media.

"This is more when drivers pull up to a red light, rev [their] engines and both take off," he said.

Sometimes the drivers know each other and sometimes they don't. The number of drivers driving faster and racing has increased.

"They really spiked when the pandemic took hold and there was a lot less traffic," he added.

Impaired drivers and distracted drivers are still an issue but most of the complaints Glendale officers receive are about people driving fast with little regard for others on the street.

"There are a lot of complaints we are getting from residents in neighborhoods [concerning]

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Redistricting Gives Voice to Communities of Interest



By Justin HAGER

With the 2020 census complete, governments around the country have begun the process of redrawing legislative and electoral districts that will determine how people are represented in their local, county, state and federal governments. Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for elections and government representation. Although the census determines the number of people that must be in each district, the specific shape and make-up of the districts is determined by redistricting commissions.

In the past, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed an advisory committee to study proposed changes and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, which could then make revisions before adopting the final districted boundaries. However, due to legislation passed in 2016, this year's county redistricting commission is now independent of the Board of Supervisors in terms of both the selection process for serving on the commission and the inability of the Board of Supervisors to review the commission's decisions.

In addition to being created by an independent commission, new district maps must meet legal guidelines to help ensure fairness and prevent political gerrymandering.

Redistricting has been used as a weapon of political disenfranchisement for decades. By either surgically dividing or super-concentrating voters of a particular demographic or political affiliation, elected officials could choose their voters rather than having voters

choose their elected officials. To prevent gerrymandering moving forward, California law requires district maps to have equal population, be contiguous, and be reasonably compact. The new process is also more transparent and participatory than in the past.

According to Paul Mitchell, a CVHS graduate and owner of Redistricting Partners, a Sacramento firm that specializes in California redistricting, voter analysis, and California Voting Rights Act Implementation, residents of Crescenta Valley and the surrounding communities have a particular interest in this year's map creation.

"For the first time communities in Los Angeles County with shared interests and shared concerns have the opportunity to testify, share their community's stories and concerns, and directly participate in drawing proposed maps," he explained. "The maps being created right now will determine whether Glendale and the Crescenta Valley are paired with communities in the [San Fernando] Valley or other foothills communities [that] share concerns around wildfires, wildlife and transit corridors like the 210 and 710."

To facilitate map creation and get input from communities of interest, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) has launched a free mapping software on its website that will allow residents to share their ideas about where to draw lines for electing the Board of Supervisors.

"We want the process of drawing the supervisorial district lines to be transparent," stated LA County CRC Co-chair Carolyn Williams in a press release. "We will be making all

submitted maps available for the public's review."

This mapping software enables individuals and organizations to draw maps, using the 2020 census data and other data sets, to ensure their communities of interest are identified in terms of their geography. The mapping software also allows the public to verify that their submitted maps meet the requirements of basic population, contiguity and compactness.

LA County CRC is also inviting residents to participate in community of interest public hearings. The hearings provide an opportunity to educate the Citizens Redistricting Commission about different communities of interest by describing the boundaries, policy concerns and shared interests that bind together various communities.

The next hybrid community of interest public hearing will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the San Fernando Library, 217 N. Maclay Ave. in San Fernando. Residents can access the online mapping tool and learn more about redistricting in Los Angeles County by visiting <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>. Information about redistricting statewide is at <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/index/>.

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Officer Involved Shooting on the 2 Freeway

By Mary O'KEEFE

An officer involved shooting occurred on Aug. 28 on the Ventura [134] Freeway at the Glendale [2] Freeway connector.

According to a California Highway Patrol report, officers responded to a "disabled motorist" on the Glendale [2] Freeway southbound connector to the Ventura [134] Freeway eastbound.

CHP officers from the Altadena Station responded to the scene and found a woman

standing outside her vehicle who was blocking the No. 2 lane and right shoulder. The woman, according to officers, was armed. During a confrontation an officer involved shooting occurred.

Fire and CHP personnel rendered aid; she was transported to a local hospital where, as of Wednesday morning, was listed in critical condition.

The officer involved shooting is still under investigation.

Remembering Lives Lost in the Station Fire

By Mary O'KEEFE

As we look back 12 years at the Station Fire, we remember the two firefighters who lost their lives as they worked to save others.

One of the most personal stories CVW shared during that time came from members of the Montrose Search and Rescue team; we share it again:

MSAR members had been working the fire since it began. On Aug. 30, 2009, a call came out of a car over the side of the road but when the team responded, it turned into a tragedy that they would never forget.

"It was incredible. I never thought I would be doing this on the rescue team," said Janet Henderson, MSAR member.

The team knew Angeles National Forest well, so responding to a call for help was routine; but not when the forest was on fire.

"It was like a war zone. Everything was on fire. There was no way of getting away

from it," recalled Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Jeff Martin, who at the time was assistant coordinator of MSAR. "A couple of times we had to have the [team member] in the passenger seat open the [car] door to make certain we could see the edge of the road."

The over the side vehicle call pertained to Los Angeles Fire Capt. Tedmund "Ted" Hall, 47, and Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones, 34. They had driven off the side of a mountainous road near inmate Camp 16 near Mt. Gleason. They were searching for a safe route out of the area for the correction workers, fire personnel and inmates who were trapped at the camp by the fire.

"There were rock slides and downed power lines. It was a narrow dirt road but with the smoke and fire it was worse," said Mike Leum, MSAR member.

Some of the members got out of the truck and cleared rocks from the road as they slowly traveled along.

"By the time we got there, firefighters had

transported half of the inmates out. Some were still there and they had gone over the side of the mountain to stay with the two [fallen] firefighters, not wanting to leave them alone. [Those who walked down the mountain] had first degree burns on their feet," Henderson said. The ground was so hot from the fire it permeated the boots, burning the soles of the firefighters' feet.

"We just assisted," Leum added. "We were there to support the firefighters."

"We had a good group of people up there to help," Martin said.

"This was something. I had never seen anything like this before," Martin said.

Henderson said the entire distance was only four to six miles down the road.

"But that road was on fire," Henderson said. She added that when a call like that comes in, rescuers can't help but think about the danger.

"You want to go and help, but you think, 'If we are stuck here, we are stuck.' But we all

knew what we were doing it for and we went," she said.

A memorial was established for the two firefighters who lost their lives in the Station Fire, Captain Tedmund Hall and firefighter Arnie Quinones.



Reflecting on the Station Fire

By Mary O'KEEFE

It has been 12 years since the Station Fire filled the foothill communities with fire and smoke. The time that passed between then and now has only seen an increase in the number of wildfires.

Prior to the Station Fire there were warning signs of dangerous fire conditions that included dry vegetation and drought conditions, much of what Southern California is now facing.

"We are in an extreme drought and [have had] record low levels of rain," said Sean Ferguson, LA County Fire Dept. spokesman.

Ferguson added that fires react to the conditions of the day. He gave an example of a recent fire that happened in Malibu about a month ago at 2:30 a.m. that firefighters were able to keep to 2.5 acres. The fire was in an

extremely steep area but they were still able to restrict it to that small area.

"But that same fire with Santa Ana wind conditions would be a different [situation]," he said.

Due in part to the far-reaching damage of the Station Fire, which burned over 160,000 acres in the Angeles National Forest, the U.S. Forest Service changed its ban on night flights. Since then the LACoFD has increased its air operations and now has available five Sikorsky S-70 Firehawks, five Bell 412 helicopters and the recently added Boeing Chinook CH-47 [known as Helitanker 55]. On Wednesday, two super scoopers the department leases annually from Quebec were added to the department's stable.

Firefighters have said this year is the worst they have seen for wildfires as the drought continues. It is important for all residents to

be aware and to be prepared. Information on the evacuation plan LACoFd Ready!Set!Go! can be found at <https://fire.lacounty.gov/rsg/>.

File photo As the Station Fire burned the hillsides of the Crescenta Valley, water dropping helicopters would grab water from ponds, pools and other bodies of water in the area to battle the blaze.



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CRIME BLOTTER

Aug. 27

700 block of Saint Katherine Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident came home to find three male adults running from his property. They fled the area in a gray sedan. Upon investigation deputies found glass from the backdoor shattered and several rooms ransacked. Numerous items were reported stolen.

The theft occurred at 9:30 p.m.

Aug. 25

4600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a window of a business was shattered. Nothing was reported stolen. The incident occurred at midnight.

Aug. 24

2100 block of Normanton Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that he received an email from what

appeared to be a friend's account. The person asked if the resident could buy three "Google Play" gift cards for his niece who had been diagnosed with cancer. The person stated he had attempted to find the gift cards but were unable to find them in his area; he promised to reimburse the resident for the cards. The resident bought the cards, took pictures of the PIN and attached them to the email. Later the resident asked the friend if he had emailed him about the gift cards and the friend found that his email had been "hacked."

The theft occurred at 12:42 p.m.

Aug. 22

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, several bottles of liquor were stolen from a store at 4:45 p.m.

Obituary Donna-Jean Spaziano-Shields



July 7, 1960 – Aug. 22, 2021

Donna-Jean Spaziano-Shields, 61, of Tacoma, Washington passed away on Sunday, Aug. 22 following a brave battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. Donna was born in Providence, Rhode Island to Robert and Eleanor Spaziano on July 7, 1960. They moved to La Crescenta when Donna was 3 years old. She attended Monte Vista Elementary School and Rosemont Middle School and graduated from Crescenta Valley High School in 1978. She was on the swim team and played in the band. Upon graduation she went to dental college and became a dental assistant.

She moved to Seattle where she worked as a dental assistant and office manager. She was a vibrant and determined personality, a devoted single mother raising her son alone. She was kind and generous. For over 10 years she sponsored Japanese exchange students and housed them while they learned English. She bought several homes, the Cadillac she always wanted and vacationed each year, never missing a one. She lived life on her own terms.

Donna was predeceased by her father Robert Anthony, who also suffered from ALS, as well as Robert's sister Annette Spaziano-Johnson. She is survived by her mother Eleanor and two sisters, Denise (Camner) and Lori (Estrada); her son Jaren; two nieces and three nephews.

A celebration of her life will be on Sept. 18 at noon at St. James the Less Church in La Crescenta.

GPD REPORTS

Traffic Stops Lead to Male Arrested with Concealed Firearm

On Aug. 28 just after 8:30 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale Police Dept.'s Patrol Unit were working a traffic enforcement detail when they observed a vehicle near the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Colorado Street with tinted windows and no front license plate.

The officers initiated a traffic stop and upon contacting the driver (later identified as 28-year-old Irwin Sanchez of Glendale) noticed a gun cleaning kit on the front passenger floorboard. A search of the vehicle produced an unlocked gun box with a pistol inside it. Also in the gun box was a loaded magazine and in the back of the vehicle were two boxes of ammunition.

Sanchez was subsequently arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

Male Taken into Custody After Foot Pursuit,

Entering an Occupied Residence and Strangling a K-9

On Aug. 24 just after 3:30 p.m., officers assigned to the Glendale Police Dept.'s Special Enforcement Detail (SED) observed a male who was looking into windows of vehicles parked in a motel parking lot on the 1500 block of East Colorado Street. The male then entered a taped-off area of the motel.

Officers contacted the male, later identified as 29-year-old Rodrigo Calderon of Glendale, and noticed a bulge in his waistband. While they were speaking with him, an employee of the motel came outside and told Calderon he was in a restricted area that was for employees only. A subsequent search of Calderon produced pepper spray and magnets. Officers also discovered that Calderon potentially had a no bail parole warrant and a separate \$500,000 warrant out for his arrest. While officers were confirming his identity, Calderon took off on foot running toward Colorado Street.

Officers chased Calderon until he ran into a residence on the 1500 block of Orange Grove Avenue. Shortly after, a resident exited the location and stated a male unknown to him/her (Calderon) had just ran into the house. Officers were able to evacuate the second resident and confirmed that Calderon was the only person remaining in the house. Officers had also used departmental resources to confirm Calderon's identity and that he had the above-mentioned active warrants.

After several announcements were made by officers for Calderon to exit the residence, he refused. Officers from GPD's K-9 Unit announced that they would be releasing a K-9 into the residence. Calderon continued to refuse to exit and the K-9 was released into the residence followed by a search team.

Officers observed the K-9 enter a room at the location, then heard barking and yelling. Officers entered the room and saw that Calderon was on top of the K-9 with his arm around the K-9's neck, actively strangling the dog. Officers gave Calderon orders to release the K-9, but he refused to comply. A tazer was subsequently deployed and Calderon was taken into custody.

Calderon received medical treatment for his injuries, then was transported and booked at the Glendale PD jail for burglary and obstruction along with two outstanding warrants and a parole violation. During the investigation, it was learned that Calderon had booked a room at a nearby hotel with another individual. Officers performed a parole compliance check at the room and 23-year-old Isaiah Miller (transient) was located inside of the room. A search of the room produced four small plastic bindles of methamphetamine, a glass pipe with a bulbous end, a large amount of cash in various denominations and two bank cards in other people's names. Miller was arrested for possessing a controlled substance for sale and identity theft.

Due to LA County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail order, Miller was released from custody with a notice to appear in court at a later date. K-9 Coda appeared in good health after the incident.

Four Females Arrested After Stealing Merchandise

On Aug. 21 at approximately 5 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale Police Dept.'s Downtown Policing Unit responded to a store at the Americana at Brand regarding a theft that had just occurred. Patrol officers located a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description in the area of Central Avenue and Lexington Drive and initiated a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled initiating a pursuit. The driver, later identified as 24-year-old Memory Yearby of Seattle, Washington, ultimately yielded along Fairmont Avenue where a felony stop was conducted. Officers contacted Yearby and the other three passengers, 28-year-old Jaquena Wilson of Los Angeles, 29-year-old Earnetra Turner of Auburn, Washington, and 35-year-old Ravenna Woods of Seattle, Washington. A search of the vehicle produced several retail store bags, clothing, shoes and a device used to remove security sensors.

Over \$10,000 of merchandise from various stores was located in the vehicle Yearby was driving. Yearby, Wilson, Turner and Woods were all arrested for grand theft and petty theft. Yearby was also arrested for evading. Wilson was discovered to have an outstanding warrant and was subsequently also arrested for a non-local warrant, and Turner had provided a false name to officers throughout the investigation and a charge of impersonation was added to her booking.

Yearby, Woods, and Wilson were released from custody due to LA County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail schedule with a notice to appear in court at a later date. Turner remained in custody on a \$50,000 bail for the impersonation charge.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Historical 'Asian Hate' in the Foothills

The phenomenon of "Asian hate," or prejudice against Americans of Asian descent, has unfortunately been in the news lately. Locally, Korean Americans are a huge part of our community and I'm sure that some of them could point to incidents that have happened to them recently.

Looking at the issue from a historical perspective, our community became the focus of Asian prejudice in the early 1940s. It had much to do with two government-run facilities in CV: Tuna Camp and Hillcrest Sanitarium.

As we all know, during WWII Americans of Japanese descent were singled out for persecution on a governmental level. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, hysteria on the west coast ran wild. Stories of Japanese Americans radioing bombing coordinates or signaling Japanese warships lurking offshore were rampant. In the panic, 120,000 American citizens of Japanese descent were imprisoned.

Tuna Camp was a former CCC camp that was repurposed as an interrogation center for suspected "spies" on Dec. 8, 1941. It was located where the now closed Verdugo Hills Golf Course is today. The name "Tuna Camp" refers to its location in La Tuna Canyon. Community leaders in the Japanese American population were arrested and held at Tuna Camp for questioning, sometimes for months. From there they either went to the internment camps or to federal prison.

Hillcrest Sanitarium was located at the top of Lowell Avenue. It was taken over by the U.S. government to house Japanese American internees that had contracted tuberculosis in the crowded conditions of the internment camps. They were removed from their families and brought to Hillcrest where, alone and under the eyes of armed guards, they simply waited to die. I've researched and written much in past columns about this.

Recently I found two old news

articles written for Tujunga newspapers that had different angles of "Asian hate" in that era. The first is titled "Plan To Intern 250 Japanese Aliens In Tuna Canyon CC Camp - Bunk Houses Are Enclosed With High Fence." The article details the process of enclosing the former CCC camp "to serve as a concentration camp." It is further written that the "buildings have been enclosed by a 12-foot, heavy woven-wire fence with strands of barbed wire on top, and electric lights placed at intervals to aid armed guards in frustrating any attempt at escape." The article continues that armed military guards were already stationed there. It finishes by quoting one of the guards: "It's too nice a place for enemy aliens."

The other article, published on April 2, 1942, was bittersweet. Titled "Lest We Forget - The Japanese Are Not All Disloyal," the article comments on the last days in Tujunga for the Tsumori family before they were shipped to an internment

camp. The young son Paul Tsumori had been active in Scouting, his family supporting those activities. Young Paul was described as having been the most faithful Scout to man the air-raid observation post. He was in the mixed-race color guard that represented the Sunland Tujunga Boy Scouts. Scoutmaster Jens Knudsen had made sure that his color guard was "color blind" stating, "In a land where men and women and children of all races make up the population and contribute to national life and industry, distinction of race, color and creed should play as little part as possible."

The article about the soon-to-be interned Tsumori family finishes: "So Jens Knudsen went to say goodbye to Paul Tsumori last Saturday night before he left with his family with the other Japanese evacuees. As he was leaving, Paul's mother slipped a sealed envelope into the Scoutmaster's hand saying, 'Here is something to help with the Red Cross trailer the Scouts are building.' The

envelope contained a 10 dollar bill, the first cash contribution the Scouts have received for their project."

Despite this touching story, the LA Times infamously editorialized at that time: "A viper is nonetheless a viper wherever the egg is hatched - so a Japanese American, born of Japanese parents - grows up to be a Japanese, not an American."

It was wrong and "Asian hate" remains an unfortunate part of our local history.



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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Laughter is the Best...

Not long ago, a coworker came into my office, plopped down in a chair and said, "Tell me something funny. If I don't laugh right now, I am going to cry!" Without pausing to ask her what was wrong, I launched into a story about the time my mom accidentally somersaulted out of our large inflatable pool.

My mom and I had been relaxing in the backyard pool, she on the lower end of the sloped yard and me on the high end. Well, that is, as much as she could relax with her grandkids making a whirlpool with their bodies. Mom had each arm slung over the top inflated ring and her face to the sky. All of a sudden, the water started rushing toward and past her over the side of the pool. Her legs began to lift up and I realized she was going to

topple out. I quickly grabbed her foot but it was too late; the water upended her and she landed splayed out in the sopping wet grass as the pool emptied its contents within seconds. We just stood there flabbergasted in the flat plastic liner, wondering what had happened. Our dog Coco was nearby and, in all the excitement, took the opportunity to give Mom a nice kiss on the mouth. I started to laugh and yelled out, "Are you okay?" She croaked, "Yeah, except your dog just stuck her tongue down my throat!"

With that, I broke out in hysterical laughter.

For the next couple of hours and for days to come, we all continued to laugh at the hilarious image in our minds of Gramma flipping out of the pool.

Some might think that I am a terrible daughter for laughing but I assure you, if it had been me, she would have done the same. It's kind of a family thing that we do, laugh at other people's misfortunes though not in a mean way. Most often, we just laugh at ourselves when we do silly things, especially when we are together. Thankfully on that day, it wasn't a serious spill and it turned out to be one of our favorite family stories.

I have had many a good laugh all by myself, too. A couple of years ago, I had an adventure when I took a wrong turn in Sunland Park. I was part of a group to be honored by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council for our work in opposing the condos proposed for the Verdugo Hills Golf Course site. I arrived late

to the meeting because I didn't realize the venue had changed and there were no parking spaces left in the main lot. I pulled back out onto the street, intending to find a space near the senior center but apparently, in the dark, I re-entered the park in the wrong spot. The next thing I knew, I was driving down a pedestrian walkway, past benches and around trees with people gawking. I realized then that I had made a terrible mistake but was fully committed to traverse the hill. I couldn't turn around. When I got to the bottom of the path, there was no way to jump the curb into the senior lot and I had no choice but

to make a seven-point turn and go back the way I came - all the while, whipping and dragging assorted tree branches. By the time I parked and found the meeting, the agenda item had passed. I had quite a good laugh at my own expense and conceded that having an amusing story was enough thanks for me.

My coworker seemed to enjoy my pool story and I think it took her mind off things. It is a good reminder that, when times seem their toughest, laughter can be very healing, the best kind of medicine.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not a Bright Outlook

In the Aug. 12 issue in the Leisure section, page 14, the "then and now" feature highlighted the oldest house in Montrose.

[What happened to it] sizes up all that's wrong in not only this city but all over: the dissolving of R1 zones. A total lack of concern or respect for history not to mention what this heartbreaking act of greed did to the surrounding area. Devastating!

And on top of all this, we're told to cut back on our water usage!

It can only get worse. It's too bad.

Larry J. Clesceri
Montrose

Supports AB 652: Bans Toxic Chemicals

Assemblywomen Laura Friedman wrote here ("News from Sacramento," July 15) that she had introduced AB 652, which will ban the toxic chemicals per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAs) from children's products sold in California. Linked to serious health problems such as cancer, hormone disruption and kidney/liver/thyroid disease, these 9,000-plus chemicals usually aren't even needed for the products' functions.

The good news is that it appears

likely that AB 652 will pass.

In the same article she also asked this excellent question: "If they're this dangerous why do we use them at all?" Indeed, let's ban PFAs in all products. Children are most vulnerable, but why accept such poisons, marginally useful or surely replaceable if essential, to be foisted upon any of us?

Unfortunately here are more scary initials: BPAs (bisphenol A) and BPSs (bisphenol S). Used in the paper for thermal-printed receipts - meaning in most cash register receipts nowadays - both are endocrine (hormone) disruptors. In plainer English, exposure to these toxins (e.g. touching receipts) lowers sperm count/quality and causes other reproductive harm, like miscarriages, early puberty and more. (See: <https://www.ewg.org/news-insights/news/harmful-bpa-replacements-contaminate-store-receipts>).

If we truly care about health and safety, as I know we do, we must insist that our legislators do everything they can to protect Californians and ban these harmful substances.

Roberta Medford

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12 p.m. Yizkor Service
6:30 p.m. Ne'ilah
7:35 p.m. Break fast

SPORTS

Ugly Start to Season for Falcons



Photos by Brandon HENSLEY
 LEFT: Luke Steele (3) runs hard trying to pick up a first down.
 MIDDLE: Nick Borsh (44) picks up yardage late in the second half vs. Newbury Park.
 ABOVE: Quarterback Carson Center had a tough game, and was injured in the second quarter.

By Brandon HENSLEY

There were signs hung along the rails on the Crescenta Valley fans' side to welcome back the football team.

Excitement, at least for the first couple of minutes, was in the air for the first game of the 2021 season against Newbury Park on Aug. 29. One of the signs read "NewBURY them," which was cute, but by the end of the first quarter it was clear which team would be buried.

The Panthers (1-0) came to Glendale's Moyse Field and dominated a young and inexperienced Falcons team, racking up 28 points in the first quarter on their way to a 42-0 win.

In fact, that was the score at halftime. If Newbury didn't call off the dogs in the second half, who knows how ugly it could have gotten?

On the CV sidelines, Coach Hudson Gossard had to do his share of yelling at players to line

up at the right position right before the ball was snapped and, behind the team, some of the cheerleaders encouraged the guys by saying, "You got this, CV!"

They clearly didn't. Newbury quarterback Travis Endicott completed seven of 10 passes for 158 yards and three touchdowns while CV couldn't tackle running back Lance Knieriem, who had two scores on the ground while gaining 92 yards on just seven carries.

The Panthers' other rusher, Cole Bowen, had 85 yards on 17 carries.

The Falcons, on the other hand, had trouble moving the ball all night. Quarterback Carson Center was inefficient in the first half, overthrowing targets while constantly being flushed out of the pocket. They tried running a spread offense, and then tried to work on screen passes. Nothing worked.

In the second quarter, Center was injured on a play in which he threw the ball deep but it

was intercepted by Knieriem, who also played defense. He ran the ball back 85 yards for a touchdown, first by running down the Falcon sideline, then cutting back midfield, past any would-be tackler.

Center was treated on the field before coming off and being replaced by Henry Guske.

CV marched down the field at the end of the first half, thanks mostly to the work of running backs Luke Steele and Nick Borsh. But as the Falcons neared the goal line, Borsh was stopped five yards short of the end zone as time expired.

CV won a CIF championship in 2019, its second CIF title in six seasons. Last year was the abbreviated COVID-19 season that was played in the spring. The Falcons went 2-3, and then said goodbye to many key contributors to that championship team, including quarterback Brendan Pehar.

The Falcons were scheduled

to travel to Alta Loma on Friday but due to COVID that game has been canceled.

The league season starts on Oct. 1 with CV against Pasadena.

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CVHS Girls' Volleyball Defeats Glendale for First Conference Win

By Justin HAGER

The Falcons girls' volleyball team earned its first conference win on Tuesday night, defeating a heavily favored Glendale Nitros team in three straight games.

CV pounced on the Nitros early dominating the first and second sets 25-13 and 25-18 respectively. The third and final set provided some drama as it required four additional points to be played before the Falcons secured the victory 29-27.

CV entered the match with a .500 record after a strong but still disappointing performance at this past weekend's Burbank tournament. The Falcons looked unstoppable on the first night of

the tournament, earning three victories against Brentwood, St. Genevieve and Immaculate Heart without dropping a single game.

The momentum continued Saturday morning with a 2-1 victory over Crossroads (Santa Monica) and a fifth straight victory for the Falcons. However, Saturday afternoon brought nothing but heartache as the previously dominant female volleyballers dropped three straight, including a heartbreaking loss to Taft, whom they had defeated just five days earlier.

With non-league and tournament play behind them, CVHS players found themselves more than 100 slots behind the

heavily favored Glendale squad in the statewide ranking as the two faced off Tuesday night on Glendale's home court. But with the dominant straight sets victory now in the books, it should be expected that the Falcon squad will move up both in the division and statewide. CVHS faced off against Granada Hills Charter on Wednesday night after CV Weekly press time, and then host a home match against Pasadena today, Thursday, Sept. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Anyone who attends CVHS athletic events and has great photos or stories to share is invited to contact writer Justin Hager at Justin@CVWeekly.com.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Players Turn Out for Vets' Bingo



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LEFT: Andy Gero, front, led the flag salute.
ABOVE: Donna Libra and bingo winner Robert Manciero.
BELOW: Everyone had a good time at bingo.

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 held a bingo game on Aug. 20 that benefitted both posts.

About 110 bingo players came out for the games, with each game promising a minimum of \$100 in prize money. In addition to the 10 games, players could bid on silent auction items, purchase food and buy tickets to the 50/50 raffle. Members of Prom Plus Club were on hand to help with the festivities. Doors opened at 4:30 p.m. with the first game, called by CV Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy, starting at 6 p.m.

This year marked the ninth Veterans Bingo Night in 10 years and, probably due to COVID, there was a reduction of about

50% in attendees from 2019 said veteran Lynn McGinnis, organizer of the event.

"Given the recent return to the indoor mask mandate we were happy with the 110 bingo players who showed up," McGinnis said.

The reduction in the number of attendees was also reflected in the amount of money the vets made with just under \$5,000 being raised for veterans and active duty enlisted men and women in the Crescenta Valley.

Over the years, the AL and VFW posts have helped 14 youth and community non-profits (some once and others multiple times) hold 41 fundraising bingo nights. Each bingo night raised an average of \$4,500 for these 14 non-profits that are important parts of the fabric of the community. They include Montrose La Crescenta

Kiwanis Club, La Cañada AM Kiwanis Club, La Cañada Noon Kiwanis Club, Glendale Kiwanis Club, Prom Plus, CVHS Football Boosters Club, CVHS JROTC, Verdugo Hills Council Scouts BSA, CV Chamber of Commerce, CV Fireworks, CV Sheriff's Support Group, Glendale Quilt Guild and the La Crescenta Woman's Club.

The AL and VFW posts support a variety of local organizations and community events including the Armed Forces Day Classic Car Show held in mid-May at CV Park, the Memorial Day of Remembrance at Two Strike Park, the Veterans Day ceremony and celebration at Two Strike Park, Firefighters' Breakfast at Memorial Hall and Law Enforcement Breakfast at Memorial Hall and the upcoming Remembrance Motorcade being



held on Sept. 10.

Local veterans and active military personnel are invited to an upcoming breakfast at Memorial Hall on Sept. 11 from

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. From Sept. 11 until Veterans Day on Nov. 11, a "low-key" membership drive will be taking place.

Photos by Dick CLUBB

Glendale Memorial Hospital Dedicates S. H. Ho Plaza



Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) unveiled the S. H. Ho Plaza, the main corridor along Laurel Avenue in front of the hospital, in honor of the S. H. Ho Foundation and its generous gift of \$2.5 million.

"GMHHC has truly changed and improved its care for the community because of the generosity of David Ho and the S. H. Ho Foundation," said Jill Welton, GMHHC hospital president. "Through this major gift, Glendale Memorial has remodeled its GI department, refreshed its labor and delivery department, and added the latest technology to its catheterization labs, providing patients with enhanced services for heart and stroke care."

During the dedication ceremony, David Ho shared his family's philosophy of kindness and generosity.

"In 1970, our grandfather started this foundation to help with education and medical care, particularly focused on the disadvantaged and underprivileged," said Ho. "It is our pleasure to support the health of our community."

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Online Real Estate Sites Can Be Misleading

Dear Phyllis,

I love reading your real estate answers. I want to relay a recent experience for the education of your readers and perhaps you can add some clarity. My wife and I own our home and saw an interesting fixer get listed. We didn't want to bother our Realtor until we knew we were interested in this home. There weren't any open houses scheduled so we clicked the link to tour the property believing we were contacting the listing agent. We met the showing agent at the appointed time and, although he seemed to lack a lot of knowledge or experience, he was very cordial. At no time did he ask if we had a Realtor. My wife and I went home and discussed the pros and cons of the home and then contacted our Realtor. To our surprise we learned that we had made a mistake and if we

wanted to pursue this home we might be forced to work with this inexperienced Realtor. It really changed things around for us and we decided against the home.

Can you weigh in on this?

Perplexed

Dear Perplexed,

I share your frustration with these online real estate sites. It's not that easy to determine who is the listing agent. How this typically works is that these sites sell real estate agents client inquiries (leads). Most experienced Realtors have enough business through past clients and their referrals. They don't need to spend thousands of dollars a year on these leads. Therefore, by contacting who you think is the seller's agent, you may be contacting a Realtor relatively new in the business.

When a buyer wants to inquire about a property, they should first turn to their Realtor who they know and trust. It is never a bother; it's our job. This is how we get paid, by showing property. The listing agent's role is to represent the seller.

In each real estate transaction, there is "procuring cause" which refers to actions that begin or set in motion a series of events that lead to the final sale of the property. I am not an attorney and cannot advise on who would have procuring cause as it is very complicated. If you wanted to pursue this home, your Realtor might have offered the showing agent a portion of the commission. This "referral fee" may have satisfied the showing agent. Thank you for your continued readership and good luck on your real estate journey!



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Viola d'amore Performed for Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed. Adriana Zoppo will perform works for solo (and duo) viola d'amore by Karl Stamitz, Aurelio Arcidiacono and Anton Huberty 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>.

Adriana Zoppo will be performing viola d'amore, music for one and two violas d'amore, "Studio Modale" by Aurelio Arcidiacono; three divertissements by Karl Stamitz: "Andante Moderato," "Andantino" and Allegretto; studio "Capriccio #8" by Aurelio Arcidiacono; and "Duetto" attributed to Anton Huberty, adagio, allegro and gigue.

Info about the viola d'amore is available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viola_d%27amore.

A winner of the Beverly Hills Auditions of the Consortium of Southern California Chamber Music Presenters, Adriana Zoppo performs on the violin, viola, baroque violin, baroque viola and the rarely heard viola d'amore. She has played regularly with the Santa Barbara, Pacific, and Long Beach Symphonies, Pasadena Pops, Long Beach Opera, St. Matthew Chamber Orchestra and other ensembles in the area. Director/curator of the Glendale Noon Concerts' early music sub-series Zoppo, with Ergo Musica, is heard there frequently. Previously a member of the Carmel Bach Festival and LA Baroque Orchestra, she plays with the original instrument ensembles Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra, LA Baroque Players, Bach Collegium San Diego and the



Photo courtesy of Frederic MICHOT

Viola d'amore player Adriana Zoppo.

Corona del Mar Baroque Festival, where she has appeared as viola d'amore soloist.

Zoppo has played for motion pictures, TV shows, video games, solo artist recordings, Broadway musicals and live shows of all musical styles from classical to jazz, and was part of the band for the musical "Hamilton" during its recent run in Los Angeles. She holds a bachelor's degree from USC and a master's from the University of Michigan, both in violin performance.

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.

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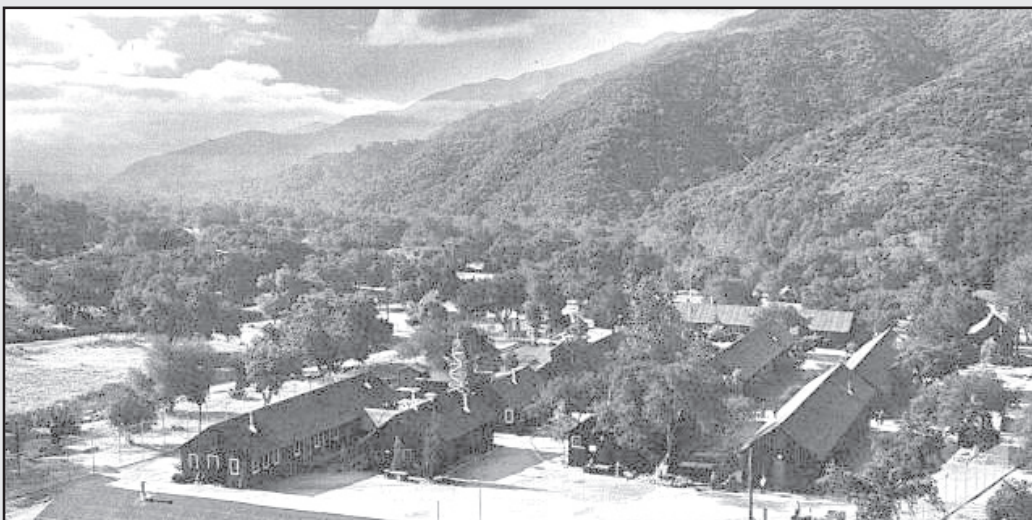


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THEN & NOW

Tuna Canyon Detention Station

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » In the early 1930s, a Civilian Conservation Corps camp was built in the far west end of the Crescenta Valley at the entrance to La Tuna Canyon. Immediately after Pearl Harbor, it was repurposed as a detention center for the interrogation of Japanese and Germans. Barbed wire fences with armed guards enclosed the camp. This view is from a guard tower high on a hill looking south toward the Verdugo Mountains.



Now » This is the same view today, with the 210 Freeway running across the photo. After the war, the enclosed camp was used as a juvenile detention camp, or "reform school." In 1960, the buildings were taken down and Verdugo Hills Golf Course was built on the site. The driving range is where Tuna Canyon Detention Station once sat. Today the golf course was bought by a developer and closed.

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The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club is in need of a program chair for virtual and in-person educational programs for the group. This is a voluntary position.

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 today, 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 e-mail at aewhitehouse18@gmail.com.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is hosting its 6th Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference. This two-day, virtual conference is free and brings together leaders throughout the country on the extremely important public health topic of suicide prevention.

National Suicide Prevention Week

(Sept 6 -12) is an annual weeklong campaign in the United States to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide.

COBRA SUBSIDY EXPLAINED

A presentation for those eligible under the COBRA subsidy plan will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The presentation is free of charge.

Government representatives will provide information and education about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which includes provisions for a full COBRA premium subsidy retroactively to certain individuals from April 2021.

Location is the Cancer Support

Community-Pasadena, 75 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215 in Pasadena. Call (626) 796-1083 or visit www.cscpasadena.org.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. The location is The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be "Transplanting Your African Violets - Techniques for Success." This will be a hands-on workshop led by club member Gay Wilson.

There is a raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings.

For more information, telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website www.burbankafricanviolets.weebly.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.crescentavalleychamber.org.

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 tonight, 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.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com August 30, 2021 - September 5, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

The cosmos might encourage you to become your own authority concerning the level of fitness it's possible to reach. Don't think too much - just get moving. This is the perfect time to jettison old thought patterns that say "can't" and adopt new ways of being that say "can." You can be more fit than you think. Take your self-talk seriously for great results.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You're in an unpredictable mood and ready for anything. You may find that certain emotions rise to the surface and encourage you to take more risks than usual. Don't do anything dangerous, especially if you're angry. Frustration could cause a minor accident if you aren't careful. Breathe deeply and relax.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You'll now have a much easier time of it. In fact, your energy will return. Whatever aches, pains, colds, or infections you may have had should clear up. You need to maintain your fitness routine to get rid of toxins in your system. It will make a difference. Meditation will help you calm down and give you peace of mind.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The emphasis on your health continues, so make the most of it. This focus is trying to tell you something. If you've been lagging, then find your footing again and take baby steps toward the new you. Be determined, but don't push yourself too hard. If you have ongoing symptoms, get them checked. Don't let others dictate what you should do, especially if it doesn't feel right.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

The bounce should be back in your step. You feel on top of the world. Any recent problems have probably disappeared by now. If you're doing anything strenuous, you shouldn't have any worries. But be sure to keep your thoughts upbeat. This will help you in many ways. The less toxic your thoughts, the less toxic your body!

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may feel certain worries and tensions affecting you. These can slowly drain any good feeling you're trying to maintain. If you can't solve the problems by yourself, get some help. Remove yourself from any situation that makes you fearful. Anxiety affects your health, too. Open yourself up to optimism and hope. Powerful beliefs can restore you to total wellness.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Keep a balance between work and play. It's important, especially when you're tempted to work too hard and you forget to relax. Schedule downtime into your calendar and stick with it. It will have a positive effect on your body and energy level. Resist the tendency to work when you're supposed to be resting. Find the way of least effort for more energy!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The only problem you may face now is mental strain. Your thinking processes are especially intense. This makes it even more important to relax regularly. Make time each day to walk in nature or do some other form of exercise. This will help you settle down. Don't let worries churn incessantly in your mind.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This is the perfect time to change your life. Think about starting with your health, because that's your best resource. You can accomplish anything with good health. If you don't already have a diet or exercise routine, start one. Make it fun and interesting so you'll stick to it. Once you get into the routine, it will be worth it. You'll develop a love of discipline.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Take extra care when you're out. You may be likelier to take risks. If you're going to be engaging in a dangerous sport, check your equipment and listen to your intuition. If you feel angry, don't drive. Wait until you've calmed down. Be good to yourself. Look at the funny side of life. It's good for your health.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You might be tempted to indulge in things that aren't really good for you. They're hard to resist, especially if you've been craving comfort foods lately. It might be more difficult to keep those moods at bay now. Powerful feelings could rise to the surface, and your first impulse might be to suppress them with food. Try to resist.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Don't let the pressure of daily life get to you. You might be very busy at work, where problems can cause you to feel more tense than usual. Add to this a tendency to take unnecessary risks, and you can see why it's better to remain calm if you're feeling emotional or acting in a hurry. You yearn for success, but make time for yourself, too.

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RELIGION

Question:

We have a 4-year-old daughter who just started Sunday school. Before that, she was in the church nursery. She overheard her Sunday school teachers talking about a congregant who passed away. She asked them what happens when people pass away. She was told they go to heaven. She told us she was asking questions that weren't answered because they started their Sunday school lesson.

When she came home, she asked us, "Where is heaven and what is it like?" The bottom line was she was fearful she was going to die as well. We answered her as best we could and told her that the person the teachers were talking about was very old, in his 90s, and she had nothing to worry about. We also explained to her that heaven is a beautiful place where Jesus is and everyone is well and happy. We feel we didn't really explain this very well.

Please help us tell her more from a spiritual perspective.

~ Uncertain Parents

Dear Uncertain Parents,
Do you have a dog or a cat? I have had both, and right now have three dogs. I do not have any children, however, so maybe I shouldn't be the one answering you. But every child at some point realizes that this life does not last forever.

I'm sorry that your child seems to be realizing this earlier rather than later.

I think you did a good thing by telling her that heaven is where Jesus is and everybody is happy there. I believe that, too. But maybe now is the time to remind her that nothing lives forever, not even the sun that we see every day. (I think it has about four billion years left. When it goes, we go!)

How about this? Tell your daughter that in this beautiful world that God created, the Lord decided that every living thing has a beginning and an end. That's why I mentioned pets at the top of my comments. Our beloved animal friends don't live as long as we do. And some trees live a lot longer than we do. I don't know why God created everything this way — some things live for a while and then die. But God did. However, the good thing for us believers is that we believe we'll see each other



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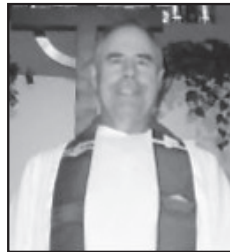
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

again ... and God too! And when we do, we can ask him why he created as he did.

In the meantime, let us thank God for whatever time he gives us to enjoy this beautiful creation. And at the same time, let us thank him for the hope of living with him forever and ever. Amen.

I hope this helps.



The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
lindemanskip@yahoo.com

Dear Uncertain Parents,
These are particularly challenging subjects, death and heaven, to unravel for a child. Your daughter's reaction is not uncommon as children can't yet understand abstract ideas. For example, the concept of death is scary because young ones can't fathom not being alive; it doesn't make sense because they can't anchor the thought to anything they currently know or understand. Likewise, the idea of heaven prompts children to struggle with being away from their parents and the safety of home.

When explaining concepts to children, the number one strategy is to tell them the absolute truth in age-appropriate terms. In other words, please don't get into lengthy narratives but use short, simple explanations that give them something they can understand. Try to answer their questions honestly, which might mean, "I'm not sure," but always fashion a response of some kind. When we avoid their questions, the topic becomes more intriguing, which might cause additional challenges.

It's essential that you are authentic and transparent with her. Healthily expressing your emotions gives her permission to feel and express her own. Be direct: talk about death, not "passing away" or "going to sleep" because your daughter will likely seek to relate that to herself. For example, passing away or going to sleep may make her fear sleeping because she may feel she might not wake up. She may be concerned that God might want to take her to heaven, as well.

Addressing heaven and faith with your daughter is another tricky concept. When we say,

"He's gone home to be with God," children often wonder if God will take them, too.

When my older daughter was young, she wasn't as much afraid of death because it wasn't something she could relate to, but the thought of heaven seriously challenged her. She told me that she wasn't sure she'd like it there because she wouldn't be near familiar things and especially her sister and me. But, again, this thought circles back to her inability to embrace abstract thoughts.

When we read Revelation 21, we find many beautiful descriptive phrases about heaven: "And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal." (v. 10-11) "The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass." (v. 19-21)

As lovely a picture the words portray, even adults have trouble wrapping their minds around the glory of heaven. So imagine the challenge of a child in conceptualizing these images.

There's help though! Many excellent books have been written to assist you in your quest, as well as online resources. Here are a couple of websites that may be useful: "How to Talk to Kids About Death," npr.org/2019/04/24/716702066/death-talking-with-kids-about-the-end; "How to Talk to Your Kids About Death and Heaven," whatsinthebible.com/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-death-and-heaven; "Teaching Kids About Heaven," focusonthefamily.com/parenting/teaching-kids-about-heaven.

And a few books are written for children: "When Someone You Love Dies" by R. Dodd, "Tell Me About Heaven and Heaven for Kids," by R. Alcorn, "God Made Me for Heaven: Helping Children Live for an Eternity with Jesus" by M. Machowski, "Heaven, God's

Promise for Me" by A. Graham Lotz and "Someday Heaven" by L. Libby.

Blessings to you in your quest to help your sweet daughter understand that she doesn't need to be afraid of death or heaven. Be present with her, model your faith to her, encourage her that there's nothing to worry about, speak honestly and directly, and give lots of hugs!

Be well; be blessed!



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Question:

I have a sister, I'll call her Jan, who is constantly borrowing money. I can afford to help her because I have a good job and I'm also good at managing my money. My concern is that Jan does little to find a better job to increase her income although I've given her several what I consider good leads. We both have college degrees in business and marketing. I'm thinking I'm enabling her and, at the same time, I don't want to see her struggle.

I pray about this, but haven't come to any conclusions that won't jeopardize our relationship. I'm getting married next year and would like to stop lending her money as my new husband and I begin our lives together.

What is the right thing to do and how do I go about this?

~ Loving Sister

Dear Loving Sister,
You probably are enabling her, but the good news is that the timing is perfect to make a change. You are getting married. You can tell her that since you are getting married, you and your new husband will be sharing your finances and that loaning her money doesn't fit into your budget anymore. Say that you are so sorry about that, but also say, "I'm sure you'll understand." How could she not? You don't need to explain any further than this. Also don't give her any tips about finding a new job. You've tried that and it hasn't

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worked. She'll have to adjust.

By the way, I'm thinking that she already knew this was coming ... what with the new husband and all. Have a lovely



wedding!

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Dear Loving Sister,

First of all, let me say that it's an honorable virtue to be loving and generous, especially to those who are closest to you. And I commend you for wanting to help your sister. Psalms 112:5 (MSG) says, "The good person

is generous and lends lavishly." The Bible teaches us to care for and help others. And God expects us to help those who truly are overburdened (widows, orphans, the poor and the disabled).

But the Scriptures don't instruct us to be enslaved to someone's felt needs or self-perceived wants or desires. Every one of us is obligated to take care of our own day-to-day responsibilities. Your motivation to reach out and give her job leads was driven by your desire to see her better herself. Unfortunately, there is a fine line between helping someone and enabling them. Continually loaning someone money could in some cases prolong the problem and be wasteful and counterproductive. This type of continued enabling can foster an unhealthy dependency and hurt relationships. It also creates an improper view of God as our provider.

When we turn away from Him as the source of life and provision in our lives, we are left to figure things out for ourselves and we often make poor choices. Jeremiah, the Old Testament prophet, told God's people: "This is what the Lord says: 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord.'" Jeremiah 17:5 (NIV)

We've heard a lot about "tough love" for a long time and it's been misunderstood and misused for just as long. The truth is: Tough love isn't a formula or quick fix to the problem you are facing. But it's the right thing to do in some situations and the only healthy choice in close loving relationships. I like to refer to this as "sincere love" rather than tough love. Sincere love always looks out for the other person's best interest and is willing to tell the hard truth.

It's a carefully thought-through long-term plan that will be beneficial for both sides of the relationship. And even though it's the right thing to do, it's never easy. Sincere love doesn't overlook someone's behavior but has compassion for another's brokenness (recognizing that we are all broken). It understands that enabling is not helping. Sincere love calls someone up to higher behavior, to live life wisely understanding that God is the source of everything we need.

I certainly understand your hesitancy in confronting your sister. But given your current circumstances with saving money for a wedding and setting up a new household, it seems you can simply tell her the next time she approaches you for money that you will be unable to help her. Coupled with that is the responsibility that you are committing to your

future husband to make mutual decisions regarding financial matters.

Solomon reminds us in Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." I will be praying that the Lord will guide your thoughts and words the next time you talk with your sister about this.



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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, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will lead worship with a message from his sermon series on "Right-eousness" titled "Making It Right." 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.

Outdoor Movie Night

Bethel Church invites everyone in the community to attend an outdoor showing of the movie "The Prince of Egypt" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 5.

In this movie, Moses is born into slavery and cast adrift on the Nile then reared as the son of the pharaoh. After Moses learns of his true ancestry, he answers God's call and accepts his destiny: to lead the Hebrews out of slavery and into freedom. All are welcome!

Pre-packaged snacks will

be provided during the movie. Questions? Need transportation? Call (818) 767-4488. All free and COVID safe.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley

Fall Kickoff Events at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to La Crescenta Presbyterian Church's Fall Kickoff, a series of events, classes and opportunities to serve.

On Sunday, Sept. 12 before or after the 10 a.m. worship service come to the LCPC Ministries Fair for an introduction to the church's many areas of outreach and service. Enjoy pastries and beverages and hear about plans for the coming year, including how to get involved.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15, LCPC will host its weekly Praise and Education for Adults and Kids series. Bring the family

at 5:45 p.m. for a delicious low-cost meal then choose from a variety of classes for children and adults from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

And on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the entire community is invited to give the gift of life at a Red Cross Blood Drive on the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church campus. Every donation of blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries.

For more information on any of these events and service opportunities, contact the church at (818) 249-6137. La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

Women's Nondenominational Bible Study

Seasons of Life Bible Study offers two classes to choose from: Joy of Living will be studying the books of Isaiah and 2

Corinthians. Women of Faith will be doing book studies, "Life Lessons from 1, 2, & 3 John and Jude" by Max Lucado and "The Power of Transforming Prayer" by Oswald Sanders on Thursday mornings from 10 - 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 23 through April 14 at the Community Life/First Baptist Church of La Crescenta, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

If interested, contact Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or hessicks@earthlink.net.

Registration deadline is Sept. 7.

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.

GUSD from Cover

At a press conference held prior to the board meeting on Tuesday, Ekchian spoke of how the District has been dealing with the pandemic, and how it is still learning and collecting data.

There are 24,500 students attending GUSD, and there have been 4,300 student and staff members in quarantine as of Tuesday.

"We have a zero transmission rate at the school site, even though we had COVID cases and we have had to quarantine," she said. "[Cases have] come from the community."

When a student or students attending elementary schools are found to test positive for COVID-19 the entire class is put in quarantine.

She said that the District is being "super careful," and not only are elementary children who test positive and the children surrounding them asked to stay at home but also the entire classroom of students.

When a middle school or high school student/students

test positive or are exposed to COVID-19 that student or students are required to quarantine; however, any student who is vaccinated can return to school.

"Quarantine doesn't mean you are sick, it means you are taking care of yourself and your community," Ekchian said.

The District does offer COVID testing for students and teachers who want to be tested in addition to those who are returning to school from quarantine or for groups of athletes. When asked why GUSD does not mandate weekly testing like Los Angeles Unified does Ekchian replied the District is gathering data before making a decision.

Ekchian continues to focus on the advantages of vaccination and touts the success the District has achieved in this area.

As of Wednesday, 85.5% of certified employees have been vaccinated, with 1.8% having had one vaccine shot, 76% of classified employees are fully vaccinated with 3.5% partially

vaccinated and 89.5% of management, which includes administrators, are fully vaccinated with .75% partially vaccinated. This information was gathered from surveys of the staff although about 500 individuals have not responded to the surveys.

After the District's press conference and prior to the school board meeting on Tuesday, about 100 teachers, parents and students showed up in front of the District office to raise attention of their concerns.

Glendale Teacher Association President Chris Davis said the District has done a lot of things right, like improving the ventilation system in classrooms, but that he, teachers and parents are still very concerned about other issues, including outdoor masking.

"It has been a long road to get strong safety and health language for our students and for employees," he said of the negotiations with the District that began at the start of the pandemic. "Our District

is entering really difficulty territory, like every school district, during what is going to be a long slog through COVID."

Davis added that decisions that will be made are not temporary ones. One of the safety concerns is that Los Angeles County Public Health has suggested outdoor masking for large gatherings and, although the playgrounds do not see numbers in the thousands, elementary school students have a tendency to be very close to each other, and are not as aware of boundaries.

"At a time when we have kids under 12 who can't be vaccinated we have a district that is not interested in crowded campuses where students are super packed together," Davis said. "Kids can be taught to [wear masks]. If it can prevent one case from being transmitted it is worth it."

He said he understands many do not like wearing masks but it is about safety.

Davis would also like the district to follow LAUSD

guidelines of weekly testing.

Next week CVW will continue with GTA issues of concern.

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BUSINESS

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

We've Been Busy ... and There's More to Come!

Several months ago, smack in the middle of business and event closures, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce made the decision to "roll the dice" and proceed with scheduling our Chamber activities. While there was always the possibility of last minute cancellations due to pandemic restrictions by the Los Angeles County Health Dept., we managed to pull off a very successful online auction in June; conduct a June ribbon cutting/ grand opening congratulations for *Tawna Hutchinson* and her *PIT-FIT fitness studio*; support and assist the *CV Fireworks Association* with its amazing 4th of July fireworks display at CV High School; return with an early August first mixer of the year hosted by Alissa and Eric Hwang at their beautiful Montrose restaurant, *Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill* ... and what a great time we had; and then, the following week, "tee off" our annual *Scholarship Golf Tournament* at Scholl Canyon Golf Course supporting local students and *The Desi*

Geestman Foundation ("touching the lives of kids with cancer").

That might have been enough but why hold back? Coming up on Saturday, Sept. 18 is our *Hometown Country Fair* at CV Park. It is one of the biggest community events of the year. Title sponsors include *Supervisor Kathryn Barger*; the *Early Rodders* classic cars, and *Ace Hardware of La Crescenta*; major sponsors the *YMCA of the Foothills*, *USC Verdugo Hills Hospital*, and *J's Maintenance*. The Fair is an amazing event ... live music throughout the day, a children's petting zoo, a pie-eating contest, Pasadena Humane Society dog adoptions, dog parade, food trucks with amazing offerings, numerous booths of exhibitors and vendors, YMCA of the Foothills spin cycle demonstrations, bounce rides for the kids, Rosemont Middle School Cheer Team, over 50 classic cars and hot rods on display by the Early Rodders, and even Supervisor Barger's live appearance! It's going to be a fun time that you won't want to miss.

There are still opportunities for exhibitors and vendors to grab booth space. Contact me at the Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or info@crescentavalleychamber.org.

And we're still not finished. We have plans for two additional mixers in October/ November (locations and dates still in the planning stage) and a *5K Pumpkin Fitness Run* is scheduled for runners in all categories on Saturday, Oct. 30 at CV Park.

The purpose of the CV Chamber of Commerce and our activities is to support our Crescenta Valley community and the Chamber business membership. One of those Chamber members is *Pure Interval Training Fitness*, located at 3115 Foothill Blvd. (just east of Pennsylvania Avenue). Owner Tawna Hutchinson has created a state-of-the-art facility offering 24/7 fitness training sessions for all levels and ages. PIT-FIT offers individual and/or group sessions designed to fit your needs. Fitness and your health are important. Don't delay another day ... check them out at www.PIT-FIT.com.

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Remember our Chamber motto: "Our Business is Your Business."

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» NEWS FROM MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Let's Make This a September to Remember

This September hosts a lot of in-person firsts for us at the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. We will be hosting our first in-person ribbon cutting ceremony and first in-person mixer in more than a year! Everyone is invited to help us celebrate both events (see details below) with food and drinks, meeting new people, and a good time. September is also the month before our beloved 43rd Annual Montrose Oktoberfest! Stay up-to-date with Oktoberfest updates via our social media platforms (Instagram @MontroseOktoberfest) and website (oktoberfest.montrosechamber.org). We hope to see every one of you at our upcoming events!

For those who do not yet follow us on social media, please do so to stay up-to-date with all of the latest resources available. Our Instagram handle is @Montrose_Chamber and our Facebook is [Facebook.com/MontroseChamber](https://www.facebook.com/MontroseChamber).

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Chamber Updates/Resources
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Montrose Chamber and CV Weekly in-person mixer: "Take Me Out to the Mixer" on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Entrance fee is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Small bites, drinks and opportunity drawings. Location: CV Weekly outdoor parking lot (corner of La Crescenta Avenue and Honolulu Avenue); street parking available. Wear your favorite baseball team's jersey!

43rd Annual Montrose Oktoberfest: Saturday, Oct. 2 from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission. Those interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event/booth, please reach out to mvcc@montrosechamber.org.

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modified exhaust, no regard for stop signs and driving fast," Bateman said.

Although some drivers are older most are in the range of 18 to 22 years old.

GPD patrol and traffic officers are all working to identify the drivers who are driving dangerously on roadways. There are also special traffic enforcement officers and motor officers. In addition, officers are focusing on school traffic since all schools have students who have returned to in-person learning. They have issued citations, and educated drivers, mainly parents,

who are dropping off their children.

"Parents have to get back into the rhythm of back to school," Bateman said. He added some parents do not drop off their children at designated drop off spots but let children out of their cars in unsafe areas.

Anyone who has issues with drivers speeding, racing or driving unsafely in their neighborhoods can contact GPD at (818) 548-4911 or, in the unincorporated areas of LA County-La Crescenta, contact LA Sheriff's/Crescenta Valley Station at (818) 248-3464.

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spread of COVID-19 at the event. Facemasks will be available free to the public at the information booth and all vehicles are spaced well apart for social distancing. This is the MSPA's first outdoor event in a year and a half. The car show is typically held on the July 4th weekend but this year the car show is being held in September as a temporary response to the pandemic. Next year, the MSPA plans to return to its traditional date for the show, which is usually the Sunday of the Independence Day weekend, and in 2022 is July 3.

For many years there were two shows in Montrose: a Hot Rod Independence Block Party on the 4th of July weekend and a separate show for classic cars in September. In 2011, the two were combined. This year will be the 19th anniversary of the Montrose Car Show, organized by the MSPA and local car clubs.

"In combination with the Sunday Harvest Market, which will be relocated to the east end of Honolulu for this event, the Montrose Car Show gives the community an opportunity to not only enjoy the show and the

Harvest Market, but also to see – in many cases for the first time – our MSPA businesses, many of which will be open that day and are fairly new," said Dawson.

So whether in the market to see nearly 300 distinctive cars, shopping, dining or visiting the Harvest Market, Honolulu Avenue will have something for everyone on Sunday, Sept. 5. Besides the hundreds of unusual vehicles, most stores will be open and some will be offering special items and discounts as part of sidewalk sales and family-friendly dining options.

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went through a food truck revolution, we halted active enforcement of a lot of our regulations regarding food trucks so as not to be the city that dampens a trend; however, that has led to some individuals taking advantage. I know of one instance up in the Montrose Shopping Park where there are issues with a food truck; a vendor [who] is selling right next to a brick-and-mortar that pays taxes, pays its dues to the shopping park. So I would like to have staff look into that."

"Any time I hear 'more efficient' and 'business friendly,' I'm on board and I love the idea of incentivizing by discounting renewal fees that come in early – that's a great idea," said Mayor Paula Devine on the overall review and revamping of the process.

Next, the council reviewed laws and procedures governing the use of "animated" or digital signs. Principal Assistant City Attorney Christine Godinez defined the signs at issue as those that "give a message through a sequence of progressive changes of parts by either action or motion, flashing or color changes," and include electronic, digital, LED and animated signs, whether static, flashing or colorful. Currently, she reported, all of these signs are prohibited in the city. Exceptions are allowed for "public service" messages: time and temperature, barber poles, gas station prices, and a category called "creative signs" the city has taken out of the normal process to allow for more interesting signage in certain business areas, primarily in the downtown area and along Honolulu Avenue in Montrose.

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Left Behind, Again

Is history repeating itself? Is Obama's Benghazi now Biden's Afghanistan? Both terrorist incidents have one common denominator: total incompetence by each commander-in-chief. In Obama's case, his inability to make a Presidential decision when it came to the lives of American citizens through his failure to send in nearby troops to take out the enemy intruders. In Biden's, his incompetence began at the beginning by failing to provide just a simple basic evacuation strategy. He is either surrounded by like-minded fools or he came up with his own troops out first, abandon his only secured airport and let the Taliban dictate the terms of departure idiotic evacuation plan. I leave it to the American people to decide but my inclination is the latter.

Both incomprehensible decisions cost valuable American lives. How many more American lives are still unknown as Biden left behind many more wanting to leave but unable to do so because the planes have already left the airport. Will Biden be held accountable for his "abandon Americans first" policy? He's a left wing Democrat, so the answer is quite obvious.

Bob Tanabe
La Cañada

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mutates as it infects a person, especially those who are not vaccinated, so people are like walking "petri dishes" as the virus mutates into stronger variants.

"When people are vaccinated they are helping their loved ones and their community," she said.

Fellow Woman of the Year honoree Susan Lee is a registered nurse at USC VHH and said she too is seeing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

"We are seeing a rise in cases, a lot in the ER," she said.

Lee works in the Intensive Care Unit at USC-VHH where she has been a relief charge nurse for about 11 years.

"Our ER is very busy. A lot of [patients are] coming in with COVID-like symptoms or [they] have been exposed to COVID," she said.

Like Hun, throughout the pandemic Lee worked well beyond her 12-hour shifts.

"She also used her sewing machine to sew her own scrub caps and provided scrub caps to each of her colleagues, as well as putting her years of haircutting experience from her mission trips to use by giving haircuts to her colleagues when the hair salons and barber shops were closed," Schiff stated.

Also like Hun, the notice of her being honored as a woman of the year went to voicemail.

"I didn't know until a few days later," she said. "I was kind of baffled."

She wasn't certain why she was chosen but after speaking to someone in the Congressman's office she was told many of the honorees of 2021 were frontline workers who made an impact during COVID.

Lee is now seeing COVID

numbers going up – not just at VHH but also throughout the country.

"We [at USC-VHH] had a long break with no COVID cases; we are now getting more and I think [some] of us are [dealing with] PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder)," she said. "It feels like we are thrown into water and are barely staying afloat."

She is seeing an overall increase in the number of patients in the ICU.

"We have a good [number] of patients [in the ICU]," she said. "Not all are [COVID-related] but we do have two or three at any given time."

She feels that of those who are hospitalized the majority is unvaccinated.

"We hear a lot of 'I wish I had gotten the vaccine. I wish I knew it would infect me,'" she said.

She added the Delta variant does not discriminate between those who are healthy and those with pre-existing conditions. She sees vaccinations as the best defense not only against the more contagious Delta variant but also for variants in the future.

"It is not about us," she said adding it should not be an argument of the right not to get vaccinated; it should be what is best for themselves, their families and their community.


"It is about the greater good," she said. "We all have to do our part."


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