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## City Elicits Comments About Wash Project

By Julie BUTCHER

On Saturday, City of Glendale officials continued efforts to collect input on plans for the nine miles that make up the Verdugo Wash by soliciting feedback at events it hosted in downtown and at Verdugo and Fremont parks.

At Verdugo Park, local residents viewed drawings and renderings, charts and maps and graphs of the various possibilities for enhancing each part of the Wash. These include walking and bicycling trails, active and passive recreation, strategies to encourage habitat and wildlife restoration, and park and open space, all situated atop the hydrological infrastructure that currently protects against flooding.

"We've received a lot of input so far, much of it positive. Of course, people have raised concerns and that's why we're here," one of the !melk consultants reported.

Last year, the New York-based !melk firm was hired. The company expressed its enthusiasm about the project at the time: "With a length of 9.4 miles, the Verdugo Wash flows south-east along the eastern edge of the Verdugo Mountains to ultimately join the Los Angeles River just north-east of Griffith Park. With the exception of the free-flowing stream inside the Verdugo Wash Debris Basin Dam, today the Verdugo Wash is entirely encased in a concrete flood control channel.

"Well, this is going to change! Imagine a beautiful pedestrian and bicycle-centric green linear boulevard that creates new connections between the different communities of Glendale; that establishes new neighborhood public space amenities, with ample areas for events and activities; and that re-introduces and restores a local ecology that got disrupted and lost over the past decades. We're honored by the trust the City of Glendale has placed in !melk and our team (which includes Buro Happold) and stoked to be able to work on such an amazing project!"

"We're dreaming!" City Planner Dennis Joe explained. "This is the visioning stage. We're listening to people's concerns and seeking detailed input about what people want and where they want it. Each part of this project will need to be tailored to

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## Falkon Robotics Holds Scrimmage for Local Teams, Preps for Competition Season

By Bethany BROWN

*Prior to the heat of competition, CV High School hosts an informal get together with local robotics teams.*

Crescenta Valley High School's FIRST- For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology – robotics competition team, Falkon Robotics (FRC 589), hosted its annual pre-competition season "scrimmage" for teams in the area to come together and socialize, share their robots and celebrate their accomplishments in a low stress environment prior to the heat of competition at a regional tournament.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, teams from Clark Magnet High School, La Cañada High School and Franklin High School in Eagle Rock joined the Falkons for the event, which was held outdoors on the CVHS campus to adhere to COVID-safe precautions. Masks and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test within the previous 24 hours were also required.

"It was an exhilarating event, to say the



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Various FIRST team members check out one of the robots that is being built for the upcoming Rapid React competition.

least. The opportunity to gather so many like-minded STEM students safely and in a celebratory fashion was the best," said Lyn Repath-Martos, lead JPL

mentor for the Falkon robotics team. "The event was exceptionally well-attended by the local teams, along with many parents who wanted an opportunity to

see the physical realization of what has been occupying their children's waking moments for these past several weeks."

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By Mary O'KEEFE

Registered nurses (RNs) from USC Verdugo Hills Hospital were out in front of the medical facility on Wednesday to bring awareness of what they feel is unfair treatment by the hospital administration.

The nurses stood with signs asking for support and letting the community know they are "essential not expendable." During the demonstration they received numerous "honks" of approval from passing motorists.

The nurses are part of the California Nurses Association. They are currently in negotiations that were postponed in early 2020 due to the pandemic.

"We [paused] negotiations two years ago in March 2020," said Suzanne Miller, ICU RN and a member of the bargaining team.

All agreed that their issues, which included hospital staff shortages, would be put on hold as they "did their job and went to work" during COVID-19. But now the issues of recruitment and retention have not only become points of contention between the union and the hospital administration – for the

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## Local Nurses Demonstrate Dissatisfaction with Working Conditions



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

On Wednesday, USC-VHH nurses demonstrated in front of the hospital, citing staffing shortages as one of major stresses on personnel.

» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



# 'PC' or 'AC' - Enjoying Wine Regardless

As most of you know who often read this column, I'm a wine girl. I love wine (red preferred), wine pairings, wine tasting, etc. I love to hear extolled the benefits of drinking red wine (it's rich in antioxidants, lowers bad cholesterol, keeps hearts healthy, etc.). (I especially like the benefit that it "keeps you slim" - don't know if that's true, but I love hearing it nonetheless.)

So when a friend, who is also a wine lover, and I decided to get together after work last week I emailed Jeff Zimmitti at Rosso Wine Shop.

I hadn't been to Rosso since "PC" (pre-COVID) but remembered that I had enjoyed my time at the wine shop. Not only was it well stocked with all types of wine from around the world it also had delicious cheeses, crackers and more. Jeff was kind enough to pull together a tasting for my friend and me on a Thursday (typically Rosso hosts wine tastings on Friday and Saturday night). Beforehand, I purchased some cheese and crackers we could enjoy with the wine.

Tom was our lead "pouwer" of the night. He was well versed in the wine presentation, giving us some history and

insights about the regions and types of wine we tasted. And the cheese and crackers were delicious - in fact, they were so filling that we ended up not going out for dinner!

"PC" - pre-COVID. Will that be the definition of things the way they were? And will "AC" - after COVID - ever exist?

I know I, for one, pine for the way things used to be. For example, while I know I'm in good company with "hating the mask" I also accept that wearing them probably won't (permanently) go away any time soon. And it makes me so sad to see children like my granddaughter wear one. Sort of ridiculous when you consider that kids are pretty adaptable; she doesn't put up a fuss at all about putting on one.

Thinking of PC and AC, I'm reminded of the other milestones in our lives that help us distinguish time. Before weddings, after (a child's) birth, before college - all these mark-

ers are indicators of moments in time that help us categorize our lives.

I'm reminded, for example, when one of my sons attended summer camp up in the mountains. I was so proud that we had saved the money to send him to a place where he had such an enriching experience. He learned archery, camp songs and, I'm sure, some shenanigans. He couldn't wait to share with us his experiences, the friendships made and all that he learned. No doubt it was a marker in his life as well as ours.

In this week's CV Weekly and continuing in the March 3 and March 10 issues, we'll present the many camp and school options available to our community. It's exciting because the opportunities are as diverse as the campers and students themselves - truly "something for everyone."

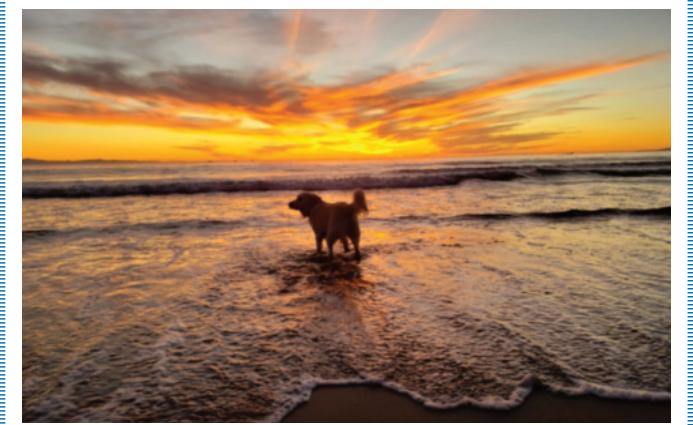
We hope they create some "memory markers" for you and your kids.

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## Weather in the Foothills



"Brighton" Photo by Doug Kilpatrick - Winter '22



North America is home to several different climate types. That means the continent is also home to a variety of extreme weather events. Although we experience the effects of extreme weather here on Earth's surface, weather satellites from above can collect some pretty wild pictures and information about extreme weather. From down below we get to enjoy the flip of conditions.

And California, because of its geographical length, has the most extreme and largest varieties of climate on Earth!

Not only does this pertain to weather. I do not like the weather sometimes, I'm not sure I like computers at any times. Just look at the photo above. It was taken at Rincon Point in the middle of winter and it was in the upper 80s. Within a few days later it dropped 30 degrees!

Warm summer breezes at the beach blew while inland and at higher elevations giant hail fell, which was a danger. We live between the possibility of either.

Because of a computer glitch this was written in just 45 minutes; much less than the three days or more that I typically take. The subject matter had to be entirely changed, too.

A warming trend will begin today, Thursday, with periods of Santa Ana winds through the weekend. Warm and dry weather will continue into next week.

There is one subject on Earth that I may like almost always - my dog, Brighton. Even when cold, sandy and wet!

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

### And the Forecast is...

By Mary O'KEEFE

According to the National Weather Service, the next few days will be a little warmer and the nights a little chilly.

Today, Thursday, the area is expecting a high near 59 degrees fahrenheit, with wind chill values as low as 30 degrees. Wind should be relatively calm with a northeast wind at about 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph. Tonight will be clear with lows in the 40 degrees.

Friday is expected to be a little warmer with a high of 63 and low of 43.

Saturday the high will be near 68 degrees and lows around 46; Sunday is when the real warming trend will begin with a high near 71 degrees, lows around 50.

Monday the high will be near 76, with a low around 54 degrees.

On Tuesday and Wednesday get ready for some nice heat with temperatures at a high of nearly 80 degrees and lows near 58.

### Freaky Weather Facts

- 1) You can tell the temperature by counting a cricket's chirps.
- 2) Sandstorms can swallow up entire cities.
- 3) Dirt mixed with wind can make dust storms called black blizzards.
- 4) A mudslide can carry rocks, trees, vehicles and entire buildings.
- 5) The coldest temperature ever officially recorded was -89.2°C.
- 6) Mild autumn weather often means bigger spiders in our homes.
- 7) A heat wave can make train tracks bend.
- 8) About 2,000 thunderstorms rain down on Earth every minute.
- 9) A 2003 heat wave turned grapes to raisins before they were picked from the vine.
- 10) Lightning often follows a volcanic eruption.
- 11) Raindrops can be the size of a housefly and fall at more than 30 kilometers per hour.
- 12) Cape Farewell in Greenland is the windiest place on the planet.
- 13) Hurricanes can push more than 6m of water ashore.
- 14) In July 2001 the rainfall in Kerala, India was blood red!
- 15) Blizzards can make snowflakes feel like pellets hitting your face.
- 16) A hurricane in Florida caused 900 captive pythons to escape.
- 17) Worms wriggle up from underground when a flood is coming.
- 18) A thunderstorm can produce winds of 160 kilometers per hour.
- 19) In Antarctica, snow can fall so hard you can't see your hand in front of your face.
- 20) A whiteout or heavy snowfall that makes it difficult to see can make you feel sick.

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Directed by Linda Alzauer

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## NEWS

## Not All is 'Rosé' at Deukmejian

By Bethany BROWN

In 1885, immigrant French winemaker – Georges Le Mesnager – purchased land in the Dunsmore Canyon area of La Crescenta, now known as Deukmejian Wilderness Park. He planted vines and grew grapes for a winery he opened and ran in downtown Los Angeles ... until Prohibition hit. He further developed the land with the help of his son Louis who in 1905 began building a stone barn for their winemaking business; the stone barn was at the time used primarily as a storage facility.

The Le Mesnager family rebuilt the stone barn after it was nearly destroyed by a fire in 1933. They added living quarters on the second floor so that they could move onto the property. They lived there from 1937 to 1960 and tended to the vines Georges had first planted.

While the original vines are no longer there, the City of Glendale remodeled the park in 2005 and planted a commemorative vineyard to honor the Le Mesnager family. The city suggested the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley could hold various events there – tours, tastings, community building – specifically about the history of the land and also develop wine with the produced crop. Thus the Stone Barn Vineyard Conservancy (SBVC) was born.

The group maintains the 81 grapevines planted on the property by regularly pruning and harvesting the crops once a year. They use the harvest to produce as many bottles as they can of various wines that they then gift to members of the Conservancy.

Stuart Byles said he and several volunteers were surprised to find not a single grape when they arrived on-site in September 2021 to harvest the year's crop. Byles heads up the Conservancy and joked that they "have a lot of four-legged creatures that like to come and help themselves" but also noted they have never seen the vines completely devoid of grapes until September.

"Usually, they share at least a little bit with us," Byles said. "We're out in a wilderness park, so it's just the way of things but my hope for next season is that we'll have another good crop and get to it before the bears do, although I'm sure they're already licking their chops waiting."



Photo provided by Stuart BYLES  
The vines at Deukmejian Wilderness Park were healthy and ready for harvest but bears, and other critters, got to the vines first.

Byles, with the help of a few volunteers, pruned the vines last week – as they do every January or February – because it is when the vines are dormant. Pruning helps to maintain them, keep them healthy and ensure they do not become overgrown. Volunteers plan to prune them again in May or June before attempting another harvest in late August or early September this year.

There are three main grapes grown in the vineyard, all of which are red: Abouriou or "early Burgundy" to Californians, Red Flame (table grape) and Alicante Bouschet. Byles said their heaviest producer, Alicante, is a widely known wine grape from France, most often used commercially as a colorant when companies want to make the color of the wine look deeper and darker. Additionally, it provides an unmistakable bold and smoky flavor.

After the 2009 Station Fire burned much of Dunsmore Canyon, a SBVC member was hiking up in the hills and

came across a wild grapevine that had popped out of the burnt wreckage. They harvested as many cuttings as they could and sent the leaves and structure to UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity herbarium where it was confirmed to be a Burger grape. The white grape, which was popular in the 19th century, was determined to be a sprouting vine from one of the original Le Mesnager vines. The cuttings were planted into the vineyard and have since been growing alongside the others.

"We encourage people who are interested in the history and the preservation of the vineyard to become members of the conservancy," Byles said.

"As part of their membership, they get two or three bottles of freshly made wine, depending upon the harvest that year."

Membership is \$40 a year and each donation aids in funding the vineyard, ensuring it will continue to thrive for years to come. Members receive periodic newsletters, advance notice of special events, field trips and classes and invitations for hands-on participation in the winemaking process.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Stone Barn Vineyard Conservancy or volunteering to assist with the summer pruning – all are welcome – can contact Stuart Byles at stuartisan3304@gmail.com.

## IN BRIEF

## CVCA TO MEET TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on tonight, Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

## HIKING SAFELY, HIKING SMARTLY: TIPS FROM EXPERT HIKERS

On March 1 at 7 p.m. David Eisenberg, program chair for the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club, and Pat Kramer, program chair for the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club, present an informative question and answer session with members of Montrose Search and Rescue team and trainers from the Sierra Club's Wilderness Training Course. They will shed light on the problems most often seen on the trail that lead to injuries, accidents and the need for rescues. Learn how to avoid these issues by being better prepared.

Advance RSVP is required. Space is limited.

Please use the RSVP link to register. <https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002GVgsAAG>.

## ATTENTION ALL VETERANS

American Legion Post 288 invites all local veterans to attend its Wednesday, March 3 meeting at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall. The meeting runs from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Plan on arriving about 10 minutes early; no RSVP is required. The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

## ARBOR DAY 2022

The community is invited to support Arbor Day 2022 by contributing to the purchase of a tree to combat the last few years of intense drought and tree loss. To donate by credit card, visit [www.glendalebeautiful.org/arbor-day](http://www.glendalebeautiful.org/arbor-day) or fill out the mail-in form and return it with a check to P.O. Box 1307, Glendale, CA 91209.

Arbor Day observances take place on Tuesday, March 1 at 10 a.m. at Casa Adobe de San Rafael Park, 1330 Dorothy Drive in Glendale. In case of rain, the observance will be held in the Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road, lower level.

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# The Beginning of Reflection

Ash Wednesday, which is on March 2, is traditionally known as the beginning of Lent. The 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week are some of the most sacred for Christians. In the fourth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, 40 days is the amount of time Jesus spent alone in the desert fasting and being tempted by Satan.

As Lent begins, the faithful are traditionally called upon to commemorate Jesus' time in the desert and walk in his footsteps. Since most people cannot literally spend 40 days in a desert, most make changes to their everyday lives. Some people promise to pray or attend Mass more often. Others fast or set aside additional

time to read the Scriptures. And, of course, they give up something.

St. Luke's of the Mountains in La Crescenta parishioner Dolores Arellano, who grew up Roman Catholic, believes giving up something during Lent makes sense only if doing so brings one closer to God.

"God wants you to be more spiritual in yourself, not in other people," she said, while preparing the parish hall for St. Luke's weekly post-Sunday service lunch. "I think we have to be more spiritual with God than other times and be closer to him."

*This article was first published in CVW in 2014, written by Michael J. Arvizu.*

## NOTES & NODS

### LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills celebrated a return to in-person services on Sunday, Feb. 20 and is making plans to add Wednesday evening services during the season of Lent. The 7 p.m. Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2. All LCIF services will continue to be accessible online. The church asks those attending in-person to wear a well fitting surgical or medical grade mask.

LCIF Pastor Chuck Bunnell also welcomes the community to explore the Bible through his online lecture series that is posted on the church's website.

Sunday school has resumed, and knitting and quilting groups are back to meeting in person. Anyone is welcome to join these groups in person or through Zoom. No experience is necessary.

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.

### 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. 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 [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot

to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

### 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 available.

### Red Cross Blood Drive in La Crescenta

The community is invited to give the gift of blood at a Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

For more information or to sign up, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or contact La Crescenta Presbyterian at (818) 249-6137.



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# Al Fresco Dining is Set to Return

By Mary O'KEEFE

Get ready to eat outside again as al fresco dining returns to the Montrose Shopping Park.

It has been awhile since extended outdoor dining has been in place along Honolulu Avenue. In June 2020, COVID-19 restrictions closed the doors of restaurants to indoor dining. In response, the City of Glendale – one of many communities in Los Angeles County and nationwide – established

outdoor seating for diners, helping restaurant owners and their staff.

Restaurants were struggling and by offering outdoor seating for diners, who remained masked and maintained six feet physical distancing standards, cities like Glendale provided alternative dining options. In Glendale, K-rails were set up along the streets of Honolulu Avenue to designate dining areas. The areas were filled with chairs and tables. The City supported the project by providing

some chairs and tables but many restaurant owners took it upon themselves to make the space their own by decorating the K-rails and ordering heaters and tent coverings.

Though most knew this was not going to be a permanent solution, al fresco dining had become very popular with restaurant goers. Glendale City Council voted to end the K-rail al fresco dining experience in October 2021 with plans to create a new outdoor

dining experience that would be more permanent.

A revised outdoor dining experience in Montrose was planned for as early as November 2021. Unfortunately, those plans were too ambitious.

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

But now plans are moving forward and the new Montrose parklets/al fresco dining areas are

expected to be installed beginning on Feb. 28 with completion expected by March 4, Calvert said.

The first installation will be near Thee Elbow Room in the 2400 block of Honolulu Avenue on Feb. 28 followed by the completion of one restaurant per day beginning at Joselito's Mexican Food in the 2400 block of Honolulu followed by Montrose Town Kitchen & Grill, Blue Fish Japanese Restaurant and Basin 141 – all in the 2200 block of Honolulu.

# Resolution Raises Awareness of Traffic Speed

By Mary O'KEEFE

The California State Senate passed resolution SR 60, which makes February Speed Safety Awareness Month.

The resolution was authored by Susan Rubio and co-sponsored by Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE), a non-profit organization that is focused on street safety. SAFE members encourage residents and community organizations to support efforts to reduce speeding and raise awareness of traffic related deaths in California.

“We risk the lives of our children, family members and neighbors when we don't manage our speed,” said Damian Kevitt, executive director of SAFE. “Senator Rubio's leadership on speed safety awareness and efforts to protect all road users is deeply appreciated. My hope is that this resolution will bring even more attention to this ever-increasing public health crisis and the need to address it through legislation and a safe systems approach to traffic safety.”

In February 2013, Kevitt was

bicycling with his wife along the LA River Bike path toward the LA Zoo when the driver of a minivan struck him. The driver did not stop and in an apparent effort to flee the scene sped away pinning Kevitt underneath the vehicle. The driver then accelerated onto the 5 Freeway. Kevitt was dragged about 600 feet until he was able to free himself. He lost his right leg to this accident and during his recovery he decided to dedicate his life to street safety for all users. He has spent time with grieving parents, friends and family members who have lost loved ones to preventable speed-related traffic violence.

Senator Rubio, a former public school teacher and vice-principal, said that protecting children and families from preventable tragedies was a major motivating factor for her in authoring the bill.

“Driving fast on local roads can be deadly, especially for our children and their parents walking to school,” said Senator Rubio. “A recent study found that nearly 50% of cars are driving 11 miles per hour or higher above the speed limit in school

zones. When I was a vice principal, I had to handle traffic at my school because it was so dangerous. Parents and children would struggle to walk safely as cars sped by in the school zone and one year a student was struck by a car and killed. Deaths like this don't need to happen if communities emphasize the importance of safe driving and speed limits are enforced.”

Since the beginning of the pandemic, there has been a dramatic increase throughout the state in dangerous driving and speeding cars. While across the state there's been a 3.9% increase in traffic fatalities in the last three years [between 2018-20] in some areas the increase has been higher, according to Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS).

The City of Los Angeles saw a 24% increase in fatalities in 2021 compared to 2020, according to the LA Police Dept. tracking system.

Other areas of the state have seen dramatic increases in fatalities including Kern County, which has seen a 44.1% increase in fatalities, while Fresno County has seen a

43.5% increase in fatalities over the last three years [2018 to 2020], according to SWITRS.

Data gathered by the California Highway Patrol indicates the number of drivers speeding over 100 miles per hour on the state's highways nearly doubled between 2019 and 2020. The California

Legislature passed two bills directly related to speed and street safety in the fall, but two other bills, including one authored by Senator Rubio that would have authorized the limited use of automated speed enforcement cameras in school zones that were found to be dangerous, died in committee, according to SAFE.

## CRIME BLOTTER

Feb. 20

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, while a woman was shopping she placed her purse in the shopping cart. When she went to pay for her items she discovered her wallet was missing from her purse. Surveillance footage revealed that as the victim was shopping with the shopping cart behind her a male wearing a black hat, black sweater and black pants reached into the shopping cart and took items from her purse. He then walked out of the store.

The theft occurred at 10:38 a.m.

Feb. 19

Angeles Crest Hwy in Angeles National Forest, a vehicle burglary took place. The rear passenger and rear hatch windows of a vehicle were broken and items stolen while the victim was hiking. Reported stolen were power tools and miscellaneous rock climbing equipment.

The incident occurred between 2:54 p.m. and 5:10 p.m.

Angeles Crest Hwy at Angeles National Forest, a vehicle burglary took place. The rear side window and rear

hatch window were broken and a mobile portable refrigerator was stolen.

The theft occurred between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Angeles Crest Hwy in Angeles National Forest, a vehicle burglary took place while the victim was hiking. The car's rear driver's side window was broken. The victim was unsure if any personal property was missing.

The theft occurred between 3 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Angeles Crest Hwy in Angeles National Forest, the front and rear windows of a vehicle were shattered and several items were stolen.

The vehicle burglary occurred between Feb. 19 at noon and Feb. 20 at noon.

Angeles Crest Hwy in Angeles National Forest, the rear driver's side window was shattered and the trunk lock cylinder on a vehicle was damaged. The interior of the vehicle had been ransacked and several items were stolen.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 18

Angeles Crest Hwy in Angeles National Forest, a bike and bike lock were reported stolen from the back of a vehicle in a campground.

The incident occurred between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.

4200 block of Woodleigh Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, an attempted burglary took place. The resident witnessed via his home surveillance camera that two suspects had entered his backyard. The suspects were described as two males; both were described as being between 5'11" and 6'03", thin, wearing a gray sweatshirt, gray pants, face mask and gloves. Via the surveillance camera the informant notified the men that law enforcement was on the way; the men fled.

The attempted burglary occurred at 7:40 p.m.

Feb. 16

4400 block of Cornishon in La Cañada Flintridge, unknown suspect/s damaged the skate park fence by unknown means.

The incident was reported at 5:11 p.m.

# Legislation Introduced to Combat Thefts of Catalytic Converters

State Senator Anthony J. Portantino joined Senator Tom Umberg to announce the introduction of Senate Bill 986, a measure that combats catalytic converter theft by requiring dealers to apply a vehicle identification number (VIN) to the catalytic converter of each vehicle listed for sale. Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón and LAPD Chief Michel Moore joined Senators Portantino and Umberg on Tuesday during a press conference to announce the bill.

“Catalytic converter thefts are rising and serious. It is a crime that is affecting an

increasing number of families in the 25th State Senate District and across the state,” said Senator Portantino. “We must enact tougher law enforcement strategies and penalties that combat it. SB 986 offers a simple common sense solution to eliminating the legal challenges of prosecuting the theft of catalytic converters. The bill will also result in a reduction of thefts of used converters, which is good news for both victims and law enforcement. I am proud to be a joint author of this measure with Senator Umberg and I look forward to working with him to curb the rise of catalytic thefts in

our state.”

An imprinted serial number relating to the unique VIN identifies most major parts of vehicles sold in the United States. It is these identification markings that allow law enforcement to establish that parts are stolen, even if the stolen vehicle has already been fully broken down. However, this serial number identification process does not currently apply to catalytic converters. As a result, law enforcement may make arrests of individuals in possession of dozens or even hundreds of suspect catalytic converters – but be unable to prove a case in

court because there is no way to identify the victims of crime to show that these parts are stolen. The application of a VIN to a catalytic converter is a process that is both easy and inexpensive and is usually done by etching.

Senate Bill 986 will require dealers to mark the catalytic converters of vehicles up for sale. The measure will also require core recyclers to record the unique identification number on each catalytic converter. Under SB 986, the core recycler’s obligation will only be relieved if the used catalytic converter that was purchased or sold under a specified written agreement

is described with sufficient particularity. Upon request from local law enforcement, the burden will fall on the core recycler to prove that the catalytic converter was purchased under the specified written agreement.

“Catalytic converters have become a popular target of theft because they contain valuable metals and are untraceable and easy to sell,” District Attorney Gascón said. “This bill will give law enforcement important tools that will reduce property crime and save consumers the money and hassle of replacing the stolen parts.”

### NURSES' from Cover

nurses they have become safety issues.

“Nurses put their hearts and souls into [their work],” Miller said. However, she added, there are many nurses who are either leaving the profession, or in

many cases leaving VHH, for jobs that are offering more.

“There are some hospitals that offer sign up bonuses,” she said. And many that are offering attractive wages.

But it is not only the wages that are attracting nurses away from USC-VHH; it is the working conditions at the hospital that are apparently turning them away.

“There are a lot of staffing concerns,” said Sandra Ocampo, labor representative. “There is a lot of understaffing. Nurses leave right

when they get here. They are attracted by the name ‘USC’ but when they show up there aren’t any nurses.”

Ocampo added that staffing has become an issue that affects retention.

“Oh, definitely,” agreed Ruby Carpo, an RN working in the Emergency Department/Room. “And it’s not just in the Emergency Room; it is the entire hospital. Our turnover rate is about 40%; that is since I got here in 2018-19. Nurses are not happy.”

Regarding the staffing issues,

Carpo added that many times the administration asks nurses to work overtime, which she feels is not safe especially during this time of the pandemic.

“It is putting too much on our families, putting our families at risk and putting ourselves at risk. In the last 30 days at least 12 RNs have tested positive [for COVID],” she added. “We are in moral distress.”

That seemed to be the theme of Wednesday’s protest. Those in the medical fields have been tested to their limits during the pandemic. There is emotional

and physical stresses like never before and, although everyone for this article said they continue to show up because it is what they are called to do, not having enough nurses has stretched their limits.

“We still show up to work,” Miller added, “but now the [administration] is raising [the cost of] our health premiums. This is not a time to do that.”

The nurses who were out on the sidewalk and in the drive-by caravan were emotional because, as they stated, they feel they are being ignored and disrespected by the administration.

To fill gaps in some areas ER nurses are working in the ICU, or charge nurses are working in the ER. Harris said that she is a nurse so she can work in other departments but when you specialize it is difficult to move from one area to another. She is an ER nurse who recently had two patients in the ICU and one in ER.

“We didn’t have any ICU nurses,” she said.

CVW reached out to USC-VHH administration and received the following statement:

“USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH) was notified of a potential demonstration from the California Nurses Association (CNA), which represents registered nurses at the hospital. This is not a strike. The hospital is fully staffed and the demonstration will not affect patient care.

“USC-VHH has upheld exemplary safety measures throughout the pandemic and maintains high marks across multiple quality and safety measures. The hospital also offers robust employee support services through its Care for the Caregiver program, and employee surveys consistently show high levels of employee satisfaction.

“We respect the right of our CNA members to demonstrate and recognize that they are an essential part of what makes our health care facility among the best in the country. The hospital looks forward to resuming discussions with CNA and is hopeful we can successfully negotiate a new contract.”



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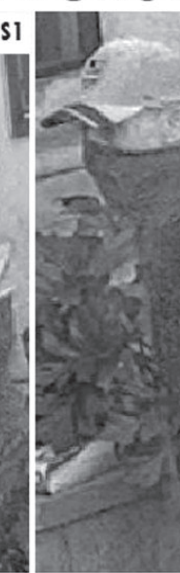


## GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CARL POVILAITIS, CHIEF OF POLICE - 131 N. ISABEL ST, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA 91206

# CRIME BULLETIN

## NEED TO IDENTIFY

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

#### SUSPECT DESCRIPTIONS

S1: M/H 25-35 YRS, 5'6" - 5'8", TATTOOS ON BOTH FOREARMS S2: MALE, 20-30 YRS, THIN BUILD

#### POSSIBLE SUSPECT VEHICLE

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**SYNOPSIS:** On Sunday, 2/13/22, at 3:47pm, a residential burglary occurred at on the 1200 block of Vista Ct. The two suspects walked up to the house and S1 rang the doorbell and looked in the window. He then opened the door and both suspects entered. They made off with a Macbook, wallet, and messenger bag.

Anyone with information that can assist with the investigation is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Department at 818-548-4911.

If you wish to remain anonymous, call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP," or go directly to [www.lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org).



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VERDUGO WASH from Cover  
the specific neighborhood it runs through.”

Fred Zohrehvand, Glendale’s principal mobility planner, responded to some of the concerns raised.

“It will be closed at night,” said Zohrehvand. “Anything can be mitigated. We’re here today to begin to address the fears we’ve heard about – concerns about the homeless and crime and the noise of construction.”

“Even just riding here [to Verdugo Park] from our Citrus Grove neighborhood was rough – had us riding through parking lots,” a cyclist told landscape architect Allyson Czechowicz. “My husband grew up in Glendale and having a dedicated, protected bike lane would be a really big deal.”

“Building amenities that improve the community’s quality of life – that’s what we do,” Jerry van Eyck of !melk explained. “The concrete channels of the ‘30s are outdated. People want less brutalism, more beauty.”

“This is not our first rodeo. We’ve

just started talking to the community. Folks are always a little bit hesitant at first at the disruption of the status quo. Those who are most skeptical often end up being the biggest boosters of our projects. Would you rather be living next to a concrete strip or next to a beautiful park? Which do you think will increase the value of your property?”

Bradley Calvert of the city’s Community Development Department noted that, while a great deal of input has been elicited including from an online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VerdugoWash>) and meetings and events held so far, many more of these kinds of input-seeking opportunities will be held.

In a letter dated Feb. 22, CV activist Susan Bolan wrote on behalf of the Crescenta Valley Community Association: “In reviewing the 132-page pre-design report, our association does not feel that the listed items below of safety, security, noise, property lines, property values and eminent domain



Photo by Julie BUTCHER

Landscape architect Allyson Czechowicz points at photos of the Wash as it currently looks and functions.

have been properly addressed. In addition, the report fails to state with the confidence of hard data that flood capacity will not be compromised and that adjacent properties will not be at risk by the introduction of any new designs or ‘interventions.’ Further, we did not see suggested mitigation

measures that will ensure a safe and secure location for both users of the space and neighboring properties nor any ballpark estimates on cost.

“While we support the expansion of open space within neighborhoods and opportunities for safe separation of pedestrians, bikes and vehicles, we are not sure this is the best choice for the Wash areas north of Glendale Community College. In our opinion, the Visioning portion of the study is premature if the items

of concern are not considered. We are sure there are many more that we did not list. We sincerely hope that Glendale is still at the stage of ‘whether we should be altering our flood channels’ and not, ‘how are we going to make this dream happen?’” the association’s letter closed.

The city has shared the latest information on a website dedicated to the wash <https://www.verdugowash.com/>.

## Firefighters Quickly Snuff Out Cobb Fire



By Justin HAGER

The U.S. Forest Service, with Los Angeles County Fire and various regional fire agencies along with air support, responded to a brush fire in Altadena on Sunday. The fire was named the Cobb Fire due to its proximity to Cobb Estates in the Angeles National Forest.

The wildfire burned about five acres before it was knocked down. The cause of the wildfire has yet to be determined.

Local hikers in the area were able to evacuate through the Cobb Estate; no injuries were reported.

The fire was a reminder to all area residents to look at defensible space and harden their homes, said Andrew Mitchell, U.S. Forest Service spokesman.

“Fire season is year round now,” he added, “but as we like to say, ‘If you bring the defense, we’ll bring the offense.’”

Recommended guidelines for defensible space, hardening and other wildfire preparation, including emergency evacuation kits, can be found in the LA County Fire Dept. “Ready, Set, Go – Wildfire Action Plan guidebook at <https://tinyurl.com/29yuuex>.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## CV High School Plays Baseball at Stengel Field. But Who the Heck was Stengel?

I guess I don't have a lock on local history! Justin Hager, the sports writer for this paper, wrote the following as a lead-in to our quick look at the history of Stengel Field: "Falcon baseball kicked off last week, continuing a rich history of CVHS athletics. It was 60 years ago the Crescenta Valley High School baseball team played its first varsity baseball schedule. The team had no seniors as the newly formed high school didn't yet have a senior class but, despite the competitive disadvantage, it elected to play a varsity schedule anyway. Ten years later, CVHS would see its first alumnus appear on a big league field as pitcher Bill Slayback led the Detroit Tigers to a victory over the New York Yankees. But the history of the field the Falcons' now play on, Stengel Field, goes back even further than the high school itself."

Casey Stengel was legendary in baseball history with an astounding 54-year career. He gained his biggest fame as the colorful wise-cracking manager

of the New York Yankees in their glory years of the late '40s/early '50s. He managed that team to an unheard-of five consecutive World Series titles, coaching baseball legends such as Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto and Mickey Mantle.

But when he wasn't in New York, Casey Stengel was in Glendale where he lived with his wife Edna. Thanks to Glendale historian Katherine Yamada, we have a record of how Stengel Field came to be.

The Glendale Municipal Ball Park was built across from Glendale College in 1948. Casey Stengel, already a Glendale resident, was honored by Glendale with "Casey Stengel Day" at the new ball field in 1949 after his first World Series win managing the New York Yankees. Another World Series win for the Yankees happened in 1950, and another "Casey Stengel Day" was celebrated.

1951 saw another World Series win, and Casey Stengel made this year's "Casey Stengel Day" a day

to remember! Stengel brought the champion Yankees to the Glendale Municipal Ball Field for an exhibition game against the Chicago White Sox.

Led by "Joltin' Joe" DiMaggio and rookie Mickey Mantle before a standing-room only Glendale crowd of 6,000, the world champion Yankees choked, losing 5 to nothing.

In 1952, again the manager of the World Series champion Yankees was honored memorably at the Glendale field ... memorable in that on that particular "Casey Stengel Day" the field was renamed "Stengel Field" in front of 2,000 cheering Glendale school children. Casey, not wanting another humiliation for his champion Yankees, instead celebrated by umpiring a Little League all-star game, the first game played at the newly christened Stengel Field.

Stengel won another World Series in 1953, and retired to Glendale full-time in 1965. He died in 1975 and is buried in (of course) Forest Lawn-Glendale. His home

at 1663 Grandview is listed on the Glendale register of Historic Places.

Famed sports writer Jim Murray on Stengel's death quipped, "Well, God is certainly getting an earful tonight." That's because the brash, colorful Stengel was as famous for his mouth as his managerial skills, knocking out what are referred to today as 'Stengel-isms.' Here's some of my favorites:

- "All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height."
- "Never make predictions, especially about the future."
- "There comes a time in every man's life, and I've had plenty of them."
- "Managing is getting paid for home runs someone else hits."
- "Wake up muscles, we're in New York now."
- "They say some of my stars drink whiskey, but I have found that ones who drink milkshakes don't win many ball games."
- "I was such a dangerous hitter I even got intentional walks

during batting practice."

- "If anyone wants me, tell them I'm being embalmed."
- "Don't cut my throat, I may want to do that later myself."
- "Without losers where would the winners be?"
- "The trick is growing up without growing old."

And finally, when Stengel Field was dedicated in 1952, Casey said, "I've been thrown out of a lot of ballparks, but this is the first time I've ever had one named after me."



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

## A Plan to Reinvest in American Workers and Reclaim Our Competitive Edge

When the coronavirus gripped the nation nearly two years ago, many of us hunkered down as we adjusted to the new realities of pandemic work, remote school and new routines designed to keep our loved ones and our communities safe. All the while, our essential workers took great risks to keep us safe.

In the uncertainty and anxiety that marked the early days of COVID, we quickly realized there were a lot of things we needed: from face masks, to technologies to facilitate our new virtual posture, to extra household goods to tide our families over during quarantine. And we all needed these things at the exact same time.

This happened all over the world, not just here at home. Factories that manufactured those critical goods shut down,

the shipping companies that transported them halted their operations, and the workers we relied on to keep them flowing were also largely staying at home to keep their own communities safe.

This put pressure on our ability to buy basic goods, used cars, even furniture.

But these challenges hardly arrived out of nowhere – rather, they are the result of decades of domestic economic policies that favored corporations looking to cut costs and disinvest in workforces that drive the research and manufacturing to create the goods we rely on every single day. While countries like China have spent that time investing in these industries up and down the supply chain, America often looked the other way as powerful companies

simply offshored jobs to chase larger profit margins.

These policies have left us especially vulnerable to major disruptions like natural disasters and military conflicts on the other side of the world and reliant on our economic competitors, some of whom practice grave human rights abuses. And even worse, communities all across the country, including right here in Los Angeles, have lost millions of the manufacturing jobs that helped build this country and have supported working families for generations.

While recent actions – including the critical relief and support packages passed by Democrats in Congress – have alleviated some of these pressures in the short-term, we cannot afford to be caught

off-guard again. We need to invest heavily in our ability to manufacture critical goods here at home and to make our supply chains resilient against future threats and disruptions.

The America COMPETES Act, which I helped pass earlier this month, will do just that. This legislation isn't about Band-Aid solutions – it's about building a stronger foundation for our economy and working families so that we can keep leading the world. It would invest \$52 billion to jumpstart the American semiconductor industry – the key component in just about every electronic device from the electric grid to your cellphone. It would invest another \$45 billion to plug gaps in our supply chains and create stockpiles for everything from medicine and food products

to communications and clean energy technologies – which will help us avoid the shortages that cause price spikes that are hurting California families. This will spur new long-term job opportunities for California workers. And it would invest in bolstering America's research infrastructure to ensure we remain on the cutting edge of developing the technologies of the future so we can enjoy a bright economic future for decades to come.

We're not out of the woods of this pandemic yet – but relief and normalcy are coming back. Let us address the challenges the pandemic has revealed and exacerbated, with all the strength we can muster, so we never find ourselves in the same vulnerable position in the future.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Brings Back Memories

I just ran across the excellent Crescenta Valley Weekly website. Good articles.

I grew up in the Verdugo Woodlands/Sparr Heights/Montrose/La Crescenta area. My buddies and I almost lived at Indian Springs when we were middle school age kids. It was a lot more than just a pool. It was always a little mysterious as our moms drove us down the winding driveway under the thick canopy of the oaks, and then onto the open yard where

we were dropped off.

The staff there was a very friendly group and the men's changing room was just one big room and we were required to take an ice cold shower before going down the steps to the pool. I'm sorry it's gone now – modern civilization caught up with it.

I was born in 1939, so my memories of Indian Springs were from around 1945 to 1950, which was very calm in Crescenta Valley. My mom knew Monte Friend, and I knew who he was, but I don't think I

ever talked to him. I believe his wife was also a diver.

Many memories of those days!

Ed Bianchi  
Fort Worth, Texas

#### Appreciates Local Article

Thank you, Mike Lawler, for the La Tuna Part 2 article [Viewpoints, Feb. 10]. I remember reading about that horrific accident. Having two boys about to receive their driver's license, I really took notice. Bless you, Debbie, for hanging in there. You mentioned God on your

shoulder. I believe He is with you all the time!

I love supporting guide dogs. There is a very worthwhile "seeing eye dog training facility" in Sylmar.

Now I will check [my previous week's] paper for La Tuna Part 1; I'm anxious to see Part 3 [in the Feb. 17 issue].

[Publisher] Robin, your paper is full of interesting articles! Thanks again for all of the hard work that goes into the CV Weekly!

Lorraine Locke  
La Crescenta

#### Who's Responsible?

What is going to be next? Now it looks like our elite caretakers want to require every citizen of California to have their permission to work. And nobody will get their permission unless we have a experimental drug shot into our bodies, a drug for which the manufacturers have no legal responsibilities. You die or get impaired for life: tough. If the state is going to require this, then the state should be held for any and all deaths, impairments, etc. as a result of being injected with

see LETTERS on page 19

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED DON'T NECESSARILY REPRESENT THOSE OF CV WEEKLY.





# Welcome to Schools & Camps 2022

It's hard to believe that we're already looking ahead to all of the options that schools and camps have to offer. Whether searching for something to fill spring break or to last the entire summer, whether for a kid or a kid at heart, schools and camps have much to offer.

According to the American Camp Association, skill development is a key component in the success of camp attendance and youth development experts agree that children need a variety of experiences in their lives to help them grow into healthy adolescents and adults.

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- A sense of industry and competency
- A feeling of connectedness to others and to society
- A belief in their ability to make decisions
- A stable identity

The Association adds that the camp experience is uniquely positioned to meet the developmental needs of children. Camp, whether overnight or day camp, can be the perfect partner to family, school and community youth activities in helping a child learn independence, decision-making,

social and emotional skills, character building and values – all in an atmosphere of creativity and enrichment under the supervision of positive adult role models.

Children questioned by the American Camp Association have said that after attending camp they felt they were more confident and curious, and excited about school and achieving higher grades. One 11-year-old boy said that by attending camp, "I learned better sportsmanship and listening skills that helped me bring up my grades in behavior."

Children who attend specialized camps or schools – tennis, swim or another type of specialized experience – will not only bond with others who are like-minded but they can also improve their abilities while creating life-long friendships.

And happily the camp experience is not limited to just kids. Adults who set aside time can discover that some camps are designed just for them, too.

Over the next three weeks we'll touch on all aspects of camps and schools and discover the positive aspects available to everyone.



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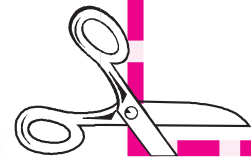


Share with CV Weekly your favorite funny, horrifying or entertaining spring/summer camp memory. Cut out and fill in the "post-card" (extra paper might be needed) and send to

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**Co-ed Spartan Sports Camp for ages 5-14 at La Cañada High School This Summer**

Spartan Allstars is a co-ed sports camp held at La Cañada High School. This year marks its 11th summer in operation. Camp runs Monday- Friday from June 8th through July 22nd from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Campers range in age from 5-14 with incoming 8th and 9th graders being part of our junior counselor program.

Spartan Allstars introduces campers to a broad range of sports and activities, teaches children the value of cooperative team sports and sportsmanship, and encourages individual excellence in an atmosphere of healthy competition. Expert staff modify activities to enhance the individual skill level of both the novice and experienced campers. Special activities are speckled throughout camp to add variety and lasting memories.

Unfortunately, Spartan Allstars will be without a pool this summer. La Cañada High School started construction on a new pool in 2021 and expects it to be ready in the fall of 2022. Demolition on the "old" pool will begin in the late spring in hopes that construction will be completed by the time school goes back in the fall. But lots of fun ideas are in the works to keep campers cool during the hot afternoons! Activities are rotated in and out of doors.

Spartan Allstars had no issues or reported issues due to COVID-19 last summer and will be diligent in keeping campers and staff safe again this summer. Visit our website to learn more.

Sign ups are coming in at a record pace and most sessions are expected to sell out. Don't delay in signing up! Visit us at [www.spartanallstars.com](http://www.spartanallstars.com) or contact us at [spartanallstarscamp@gmail.com](mailto:spartanallstarscamp@gmail.com) or (818) 473-0005.

Get Ready for Summer Camps!

Summer Camps at the Y are right around the corner! For parents interested in single day camps, seasonal or specialty camps - there's something to fit every interest and schedule along with extended care options should parents need more flexibility. Teens wanting to develop leadership skills and become a future camp counselor should explore the Y's LIT program (Leadership in Training) at Camp Bear this summer. The opportunities are endless!

Did you know there's a special day camp on March 21 and March 28 designed to keep kids in kindergarten through eighth grade intellectually stimulated while they're not in school? Activities include art and crafts, sports, swimming, games and lots of socialization. Spring Camp is also around the corner with similar activities for the selected weeks of March 14-April 15. Registration for both is NOW OPEN!

Camp Sign-Up Day for Summer Camp and Camp Bear is Saturday, March 5 at Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Online registration opens at 2 p.m. Summer Camp options include on-site and off-site adventures as well as

specialty camps focused on specific activities and sports for kids to explore. Camp Bear offers everything from hiking expeditions and kayaking to archery and more. The YMCA of the Foothills camps are accredited by the

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# Summer Fun for Kids – and More – Found at Summer Camps

Children's Hospital Los Angeles blogger Nicole Freedman, MSN, RN, CPNP, reached out to Stephanie Marcy, PhD, pediatric psychologist at CHLA on the value of summer camps for kids.

"She shared some great information about summer and its ability to help children develop social skills and more," Freedman wrote.

Summer camp gives children an opportunity to meet friends from other schools and it encourages them to cultivate relationships outside of their "friend comfort zone." Other benefits include structure and routine, positive social interactions, a healthy, active outlet, developmental growth and meeting new people.

Freedman and Marcy broke each of these sections down as to why they matter for the summer camp child.

**Structure and routine.** Summer camps provide structure and routine for kids when they're not in school. It keeps them regulated and makes transitioning back into school easier when summer break ends.

**Positive social interactions.** Summer camps promote positive social interactions often around a common interest such as sports, robotics and/or crafts.

**Healthy, active outlet.** Summer camps provide a healthy, more active outlet during summer break for children away from television screens, cellphones and video games.

**Developmental growth.** Summer camps keep children's minds stimulated and provide growth in other de-

velopmental areas rather than just academics.

**Meeting new people.** Summer camp exposes children to different situations and new people, which promotes development of flexibility and adaptability.

Going to camp can be an exciting time for children but can also make them a little anxious. The more support parents can give them as they go off to camp the more confident they will feel.

There are some important essentials that should be packed into children's backpacks as they head off to camp. If a child takes a daily medication it is important to contact the camp director days before the first day of camp to inform them of the medication requirements and to drop the medicine off. Most camps will require a doctor to complete an informational form concerning the medication, what it is for and how/when to administer.

"Some kids use PRN medication, meaning 'as needed,' such as asthma inhalers, pain reliever for menstrual cramps or an auto-injector device for allergies. Check with your child's camp regarding who is responsible for holding this medication for your child and ensuring that it remains accessible to them if needed," according to Freedman.

Water and a water bottle are essential. It is important for children to keep hydrated.

"Talk to your child about continuously drinking fluids, especially water, throughout the day to prevent dehydration and heat-related illness. A good indicator of

your child's hydration status is the color of their urine. It should appear very light yellow, nearly the color of water," wrote Freedman.

Even if it is an overcast day sunscreen is always important. The best sunscreen to purchase is one that protects both UVA and UVB rays with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 and is waterproof.

"If they are old enough, remind them to reapply throughout the day. If you have a little one, talk to your child's counselor about making sure they reapply the sunscreen to your [child], particularly after swimming," she added.

Several companies sell sun clothing, including sun shirts, which have UVA and UVB protection. These shirts are sometimes referred to as surf shirts. This clothing is specially treated fashions designed to filter ultraviolet light.

Wearing a baseball cap or some type of head covering helps protect from the sun, as does a pair of sunglasses. Let children choose their own hat and glasses that they feel comfortable with, Freedman suggested.

Packing a healthy lunch, making certain children have a change of clothes in case they get wet or are sweaty, and having an identification card in their backpack is also recommended.

For the complete blog, visit <https://www.chla.org/blog/rn-remedies/why-summer-camp-healthy-your-child>.

Mary O'Keefe contributed to this story

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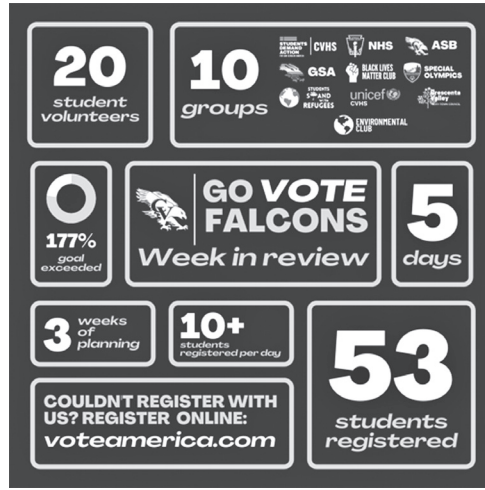
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# YOUTH

## Campus Clubs Organize Registration Drive



Recently Crescenta Valley High School students held a voter registration drive on the school campus. Roan Thibault is a student at the school and group leader of the club Students Demand Action, one of the 10 clubs that organized the drive. “With the midterm elections coming up, we wanted to ensure that CVHS students knew that they have a voice in their future,” said Thibault of the reason behind the drive. “Whether [students] care about gun violence prevention as I do, immigration, LGBTQ rights, or

anything in between, it’s up to us to get out and use our votes. We sought to bring together clubs of all different kinds so that we could engage as many students as possible with the civic process and showcase the collection of issues that are on the ballot every election.” The drive was the first event of its kind organized as a collaborative effort among the clubs, though individual clubs and the school’s ASB (associated student body) have hosted previous drives. One of the top priorities of organizers was to register voters

along all party lines – not to cater to any one political leaning. Based on the positive response, that message was clearly – and successfully – communicated with 53 students registered during the week. “We were careful to follow California’s voter registration laws, which stipulate that drives must be nonpartisan,” Thibault said. “Having multiple groups on board helped encourage students of all political affiliations to register. Rather than it simply seeming like a drive was led by a ‘liberal’ club or a ‘conservative’ one, this was truly

a drive where everyone could feel welcome.” The drive was a joint effort among 10 clubs: Students Demand Action, ASB, National Honor Society, Students Stand with Refugees, the Gender-Sexuality Alliance, the Black Lives Matter Club, UNICEF, the Special Olympics club, Environmental Club, and the CV Youth Town Council. Thibault was also quick to acknowledge the support of school administrators, which ensured the drive went smoothly. “We’ve never had a weeklong

Photos courtesy of Roan THIBAULT and Eran KARMON LEFT: Students were able to register to vote during snack and lunch. MIDDLE: The results of the weeklong effort. ABOVE: A recently registered voter holds up a certificate stating her reason for registering. drive or one with so many groups involved,” said Thibault. “Although I’m graduating next year, I hope that our volunteers this year will be able to organize a future registration drive.”

## Academy of Science and Medicine Holds Food Drive

Crescenta Valley High School Academy of Science and Medicine collected food for the Bailey Center, which is located at the United Methodist Church in Tujunga. The Bailey Center is a food bank that feeds about 1,000 individuals every Wednesday. The Bailey Center has seen food insecurity grow, especially during the pandemic, and it does not seem to be slowing down.

Anyone who can and would like to donate can do so by bringing nonperishable food items or grocery store gift cards to the Bailey Center, which is supported by the United Methodist Church, at 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga. Volunteers are there to receive donations on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Items can also be dropped off at the CV Weekly office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta/Glendale. Donors can call the office at (818) 248-2740 during regular office hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to be directed where to drop off donations. The Center is also looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should email okeefemo5966@yahoo.com.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

## Self Care Taught to Local Girl Scout Troop



For Valentine’s Day, Annie Varvayan, licensed clinical psychologist from Couch Conversations Psychotherapy and Counseling, taught mindfulness and self-care through deep breathing, meditation and relaxation skills to La Cañada Flintridge Girl Scout Troop #70571. Pictured are (back row) Troop Leader Georgina Mueller, Olivia Mueller, Cora Ryan, Lucia Phifer, Maya Whitesides, Dr. Annie Varvayan; (in front row) Violet Mueller and Lilly Young.

## YOUTH NOTES

The GUSD has cleared the path for the first live performance of 2022, and the first musical on the Crescenta Valley High School stage in two years. The final performances of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” are

Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. Advanced ticketing required; visit <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/crescenta-valley-high-school/the-25th-annual-putnam-county-spelling-bee-7483>.

Additionally, this is the first time in CVHS history that the musical is a collaboration between two advanced performing arts classes: musical theater ensemble and honors entertainment technology and live performance.

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## SPORTS

## Pacific League Honors Celebrate Incredible Winter Season for CVHS Sports



The winter sports season has officially come to a close for Crescenta Valley High School after the final CVHS teams remaining in CIF-Southern Section tournament play were eliminated last week. But after historic runs in almost every sport, Crescenta Valley students, parents and residents should take pride in the incredible winter sports season that saw the Falcons win

four Pacific League championships and qualify teams for the CIF-SS tournament in five different sports.

#### Boys Basketball

One of the teams taking home Pacific League championship honors was the Falcon boys' basketball team. Through the course of the season they outscored their opponents by a combined 250 points and finished the

regular season an undefeated 7-0 in Pacific League play and 18-4 overall. According to MaxPreps, they ranked #54 (of 497) in the CIF Southern Section with a statewide rank just outside the top 100. Adding to the team's honors, Coach Shawn Zargarian was named the Pacific League Coach of the Year while senior Quinlan Daly named to Pacific League First Team honors; senior Allen Boghosian was

named to Pacific League Second Team honors; and senior John Hebert received a Pacific League honorable mention.

#### Girls Basketball

Not to be outdone, the Falcon girls' basketball team took home a Pacific League championship of their own, finishing the season an undefeated 7-0 in Pacific League

see CVHS SPORTS on page 18

Photo by Justin HAGER

LEFT: The Falcon boys' basketball team was unstoppable in the regular season, earning a Pacific League title and numerous honors

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CVHS ATHLETICS

MIDDLE: The CVHS Girls Soccer Team won the Pacific League Championship and won Numerous Honors

Photo by Justin HAGER

RIGHT: The CVHS boys' soccer team won the Pacific League with nine players receiving honors

## CVHS Opens Track and Field Season with Home Meet

By Justin HAGER

Regional track and field competitions launched this weekend with CVHS hosting the Crescenta Valley Distance Invitational. Fourteen schools from across the region traveled to Crescenta Valley High School to compete in the meet, including local rivals Flintridge Prep and fellow Pacific League competitors John Burroughs High School from Burbank.

CVHS senior Rowan FitzGerald took second in the men's varsity 800-meter run after a nail-biting race down the stretch with Mira Costa senior Max Levin, who outdistanced FitzGerald by 1.2 seconds.

Burroughs senior Leon Rubarts placed second in the men's varsity 1600-meter with CVHS senior Max Ruiz finishing third. CVHS had five runners in the top 12 finishers of that race.

Burroughs senior Jalen Leighton placed fifth in the men's varsity 3200, just seconds ahead of CVHS junior Luke Cheney. Cheney finished sixth after edging out Mira Costa's Owen Franck in a photo finish with a .4 second split separating the two runners. CVHS junior Harrison



Connors also finished in the top 10 in that race.

On the women's side of the track, senior Rachel Arias placed seventh in the women's varsity 800.

Burroughs was dominant in the women's varsity 1600, placing four runners in the top 11 including junior Vivienne (Vivi) Cannon, who was the first runner up.

CVHS senior Reese Sion placed fourth in that race, joined by senior Rebecca Doherty who finished sixth.

The women's 3200 saw a cluster of varsity Falcons running and finishing together with sophomore Ava Martin, junior Emma Haworth, freshman Kaitin Kenney, and senior Taili Sherwood-Kong all crossing the finish line within four

seconds of one another. Falcon junior Annabelle Tanner had crossed 15 seconds earlier for a seventh place finish.

The Falcons won both the men's and women's varsity 4x400 races with the boys beating local rival Flintridge Prep by 4.2 seconds and the girls turning in a blistering performance that put them 18 seconds ahead of first runner up Saugus in a race that was over before it began.

In addition to outstanding performances by CVHS and Burroughs, four runners from Mira Costa and Palos Verdes turned in elite performances, meeting the MileSplit standard for the U.S. Second Team. Most impressive was Mira Costa's Dalia Frias, who turned in elite performances in both the women's varsity 800- and 1600-meter runs.

While results were important, the meet also marked the first high school level races for many of the freshmen just beginning their high school careers and even some of the sophomores whose prior seasons were interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The track and field season continues this Saturday with the League meet at Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive.

## Arcadia: the Last Hope for Pacific League Glory in the CIF-SS Tournaments

By Justin HAGER

And then there was one.

Despite unprecedented levels of success for the Pacific League in which both Crescenta Valley High School and John Burroughs High School in Burbank qualified teams in every sport in the CIF Southern Section winter championship tournament, the

Pacific League is down to its last man standing. Although in this case, the "last man" is the group of talented and impressive young women who comprise the Arcadia High School girls' soccer team. The Apaches, which finished 6-1 in league play, 12-3-3 overall, and runner-up to CVHS in the Pacific League, has been on fire during the team's CIF run. They

were scheduled to face off last night against Sierra Canyon in the Division 4 semi-final match. Unfortunately, the result of the contest was not available at press time.

The CV Weekly readership area entered the week with five teams remaining in three of the CIF-SS tournaments.

In boys' basketball, St. Francis

was still alive in Division 1 and Providence (Burbank) was alive in Division 3AA. Both teams fell on Friday, Feb. 18 with St. Francis losing to J Serra 65-56 and Providence losing to Rancho Cucamonga 71-57.

In girls' basketball, Burbank looked like it could make a deep run in Division 3A until it fell 47-31 to Shadow Hills on Saturday

night.

And in girls' soccer, the aforementioned Arcadia defeated Cabrillo 2-1 in the quarterfinal while Flintridge Prep lost to El Segundo 3-0.

Find the latest in CIF-SS tournament coverage and regional sports online at [www.cvweekly.com](http://www.cvweekly.com) or follow us on Twitter @CVWSports.

# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## ALFie Players to Perform Disney's 'The Lion King KIDS'



The stage at Lanterman Auditorium will erupt in song and dance as local students in grades three through six present "The Lion King KIDS" on Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. The African savannah comes to life on stage with Simba, Rafiki and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle and back again in this inspiring coming-of-age tale.

Twenty-five young ALFie Players cast members will perform under the direction of

Assistance League of Flintridge drama director Katelyn Fike. She has directed multiple ALF shows including "James and the Giant Peach JR." and "Willy Wonka KIDS." Tristan Waldron is the assistant director and Nancy Abbott is the musical director.

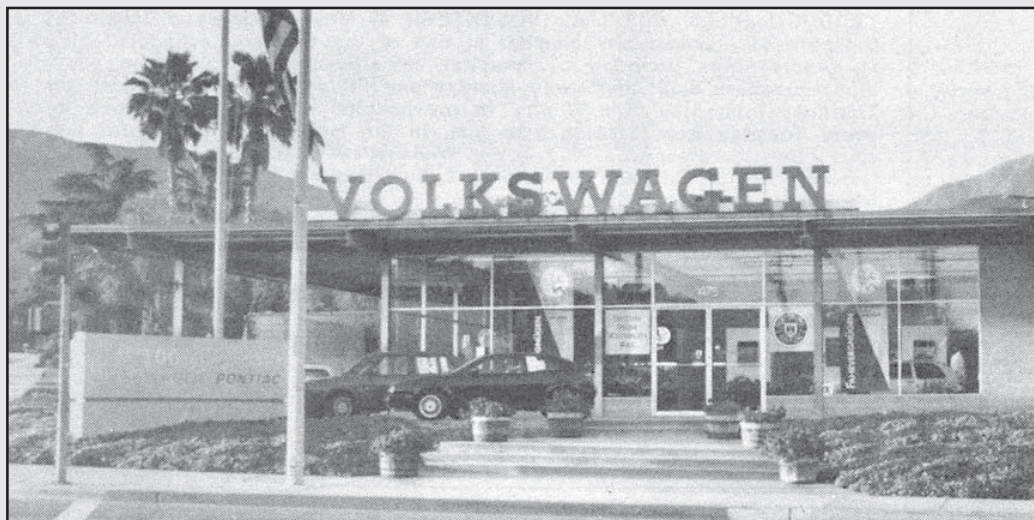
Come and enjoy familiar musical numbers such as "I Just Can't Wait To Be King" and "Hakuna Matata." Lanterman Auditorium is located at 4491 Cornishon Ave. Admission is free; masks are required.

A drama class for children will be available during Assistance League's summer school from June 20 through July 15. Fall drama productions rehearse in September and October, with a November performance. The winter productions rehearse in January and February, with a performance in March.

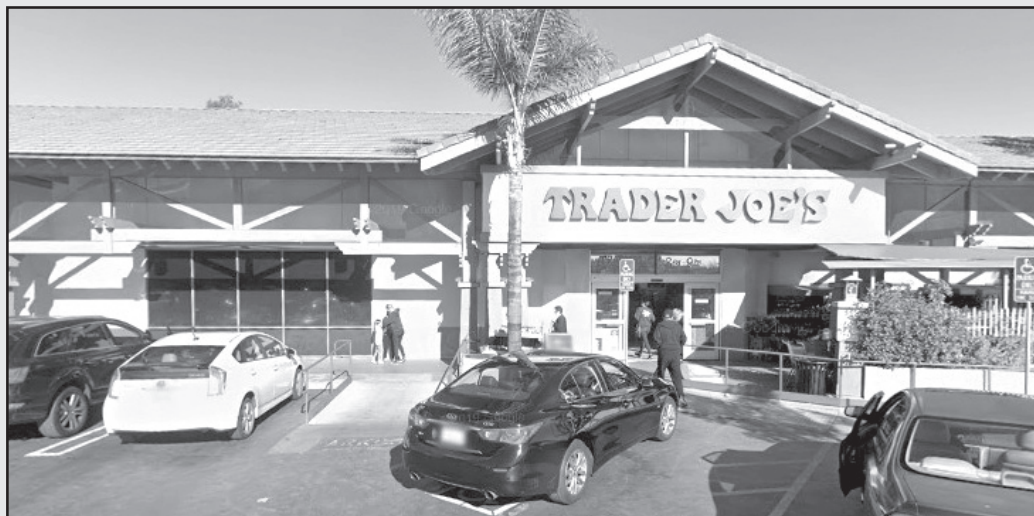
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### THEN & NOW

### Trader Joe's La Cañada Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** For many years the northeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Gould Avenue was dominated by a huge Volkswagen dealership. In this photo from 1991, the modern glass and steel showroom fronts the corner, while the service shop was behind off of Gould. The dealership followed the meteoric rise and fall of the name brand, which waned in the '90s.



**Now »** The dealership closed soon after the photo was taken and was replaced with a nicely styled and landscaped shopping mall, anchored by Crown Books and Trader Joe's, joined later by Blockbuster Video. Both Crown Books and Blockbuster have folded and have been replaced with Petco and a bank. Trader Joe's is the main event.

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## Authors and Illustrators Program Coming to Valley View



**A**uthors and Illustrators is coming to Valley View Elementary School on Monday, Feb. 28. Authors Tao Nyeu, Caroline Arnold, Joe Ceped, and Tracy Holczer will be taking part via Zoom.

Authors and Illustrators is a program brought to Glendale Unified School District schools by the Assistance League of Glendale (ALG) to encourage the students to read, write their own stories and illustrate them. In addition to paying for the authors to make these presentations, the League gives the school \$2,000 to

buy books for their library. Kelly Stubbs, principal at Valley View School, accepted this year's check from Linelle Vincenti, chairman of Assistance League Glendale's Authors and Illustrators program.

ALG has other philanthropies including Operation School Bell that provides students with school uniforms. ALG provides college scholarships to GUSD and GCC graduates and also helps Ascencia residents relocate. Luncheons for seniors are offered at their clubhouse – Thrift Alley – at 314 E. Harvard St. in Glendale.

Donations can be dropped off at the Thrift Alley Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; these donations are then resold. The more folks buy from Thrift Alley, the more ALG gives back to the communities of Glendale and La Crescenta. For more information call President Carol Svatora at (586) 202-8764.

Shoppers can now buy ALG high-end items and collectibles online at [assistance-league-glendale.myshopify.com](http://assistance-league-glendale.myshopify.com).

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## In Support of Family Caregivers

Resilience and a sense of purpose are common among caregivers, despite the ups and downs of the journey. Whether we realize it or not, many of us are (or will become) family caregivers. All the more reason to take note that more than a third of family caregivers rate their job as highly stressful emotionally, and nearly one in five reports a high level of physical strain, according to a 2020 AARP report. When consulting with caregivers through USC VHH's Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA), we explore the variety of services and supports that might be the right fit for each unique situation. The goal is to see each caregiver create a strategy to ensure that they have some important "down time," or respite, from this important role. As the latest wave of COVID restrictions relax, we can help people move forward with planning respite options.

Some callers to CRCA have family, friends and even neighbors who would like to help if asked. Others belong to supportive faith-based organizations that may have counsel and supportive options. Many turn to bringing in a paid helper to assist with their caregiving routine. Options outside of the home are also possible, such as day programs for the care receiver to attend. Some of these options can be supported by Medi-Cal insurance for those eligible, while others arrange to directly pay a daily or hourly rate for the services

rendered. With increased awareness of the need, CRCA is collaborating with the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA and Alzheimer's Los Angeles with support from Home Instead of Pasadena to launch "Caregiver's Night Off," a new and free program beginning on March 3. This monthly, two-hour respite is offered at the YMCA in La Cañada and is designed to create enjoyable, safe and separate activities for both caregivers and the people with mild to moderate dementia that they are caring for. The goal is to have some fun and relaxation while connecting with others that understand the family caregiving journey while those needing caregiving are safely engaged in separate activities with specially trained staff and volunteers.

To register for Caregiver's Night Off or to connect on any aging-related issues, call (818) 949-4033 or email [Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu](mailto:Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu).



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## Veterans Corner February 2022 VA Rethinks Pay, Benefits for Workforce as Agency Faces High Employee Turnover

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs is rolling out a 10-point human infrastructure plan aimed at helping the agency recruit and retain in-demand workers at a time when the agency is facing record turnover among health care employees. The VA is looking to maximize bonus and retention incentives for current employees and make more VA employees eligible for monthly childcare subsidy benefits. The agency is also lobbying Congress to pass legislation that would raise pay caps for registered nurses and physician assistants, and is taking steps to bring new hires onboard more quickly.

Considering how many agency nurses are eligible to retire, VA Head Denis Richard McDonough said the VA will need to hire about 15,000 nurses a year for the next five years. The turnover rate is so high, he said, because private-sector hospitals offer bonuses and retention payments that VA can't match.

"All of that is unsustainable, and it's going to mean serious losses if we don't act soon," McDonough

said. The House Veterans Affairs Committee recently passed the VA Nurse and Physical Assistant Retention and Income Security Enhancement (RAISE) Act, which would increase the salary limit for VA's advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants from Level Four of the Executive Schedule to Level One. It would also increase the salary limit from Level Four to Level Two of the Executive Schedule for all other registered nurses. Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-Illinois), who introduced the bill, said advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants could make up to \$226,300, while other registered nurses would make up \$203,700, if the RAISE Act passed. Those positions are currently capped at \$176,300 a year.

"Due to laws that put a cap on how much we can pay VA employees, many folks can literally walk across the street and make \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000 more than they can at VA," McDonough said.

The VA is also taking steps to

maximize bonuses and retention incentives for high-performing health care employees. McDonough said Congress allowed VA to waive limits on bonuses for certain work done during the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the agency is currently "using that authority to reward employees who have gone above and beyond the call of duty." The Biden Administration has also authorized the VA to pay retention incentives of up to 50% of an employee's base salary, a 25% increase from previous levels.

"Neither nurses nor anyone else should have to sacrifice pay to serve vets, so these steps are crucial for keeping our people right here where you belong," McDonough said. VA is also permanently raising the salary cap for employees who qualify for \$500 a month in childcare subsidies. McDonough said the agency will raise the cap to include families who make up to \$149,000 a year. That's up from the previous cap for employees whose families earned less than \$89,000 a year.

"You shouldn't have to worry about doing your jobs well and

paying for quality care for your kids," McDonough said. "This initiative will help us grow future leaders, and we'd love to replicate it across VA, because we want you to grow your careers right here at home."

The Veterans Health Administration has also set up a VHA REBOOT task force, a "team of employees, for employees," focused on coming up with recommendations on how to improve work conditions, promote work-life balance, increase scheduling flexibilities and reduce burnout. The task force, McDonough said, is "an ongoing effort," but has already developed ideas that include establishing chief wellbeing officers at VA hospitals.

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## Travel Troubleshooter

*I accidentally booked two rental cars on Hotwire. Can I get my money back? When Robert Sharp accidentally makes two nonrefundable car rental reservations on Hotwire, he assumes the company will cancel one for him. But it doesn't. Can he drive two cars at once?*

**Q** I booked a prepaid, nonrefundable rental car through Hotwire recently. Then, a few days later, I booked by mistake another car for the same dates. I tried to cancel one of the bookings and request a refund. Hotwire refuses. Obviously, I can't drive two cars at the same time. Their system shouldn't allow someone to double book. I have used Hotwire for many years. Before this, I was a satisfied customer. Can you help me get my \$178 back? – Robert Sharp, Swampscott, Massachusetts

**A**: You made two prepaid, nonrefundable car rental reservations through Hotwire. And they are, as you say, prepaid and nonrefundable. As a regular user of Hotwire, you should have known that.

But just how nonrefundable is nonrefundable? Well, I've talked to insiders at opaque sites like Hotwire, and here's what they tell me: If you make an honest mistake when you book through the site and call right away, they can work with you to cancel the overlapping reservation. But the longer you wait, the harder it gets to fix something like this. And yes – by nonrefundable, they really mean nonrefundable. Well, mostly.

Still, I think Hotwire should have a system to at least warn you that you're about to make a double booking. And it looks like Hotwire didn't send you a confirmation for your first reservation. If it had sent you one, this would be a borderline case that I couldn't have advocated. But it looks like a few things went wrong on Hotwire's side, too.

Look, plans change. It would be

nice to see the travel industry adopt a 24-hour rule so that customers like you could fix problems like these. If everyone treated each other like travel companies treated you after a nonrefundable purchase, imagine what the buying experience would be like! No returns on anything, ever. Buyer's remorse would become a national pastime.

I reviewed the email correspondence between you and Hotwire. Everything looked promising for getting a refund. A representative told you not to worry, agreeing that your second booking was a "mistake." He added that Hotwire just needed to "verify" the refund through your car rental company.

Then you received bad news: "We can only process a refund for the other reservation if one of them was processed within an hour. But it shows here that

the second reservation was booked after a few days."

If Hotwire had told you up front about that then you wouldn't have gotten your hopes up.

You probably already know this but next time you might want to avoid a nonrefundable reservation. You can find plenty of good deals directly through a car rental agency or on a site that sells refundable reservations, like Hotwire's sister site, Expedia.

I think a brief, polite appeal to a Hotwire executive might have also worked for you. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Expedia customer service contacts on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

As I mentioned, this is a borderline case. You should have paid closer attention to your reservation and its strict terms. As an experienced Hotwire

customer, you already knew that. At the same time, Hotwire didn't warn you about the double booking, it strongly suggested it could get you a refund and then let you down. I feel there's a case for at least a goodwill refund here.

I contacted Hotwire on your behalf, asking it to review your case. A representative responded quickly.

"I just wanted to close the loop and let you know that we've canceled the double booking and issued a HotDollar credit for the second booking Mr. Sharp made in the amount of \$178," a representative told me. That's a generous resolution.

*Christopher Elliott's latest book is "How To Be The World's Smartest Traveler" (National Geographic). Get help by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>. © 2022 Christopher Elliott*

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### CALENDAR this

**THURSDAY CLUB ESTATE SALE**

The La Cañada Thursday Club is hosting a huge estate sale in their courtyard on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Sale items include art, china, collectibles, crystal,

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The historic Thursday Clubhouse is located at 4440 Woodleigh Lane. Admission is free and there is plenty of parking. As a philanthropic organization, proceeds from this event support the Club's local student scholarships and special non-profit groups. Check [lacanadathursdayclub.org](http://lacanadathursdayclub.org) for club information.

For questions about the courtyard sale contact Sheri Morton at [sherimorton49@gmail.com](mailto:sherimorton49@gmail.com).

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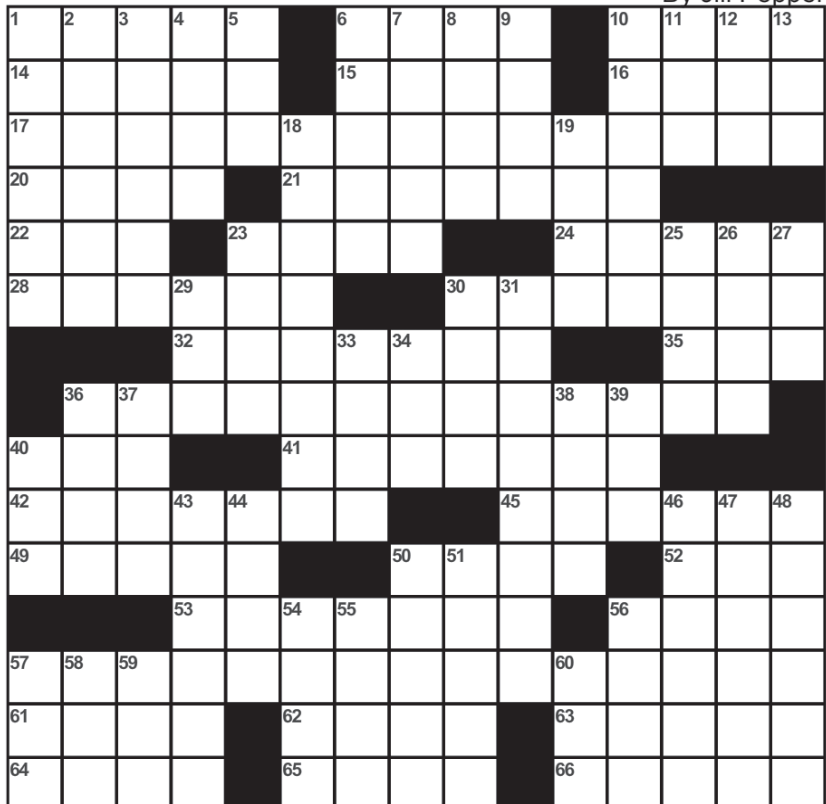
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- 10) Sets one's sights
- 14) Cupid's projectile
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- 17) One way to get elected
- 20) Herb in stuffing
- 21) A good apprentice, e.g.
- 22) Numerical suffix
- 23) Some building additions
- 24) Synagogue bigwig
- 28) Sudden enlightenment, in Zen
- 30) Galley workers
- 32) Get via trickery
- 35) '60s war setting, informally
- 36) Bar mitzvah, for one
- 40) Jack-in-the-box part
- 41) Wry twists of fate
- 42) Medium-dry Spanish sherry
- 45) Awed ones, obviously
- 49) People magazine person, for short
- 50) "Warm" or "cold"
- 52) Salesperson, briefly
- 53) Bishop's bailiwick
- 56) Itty-bitty bit
- 57) Certain order to a helmsman
- 61) About
- 62) Liberated
- 63) Projection booth items
- 64) Drummer's pride
- 65) In the mail
- 66) Scoop the soup

**DOWN**

- 1) Holes for anchor cables
- 2) List of literary goofs
- 3) "Make \_\_\_ turn at the light"
- 4) Cast a ballot
- 5) Farm female
- 6) Funnies frame
- 7) Killer whales
- 8) White dwarf, e.g.
- 9) "The Battle \_\_\_ of the Republic"
- 10) Ark landfall
- 11) "East" on a grandfather clock
- 12) Info for an auto buyer (Abbr.)
- 13) \_\_\_ Jose, Calif.
- 18) Monopoly avenue
- 19) Gilpin of "Frasier"
- 23) Great Lakes city
- 25) Belfry reverberation
- 26) Hillside, in Edinburgh
- 27) "Capital" suffix
- 29) Frequently, poetically
- 30) Vigorous enthusiasm
- 31) Klein or Claiborne, e.g.
- 33) Certain hairdo
- 34) Fed. documents group
- 36) Icy coating
- 37) "Rebel Yell" rocker Billy
- 38) Anagram of "sate"
- 39) Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
- 40) Fond du \_\_\_, Wis.
- 43) Flying off the shelves
- 44) Closing notice?
- 46) Ate into
- 47) Give a new version of, as a story
- 48) Like slim pickings
- 50) Woman of Troy
- 51) Small body of land
- 54) Some switch settings
- 55) Work in a smokehouse
- 56) Light bulb, in comic strips
- 57) "\_\_\_ Roy" (1995 film)
- 58) Anger or fury
- 59) Fed. property group
- 60) Internet address, for short

**THAT SOUNDS ABOUT ...**

By Jill Pepper



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**SCIENCE OF DANCE WEEKEND**

As part of Discovery Cube Los Angeles' Feb. 26-27 "Science of Dance Weekend," Benita Bike's DanceArt will present a dance discovery program on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. at Discovery Cube LA, 11800 Foothill Blvd., Los Angeles, 91342. Those who pre-register by emailing [benita@danceart.org](mailto:benita@danceart.org) will receive a free ticket. Attendance of this event is also included with general admission at Discovery Cube. This performance is supported, in part, by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Dept. and Discovery Cube Los Angeles.

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play and 11-7 overall. Boasting one of the most staunch defenses in the Pacific League, the Falcons allowed only 233 points in League play and outscored opponents by a combined 135 points, according to MaxPreps. Led by sophomore Kylie Ray, whose unprecedented rebounding earned her Pacific League Co-Player of the Year and earned the Falcons a MaxPreps #160-rank (of 1356) in California and #67 (of 476) in the CIF-SS. Fellow sophomore Lulu Arzoumanian earned Pacific League First Team Honors by anchoring the team's offense averaging more than 10 points per game. Coach Michael Flot earned Pacific League Coach of the Year honors while junior Victoria Prochazka earned Pacific League Second Team honors and Junior Taleen Kurikunian received a Pacific League Honorable Mention. With only four graduating

seniors and almost an entire roster of returning players, the Falcons are likely to ride the wave of success into next year.

*Girls Soccer*

Yet another undefeated CVHS team, the Falcon girls' soccer team was unrelenting in the regular season, outscoring its opponents by a margin of nearly 3-1. It went 7-0 in Pacific League play and 10-3-1 overall, earning a Pacific League championship trophy and a MaxPreps top 100 Southern Section ranking. Perhaps more impressive was the team's depth, with nine different student athletes earning Pacific League honors. Senior Rachel Park secured her legacy as one of the Falcon greats earning Pacific League Player of the Year honors. Junior Stephanie Schaupp joined seniors Isabella Galvan, Lindsey

Fursteberg and Telaya Blunt in earning Pacific League First Team honors. Juniors Giovana Aldaz and Callope Araz joined senior Lauren Graves in earning Pacific League Second Team honors. And junior Allison Park earned a Pacific League Honorable Mention. Unfortunately, with so many graduating seniors, repeating the Falcon's streak of CIF-SS tournament appearances may be difficult for next year's squad. But regardless of what the future holds, this year's squad will be remembered for many years to come.

*Boys Soccer*

Yet another Pacific League champion, the CVHS boys' soccer team dominated its opponents this year outscoring 5-1 in Pacific League play and 39-10 through the course of the entire 2021-2022 campaign. The boys finished with an impressive

5-0-1 record in Pacific League play and 10-1-2 overall, earning the team a top 350 rank in the United States and Coach Kurtis Millan Pacific League Coach of the Year Honors.

Like the girls team, the Falcon boys didn't mind spreading the honors around to an incredibly talented roster. Junior Seung Hyun (Luis) Gong was named Pacific League Player of the Year while Matt Sheen, Jake Sheen, Jager Wyss and Dylan Sahakians earned Pacific League First Team Honors. Lukas Elze, Isaac Smyth and Miles Vallejo earned Pacific League Second Team Honors, and Anthony Sharlakian earned a Pacific League Honorable Mention. With a solid roster of returning players, the Falcon boys should have another bright season ahead of them next year.

*Girls Water Polo*

While the girls' water polo season may not have been as successful a campaign as some of the other winter sports, it was noteworthy nonetheless. They finished in third place in the Pacific League with a record of 3-2 in league play and an overall record of 12-10. The team was anchored by roster of impressive players including Kyra Freemon, who earned Pacific League Co-Player of the Year Honors and became CVHS' third all-time in scoring. Siblings Makayla and Miranda Graham each earned Pacific League First Team Honors, while AJ Troop and Sydney Lansang earned Pacific League Second Team Honors and Albany Lansang earning a Pacific League Honorable Mention.

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an experimental drug. Somebody needs to be held accountable for any and all vaccine-related problems. How about reparation in the millions per incident?

The news last week had an article about a lady outside of California who had an anaphylactic reaction to her first dose of Moderna. The medical experts were not able to keep her alive for 24 hours; she was in her 30s. Another family without their mother.

I work out of home every workday. Why can I not be allowed to sit at my computer and phone and do my job?

The vaccines do not prevent getting infected or transmitting the virus; just ask the cruise lines. Ships have gone out with every passenger and crewmember vaccinated and boosted and they still get a mass infection of those onboard. Israel is the most vaccinated major country in the world; almost the entire population is quadruple vaccinated yet right now they are in first place for COVID-19 infections.

I guess when they pass this into law and Newsom signs it, we will all be required to carry a state issued driver's license if we want to drive, a shot record if we want to leave home and a work permit in case we want to work.

Enough is enough, folks. Leave us alone!

Tom Suter  
La Crescenta

Appreciates Krikorian's Service

I attended many GUSD school board meetings from my retirement from paid work in 2001 to 2018 when I "retired" from community involvement. Mary O'Keefe's recap of Greg Krikorian's career brought back fond memories of her sitting in the boardroom at the media table, sometimes with her youngest crawling around playing on the floor under the table.

I applaud board member Krikorian for all of his service to the community over the years and the wisdom to make way for others to similarly serve. It will be excellent to have a seasoned board member ready to step in temporarily if a board member moves on to higher office or otherwise has to leave mid term. Frank Quintero served in that capacity twice after retiring from the Glendale City Council, saving the taxpayers the expense of special elections or having an appointed, non-elected, incumbent situation in a subsequent regular election.

Hopefully all eligible to vote in this year's various elections will register, watch the current performance and research the past history of incumbents, attend candidate forums, meet & greets and other events to learn about candidates' positions on issues and, most importantly, vote. Redistricting has changed boundaries; the divisive politics of the past few years has not satisfied any of the many factions across the ideological spectrum. With your help we can do better.

Sharon Weisman  
Glendale/La Crescenta

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While entering competition season, teams are met with regulations such as time, budget and weight when building their robots. Repath-Martos said working against the limits of time and budget especially presents real world engineering and technology challenges that will ultimately help the students grow as a team, work on their leadership skills and learn how "real life" works.

Each FRC team is given six weeks to understand a new game challenge, which is revealed the first weekend in January each year, and then design and build a robot that can weigh up to 120 pounds to accomplish several tasks. This year's game challenge, Rapid React, involves picking up oversized tennis balls and scoring them in a high goal and low hub in the center of the field; at the end of the game, there is a structure that the robot can climb to earn additional points.

Teams are responsible for everything: designing the system, fabricating the robot, building the electrical and pneumatic systems, writing the code that makes the robot function, integrating a variety of moving parts, and testing the system to ensure that it functions.

"Robots compete on an alliance of three robots against another alliance of three robots," Repath-Martos said. "They are randomly assigned

throughout the competition so that in essence we end up playing alongside, and also against, all the other robots built by like-minded high school teams. So each team is trying to design a system that will allow them to both collaboratively play the game with our partners and defend against our opponents."

Julie Townsend – JPL point of contact for the NASA Robotics Alliance Program – said NASA's program provides funding to these "house" robotics teams so that students can rely upon that funding each year. Typically funds are dispersed to about 12 to 13 teams each year and each recipient team must have at least one JPL mentor regularly participating with it.

"The standard school curriculum doesn't provide a lot of hands-on opportunity to experiment with STEM so having programs like FRC at our schools is so important to give kids an opportunity to discover what the world of engineering is about, develop strength in it and potentially consider it as a career path," Townsend said. She emphasized that the reason the NASA Robotics Alliance Program exists is to inspire, through interaction with NASA engineers, future generations of engineers who will share the same passion.

"Our hope is for the kids to be inspired to

come up with innovative ideas," Townsend said. "Someday they could be at NASA developing the next Pathfinder or Mars helicopter, or the next incredible thing that we can't even imagine we'd be doing right now."

FRC students will continue to work hard and discuss critical strategy on how to play the upcoming Rapid React game as they approach their sixth and final week of preparation. The FIRST Robotics Competition is scheduled for March and April and will mark the CVHS Falcon robotics' 22nd year participating.

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