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Housing Element Topic of Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

"It's only 450 pages," quipped Glendale councilmember Vrej Agajanian about the proposed housing plan the council reviewed at its Tuesday night meeting. "I was trying to read it but it's too difficult."

City staff wrote, "The Housing Element is one of eight state-mandated elements of the (sic) Glendale's General Plan. The Housing Element identifies the City's housing needs and conditions, and establishes goals, objectives and policies that form the basis of the City's vision and strategy for its housing in the City. The Element it (sic) is updated in eight-year cycles with the current update referred to as Cycle 6."

The proposed plan runs from 2021 through 2029.

Community Development Director Phil Lanzafame explained the process to the council: "The housing element is a policy document where we collect all the goals and programs aimed at housing in one document. It's not fixed but can be amended during the eight-year cycle," he said. "It's also treated as something of a contract — with the community and with the state's department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which coordinates and oversees the housing elements of all of California's municipalities."

Consultant Amanda Tropiano, principal with the De Novo Planning Group, provided the council with a detailed summary of the draft document.

HCD sets regional housing needs' numbers and for six Southern California counties, including Los Angeles, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) functions as a regional intermediary and establishes local targets for 197 jurisdictions, including for the City of Glendale.

The state needs 3.4 million new units; SCAG set the regional housing allocation at 1.3 million. Glendale's share of the housing need is 13,425 units.

Tropiano explained that Glendale "sets the stage" for housing developers to build projects in line with the city's general plan, including its housing element, zoning ordinances and other planning documents. It is the city's job to demonstrate there is enough land zoned for housing to accommodate additional

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No Injuries from Wind Despite Blackouts, Property Damage

By Justin HAGER

Powerful winds ripped throughout the southland, creating havoc for residents and businesses.

Much of the region spent the weekend without power after strong Santa Ana winds downed trees, and power lines, causing blackouts and damage to vehicles and homes. While the Verdugo mountains provided significant protection for much of the Crescenta Cañada Valley, gusts of more than 80 mph were reported in multiple locations around the area, including 90 mph at the Magic Mountain Truck Trail, 83 mph at Henniger Flats near Altadena, and 89 mph at the Mt. Lukens Truck Trail, according to the National Weather Service in Oxnard. The unyielding winds were not unique to Southern California; the San Francisco Bay area experienced gusts of more than 80 mph and the Kirkwood/Sierra Nevada weather station near Lake Tahoe recorded a gust of 141 mph.

Pasadena and Altadena reported some of the first outages as early as 8 p.m. on Fri-



A vehicle in Altadena took extensive damage after a tree fell through the car port where it was parked (background). Photos by Roman INGUANZO

day. At the peak of the blackouts, more than 70,000 people, including several thousand in Pasadena, Altadena, and La Cañada Flintridge, were without power due to more than 100 separate outages, according to Southern California Edison's outage tracker. Power was restored to most of the area around 10 p.m. Satur-

day night, a little more than 24 hours after the blackouts began. But more than 22,000 customers in Los Angeles County were still without power through the entirety of the weekend, including more than 1,000 residents of La Cañada Flintridge, South Pasadena, Claremont, Monrovia, West Covina and San Marino who were

not expected to see power return until at least Wednesday.

For some local residents, getting their power back on was not their only concern. CV Weekly photographer Roman Inguanzo was fortunate that the only damage done to his family home in Altadena was the collapse of a

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Unmasked Man Rails Against Kids Regarding Face Coverings

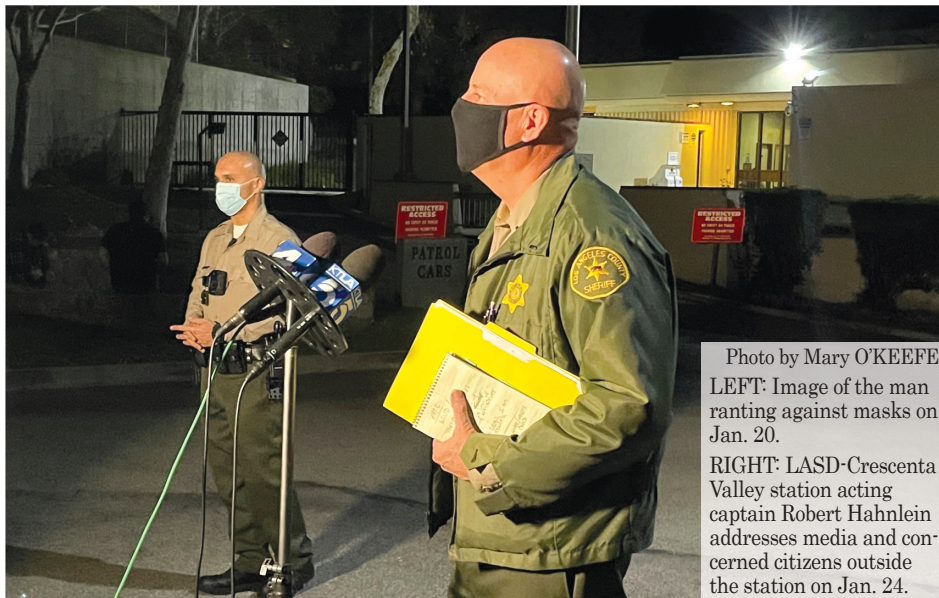


Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 LEFT: Image of the man ranting against masks on Jan. 20.
 RIGHT: LASD-Crescenta Valley station acting captain Robert Hahnlein addresses media and concerned citizens outside the station on Jan. 24.

By Mary O'KEEFE

By now many in the area — if not the country — have heard of the unmasked man who aggressively approached Rosemont Middle School children on Jan. 20 at about 3:30 p.m. at the Marketplace parking lot in the 2600 block of Foothill Boulevard.

Videos of the confrontation were initially shared on social media along with photos of the encounter. The unmasked man was heard yell-

ing at everyone within earshot that masks don't work.

The Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) state that COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets that travel through the air when a person coughs, sneezes, talks, shouts or sings. Droplets can land in the mouths and noses of people nearby or they can breathe in these droplets. Masks are a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from reaching others.

The video that was recently posted on social media was filmed by a concerned parent who had noticed the unmasked man harassing kids about masks.

"I came out of the UPS store and saw him," the parent said. "He was yelling at the kids and no one else was doing anything about it."

So the parent approached the man and, as can be heard on the video, asked him what was going on.

That's when the unmasked angry man became even angrier.

"You are all hypnotized by fear," he yelled.

The parent told the man to just leave the kids alone. He then asked how this issue began. The unmasked man continued to yell about masks, again stating they didn't work, and were part of "this tyranny."

And then he said the masks were "part of child abuse" — as he was yelling vulgarities and harassing the children.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



To Flush or Not to Flush

For my entire life (a good couple of years to be sure) I've heard the warnings not to flush anything down the toilet except toilet paper. I remember back in the '70s (I think it was) when feminine products were touted as being "flushable;" however, it wasn't too long after that advertising campaign that notion was put to rest. Those items were not flushable after all.

So I pretty much took the advice to mean that toilet paper and toilet seat covers were flushable. I mean, think about it: you put that protection onto the toilet before you sit down. Why would you ever want to touch it again?

While doing some research on this story (yes, I actually did look up some information on toilet etiquette) I discovered a few bits of information. First, seat covers are not always necessary. When a commode looks clean and well taken care of, using a paper shield is not necessarily needed. But when it doesn't look clean, grab that seat cover and place it.

Second, if you have any open cuts that would make contact with the seat, use a cover for protection. After all, it may look clean but you don't want to come into contact with any gross bacteria.

Third, I learned that (gasp!) I've been using the seat cover incorrectly these past few decades. You know the paper flap created by the cutout of the seat? Well, I've been placing it so it sits on the back of the toilet seat. My research recommends that it be

placed at the front of the opening rather than (excuse the pun) the rear. However, it did say that placing it backward or forward really doesn't matter as long as the seat is covered.

I came to ponder this entire situation because I made a stop at a ladies room at a local restaurant and on the toilet seat cover dispenser was a sticker that read "Only flush toilet paper please" causing me to give a second thought to the disposability (is that a word? or maybe flushability is a better choice) of paper seat covers.

The only caveat I could find was that if the plumbing system is archaic don't flush anything but toilet paper.

One last thing: in a Time magazine article I read it stated "Research showed that the average cellphone is coated with roughly 10 times more bacteria than the average toilet seat. Keys, shoelaces, purses and many other everyday items also tend to be germ-ridden - at least compared to public toilet seats, most of which are cleaned regularly."

So when looking at possible eww factors, you can ignore the toilet and concentrate on items more commonly found - in fact, you might be holding one right now. Ick.

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Weather in the Foothills

The economy depends about as much on economists as the weather does on weather forecasters.
~ Jean-Paul Kauffmann, French journalist and writer

This past week has been a beautiful one in spite of its ferocious Santa Ana winds ... cool enough so you know it's winter and warm enough so you know you're in Southern California. The landscape of one tiny dot on the world globe tells the tale. Storm clouds were escorted out of town with only the bluest of skies left behind. In contrast trees and hillsides are mostly barren, waiting for the signal to turn green.

Until then, Nature needs to put out a bit more effort and adjust its sprinkler system. We need more rain ... and it's time to get back on track ... either the Pineapple Express or by way of atmospheric river work well.

Now, before we look into the long range forecast, there's no contesting it's been a nice month. We all know more rain and snow is needed to bump up the season totals to normal ... and by the end of the month we should start to move in that direction.

- La Crescenta's 2021-2022 Rain Totals (thus far): 16.99 inches
- Normal/Average Rainfall Total for a Season: 22-24 inches

California really is a magical place where you can go to the beach in January in Northern California and, if the winds are right, it can be an amazing day. I didn't plan it that way but the strong offshore winds on Friday were a problem for many spots but at the end of the road with those dry and warm winds we saw some 60s and low 70s near the beach.

This week is more of the same quiet weather with cold mornings and patchy fog then mild afternoons. This weekend will see more of the same.

Finally, if all goes well, next week the pattern changes. Now we all recognize that dates of the long range forecast can change a lot but very often if there is a big pattern switch it will hold for the most part.

I am seeing the ridge drift away and that storm window open. The only issue is what kind of storms? At this point they don't look that huge but as long as it's open it's possible that something bigger will come. At the moment Folsom Lake is way above normal and Oroville is at 80% ... but Shasta and Trinity are well below normal and need some big storms to get back on track again. We are dependent on all these sources.

So enjoy the week; it's easy to plan and watch for daily updates as this pattern changes when more fine details, like timing and totals, come into a more clear view.

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CVCA Welcomes 2022

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its first meeting of the year tonight, Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. For those who live in Glendale between Lowell and Pennsylvania avenues, the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting from 6:15-7 p.m. just prior to the CVCA meeting. The agenda will include a vote and installation of the CHNA board members and a general update on the association.

Please join the meeting via Zoom. All are welcome. For further information and Zoom link, contact crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com or ask via Facebook.

Field Trip Docent Training

On Saturday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon training will take place for volunteers interested in being a field trip docent to lead field trips at the Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will learn about the native plant and geology curriculum as they tour the Preserve. To participate, register at tinyurl.com/AFCDDocentAPP. Email aprivettmendoza@arroyosfoothills.org with questions or to find out more.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com. Participants should wear sturdy shoes to walk the trails.

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

Rosemont Preserve Open Gate Morning

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Jan. 30. 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. Recent rains will help identify animal tracks.

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. LA County guidelines are being followed requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing when visiting the Preserve.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

CVTC Special Meeting

The Crescenta Valley Town Council is having a public forum and presentation regarding the proposed Eagle Canyon Channel Trail, which includes a multi-use trail beginning at the northeast intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and El Caminito along the flood control channel connecting to Two Strike Park (Phase I).

The in-person meeting includes representatives with LA County Dept. of Parks & Rec and Public Works. The meeting will be held on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Space is limited. All safety protocols will be followed; masks required. Comments and concerns (approval or disapproval of the project) can be sent by Jan. 28 to CV Town Council, P.O. Box 8676, La Crescenta, CA 91224 or sent via email to Kerri@thecvcouncil.com. Senders should include their name and address.

To see a map of the proposed project, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

CRC for Aging Offers Grief and Loss Support Group – 'Beyond Blue'

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Community Resource Center for Aging will be hosting a free six-week grief and loss support group beginning on Friday, Feb. 4. Sessions will be facilitated by Adria E. Navarro, PhD, LCSW and topics will include: moving through grief, coping with feelings, ongoing growth, stress management, relationship changes and the journey forward. Sessions will be held from 10–11:30 a.m. either in-person or via Zoom depending on COVID surge status.

For more information or to register, call Dr. Navarro at (818) 949-4033 or email adria.navarro@med.usc.edu.

Remembering the Holocaust

By Mary O'KEEFE

Thursday was International Holocaust Remembrance Day, designated by the United Nations. On Jan. 27, 1945 the Soviet Armed Forces entered Auschwitz, Birkenau and Monowitz and liberated 7,000 prisoners – most of whom were ill and dying, according to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

"As Soviet forces approached the Auschwitz concentration camp complex, the SS (Schutzstaffel, the black-uniformed political soldiers of the Nazi Party during World War II) began evacuating Auschwitz and its sub-camps. SS units forced nearly 60,000 prisoners to march west from the Auschwitz camp system. Thousands had been killed in the camps in the days before these death marches began. Auschwitz-Birkenau was the killing center at Auschwitz. Almost all of the deportees who arrived at the camps were sent immediately to death in the gas chambers. It is estimated that the SS and police deported at a minimum 1.3 million people to Auschwitz complex between 1940 and 1945. Of these, the camp authorities murdered 1.1 million," according to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

"Over the next 15 to 20 years the last survivors of the Holocaust will pass away along with those first hand accounts," said Jason Moss, executive director, Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.

During this last weekend the Jewish Federation and Moss organized the "Every Person Has a Name" ceremony when the names of those lost in the Holocaust were read over a 25-hour period.

This is the fourth year of the moving and important event. The names read this year were from those murdered at Babi Yar.

In September 1941, SS and German police perpetrated one of the largest massacres of World War II taking place at a ravine called Babyn Yar (Babi Yar).

During a two-day massacre in Kiev, over 33,771 Jews were massacred, Moss said. Participants of "Every Person Has a Name" over the weekend read 10,000 of those names.

"We didn't even read half of the names in a 24-hour period," Moss said.

A report released in October 2021 by the American Jewish Committee found that in the past 12 months one in four American Jews has been the target of anti-Semitism. In addition, there continues to be a growing number of Holocaust deniers who oftentimes are being fueled by social media.

Moss said it is important to continue to remind people of the Holocaust and to pay homage to those who died at the hands of the Nazis.

"We need to remember what happens if hate goes unchecked," Moss said.

This is especially concerning as survivors age and soon will



Photo provided by Rachelle MILLER

ABOVE: Rachelle Miller, at Pasadena City Hall with another reader, read the names of those murdered at Babi Yar during the annual "Every Person Has a Name."



no longer be able to share their stories in person.

There are several museums like the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the USC Shoah Foundation that have collected videos and voice recordings as well as photos of survivors but Moss said it is not the same as meeting someone and hearing

their story face-to-face.

In the fall of 2020 information from a nationwide survey on the Holocaust was released. It found that among adults under 40, one in 10 respondents did not recall ever hearing the word "Holocaust" before. Many did not know the basic facts of what

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C-TEEN Kickoff

Jewish teens from across the greater Crescenta Valley area are invited to take part in a fun-filled night of old-school bowling while enjoying cheese pizza, ice cream floats and snacks. The evening includes a joyous and melodious Havdalah service.

All of this takes place on Saturday night, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m. at Montrose Bowl, 2334 Honolulu Ave.

The event is for high school teens (grades nine-12) and free to attend.

This Week at LCIF

Despite new challenges from the omicron variant, Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues its ministry, including its annual congregational meeting this Sunday, Jan. 30, via Zoom. Meeting details can be found on the church's website. The meeting will follow worship services conducted by Pastor Chuck Bunnell.

A clothing drive is also underway. Gently used clothing can be dropped off at the church and will be donated to people in need.

All in-person activities at Lutheran Church in the Foothills are temporarily paused to keep everyone safe; however, the 10 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel. Services are also posted to LCIF's website where they can be viewed anytime. Church groups – including Bible study, knitting and quilting –

are back to meeting remotely via Zoom, as was done earlier in the pandemic. The church welcomes anyone in the community to join these groups. Learn about the Bible or learn a new hobby!

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org, or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

COVID Testing Available

In response to the widespread omicron strain of COVID-19, La Cañada Presbyterian Church has arranged with Breakthrough Genomics test lab to collect samples and perform confidential COVID-19 PCR saliva direct tests.

Lab personnel will be present outside of the LCPC Fellowship Hall every Friday in January from 9 a.m. to noon to collect saliva samples. The sample collection is non-invasive; all that is required is for participants to spit/dribble into a test tube, which is then sealed, labeled and bagged. Lab personnel will courier the samples to the lab. Results will be provided directly and confidentially to each person late Friday or early Saturday morning.

There are no out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing at a testing site. An insured

person can get a COVID-19 test when needed by any provider, in or out of their health plan network, at no cost. For those who are uninsured, the government will pay for the test.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ud7wc> to pre-register.

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

Walk and Word

In January, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Jan. 30. They will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jlavieri@earthlink.net.

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.



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Holocaust Survivors Share Their Stories with GUSD Students



By Bethany BROWN

Glendale Unified School District teachers and students had the opportunity to hear via Zoom sessions from survivors of the holocaust on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 26. All 10th grade world history classes were required to participate each period and participation by other classes at the middle and elementary schools was strongly encouraged.

Presentations were held to coincide with the International

Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27. The United Nations General Assembly designated Jan. 27 – the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp – as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this day in 1945, Soviet soldiers liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland, which was the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp. More than 7,000 prisoners were saved, though most were severely ill. It is estimated that, at

minimum, 1.3 million people were deported by Nazis to the Auschwitz complex between 1940 and 1945. Of these, at least 1.1 million people were murdered.

On this annual day of commemoration, the UN urges every member state to honor the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism and to develop educational programs to help prevent future genocides.

Many survivors spoke during see HOLOCAUST on page 19

File photo LEFT: At a previous year's in-person event, survivor Joseph Alexander shakes the hand of a student who attended his presentation.

Image captured by Bethany BROWN RIGHT: Holocaust survivor Dana Schwartz shared with students via Zoom her experiences in Nazi occupied Germany.

CVTC Swears in New Councilmembers, Elects Officers, Hears Revised Street Improvement Plan from DPW

By Justin HAGER

The non-profit Crescenta Valley Town Council rang in the new year on Thursday with a swearing-in ceremony for its new councilmembers and held elections for new officers. New councilmembers included Elizabeth Ahlers, Dede Mueller, Frida Baghdassarian, Teri Madsen and Paul Barnes. Ahlers, Mueller and Baghdassarian will serve as regular three-year members of the council while Madsen and Barnes will join Ted Yu as alternates who serve one-year terms and only vote when a regular member cannot be present or is recused due to a conflict of interest.

Harry Leon will continue to serve as president of the Council, a position he has held since 2017. Chris Kilpatrick was elected vice president, Donna Libra treasurer, Jeffrey Rodriguez recording secretary, and Kerri Lewin corresponding secretary. Leon, Kilpatrick, Libra and Rodriguez ran unopposed for their officer positions as Lewin defeated newly elected councilmember Elizabeth Ahlers for the corresponding secretary position.

Other information presented at the meeting included an update from GUSD informing the public that, until COVID numbers decline, athletic events will be closed to parents and spectators.

The Crescenta Valley Community Association invited the public to attend two meetings

on Thursday, Jan. 27. The first is the annual meeting for Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association from 6:15-7 p.m.; the second is the monthly meeting of the CVCA at 7 p.m. Both meetings can be accessed via Zoom (meeting ID: 916 4489 5134/password: 826439). Both meetings will include discussions of the OurNeighborhoodVoices petition to limit development of multi-story, multi-unit buildings next door to single-family homes and return local community

control. The primary agenda item at the Council meeting was a presentation by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works (DPW) on the proposed La Crescenta-Montrose Transportation Improvements. With construction slated to begin in March 2025, the county presented information on proposed resurfacing of roadways, reconstructing curb ramps, constructing drywells

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CRIME BLOTTER

Jan. 24

3000 block of Henrietta Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident hired a handyman service to put up drywall in his studio. The agency sent a man over who did the work and when he was gone the resident noticed several items were missing. The resident contacted the agency, which stated they would investigate but had heard nothing from them.

The incident occurred between 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Jan. 23

4700 block of Indianola Way in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear passenger side window was shattered and several items were stolen including golf clubs from the vehicle overnight.

Jan. 21

3000 block of Fairesta Street in La Crescenta, the rear window was shattered and a package containing an aluminum wheelchair ramp was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, two females entered a store, one suspect did not have anything in her hands; the other had a pink bag. They left the store a few minutes later with three bags full of items; they did not stop at the cashier to pay for the items. The thefts occurred at 9:50 p.m.

Jan. 20

3000 block of Brookhill Street in La Crescenta, a chain securing the bed of a truck was broken and several items were stolen between 2:30 p.m. and 2:35 p.m.

Jan. 18

2400 block of Rockdell Street in La Crescenta a resident noticed that over the last two months a few of her personal items were missing. She suspects a tenant has access to her home.

She reported the incident at 10:15 p.m.

2700 block of Fairmont Avenue in La Crescenta, a purse was stolen from a locked vehicle overnight.

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GPD REPORTS

Male with Prior Felony Conviction Found in Possession of Loaded Handgun - Arrested

On Jan. 15 just before 9 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau consensually contacted a male on the 3500 block of Verdugo Road who was putting gas into his vehicle with a gas can, and asked if he needed a tow truck. During the contact, officers learned that the male, identified as 31-year-old Raffi Oganessian of Glendale, was on active probation with search and seizure conditions. A subsequent vehicle search revealed a loaded handgun with an extended magazine, ammunition, heroin and other narcotics related paraphernalia. Oganessian was subsequently arrested and booked for being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm, owning ammunition when prohibited, having a large capacity magazine, and possessing narcotics and unlawful paraphernalia.

Two Arrested for Possession of Illegal Drugs for Sale and Fraud

On Jan. 18 at approximately 3:32 a.m., a Glendale PD officer conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Los Feliz Road and Gardena Avenue for a vehicle code violation. A records check of the driver, identified as 47-year-old Michael Thacker of Artesia, revealed he had prior arrests for narcotics and possession of a firearm. Assisting units arrived on scene and during a search of the vehicle officers located a wallet containing multiple access cards belonging to other people, over \$3,500 in cash, fentanyl and a cellphone containing numerous text messages indicative of illegal drug sales. Officers also contacted the female passenger, identified as 28-year-old Hannah Hobbs of Artesia, and further investigation revealed an additional large baggy of fentanyl on her person. Both subjects were arrested and booked for possession of illegal drugs for sale and fraud.

Male Arrested After Stealing Victim's Purse and Leading Officers in a Pursuit

On Jan. 15 at approximately 10:45 a.m., officers assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau were dispatched to the intersection of Colorado Street and Glendale Avenue regarding a robbery that had just occurred.

Upon arrival, officers learned that the victim was on a bus stop bench when the suspect walked by, snatched her purse and ran off. The victim attempted to recover her purse from the suspect and was injured in the process. The suspect entered his vehicle that was parked nearby and fled the scene.

Officers were given a description of the suspect and suspect's vehicle, and assisting officers quickly located an individual and vehicle nearby on Kenwood Avenue matching the descriptions given.

As assisting officers approached the vehicle, the suspect, later identified as 20-year-old Marcell London of Los Angeles, fled in the vehicle, initiating a pursuit. During the pursuit, London accelerated in excess of 50 miles per hour (mph) in 35 mph zones, ran red lights and drove against traffic. The vehicle pursuit turned into a foot pursuit when London fled from his vehicle (which was smoking from the front end) into a yard on the 600 block of West Lexington Boulevard.

Officers set up a containment and London was ultimately apprehended, arrested and booked for robbery, elder abuse, felony evading and for violating the terms of his probation.

Traffic Stop Leads to Two Arrested with Narcotics for Sale and Three Firearms

On Jan. 15 just before 2 a.m., a GPD officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop on the 5800 block of San Fernando Road for two vehicle code violations. The officer contacted the driver, 24-year-old Edwin Babakhanyan, and passenger, 26-year-old Arteen Davoodian, both of Glendale, and observed two methamphetamine pipes with residue in them in plain sight inside of

the vehicle. Assisting officers arrived and a vehicle search produced three semi-automatic ghost guns, cocaine, methamphetamine, over 20 various narcotics, and approximately 30 small plastic bags. Ultimately, Babakhanyan (who has three prior arrests in Glendale for drug sales) and Davoodian were arrested and booked for several charges including carrying a loaded firearm in public, possessing narcotics/controlled substances for sale and possessing controlled substances while armed.

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Obituary
Derek K. Chew



June 2, 1952 – Jan. 14, 2022

Derek K. Chew, age 70, passed away on Jan. 14. With a love for his family and a passion for motorcycles, classic cars, the fire department and delicious food,

Derek lived a vibrant and adventurous life.

Derek, affectionately known as "Rick" or "Ricky," was born on June 2, 1951 in Los Angeles to Chuck and Betty Chew. As the youngest of four siblings, Rick spent his childhood in Chinatown where he attended Castelar Elementary School. Growing up, he enjoyed playing with his siblings and cousins, riding dirt bikes around Elephant Hill, and working at K.G. Louie – his family's store. K.G. Louie was opened in 1938 by his grandfather as one of the original businesses of New Chinatown and is still family owned and operated today. Rick later attended Franklin High School and East Los Angeles Junior College, where he obtained his AA degree in liberal arts.

In 1971, he was hired onto the Southern Pacific Railroad and was subsequently promoted to the role of locomotive engineer. He was the first Chinese American engineer on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

In 1976, he graduated from the fire department training academy and was sworn in as a firefighter, becoming the first Chinese American fireman on the Los Angeles City Fire Dept. He was later recognized as a Chinese American pioneer by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

In 1978, he transferred to Fire Station 90 where he became helitack qualified enabling him to assist rescue operations via a helicopter. In 1985, he became a member of the arson section of the fire department as a full time arson

investigator. Throughout the 35 years of his LAFD career he fought countless fires and conducted thousands of fire scene investigations by determining the origin and cause of fires and testifying as an expert in court. He retired in January 2011.

In 1980, he married the love of his life, Linda. For over 40 years, they built a wonderful family with three children. He was particularly elated to welcome into the world his first grandchild this past summer.

Rick is survived by his wife Linda; children Wesley, David and Kathryn; sister Nancy; daughter-in-law Nicole; son-in-law Jacob; and his granddaughter Naomi.

Aside from spending time with loved ones, Rick had a lifelong passion for

motorcycles and classic cars. In 2001, Rick started Early Rodders, a weekly gathering of car enthusiasts. Just last year, Early Rodders celebrated its 20th anniversary and was recognized as the 2021 Organization of the Year by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce for its dedicated service to the community. This service was exemplified by the Early Rodders annual 9/11 Remembrance Motorcade, assistance with the LA County Fire Dept.'s Spark of Love toy drive, and participation in countless other community events.

Rick inspired many people with his relentless generosity, avid sense of adventure and true joy of life. He will be missed by many.

Celebration of life to be announced.

» PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Early Rodders Forever

By Dwight SITYAR

Beginning in the summer of 2001, Rick Chew, Don Tubbs, Bob Vacca, Tom Stires, Brent Unger, Gail Frey, Ron Lee and Gary Evans met every Saturday morning at the parking lot between the UA Theaters and the Starbucks in La Cañada. Each one drove their hot rods. Rick Chew suggested, "We should give ourselves a name."

The common thread was that they all met early Saturday mornings and all of them drove hot rods. Everyone came up with different names but in September 2001 they unanimously agreed to name themselves "Early Rodders."

Rick was the light and guiding force of the group, recalled Bob Vacca.

Rick's dream was to have a place where car enthusiasts, whether young or old, could go. Anyone who had a hot rod, classic car, new car, old car, truck or motorcycle and wanted to be an Early Rodder could do so – without any

membership, bylaws, meetings or restrictions. Rick contacted the UA Theaters management and got their permission to use their parking lot to meet. This is where the Early Rodders has continued to meet and, over the years, has grown from a handful of guys and their cars to more than 250 cars on any given Saturday.

There are now the regulars who always show up, like Mark Davis who started coming with a Jaguar and now brings his Trans Am; Vic Luchessi drives a 1955 Chevy and sells Early Rodders hats and shirts; Dave Dunkel brings his

"woody bus;" Dave Maher drives his flashy yellow 1941 Willys complete with flames painted on the side; and Armand Mailan, together with his son Derick, brings his classic Cadillac. Derick started going owith his father to the Early Rodders when he was 9 years old. Now a teenager, he is probably one of the most knowledgeable people regarding cars ... and is a very classy dresser – a true Early Rodder.

The Early Rodders has become a solid

presence in the community due to their voluntary work: the car meets held every Saturday, car shows for local convalescent homes, participating in the Crescenta Valley Hometown Country Fair, holding Thursday car meets at different businesses, taking part in National Night Out for law enforcement, Montrose Movie Night, Montrose Christmas Parade, Sparks of Life Christmas drive and partnering with the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce for the 9-11 Memorial Motorcade.

The Early Rodders celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2021 by being a major sponsor in the Crescenta Valley Hometown Country Fair. Rick Chew said, "We have been around for 20 years and I hope we can all make it to celebrate 30 years."

Unfortunately Rick passed away on Jan. 14, 2022. Like many other Early Rodders

that have gone before, we all cherish their lives and memories. For the rest of us, we will always have Saturday morning car meets and continue on with Rick's dream, "Early Rodders Forever."



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The parent continued to clarify he did not want to talk to him about the mask; he just wanted him to leave the kids alone.

"I understand his right not to want to wear a mask or to [share his opinion] but the kids have rights, too," the parent said.

The unmasked man continued to walk toward his vehicle, then come back and yell again about masking.

"At one point he got into his car and then got out; the car was not in park and began to roll," the parent said. "The guy [then] got into his car and drove off."

That was another worry, that the unmasked man was so upset that he was not paying attention to the safety of others, the parent added.

Once the incident was posted on social media, other people began to share stories of this same man and his rants directed at kids and adults that apparently have been going on for months. Some parents shared they had seen him in Montrose and

many shared they encountered him at Fremont Elementary School.

Glendale Unified School District confirmed they have been dealing with this individual on several occasions and on Jan. 11 GUSD issued a civility letter to the man. This letter allowed school administrators to notify the person in question that permission to be on school/district property has been withdrawn.

Local resident Emily Lanigan was not at the Marketplace parking lot on Jan. 20 but she began getting phone calls from parents and community members about the incident. After seeing the video, she was worried about the kids because the man appeared to be getting more agitated and she knew from talking to other that he had behaved in this manner in the past; however, her main concern was the response by law enforcement.

"[Deputies responded] but didn't take a report," Lanigan said.

She questioned why the responding deputy didn't take a report from the students or adults who witnessed the incident.

"This man appears to be a predator and yet there's no incident report with Glendale police or sheriffs," Lanigan said.

Fremont Elementary is under the jurisdiction of the Glendale Police Dept.; Rosemont Middle School and the Marketplace parking lot is under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.—Crescenta Valley Station.

Several parents on social media mentioned the man had harassed their children; when they asked him to stay away he continued his rant over masks. Other photos and videos show he came very close to the students while he was yelling his opinion.

In addition, according to parents and Lanigan, when the deputy responded to the Marketplace parking lot he spoke to the students

about freedom of speech but never took a report from the students regarding the harassment.

Although sources have confirmed school administrators had contacted the GPD about the individual, according to GPD they have only one report concerning Fremont Elementary.

"Our department and our SRO [school resource officer] are aware of this male's past behavior that occurred outside our jurisdiction and are in communication with GUSD to ensure the safety of all GUSD students, parents of students and personnel," said Sgt. Christian Hauptmann, GPD spokesman.

LASD at Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station Lt. Ryan Vienna is now in charge of the investigation.

"We are conducting a review of the Jan. 20 incident," Vienna said.

In addition to the call for service on Jan. 20 a complaint was filed on Saturday concerning this incident.

Vienna is reviewing the videos and

contacting GUSD.

LASD-CV Station and GPD are asking anyone who witnessed any incident concerning this man to contact the agency that handles their area: CV Station (818) 248-3464 and Glendale Police Dept. (818) 548-4911.

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Keeping Your Health in the 'Comfort Zone' This Year

By Bethany BROWN

Foothills' resident Stu Meyer opened his Montrose business – CBD Comfort Zone – in August 2019 not expecting the year that followed. As the COVID-19 pandemic overwhelmed the world in early 2020, Los Angeles was hit especially hard with hospitals at maximum capacity, a booming death rate and many businesses being forced to permanently shut their doors.

Meyer, however, observed an increased demand to keep his store's doors open as many people in the community expressed curiosity surrounding the use of CBD products and the health benefits they provide especially during a time of such dire uncertainty.

CBD, or cannabidiol, is one of the primary compounds found in the cannabis plant. While it is an essential component of medical marijuana, it comes directly from the hemp plant, a cousin of marijuana, by extraction. CBD is the second-most abundant cannabinoid in the plant, after the intoxicating compound tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) but, unlike THC, CBD is non-intoxicating – meaning it won't make users feel "high."

"I really just want to remove this 'devil's lettuce' stigma surrounding cannabis," Meyer said. "My goal is to educate the community on the many health benefits CBD has and continue to help normalize it through honest conversation."

Meyer, a longtime cannabis user and industry advocate, initially found his passion for CBD after he survived brain cancer in 2015. While he recognized how incredibly lucky he was to have caught the cancerous tumor early on and survive it when many others do not, he recalled falling into a "nearly worse problem" during his recovery.

"Doctors were giving me things for pain, for sleep, for staying awake," Meyer recalled. "I was like a pin cushion – it was miserable, and I became dependent on opioids to get through each day."

He said he decided to visit an addiction specialist who provided him with a strategy to slowly get off the prescription medications he had been taking.

"Being an avid cannabis user, I tried just smoking [marijuana] to see if that would help, but that THC get-high version was doing absolutely nothing for my pain, anxiety, sleep, depression and side effects from weaning off the prescription drugs," Meyer said.

It was at this time Meyer began experimenting with CBD, both topically and internally, to help with his chronic pain and declining mental health surrounding the trauma he had undergone. After he realized CBD was helping him in ways – and to an extent – the myriad of pharmaceuticals never did, Meyer felt compelled to learn as much as he could of the health benefits CBD provides to better understand why this

was the case. He toured the country and visited many farms and extraction facilities that ultimately encouraged him to open his own business and make CBD readily available to the residents of the Crescenta Valley.

"I became an expert," Meyer said. "You know, opioids don't do anything but manipulate your brain waves and that's why people get so addicted to them. CBD isn't like that; it's a holistic approach and an organic plant that comes directly from the Earth. All our medicine used to come from plants and there was good reason for that ... it doesn't just fill you with chemicals; it really works within the body in a natural way."

Studies conducted by Forbes Health show CBD can help offset anxiety and depression, treat opioid addiction, reduce PTSD symptoms, ease diabetic complications, protect against neurological disease, treat sleeplessness and gastrointestinal issues, inhibit arthritis symptoms, relieve unmanageable pain and, in some instances, even be used to treat epileptic seizures (as approved by the FDA in 2018).

Meyer said since the pandemic began, he has mostly seen a vast increase in people searching for natural products to combat heightened anxiety and or depression. CBD oils, commonly referred to as tinctures, are the product Meyer said have become the "most popular" at the store. The tinctures are extremely

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concentrated and can enter the bloodstream at a quicker pace than other products leading to the user feeling relief faster.

"This is the most cost-effective, rapidly-acting and purest way to take CBD, so we're seeing a lot of people choose this route when they come in," he said.

CBD attaches itself indirectly to the cannabinoid receptors in human bodies upon consumption. These receptors are known for regulating a wide variety of behaviors including appetite, pain, mood and even memory. When applied topically, it also works to activate the body's endocannabinoid system through the high concentration of cannabinoid receptors in the skin itself that resulting in alleviation of pain and inflammation.

Additional CBD products the

store offers include muscle cream, lotion, lip balm, bath bombs, infused tea and sparkling water, capsules, gummies, flower (to smoke) and pet treats, among others.

CBD Comfort Zone is located at 2490 Honolulu Ave. near Trader Joe's.

Meyer remains hopeful that people will utilize CBD products as the ongoing pandemic continues to cause worry and stress and delays in accessing traditional medical care/treatment on a global scale. He intends on continuing to use his voice to advocate for holistic medicine and hopes the community will be encouraged to visit the store and learn more, with each conversation working in the direction of removing the taboo around cannabis.

Public Hearing Scheduled for Grayson Repowering Project

The City of Glendale (City), in its role as Lead Agency, has completed a 2022 Final Environmental Impact Report (2022 FEIR) for the Grayson Repowering Project described below. City Council will consider certification of the 2022 FEIR during a public hearing on Feb. 8, 2022.

Notice Of Public Hearing: City Council will consider certification

of the 2022 FEIR during a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2022. To help slow the transmission of COVID-19, and protect the health and safety of the community, City Council, as well as Board & Commission meetings, will continue to be closed to the public for in-person attendance. The public is encouraged to watch and participate from the safety of their

homes to practice social distancing. Meetings are broadcast live on Glendale TV, viewable on Spectrum Cable, channel 6, and AT&T U-verse, channel 99. Meetings are also streamed live in high definition (HD) on the city's webpage, glendaleca.gov/live, on YouTube, com/myglendale and on Apple TV, Roku, and Amazon Fire devices using a free app called Screenweave

and choosing "Glendale TV" from the menu. For public comments and questions during the meeting, call (818) 937-8100. Public comments on a specific agenda item will be taken when the agenda item is discussed.

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Community Development's website at <http://graysonrepowering.com> and at the Glendale Central Library located at 222 E. Harvard St., Glendale. Copies of the 2022 FEIR will also be available for public review at the Community Development Department of the City of Glendale, 633 East

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housing planned at each income level. The City of Glendale does not build housing; the private market builds housing.

“Why don’t we have more affordable housing?” said Mayor Paula Devine adding she is asked this “all the time. The answer is money.”

Ultimately, the council delayed action on this until next week, in part to give staff a chance to review recent questions and comments submitted by housing advocate Mike Van Gorder.

The draft plan is available to

preview at <https://tinyurl.com/bdnu85n>.

Earlier in the meeting, the council voted to accept \$2.2 million from Metro and from a federal congestion management and air quality “call for projects” grant to purchase five battery-electric buses for Glendale’s local Beeline bus line.

“As gas prices are expected to near \$6 a gallon in the near future, what better way to help build our future transit system? Kudos to Metro for this,” said Councilmember Ara Najarian.

Councilmember Dan Brotman proposed that the council adopt a symbolic resolution in support of “reproductive freedom and a commitment to access to safe, high-quality sexual reproductive healthcare including abortion.” Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian seconded the motion and Mayor Devine asked the city attorney if it would be legal. It would be, city attorney Mike Garcia responded. The matter will come back to the council for discussion once the resolution is drafted.

Councilmember Brotman also sought clarification of the responsibility of the city’s new franchised trash haulers to pick up bulky and abandoned items. According to Public Works Director Yazdan Emrani, “Haulers are responsible for picking up all abandoned items in the public right of way” and encouraged residents to report these items via the city’s My Glendale app: <https://glendaleca.citysourced.com/>.

Emrani distinguished bulky items from abandoned items, noting that the new franchise agreements provide multifamily buildings with free bulky item pickups four times per year, coordinated by building managers. This was a compromise to keep costs down as the new franchising scheme is rolled out, replacing the unlimited bulky item pickups previously provided by city crews. The new haulers have a roving truck operating weekdays in each region, Emrani added.

At its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8, the council is expected to review the final environmental impact report (EIR) regarding the proposed repowering of the Grayson plant. The final draft EIR can be reviewed at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2016121048/6>. As the city describes, “The City of Glendale, Dept. of Water and Power (City) is proposing to repower the Grayson Power Plant. A majority of the equipment and facilities at the Grayson Power

Plant were completed between 1941 and 1977, and are proposed to be replaced with more reliable, efficient, flexible and cleaner units. The City is proposing to replace the existing generation equipment and related facilities with the exception of Unit 9 (a simple cycle peaking plant built in 2003), by installing a combination of new combined cycle and simple cycle gas turbine generation units. The generating capacity would increase from 238 megawatts (MW) to 260 MW (an increase of 22 MW) to meet a regulatory requirement for reliability.”

GUSD Term Limits Proposal Approved by Board of Education

The Glendale Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved a term limits proposal.

Board President Shant Sahakian first proposed term limits for elected school board members in May 2018. Over the course of several meetings, he advocated for term limits and argued that it would be a good governance practice that expands and diversifies the voices that impact public education in the community.

Based on the proposal, board members elected in the future can serve a maximum of three, four-year terms for a total of 12 years of service on the GUSD Board of Education.

The proposal was unanimously approved at the January 2022 board meeting.

“I am grateful to my colleagues for supporting the term limits proposal with a unanimous decision,” stated Sahakian. “Term limits are an essential reform that will help provide a better governance system

to future generations of students in the Glendale Unified School District.”

The school district will place the measure on the June 2022 election ballot for approval by voters.

While term limit measures are prospective and not retroactive, Sahakian has stated he is committed to counting his first term towards his own three-term maximum limit should he be re-elected to serve in the future.

Man Arrested for DUI

On Jan. 23 at about 9 a.m. Glendale police officers responded to the 2000 block of Verdugo Boulevard in Montrose concerning a male who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol inside a U-Haul van. When

officers arrived they located the man and the van. Officers discovered the 27-year-old man from La Crescenta had a suspended driver’s license. A search of the vehicle produced methamphetamine and narcotics-

related paraphernalia. The man was arrested for DUI, possessing controlled substances and narcotics and for driving with a suspended license.

CVTC and County DPW to Host Eagle Canyon Project Presentation

By Justin HAGER

The LA County Dept. of Parks and Recreation will present on the proposed Eagle Canyon Channel Trail on Monday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. The proposed project includes a multi-use trail following the flood control channel and connecting Two Strike Park to the northeast intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and El Caminito. The meeting was prompted after numerous comments and conversations at the Crescenta Valley Town Council led the Council to request additional information from the Dept. of Public Works and a presentation and public comment opportunity with the Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The meeting is being held in-person and on Zoom.

The idea of a trail along the Eagle Canyon Channel has been floated for years but has never seen any real investment of time, energy or money from LA County. However, recent movement on the project by county officials present the Crescenta Valley community on both sides of the issue with the first realistic possibility that the project could move forward and become a reality. For proponents of the project, the meeting represents the first step towards realizing a safer, more walkable interconnected network of trails and paths. But for the families living in the approximately 25 homes whose yards abut the proposed trail the project will further reduce the visible green space and create significant privacy concerns.

The meeting takes place next Monday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Stakeholders may attend in person or online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2832564275?pwd=TmUwVDZuZzdGMHJjZURoVVRlQ0lMZz09#success> (www.zoom.us / meeting ID: 283 256 4275 / password: 626159). In-person seating is limited.

County officials have requested questions be submitted in advance so that they can prepare a presentation that covers the information most pertinent to the community. To reserve an in-person seat or submit a question, email kerri@thecvcouncil.com. Comments will be allowed as time permits.

WINDS from Cover

fence. A neighbor less than one block away awoke Saturday morning to find a large tree resting on the roof their home, shattering roofing tiles and destroying their carport, with a branch making a new home in the roof of their sedan. Another home in the neighborhood fared even worse after a large tree sliced a cavernous hole into their top floor.

Further east on the 210 Freeway in Claremont, the damage was even more severe. Dozens of homes and vehicles were damaged as countless trees toppled. Among the victims of the wind was a coastal oak at Memorial Park that is used to host the city’s annual veterans day commemoration; one of the last remaining eucalyptus trees that

was part of a group of eucalyptus trees planted on College Street by city founder Frank P. Brackett in 1898; and almost every large tree in Jaeger Park.

Despite the property damage, no injuries had been reported to the LA County Sheriff’s Dept. in the CV Weekly readership area as a result of the wind as of press time.

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The District will be hosting a Virtual Community Meeting on the evening of Thursday January 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm. This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the upcoming pipeline project on the 2800-3100 block of Los Olivos Ln., with staff members and the contractor. Residents are invited to join us for discussion. Please visit our website for a zoom link, under Events.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Controversial Camellias of Descanso Gardens

A few years ago, I wrote about the beautiful story of how Descanso Gardens acquired its world-famous camellia collection. The flowers came to the gardens when it was the estate of Manchester Boddy, a self-made millionaire with a soft spot for horticulture and Japanese culture. The popular legend I wrote about is that in 1942 when two local Japanese American owned nurseries were being liquidated prior to their owners being shipped off to internment camps Boddy stepped in and bought their stocks of hundreds of thousands of camellias at a fair market price. The legend states that Boddy could have bought the plants for pennies on the dollar but instead, because of his respect for the Japanese American growers, he paid whatever they asked. Boddy was cast as a hero, and that story was touted in displays by today's Descanso Gardens.

But recently that story has been cast into doubt. In 2020, Wendy

Cheng, associate professor of American studies at Claremont's Scripps College, published a scholarly paper that told a different story. The paper, titled "Landscapes of beauty and plunder: Japanese American flower growers and an elite public garden in Los Angeles," asserts that Boddy did not pay a fair price and took advantage of the Japanese American nurserymen's situation.

Professor Cheng states about Boddy: "He was a man of his time and he was genuinely a friend to the Japanese American community, as many people have said; however, he was also a businessman and what he paid the families was still a fraction of the value they would have gotten if they had not been forced to sell due to internment."

Professor Cheng also asserts in the abstract of her paper: "In this article, I examine Boddy's transactions as an instance of racial plunder: a morally and affectively inflected act of theft structured by

racism." Wow, harsh!

Descanso Gardens has reacted to Professor Cheng's research by removing references to "the legend" of generosity. They have changed the narrative about Boddy to say that the nurserymen "sold their camellia plants ... to Boddy before being sent to detention camps. These people's terrible loss, reflecting years of labor, was Rancho del Descanso's immediate gain." The story is no longer that Boddy generously paid a fair market value.

But is that really the case? At least one person disputes Professor Cheng's assertion that the camellia collection is "racial plunder." Tom Gilfoy, a former Descanso Gardens trustee, wrote in a letter defending Boddy's purchase that it was indeed a fair price.

"Boddy bought 300,000 camellias for \$50,000, or just under 17 cents per plant. That doesn't sound like very much, but there's no evidence to suggest that's an unfair price. The only other relevant sale

reported in the research was a sale of a dozen camellias for \$3, or 25 cents each. That sale makes the 17 cents per camellia Mr. Boddy paid seem, if anything, overly generous because Boddy purchased 300,000, not a dozen. Cheng completely ignores the effect quantity has on her fair price."

Gilfoy writes: "According to Cheng's research it was the nursery owner who set the price for the sale. It was not based on some kind of a low-ball offer by Boddy. Cheng's article quotes Howard Asper, who was with Mr. Boddy when the deal was made, as follows: 'Mr. Boddy asked the price for the lot and immediately decided to buy. Without any bargaining or hesitation, he wrote a check for the entire amount asked.'"

He concludes: "I'm not saying that from the standpoint of the overall picture the interned Japanese American nurserymen were treated fairly ... But Mr. Boddy had no obligation, moral or otherwise, to

sit down with the nurserymen and try to calculate what their nursery stock would have been worth if Pearl Harbor hadn't been bombed. He paid what was asked by the nurserymen when others would not do so and, in my opinion, that price was fair in the context of the market as it then existed."

Based on what Tom Gilfoy has written, it sounds to me like Descanso Gardens was too quick to discard the legend of the generosity of Manchester Boddy.



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » ADAM SCHIFF

One Year After Jan. 6, Democracy is Still On the Line

One year ago this month, on Jan. 6, 2021, I was on the House floor preparing to play a small but important role in what, until that day, had always been a hallmark of American democracy: the peaceful transfer of power. I was one of four House members that Speaker Nancy Pelosi had asked to manage the opposition to efforts to decertify the results of the 2020 presidential election. I had six arguments and six rebuttals to make on the challenges to the electors from six different states, and that was my focus.

So in that moment, I really wasn't paying attention to what was happening outside the building, to the growing mass of rioters and their efforts to break into the United States Capitol. It was not until our leadership was removed from the chamber, and Capitol police announced we needed to take out our gas masks and prepare to get down on the ground that I understood the full extent of the danger we were in.

When the order came to evacuate, I stayed behind for awhile to allow others to leave first. But as members and their staff filed out ahead, one of my Republican colleagues had a dark warning: "You can't let them see you."

"I know these people, I can talk to these people ... you're in a whole different category," another said.

For just a moment, I was touched by what seemed to be genuine concern for my safety. But very quickly, my reaction turned to anger. Because if the Republican Party hadn't spent the preceding two months dangerously stoking the Big Lie about our election, none of us would have to have been concerned about violence – let alone being in the grip of a violent insurrection.

Thanks to the courage of law enforcement officers, we returned to the chamber that night to finish our work and certify the results. And so our democracy moved forward – weakened, yes, defiled even, by the shameful actions of the insurrectionists

and their cohorts in the GOP congressional ranks ... but not lost.

I prayed that this solemn anniversary would be a reawakening of our devotion to our democracy, that it would serve as the most potent reminder that the freedoms we enjoy are not an inevitable birthright bequeathed by our Founders, but a treasure to be jealously guarded and defended by each new generation. And that includes the greatest treasure of all: the right to vote.

Yet today, one party soldiers on with its coordinated, insidious attack on access to the ballot box. Using the Big Lie, Republican-led states have spent the past year ushering in a new generation of voter suppression laws designed to make it harder for people – particularly people of color and other marginalized communities – to vote.

And while Democrats in the House have continued to act – most recently by passing the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act – last week we were let down when 52 senators prioritized the archaic filibuster rule over our democracy.

It was a disheartening blow. But we cannot lose our resolve to protect America's democracy. We must keep the pressure on the senate and the President to act. Local and state officials must answer the call and step up where the senate has failed. And the American people must rise up, too, in a groundswell of engagement too massive to suppress.

History will remember which side we were on. It will remember fondly those who recognized this moment of profound peril and rose to meet it. And it will remember those who failed to do so, who will see their legacies forever marred by their inaction.

As Americans, we have a very proud legacy to cherish; it's time we remembered that. It's time we defended our democracy, like our lives, our liberties and our very happiness depended upon it. Because they do.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

No Walk-Ins Required at Blood Drive



The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station participated in the annual Battle of the Badges blood drive on Jan. 19. Benefitting the American Red Cross, the event was better than ever.

"All the [appointment] slots were filled before the day of the event,"

said Dep. Mariann Martin of the CV Sheriff's Station, who added that she is "passionate" about the blood drive.

"I needed two transfusions when I had my daughter," she shared, "so, yes, I'm pretty passionate about the blood drive."

She added that she wasn't overly

surprised by how positive the response was to the blood drive.

"We're pretty good about filling the spots," she said, saying that it didn't matter to her what agency "won" the Battle of the Badges.

"It's always a win when people come out to the donate blood," she said.

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TOP: Eddie Lopez of American Red Cross Local Operations will have signed in close to 30 blood donors on Wednesday, Jan. 19 as part of the Battle of the Badges competition between the LASD and the LAcoFD at the LASD-Crescenta Valley Station. The blood mobile visits the station twice a year.

ABOVE: Jay Austin gives blood as part of the American Red Cross Battle of the Badges.

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» DR. ADRIA E. NAVARRO

Let's Partner for Healthy Aging in 2022

As the new year gets underway, being in good health largely remains on many minds. Prevention is the mantra of the day with people reflecting on vaccines, good nutrition, quality sleep and opportunities for activities and movement. To a lesser degree, we focus and ask ourselves, "How well am I attending to my stress these days?" And even when we know we are overloaded with stress, how often do we seek to make changes? Research suggests that untreated stress actually speeds up the aging process, shortening the length of individual DNA strands. This shortened life span is also connected with depression, social isolation and anxiety – conditions all more prevalent since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) we have been in conversation with community members for more than a year; listening and coming alongside callers, we provide consultation and referrals to local services and supports as a hospital community service. Solutions to stressful situations are the heart of activity at the CRCA. Peace of mind can come from understanding conditions and learning about common experiences, as well as finding appropriate resources to help cope.

Community needs have been especially concentrated around three themes: isolation, family caregiving and grief and loss. Our response, thanks to the support of the Navigage Foundation, has been to expand the CRCA team, providing additional

capacity to serve community members in collaboration with our organizational partners.

One-to-one consultations continue to be offered by telephone, through emails and by Zoom. When appropriate, in-person meetings can also be arranged, including some occasional home visits or meet ups in the community such as at our public libraries. In February two multi-session programs are being offered, one for family caregivers of persons with dementia and the other for the grief and loss resulting from a death of someone close.

Savvy Caregivers, in partnership with Alzheimer's Los Angeles, is a free three (or six) session educational program utilizing Zoom. This evidence-based program aids in communication, management

of behavioral issues and more. Caregivers tell us this program provides tools that ease some of their caregiving stress. Multiple dates are available by calling Sara at (323) 451-2699 or emailing her at smikael@alzla.org.

"Grief and Loss: Beyond Blue" is our six-week support group for persons who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. Grief is the natural response to loss and we know there is no right or wrong way to grieve. We do hear it is helpful to make time to share your grief with others and to remain open to the support you may feel. In time, one learns to live with a loss by moving forward in new and different ways. The group meets weekly on Friday mornings (from 10-11:30 a.m.) at the hospital starting Feb. 4. Register by calling (818)

949-4033 or emailing Adria. Navarro@med.usc.edu.

To learn more about CRCA, please visit online usecvhh.org/aging-resources

Happy New Year!



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Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Dec. 24 donated 25 tiny homes to homeless veterans in the Veteran Affairs complex in West Los Angeles. Schwarzenegger coordinated with Village for Vets, a nonprofit dedicated to providing food and shelter to homeless and at-risk veterans as well as Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough and volunteer organization American Veterans (AMVETS), to build the tiny homes.

"Today, I celebrated Christmas early. The 25 homes I donated for homeless veterans were installed here in LA," the former governor wrote in a Thursday tweet. "It was fantastic to spend some time with our heroes and welcome them into their new homes."

Village for Vets said in a Thursday

tweet that Schwarzenegger's \$250,000 donation to the nonprofit "made it possible" for the organization "to purchase and build the remaining 25 shelters" at the Los Angeles VA's Care Treatment Rehabilitative Services (CTRS) site.

"I've made and have this great success because of America," the former bodybuilder and actor born in Austria told Elex Michaelson, host of FOX 11 Los Angeles' show "The Issue Is."

"If it isn't bodybuilding, if it isn't business, if it isn't show business, movies and politics – whatever I tackled I achieved because of America," he said. "So to me, it's always great to give something back."

Veteran Bruce Henry Cooper personally thanked Schwarzenegger in an interview with FOX 11 Los Angeles.

Veterans Corner January 2022

Good News for Homeless Vets

"It's been a life-saver for me," said Cooper, who lives in one of the tiny homes, adding that the former governor "has not forgotten ... anybody." AMVETS member Rob Reynolds told FOX 11 that the homes are equipped with electricity, heating and air conditioning.

Donations to Village for Vets go toward the organization's tiny shelters, which "provide an elevated standard of living from tent encampments while veterans are on their journey to find permanent housing and stability" and other programs

providing essential services to homeless and at-risk veterans, according to the nonprofit's website.

Los Angeles needs more of these tiny homes!



USC-VHH Resource Center Gets Boost



The Navigage Foundation presents a check to the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Community Resource Center for Aging for the expansion of its services in the foothill communities.

From left are Susan Carr, CRCA advisory committee

chair, Dr. Adria Navarro, CRCA program manager, Deborah Weirick USC VHH director of Community and Donor Relations and Navigage Foundation representatives Jim Rock, DeWayne McMullin and Todd Walklett.

Provided by USC-VHH

Transformation Begins of Showcase House

Nearly 400 design enthusiasts, patrons and members of the Showcase House for the Arts toured through the Oaklawn Manor as part of the Empty House unveiling held on Friday night.

The annual tradition celebrates the night before designers begin their work transforming a mansion that will debut as the Pasadena Showcase House of Design. For the first time in over 40 years, the 2022 Showcase House will be held in South Pasadena at Oaklawn Manor, a stately 1905 English Tudor.

The evening event, chaired by Marybeth Rehman-Dittu, Kerri Terrill and Shari Domenghini, treated guests and media to a sneak peek of the mansion, which features baronial-sized rooms, historic stained glass windows and floor-to-ceiling travertine fireplaces. During the evening, guests mingled among the 20-plus design spaces viewing various design concepts and installations while enjoying a selection of culinary offerings from local favorites Fish King, Kogi,

Mijares Mexican Restaurant and Porto's Bakery. A lively jazz trio entertained guests during their tour.

"We were thrilled to open this lively event to the public for the first time, welcoming guests for a sensory experience with music, food and design," said event chair Rehman-Dittu. "It was important



to us to make this event about the community and to support local vendors. We will continue that spirit when the Showcase House opens in April with programming planned to highlight local musicians, speakers, special tours and more."

Following just four short months of renovation, over 25,000 guests will tour through the interior and landscape design spaces highlighting cutting-edge trends in high-style living.

Guests can expect the famous Shops at Showcase, offering a variety of boutique and craft merchants, as well as several on-site restaurants.

The 2022 Pasadena Showcase House of Design will be open from April 24 – May 22 (house tours are closed on Mondays). Tickets (\$40-\$50) go on sale on Wednesday, Feb. 9 with a special presale that began Jan. 26. Tickets are available at pasadenashowcase.org.

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TOP: The stained glass windows added some drama to the manor. ABOVE: A designer shares his vision for one of the rooms that will be refurbished. BELOW: A guest reviews the conceptual drawings for one of the spaces.



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Glendale Takes Center Stage at LA Art Show

By Justin HAGER

Just six months after the long-delayed 2021 LA Art Show made headlines for a safe return to in-person events, the 2022 edition of LA's largest and longest-running art fair once again took center stage at the Los Angeles Convention Center this past weekend.

With the work of more than 90 different artists on display, the convention center was packed with curators, architects, design professionals and celebrity guests. The opening gala, benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, was hosted by model and actress Kaia Gerber and despite the presence of models, influencers and media members it was a local teenage boy who stole the show.

Already the youngest person to ever exhibit at the LA Art Show following his 2021 debut, 14-year-old Tex Hammond of Glendale returned to the 2022 show with an all-new, dynamic collection entitled MAJOR MINOR. The exhibition's title is a play on words that reflects Hammond's youthful perspective and keen perception of school, music and adolescence in modern society. Situated at a project booth next to world-renowned artist Takashi Murakami, the unique design of Hammond's booth turned the traditional classroom on its side to create an exhibition space that captured the rare blend of youthful confidence and creativity with a simultaneous feeling of being just a little off-balance – a combination that Hammond said echoes his feelings of being teenager during the pandemic.

"My inspiration in creating art is almost entirely music-based – I tend to see colors as I listen to music and that translates directly to whatever I'm painting – so the musical



definitions of major and minor plays into the title," Hammond explained. "My major in school is art, and there are several pieces at this year's show that include actual snippets of my homework from school. And, obviously, as a 14-year-old, I'm still a minor – which has its virtues and its frustrations – and that also is reflected in my work. So it all ties together."

As Hammond enjoyed the art show with his best friend, Harrison, Hammond's parents, Grey DeLisle and Murry Hammond, were filled with pride for their son's accomplishments. As a Grammy Award-winning voice actress and music icon, respectively, both parents are accomplished artists in their own right ... and they're both accustomed to being in the spotlight. But when discussing their son, Grey and Murry beamed with pride while becoming simultaneously more

serious and more animated.

"I'm so proud, I brag about him all the time and he gets so embarrassed," said DeLisle, who is best known for voicing Daphne in the modern "Scooby-Doo" franchise. "I'm bringing out stickers with his Instagram and promoting him and his art and he's like 'Mom, I'm so embarrassed I want to die right now.'"

In addition to the LA Art Show, Hammond has also held several other exhibitions in Los Angeles, making philanthropy a central part of each of them. He donates a portion of all proceeds raised from his art and online custom clothing designs (www.texhammond.com) to various children's charities, including charities that help refugee children and arts education programs for children in underserved communities.

"It really helps that Tex is into the art, but isn't into the



trappings around the art," said his father, a musician and songwriter for the Texas alt-country legends the Old 97's. "He's not really interested in the celebrity or fame aspect; he gets impatient with that kind of stuff ... There is real purity there."

While Hammond received much of the media attention, just one booth away another Glendale artist was making a statement of his own by infusing elements of the region's greatest assets, including nature, engineering and architecture, into his art.

The child of an engineer mother and architect father who immigrated to the United States when he was very young, Karo Martirosyan's (<https://www.karostudios.com/>) sculptures are meticulously organized and precise in their design and engineering yet somehow capture the disorder and lack of uniformity in the natural world.

He has studied in Florence, traveled extensively throughout Europe, Africa and Asia, and has even shared his passion for art with the Pope. He combines seemingly conflicting materials of glass and metal to create cubist wall sculptures that simultaneously feel strong and rigid but also light and airy.

"Art has the capacity to break the rigidity of daily life," he explained while standing in front of a sculpture of uniform square tiles inspired by the colors and motions of ocean waves.

And for the attendees of the 2022 LA Art Show who were treated to Glendale's finest, daily life surely felt a little less rigid and very much more inspired.

Photos by Roman INGUANZO

LEFT: 14-year old Tex Hammond on the red carpet at the LA Art Show. Hammond is the youngest person to ever exhibit at the art show.

RIGHT: Model Kaia Gerber hosted the 2022 LA Art Show.

THEN & NOW



Then » This was the scene in March 1950 when Manchester Boddy opened his private Rancho De Descanso estate to the public for the first time. His intention was to charge admission with the proceeds going to local charities. An astounding 6,000 visitors showed up that first day creating parking issues on surrounding streets. The neighbors were furious and tried to shut him down in a very ugly series of court cases.

Descanso Gardens Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » But Boddy persisted and in 1953 sold his estate to the county to become Descanso Gardens. Those same neighbors now realized what a gem Descanso was. In 1957 they organized the Descanso Gardens Guild to provide volunteers to enhance and maintain the gardens. The Guild took over operation of the park in 1993 and, despite initial opposition in 1950, it is now the greatest treasure of La Cañada Flintridge.

Exhibition Opening Reception for 'Black Souls' Artist

A reception for the art exhibition "Black Souls" by Orange County artist Martial Yapo will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the historic Richfield Oil Company gas station in the Adams Square Mini Park. The Adams Hill Neighborhood Association is sponsoring this event in cooperation with the Glendale Arts & Culture Commission and Community Services and Parks.

Yapo is a French-born artist of African descent striving, through his creations, for a 360-degree view of the world around him. He examines his personal spirituality, his roots and cultural traditions through painting and mixed media, focusing on both the indigenous and diasporic African experience. His work is inspired by the qualities and techniques of street art, tribal ethnic

expression, graffiti and African contemporary art.

"Black Souls" is an artistic tribute to the memory of Africans who have lost their lives on American soil far from their native lands. Approximately 20-25 African masks are aligned with wood bars depicting a three-dimensional American flag, floating inside the gas station.

Yapo will give a brief talk during the reception. The Adams Square Library Connection will also be present at the event with family-friendly activities.

This exhibition is free and open to public outdoor viewing through Feb. 26. The exhibition is sponsored by the City of Glendale's Arts & Culture Commission through the Urban Art Fund.

Adams Square Mini Park, 1020 E. Palmer Ave. in Glendale.

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BACKYARD FRUIT TREES TOPIC OF GARDEN CLUB

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Feb. 3 at the Little White Church at 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Mike Wronkowski will present "How To Create A Backyard Fruit Tree Orchard." Wronkowski has been a certified nursery professional in Southern California for many years. He is the manager at the Santa Clarita Green Thumb Garden Center; chairman of the California Certified Nursery Professionals Committee; and chairman of the California Plant Alliance Education Committee. The Club is very fortunate to have him back to talk about backyard orchards.

Wronkowski will discuss the best varieties to grow in the local area and the conditions needed to grow them successfully, including their sun, water and nutrition requirements, management of pests and how and when to prune them for best results. Don't miss this speaker who is bound to give us some unique tips to get our orchards started.

All are invited to hear Wronkowski while making a few new friends. A seat is reserved for you!

Masks are required and, in the event that indoor gatherings are prohibited, the meeting will take place

on Zoom. Those who have any questions can contact Anne White at (818) 434-3616 or via email at annwhite1@aol.com.

'THE SIX PIANOS OF MIRADERO'

The community is invited to the Associates of Brand Library & Art Center, The Glendale Historical Society and Antaeus Theatre Company for a listening party and webinar featuring a new radio play based on Glendale's 91201 zip code.

The new play focuses on shocking events in the lives of the former inhabitants of El Miradero – the Brand family.

Following the performance, hear about the creation of the play and the history surrounding the central drama with playwright Alex Goldberg, director Lisa Sanaye Dring, actor Kitty Swink, and Glendale historian Arlene Vidor.

RSVP for this complimentary event, which will be conducted over Zoom on Friday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m., at <https://tinyurl.com/29p3jamm>.

LOS ANGELES CENTRAL LIBRARY TOPIC OF PROGRAM

Little Landers Historical Society invites the community to visit Bolton Hall Museum on Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. for its 2nd Saturday Program, the story of the Los Angeles Central Library. The

fascinating history, art, architecture and collections of the library will be discussed by Dave McMenamin, a Los Angeles Library docent who leads tours of the Library. This presentation includes video of the aftermath of the devastating 1986 Library fire and a visit to some parts of the library that are not included on the official tours.

This event is free (donations welcomed) and open to the public and everyone is invited.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

JBHS PLANS REUNION

Calling all graduates from John Burroughs High School class of 1962!

The 60th year class reunion celebration will be held at the Burbank Elks Lodge at 2232 N. Hollywood Way in Burbank on Saturday, June 25 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Come and renew old friendships, share memories and catch up on what's new. The Reunion Committee has planned an evening of fine dining, music enjoyed "back in the day" in addition to video and photo opportunities to capture the moments

of this grand event. We want everyone to attend so if you know of classmates who haven't heard of this event, please let them know. The reunion committee strives to contact as many grads as possible.

JBHS Class of 1962 only: Have a fav song from our era? Submit the song title and song artist(s) as a reunion celebration playlist is being created. Send your selection to cchavor@gmail.com and thank you in advance. This is going to be so much fun so don't miss out!!

For more information, please contact Chuck Chavor at cchavor@gmail.com.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School

are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at cls074reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com January 24, 2022 - January 30, 2022

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You might be inspired to try spiritual as well as conventional healing methods in order to effect a cure. A focus on your spiritual zone suggests that having faith in a higher power could catalyze the healing process. This is a good time to initiate a movement toward greater wellness. Begin now and you'll find it easier to summon the discipline to stick with your program.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It could be your love of good food that tips the scales in the diet and weight-loss stakes. You love to indulge, that's a fact. Half the battle of shedding pounds involves finding good reasons to resist temptation. It may be even more difficult over the coming days. Either grit your teeth and resist or allow yourself an occasional fall from grace.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Nervous tension could be your biggest problem. You could be doing a lot more work with your brain now. At times like this, when you're so intent on achieving your work goals, it's all too easy to forget to take care of your body. Try to take time away from the mental activities in order to exercise and eat well.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

A friend might have some great exercise tips for you. Even better, he or she could ask you to partner on a new health regimen. Teaming up with someone else increases your chances of success. Swap healthy recipes and cooking tips, give each other support and reach your health goals together.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Are you getting the right nutrients? Sometimes adopting a popular diet geared to everyone can omit things you need. There could be any number of reasons why it's unsuited to your body type or metabolism. You're unique, so your formula for optimum energy and wellness is likely to be different from anyone else's. Take the time to discover what works best for you.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Pace yourself. If you feel more tired than usual when doing your normal daily tasks, cut back a bit on the nonessentials. If you don't, you could grow even more stressed. This phase isn't permanent, but it will last a while. Give yourself a chance to thrive by looking after your health more carefully.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your efforts to stay fit could backfire. Try to create a way of eating that helps you balance the extremes. Combine wonderful food that has some of those elements of comfort foods with a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The cosmos could trigger many emotions now. Beware of resorting to comfort foods in an attempt to stuff your feelings back down again. If you're on a diet, you could easily fall off it. If you give in to temptation once, you might then feel it's pointless to continue. That isn't the case at all. Just acknowledge that you slipped and renew your efforts.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The Universe is encouraging you to enjoy an active romantic life. Also, release any hidden patterns of bitterness and resentment that may keep you from being as healthy as you can be. Aspects could bring a lot of feelings to the surface. Don't stuff them back down with food. Welcome them and heal.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

The Universe is calling you to take action. You may have a burst of energy that helps you excel at your workouts and do more than ever before. You'll also be a lot more competitive, which is going to show up in all kinds of ways. Your perspective on your health is going to change for the better over the months and years ahead.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It's time to release any toxic emotions that may be caused by issues that you haven't put behind you. The more you practice dropping anger, frustration, bitterness, or guilt from your life and allowing inner peace to become your mainstay, the healthier and more relaxed you'll be. The body, mind, and emotions are all intimately intertwined. Each affects the others for good or ill.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You're ready to take the world by storm. There's no stopping you in your quest for good health. You're determined to leave no stone unturned and no remedy untested in your desire to slow the aging process, stay in shape, and keep your looks for as long as possible. The best advice for you is to be realistic. Give yourself a chance to succeed. Don't aim too high and set yourself up for failure.

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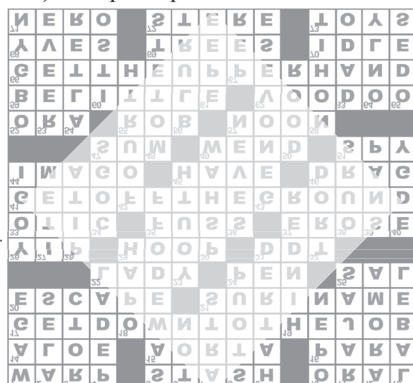
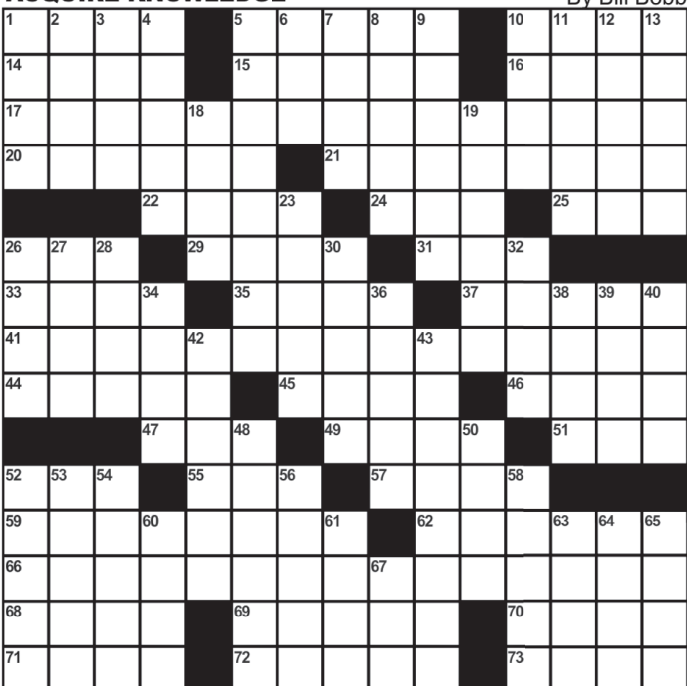
- 1) Distort or buckle
- 5) Store away
- 10) Kind of report or tradition
- 14) Ingredient in lotions
- 15) Its walls withstand a lot of pressure
- 16) Lead-in for "trooper" or "sol"
- 17) Start rolling, at work
- 20) Magic act segment
- 21) Dutch Guiana, now
- 22) A woman of refinement
- 24) Cygnet's mom
- 25) Actor Mineo
- 26) Bark sharply, as a pup
- 29) Shooter's target, often
- 31) Banned crop spray
- 33) Related to the ear
- 35) Fret and fume
- 37) Uneven, as a leaf edge
- 41) Take flight
- 44) Insect's final stage
- 45) Be laid up with
- 46) Move with a mouse
- 47) Grand total
- 49) Proceed along a route
- 51) CIA operative
- 52) Man-mouse link
- 55) Emmy winner Reiner
- 57) Climactic time in Westerns
- 59) Disparage
- 62) Type of doll or economics
- 66) Be given an advantage
- 68) Fashion designer Saint Laurent
- 69) Hammock holders
- 70) Doing nothing
- 71) Fiddling Roman tyrant
- 72) Cubic meter
- 73) Play elements?

DOWN

- 1) You may earn it
- 2) Some drinks on tap
- 3) Campus recruiting org.
- 4) Clutch, for one
- 5) Like some shotguns
- 6) Ship's weight unit
- 7) They may be graphic
- 8) Font for holy water
- 9) Extreme dislike
- 10) Admit customers
- 11) Indian princes
- 12) It excites a sense
- 13) Manufacturer's tag
- 18) Brightly colored fish
- 19) Delay the progress of
- 23) Early part of one's life
- 26) "Pic-a-nic" basket seeker
- 27) Checkout-line unit
- 28) Stuffed bread
- 30) Cousin of "harrumph"
- 32) Did not step lightly
- 34) Gear elements
- 36) A lucky number
- 38) Shared between us
- 39) Click, as fingers
- 40) On pins and needles
- 42) Summer holiday (with "the")
- 43) Columbus, by birth
- 48) Choral compositions
- 50) French or revolving
- 52) Future mom's doc, briefly
- 53) Actor who played Superman
- 54) Take in, as trousers
- 56) Divulge without thinking (with "out")
- 58) Like a rare baseball game
- 60) "Don't take ___ hard!"
- 61) Weapon with a bell-shaped guard
- 63) Carpentry groove
- 64) Word after "Exit"
- 65) Poetic dedications
- 67) The "p" in rpm

ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE

By Bill Bobb



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

His Dell laptop stopped working after a BIOS update. Does he deserve a refund?

After Jonathan Sinnwell updates the hardware drivers on his new Dell laptop, the device stops working. Dell can't fix the problem. Does he deserve a full refund?

Q I ordered a Dell laptop recently. About a month after it was delivered, I began receiving notifications from the Dell support tools preinstalled on the computer that a critical BIOS update was required.

I ignored the continual pop-ups for about four weeks reminding me to install the update. Eventually, about two months after I received the laptop, I installed the BIOS update. Immediately after applying the update and rebooting the computer, the computer stopped outputting video on the USB-C port to the monitors connected to my Dell dock.

Conservatively, I've spent 15 hours of my personal time dealing with this support case, including more than three hours of the tech on-site working with me. This does not include the time it took me to install all applications and configure the laptop for my purposes.

Replacing the motherboard did not resolve the issue because the new board contained the same version of BIOS. I've had a support case open with Dell for months.

The laptop has not been usable

for my purposes. I hope that by reaching out to you I can find a contact who can take ownership of this case to help find a resolution. I've been bounced from support engineer to support engineer with promises of return calls with no follow-up.

I'd be happy with my current laptop functioning as expected. Short of that, a return with either a store credit or refund would be acceptable. The latter solutions do not account for my time or frustrations dealing with this support experience.

~ Jonathan Sinnwell, Golden, Colorado

A: Dell should have fixed this laptop for you quickly or refunded your purchase.

A quick sidebar: We use mostly Apple computers in the Elliott household. But my son, who just finished his applied computing degree at the University of Arizona, needed a Windows computer for his classes last year. He also had a BIOS issue. (By the way, BIOS stands for basic input output system, which is firmware that helps your computer's

components run.)

My son's laptop kept running slow and his graphics card didn't work correctly. After several agonizing weeks, he informed me that he'd found a fix: He erased the operating system and installed Linux, an open-source OS. The computer works like a charm now.

I'm telling you about our BIOS battle because, ultimately, your fix may have been exiting the Windows ecosystem. But hey, I'm a consumer advocate not a computer expert.

It looks like you have a long paper trail between you and Dell. You did a great job of keeping records, which is helpful when you're trying to prove that you went through all the right channels to get something fixed. It looks like you ultimately tried to contact someone at a higher level at Dell (I list the names, numbers and email addresses on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.) That didn't work, unfortunately.

Sometimes cases like yours get stuck in a seemingly endless loop. Even with an excellent paper trail and a strong case, you still can't

get out – and you need a little help.

I contacted Dell on your behalf. The company asked you to return your laptop and issued a full refund.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>. © 2022 Christopher Elliott

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genocide actually was and 63% of those surveyed did not know that six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust; half thought it was less than two million. The survey was commissioned by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

"That [percentage] is alarming. At the same time many do not believe it could happen," Moss said.

He has heard people say, "I would never allow that to happen here." Moss feels the size and scope of the atrocities of the Holocaust is difficult for some people to comprehend.

"But one-third of the entire Jewish world was gone," he added.

That is why the reading of the names is so important: to remind people of what happened and to remember this type of evil could happen again.

"It was surreal," said Rachelle Miller, one of the readers during the ceremony and office manager at CV Weekly.

This was the second year Miller has been involved in the event. She was scheduled to read from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. but stayed another hour to continue to read names of those murdered.

Last year's event was held virtually; this time Miller was in person at the ceremony held at Pasadena City Hall.

"The name of the youngest person I read was 3 months old," she said. "We need to preserve their stories. We need to remember them. We need to remember the history."

CVTC from page 5

to capture surface water and installing bike lanes, traffic bulb-outs and crosswalks to promote active transportation and pedestrian safety. (CV Weekly provided additional information on bulb-outs in the Sept. 16 issue at <https://www.crescentvalleyweekly.com/news/09/16/2021/public-works-presentation-tonight-at-cv-town-council/>.) The project originated as a request for study by the CVTC and has led to several lively conversations at CVTC meetings about the costs and benefits of traffic calming measures like bulb-outs that have significant costs, narrow traffic lanes and reduce traffic speeds versus continental crosswalks that cost less and provide greater visibility but may not have the same calming impacts. DPW stated multiple times at Thursday's meeting that within the range of options presented, it is committed to following the guidance and recommendations of the CVTC. The Council tabled a decision on adopting recommendations until its new members have the opportunity to conduct outreach and digest the information presented by DPW.

HOLOCAUST from page 5

the two days of presentations and each of them shared different stories and perspectives about living through what many consider to be mankind's darkest hour. Those who viewed the presentation had a powerful experience and left with a deeper understanding and graphic images of the immense horror that the Jewish community faced.

Speaker and survivor Dana Schwartz recalled being in hiding at just 4 years old. For three years she remained locked in closets and underground basements and even hid in the forests, hiding in holes dug into the dirt. She survived off a few sugar cubes a day that were given to her by her father and once, she shared, her mother traded her engagement ring with somebody for a loaf of bread. Schwartz can remember the bread being stale and crunchy but mostly just how delicious it tasted that day.

Schwartz and her mother were able to escape the ghetto

after being given fake papers to show that they "weren't Jewish." Unfortunately, her father was unable to join them because Nazi soldiers would force the men to pull their pants down to determine if they were Jewish; only Jewish men were circumcised at this time. Schwartz said her father was killed in a concentration camp soon after.

"I know what terror looks like," Schwartz said. "It was right there in front of me ... they killed everyone in my family—my father, my grandmother, my uncle ... they just killed everyone. My mother and I were amazingly lucky to have survived."

Schwartz further emphasized how grateful she feels to have made it out alive and overseas to America, a place she said where people have their own freedoms and where you don't need to be afraid of the policemen on the street because they're there to protect you and not kill you.

"I want everybody listening to know just how lucky you are to be living in this country and to never have witnessed such terribly dark things," Schwartz said.

She closed her presentation by sharing that she traveled back to Poland 47 years after escaping the ghetto as a small child and located the man who had given her family the loaf of bread that, in a way, had provided hope for a brighter future. She was shocked to find that the man still had her mother's engagement ring all those years later. He gave it back to her and Schwartz has since worn it every day as a reminder of all she has been through and of the incredible resilience and strength of her community.

Other survivors included in the presentation were Joseph Alexander, Phil Raucher, Harry Davids, Lea Radziner, David Lenga and Herb Murez. Presentation mediator David Meyerhof asked students to write thank you

letters to each of the speakers for their time and bravery in sharing their experiences. Students were encouraged to reflect on their own lives and experiences and share their reactions to the grim stories that were told.

Meyerhof is a retired LAUSD educator whose parents escaped from Germany and survived the Holocaust. Varian Fry – known as "the American Schindler" for helping roughly 2,000 people escape Nazi Germany and occupied France, including many intellectuals and artists — helped Meyerhof's father and grandparents. Meyerhof's mother escaped from Berlin through the Kindertransport rescue mission, which helped 10,000 Jewish children flee the Nazis in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and what is now Poland. He has spent his adult life sharing their remarkable stories and speaking with other survivors.

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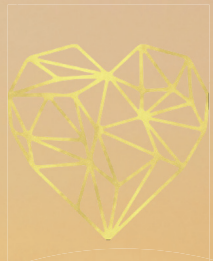




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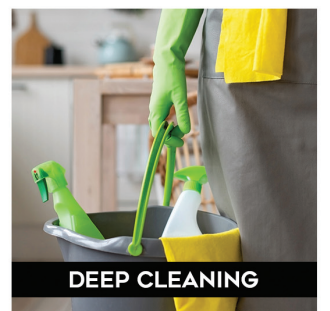
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