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## Council Moves Forward with Housing Element Report

By Julie BUTCHER

Based on discussions last week, Glendale staff presented a detailed and updated housing element report to the Glendale City Council on Tuesday night. The report, which will be submitted to the State of California, reflected comments from the public, experts and advocates.

“Even though we’ve made adjustments ... we’re still able to meet our RHNA allocation without any rezoning,” assured deputy director of Community Development Eric Krause.

According to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), “The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is mandated by State Housing Law as part of the periodic process of updating local housing elements of the General Plan. RHNA quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. SCAG is in the process of developing the sixth cycle RHNA allocation plan, which will cover the planning period October 2021 through October 2029.

“Communities use RHNA in land use planning, prioritizing local resource allocation and in deciding how to address identified existing and future housing needs resulting from population, employment and household growth. RHNA does not necessarily encourage or promote growth, but rather allows communities to anticipate growth, so that collectively the region and sub-region can grow in ways that enhance quality of life, improve access to jobs, promotes transportation mobility, and addresses social equity and fair share housing needs.”

As the city noted in extensive reports, “The City of Glendale received an RHNA of 13,425 units for the 2021-2029 RHNA period. After credits for constructed units (252), conversion of market-rate units to deed-

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## Jazz Night Under the Stars Planned at CVHS

By Bethany BROWN

*After a COVID hiatus, the annual night of jazz dancing moves from the café to the quad at Crescenta Valley High School.*

Crescenta Valley High School’s Instrumental Music department (CVIM) will feature its “world famous” jazz band on Friday, Feb. 11 at a special Jazz Night Under the Stars from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The event – a fundraiser benefitting the award-winning CVHS jazz band and music department – marks an official return after being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of district wide safety measures implemented in response to the highly transmissible omicron variant, though, the annual event will look a bit different than it has in previous years. Instead of taking place in the cafeteria-turned-jazz-club “café” it will take place in the CVHS quad outdoors.

Mathew Schick, CVIM director, said the event was held for nearly 15 years so not being able to have it last year felt especially sad.

“We’re just very happy to be able to do



File photo

At the 2019 Jazz Night at the Café, a couple kicked up their heels to swing music provided by the award-winning CVHS jazz band. This year’s night of live jazz music and dance will be held under the stars at the school’s quad.

this again after not being able to last year,” Schick said. “It’s going to be an amazing night.”

The quad will be decorated with twinkling lights and include a dance floor. Refreshments, snacks and a dessert bar will also be available. Schick

said the student musicians will perform a swing style of jazz music. Prior to the band’s hour-long swing performance, a volunteer parent will provide free swing dance lessons to those in attendance from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Swing is a style of jazz music that grew from African American roots and dominated American popular music in what came to be known as the Swing Era, from approximately 1930-1945. It has a distinctive rhythmic feel

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## Community Support Sought by Glendale Teachers Association



Photo by Bethany BROWN

Educators rally in front of Rosemont Middle School to garner support for ongoing negotiations with GUSD.

By Bethany BROWN

Members of the Glendale Teachers Association (GTA) stood in solidarity at all Glendale campuses on Thurs-

day, Jan. 27 to bring awareness to the community of GTA’s newest contract proposal before the GTA bargaining team returned to the negotiating table later that same day.

Educators wore red clothing, stood outside of their schools and held signs with positive messages as cars lined up for the usual morning drop-offs. Flyers were distributed to

GUSD parents to inform families about how the proposal would benefit students and families throughout the district.

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# An Especially Trying Week

As most of our readers have probably figured out by now, I typically write my column on Tuesday (sometimes early Wednesday) for that week's paper. Such was the case last week; my column was written before disaster befell us here at the CV Weekly.

Last Wednesday, in mid-afternoon, I received a notice from our printers down in Ontario that their printing presses were down ... meaning that my paper would be delayed in getting printed and brought up here to the Crescenta Valley for distribution. In fact, their best guess was that I wouldn't get the papers until mid-afternoon to midnight on Thursday.

For anyone who knows me, on Wednesdays I'm not a very nice person. While I might start the day only mildly stressed, as our deadlines approach (the time we have to upload the files to the Ontario printer) I get more and more tense – and more (shall I say?) snippy. So getting the news mid-day on Wednesday that I wouldn't have a paper to distrib-

ute that night/early on Thursday morning (I mean 1 a.m. early) sent me into a tailspin.

It was really too late in the day to find another printer. I decided that we would finish writing the paper and getting the files to the printer. Hopefully on Thursday we'd have a better idea of when the papers would be here for delivery. Our office manager Rachelle let our delivery people know of the change and found who wouldn't be able to deliver on Thursday night/Friday morning. And of course I would have to let our readers know in any way I could that the newspaper, for the first time in 12 years, would be late. Oh, how I dreaded spreading that news.

I immediately went onto the social media platforms where CV Weekly has a presence: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor. I tried to remember the email addresses of the many subscribers who have loyally supported us over the years so I could send a personal

note (my head – and heart – was in a fog and I know that I missed some). After all that and the files were sent, there was nothing more I could do. After grabbing dinner with Mary O'Keefe, I went home where I slept fitfully.

But fortune smiled on us. Around 3:30 a.m. on Thursday morning the papers arrived; they were only late by a couple of hours. Though the papers would still be delivered late (we aim for all newspapers to be delivered by 6 a.m. on Thursday morning) I was so grateful that the problem had been resolved in Ontario and the newspapers would be in our readers hands no later than midnight on Thursday.

The best part of the entire fiasco, though, was the overwhelming support by our readers.

Comments ranging from "No problem" to "We love you, Robin, and the CV Weekly" were re-

plied to the posts I had put up on social media. I also received notes from readers asking what they could do to help; one even offered to deliver papers if that was needed.

Rachelle, on her own, on Thursday morning called just about every subscriber of ours to tell them approximately when their paper would arrive.

I share this with you because I often brag about how great our readers are and last week was the best example I could ever come up with to illustrate that point.

To everyone, I apologize again for the delay and thank you all for your support and understanding.

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## Weather in the Foothills

It's enough to drive you crazy, trying to depict the weather, the atmosphere, the ambience.

~ Claude Monet

Weather – boring? Never. But during this long and seemingly never-ending stretch of beautiful mild weather, I had to pull a few rabbits out of the hat. Reaching within, I found the perfect weather incident far from fitting into the “mild” category. So until the rains come again ...

The standout weather event is the occurrence of ball lightning. It's a mysterious, eye-searing phenomenon connected to thunderstorms. The National Weather Service describes it as a “relatively rare form of lightning consisting of a luminous ball, often reddish in color, which moves rapidly along solid objects or remains floating in mid-air.” That meshes with what a monk in England wrote about in a medieval manuscript thought to be the earliest report of the spectacle.

A physicist teamed up with a historian from Durham University in the UK to publish a paper in the Royal Meteorologist Society. The study delved into a written account of ball lightning from Benedictine monk, Gervase, of Christ Church Cathedral Priory, Canterbury, around 1200.

Gervase's chronicle includes a passage about a “marvelous sign descended near London” in June 1195.

“Gervase's description of a white substance coming out of the dark cloud, falling as a spinning fiery sphere and then having some horizontal motion is very similar to historic and contemporary descriptions of ball lightning,” said physicist Brain Tanner, co-author of the paper.

If the monk was indeed talking about ball lightning that makes his account one of the earliest known. The next account from England isn't until 1638.

Gervase had a good track record of describing unusual events, including eclipses, which added to his credibility as an observer.

“Given that Gervase appears to be a reliable reporter, we believe that his description of the fiery globe on the Thames on 7 June 1195 was the first fully convincing account of ball lightning anywhere,” historian Giles Gasper wrote.

The rarity and mystery of ball lightning means any account of the phenomenon is notable, whether it's a modern-day sighting or one from long ago. Gervase's narrative is a gem and it shows that, even back then, ball lightning was a strange and notable sight.

There's no ball lightning predicted for the Crescenta Valley, just extremely gusty and destructive Santa Ana winds. The blowing is expected to last through next week with the strongest winds today, Thursday, and Friday. Through most of next week highs in our neck of the woods (or foothills) will range from the 70s to lower 80s ... all under blue skies.

As I conclude for this week, the Santa Ana winds have returned. How can such power be invisible? In the words of the master painter Claude Monet, “It's enough to drive you crazy.”

*Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.*

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## NEWS

## IN BRIEF

**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](mailto:adria.navarro@med.usc.edu).

**Rosemont Preserve Open Gate Morning**

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Feb. 5. 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. Take a self-guided tour to learn about the native plants along the trail or play our scavenger hunt game and win a prize! Photographers, bring your camera to capture the early morning light; citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings.

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

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

**Rally Planned to Oppose Grayson**

A rally opposing the Grayson Plant Repowering Project will be held on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. at Glendale City Hall, 613 E. Broadway.

The City had announced the 2022 Final Environmental Impact Report (2022 FEIR) is now available for review on the City's Development's website at <http://graysonrepowering.com>.

**CVIM Clothing Drive Fundraiser**

CV Instrumental Music Program invites the community to clear the clutter, clean their closets and donate gently used items on Sunday, Feb. 13. Donations help raise funds to support the Program. Donate gently used clothing items, shoes, accessories and linens (including sheets, blankets and bedding). Bag items in large white kitchen bags labeled “CVIM” and drop off in the CVHS band parking lot, off Ramsdell Avenue, anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Feb. 13.

Questions? Email [1stvp@falconmusic.org](mailto:1stvp@falconmusic.org).

# Rescue Teams Reunite Family

By Mary O'KEEFE

Montrose Search and Rescue team members never know what they may be facing or who they may be saving when they get a call for help, but it doesn't matter; a rescue is a rescue – even if the lost victim is a four-legged member of the family.

On Tuesday about 4 p.m. a call came into the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station concerning a hiker who had fallen off a path and down the side of a mountain on Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Fortunately he was able to make it to a nearby house.

The hiker told the resident that he was walking his two dogs, Onyx and Yoda, along the path when he fell. The hiker and Yoda made it out but Onyx was still lost and possibly injured.

“Then he passed out,” the resident said.

The hiker was taken to the hospital where he was recovering when Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) team members began searching for Onyx. The team had heard Onyx and knew he was near the cliff where the hiker and dogs had fallen. But as nightfall approached it became too dark to search for the German shepherd so the team planned to return the next morning.

After leaving a family member at the hospital with the injured hiker, other members of the family came to Big Tujunga Canyon Road where the dog had been last seen. The family stayed at the location overnight just to be near.

Onyx appeared to be on the other side of the mountain. “We heard him barking at about 11 [p.m.],” said a family member.

They were worried about coyotes or mountain lions and didn't really know what they would do if they heard any threats to Onyx but wanted to be nearby to help ... just in case.

Onyx is a two-year old German shepherd and, according to his owners, he is very smart but they were afraid for him being alone on the side of a mountain.

Steve Goldsworthy was operations leader of the rescue. Early on Wednesday morning MSAR team members were joined by members of Sierra Madre and Santa Clarita Search and Rescue teams. USA Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. air support Air Rescue 5 and Unmanned Aircraft Systems also responded to the early morning incident.

Team members climbed up the steep path to the ridge where they last saw Onyx. But once they were able to look over the rim they discovered the dog was no longer there.

There was a lot of brush and other vegetation, which made it difficult to see down the side of the cliff. Air 5 flew overhead and was able to locate the dog, which was about 100 feet over the side on a narrow plateau.

“He is moving,” was heard over the radio.

The family members, who were nervously awaiting any word about the pet, finally took a deep breath. They still didn't know if Onyx was hurt but were optimistic to hear that he was located and moving around.

There were plans of action discussed by team members dependent on where Onyx was located. Options included having a flight member of Air 5 lowered down to the dog then bring him up to the helicopter; another had team members rappel, or lower, over the cliff. Due to wind conditions and the location of Onyx, the latter plan was chosen.

Search and Rescue team members used “dirt pickets” along the cliff side and members were lowered down the 100 feet to where Onyx was located.

Team members had taken snacks for Onyx with them – he liked fruit – along with a muzzle and a strong harness. If he was injured they were concerned he would not be too friendly with strangers grabbing him off the cliff.

Members continued down the cliff and Onyx seemed to be ready and willing to be rescued. After reaching him they lowered him another 200 feet down to the ground. They had a litter ready to use but Onyx was not having any of that; he had hiked up the path and he was going to hike back.

The team members then walked him out of the brush to the cheers and tears of the family.

“I can't believe this,” said one family member.

“We so appreciate what these [search and rescue members] were willing to do,” said another family member.

The reunion was full of tears, laughter and barks.



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

ABOVE: After being rescued Onyx enthusiastically greets one family member as another looks on while a search and rescue member holds onto his leash and Yoda checks out the celebration.

BELOW: Search and Rescue team members after rescuing Onyx.



Onyx was dirty but didn't appear hurt.

“You are our heroes,” said a family member who had been at the location overnight.

The dog was reunited with his brother, Yoda, who was not really sure what all the cheering was about but seemed to take it all in stride.

It was a good day, especially for one Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team member who was celebrating his birthday. He celebrated by reuniting these pet parents with their loved one.

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# Council Advises Not to Move Forward with Eagle Canyon Project



Photos by Justin HAGER

LEFT: A special meeting of the CV Town Council was held in person and via Zoom to discuss a proposed Eagle Canyon Channel trail.

RIGHT: Mike Leum, whose property abuts Eagle Canyon, offers public comment at a special meeting Monday night -

By Justin HAGER

After a long and emotional, but mostly orderly, special Crescenta

Valley Town Council meeting on Monday night, the town council voted unanimously to ask LA County not to move forward on a proposed trail along the Eagle Canyon flood control path. The town council is an elected advisory body to the county supervisor's office and other governing agencies and, as was the case on Monday night, holds community-wide forums to inform or garner opinion from residents.

The special meeting was a packed house, with a near maximum capacity audience of 57 community members present in person at the American Legion Hall, and another 75 participating online via Zoom.

The project originated in 2009 when the town council, at the urging of local resident Paul Rabinov, the CVTC's representative to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, submitted a report and request to the County to explore the feasibility of a larger trail that would follow the Eagle

Canyon Channel from Orange Avenue through Two Strike Park to Pine Glen Road, and eventually to a Mt. Lukens trailhead and the regional trail system of Glendale and La Cañada. Support for the project came from neighboring cities and former Supervisor Mike Antonovich, an active outdoorsman who had just received the American Trails' California Trail Advocacy Award. However, the project lay dormant with time, energy and money directed toward related, but different, projects like improving ADA accessibility at Two Strike Park and purchasing land that is now the Rosemont Preserve. The proposal was revived in 2018 when then-councilmember Desiree Rabinov again asked the County to explore the idea of starting with just one small portion of the original project - a two-block trail connecting the intersection of El Caminito and La Crescenta Avenue to Two Strike Park.

Over the course of the next four years, the council held several meetings on the topic but, with a global pandemic raging and council meetings moved to Zoom, conducting proper community outreach was difficult. Petitions and letters circulated on both sides of the issue and, while there seemed to be strong support

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# Outdoor Dining in Montrose to Return in Spring – According to City

By Mary O'KEEFE

It looks like Montrose Shopping Park restaurant owners along Honolulu Avenue will finally see the return of outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining parklets were set up during the pandemic along Honolulu Avenue allowing restaurants to provide outdoor seating when interior dining was restricted. Although prior to the pandemic some restaurants had a few tables on the sidewalk outside their facility, the City of Glendale's al fresco dining project expanded

seating to the street. K-rails were erected around parking spaces and acted as barricades. These dining areas were filled with tables, chairs, heaters and umbrellas for diners. In addition, many restaurant owners personalized the K-rails by painting and decorating them with plants and other items.

But the parklets took parking spaces, which was an issue for the Montrose Shopping Park Association. In addition, the MSPA had an Arts and Crafts Festival planned for October 2021. Prior to the pandemic, the association

would close down most of Honolulu Avenue for the two-day event to accommodate the hundreds of vendors and thousands of customers and in October it wanted the space for vendors where dining was established. The Glendale City Council had planned for the removal of the K-rails in October; the MSPA board originally wanted the parklets removed several weeks earlier than the City had planned. After speaking with the City, restaurant owners and the

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# JPL Announces New Director

Laurie Leshin, president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), has been appointed director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and vice president of Caltech. Leshin will formally assume her position on May 16, succeeding Michael Watkins, who retired in August 2021, and Lt. Gen. Larry D. James USAF (Ret.), who currently serves as JPL interim director.

WPI is one of the nation's oldest private STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) universities and is where Leshin has served as president since 2014.

"Laurie Leshin stood out in an exhaustive international search because of her profound commitment to people, her strategic approach to scientific and technological opportunities, her deep appreciation of NASA's leadership in space exploration

and Earth science, her mastery of complex organizations and her ability to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers," said Caltech president Thomas F. Rosenbaum, the Sonja and William Davidow Presidential chair and professor of physics. "We are so pleased to be able to welcome Laurie back to campus and to JPL."

Leshin is an internationally recognized scientist whose career has spanned academia and senior positions at NASA, and included two White House appointments. She has been lauded for her barrier-breaking leadership in the space industry and in academia as well as for her accomplishments as a distinguished geochemist and space scientist.

"I am both thrilled and humbled to be appointed the director of JPL. Some of the most impactful

experiences of my career have taken place on the Caltech campus and at JPL – lessons learned and goals achieved that have shaped me as a leader and a space scientist. The opportunity to return to working closely with so many colleagues across Caltech – at the Lab and on campus – and at NASA is a dream come true," Leshin said. "I look forward to my work with Caltech and NASA to ensure that JPL continues to drive innovation across the global space ecosystem. I am especially honored to be the first woman to hold the title of director of JPL. I know from personal experience that diverse teams make greater impact, and I will work every day to ensure that JPL is a place where all belong and thrive. We will dare mighty things, together."

# Fears Addressed After Sale of Glendale Centre Theatre

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale Centre Theatre has been sold leaving many concerned about what the future holds for this historic property.

The live stage theatre, located at 324 N. Orange St., opened its doors in 1947. It established itself as the center for theatre, offering not only professionally produced plays but also provided the chance for many community members to spread their theatrical wings. For more than 50 years Glendale Centre Theatre productions of "A Christmas Carol" kept the story of Ebenezer Scrooge alive for so many theatre-goers.

"The Glendale Centre Theatre has been a home to me and my family for the last 15 years. The theatre allowed me opportunities to perform, write and direct several productions during that time. We're all incredibly sad to see it go but thankful for the memories,

relationships and experiences we've been given. It was truly a one-of-a-kind theatre, and I'm excited to apply everything I learned into future theatrical endeavors," said Carter Thomas, a Crescenta Valley High School graduate who was part of several productions at Glendale Centre Theatre.

COVID-19 had delivered a blow to live theatre with many closing their doors forever. With the pandemic and other issues plaguing the Centre Theatre the owner decided to put the historic, and family run, business up for sale.

Recently National Properties announced the theatre had been sold, which launched a series of rumors on social media.

"I never authorized anyone to post [information] about the theatre," said Arthur Ambarachyan of National Properties.

Some of the information being shared on the internet included

fears the building would be demolished. This is something that has concerned both Ambarachyan and the former owner.

"That is all false information," Ambarachyan said. "The person who purchased the [theatre] is an investor not a developer."

He added there had to be a lot of work done inside the theatre prior to its sale, and more work will need to be completed before it is able to open its doors again.

"We have been trying to do everything in a mindful way," he said. "There is a lot of charm [with the theatre]."

He is hoping the speculation on what will happen to the building calms down when the new owner takes possession.

"I can't tell the future but all indications I have been told is [it will] remain a theatre," he added.

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# Defense Against Catalytic Converter Theft

By Mary O'KEEFE

Last weekend the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. sponsored a catalytic converter etching event at Two Strike Park. A catalytic converter is the device under a vehicle that looks a little like a muffler. Due to their metal content, thieves are targeting catalytic converters. One defense against theft is etching the catalytic converter with something that is unique to the vehicle or owner, like the VIN.

LASD released a notice of the etching event via Nixle, hoping to get a strong enough response to fill the 24 open spots; the response from vehicle owners was quick and enthusiastic and all available spots were filled within minutes.

"[The event] went very well. We were slated to do 24 cars," said Sgt. John Gilbert, LASD-Crescenta Valley Station. "The process would take about 10 minutes but once we started going we were able to cut that time [in half]. We were able to do 39 cars instead of 24."

Due to the response by the community to the etching event,

LASD is planning another event on a date yet to be determined.

Throughout the nation catalytic converter thefts have increased. According to a study by the National Insurance Crime Bureau's (NCIM) Operations, Intelligence and Analytics there were 108 catalytic converter thefts per month, on average, in 2018, 282 average monthly thefts in 2019 and, in 2020, there were 1,203 thefts on average.

The metals used to make catalytic converters include platinum, palladium or rhodium and are of high recyclable value. According to NCIM, as of December 2020 rhodium was valued at \$14,500 per ounce, palladium at \$2,336 per ounce and platinum \$1,061 per ounce. Recyclers will pay \$50 to \$250 per catalytic converter.

If a catalytic converter is etched a thief may decide to move on to one that isn't identifiable to a specific owner, Gilbert said. If law enforcement stops someone who has several catalytic converters in their possession and it appears they have been stolen it may be easier to get a conviction, he added.

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restricted moderate-income units (125), and approved but not yet constructed units (1,120) are taken into consideration, the City of Glendale has a remaining 2021-2029 RHNA of 11,928 units, including 3,244 extremely/very low-income, 1,834 low-income, 2,124 moderate-income, and 4,726 above moderate-income units.

"The residential sites' inventory consists of approximately 51 acres of land designated for mixed-use development, which is expected to yield at least 1,759 new units; 143 acres of land in the Downtown Specific Plan, which is expected to yield at least 6,417 units; 161 acres of underdeveloped residential land, which is expected to yield at least 2,591 units; 1.8 acres of vacant residential land, which is expected to yield 37 units; and the potential to develop 1,272 accessory or junior accessory dwelling units. In addition to the resources described above, the City also has a number of proposed projects under review, expected to yield 711 new units."

Krause also reported that community members have advocated to include labor standards and potential measures of "community wealth" in the housing plan.

Joshua Christiansen called into the meeting, which was held virtually. He represented the Carpenters' Union's Southwest Regional Council.

"We live in the area, recreate in the area, go to church in the area," Christiansen said. "Labor standards shouldn't be excluded from the city's housing plans. Other cities are including requirements that all projects be built by a local skilled workforce. Local hiring rules reduce environmental

impacts while benefitting the local economy."

"I've been a union carpenter for 34 years," Chuck Powell told the council, "and two of my sons went through the apprenticeship program and have journeyed out and have decent, honest paying jobs. We're not asking to make money to drive a Ferrari or a Porsche. We just want to be able to live in the community that we built."

Mayor Paula Devine asked if staff could draft a report contemplating prospective labor standards, considering its recommendation to not include them in the housing plan.

"Joshua [Christiansen] makes a lot of good points – and we've all heard from a lot of carpenters," she said.

Councilmember Dan Brotman criticized the city's timing in releasing a draft of the report.

"I'd be lying if I said I was happy with the process," he said. "We're now being asked to adopt a plan that we don't even know is compliant – and it's due to be submitted to the state in just a week. This is an uncomfortable position to be in."

Brotman raised three concerns with the plans.

The first was that the city was "treating a lot of sites as a sure thing – a 6% buffer seems very small." He noted that the second point was probably more concerning. "It doesn't look like we've complied with requirements to affirmatively further fair housing since virtually all the development we're showing is in the multi-family zones. I know this is sensitive, but we do need to demonstrate somehow that we're not perpetuating the exclusionary policies that we know live on from

## CRIME BLOTTER

Jan. 30

Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, the rear driver's side window was shattered and items were stolen from a vehicle between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Mount Disappointment Road in Angeles National Forest, a vehicle owner parked his car and went on a hike. When he returned he discovered the locking mechanism on his vehicle was damaged and several items were stolen between 8 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.

Jan. 28

3600 block of Karen Sue Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, items were stolen from two unlocked

vehicles parked at the location. Surveillance footage revealed a suspect entering the property through an unlocked security gate. The suspect entered the vehicles, taking several items out of the cars, and then left the area.

The vehicle burglaries occurred at 1:06 a.m.

Jan. 27

1300 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a burglary alarm activated at a business and found the glass front door broken. Multiple display cases were open but nothing appeared to be taken. Surveillance footage revealed a suspect approach the glass entrance door with a "large ram-

type object." The suspect used the device to break the glass in the door, enter the store, grab several purses and leave the area.

The burglary occurred at 11:20 p.m.

Jan. 26

2400 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, the interior of an unlocked vehicle was ransacked and items were stolen overnight.

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## GPD REPORTS

### Arrest of Ex-Felon in Possession of Loaded Handgun

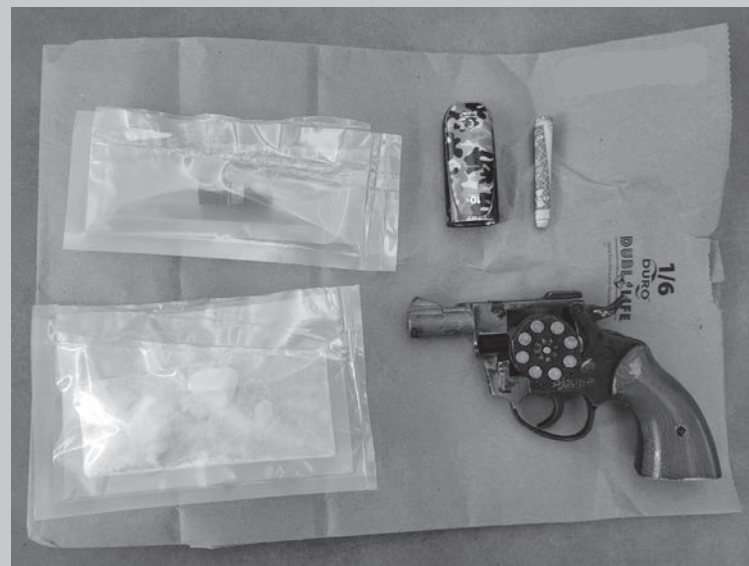
On Jan. 29 just after 9 a.m., GPD officers were in the area of Central and Gardena Avenues when they contacted a male, later identified as 31-year-old Robinson Edralin of Hacienda Heights. A records check of Edralin revealed that he was on active probation. Assisting officers arrived and Edralin was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm and a magazine containing 10 rounds. Edralin was subsequently arrested and booked for being an ex-felon with a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a loaded firearm in public.



### Male Arrested in Possession of Loaded Revolver and Fentanyl

On Jan. 20 at approximately 7:45 a.m., a Glendale PD officer observed a male, who appeared to be under the influence, staggering from side to side as he walked along the 700 block of West Glenoaks Boulevard. Before being able to contact the male, the officer observed him approach a residence and knock on the front door. After doing so, the male stood at the door for an extended period of time and continued swaying.

The officer contacted the male, later identified as 28-year-old Cody Stevenson (transient), but Stevenson refused to comply with the officer. Assisting units arrived and Stevenson attempted to pull away during a search of his person. The officers quickly detained Stevenson and located a loaded revolver along with a baggy containing a large quantity of fentanyl on his person. Stevenson was subsequently arrested and booked for being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a firearm with a controlled substance and obstruction.



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Obituary

Steven Baird Fox



Jan. 4, 1961 – Jan. 1, 2022

When Steve Fox passed away on Jan. 1, he left behind many who knew and loved him – but he took with him much of the heart and memory of the Crescenta Valley, the community that had anchored his life for 60 years. Steve was a local-history buff but not the sort of man who was content to indulge his passion for the past by reading books and old documents in the solitary comfort of home; for Steve, love of history meant love of the people who came before us and a duty of care for the things and places they built for us – the community their labor made possible.

Steve was born in Burbank to David and Katalin Fox but he spent most of his life in the Crescenta Valley: an acolyte at St. George's Episcopal church in La Cañada, and, in 1980, a graduate of La Cañada High school. Blessed with a tenacious spirit and a mind for detail, it was only natural that he should work his way to the rank of Eagle Scout and even shoot down the Colorado River in a homemade kayak with other Boy Scouts. His encyclopedic mind and discriminating taste enabled him to become an expert importer of fine international spirits and liquors. His sportsman's

affinity for the outdoors often took him to Cabo San Lucas, one of his favorite places for deep-sea fishing.

But it was his love for history – and especially the living spaces the past has bequeathed to us – that filled his days. In 2015 he was selected People's Warden of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, the officer primarily responsible for the preservation and care of the iconic century-old building. Steve got to work immediately, enthusiastically developing plans for the long-term preservation of the stone church, culling the files for historical documents, salvaging relics of its distant past from forgotten corners and closets, and arm-twisting his many friends into volunteering their time and labor in numerous restoration projects. Steve could draw a diagram from memory of the church's electrical or plumbing systems, hidden from

view by decades-old timber, or sketch a plan to reroute a faulty drainage system through parts of the building not yet built.

Steve's devotion to St. Luke's, its history and its people, did not end when his term did in 2020. He kept a constant and careful eye on the grounds. In fact, while many today spend their free time binge watching their favorite shows on Netflix or Hulu, Steve binge watched St. Luke's security cameras. Like the way new parents sometimes glue themselves to the baby-monitor of their first-born child, Steve could spend hours vigilantly surfing the different camera feeds for anything of concern.

And there was usually something. Like the early evening when a church worker was struggling to get one of the ancient timers to switch on the parking lot lights, his cellphone rang: "Turn the lights on manually,"

the voice on the other end said. The worker looked up to see the blinking security camera.

"Then set the start time back an hour. Trust me, it will work fine tomorrow." And it did, of course. Or the cold December evening just a few weeks ago when a homeless mother sat on the bench beside the church playground nursing a child. Steve was the only one who saw her – and immediately got on the phone to find her help.

"I was just worried about that baby," he said.

Those who knew Steve best understood that he did not so much live in the past, but with it. He thought it an honor to walk the halls or sit in chairs or kneel at an altar left to us – left for us – by people whose names we cannot now know. Steve felt that their lives and labor make our lives together possible. It is only fitting, then, that our lives and labor bring theirs to fruition.

Steve Fox leaves behind his loving and supremely devoted wife Sandra; mother Katalin Fox; siblings Debbie and Laurin; niece Stephanie; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, godsons, nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and many friends at St. Luke's of the Mountains Church.

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Derek K. Chew



June 2, 1951 – Jan. 14, 2022

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that, according to NYC Carnegie Hall, "is achieved by accentuating beats two and four, replacing steady eight notes with lilting, 'swinging' eight notes, and adding accents and syncopation – all anchored by a walking bass line." In other words, this gives the music an undeniable groove or beat that is hard to ignore. Many can agree that it has a unique way of making people want to get up and dance.

"I have a firm belief that in order for students to fully understand jazz music, they need to study the old swing style," Schick said. "That's because it's a huge part of the foundation of jazz. It was really the first iteration that proved to be widely accepted and successful."

Following the swing performance, students in the band will play a variety of genres until the event comes to an end at 10 p.m. Schick emphasized how hard the students have been working to prepare for the show and that they will be performing a total of 32 songs, which is "a lot of music to learn for high school kids."

He encourages the community to show their support for CVIM programs by attending.

"I know that, especially now, people may be afraid to come to a gathering and there often isn't positive news out there regarding our youth – specifically with the concern surrounding mental health – so I see JAZZ on page 8



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GTA from Cover

GTA Vice President Lisa Avery said for the last two years they've been solely focused on discussing safety issues surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"We haven't had an opportunity to negotiate wages or any other possible changes to our working conditions. But now we're finally back at the bargaining table to talk about a wage increase as well as a variety of other changes to help make Glendale schools' programs stronger," Avery said. "We're starting with making sure that everyone knows Glendale teachers really do have their students' best interest at heart."

On Jan. 14, GTA initially proposed a 7% salary increase for the 2022-23 academic year, which GUSD countered with a proposal of a 3.5% salary increase and another 3.5% increase the following year. As of Jan. 27, the suggested wage increase on both sides remained unadjusted. While this is a start, GTA emphasized that there is still "a ways to go" to obtain a wage

compensation package that matches the increase in state revenue.

GTA's proposal highlights its potential ability to help the GUSD community to attract and retain high-quality educators by offering competitive salaries and stipends. They believe building a strong and successful academic program requires a stable faculty of high-quality educators.

Avery said this is especially relevant with the State of California beginning to implement TK programs as of this year. TK, or transitional kindergarten, is the steppingstone between preschool and kindergarten and will allow every 4-year-old the opportunity to attend a high-quality, developmentally appropriate pre-K program. It will be gradually phased in over the next five years on all public-school campuses.

"The addition of TK means significantly expanding the number of students in our district which also means that the district will need more teachers," Avery said.

"We're going to have 4 year olds on our campuses for the first time ever; we need to make sure that the people [who] are working with our youngest students are going to be highly qualified teachers who have experience with that age group."

It is also believed that teachers who live in the community where they serve have a stronger commitment to students and their families. However, housing costs have negatively impacted most educators. Housing prices for both homeowners and renters in the local area are high, which makes it difficult for Glendale educators to live in the area where they work. Increased pay could make living in the area more feasible.

Additionally, offering stronger incentives for educators to participate in professional development outside of the workday would result in better serving students in the classroom. Site-specific stipends would be provided to hire more advisors, which would allow more extracurricular opportunities to be

offered to students. Schools would no longer have to make the choice between one program or another and instead could offer both, which would result in students being able to explore many choices until they find the one best suited for them.

"We are really working hard to make sure that Glendale continues to have strong programs that support students and families in a variety of ways," Avery said. "I know that both GTA and the district are interested in coming to an agreement sooner rather than later, but it is a process that we must work through and, in a lot of ways, it can't be rushed. There's a lot of discussion and figuring out where the middle ground is - it just takes time."

GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian said the district remains committed to ensuring that their teachers are rewarded for their hard work.

"We recognize that the last two years have been an incredible challenge to everyone in our education system: students,

teachers, administrators, staff and families," Ekchian said. "Glendale Unified's wage proposal offers teachers two raises totaling 7%. One 3.5% increase is retroactive to the beginning of the current school year and another 3.5% beginning in the 2022-23 school year. We believe this offer of a 7% raise, with nearly half of it being retroactive to the beginning of the school year, is a very good offer and we look forward to continuing the negotiations process."

Avery invited community members who wish to express their support of GTA's proposal to contact the school board either by email or by speaking at an upcoming meeting. The next bargaining meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 7.



OUTDOOR DINING from page 4

public, the MSPA agreed that the parklets could be removed in mid-October.

The City's plan was to have new outdoor dining up and running in Montrose as early as November 2021; however, "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry" [or so wrote Robert Burns].

"We hit a number of snags," said Bradley Calvert, assistant director of Community Development for the City of Glendale.

Though the installation was

delayed of new outside dining areas, according to Calvert the City is moving in the right direction and plans are set to begin pre-construction in Montrose at the end of February. The design and construction of the new parklets have already been approved. It is expected that the parklets will be up and ready to go by the first week in March.

Then the City will turn its attention to other areas in Glendale.

EAGLE CANYON from page 4

for the proposal in terms of numbers, local residents who would be the most impacted by the decision felt as though they had not had the opportunity to weigh in. Tuesday's meeting gave them a platform to be heard.

The overwhelming majority of those in attendance were opposed to the trail, with opponents offering concerns about privacy, crime, cost, traffic, parking and the lack of an immediately identifiable problem the trail was intended to solve. Concerns over crime were especially prevalent with one local resident describing how a sexual predator could use the trail to gain access to his backyard and young child. While the comment received applause from the audience, it failed to recognize that the land the trail was proposed to be built on is already publicly accessible and regularly used as an unofficial trail by numerous people; at least two current council members commented on how they traverse it regularly. LA County Sheriff Dept. CV Station Acting Captain Rob Hahnlein downplayed concerns about crime. Responding to a question about crime and homelessness along La Cañada's trails he said he had not seen any evidence

that the trails in La Cañada led to increased rates of crime or a greater presence of homeless populations. Numerous studies show that there is no correlation between the existence of trails and increased crime to adjacent neighbors or trail users. In fact, in several locales, the rate of crime actually decreased.

Though the meeting was mostly orderly, and there was one instance when a pro-trail speaker and former council member went over her allotted time. She was shouted down by the audience with one attendee even saying, "Just shut up." Council President Harry Leon quickly restored order and called for respect.

Attempting to address many of the concerns, project originator Paul Rabinov offered to form a task force of residents on both sides of the proposal with the goal of finding common ground and a plan that worked for everyone. But after more than a decade, few of the meeting's attendees appeared enthusiastic about going back to the drawing board.

Ultimately, it was the cost of the project that led the council opposition.

Councilmember Chris Kilpatrick offered support for the project in concept but could not

ultimately vote in favor of it.

"If we look at the merits of the project, there are some pros and there are some cons ... aside from the merits, there is just the financial cost to consider," he said.

Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez recognized broad-based support for the project and for more green space, but also could not support this specific proposal.

"We need to be mindful of the fact that people do want this in our community," he said. "Inherently, open space is a good thing for our community. Exhausting all our funds for something that just isn't that long and just isn't that big an improvement just isn't worth it for me."

Councilmember Kerri Lewin echoed that sentiment.

"If we use all of this money for a two-block stretch that will only be used by some, it will preclude us from using [funds] on any other project ... there will be nothing for the future."

The motion to oppose the project and recommend to the County to no longer pursue it passed 8-0 with first alternate Ted Yu voting in place of Councilmember Paul Barnes, who was not present.

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just encourage those in our community to take an evening off and see the positive things we've been doing. Relax, listen to great music, dance with friends and look up at the stars," Schick said. "It's all about getting some fresh air, enjoying yourselves and hopefully gaining an appreciation of what we do and all the hard work that the kids put into their music."

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in advance from any

CVIM student or by emailing 3rdvp@falconmusic.org. For a more VIP experience, tables for four people can be reserved for \$75 that includes admission. Dressy casual attire is requested of attendees and wearing period attire is strongly encouraged. Masks must be worn unless actively eating or drinking and proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative result from a COVID-19 test in the prior 72 hours will be required for entry.

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## Death, and Resurrection, In La Tuna Canyon – Part 1

It was May 1971, and everything looked great for Debbie Chevalier and her friends. They were seniors at Crescenta Valley High School, all of them winners. Prom was over and they anxiously awaited graduation. Debbie was engaged to her handsome high school sweetheart, Dennis Broberg.

On a Sunday night, Dennis was driving a group of friends home from Burbank coming home to CV through La Tuna Canyon. Dennis had a beautiful 1955 Chevy Nomad station wagon. He was driving, his fiancé Debbie was sitting next to him in the center front seat and Larry Goff was next to her. Jeff Barnes was in the back seat.

Meanwhile, in Tujunga a 13-year-old boy, Barney, was in the mood for a joyride. He and a 15-year-old friend snagged the keys to his uncle's '61 Chevy. They stopped long enough to pick up another friend and they tore off into the night, the 13-year-old behind the wheel. They probably careened down Tujunga Canyon Road and turned right onto La Tuna Canyon and floored it up the grade. Somehow Barney maintained control through the curves as he flew down the canyon road. He made the curve by the debris basin, over the last little hill and floored it again as he came to the straightaway of La Tuna Canyon Road. He was now doing 100 miles per hour.

The '55 Nomad traveling east was just approaching Elben Avenue at 50 mph. Debbie chose that moment to crawl over the front seat into the rear seat to sit next to Jeff. Dennis,

driving the Nomad, probably saw the '61 Chevy careening around the last curve toward them and losing control. The '61 Chevy drifted across the center divider and glanced off the car driving in front of the Nomad. There was no time to react.

The '61 Chevy hit the Nomad head-on with incredible impact at 100 mph.

The Chevy was slightly less sturdy than the Nomad and the front of the car completely collapsed into the front seat area. Barney, the driver, was crushed behind the steering wheel and decapitated. The passenger next to him was thrown to the floorboards and crushed there. The boy in the backseat came out the best with just broken bones.

In the Nomad, things were just as bad. Dennis, the driver, died instantly when his neck snapped. Larry, the boy in the passenger seat, was ejected from the car when the door flew off and he tumbled down the road. Miraculously he only had minor injuries. The passenger in the backseat flew forward, hit the windshield then caromed around the vehicle, smashing his torso and head.

But the weirdest thing happened to Debbie. She was in the process of crawling over the front seat when the cars hit. The rear seat was designed to flip forward, folding flat to carry cargo. As the seat flipped forward in the impact, Debbie was pushed by the impact's force down to the rear floor. The seat folded flat on top of her, and she was crushed against the floor beneath the seat.

The firemen and ambulances

pulled the lifeless remains of Dennis and Jeff from the Nomad wreckage and the two dead kids from the Chevy. They had no idea that Debbie was still trapped unseen in the twisted car.

By chance, a good friend of Debbie's and her friends happened upon the scene just then. He saw the bodies of his friends but, knowing how inseparable Dennis and Debbie were, told the rescue crews that Debbie must still be inside the wreckage. They started cutting into the wrecked Nomad and found Debbie, crushed into a tiny space, barely five inches high. Her ribcage was flattened, pelvis snapped in half, spleen and liver crushed, and multiple other bones broken. But she was still alive.

Debbie was given five pints of blood and was in a coma for two weeks.

Next week, I'll write about how her school rallied behind her. I'll tell the story of her recovery and how she went on, seemingly resurrected, to serve a greater purpose.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Equitable Funding for Private and Public Schools

[In the Jan. 20 issue], Assemblymember Friedman states that schools would benefit from \$119 billion in funding under the governor's budget proposal

(Viewpoints, "2022 Budget Perspective"). She states that \$20,855 per student [is designated]. That is for current public school students.

When will the state acknowledge that private schools also fulfill the

necessary function of educating our future? They deserve a basic level of financial support. That parents chose schools that provide additional electives, whether religious, moral or cultural, should not exclude their

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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## Beep & Teal

It's been a rough COVID month. Let's have a story about ducks.

Back in the day, I attended Cal State University, Northridge, working toward my bachelor's degree in psychology. Part of my coursework included an animal behavior class that changed the trajectory of my career goals. I became fascinated with scientific methods and statistical observations of animals. This interest in animal research ultimately led to my behavioral studies at the Los Angeles Zoo and my positions there in education and as volunteer coordinator.

In the animal behavior class, students were each assigned a baby duckling as part of an imprinting experiment. I assure you that no ducks were harmed in the trials and, after their short stay in the animal lab, all the ducks went to live on the instructor's family farm nearby, except one.

I was the only student who asked to keep my duck at the end of the assignment. I brought her home and named her Beep. She developed into a plump white Peking duck and became my best friend for the next seven years. She would lie in my lap with her head under my "wing" and followed me around while she grubbed for snails in the garden. Sometimes we swam in the pool together. We had great fun.

I worked part-time in that

animal lab for about a year helping to care for the ducks as well as doves, rats, mice, hamsters and other critters. On the weekends when I cleaned cages and fed the animals I was alone. On one occasion, I had the great idea to set up a large plastic tub with water in the hallway that ran the length of the lab and let the ducks play while I tended to the other animals. And play they did; they splashed and dove into the smallest amount of water then ran back and forth, quacking. It was adorable to watch but it took me over an hour to round them all up and clean up their mess. I never tried that again.

Another seven years after Beep had died I was married and had two small boys. We were playing outside one day when all of a sudden plop! A duck dropped out of the sky and landed in our yard. We had no idea where she came from. She was a dark green iridescent color with splotches of black and white. Her face was red and fleshy. She was both beautiful and ugly at the same time and we later learned she was a Muscovy. Remembering fondly my beloved Beep, I decided to keep her as a pet and we named her Teal. When she hung out in the yard with us, though, she didn't look for tasty snails to eat. She flapped her wings and chased the boys around the yard, nipping at their bottoms. I built

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# YOUTH

## Crescenta Valley High School Holds Virtual Science Fair

By Lori BODNAR

Despite being held virtually, attendees of the Crescenta Valley High School Science Fair, held on Friday, Jan. 28, were surprised and intrigued by the engaging science projects presented. Sponsored by the Academy of Science and Medicine and organized by teachers Orenda Tuason and Alamelu Arunachalum, there were 18 students who presented projects to science fair judges.

"It is really truly a team effort. I really enjoy doing this," said Arunachalum. "I helped my son [with science projects] when he started in kindergarten. When he was in high school, we did not have any judges to give him feedback, so I took him to professionals and they gave him feedback. I realized how much value that is, so we decided to [hold] a CVHS science fair."

The 18 student participants completed 14 projects this year with some students working in groups. Each student presented their project to six judges of the 16 judges who participated. The student participants were Michelle Chung, Mantra Roointan, William Panosyan, Daniel Panosyan, Rosalia Park, Easan Hamkins, Debayon Roy, Mahesh Arunachalum, Justin Jeong, David Ajemyan, Kelly Fung, Shauna Hong, Maryam Akelyan, Marta Pambukhchyan, Haley Kim, Kalia Manayan, Christine Kim and Calliope Araz. Academy officers Nathan Pang and Kevin Dong maintained the breakout rooms for the students to present their projects.

The project of one student, Marta Pambukhchyan, was previously presented at the 2021 International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).



Pambukhchyan represented United States at ISEF with her project on landfills.

"I was trying to find a liner that is more environmentally friendly," Pambukhchyan explained. "I looked for a cheap alternative, especially for developing countries that can't afford expensive landfill systems."

Academy students Daniel and William Panosyan worked on two projects and sent their work to high school-level scientific journals. One of their projects was about global disparities in pediatric cancer survival rates.

"We considered multiple factors that could potentially correlate with these disparities, such as type of healthcare insurance, healthcare spending, ancestry-related genetics, and GDP per capita," Daniel said. "The type of cancer we focused on was acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Analytical examinations of cancer survival

data from 'The Cancer Atlas' were conducted in order to investigate GDP and ALL survival correlation. We discovered that there was a significant correlation between the GDP per capita of a country and its ALL survival rates and that relative economic progress of the country rather than absolute GDP numbers are more important for improving ALL care."

Another student, Mahesh Arunachalum, also focused on cancer for his project.

"My project is about comparing different cultural diets and the therapeutic effects on cancer. At the very beginning of the project, I looked at various mortality rates of cancer in different regions. Turmeric is consumed in India and India has the lowest mortality rate, so I was wondering if there was a correlation there," he said.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/YOUTH

## Local Resident takes Kindness Week to Heart



Jackson Porter, age 9 (and ¾!) collected 140 pairs of new socks to deliver to unhoused neighbors as part of his school's Kindness Week efforts.

"I asked for help from my incredible neighbors and I was so excited and happy when

they all showed up with new socks to donate!" he said. "I just want people to know how much homeless people matter. It's easy to drive on by but it's better to stop and help."

Submitted by Amanda LYNNE



Photos by Lori BODNAR

ABOVE: Student Haley Kim working on her project.  
BELOW: Shauna Hong collecting soil to examine for her project.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Scene in LA – February

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

It appears that the omicron variant of COVID-19 has reached its peak as far as new case numbers goes, but the damage it has done still reflects on the Southern California theater scene, with many major venues canceling or delaying their productions until the numbers subside. Those venues that have managed to stay open are enforcing strict COVID protocols so proof of vaccination is required, and face masks must be worn at all times during the performances at most theaters in order to attend performances.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, you should check with the theater to confirm it before making definite plans.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates or are already running this month:

“Teenage Dick” is a brilliantly hilarious take on Richard III. It is professionally filmed in HD with multiple cameras in front of a live audience during the in-person run in Boston. “Teenage Dick” will be made available as a digital stream exclusively.

Written by Mike Lew and directed by Moritz von Stuelpnagel, it runs through Feb. 27 at the Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena. For tickets,

visit [www.pasadenaplayhouse.org](http://www.pasadenaplayhouse.org).

“A Little Night Music” Inspired by the 1955 Ingmar Bergman film “Smiles of a Summer Night,” this Tony Award-winning Broadway musical involves the romantic lives of several couples in Sweden around the year 1900. This new production will look at what it means to present gender on stage in the American musical theatre in 2022, with some fresh takes on several of the classic roles in the show.

Written by Hugh Wheeler, with music by Stephen Sondheim, and directed by Ryan O’Connor, it runs Feb. 4 through March 13 at the Greenway Court Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 673-0544 or visit [www.greenwaycourtheatre.org](http://www.greenwaycourtheatre.org).

“Coloropolis” Welcome to Coloropolis where individuals are identified only by the color of their clothes. This is a constantly growing community, changing with every stroke of The Writer’s quill. After setting the stage and providing their characters with “free will,” The Writer leaves Coloropolis to the whims of its inhabitants. What follows is an abstract, funny, biting, satirical “lord of the flies” amongst the primaries and non-primaries in their newly developing world. Despite its absurdity and humor, the play tackles a broad spectrum of issues societies face as they

develop.

Written by A.P. De La Caridad and directed by Travvyz Santos Gatz and Tor Brown, it runs Feb. 4 through Feb. 27 at the Loft Ensemble in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 452-3153 or visit [www.loftensemble.org](http://www.loftensemble.org).

“How We Got On” Set in 1988, the highly theatrical play tells the story of three African American teens in a wealthy, Mid-Western suburb as they struggle with cultural isolation, family pressures and the elusive adolescent task of discovering, asserting and valuing themselves.

Written by Idris Goodwin and directed by Jaime Robledo, it runs Feb. 4 through Feb. 19 at the Broadwater Black Box in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit [www.sacredfools.org](http://www.sacredfools.org).

“Something Rotten” is the hilarious Broadway smash hit that tells the story of Nick and Nigel Bottom, two brothers desperate to write a hit play. When a local soothsayer convinces them that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting all at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the very first musical! Shakespeare is the “rock star” of plays and works hard to make sure the brothers fail in their efforts to produce what they are calling “a musical.”

Written by John O’Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick, with music by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick, and directed by Richard Israel, it runs Feb. 4 through Feb. 13 at the Kavli Theatre at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center in Thousand Oaks. For tickets, call (800) 745-3000 or visit [www.5startheatricals.com](http://www.5startheatricals.com).

“All’s Well That Ends Well” focuses on a young healer, Helena, as she ropes in a fantastic cast of fools, romantics and cynics to pursue Bertram, her runaway groom, in a clash of wit and deception. Capturing both fairytale essence and human complexity, Shakespeare’s bittersweet comedy



goes on a journey of forgiveness, hope and love where you least expect it.

Written by William Shakespeare and directed by Nike Doukas, it runs Feb. 6 through March 6 at the A Noise Within in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 356-3121 or visit [www.anoisewithin.org](http://www.anoisewithin.org).

“The Andrews Brothers” A USO performance from the Andrews Sisters is in jeopardy when they fail to appear shortly before curtain. Thankfully, three earnest stagehands are determined to go on with the show!

Written by Roger Bean, with music by Roger Bean, Michael Borth, and Jon Newton, and directed by Jeffrey Polk, it runs Feb. 11 through Feb. 27 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 856-1999 or visit [www.musical.org](http://www.musical.org).

“Marry Me A Little” is a bittersweet musical two-hander that weaves 17 of Sondheim’s

lesser-known songs into a tale of love and loneliness. The story of two single strangers who unknowingly live one floor apart is told entirely through songs written early in Sondheim’s career or cut from his groundbreaking Broadway musicals. A must-see for Sondheim aficionados, this smart, funny, sophisticated and moving evening is a fascinating look at the Sondheim songs that “got away.”

Written by Craig Lucas and Norman René, with music by Stephen Sondheim, and directed by Kari Hayter, it runs Feb. 11 through Feb. 27 at the International City Theatre Long Beach Performing Arts Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit [www.InternationalCityTheatre.org](http://www.InternationalCityTheatre.org).

*Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers.*

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Teenage Dick

### THEN & NOW



Approach to La Canada and La Crescenta Valleys, from Pasadena

**Then »** The journey to La Cañada from Pasadena in the late 1880s was difficult, involving a descent of the steep banks of the Arroyo at Devil’s Gate, crossing the rushing stream, and ascending switchbacks up the other side. The steel-truss wooden-roadbed bridge built in 1893 made the trip a whole lot easier and opened the valley to tourism. This view looking toward La Cañada is from 1915.

### Bridge to La Cañada Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now »** The old bridge was taken out after the dam was built across Devil’s Gate in 1920 and a roadway added across the top of the dam. The Arroyo was bridged again by Oak Grove Drive in 1955 and the 210 Freeway in 1974. But the old footings of both sides of the 1893 bridge are clearly visible along with pieces of the original roadway just below the dam.

# Work of Composers Vazha Azarashvili, Sulkhan Tsintsadze, Alexi Machavariani Featured at Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed. Violinist Ken Aiso and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya will perform works from composers from the Republic of Georgia on a Facebook stream and YouTube. The program includes “Memory” by Vazha Azarashvili, “Sachidao” and “Melody” by Sulkhan Tsintsadze, “Doluri” for violin solo by Alexi Machavariani, “Khorumi” by Sulkhan Tsintsadze and a suite from the ballet “Khevisberi” by Vazha Azarashvili.

Internationally acclaimed violinist/violist Ken Aiso has performed worldwide as soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. Aiso graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London studying with Erich Gruenberg. His other teachers include Eduard Schmieder and Chikashi Tanaka. Equally at home with modern and period instruments, Aiso has appeared as principal violin with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the London Philharmonic, the Hallé and the Scottish Chamber Orchestras.

He has been invited to renowned music festivals in UK, France, Sweden, Switzerland, India, Georgia, Bolivia and Kazakhstan, and has taught at Montecito Summer Music Festival since 2008. Aiso is a laureate of Long-Thibaud International Competition in Paris and International Music Competition of Japan, and was elected Associate of Royal Academy of Music in London. He received Shimousa Kanichi Music Award in his native Japan in 2018. Since moving to Los Angeles in 2015, Aiso has been serving as faculty at Loyola Marymount and La Sierra universities, and performs with Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Pianist Valeria Morgovskaya graduated from the Kiev State Conservatory. Since her immigration to the U.S. in 1990, Morgovskaya has been in high demand as accompanist for singers and all orchestral instrumentalists. She has been an official accompanist to festivals and courses such as Piatigorsky Cello Seminar and Beverly Hills Music Festival, and has performed throughout

the U.S., Germany and Japan, as well as on numerous radio broadcast. She has provided accompaniment for many national and international competitions, and was an official accompanist at Schoenfeld International String Competition in Hong Kong (2013) and Harbin (2014). Morgovskaya is currently staff accompanist at Loyola Marymount University and UCLA, and is often engaged in that capacity at USC, Cal State Long Beach, Colburn School, Montecito International Music Festival, Academy of the West and Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 14th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

For more information about the program and artists, and the link to the stream, visit <http://glendalnoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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## Nominations Open for La Cañadan of the Year

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada announced nominations are now open for La Cañadan of the Year. The public is encouraged to submit the name of an individual, or a couple, who has provided exemplary service to the La Cañada Flintridge and foothill neighborhoods. Since 1951, the prestigious award has been presented to those who have given their time, talent and positivity to enliven the community, as evidenced by such past recipients as Gil Smith, Dr. William Pickering and Frank Lanterman, to name a few.

La Cañadan of the Year Nominating Committee Chairperson Dennis Fors said, "Without a doubt, this past year has been a challenging one. We are so grateful to those who continue to lend a helping hand by providing excellent service, so submit a nomination today! It's a great opportunity for us to come together to applaud a job well done."

The deadline to submit a nomination is Monday, Feb. 28. A noontime luncheon celebration has been tentatively set for Wednesday, April 27 with a final date to be firmed up, based on the recipients' availability.

The ceremony will follow any current COVID-19 guidelines in effect by Los Angeles County.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the La Cañada Flintridge City Hall. The forms can also be downloaded by going to the website [lacadanakiwanis.org](http://lacadanakiwanis.org) and clicking on the "La Cañadan of the Year" tab. Completed forms must be submitted by email to [dennis.w.fors@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.w.fors@gmail.com) or mailed to: La Cañadan of the Year Committee, Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012. For any questions, call Dennis Fors at (818) 531-8776.

## People Making News

Andrew Odom of Glendale and Andrew Kim of La Cañada Flintridge earned placement on the Bucknell University dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Adam Burnstine from La Cañada Flintridge earned dean's list status at Lehigh University in the fall 2021 semester. Dean's list status is awarded to students

who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

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A total of 11,979 students enrolled during the fall 2021 term at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Madison Miller and Hazel Valentine, both of La Cañada, were named to the deans list.

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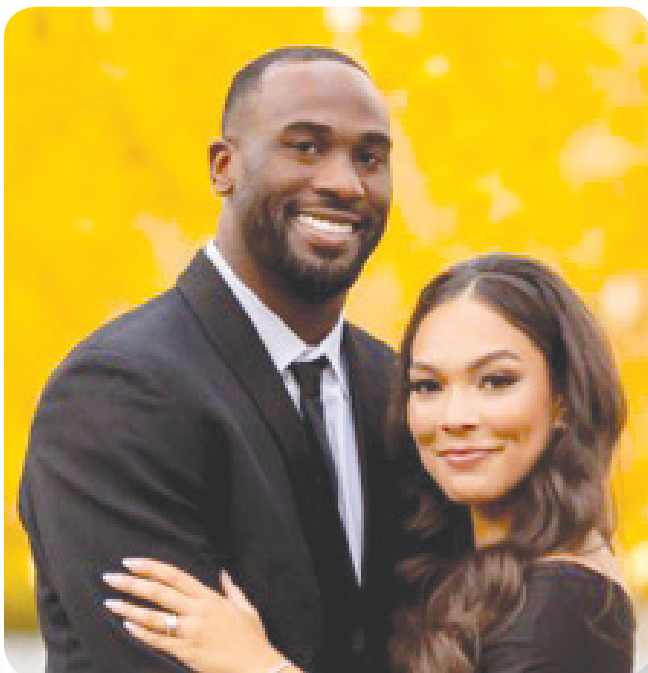
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Jake Schaffer of La Crescenta/Glendale was named to Eastern New Mexico University's dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.25 or greater.

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### ENGAGEMENT Lumsden/Okafor



The families of the bride and groom are proud to announce the engagement of Kaylee L. Lumsden, daughter of Shonna R. Lumsden, to groom Alex O. Okafor, son of Christopher O. Okafor of Austin, Texas. The bride's father is the late Kevin J. Bryant, and the groom's mother is the late Sophia D. Okafor of Austin.

The bride's grandparents are James M. and Fae A. (nee Evans) Lumsden of La Crescenta and Patricia H. and the late Melvin (Minty) Bryant of Las Vegas. Kaylee's brother is William M. Andrew, son of Shonna and William J. (Billy) Andrew, son of Denile and James Fisher of Newhall. Shonna's brother is Michael M. and his wife Jennifer L. Lumsden (nee Jones) of Hutto, Texas. Her sister is Rechelle A. Lumsden, also of La Crescenta. Alex's brother is Anderson

of Dallas, Texas. The bride-to-be was whisked off to a remote island in the Maldives where Alex had arranged for time on an uninhabited island for his most exotic and romantic proposal.

Both mom Shonna and Kaylee are graduates of Crescenta Valley High School in La Crescenta. Kaylee also graduated Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego and the University of La Verne in La Verne. Alex graduated Pflugerville High School and the University of Texas Austin. He was drafted to the NFL Arizona Cardinals, went on to join the New Orleans Saints and is now with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Kaylee recently joined Keller-Williams, a major real estate organization, as director of Operations.

The wedding is planned for March 25 in Austin, Texas.

## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

#### Changing The Terms Of The Contract

Dear Phyllis,  
My daughter, who is moving to San Luis Obispo, listed her home for sale with the real estate agent who sold it to her. As an avid reader of your column, I advised my daughter that she should make her sale contingent upon her finding a home in San Luis Obispo. There were more than 20 offers on her home. She accepted one more than \$200,000 over the asking price without an appraisal contingency. The buyer offered a 60-day escrow and agreed to let my daughter remain in the home another 60 days after the close - rent free. At the time this seemed like a great offer. Fast forward: my daughter found a home sooner than anyone anticipated, and that

seller wanted a 30-day escrow and to remain in the home for 30 days rent free. There were other offers on the home, so my daughter felt she had to agree to the seller's terms. Once escrow was open, she told her local Realtor that she needed to close early, and this is where everything fell apart. Her buyer's lender is dragging their feet. My daughter is afraid she will lose the other home. What do you suggest she do to get her buyer and the lender moving more quickly?

difficult market for home buyers. Your daughter's buyer agreed to pay more than \$200,000 above the asking price and waived their appraisal contingency. They then agreed to allow your daughter to live in the home rent free for two months. Now your daughter wants to change the terms of the contract. This buyer might be feeling a little abused.

An incentive to the buyer may motivate them to accommodate your daughter by pressuring her lender. Perhaps she could include some personal property, such as appliances or patio furniture.

Buying and selling a home can be very stressful for all parties. Best of luck on your daughter's sale and purchase.

HH

Dear HH,

Thank you for being a loyal reader. I sympathize with your daughter's situation. But understand this is a very



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# RELIGION

*Q* I'm 83, a retired school teacher, and living in fear of COVID. My husband thinks I'm being unreasonable. Perhaps it's because of my age and the ages of my friends; five of them have died from COVID. I'm almost afraid to breathe. I was raised in a church where faith in God is supposed to take care of everything. I've prayed and prayed and still I feel the fear. I've literally not left my house since all of this began – over two years ago – and I'd rather my husband didn't either, but he infrequently does for doctor's visits to monitor his blood pressure. I won't go to the doctor because at this time it's not necessary. We have our groceries delivered. Any suggestions to deal with this fear are most welcome.

*~ Fearful*

Dear Fearful,

I'm sorry you are experiencing such fear and anxiety and I appreciate that you are reaching out for advice. Losing friends is never easy, but in this case their loss has multiplied your fear to the point of keeping you from your enjoyment of life.

There is an expression in the Bible, "It came to pass," meaning

some things come to show us areas where we need to grow and then move on. Fear can be very useful because it shows us that there is something to learn. But when fear and anxiety remain a permanent state of mind and we allow it to take control of our life, it becomes damaging rather than serving our good.

There is a difference between having an emotion and when an emotion has you. When we feel fear, it's important to ask ourselves what we need to learn from it. If we follow its lead, take constructive steps and make healthy decisions as a result of it, we will move through the emotion. If we don't, that emotion begins to take control of our thinking and inhibit us, changing our natural response to life.

I would suggest prayer, focus on the positive, take action and use distraction to help clear your mind of fear.

First and foremost, pray and pray believing that the solution is at hand. The energy from which we pray has a direct effect on the result of the prayer. In prayer we are not convincing God of anything. God already sees us a perfect, whole and complete. Prayer



## Spiritually Speaking Participants

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson, RScP; Laney Clevenger-White, RScP and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Rev. Dr. Ellen Contente of Global Truth Center; Pastor Scott Peterson of Lutheran Church of the Foothills; Rev. Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church; Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Community Life Church; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church.

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

reconditions the mind of the one praying. It releases our thought from the problem and troubled state of mind we're in. We must be willing to release the problem to God and allow answers to flow into our lives.

Some of the ways you can start to lessen your fear is to ask yourself what positive things can be learned from this experience. What we focus on expands. Where we put our attention becomes prominent in our action and reaction because that's where we have put all of our energy. When you shift the focus to what is working instead of what is not, the circumstances will shift – but not without action. Instead of staying in your house and never going out, you can take a walk around the block. Getting out in the sunshine and moving can do wonders for resetting your mind.

The most important thing to do is to take your mind off the problem. Instead of listening to the news about COVID reports, listen to music or a meditative CD, watch comedy movies, call a friend. Whatever it takes to uplift your spirits and switch the channel in your mind from feeling fearful to feeling in charge of your life, do it.

I trust you find inspiration in these words and find relief from fear so that you begin to enjoy your life to the fullest again.

In Light,



Rev. Mary Morgan  
mormari@aol.com

Dear Fearful,

I have questions, mostly questions.

Aren't you fearful because you've become convinced that this man-concocted virus from Wuhan is an automatic death sentence? Since five friends have died, doesn't that mean that you will certainly die too if you catch it?

Have you been vaccinated? Are you aware of the current survival rate of the virus, particularly the omicron version of the virus? Are you aware of any differences between this virus and other viruses like the Spanish flu or the

Ebola virus? (At my church, I pray often with the congregation that God will eradicate this virus in such a way as will make clear to the whole world that the disappearance of this virus is a God thing and not due to any human cleverness. It is beginning to look like God is answering my prayers as all of our best measures to fight the virus appear increasingly ineffective. Instead, the virus seems to be devolving on its own. Thank God!)

What does it suggest to you that the country where this virus was born will shortly be hosting the Winter Olympics? China is at ground zero for the virus. How fearful do they seem as they play host to the whole world?

Since you grew up in church, let me remind you of a few verses from the Bible. Hebrews Chapter 2 talks about the impact of the death of Christ on the fearful: "By his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." It is the devil that wants you to live in the fear of death, not God.

King David spoke of this in the 23rd psalm: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

I have noticed that people seem to want a guarantee that they will be 100% safe from the virus before they resume their normal life. Is that how we lived our lives before the virus? When have we ever had a 100% guarantee that we wouldn't get sick?

This is worth seeing a counselor about. I can't guarantee that you'll never get sick. I can't guarantee that you will never get COVID. But I can guarantee that you'll waste the life you're trying to protect by becoming a hermit. So say a prayer. Take a deep breath. Put on a nervous smile. And take a walk around the block.



Rev. Jon T. Karn  
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*Q* Our son Jeff has been musically inclined since he was very young. He had piano lessons from the time he was 5 and played a French horn in high school band. He and some friends also have their own band and they play for friends' events. Now he's going off to college and wants to major in music. That's fine with me but not his father who thinks there isn't sufficient income for musicians. Jeff is also a whiz at computers. His father thinks he should study computer science where a variety of professional choices are available.

This is stressful for Jeff because he adores his father. I think Jeff should make up his own mind without any pressure. What do you think?

*~ Mom in a Quandary*

Dear Mom in a Quandary,

How fortunate for your son to be gifted in multiple and unique ways! The choices you've listed are both viable, depending on your son's ability to push beyond perceived limits. I have a friend who majored in music and is now an award-winning professional in composition and post-production specialties. He has both aptitudes, creating many complicated and beautiful works of musical art and mixing tracks to achieve the most excellent sound. What we make of our lives and careers depends on numerous elements. Still, the most important is a commitment to the process and the ability to accept the rigors and disciplines of hard work.

As parents, we feel responsible for equipping our children with the best possible options to increase their earning potential and provide adequately for themselves. We want them to not only succeed but to do so in a way that surpasses our own accomplishments. My guess is that this is your husband's heart and it's honorable and loving.

However, your desire to create space for your son to make his own decisions is also valid and honorable. Unfortunately, sometimes when children take their parents' good and sensible advice the foundation of resentment can begin. As I would guess you and your husband do, I know many people who have been working jobs that leave them unfulfilled and dissatisfied. This dilemma

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frequently occurs when well-meaning advice is taken from parents to appease them. Parents do not desire their offspring to have a mediocre life, but living someone else's dream doesn't generally provide satisfaction.

I wonder what it would look like for you to brainstorm with your son as a family and look at options that might encompass these two particular gifts in a complimentary way. Perhaps he could major in music and minor in computer science. It might take a bit longer to accomplish his goals but he would retain his right to choose as well as utilize his skills, talents and gifts in dynamic ways. A positive consequence of this type of discussion is appropriate differentiation and empowerment for a healthy maturing process.

Scripture invites us to remember that we each have been given gifts and talents to be utilized for the glory of God. I'm reminded of several: "For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He

sends His call.]" Romans 11:29 (AMPC)

"First, God chose some people to be apostles and prophets and teachers for the church. But He so chose some to work miracles or heal the sick or help others or be leaders or speak different kinds of languages." 1 Corinthians 12:28 (CEV)

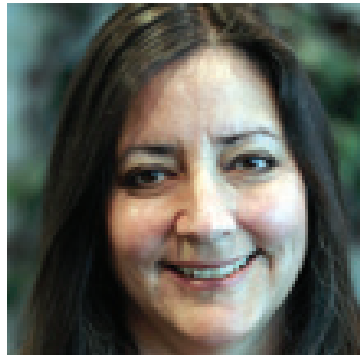
"Naturally, there are different gifts and functions; individually, grace is given to us in different ways out of the rich diversity of Christ's giving." Ephesians 4:7a (Phillips)

One might argue that music and computer sciences are both talents and gifts of other languages. The focus of these passages is to underscore the importance of accepting and utilizing the gifts and talents given to us. We are each created for a purpose. It's our job to employ our various skills and talents in ways that serve, honor and express gratitude to God, as well as ourselves and others.

Blessings to you both as you seek to launch your son into the next season of his life with unconditional love and regard, encouraging him to share his gifts in whatever manner brings him joy as well as stability. He will

also bring honor to you, his parents, in accomplishing these goals.

Be well & be blessed!



Lucinda Guarino  
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Dear Mom in a Quandary,

What a blessing that your son is so gifted in music and computers. How awesome it is that he has been able to explore his gifting.

In regards to your quandary, it seems that your husband has a concern for the future of your child that is coming from a place of wanting to protect him. I have seen this particular struggle many times over whether or not parents should encourage their kids away from pursuing a career in the arts, which is more a

reflection on how our society has not always correctly valued the arts rather than people not wanting others to pursue their dreams.

God, according to Genesis, is the great artist who made all things beautiful. So I hope to see the day when all artists can pursue that particular reflection of the character of God while not having to worry as much about whether they will be fairly compensated in regard to their important contribution to the good of society.

When it comes to navigating Jeff's future in regard to his dad's wishes, it would be best for Jeff to understand the perspective of a dad who wants his son's future to be secure with a good paying job. There is wisdom in that. But Jeff will make many decisions over the coming years in regard to his future where he may not always do exactly what his dad wants.

One of the Ten Commandments says, "Honor your father and mother" (Exodus 20:12).

Honor is an important word here because it means different things for different ages. For a young child it almost exclusively (outside of moral issues and issues of abuse) exhorts them to obey their parents. When a child becomes an adult that honor shifts from obedience focused to listening focused. Rather than expecting to do exactly what your parents say to do, honor looks like always hearing them out.

Whatever decision Jeff makes, I hope that it becomes clear to him how he can best honor his dad and pursue his calling.



Pastor Jeff Blanton  
JeffB@madeforcommunity.com

## NOTES & NODS

### This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is keeping a close eye on COVID-19 trends in the local community with the hope to resume in-person worship in the weeks to come. At its annual congregational meeting held Jan. 30, the church council also discussed plans to resume vacation Bible school this coming summer and hopes to announce the dates soon.

Outreach efforts continue including a clothing drive that is 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](http://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](mailto: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 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### La Cañada Presbyterian Offers Class for Parents on Youth Issues

La Cañada Presbyterian Church (LCPC) announced a new four-week Parent Express class. "Essential Topics for Today's Parents" meets in-person on Wednesday nights in February from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 2. This class will tackle some of the most relevant issues facing youth today and is open to all adults (not just parents) who are interested in learning more about these issues. Topics will include:

- Fentanyl and Addiction (understanding the prevalence, precautions, and resources) with Vicki Rekedal
- Mental Health (understanding the signs, symptoms, and resources) with a panel of mental health professionals
- Racial Reconciliation (understanding the Biblical foundation to promote unity through a non-political lens) with Sandy Lee Schaupt
- Technology (understanding the concerns, precautions, and steps to managing technology

well) with Sloan Walsh

Facilitated by Paula Giboney, the class will meet in LCPC's Worship Arts Center. Free programs are available for fourth - 12th graders from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. as part of LCPC's Family Ministries' MERGE program. Childcare for infants – third grade is also available upon request.

LCPC Parent Ed is offering this class in partnership with other LCPC Ministries for a special discounted rate of \$40 (with tuition waivers available if price is prohibitive). Masks will be required for all participants, preferably a surgical or KN95 mask. Registration is open at [www.lacnadapc.org/parented](http://www.lacnadapc.org/parented). For more information or to request childcare or a tuition waiver, email [amanda@lacnadapc.org](mailto:amanda@lacnadapc.org).

To learn more about LCPC Parent Education or Family Ministries, visit LCPC's website at [www.lacnadapc.org](http://www.lacnadapc.org). La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd, La Cañada.

### Walk and Word

In February, 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 Feb. 13, 20 & 27. 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 [jnlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jnlavieri@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.

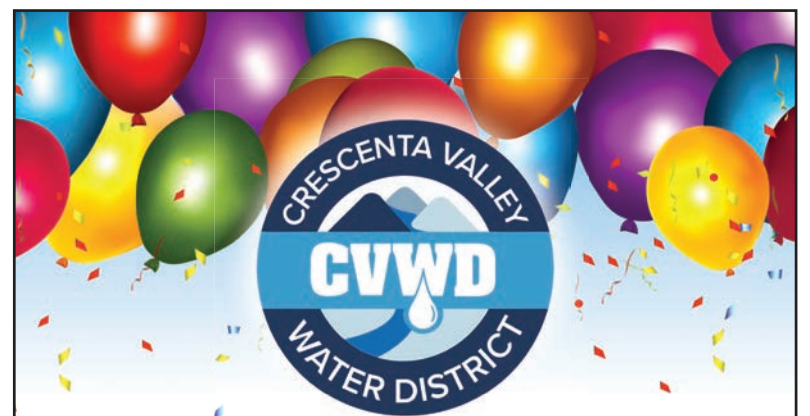
### Prayer Event Rescheduled

Due to the increase in the number of omicron variant cases the date of the 24 hours of prayer event has been moved to March 24-25 from 6 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The location remains at St. Luke's Anglican Church 2416 Montrose Ave. in Montrose.

Parking is in the rear. The theme this year is the Unity of the Church and our land (Ephesians 2: 13-16).

An announcement will be made once the online signup site is.



## CVWD Congratulates Its first High School Student Career Development and Leadership Program Graduates!

### Steven Aintablian

Clark Magnet High School, 11th Grade

### Jacob Batterson

Crescenta Valley High School, 10th Grade

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### Haley Kim

Crescenta Valley High School, 11th Grade

### Debayon Roy

Crescenta Valley Water High School, 10th Grade

### Isabella Torres

Crescenta Valley High School, 10th Grade

**From November 22nd through January 17th, the high school students completed all requirements of the program totaling a commitment of 80 hour. In this duration the students rotated through all departments and were introduced to many disciplines from Accounting to Water Treatment.**

Upon completion of the program, students are provided:

- \$500 scholarship
- Letter from the District verifying receipt of scholarship and verification of volunteer hours



# BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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## The Days of Wine and Roses

Why is February so special? The hectic Christmas and holiday season has passed, the Super Bowl will soon be a memory and we still have a couple of months before our taxes are due. So what is the big deal surrounding February?

More than any other time of the year February, and specifically Valentine's Day (Feb. 14), is the time most of us take a few moments to show our love and affection toward those who matter most to us. It may be a romantic card, a simple kiss, a meaningful hug, a single long stem rose, a shared sip of Prosecco, or even just whispering those few words, "I love you." Yes, Feb. 14 is that one day we uniquely show someone how much we love them.

Our Chamber is fortunate to have two florists as members. They are standing by to help you find the perfect way to express your love. If you are searching for a unique floral arrangement or a flower bouquet, both Crescenta Valley Flowers, at 2900 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta (818) 957-2631 or Divine Fleurs, at 3924 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta (818) 369-7650 offer experience, service and quality. But don't wait too long; order now!

### Announcements

On a sad note ... this past Jan. 14 our community was stunned to hear of the passing of Derek "Rick" Chew, founder of the Early Rodders classic car group. Twenty years ago Rick organized a group of "car guys" to meet each Saturday morning at the UA Theatres parking lot in La Cañada. The Early Rodders, now more than 250 strong, were honored this past November as the Crescenta Valley Chamber's 2021 Organization of the Year. So much of that recognition was the result of Rick's leadership. Our sincere sympathy goes to Rick's family and his many friends who will never forget him.

Our Chamber has selected Pete Smith of Bob Smith Toyota, located at 3333 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta, to become a director and join our 2022 Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce board. Pete brings a wealth of business acumen and



Steve & Karen Pierce in Maui.

knowledge of the Crescenta Valley community to our board and Chamber membership. We are honored to have Pete join us.

### Coming Soon

On Friday, March 25 our Chamber will "kick off" its annual online silent auction when everyone can bid to win some valuable items. Spanning a two-week period, the auction will be an opportunity to bid, keep close tabs on the status of your bid and continue to increase your bid as needed. As we get closer to the March 25 start, each auction item, along with its retail value, will be available to view on our Chamber website.

While there are no mixers scheduled during February, we have plans for a mixer at El Charro Restaurant in Montrose on Thursday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Reservations are

required with restaurant capacity limited to 50 people. You may contact the Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or info@crescentavalleychamber.org to make your reservation.

Finally, it's our annual Hometown Country Fair event at Crescenta Valley Park on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. It's a day of family fun, food trucks, classic cars, live entertainment, kids' inflatable bounce activities, petting zoo, craft vendors and more. This is the one event you won't want to miss!

### Emergency Preparedness Tip

Disaster preparedness isn't just for humans. You need to make sure your pets are cared for. Never abandon an animal or leave a dog chained outside. If you aren't home it's important to have a designated neighbor or caregiver to check on your pets. Be sure to microchip your pet(s) with up-to-date address and phone number information. Keep a folder on your pet's medical records and identify local animal hospitals/clinics where your pet can be taken if he or she gets hurt.

**CV Chamber Membership Opportunities:** If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

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

Steve Pierce, Executive Director  
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NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER

## A Hard 'Goodbye' but Also a Wonderful New 'Hello'

We are starting off 2022 with a hard goodbye to our 2020-21 MVCC president Raffi Ashdjian. Raffi brought a multifaceted perspective to the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. Between his experience at the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union as the director of Marketing and Business Development and as a realtor at Archetype Realty, in addition to being a loving and devoted husband and father to two, Raffi was able to lead us through two of the hardest years we've experienced here at the MVCC with the essential tools and positive mindset needed for our organization to triumph. While we are not at the end of the pandemic just yet, we are proud to say that our "boutique" chamber of commerce has succeeded in remaining a leading resource for our business community. On behalf of our MVCC members and board of directors, we sincerely thank Raffi Ashdjian for his dedication to our cause and for leading us with the confidence and focus that we so needed during this unsettling time. You will be greatly missed but we look forward to having you join us at our future events with our other 99 years of MVCC past presidents!

Raffi leaves us with this: "A sincere 'thank you' to our entire community. My time as the president of the Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce has been nothing short of an amazing experience. It has given me the

opportunity to meet, engage and know our community on a more personal basis and, for that, I am grateful. Please remember to continue to shop local to support the small business owners. Here's to a healthy and successful 2022!"

Now when one door closes, the saying goes, another one opens. As such, we are delighted to introduce you to our 2022 MVCC president, Adam Franko. Adam is the association director of Operations at the YMCA of the Foothills and has served on the MVCC board as the 2021 treasurer and a director for the past two years. Adam is a constant supporter of the community and you have more than likely been assisted by him at the YMCA Christmas Tree Lot with a friendly demeanor and a big inviting smile. It is this same cheer and devotion that Adam contributed to the MVCC that we know will make him an exceptional president. Adam joins a roster of 99 years of extraordinary and inspiring past presidents who continue to show up for our community at ribbon cutting ceremonies and mixer events. Thank you for accepting this new role, Adam; we look forward to working with you because, just as the YMCA's mission states, "We are stronger together!"

A statement from our 2022 president Adam Franko: "First, I'd like to thank Raffi for serving as president of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce for the past two years.

Your service and dedication to this chamber is greatly appreciated. With that, I look forward to serving as the president and working with our executive director Mavil Aghadjanian, and our board and chamber members to continue and strengthen our Chamber by increasing our members and fundraising efforts



Raffi Ashdjian



Adam Franko

so that we can continue to service our community."

**Meet the newest business members of the MVCC**

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On Sunday, April 17, it's the MVCC 2nd Annual Easter "Egg My Home." Let the MVCC scatter eggs on your lawn early Easter morning for a fun surprise for

your kids, grandkids or even adult neighbors. One golden egg will have a *big* surprise. Who will be the lucky winner? Orders can be placed via our website starting in March.

Our Craft Beer Fest 2022 is scheduled to move forward this year. If you are a brewery or a local business interested in participating, showcasing your business or sponsoring our upcoming events, reach out to events.mvcc@gmail.com.

### Special Thank Yous ...

To the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union for its support in a multitude of different capacities these past few difficult years. Also to the YMCA of the Foothills for constant support of our organization and community. The YMCA provides a variety of different programs that benefit our community of all ages. Thank you!

Mavil Aghadjanian, MVCC  
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