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Filipino American Friendship Monument Approved by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

"I'm not happy with my vote on Grayson last week," Councilmember Vrej Agajanian said at the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council. "I'm all for clean energy and clean air, but at what cost? Delaying the installation of the Wärtsilä engines worries me, based on GWP's presentation. In my professional opinion, [it] will add extra costs, having multiple contractors operating at the same time. I just want it on the record."

Last week, the council voted unanimously to delay the purchase of any fossil-fuel-powered engines, at least until the end of the calendar year, to give Glendale staff the chance to explore every possible clean and renewable energy alternative.

Fire chief Silvio Lanzas then provided the council a COVID-19 update: Effective March 4 the city aligned its mask mandate with that of Los Angeles County and, while the wearing of masks continues to be "strongly recommended" indoors, it is no longer required.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Lanzas told the council. "Today in LA County we saw 852 new cases and 39 deaths; 706 people are hospitalized right now."

He encouraged the council to wait until early April to re-open meetings to the public.

Next, the council approved a Filipino American Friendship Monument to be erected temporarily adjacent to the Adult Recreation Center in Central Park, eventually being permanently placed in a "sister cities" plaza, following the park's renovation.

"Honoring 30 years of community service, our gratitude and friendship, here is what the monument will look like," said Editha Fuentes, representing the Filipino American Business Association of Glendale (FABAG), who shared a rendering of the monument. "It's five

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Rosemont Wins Flag Football District Championship with Undefeated Season

By Justin HAGER

Sports in the community take center stage.

The Rosemont Middle School Spartans have won yet another season of GUSD Middle School flag football after going undefeated in six games. This is the ninth consecutive season that Rosemont has had at least a share of the district title.

Led by Athletic Director Andre Andreas and Head Coach Nick Leon, the Spartan flag football squad received significant coaching assistance from former Crescenta Valley High School football players including Josh Silverman, Carson Center, Jacob Aguilar and Armen Erdoglyan. Home games feature as many as 55 different players with road games traveling with a roster of 35 players. In an almost unfathomable feat of organization, two of the games this season saw all 55 middle-schoolers get playing time.

The after-school program, which is organized by GUSD, creates opportunities for athletic competition between the district's four middle schools. Students play nine-on-nine flag football with numerous



Photo courtesy of Spartans
The Rosemont Middle School is celebrating another winning season of its football team.

opportunities to change players and allow many students to participate. Other athletic opportunities available for middle-school students include boys' basketball, girls' soccer and cross-country, which compete from September to November; girls' volleyball and track, which run from December to February; and girls' basketball and boys' soccer, which play between from

March and May.

At Crescenta Valley High School, the boys' volleyball team is a bit bipolar in its play thus far. The Falcons have yet to play a match in which the losing team won even a single set. In every win it has shut out its opponent and in every loss it has been shut out. The team has a winning record of 6-3 but have

yet to beat a team ranked in the MaxPreps top 150 in the state. And following a 3-0 loss to South Pasadena last week, they have fallen out of the top 100. Despite the data-roller coaster, the Falcon boys appear to be having fun and finding a rhythm that could make them the favorites in the Pacific League this year.

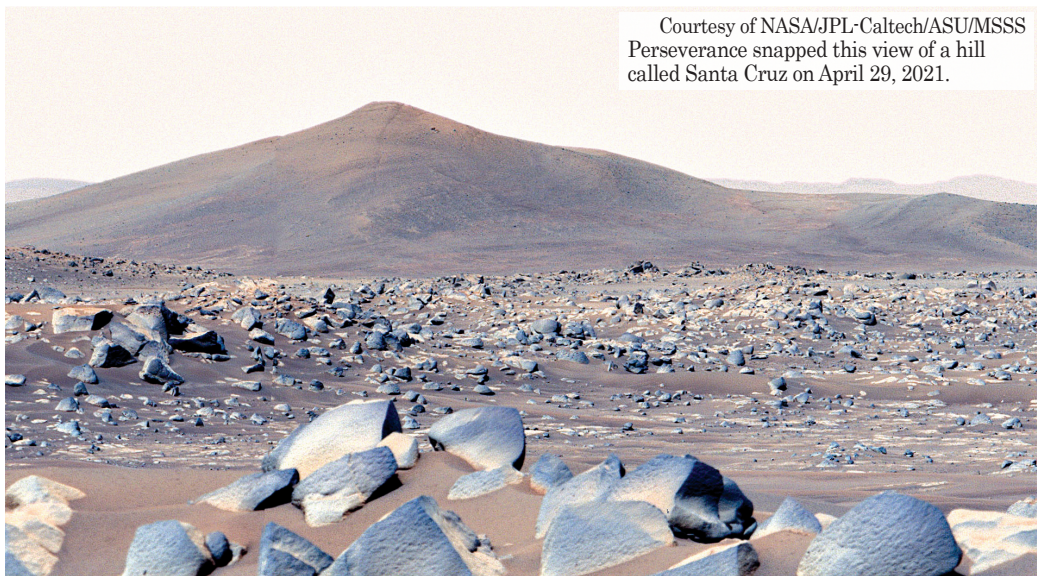
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Mars Perseverance – One Year and So Much More to Learn

By Mary O'KEEFE

It seems as if only yesterday the Mars 2020 mission, with the Perseverance rover in tow, launched from Florida. But the rover has been on the red planet a little over a year now and the future is still full of new experiments and new discoveries – and collecting more Mars rocks to bring home.

Perseverance has had an impressive first year that included collecting Martian rocks that will be stored and eventually bought back to Earth as part of a future mission. It saw the test of the first flights of a helicopter on Mars and tested MOXIE (Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment), which is the first prototype oxygen generator on Mars.



Courtesy of NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU/MSSS
Perseverance snapped this view of a hill called Santa Cruz on April 29, 2021.

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summer and schools and camps, oh my...

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A 'Lovely' Time

On Monday I attended the Las Candelas luncheon and fashion show "Love Has No Limits." It was a superior event, not only because it was actually an in-person affair, offering a phenomenal boutique, serving delicious food (the event was held at the Marriott Burbank, which has a terrific kitchen), had outstanding attendees and fantastic fashions but there were no masks required. After two years of masking up I was able to see the smiles on the faces of the attendees. I didn't realize how much I missed them.

I was reminded of the importance of a "friendly smile" when I was in Vons (by the way, if you're looking for our papers there they're now on the customer service counter) and I passed a gentleman in the aisles. I glanced at him with a smile on my face and he had one on his, too. While some folks will continue wearing masks because that's what is comfortable for them (and that is just fine), I thought how simply pleasant it was to see that man's smiling face. On Monday, I was reminded again how much I have missed seeing the entirety of another person's face.

There has been a lot of interest in ways that we Americans could support the warriors in Ukraine. In the next few weeks, CV Weekly will spotlight some of the hometown heroes who have made contributions to this cause.

For those who want to offer financial support, here are a couple of ways of doing so:

Razomforukraine.org: We came across this organization from a Ukrainian woman who recommended it. According to its website, this project was created to provide urgent help

and support in face of an extreme and unforeseen situation in Ukraine. Razom is responding by providing critical medical supplies and amplifying the voices of Ukrainians.

Thirdwavevolunteers.com: Third Wave Volunteers is a disaster relief non-profit 501(c)(3) set up to mobilize medical and non-medical responders and sustainable aid to underserved and affected communities. Their volunteers have run large refugee camps, field hospitals and resilience hubs after natural/man-made disasters and pandemics around the world for the past 22 years.

Right now volunteers are heading to Poland to offer assistance in bringing to the USA special needs orphans who have adoptive U.S. parents waiting for them.

World Central Kitchen (wck.org): This organization includes chefs from around the globe who serve thousands of fresh meals to disaster areas. Currently, WCK is serving meals to Ukrainian families fleeing home as well as those who remain in the country.

Note that not all donations can be designated for Ukraine.

I visited Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) to get some of the information on ways to donate but I'm sure there are others. I encourage everyone who can to find a way to ease the pain of those in Ukraine as they endure, what one woman called, "the monster who won't leave Ukraine alone."

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Weather in the Foothills

"Aren't the clouds beautiful? They look like big balls of cotton ... I could just lie here all day, and watch them drift by ... If you use your imagination, you can see lots of things in the cloud formations ..."

What do you think you see, Linus?"

"Well, those clouds up there look like the map of the British Honduras on the Caribbean ... That cloud up there looks a little like the profile of Thomas Eakins, the famous painter and sculptor ... And that group of clouds over there gives me the impression of the stoning of Stephen ..."

I can see the apostle Paul standing there to one side..."

"Uh huh ... That's very good ... What do you see in the clouds, Charlie Brown?"

"Well, I was going to say I saw a ducky and a horsey, but I changed my mind!"

~ Charles M. Schulz, 'The Complete Peanuts'

A few storms past, my sister living on the California central coast had an interesting mostly-weather related observation. Keep in mind, most of the time our heads are in the clouds; between last month's rainstorms we were comparing rainfall totals and such (we are both amateur meteorologists).

"Sue, you know La Crescenta has good clouds." Now, what exactly does that mean? Several factors come into play here.

First off, the frequent winds, especially the Santa Anas, come into play. They blow air impurities from the San Gabriel Mountains. In doing so, the sky's blue color intensifies, making for an ideal backdrop for clouds.

A couple of other factors affect local cloud quality. The jet stream sends clouds in our direction as it meets the mountains and continues to rise. Now water saturated, it rains! It's all very scientifically complex. Now, I'll let the meteorologist take over.

Last Friday we were driving westward on the 210. Cloud viewing conditions were pristine. Across the vast San Fernando, I counted at least five or six cloud formations at various elevations. One small and dark front indicated rain in the distance as defined by long misty tendrils coming down from the clouds. Cumulous clouds appeared to be racing to see which could reach the highest height. "Let's go fly a kite!"

The sun shined on all beneath it to accentuate each to its finest so, yes, the Crescenta Valley has good clouds.

Long range forecast is not favorable for any storms through the next couple of weeks ... at least.

"And from the midst of cheerless gloom, I passed to bright unclouded day."

~ author Emily Brontë

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight saving time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13. Remember to move clocks one hour ahead.

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP DATE CHANGE

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue off-ramp of the 210 Freeway has been moved this month only to the third Saturday of the month March 19. Volunteers will gather on Altura Avenue at La Crescenta Avenue at 8 a.m. to collect pickup gear and other items.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be weeding the demonstration garden and clear the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

NEIGHBORHOOD SHREDDING EVENT

James You and Dave Robles of Think Real Estate are sponsoring a neighborhood shredding event on March 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The truck will be parked on Rosemont Avenue by Two Strike Park. To reserve a spot, please call, text or email James You at (213) 905-2225 or ThinkJamesYou@gmail.com.

Two Strike Park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.

SPRING FIELD TRIP DOCENT TRAINING AT THE ROSEMONT PRESERVE

On Saturday, March 19 at 9 a.m., the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy is holding its spring field trip docent training at the Rosemont Preserve. AFC Land and Program Administrator Tim Martinez will lead the native plant training and USGS geophysicist and Earthquake Early Warning Coordinator Doug Given will lead the geology training. Docent T-shirts are now available and will be handed out at the end of the training.

To participate, fill out the field trip docent application found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2s7cds8> prior to attendance. A confirmation email with a link to register for this event will be sent. Registration is encouraged but not required.

AFC field trip docents help provide free environmental education to schools all across LA County.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY & WOMEN IN BUSINESS

A Family Affair: Mothers and Daughters Share Their Business Stories



ABOVE: Maureen and Jessical Palacios are owners of Once Upon A Time bookstore in Montrose. BELOW: Phyllis and Krissy Harb each share their experiences as women business owners.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Women's History Month is a time to be proud that there are more women-owned businesses than at any other time in history. It is also a time to keep an eye in the rear view mirror to remember those who came before to create present-day opportunities.

"To be honest, I think I was in banking just as things were changing, which was a good time for me," said Phyllis Harb.

Phyllis is a Realtor and owner of

Harb & Co, a division of Coldwell Bankers Global Luxury and Hallmark Realty. Prior to real estate she worked in banking and when she started her career in banking the industry was shifting, ever so slowly, away from the norm —white male executives — to a more diverse employment staff.

"The [banks] were encouraged to advance women in my business but that was because of the brave women who went before us and cleared the path," she said.

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LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is serving up meals to go following its Wednesday 7 p.m. Lenten services. Meals will include a container of homemade soup to be heated at home, as well as rolls and cookies. Pastor Chuck Bunnell invites everyone in the community to attend the Lenten services in-person on Wednesdays or online via the church's YouTube channel. The 10 a.m. Sunday services are also held in-person and online. They are live streamed or can be viewed anytime on LCIF's website.

The church continues to offer Holy Communion in a contactless manner. Individually sealed cups with juice/wine and wafers can be picked up as one enters the sanctuary and then used during communion time.

Sunday school has resumed for young children through the fourth grade. Families with young children should attend the beginning of the Sunday service then, after a brief children's sermon, the kids head off to the Youth Room for a Bible lesson, plus fun and games. Following the Sunday service, adults and children are welcome to stay for fellowship time with refreshments and donuts.

Pastor Bunnell also welcomes the community to explore the Bible through his lecture series, which meets in-person on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the church's conference room. The series can be accessed via Zoom

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for those wanting to attend from home.

LCIF is having a blood drive at the church on March 17, and also has an ongoing clothing drive. Gently worn clothing can be dropped off at the church and will be distributed to people in need.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org, or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge. Office Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Purim Comes to the Crescenta Valley

This year in La Cañada, Chabad of the Crescenta Valley is excited to present its Mexican Purim Fiesta, featuring a delicious Mexican dinner, cocktails, Mariachi band, illusionist show and much more! The 2500-year-old holiday of joy and festivity – Purim – is when Jewish people, young and old, come together to read the Megillah, enjoy a holiday feast, and celebrate together with friends and family.

The Purim Fiesta will be taking place on Thursday, March 17 at Chabad of the Crescenta Valley,

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The Story of Purim

The story of Purim takes us back approximately 2,400 years. The Persian Empire of the 4th century BCE extended over 127 lands, and all Jewish people living at the time were its subjects.

The story begins when King Ahasuerus executed his wife, Queen Vashti, for failing to follow his orders and arranged a beauty

pageant to find a new queen. A Jewish girl, Esther, found favor in the king's eyes and won the crown, though she refused to divulge her nationality or religion.

Meanwhile, a Jew-hating man named Haman was appointed prime minister of the empire. Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin), defied the

king's orders and refused to bow to Haman. Haman was incensed and he convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all of the Jewish people in his kingdom. He chose the date of the 13th day of the Hebrew month of Adar by casting lots. (Purim is Hebrew for "lots" – this is how the

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USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Reaches Contract Agreement with California Nurses Association

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH) has ratified a new contract with the California Nurses Association, which represents the hospital's 300 registered nurses. The contract includes wage increases with guaranteed annual increases that ensure the contract remains competitive. The contract is effective immediately and will continue through Dec. 31, 2024.

"The safety and satisfaction of our caregivers enables us to deliver world-class care," said Armand Dorian, MD, MMM, CEO, USC-VHH. "We are delighted to have come to an agreement with our registered nurses that are the heart and soul of our hospital, and we look forward to the limitless possibilities ahead."

The contract agreement comes at an exciting time for USC-VHH. This year, the hospital celebrates

its 50th anniversary of serving the foothills community. The hospital's interventional radiology cardiac catheterization lab, or IRCathLab, opens in late spring, improving the community's convenient access to specialized diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. The lab is equipped with the newest imaging technology necessary for minimally invasive and electrophysiology cardiac procedures.

"The past two years have been especially challenging, and our registered nurses have responded with compassion, skill and resilience," said Theresa Murphy, RN, chief nursing officer, USC-VHH. "With this contract agreement in place, we are all the more prepared to work toward a brighter future for our patients and our community."



Investing in Women: The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project



By Mary O'KEEFE

In support of International Women's Day, which was on March 8, and Women's History Month the Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project is raising funds to provide scholarships to women in Tanzania who are pursuing advanced clinical degrees in medicine, nursing, midwifery and social work. The donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000 thanks to a generous "challenge gift."

Women and girls in Tanzania are among the world's most marginalized, with limited access to education that could help them escape poverty. Nearly half of all women in

Tanzania never attend school. Those who do face tremendous political, cultural and economic pressure to drop out to work or care for young children.

Research indicates that, when more income is put into the hands of women, child nutrition, health and education improve. For this reason, The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project is investing in women overcoming tremendous obstacles.

According to The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project, 60% of the world's chronically hungry are women and girls; Tanzanian women work 14 hours more per week on average than men and for less wages; the current ratio of nurses or midwives to female patients in sub-Saharan Africa is

one to 1,374; 44% of adolescent girls in Tanzania have given birth or are pregnant before age 19; and two-thirds of the world's 796 million illiterate are women and girls.

The Phil Simon Clinic was founded by Dr. Kimberly Shriner of Huntington Hospital in 1996. Local pediatrician Dr. John Rodarte and Janet Henderson, RN, who is an emergency nurse at Huntington Hospital, have traveled to Tanzania in support of the project.

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PERSEVERANCE from Cover

It also drove quite a distance – about 1,050 feet – on Feb. 14. That’s a record for the most distance driven by a Mars rover, according to Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA.

Where the rover will go and what it will study is a process that involves scientists and engineers.

“We are constantly reevaluating what samples we are interested in,” said Rachel Kronyak, systems engineer at JPL. “We change our minds a little bit and we have to modify the targets; it’s a process.”

Kronyak works with the science operation team as a liaison between scientists and engineers as they build activity plans.

The Mars 2020 Perseverance mission is for 1.5 Martian years, which is three Earth years. The plan during the mission is to collect 20 rock core samples.

“So far we have six, which is impressive for our first year,” Kronyak said.

It’s impressive because of everything that had to be done during this first, very busy, year. For example, once it landed, engineers had to check every aspect of every instrument on the rover

making certain it would operate successfully on Mars.

The gathering of rock core samples is one of the highest priorities of the mission, and one of the most complex operations. The sample rocks are being held and then will be left for pickup by the proposed Mars Sample Return mission. There will be a lot of work that will have to be done prior to that mission, including how to store and examine the rocks once they get back to Earth.

“It is a very collaborative [process] we have been thinking about since way before the [rover] landed and we were looking at a landing site,” she said.

Jezero Crater was chosen for the landing destination and the rover has been working on the crater floor for the last year. The rover’s move to the next location was decided after long discussions between the scientists and engineers. They set different levels of operations processes from long-term to short-term, from what they will be doing in the next few months to what they are doing the next day.

“Of course things can always

change, so we are flexible but that’s why we have these [processes] in place. Mission operations have these conversations on a higher level and go down to a little bit more detailed and [even] more detailed. There are a lot of negotiations and a lot of discussions that are happening along the way,” she said. “It’s a lot to handle but it’s a team effort for everybody.”

Kronyak never takes for granted the fact that she is on a Mars mission.

“It is something that I always have to remind myself about,” she said. “This is a pretty incredible thing we get to do every single day and it is really humbling to [be part of] something like this. We really appreciate the times when we are on a shift and we see new pictures coming down from Mars. We do get into the daily habit and just expect it, but I try to step back and say, ‘Wow.’ We are part of a very small group of humans that get to see these images from Mars for the very first time. This is a brand new place, and there is nothing that can compare to that.

“It’s pretty awesome.”

CRIME BLOTTER

March 6

Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest, the lock of a door on a vehicle was punched out and several items were stolen between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

5300 block of Haskell Street in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear bedroom window was broken and bloodstains were found on the shattered glass, bed and several other areas in the house. A hand towel was found to be missing. The residential burglary occurred between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

March 4

2700 block of Ridgepine Drive in La Crescenta, two black side panel emblems and the black rear tailgate liner was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

March 3

2400 block Lyans Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the locking mechanism of a vehicle was damaged and several items were stolen overnight.

March 2

2500 block of Janet Lee Drive in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between 3:40 a.m. and 3:45 a.m.

March 1

Willowhaven Drive in La Crescenta, several personal items were stolen from a locked vehicle overnight.

Feb. 24

3000 block of Clouderest Road in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between Feb. 24 and March 4.

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Obituary

Nancy Jane (Cummings) Zaun



April 8, 1922 – Nov. 25, 2021

Nancy Zaun passed peacefully on Nov. 25, 2021 at the age of 99. Born April 8, 1922 to Vernon and Mable Cummings, she is survived by her children Janis (Zaun) Bailey, Mary Zaun, son-in-law Richard Zaun, Bud Bailey; four grandchildren: Maggie, Bob, Eric and Molly; and six great-grandchildren. Her husband Philip Zaun, brother James Cummings and sister Frances Cummings Zaun preceded her in death.

For many years Nancy worked with her husband Phil at their business, Bailey Glass and Mirror. She also worked at Zaun Glass in Burbank and at Jewel City Glass in Glendale. After retiring from the glass business as receptionist, bookkeeper, glass-cutter and sometime truck driver (in an emergency), Nancy

became the church secretary at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

She believed in being involved and giving back to her community. She was an active member of PEO, PFLAG, Lionettes, Live Steam Club, the Chinese Historical Society and the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. And she did love reading her CV Weekly every Thursday!

A celebration of life will be held for Nancy on Saturday, April 2 at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta at 2 p.m. There will be a reception immediately following in Koopmans Hall.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in honor of Nancy Zaun to either PEO Scholarship Funds, PFLAG or a charity of your choice.

Obituary

Rebekah Jo Hammer



February 26, 2022

Immediately following a precious time of fellowship, singing and praying at home, Rebekah Jo Hammer, of Tujunga, CA, was called to her heavenly home into the arms of her loving Savior on Saturday,

Rebekah was born in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1977. She graduated from Asbury College with a degree in

English Education and a near-minor in music with her trumpet, while also meeting Ryan Hammer to whom she was lovingly married for 24 and a half years. She is survived also by her children Elise

Ayame, Sophia Rose and Richard Thomas; her three older sisters Shelly Exline, Jenny Annoni and Rachel Goldenstein; her parents Jack and Janice Fink; and four nieces and thirteen nephews.

Rebekah, although incredibly shy from birth, learned with the help of her Lord Jesus, to reach out to

everyone around her and to be a friend and confidant to many. While in high school she went on two mission trips and, although vertically challenged, she was a starter on her high school basketball team.

Ryan and Rebekah were married after their junior year at Asbury. After graduation, they worked in Kentucky for two years before moving with all their worldly goods across the country to California where Ryan pursued his calling to work in the film industry and Rebekah began teaching English as a second language and later working in college placement for international students.

Rebekah ran the LA marathon and completed it in spite of a stress fracture in her foot, exemplifying her persistence and dedication. Her steadfastness and ferocity in prayer were evident in her life

and unchanged even through her marathon battle with pancreatic cancer.

As their family grew, her educational background naturally led her to homeschool their children.

Rebekah was active in Fairhaven Christian Academy, her homeschool co-op, and eventually took over the leadership role for several years. She and Ryan also started a Trail Life troop and ran the local American Heritage Girls troop in their community.

Church was a critical part of Rebekah's life. She loved attending Montrose Church where her three children were baptized and each in turn contributed in the church's annual Christmas plays. Her passion and love for Jesus shone through even more during her difficult battle with cancer as she regularly asked nurses and doctors how she could pray for them. She will be sadly missed here on this earth but has been welcomed with joy through the gates of Heaven where she is free and is praising and worshiping her Father and Savior in person. *Funeral Directors: CrippenMortuary.com*

Early Rodders Holding Tribute Cruise for Members

On Saturday, March 12 the Early Rodders will be meeting at Regal UA Theater in La Cañada to begin a tribute ride in memory of founding member Rick Chew and member Victor Luchessi.

The Early Rodders will assemble between 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. then begin the cruise at 8 a.m. A fire truck from Station 82 will lead the procession followed by motorcycles then the vintage and classic cars. CHP will block off the road to Chew's house and to Fire Station 82. Chew was the first Chinese American fireman on the Los Angeles City Fire Dept. and was later recognized as a Chinese American pioneer by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

His love for vehicles – any type – was legendary and, in 2001, he started the informal Early Rodders, which meets weekly at the parking lot of the Regal UA Theater in La Cañada.

According to fellow car lover and Early Rodder Dwight Sityar, Chew's dream was to have a place where car enthusiasts, whether young or old, could go.

"Anyone who had a hot rod, classic car, new car, old car, truck or motorcycle and wanted to be an Early Rodder could do so – without any membership, bylaws, meetings or restrictions," Sityar said.

The Early Rodders has become a solid presence in the community due to their voluntary work: they organize car shows for local convalescent homes, participate in the Crescenta Valley Hometown Country Fair, hold Thursday car meets at different businesses, take part in National Night Out for law enforcement, Montrose Movie Night, Montrose Christmas Parade, Sparks of Life Christmas drive and partner with the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce for the 9-11 Memorial Motorcade.

Chew died on Jan. 14.

The car of fellow Early Rodder Victor Luchessi, who also died earlier this year, will be on display for the motorcade to honor. Luchessi drove a 1955 Chevy and sold Early Rodders hats and shirts.

Saturday's event will be an "open cruise" for everyone from La Cañada to Tujunga. The final destination is Bob Smith Toyota. Participants will meet on the south side of Foothill Boulevard; participants are asked to observe the parking procedure.

Hamburgers will be served.

The families of Rick Chew and Victor Luchessi will be present for anyone who would like to express their condolences. Estimated time for the event is from 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

File photo

The Early Rodders are having a tribute cruise on Saturday honoring past members Rick Chew and Victor Luchessi.



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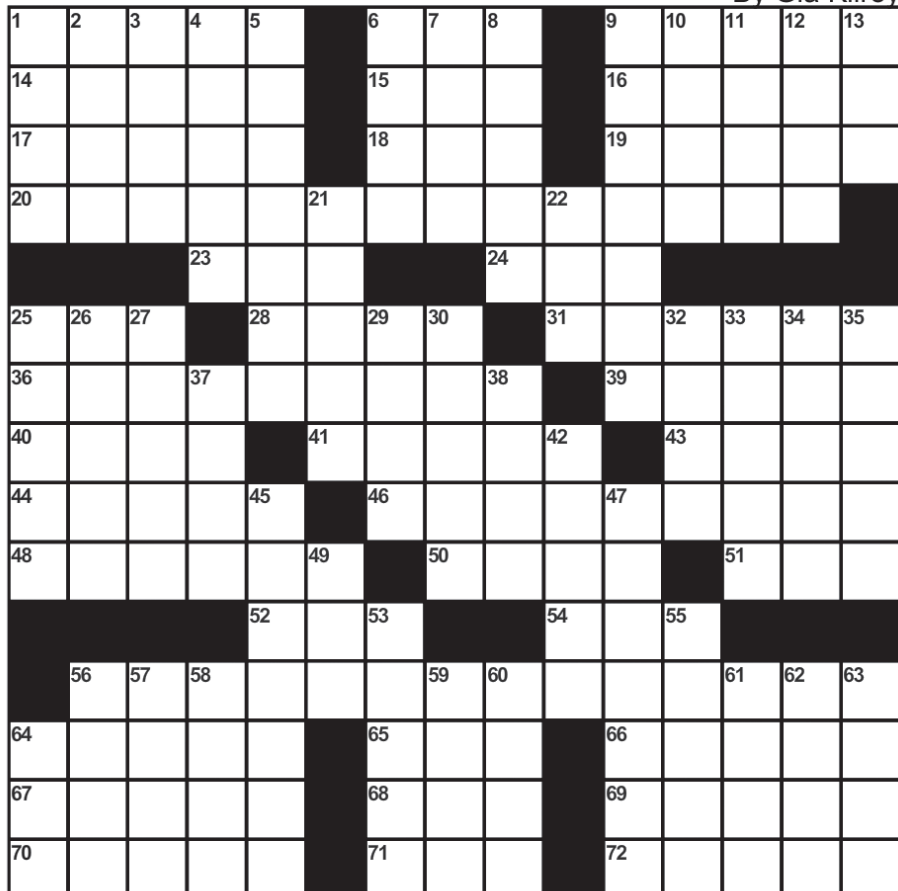
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- 9) Synagogue necessity
- 14) Alaskan boat
- 15) Lobsters-to-be, perhaps
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- 18) Hold the deed
- 19) More adorable
- 20) Medieval security person?
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- 24) Reliable riser
- 25) Bottom line
- 28) About
- 31) Casual eatery
- 36) Carmelo Anthony?
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- 41) Snow conveyances
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- 48) Quavering sounds
- 50) Paint can instruction
- 51) Hurricane core
- 52) Clumsy clod
- 54) "The Matrix" hero
- 56) Got exclusive store discounts?
- 64) Soak up knowledge
- 65) Music since the '40s
- 66) MGM mogul
- 67) Absurd
- 68) Deception
- 69) New moon, e.g.
- 70) In shape
- 71) "To ___ is human ..."
- 72) "Yum!"

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- 1) Istanbul inhabitant
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- 3) Type of mart
- 4) Hanging loosely, as pants
- 5) Abdul-Jabbar's trademark shot
- 6) Humble one's meal?
- 7) Corn-growing state
- 8) Auto body damages
- 9) "Poly" follower
- 10) Egg
- 11) Pro ___ (in proportion)
- 12) Yemen port
- 13) Girl's pronoun
- 21) Players take them
- 22) Baby bear
- 25) Pants alternative, for some
- 26) Lead-in for "line" or "mine"
- 27) Vanilli's lip-syncing partner
- 29) Kind of vaccine
- 30) Telltale signs
- 32) Hindu woman's dress
- 33) Brief space of time
- 34) Stallone role
- 35) Corpulent
- 37) Top off a room
- 38) Work to shape a film
- 42) Undercover operation
- 45) Earned a dunce cap
- 47) Replace in the schedule
- 49) "Cheers" character
- 53) Aesop's specialty
- 55) Brando's birthplace
- 56) Casino attraction
- 57) Indian bread
- 58) Coastal raptor
- 59) Dark film genre
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GPD REPORTS

Male Arrested for Narcotics Sales

On March 4 just before 3 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale PD's Special Enforcement Detail (SED) were traveling near the intersection of San Fernando Road and Chevy Chase Drive when they observed a vehicle with an equipment violation. The officers conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver, 47-year-old Aleksandr Seyranov of Burbank. Seyranov was found to have a methamphetamine pipe, a baggy of methamphetamine, numerous unused small plastic bags and cash in various denominations on his person, and his behavior was lethargic during the contact. A subsequent search of the vehicle produced a small plastic bag containing a significant amount of heroin.

Seyranov was arrested and booked for possessing narcotics for sale, driving under the influence and controlled substance paraphernalia. It should be noted that this is the fifth time within

six months that Seyranov has been arrested in Glendale for narcotics sales.

Female Arrested for Battery After Unprovoked Assault

On March 4 at approximately 2 a.m., GPD officers were dispatched to the Glendale Fashion Center located on the 200 block of North Glendale Avenue regarding a female who was screaming. The reporting party recognized this female as the same person who had been involved in the unprovoked assault that occurred at the same location on the morning of March 2. While officers were responding to the scene, the screaming female, later identified as 33-year-old Margarida Eshan of Glendale, ran from the location on foot. GPD officers located Eshan nearby and detained her pending further investigation. GPD officers recognized Eshan as the suspect from the March 2 attack from screen shots that were obtained of Eshan from Glendale Fashion Center security cameras.

The Waiting Is Nearly Over



The doors are about to open at Gus & Andy's. After a lot of construction and permit hair pulling, Gus & Andy's Kitchen & Bar will be opening sometime next week. CVW will share information for the soft opening as soon as details are known.

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feet high, four feet wide, with two flag holders for ceremonies, and hands clasped together.”

Fuentes thanked and acknowledged the donors to the project and recognized the leadership of Ruby De Vera for her strength and dedication “not just in Glendale.” [De Vera died in January 2021.]

“In gratitude and friendship to the city and its residents, this symbol of lasting friendship recognizes your unwavering support as you warmly welcomed us and fully embraced our heritage and culture,” she said.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian spoke in appreciation of Glendale’s Filipino community, acknowledged the contributions Filipino labor organizer Larry Itliong made to the gains of the farmworkers’ union, and gave a shout-out to Max’s of Manila in Glendale as the first location of the restaurant chain.

Community Services and Parks Director Onnig Bulanikian reported that the monument is consistent with the city’s public monuments policy and has been approved by the commission.

Finally, the council considered a proposal by Councilmember Agajanian to split the job of city clerk into two, one part-time and

“ceremonial,” the other a full-time professional clerk to be appointed by the council. Agajanian also wanted the salary of the positions to be evaluated for cost savings. He went on to explain that his reasoning behind the proposal of creating a part-time job is “because this is what we do.”

“I’m a council member and I’m doing a part-time job,” Councilmember Agajanian said. “I’ve always had this feeling that there’s government inside government.”

Councilmember Ara Najarian responded that the issue is that anyone can get elected.

“Unlike on the council, where there are four others, there’s nothing like that for the clerk. I don’t want someone just because they’re popular,” Najarian said, and then compared the stipend paid to council members of approximately \$30,000 per year to the annual salary of the city clerk, set by the council, at \$150,000.

Councilmember Kassakhian spent 15 years as the city’s elected city clerk before being elected to the council in 2020. He describes the job as being the “referee of democracy.”

“I’m not in support of taking away choice from the voters of

Glendale. I have more faith in the voters,” Kassakhian said and then suggested the council consider reinstating the chief assistant position in the clerk’s office during budget deliberations adding he wants a way to ensure the clerk becomes certified.

Councilmember Dan Brotman noted that “the question of appointing both the city treasurer and clerk has come up before and the voters want these to be full-time elected positions. It feels like an indirect evisceration of the position.”

Mayor Paula Devine weighed in. “Timing is everything and this is not the right time to do this,” she said. “People prepare to run for office months before the election and it wouldn’t be fair to change the requirements now.”

“It will be too late after the election,” Agajanian asserted. Najarian said that the council should have assistants, too. Kassakhian expressed support for increasing councilmember pay, given the more than part-time nature of the job, to the average wage of the area but would do it prospectively to avoid any appearance of self-dealing.



Image captured by Julie BUTCHER. The Filipino American Friendship Monument will be erected temporarily adjacent to the Adult Recreation Center in Central Park.

VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Deukmejian Park's Stone Barn Nature Center History – 1900 to the Present

Last week we talked about the natural history of Dunsmore Canyon, where Deukmejian Wilderness Park is today, along with human history up to the planting of the vineyard there. In 1886, Frenchman George Le Mesnager had purchased the canyon for a vineyard to supply his wine-making business in downtown LA. Within a few years he had thousands of grapevines extending all the way up the canyon, along with more in the Verdugo Woodlands, about where Oakmont Country Club is today.

George was somewhat of a wildman and couldn't seem to stay out of trouble. In 1893, the feds raided his winery for a variety of offenses and George slickly passed ownership to his wife and son. When WWI started, George vowed to fight for his native France. The fat old man (64 years old) enlisted as a private and fought bravely against the Germans.

"Meanwhile back at the ranch,"

George's son Louis built the big stone barn in about 1915 to house the vineyard equipment and to store the grapes before they were wagoned down to the winery in LA. Prohibition was enacted in 1920, putting the kibosh on the family's wine-making business. The Le Mesnagers then shifted over to selling another liquid, just as valuable as wine – water. As the Dunsmore Water Company, they piped water from the canyon down to the thirsty homes below them while still maintaining their vineyards in the canyon for their own use.

A big fire in November 1933 burned up the stone barn. It just so happened that the barn was being leased to a group of WWI vets at that time. They had filled big wooden vats with wine inside the barn, hoping to make a killing when Prohibition ended in December 1933. Everything in the barn was burned to the ground. The vats of wine burst and spilled thousands

of gallons of wine into Dunsmore Creek.

Louis Le Mesnager rebuilt the barn with a second story mezzanine and the family moved in there. By the late '60s the family decided to sell the property. They approached Glendale and the state, but neither was interested. Instead, they sold Dunsmore Canyon to a developer who planned to build a hillside development, similar to Pinecrest, with 300 homes. While the developer was making plans, they leased the property to a horse stable operation. Many of us remember renting horses there and youth equestrian drill teams, like the Blue Shadows and the California Rangers, trained there.

Opposition to the massive hillside development grew in the community and by the early '80s, Glendale began to cobble together money to buy the property. The City was short by \$2 million, so Councilman Larry Zarian put out a personal appeal to a fellow

Armenian American, California Governor George Deukmejian. Deukmejian found the money, and the 700-acres was purchased in 1989 for \$5½ million. It was named for Governor Deukmejian in honor of his fundraising efforts.

The park has slowly evolved over the years. Parking and grassy areas for picnics were built on the south end while hiking trails were cut into the mountains. A demonstration vineyard was developed, overseen by volunteers who craft historic wines.

The neglected stone barn has evolved into the centerpiece of the park. Seismic retrofitting and nature center and museum displays were funded and shepherded by the untiring efforts of a remarkable Glendale Parks employee, the late Marc Stirdivant. The park is now the jewel in the crown of the Glendale park system.

On Saturday, March 19, the community will get a chance to see the interior of the stone barn for the

first time in decades. It features not only displays to teach families about weekend hiking and recreation opportunities in the park, but also many features target regional elementary-age children who will visit during the week on school field trips. For many children, this will be their first exposure to our native plants and animals. In many young minds, seeds will be planted, seeds of interest in the natural world that surrounds us, right here in our beautiful valley.



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NEWS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » HARRY LEON

Spring has (Almost) Arrived!

March is Women's History Month and honors the women who persevered, who broke down barriers and shattered glass ceilings to create a better America.

At the CV Town Council's February general meeting, the Council unanimously agreed to send a letter of recommendation to Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office

in support of upgrades to pavement and sidewalks. Any water capture features for the benefit of the water table are encouraged. The Class II and III bike lanes that

were discussed in the presentation would be a welcome addition to our community.

Regarding the pedestrian improvements along La Crescenta Avenue, the Council respectfully requests that the County of Los Angeles takes into consideration that continental crosswalks would be first preference at the locations of Orange and La Crescenta avenues and El Caminito and La Crescenta Avenue. However, if the County deems that bulb-outs are necessary to ensure the safety of pedestrians at these locations, then the Council supports them. We ask that the County take specific notice of the storm water drainage, which can be extensive along La Crescenta Avenue, particularly at these intersections during times of heavy rainfall. Additionally, the topography resulting in excessive downhill speed should also be a factor when placing pedestrians closer to the roadway. We ask that the County consider all factors when deciding which features would be of the highest benefit for our community.

The Council is in agreement that

the intersection of Mountain Pine Drive and La Crescenta Avenue is not a high pedestrian cross point and that a continental crosswalk would be fitting.

Should the County have the budget within the project, the Council requests that the intersection of Henrietta and La Crescenta avenues be considered as an additional location for a continental crosswalk as this intersection serves as an access point to Two Strike Park and as a cut-through to Monte Vista Elementary School; therefore, pedestrian crossing is frequent at this location.

On March 17 at the CVTC general meeting, the Los Angeles County Parks & Rec senior engineer will present a tentative plan for the ADA accessibility path at Crescenta Valley Park, and the outdoor gym at Two Strike Park.

Los Angeles County Public Works and the cities of Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge are excited to announce a new planning initiative along Foothill Boulevard, between Lowell Avenue and Oak Grove

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YMCA Offers 'Camp' Programs for Seniors, Highlights New Addition

By Bethany BROWN

YMCA of the Foothills offers a variety of low-impact classes for seniors in the community. In partnership with SilverSneakers, the nation's leading fitness program designed specifically for seniors, classes offered at the Y include aqua arthritis, tai chi, balance fit, low impact land arthritis and gentle yoga. Each class – offered at Verdugo Hills (VHY) – is intended to increase flexibility, range of motion, endurance and decreases joint stiffness.

Kat Corona-Pilgrim, YMCA of the Foothills marketing & communications manager, said the most popular class among seniors is aqua arthritis. She emphasized the importance of senior-focused health and said the goal is to ensure aging adults can continue to be vital, active members of our communities and our world by providing them with beneficial programs that serve to strengthen the body and mind.

Additionally, in partnership with USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, the YMCA hosts a monthly Doc Talk series that presents a variety of health-related topics throughout the year to community members. The lectures are free of

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This summer is especially important for them to go to camp. Young people have never been more in need of experiences where they can be themselves, be joyful and free, and join a supportive community of friends and mentors.

Picking a camp in this moment is more important than ever. To help you make your decision, the Camp Woodcraft team suggests you ask important questions of any sleep-away camp before you register:

Is your camp American Camp Association accredited? It's important that both the facility and the program are accredited, ensuring the highest level of safety and management.

What's your camp's COVID policy and safety record? Camps should be able to give clear answers to these questions including whether they had on-site transmission or outbreaks last year and what vaccination and testing requirements they have for this summer.

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YMCA Senior 'Camp' Programs (continued)

charge and available for in-person attendance at the Crescenta-Cañada Y or virtual attendance via Zoom.

With respiratory health as the focus of the series this month, Dr. Shant Shirvanian, USC VHH pulmonary and critical care specialist, will be leading the presentation on Thursday, March 24 from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch boxes will be provided for in-person attendees; those interested in attending must RSVP prior to the event either online at www.ymcafoothills.org/community or by calling (818) 952-2228.

Recently added to the YMCA program offerings is Caregiver's Night Off - also to be held monthly - in which the YMCA of the Foothills is partnering with the USC VHH's Community Resource Center for Aging and Alzheimer's Los Angeles to provide some

respite for those caring for people with early- to mid-stage dementia as well as their partners whom they care for.

CEO Vince Iuculano said the intent is to give caregivers an opportunity to talk with others about experiences/challenges they may face in their roles, enjoy refreshments, activities and a moment of relaxation. They will also receive tips on how to take care of their own wellbeing. Their partner(s), if accompanying, are on-site in a separate area participating in a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, music and ping-pong with trained staff and volunteers.

"We wanted to create a program that serves not only the folks who are living with Alzheimer's or dementia, but the caregivers who are often forgotten about," Iuculano said. "We wanted to be intentional as a YMCA in providing some sort of wellness activity and just a much-needed break so that they have something to look forward to."

Iuculano said the first event was held on Thursday, March 3 and, while the team had no expectations going into it, it was a huge success and provided an impactful experience for all participating.

"One of the pieces that I think is special about this program is that we decid-

ed to have our high school youth leaders get involved and to make it multi-generational," Iuculano said. "The students showed up and got specially trained to work with people who are living with Alzheimer's and dementia; it was incredibly heartwarming to see these kids sitting down with them, painting together and having conversations or showing them pictures on their phones. It really was the best of both worlds."

Student volunteers - from Crescenta Valley, La Cañada and Clark Magnet high schools - belong to the YMCA Youth and Government or the PILOTS (Progressive Individual Leadership of Teens) leadership programs. The event is free to attend, open to all in the community and will be held the first Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at CCY, 1930 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

"If you're a member, if you're a non-member ... this program is for everybody," Iuculano said. "We want to make sure that people know that this program is here to serve the entire community."

The next caregiver's night off is scheduled for April 7. Registration is required and attendance is limited to the first 12 registrants. To register, call (818) 949-4033 or email aging-resources@med.usc.edu.

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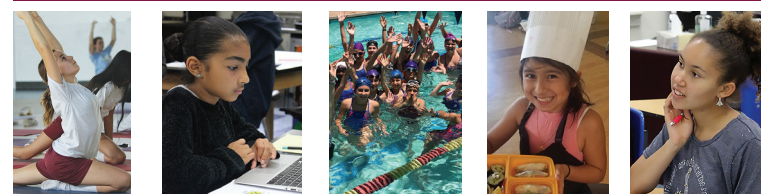
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Assistance League Summer School Chairmen Sue Sheedy and Michele Listo are excited to again provide

this opportunity for local children to explore subjects that are challenging, enriching, and creative "for the joy of learning" without homework. All La Cañada Unified School District safety protocols will be followed.

ALF is now hiring teachers and aides for this program.

For more information, go to the ALF website at alfintridge.org or call 818-790-2211. Online registration begins at noon on Monday, March 14th.



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Summer Fun Never Fades at Center for Children

"The approaching excitement for summer never fades ... even in my 11th year of day camp and third year as summer camp director!" said Candice Bautista of the Center for Children.

She adds there is usually an unofficial count-down going on after spring break of how many days kids have left until summer break.

"I love our director's summer motto, 'The way summer was meant to be,'" she added.

The Center for Children believes children's summer experience is about balance. Keeping this in mind, the Center offers fun and engaging STEAM activities, field trips, water play, crafts, sports and movie days.

"These were all of our favorite summer activities growing up!" Candice said.

With the heat of summer, water play is available everyday in the Center for Children yards in addition to planned water activities. Those may include a blow up water slide day, water balloon volleyball toss or water relay games.

Field trips are arguably the best part of summer.

"We will be going on field trips to local places as well as the greater Los Angeles area," said Candice. "In addition to a weekly field trip, we explore a new park every Friday."

She noted that last year the Center had been somewhat limited in its options.

"Yet we are pleased to see more places are opening up and accepting large groups," she said.

One of the Center's favorite trips last summer was exploring a unique park in Santa Monica then trekking to the beach.

"We also participate in Vacation Bible School through La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for one week, usually early July," Candice said. "Our program is open for incoming first graders to incoming eighth graders, divided into smaller groups based on grade. Our Center's summer program is uniquely structured in that you have the ability to pick and choose the weeks your camper attends. We will also provide pick up from GUSD summer schools in the area."

Please see the website for the Center for Children for more information at center4children.com

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YOUTH

Blade-by-Blade, A Grassy Field is Earned by Students



Our Lady of Lourdes School held its first annual Lions Dash run-a-thon to raise money for a new artificial turf field where kids can play soccer, baseball, kickball and all of those great games that are best played on grass. Anyone who has tried sliding into third base on asphalt can attest that – ouch – it hurts! The school decided it was time

for a grassy play area and the Lions Dash was born.

Kids from TK-eighth grade ran the track as parents, grandparents and friends cheered them on. Many of the students had dollars pledged based on the number of laps they ran; the more laps, the more dollars. And, boy, did they run! With a goal of \$30,000, these kids and families

raised over \$52,000!

Incredible prizes were awarded to highest-earning kids, teachers and families, so the incentives were strong. Kids reached out to family and friends from all over, which made the numbers keep going up. Principal Evelyn Cortes expressed a “great appreciation for the donors and organizers of this successful

event!”

Our Lady of Lourdes provides classes for students in pre-K through eighth grade. For more information, visit www.ollschooltujung.org. Those who would like a tour can call (818) 353-1106. Hopefully a grassy field will soon be a part of the tour!

Submitted by Sonya MARQUEZ

LEFT: With each lap, runners earned funds for the new grassy field.

MIDDLE: Rubber bands, as shown by Lucia Marquez, were used to tally the number of laps covered by the runners.

RIGHT: Colton Trumbo, Jackson Raviol and Nathan Buckowski run laps to earn money for the field.

Scouting Recruitment Event Held at Hall

On Saturday, Troop 288 welcomed bridging Webelos Scouts and others interested in Scouting at the American Legion Hall in La Crescenta. Attendees learned more about Troop 288 (which includes boys, girls and Venture Crew) and tried their hand at rope-making, Dutch oven cooking, knot-tying and flag folding and learned about rock climbing, backpacking, merit badges and other Scout activities.

For more information about Troop 288, visit <http://t288.ScoutLander.com>.

Submitted by Rebecca JOHNSON



YOUTH NOTES

GUSD Updates Mask Requirements

The California and Los Angeles County Depts. of Public Health have announced that the indoor mask requirement for K-12 schools and child care settings will end on March 11. Based on this updated guidance, effective March 12, masks will be strongly recommended but no longer required indoors or outdoors at any Glendale Unified school or district facility. Students, employees and visitors who choose to continue wearing a mask are welcome and encouraged to do so.

Additionally, Glendale Unified continues to implement multiple layers of protection on its campuses and district facilities, including free COVID-19 testing; daily health checks using the RUVNA app; upgraded ventilation and air filtration; and strict protocols for isolation, quarantine, contact tracing and notification. All students and employees are strongly encouraged to test prior to returning after spring break. At-home test kits will be sent home with every student and employee in advance of the spring break holiday.

Masks will continue to be required indoors in all Glendale Unified school and district facilities until March 11. Masks are optional but encouraged outdoors.

Competition for High School Students

International Spellman HV Clean Tech competition is calling for high school student STEM project submissions. Entrants can submit projects focused on sustainability and protecting our natural world. Registration is due April 22.

The competition engages students in identifying

and solving real-world environmental challenges by creating innovative solutions. The first-place winner will receive \$7,000 in prize money; \$5,000 for second place, and \$3,500 for third place, while fourth through 10th places will each be given \$1,000.

Over \$22,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top student teams at the competition finals held on Aug. 11. Registration for the competition is open through April 22; students must submit their papers by April 29. Ten finalist teams will be announced online on June 9.

The program is hosted and managed by Rockville Centre, New York-based not-for-profit Center for Science, Teaching & Learning (CSTL), led by STEM crusader and advocate Dr. Ray Ann Havasy and sponsored by Hauppauge, Long Island-based Spellman HV Electronics.

For more information about CSTL or the 2022 Spellman High Voltage Electronics Clean Tech Competition, visit the Clean Tech Competition website at www.cstl.org/cleantech or contact the administrator at (516) 764-0045 or by email at cleantech@cstl.org.

Reusable Bags for Sale

CVHS Aquatics Booster Club is hosting its spring fundraiser to raise funds for the 2022 swim & dive season. The club is selling 15x15x4 polyester reusable bags. There are limited quantities available for just \$10 a bag. All proceeds will directly support Crescenta Valley High School students and coaches.

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SPORTS

Falcon Softball on Fire After Fifth Straight Shutout; Baseball Ready for Tournament Action



By Justin HAGER

The Crescenta Valley High School girls' softball team is on fire after five straight shutout victories, including a 4-0 win over the MaxPreps California top 100-ranked Burroughs Bears on Tuesday. The Falcons have outscored their opponents 44-0 in their last five matchups, are 3-0 in Pacific League play and are performing at an elite level both offensively and defensively.

Offensively, senior Izzy Jamgotchian and Mila Reddy are locked in a neck-and-neck battle for this season's home run honors

and receiving extensive support from other hard-hitting batters like junior Lily Hinkle. Combined with outstanding defense from senior Lauren Curtis and junior Hayley Neale, and lights-out pitching from sophomores Jaiden Sabelis, who threw a no hitter two weeks ago, and Perri Derian, who threw a 13 strikeout one-hitter against Pasadena last week, established the Falcons as a defensive powerhouse.

CVHS will have the opportunity to throw a wrench in the plans of one of their Pacific League rivals later today, Thursday, March 10 when they host the Burbank

Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are tied with CV at 3-0 and atop the Pacific League standings. Like CV, the Bulldogs are on a four-game winning streak in which they have held their opponents scoreless.

The Falcon boys' baseball team was also on the field this week, continuing their pursuit of the Pacific League title against Hoover. CVHS entered the matchup 2-0 in league play after a pair of shutout victories last week over Pasadena. In game one of the matchup, pitcher Jameson Ferraro led the Falcons to a 4-0 victory by throwing a seven-strikeout no-hitter complete game. Kris

McCollum hit a three-run homer in the seventh to seal the victory. In game two, pitcher Connor Campbell pitched five shutout innings with only two hits allowed and seven strikeouts. Combined with outstanding offensive production from McCollum and Luke Steele, the Falcons secured the 10-0 win.

Although Tuesday's matchup against Hoover wasn't a shutout, it was perhaps the best all-around performance the Falcons have had thus far. Following a complete performance that saw multiple extra base hits, good defense and solid pitching, the Falcons beat the

Hoover Tornadoes 13-2 and moved to 3-0 in Pacific League play.

Hoover will have the opportunity for revenge tomorrow night (Friday) when they travel to Stengel Field for a 7 p.m. showdown. That game kicks off a busy week for the Falcons who will play six games in eight days as one of the hosts of the 2022 Babe Herman Tournament.

Photos by Justin HAGER

LEFT: CVHS senior Kris McCollum launched a ball over the left field wall for a three-run homerun against Pasadena.

RIGHT: Great batting from Luke Steele (pictured) and Chris McCollum is powering the Falcon offense.

CVHS Lacrosse on a Roll as Boys Undefeated and Girls Win Rivalry Match

By Justin HAGER

One year ago, the Village Christian Crusaders girls' lacrosse team defeated the Crescenta Valley Falcons 10-9 in a sudden death overtime. This year, it was the Falcons turn to return the favor in one of the most exciting games in recent memory.

The Crusaders scored first and continued to score early and often, eventually taking a 6-2 lead with just under eight minutes remaining in the first half. But then the Falcons turned on the jets, netting two goals in 40 seconds and four more in the remaining five minutes to go into halftime with

an 8-6 lead. Both teams tightened up their defense in the second half and closed out regulation play tied 10-10. That's when sisters Camden and Brianna Ballard, the daughters of coach Brent Ballard, connected on a pass from Brianna to Camden, who scored the goal and won the match for CV.

A glowing Coach Ballard said that he was extremely proud of both his girls and the team as a whole. He also applauded Village Christian and its continuous fight to the finish.

"It's the overtime agony of sports," he said. "It's becoming a pretty good rivalry (with Village Christian) and this time it went

our way. I'm extremely proud of these girls."

Over on the boys' field, the Falcon's have been dominant. They continued their winning streak over the weekend, defeating Norco 15-1 on Saturday, March 5. Senior Henry Kaufman led the team in scoring with five goals against Norco and six goals earlier in the week in the match up against Calabasas on March 2. Kaufman also had five assists in those games. They currently stand at 5-0 overall and have outscored their opponents 76-11 thus far in their 2022 campaign. They take on Grace Brethren in non-league play today.



Photos by Justin HAGER

Brianna Ballard scores a goal against Village Christian. Ballard had the game winning assist in overtime.

Vaqs Fall Short in Overtime Thriller

By Justin HAGER

In one of the most thrilling games in recent memory, the Glendale Community College Vaqueros fell just two points short of advancing to the third round of the California Community College Athletic Association Southern California championship. The Vaqs entered the matchup as the No. 5 seed in the tournament and slightly

avored over No. 12 seed Cypress. And despite having home-court advantage that featured a raucous crowd of GCC student athletes and former Southern California high school teammates, sloppy play put GCC down by as much as nine in the first half.

After the half, GCC came out strong, dropping a one-two punch of three-point shots and aggressive baseline play that kept Cypress off

balance and put the Vaqs within one point with less than two minutes remaining in the third period. But Cypress refused to surrender and ongoing challenges with unforced turnovers and too many second chances for Cypress on the offensive boards made the game feel all but over in the final period as Cypress led by 13 points

see VAQS on page 23



TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – March 2022

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Concerns over COVID-19 are finally subsiding with new case numbers steadily declining. The Southern California theater scene is recovering too, with most theaters announcing the return of live productions with audiences inside the theater. Although COVID protocols are still being enforced, requiring proof of vaccination and face masks to be worn at all times during the performances in order to attend, the government mandates are changing almost every day now, so that could change at any time. The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, readers should check with the theater to confirm before making definite plans.

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

“The Play You Want” Fed-up by the theatre world’s desires to box him in, Mexican playwright Bernardo Cubria sarcastically pitches “Nar-Cocos,” a play about drug dealers on Dia de los Muertos. Much to his surprise, the Public Theatre picks it up. With financial pressures mounting and a newborn at home, this is his chance at a commercial success. But when Scott Rudin offers him a Broadway run on the condition he further exploit his identity and the headlines, he must decide just how much he’s willing to compromise in order to finally be accepted. World premiere!

Written by Bernardo Cubria and directed by Michael John Garcés, it runs through April 17 at the Road Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 761-8838 or visit www.RoadTheatre.org.

“First Lady of Song: Alexis J Roston Sings Ella Fitzgerald” In a spellbinding concert performance, Alexis J Roston effortlessly emits the sultry swing



and playful joy that made Ella an American treasure. Classic tunes include “Summertime,” “The Lady Is a Tramp” and “It Don’t Mean a Thing If It Ain’t Got That Swing.”

Written by Angela Ingersoll and directed by William Kurk, it runs through March 20 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit www.lagunaplayhouse.com.

“Daughter of the Wicked” tells the story of Shanit Keter Schwartz returning to her homeland in search of her missing sister. She looks back at her upbringing as a Yemenite Jewish girl in the newly formed country of Israel, paying special tribute to her Kabbalistic mystical rabbi father, as she comes to terms with her tumultuous past.

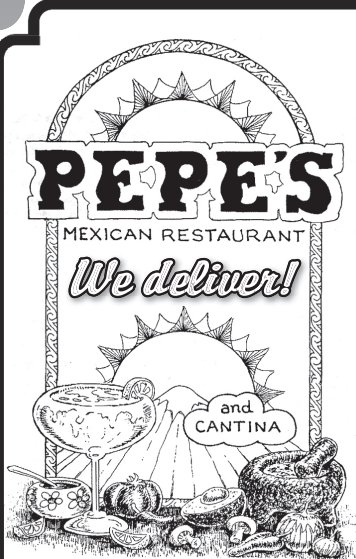
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Then » This is a view in the 1970s looking east at the Le Mesnager Barn in what is now Deukmejian Park. At that time it was no longer owned by the Le Mesnager family, but was owned by Intervalley Ranch, a development company that planned to build hundreds of homes in Dunsmore Canyon. They leased the barn to an outfit that operated horse stables from the barn. Here we see corrals to the right and a welcome banner above during an “open house.”



Now » Thankfully Glendale considered Dunsmore Canyon unsafe to build on due to fire and flood danger (apparently they were correct!) and prevented the builder from moving forward. This resulted in a series of lawsuits, culminating in the city buying the land to turn into a park in the '80s. Here's the same view looking east recently at the new Stone Barn Nature Center as the Glendale Parks Dept. busily prepares for its opening on March 19.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Community Members Honored at Recognition Dinner



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TOP: The Verdugo Hills Council Silver Beaver Award is the highest award presented by a local council to volunteers for distinguished service. This year's recipients are, from left, Paul Dutton, Joe Kroening and Peter Basler who is Cubmaster for Pack 225.

ABOVE: Glendale City Councilmember and Glendale Mayor Pro Tem Ardy Kassakhian is a deft Master of Ceremonies at the Verdugo Hills Council 2022 Recognition Dinner on Thursday, 2/24, at the Glendale Elks Lodge.

Photos by Dick CLUBB

BELOW: Attendees to the event included (from left) Mary and Jerry Burnham, Jim and Alice Turner and Mike Baldwin.

BOTTOM: Chris Waldheim received the coveted North Star Award.



executive of the Verdugo Hills Council.

To learn more about the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America, visit <https://www.vhcsa.org/>.

The Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America held its 2022 recognition dinner in February. The honorees were recognized for their service to community and their volunteerism.

Among those recognized were local residents Paul Dutton, Joe Kroening and Chris Waldheim. Dutton and Kroening were presented with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award presented by a local council of the Boy Scouts of America to volunteers for distinguished service. Waldheim received the North Star Award, presented on behalf of the National Court of Honor for non-registered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to Scouting.

The dinner, held at the Elks Lodge in Glendale, was attended by Scouts, dignitaries and supporters of the Boy Scouts. The evening was also an opportunity to introduce Andrew Sisolak to attendees. Sisolak was recently selected as scout

LCWC Crazy Hat Night



Donning creative caps from left are Dawna Daley-Berger, Lisa Malm, Adrienne Griffin, Carol Stein and Cindy Charles.

Those 18 and older are invited to participate in the March Crazy Hat Night on Monday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Woman's Club. For the winner wearing the craziest homemade hat, the club's Evening Section will make a \$300 donation to that person's 501(c)3 philanthropy of choice.

Participants are encouraged to be creative and have fun!

At the April 17 meeting of the Evening Section the chosen philanthropy will be invited to attend the meeting to accept their check and speak to the group. The LCWC monthly Evening Section meeting is held on the Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LCWC

Clubhouse, 4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Refreshments are served and there's plenty of time for socializing and getting to know members while discussing future charitable activities, fundraising and project accomplishments. There are occasional speakers, participation in a charitable project or game night.

The daytime luncheon meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.; it conducts similar activities.

Phone (818) 957-9806 or email info@lacrescentawomansclub.org for information or reservations.

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Submitted by Cindy CHARLES

People Making News

Aidan Milanese of Glendale was named to the fall 2021 dean's list at Hofstra University. Milanese achieved a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the dean's list.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, New York. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement,

academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

La Crescenta resident Kevin Faeustle, a graduate of Crescenta Valley High School, earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College in Washington. This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed all credits attempted, and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

Situated within the rich and complex landscape and history of the Walla Walla Valley, Whitman College provides a rigorous liberal arts education to students from diverse backgrounds. Whitman students develop their intellectual and creative capacities in a supportive scholarly community that prioritizes student learning within and beyond our classrooms.

Matthew Moody of Sunland graduated from Ithaca College in New York with a

BM in music education and Leo Gonta of La Crescenta was named to the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 6,500 students, the college offers more than 90 degree programs in its schools of business, communications, humanities and sciences, health sciences and human performance, and music.

Markos Meytarjyan, Karen Meytarjyan and Anna Minasyan of Glendale have been named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

The dean's list recognizes students with a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale.

One of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges, St. Olaf in Northfield, Minnesota challenges students to excel in the liberal arts, examine faith and values, and explore meaningful vocation in an inclusive, globally engaged community nourished by Lutheran tradition.

JUST FOR FUN

PROBLEM SOLVED » CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Samsung won't give her the \$150 e-certificate it promised if she bought a Galaxy Z Fold3.

Samsung offers Kristin Graham a \$150 electronic certificate if she buys a Galaxy Z Fold3. She does, but now the manufacturer isn't doing what it promised. Why not?

Q Promotional email offering a \$150 e-certificate to buy a Galaxy Z Fold3. It was a substantial investment, but I took a chance.

Samsung didn't provide the e-certificate and never gave me any information about it. I researched, then finally called Samsung a couple of weeks after I received the phone.

I provided clear copies of the promo and proof of purchase. Everything was clear and concise. The reps first tried to get me to accept a one-time code for a lesser value. Then they made many excuses, including pretending they couldn't read their own ad, which shows the device as eligible.

After escalating my case, a supervisor blamed me for their technical problems and explained I was eligible for nothing. That's not

how it's supposed to work. I've documented everything.

I want Samsung to fulfill the promise they made in their advertisement. I want a \$150 e-certificate. Samsung advertised the terms and I accepted and fulfilled my side. Now it's time for Samsung to meet its obligations. Can you help me?

— Kristin Graham, Zephyrhills, Florida

A: Samsung should have done what it promised, of course. And what it promised was this: a \$150 credit if you bought one of its pricey Galaxy Z Fold3 phones (current list price \$1,549).

I've reviewed the offer and the correspondence between you and Samsung. You left out a really important part, though. There's a little asterisk at the end of the headline. There

are terms and conditions – lots of terms and conditions – on that offer. www.samsung.com/us/smartphones/galaxy-z-fold3-5g/samsung-credit/frequently-asked-questions/. Here they are:

If I had to bet, I'd say Samsung was using some obscure condition buried in the fine print as an excuse to deny you the promised certificate. But if that were true, then Samsung should have told you how, exactly, you failed to meet its elaborate terms. Instead, it just passed you from one representative to the next.

Here's how I see it: You took Samsung's offer at face value, which is what most normal customers would. The modest 10% discount wasn't too good to be true, so it's not as if you expect Samsung to give you a free phone or something like that. You were acting in good faith.

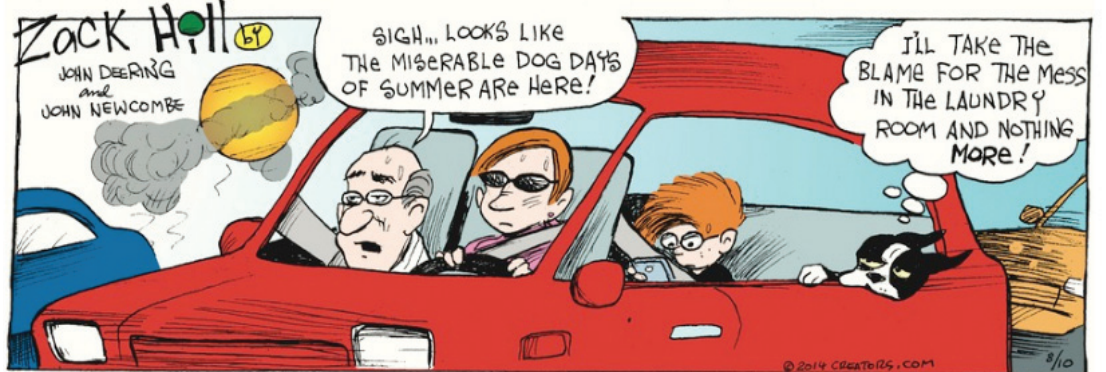
If Samsung couldn't come up with a reason for not honoring the offer, then it should send you the \$150 now.

By the way, you kept extensive notes, which helped to support your case. I think you could have appealed your case to one of Samsung's executives as you climbed the appeals ladder. I list the names, numbers and email addresses Samsung's managers on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

I contacted Samsung on your behalf. It reviewed your case and credited you \$150, as promised.

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

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RED CROSS OPENS BURBANK BLOOD CENTER

The American Red Cross Los Angeles Region announced the grand opening of the Burbank Blood and Platelet Donation Center. On Friday, March 4, the donation center officially opened its doors and begin collecting blood and platelets for patients, such as those battling cancer, accident victims, transplant recipients and those living with sickle cell disease.

The Burbank center will provide a central location for donors, who used to have to travel to Woodland Hills or Pasadena as the closest locations. It's located at 317 N. Pass Ave. in Burbank.

BINGO FUN BENEFITS AHEAD WITH HORSES

Ahead With Horses is hosting a Zoom bingo game on March 12. Fun starts at 3 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 gives players one card good for five rounds. Winners of each round will get a prize!

For more information or to sign up email info@awhla.org or call (818) 767-6373.

SCHULHOF GUEST SPEAKER OF AAUW

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will next meet on Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. The speaker will be Richard Schulhof who has worked in public gardens for over 30 years.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities, and meetings, please go to <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

Those who would like to attend the Zoom meeting can send their name and email address to Laura Guillory. lguillory1430@gmail.com by Wednesday March 9.

THE CREATIVE MULTIVERSE OF MILLARD SHEETS

Little Landers Historical Society is hosting cultural journalist Victoria Lautman on March 12 for the monthly 2nd Saturday program. Lautman will share the story of Millard Sheets, the creator of the distinctive mosaics and murals on the former Home Savings buildings (now Chase Bank) and

more. Lautman will present the many lesser-known creations and wide range of work of this talented artist, designer and entrepreneur.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

It takes place at 1 p.m. at the Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga.

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

GLENDALE ELKS HOSTING CAR SHOW

The Glendale Elks #1289 25th annual charity car show will be held on Sunday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held at the Elks Loge at 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

The public is welcome to come inspect an array of cars ranging from a 1914 Ford Model T to custom modified cars of many descriptions. Breakfast and lunch will be served throughout the day plus there will be raffles and a silent auction. The event is free to the public.

For more information, call (818) 472-2552. For car entry information, call George McCullough at (818) 970-3114 or email geosauto@prodigy.net.

TGHS PRESENTS: RAISING THE BAR(N) WITH THE STONE BARN VINEYARD CONSERVANCY

Raising the Bar ringleader Laura Crook and vintner Stuart Byles of the Stone Barn Vineyard Conservancy and the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley present local wine history plus a guided tasting of Dunsmore Creek, Alicante Bouschet. Immediately following the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to socialize with other TGHS members and friends.

The virtual event is on Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. and is free. Those who wish to participate in the wine tasting portion of the evening may purchase a bottle of Dunsmore Creek by calling (818) 249-2414 to arrange payment and pickup directly with Stuart in La Crescenta (order and pick up before March 20). One bottle is \$20. Two bottles at \$40 includes a membership to the Stone Barn Vineyard Conservancy.

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holiday got its name.) In addition to the decree against all of the Jews, Haman made a special gallows 30 feet tall, specifically for Mordechai, as punishment for his defiance.

Mordechai galvanized all the Jews, convincing them to repent, fast and pray to G-d. Meanwhile, Esther asked the king and Haman to join her for a feast. Esther revealed her Jewish identity and that because of the feast's other esteemed guest she and her people would be wiped out. Haman was hanged on the gallows he had built for Mordechai, and Mordechai was appointed prime minister in his stead. A new decree was issued, granting the Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies.

On the 13th of Adar, the Jews mobilized and killed many of their enemies. On the 14th of Adar, they rested and celebrated.

Every year since then, Jewish people worldwide mark the holiday of Purim on the 14th of Adar with feasts and celebrations.

Following the miracle of Purim, the rabbis instituted four rabbinic mitzvot – commandments – that are to be fulfilled on Purim: 1) to read the Megillah (the detailed Purim story which was written by Mordechai and Esther); 2) to enjoy a festive meal; 3) to give gifts of at least two foods to one another (called Mishloach Manot); and finally – and perhaps most importantly – 4) to give charity to the poor (Matanot Le'evyonim).

While most Jewish holidays involve miraculous events that are contrary to nature (the splitting of the sea when leaving Egypt, the miracle of the Menorah in the story of Chanukah, etc.), the miraculous sequence of events in the story of Purim all worked within nature. One of the messages that we can take from this is the understanding that no matter what situation people may find themselves in, G-d is always watching and cares deeply about each and every one of us. Everything happens for a reason – no matter how “normal” the chain of events may seem, G-d always has a plan for us. We just need to look hard enough to discover the miracles that are taking place.

Wishing you a Happy Purim,
Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum,
Chabad of the Crescenta Valley

Chabad of the Crescenta Valley is excited to host a Mexican themed Purim party open to the community. It takes place in La Cañada Flintridge.

Please visit cvchabad.org/purimfiesta to RSVP.

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Drive, to better connect the cities of Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge and the unincorporated community of La Crescenta-Montrose. We want to hear from you as we explore active transportation improvements along the corridor, including new and upgraded bike lanes, safer pedestrian access, bus stop enhancements and new street trees and landscaping.

And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thecvcouncil.com.

Stay safe, be healthy.

Harry Leon, President
Crescenta Valley
Town Council

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She does wish that someone had told her how many long hours she would work being her own boss. This is something that Maureen and Jessica Palacios know very well.

For about 19 years Maureen has owned Once Upon a Time bookstore in Montrose. Her daughter Jessica is now the manager and buyer for the store.

“We had to close the shop in March 2020 and, thankfully, we had a website up [and running],” Maureen said. “We pivoted to lots of online sales.”

The store saw its online sales increase almost 1,800%.

“It was incredible,” she said.

Of course that meant that Jessica and her mom had to stay at the store until the early morning hours preparing boxes of books to be shipped to customers.

During COVID, when schools had closed but there was still required reading, Once Upon A Time was able to close that gap by having needed books ready for students.

“Now we are in a different place,”

Maureen said of the bookstore's doors opening up again. “We had so much positive community outpouring.”

Maureen added the bookstore thrived during a very dark time because of that community support but also because of their very active online business that came from across the nation and around the world.

Maureen and Jessica have always worked to give fans a chance to meet authors in person with special book signings and readings at the store. During the pandemic they never stopped that outreach, they just went the virtual route. The two hosted one of the first Facebook live events with authors. They recently held an event with author Stuart Gibbs on Facebook live for half of the time, so he could reach out to customers across the country. They then were able to open the doors to have an in-person book signing.

Just as they had to pivot to virtual events, they are now getting used to going back to in-person events, like a recent one with author and illustrator Dan Santat.

“We were supposed to be outside and he brought his 8-week old puppy, and we had lines [of people to see them],” Maureen said.

She said that they survived the pandemic in part due to the support of many authors including local author and illustrator Benson Shum, who reached out to his readers and directed them to the Once Upon A Time to order their books.

They are gradually getting back to in-person schoolbook fairs, but are still planning online events and selling online. All of this is part of running a successful business.

“Efficiency is the name of the game,” Maureen said.

And for Jessica, it is moving the business forward and learning more about how to be efficient, taking the lead from her mom.

“I just finished a class on inventory management,” Jessica said. “I am trying to keep up and learn new things and then use that knowledge to keep us going.”

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