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Schiff Responds to President Zelenskyy's Address to Congress

On Wednesday, Congressman Adam Schiff issued the following statement after President Zelenskyy delivered an address to Congress:

"President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's address to Congress was powerful and moving. And the images he displayed once again exposed the depravity of Russia's war against Ukraine. When this conflict is finally over, the scenes of demolished Ukrainian cities and slaughtered women and children will be the defining memories of Putin's aggression.

"The United States and our allies have delivered billions in humanitarian, military and economic aid to the Ukrainian people as they fight to defend their homeland. But President Zelenskyy reminded us we can and must do more – the Ukrainian people are counting on it.

"Today (Wednesday), President Biden announced the United States will answer President Zelenskyy's call and deliver more than \$1 billion in new security assistance to Ukraine as it fends off the third week of Russian aggression. This aid – stemming from the \$13 billion Congress authorized last week – will be used to bolster Ukraine's defensive capabilities, including providing for the kinds of anti-armor and anti-air systems the Ukrainian army most needs to protect its country from the menace of Russia's land and aerial assault. And this will not be the end of our assistance – far from it. We will continue to find new ways to help bolster Ukraine's ability to protect its own skies, while preventing escalation that draws the United States into open warfare with Russia.

"Only Vladimir Putin has the power to end this senseless war. But with this additional aid, Ukraine will be able to better withstand his campaign of terror. The United States and its allies will continue to stand with Ukraine until it triumphs over Putin's devastating folly."

A Ride to Remember

By Mary O'KEEFE

Two local car icons are honored in tribute ride throughout the Crescenta Valley.

On Saturday, about 400 vehicles gathered at the Regal/United Artists theaters in La Cañada to take a last ride to memorialize and honor Rick Chew and Victor Luchessi, two well-known "gear heads" who were also strong community supporters. Both recently died.

"He was a great guy," was the common phrase heard from so many who spoke about Rick Chew.

Chew had been a motorcycle and car enthusiast since he was young, and many within his circle of friends also shared his love of all things motor.

Twenty years ago, Chew drove his hot rod to Goldstein's Bagels, which used to be located at the Regal United Artists theater complex at 1919 Verdugo Blvd. in La Cañada. He and four of his friends were looking for a place where they and others



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE
 Members of the Early Rodders, Trompers and Road Kings took part in a tribute ride to Early Rodders co-founder Rick Chew and member Victor Luchessi. The pair died earlier this year.

could meet with hot rods and classic cars.

"It started right at Goldstein's," Chew said in an earlier interview with CVW. "We had a few cars, maybe a half a dozen would show up."

That meeting of motor-minds became the Early Rodders,

which grew to include hundreds of hot rods, classic vehicles and motorcycles. The Early Rodders met, and continue to meet, every Saturday morning in the parking lot of the Regal UA.

"I have [known] Rick since we were 12 or 13 years old. We used to ride [motorcycles] together on

Elephant Hill," said Bob Vacca, one of the five founding members of Early Rodders. "We were good friends ever since."

Elephant Hill is an area between El Sereno and South Pasadena.

Vacca added that Chew had

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Ukrainian Resolve

It is a disquieting fact that we tend to find villains more interesting than their victims – in fiction and in reality – but the Nuremberg Trials revealed that in real life criminals and murderers are invariably colorless individuals who lack personality as well as compassion and conscience. It is their victims who frequently display courage and endurance beyond normal human experience.

~Paul Roland author, "The Nuremberg Trials: the Nazis and Their Crimes Against Humanity"

By Mary O'KEEFE

The world is watching as Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces invade Ukraine, continuing their murder of civilians and their destruction of an entire country. There are theories as to why Putin is doing this, from well-thought-out factually-based reasons to conspiracies that seem to be so prevalent in today's society. In the end, though, there is no reasoning behind mass murder and crimes against humanity.

Two local residents who are used to rescuing those in need have just returned from Ukraine, where they went to help where they could.

The outreach to Ukraine started with a conversation between Montrose Search and Rescue member Mike Leum and Jack Osbourne, a civilian volunteer and an EMT – and the son of

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Photo provided by Dr. John RODARTE
 Mike Leum treks through "bone chilling cold" to assist with humanitarian efforts.

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The Time Is Almost Here

On Saturday, I had the pleasure of going to the “test day” at Gus and Andy’s Kitchen & Bar at the former site of Rocky Cola. The event was a chance for the staff at Gus and Andy’s to test out their skills for invited guests who came in to order food and, in my case, drinks.

I ordered the Montrose Fries, a wonderful concoction of French fries smothered in chopped tomatoes, diced onions, sour cream and guacamole. I ordered a helping of tri tip to top my fries – and I’m happy to share they were delicious with the tri tip adding a smokiness that complemented the fries.

The folks I was with ordered various items, too – one ordered a burger, another a breakfast plate – and raved that their food was delicious, too. One in our group also ordered a Rum & Rocky Cola – a nice nod to the beloved restaurant that was at the corner for so many years – and it was pretty tasty, too, as was my Tiki Torch.

The décor of the restaurant that took years to come into being is industrial chic: it has gleaming white tiles, open ceilings and lots of historic photos provided by the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley. Karen, the wife of one of the owners, greeted us upon arriving and eagerly showed us the restaurant. Folding windows along the walls allow for plenty of fresh air to circulate and will be a highlight on the spring days we’re about to welcome. In the upstairs area, there’s more seating and the bar, which is

well lit and mirrored. I can see folks gathering there for a cocktail (or two).

Gus and Andy’s probably won’t be opening until early April and I know everyone in the community is eager to visit this new favorite dining spot.

I’m hoping that Gus and Andy’s will be one of the stops along the Taste of Montrose, coming up on May 1. Honolulu Avenue will be busy that day with the regular weekly Harvest Market and the annual Kids & Kritters Day events. The fundraiser for Prom Plus took a two-year hiatus (as did most fundraisers) due to the pandemic and, to be honest, we’re still ramping up to get participating restaurants to sign on. Many of our previous favorites, like Zeke’s and Frank’s Famous, are no longer around. I’ll be knocking on the doors of those that did survive like New Moon, Pepe’s, Town Kitchen and Grill and Alisa’s Ocean View. These are longtime and treasured ToM participants and I’m hopeful that Gus and Andy’s will be the newest addition to the ToM line up.

As details become available, I will share more with CVW readers but, as of now, save the date of May 1 for a delicious time on Honolulu.

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Weather in the Foothills

“Those who wish to pet and baby wild animals love them. But those who respect their natures and wish to let them live normal lives love them more.”
~ Edwin Way Teale

“Mommy, where do the birdies go when it rains?” I remember asking that very question when I was a little girl. I must not have been given a good enough answer because I have continued to wonder where not only birds but also larger wild animals go during inclement weather. Years ago, as animals were domesticated, they were inadvertently removed from their instinctive places of shelter.

While many smaller critters will seek shelter in a storm, cattle might not always do so. Worse, cattle may sometimes try to seek shelter under a tree, one of the most dangerous spots during a thunder and lightning storm.

My grandma Nellie May grew up on a farm in Kansas. She was the daughter of an immigrant wheat farmer. With an ever-expanding demand for meat, other than pork, Black Angus cattle were added to the farm’s assets. In January 1896 man and beast were stricken by a massive weather-born natural disaster: a blizzard.

My grandma recalled, “We all went outside to assess the damage to our herd of cattle. I remember our father being greatly concerned and us children crying upon seeing the cows lying on their sides, either struck by lightning or frozen.

Farm families in the Midwestern U.S. often experienced and were no strangers to the coldest weather in the United States. Many claimed they knew the extreme weather was coming before it was officially predicted. Farmers would say they know the cold was coming days before it arrives. This foresight was not due to meteorology but to the way their animals were behaving. It was noted the animals were eating far more feed than usual, putting on weight to help keep warm before temperatures plummeted. As quoted by an unknown farmer, regarding his cows, “They were meeting us at the gate, filling themselves full, and we just knew.”

Anecdotal evidence like this suggests that animals can, to an extent, predict the weather. However, it has never been scientifically proven.

Come this weekend is rain ... well, I’m not so sure about that as there is much discrepancy among the meteorologists, especially in the southern parts of the state. A big cooling is a near certainty with 10 to 15 degrees of cooling on tap for Saturday. Highs around 65 degrees are expected. There’s a slight hope for a bit of rain Saturday night. Little warming is expected across the coasts and inland valleys on Sunday while cooling continues across much of the southern parts of California. And then? The thermometers begin their climb out of winter and toward summer; i.e., a warm-up, once again.

So ... where do they go? (The birdies.)

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IN BRIEF

CVTC MEETS TONIGHT, THURSDAY

The general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. The in-person meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. For Zoom information, email contact@thecvcouncil.com.

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.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The La Crescenta Library has new hours as of March 14. The library will be open: Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

SPRING FIELD TRIP DOCENT TRAINING AT 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.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, March 20. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Take a self-guided tour to learn about the native plants along the trail or play the scavenger hunt game and win a prize! Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource. LA County guidelines are being followed requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing when visiting the Preserve.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

ART ON ORANGE HOSTS CLOSING RECEPTION

The Art on Orange storefront art program has beautified a vacant unit on 250 N. Orange St. in Glendale since late 2021. As the program comes to a close, the Glendale Library Arts & Culture (GLAC) celebrates the talented artists who made this space special, including Cathy Hrenda, Jennifer Swain and Diane Williams. The closing reception will take place on Saturday, March 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. GLAC will provide drinks and desserts.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p95vkr5> for more information.

Public Invited to Reopening of the Stone Barn



Photo by Susan BOLAN
After decades, the doors of the stone barn at Deukmejian Wilderness Park will be open to the public with features that include interactive maps and information on hiking and recreational activities, wildlife exhibits, laboratories for studying insects and plant life.

By Justin HAGER

After decades of planning and an unwanted visitor knocking on the door in the form of the 2009 Station Fire, the City of Glendale will finally host the grand opening of the Stone Barn Nature Center this weekend. On Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a celebration more than a century in the making will culminate in festivities that include community booths, a climbing wall, educational content, a gift shop and tours of the newly renovated Le Mesnager barn – the interior of which has been closed to the public for decades.

The history of the stone barn dates to 1898 when the property was acquired by George Le Mesnager, a French emigrant and prominent Los Angeles vintner, from Dr. Benjamin Briggs, the founder of La Crescenta. Between 1914 and 1918, George's son Louis constructed the original stone barn and shed along with several other buildings that no longer exist. They were used for storing equipment and grapes until 1920, when Prohibition ended the winemaking industry and forced the Le Mesnagers into the water industry. Then in November 1933, just one month before Prohibition ended, a massive fire swept the hillside area, damaging the barn and destroying its roof, the shed, winemaking equipment and most of the smaller outbuildings. The fire was followed by significant flooding that led to construction in 1934-35 of the County dam and debris basin adjacent to the site.

The barn was rebuilt with a new arch roof and residential quarters on the upper floor. An architecturally unique and relatively rare two-story vernacular structure, the barn was where the Le Mesnager family moved in 1937, living there until 1960. At that time the property passed to a developer who intended to construct homes on the 700 acres of land.

While the developer was making plans, the property was leased to a horse stable operation leading to fond memories for many local residents who rented horses or trained for equestrian competitions on the site. The development plans eventually fell apart due to community opposition, allowing the City of Glendale to purchase the site in 1988 and rename it Deukmejian Wilderness Park, in honor of California Governor George Deukmejian, who donated the final \$2 million for the project. Despite its value to local historians, it is not included in any register of historic places except that of the City of Glendale.

Since then, the park has continued to evolve and now includes picnic areas, hiking trails and even a demonstration vineyard that harks back to the original vision of

the Le Mesnagers. However, the stone barn remained neglected, unused and closed to the public. Fortunately, though, while the interior may have been out of sight it was not out of mind and, thanks to the tireless efforts of the late Marc Stirdivant, the barn doors are ready to swing open for a new chapter in history.

As Susan Bolan recently wrote in her CV Weekly column Views from the Valley, "I can't tell you how many meetings I attended over the years when someone said, 'It's coming.' And now it has finally arrived."

New features include interactive maps and information on hiking and recreational activities, wildlife exhibits, laboratories for studying insects and plant life, and historic video reenactments that demonstrate the daily life of the Le Mesnager family, their winery and living at the intersection of the a modern city and an ancient mountainous forest.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road, between Dunsmore and New York avenues. All visitors on Saturday must park on Markridge or other neighborhood streets; a shuttle will transport visitors from the entrance on Markridge to the barn for the grand opening with festivities kicking off at 11 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m.

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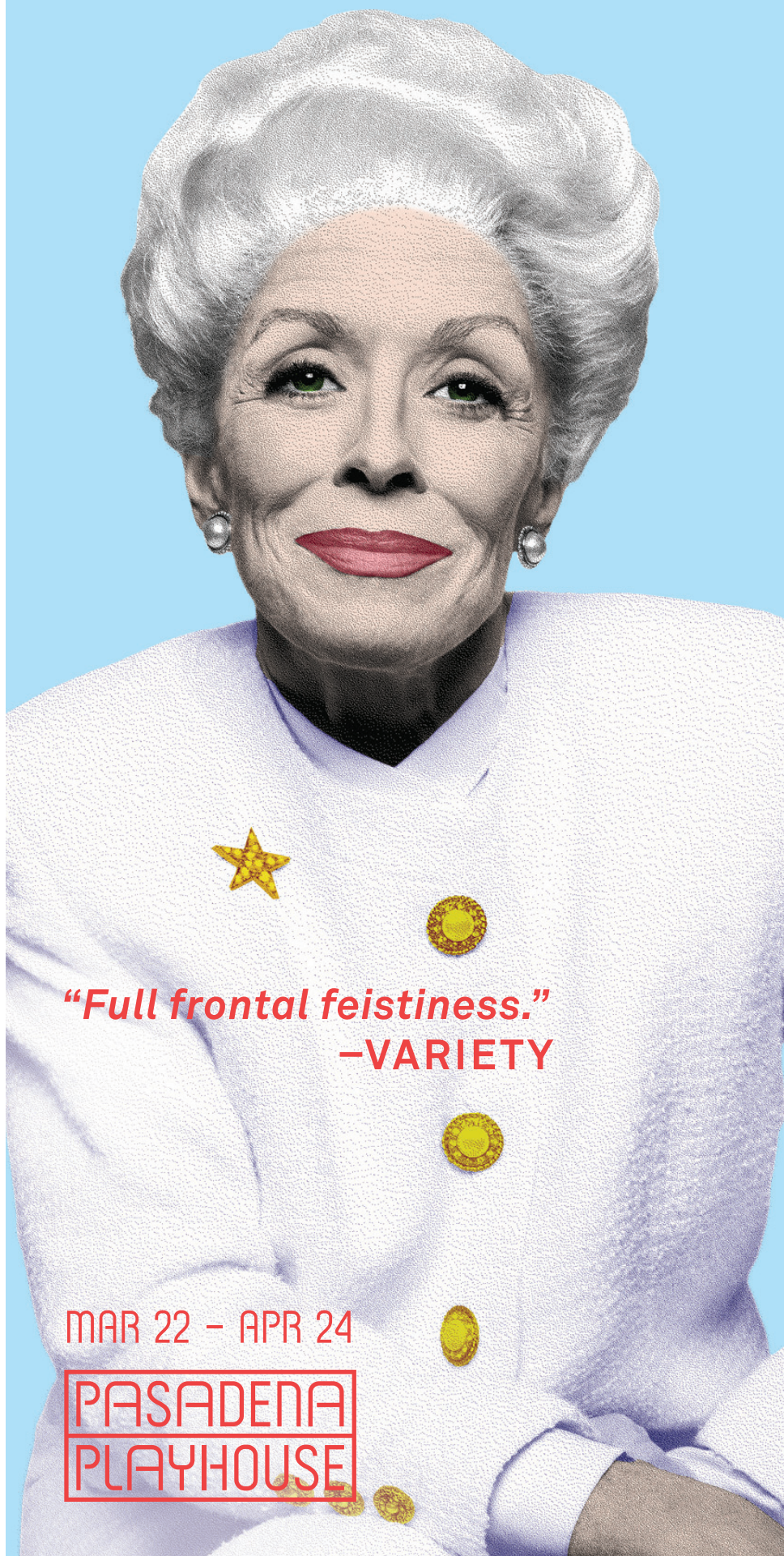
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WOMEN’S HISTORY & WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Toughen Up to Stay the Course

Berolina Bakery co-owner Youna Karlsson was just 25 years old when she arrived, 31 years ago, in America from Europe with her husband Anders. Anders had knowledge of baking and the bakery business and it wasn't long before the pair purchased Berolina Bakery.

In addition to the challenges of owning a small business there were challenges of learning the laws of the land.

“We weren't familiar with California and its regulations,” Youna recalled. “We were learning by experience.”

And during that learning curve came their first son Simon. Youna shared that it was especially hard during this time.

“We had no family around to help out,” she said.

So she did what many women do: she brought Simon, and later his brother Philip, to work.

“It was the only way to keep our business going,” she said.

Anders was doing most of the baking and Youna was running much of the business. And if running a small business with two young boys in tow wasn't difficult enough, Youna also had to navigate the attitudes of those who expected to speak to a man when talking business.

Youna said that in the first 10 years sales people would only want to talk to Anders; it felt as though they thought she didn't have a say in the business. But she got tough and told them if they wanted to get to the back of the bakery

to talk to him, they had to first go through her.

She said that over the years there have been changes in the way business is done – and who does it.

“In the old days, it was a little intimidating when walking into a male-dominated business,” she said. “Now it feels like we're all more equal.”

Due to cultural changes and an increase in the number of women-owned businesses, women have a stronger voice now in the business community.

“Women can also be more creative in starting their own businesses,” she said.

She does offer a piece of advice for anyone who wants to start a business.

“It's hard, especially the first 10 years,” Youna said. “You work really hard and have no money. If you're not prepared, it's not for you.”

Berolina Bakery is located at 3421 Ocean View Blvd. in Glendale/Sparr Heights 91208. www.berolinabakery.com

Photo provided by Berolina Bakery
Youna Karlsson with some of the delicacies offered at Berolina Bakery.



Boy Scouts Jump into Action for Ukrainian Refugee

By Justin HAGER

A Ukrainian woman this week is sending gratitude to a group of local Boy Scouts after they were instrumental in helping her escape the Russian invasion of her homeland.

The inspirational story began back in 2017 when a group of Scouts, including local resident Lucian Kugler, then a student at Crescenta Valley High School, attended a Southern California Scouting camp. At the time, the camp had a number of international staff including Irina (who we're only identifying by her first name due to concerns for her safety and security). Irina is a Russian-born Ukrainian citizen who worked as a school psychologist in Kiev but traveled to the U.S. each summer to work as a camp counselor. The increased value of the U.S. dollar over the Ukrainian Hryvnia made the trek to the U.S. particularly lucrative. Over several summers, Irina and Lucian engaged in a cultural exchange, became friends and maintained contact, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The night that Russia invaded Ukraine, I called to offer my support and asked if she needed help getting out of the country," explained Kugler, who is now a college student studying international relations. "She was concerned about leaving the country on her own. She would be a young woman who is ethnically Russian, traveling by herself, carrying valuables, in a country in which the civilian population had been armed and the police were no longer responding to calls for help."

That's when other Scouts and Scouting leaders began contacting Kugler to ask if he had any information about Irina and offered assistance.

"I received dozens of emails and text messages from Boy Scouts asking about Irina," he said. "So I played hooky a little from one of my college classes to go to one of the BSA [Boy Scouts of America] meetings, explained the situation and encouraged them to be strong, cautiously optimistic, and supportive of Irina and her fellow countrymen."

One of his fellow Scout leaders, Mike Timm, had made several connections through Facebook and LinkedIn that offered to help, including a mercenary group that offered to help get her out of the country in exchange for \$95,000 USD. After speaking with one of the group's leaders, Kugler felt confident the offer was either an outright scam or, at the very least, had less than pure motives. More than a week into the Russian invasion, he went back to the drawing board.

The next day, Timm called again. He had made contact with a trucking company offering humanitarian assistance to transport people out of Kiev.

"The driver of one of the trucks arranged to pick up Irina at a specific time and location on the morning of March 3," said Kugler. "But early in the morning the driver stopped responding. He never arrived and has not been heard from since. I told Irina, 'You have to get out.'"

The next morning, with smoke in the air and the sounds of explosions



Photos provided by Lucian KUGLER
 ABOVE: Explosions rang out just blocks away from Irina's Kiev apartment
 BELOW: Irina and Lucian at camp

just blocks away from her apartment, Irina packed what she could carry on her back, paid a cab driver more than 10 times the normal rate to take her to a train station outside Kiev, and successfully boarded a train headed for Poland. Irina spent the next 36 hours on the overcrowded train, most of it standing, amidst dozens of other tired, hungry and anxious refugees. One bridge her train passed over was destroyed just hours after she passed over it. But after a day and a half of travel, she arrived safely in Warsaw.

While the most dangerous part of her journey may be over, Irina still has a long road ahead of her. She hopes to travel to the United States and seek asylum, but it can take as long as 14 months to just process the initial application for refugee status. So in the meantime, she is trying to find other opportunities that can help her enter the United States legally, and then apply for asylum once she is in the country.

Once again, the Boy Scouts are on the case, seeking out opportunities for J1 and other work-related Visas. They have also found temporary housing for Irina once she arrives in the region.

"We were both so humbled at the response from the Boy Scouts, their families and our community members who offered to help with

housing, finances and other support," said Kugler. "She told me that she wants to come to Southern California and be close enough that she can still visit the troop. I asked her why and she said, 'You guys are the people that I know, you are my community and family away from home.'"

Kugler also noted that while Irina has the assistance and support of a whole troop of people in the U.S., other Ukrainians are not so lucky and need help.

"There are 44 million people in Ukraine who are just like Irina," he said. "You don't need to wait for an excuse or a personal relationship to help them. They are people who live, love, laugh, cry and hurt just like us ... There are organizations you can give to like UNICEF that are offering humanitarian aid and government officials who might be more willing to say 'Yes' if they know it's important to a friend."

As of press time, the Russian invasion of Ukraine was closing out its third week. Several thousand Ukrainian and Russian military forces were confirmed dead, with sources ranging between 700 and 2,300 civilians killed.

This is an ongoing story and will be updated as more information becomes available. To see a video, visit vweekly.com.

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Momentum Grows for St. Bede St. Joseph Table Event

After a hiatus of two years due to the suspension of the annual St. Joseph Table event at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Cañada Flintridge due to the COVID-19 pandemic, excitement is rapidly building in anticipation of the annual event this year. According to table event chairperson Maria de Salguera, people have missed the table and the goodies they could purchase during the suspension.

“While we were ready to conduct the event as usual last year, the health hazard posed by the contagious virus did not allow us have the celebration,” she said.

This year, the two concurrent events will be held on Sunday, March 20 in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday Masses. A special blessing of the food items for sale will be conducted by Monsignor Antonio Cacciaputi immediately after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and the contents of the donated and home prepared foods and bakery items on the table will be open for sales thereafter. Several tables will also be open for the silent auction. They will contain items for sale at greatly



Photo provided by St. Bede
A typical St. Joseph Table similar to what will be found at St. Bede on Sunday, March 20.

reduced prices as they were donated to the organization by vendors.

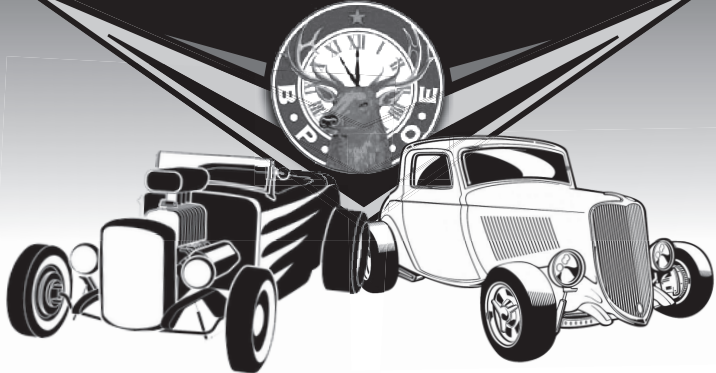
The two events will be conducted by local branch 374 of the Italian Catholic Federation at St. Bede Parish. Proceeds from this important fundraiser are allocated mainly for scholarships and other important charities supported by the ICF group.

ICF is nationwide Catholic association that provides fraternal, social and charitable opportunities

for its parish members and members of the various parishes that maintain branches. One need not be Italian to be a member and many are from other ethnic identifications.

The events are open to the general public. Silent Auction Chairperson Phyllis Harb noted that residents of the city and surrounding area are cordially encouraged to attend to help support the group’s charitable efforts.

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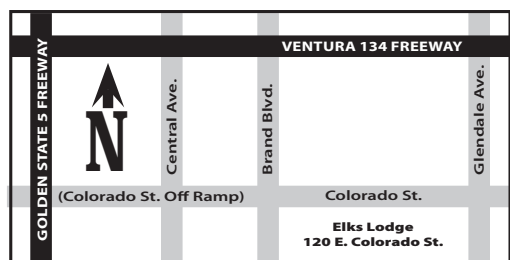
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CRIME BLOTTER

March 13

4500 block of Viro Road in La Cañada Flintridge, the back slide door was open, a bedroom window was smashed and several dresser drawers were pulled open at a home. Nothing was reported stolen at the time. The burglary occurred between Feb. 13 and March 13.

March 12

2500 block of Foothill Boulevard in Montrose, an unknown suspect, wearing dark clothing, walked onto a front yard of the location and stole an unsecured bicycle at 7:22 a.m.

1200 block of Lanterman Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, after a vehicle broke down somewhere near the Salton Sea it was towed to the La Crescenta area. The owner of the vehicle reported several personal items had been stolen out of her vehicle.

The incident occurred overnight.

March 11

4300 block of La Crescenta Avenue in La Crescenta, several jackets that were hung up on a fence in the area of “lost and found” inside the school property were stolen.

Surveillance footage showed a man, wearing dark clothing and face covering, inside the school premises taking about 50 jackets that were hanging on the fence.

The man took the jackets and exited the school’s premises at 5:57 a.m.

March 10

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, while a woman was shopping she placed her purse in the front part of her shopping basket. Her purse was at first zipped closed but she received a text message on her cellphone inside the purse. She answered the text and replaced the phone into her purse without zipping it closed.

During this time there was a man standing behind her in line holding several items. He was

described as wearing a black baseball hat, black face mask, black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and a dark-colored “fanny pack.” She then noticed her phone was missing. She turned and found the man had put down all of his items. She noticed him walking out the door; she yelled at him and told him she wanted to check his fanny pack for her phone. He took out a bottle of water from the pack and left the store. She called her phone and a woman with a thick Spanish accent answered. She asked where she was and asked why she had her phone. The woman/suspect said she was standing at the front door of the store but the victim did not see her there.

The theft occurred at 1:45 p.m.

March 7

4400 block of Cloud Avenue in La Crescenta, the lock on a storage unit was cut and the unit’s door was partially rolled up; the unit was vacant at the time.

The incident occurred between March 7 and March 13.

GPD REPORTS

Male Arrested After Assaulting Passerby with Scooter

On March 15 at approximately 12:15 p.m., Glendale PD patrol officers responded to the intersection of Kenneth Road and Sonora Avenue regarding an assault that had just occurred. Officers were advised that a male, later identified as 55-year-old Jimmy Maybin (transient), was sitting on a bus bench shouting profanities when he grabbed a scooter out of the hands of a passerby and threw it at an adult male who

was walking with his toddler. Maybin then punched the adult male causing him to fall to the ground.

The victim suffered an abrasion to his forehead. Maybin was arrested and booked for assault with a deadly weapon, child endangerment and criminal threats.

Three Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales and Identity Theft

On March 8 at approximately 1:45 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale PD’s Special Enforcement

Detail (SED) were patrolling near the intersection of Chevy Chase Drive and Acacia Avenue when they observed a vehicle with no front license plate and other vehicle code violations. The officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop and spoke with the driver, 25-year-old Ismael Gonzalez-Vega of Pasadena, and two passengers, 41-year-old Richard Morvice of Altadena and 54-year-old William Lyman of Pasadena. Gonzalez-Vega was being uncooperative during the contact.



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gone to the UA manager and asked if they could use the parking lot. He was told as long as they cleaned up when they left they were welcomed. Now on any given Saturday at around 7:30 a.m. a variety of vehicles from every era can be found pulling into the parking lot.

For the memorial, Vacca drove his 1931 Model A Roadster Channel that his dad purchased and refurbished.

"This car has been in my family for 66 years," he said.

Vacca added that Chew had a way of making friends wherever he went and the Early Rodders is not an organization or a club but a group of people who just liked getting together.

"He was here every Saturday ... Hey, what did you bring?" Vacca

shouted to another friend he saw who just pulled into the parking lot.

Early Rodders is as much about the vehicles as it is about socializing. People meet up with friends they have had for decades while others meet for the first time. Many have shared in the transition of vehicles from purchase to refurbish to perfection.

Vacca added that Chew had a way of making friends everywhere he went.

The memorial included about 50 motorcycles with Chew's bike, a 1969 Triumph, in the bed of a 1917 American LaFrance fire truck.

"We have been friends for a long time," said Alex Trepanier, who owned and drove the fire truck and is part of the Early Rodders.

Victor Luchessi was also an

Early Rodder. He could be found on Saturdays selling Early Rodder T-shirts out of the trunk of his car. He had joined the car group shortly after Chew started it at the UA and he never looked back.

Vacca said Luchessi was a real supporter of the Early Rodders and was always available to anyone who needed him.

Early Rodders has grown into a community outreach group that bring their vehicles to local events, like the Home Town Country Fair, and help supply cars for the Montrose Christmas Parade. They also support the annual toy drive for Spark of Love delivering truck- and carloads of toys to Los Angeles County Fire Dept. Station 82 in La Cañada.

Among the places the memorial ride traveled was past Chew's

family home and Station 82, where a memorial for Luchessi was set up. It ended at Bob Smith Toyota in La Crescenta where a hamburger lunch waited.

Early Rodders member and community organizer Dwight Sityar said he was overwhelmed by the response to the call for a memorial ride. Early Rodders was joined by hot rod club Trompers of Eagle Rock, which was established in 1945, and the Road Kings of Burbank.

"I feel humbled and so happy that everyone would do this for Rick and Vic," Sityar said.

Vacca said though Early Rodders will keep going members like Luchessi and founder Chew will be missed.

"He was our guiding light," he said of Chew.

UKRAINE from Cover

entertainer Ozzy Osbourne.

Osbourne has gone out with MSAR on numerous occasions and he and Leum have become

friends.

"[Osbourne] is a member of our [LASD] department, a volunteer with the sheriff's department," Leum said. "A few weeks ago [after the invasion of Ukraine] we were just talking about how we can help."

Osbourne had a connection with a non-governmental organization called Third Wave Volunteers that was responding to Ukraine. They also learned there were orphans who were having problems coming across the border.

Osbourne called Leum and said there are three spots open to travel to Ukraine; he and Leum took two and then they invited Dr. John Rodarte, a pediatrician and member of MSAR, to join them.

Rodarte has gone on several missions to many countries, including Africa and Mexico, as medical support. He was able to arrange his patient schedule so he could accompany Osbourne and Leum and they were off.

"The problem is, being in a war zone, there are a lot of things that change minute to minute, and our mission changed by the hour," Leum said.

They found that most of the orphans didn't have their paperwork completed, even though there were families in the United States who were working toward adopting them prior to the invasion.

Leum admitted it sounded odd to have to get completed paperwork in order to save children but there was a lot of human trafficking in the area and protecting children – not just from the bombs but also from predators – is a priority.

"You can't just shop for a kid," he said. "We were told that the human trafficking is just rampant. Guys would pull up in vans to groups of kids and say 'Jump in' and the kids were not heard from again."

So the main mission of getting the orphans across the border became even more problematic. The team decided to do what they could to establish a safe path for the children and for future rescue volunteers.

"The [paperwork] issue caused our entire mission to pivot toward humanitarian efforts," Leum said.

They were staying just 30 minutes from the border of Ukraine and each day they traveled across the boarder to help where they could.

For Dr. Rodarte, the trip was something he had never experienced before. In past trips he went to help with medical aid. He dealt with a known issue; but, he said, on this trip the issues changed.

"Every minute things would change, especially in terms of trying to get the orphans out through a safe corridor. Those doors would open and close within minutes," he said. "Just as soon as you think you are going to get the kids out, that door would close."

In many areas where Rodarte travels there is a known illness. Oftentimes he and his team are dealing with people who struggling with severe poverty or lack of medical help. They have lived with these conditions their whole life and it is a known issue; however, the Ukrainians lived a life similar to many Americans. They had good medical care, went to school, shopped for the latest fashions and went to the

theater. And then everything changed.

"They were more shell shocked," he said of their condition.

It was more of a psychological assault and not just when they crossed the border; the repercussions might last for years to come.

"This is going to affect all of their lives forever, this whole generation," Rodarte said.

Both Leum and Rodarte shared stories of seeing women cross the border with their children in tow, many carrying one suitcase and a child's backpack. They left everything behind, including their family who stayed to fight the Russians.

Adopting more of a humanitarian posture meant many times just talking to those crossing the border. Rodarte focused on the children. He had met a teenage girl and her young brothers who had left their older brother behind to fight.

"There was a 10-year-old boy. His mom was sitting and crying; she had just said goodbye to her husband [who went back to fight]. The 10-year-old boy was patting his mom's shoulder saying, 'It will be okay,'" Rodarte said.

The boy had taken on the role of "head of the family."

Leum added that, over and over again, he would see the strength of the Ukrainian people, from the fathers and brothers walking their families to the border and then saying goodbye to the moms and children going forward, doing what they had to do to stay safe.

Leum and Rodarte also spoke of the "bone chilling" cold and snowstorms that would stop traffic at the border.

"What will stick with me forever is the resolve of the Ukrainian people. They are leaving everything they have behind, including husbands and brothers," Leum said. "You could just see in their faces that this is the way it is and we are going to forge ahead."

He said the kids were respectful and dealing with this tragedy with such strength.

Rodarte said he spent time playing LEGOS or video games see UKRAINE on page 19

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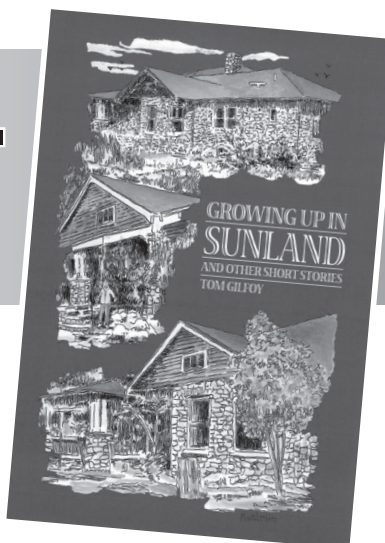
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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

La Cañada \$3½ Million House Had Origins in an Argument Over a Cow

I was recently contacted by a family about their home in La Cañada. They thought it had an interesting story that my readers might enjoy, and so it does!

This palatial home, valued at over \$3½ million, was the home of community leader Dan Green and has roots in a ridiculous story involving a cow.

The story starts at the very beginning of the American history of our valley. Delia Dunks established a health resort/hotel in the early 1870s on the north side of La Cañada, about where today's Angeles Crest Highway begins to curve up into the mountains. It was called Verdugo Heights and it was here in 1875 that Lanterman and Williams made plans to buy and subdivide the entire valley. Mrs. Dunks continued to run the resort but her husband died in 1879. Soon after that, Delia took up with the valley's most irascible bachelor, Theodor Pickens.

Pickens had sold his cabin and property on Briggs Terrace. He soon moved in with Delia in

her hotel as a financial partner (perhaps with "benefits"?). Things went well for a while but they were both stubborn and strong-willed so trouble was bound to happen between the two. After a big argument about extending credit to one of the guests, Delia laid down the law. They would divide the now co-owned building in half, each of them living in "their half." Unfortunately, they also co-owned a milk cow. The four teats on the cow's udder were divided: Delia milked two and Pickens milked two.

Pickens went off carousing on a weekend hunting trip with his buddies. While he was gone, Delia continued to milk her two teats, but refused to touch Pickens' two teats. The poor cow painfully built up milk in the Pickens' side of her udder, engorging the udder and nearly killing the cow. When Pickens returned, a huge fight ensued. The result was that Pickens physically cut his half of the hotel off and carted the structure down the hill to some adjoining property he owned. Fun

story ... well, not funny to the cow.

Sometime after 1890, the Green family from Missouri purchased the Pickens property, including the "half a hotel" that Pickens had cut off Delia's place. They had a bunch of kids and one of them, Dan Green, went on to bigger and better things after growing up in the "half a hotel." He got a job at 16 at the old Los Angeles Examiner, one of the Hearst papers. Green quickly worked up through the ranks as a crime reporter, eventually becoming the top crime reporter on the west coast.

Green married in 1917, purchased a couple of acres right next to the "half a hotel" and built a beautiful house which, even though it's over a century old, is now selling for several million dollars. Green was big in the newspaper world, one of the founders of the LA Press Club, but it was in community service that he shined even brighter. He is credited with improving La Cañada's schools, roads and flood control.

In 1932 he helped to found a local savings and loan institution to help local homeowners. Many La Cañada residents would have lost their homes in the Depression if not for him. He helped to form the La Cañada Irrigation District, which brought imported water to end the valley's complete reliance on drying-up well water. In honor of his contributions the street was named Green Lane.

The Dan Green house at 1023 Green Lane is one of the historic gems of La Cañada, having belonged to one of the community builders of the valley. The four-bedroom, two-story house is on the La Cañada historic register and is eligible for the State Register. The original "half a hotel" that was

the origin of Dan Green's legacy is gone today, replaced by a modern mansion. We can assume the "half a cow" is gone as well. A high-end La Cañada mansion with a goofy origin tale. It's a very "moo-ving" story. (Sorry!)



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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Eliminating Cost-Barrier to Breast Cancer Screening Will Save Lives

In California alone, 31,720 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. In 2022, 4,690 women will die from the disease. As a breast cancer survivor, I know firsthand that early access to diagnosis and treatment can save lives. That is why I have joined forces with Susan G. Komen and introduced AB 2024, state legislation to eliminate the co-pays, deductibles and other cost-sharing a woman would have to pay to get necessary breast cancer screening and diagnostic tests.

An estimated 16% of women screened with modern digital mammography require follow-up imaging. We all have been told over and over again about how important early detection of breast cancer is for survivability and effectiveness of treatment. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, health plans must cover screening mammograms for women beginning at age 40 if recommended by a health care provider. However, if your mammogram is inconclusive or if your doctor sees something suspicious and wants you to get an MRI, that screening test can cost women anywhere from a few hundred to several thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket costs. Worrying about whether or not you can pay for your screening should not be a barrier to finding out if you have cancer.

A recent Susan G. Komen-commissioned study found the out-of-pocket costs are high in California

for diagnostic breast imaging, ranging from \$265 for a diagnostic mammogram to more than \$3,000 for a breast MRI. These costs can be huge financial burdens on women and families. There are women who report going over the cost-benefit analysis and decide to opt out of or delay getting an MRI, despite their doctor's recommendations. Keep in mind, women who make these distressing decisions are so anxious at this point: they've been told that there is something suspicious on the mammogram, they need to get an MRI, but they have to put food on the table and put rent first. These out-of-pocket costs are particularly difficult for those who have been previously diagnosed with breast cancer because diagnostic tests like a breast ultrasound or breast MRI are recommended over traditional screening mammograms. When patients are unable to afford their share of the cost for diagnostic imaging, many delay care or forego follow-up tests until the cancer has spread to other parts of their body, making it much deadlier and much more costly to treat.

AB 2024, due for its first hearing in the Assembly Health Committee in April, will eliminate out-of-pocket costs for most necessary diagnostic breast imaging. While this bill is the first of its kind in California, similar legislation is pending in 10 other states, and some states have already

passed protections against price gouging on breast MRIs including the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, New York and Texas.

As a breast cancer survivor myself, and as someone who was sent immediately from a suspicious mammogram to a diagnostic MRI, I know the importance of early and fast detection. Believe me, cancer is scary enough without the stress of weighing overwhelming costs against a possibly life-saving diagnosis. You can't put a price tag on life, but we also need to make sure that costs are not a barrier to diagnosis and treatment. We know that early diagnosis of cancer is far less expensive to treat, preventing unnecessary suffering and drastically increasing chances of survival. In fact, according to the World Health Organization, studies show that early detection and treatment of cancer is two to four times less expensive than treating cancer at more advanced stages.

I hope you can join me in the push to put health care first and help Californians access the care that they need.

As always, I'd like to hear your thoughts on AB 2024, other legislation, our budget or any general comments or concerns. You can reach my District Office at (818) 558-3043, or by email at Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

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SPORTS

CVHS Graduate Barnett Breaks Record in Alabama

By Justin HAGER

She hadn't even run yet, and Mia Barnett was already the talk of the town entering last weekend's NCAA indoor track and field championships at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama. As the only true freshman in field for the women's mile run, and one of the only freshmen to qualify for the nation's top collegiate tournament, most were excited to see what she

could do. However, they weren't expecting much.

Then she started running. Crescenta Valley Weekly readers know that Barnett can run. Last year, she earned Gatorade Athlete of the Year honors while attending Crescenta Valley High School, running the third fastest mile in California girls' prep history.

Four minutes and thirty-four seconds after she began her run in Birmingham, the rest of the country knew she could run, too.

Her official time of 4:33.54 broke the 40-year-old University of Virginia school record for the one-mile run, previously held by Jill Haworth. The record-breaking run earned Barnett a spot in the finals the next day, where she placed 10th in the United States earning second-team All-American honors. Barnett also competed with Virginia's distance medley relay team, which placed seventh in the United States with a time of 11:04.88, earning first team All-American honors.



Photo courtesy UVA Athletics Communications
CVHS alumnus Mia Barnett broke a University of Virginia school record last week, earning All-American honors and placing top-10 in the United States

USC, UCLA Face Uphill Road in NCAA Tournament

By Justin HAGER

While the addition of the Los Angeles Rams Super Bowl victory added another gem in Los Angeles' "City of Champions" crown, the NCAA men's basketball tournament selection committee seems to believe Los Angeles is more likely the "City of Snubs."

The University of Southern California (USC) Trojans won a school record 25 regular season games but only beat one ranked opponent all season. Their reward is a seventh seed in their region, 25th overall, and a trip to Greenville, South Carolina for a first round showdown with No. 10 Miami

(Florida). If they win, they'll likely square off against the No. 5 seed overall, and top-rated No. 2 regional team, Auburn in the second round – making an appearance in the second weekend highly improbable.



Perhaps more egregious was the snub of UCLA, whose historic tear through last year's tournament field landed them in the Final Four. They looked prime for another deep run this year until they completely fell apart against Arizona in the Pac-12 tournament

final on Saturday. Their first-round matchup, the 127th ranked Akron Zips, should pose little threat.

Assuming the Bruins secure a victory, the second and third rounds will be challenging, to say the least, as UCLA appears to be on a collision course with St. Mary's – better known as the only team to beat No. 1 Gonzaga by double digits. If the Bruins manage to get through that test, then all they'd have to do is board a flight to Philadelphia to take on the defending national champion, and Baylor Bears.

Regardless of how the Southern California teams perform, one thing is certain: March Madness is back! Let the games begin.

Burroughs Squad Takes the Crown



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Novel 'Miyami-San (A Love Story)' Now Available

Neile Adams McQueen, author of the best-selling memoir, "My Husband, My Friend" has released her latest story, "Miyami-San (A Love Story)."

Miyami-San is a story of love in all forms and how life is not about the storm – but learning how to dance in the rain.

"Miyami-San (A Love Story)" is set in Manila, The Philippine Islands, in 1930. When the innocent and extraordinarily beautiful Mila Alvarez takes the stage at the Olympic Stadium one fateful night as the newly named Miami, she has no idea of the journey that lies before her. She transforms from a young, sheltered schoolgirl into an intuitively inventive and bold new star and soon finds fame and adoration throughout Southeast Asia and beyond. Along the way comes handsome Lt. John Holbrook, who wreaks havoc on her young life, as World War II looms ever closer. When she crosses paths with Japanese industrialist Koda Sato her life changes its trajectory.

"The characters in 'Miyami-San (A Love Story)' had been milling about in my mind for a long time and was, in part, influenced by people and circumstances I've encountered in my own life. Then when the COVID 19 pandemic began in December 2019, I came to the conclusion that it was time to write this book and commit the story to the page. And so I did."

Neile Adams McQueen began her career as one of Broadway's foremost jazz dancers and performers. She has appeared in movies and on television shows in a career spanning



Photo by Ellen Feder

eight decades. She met and married young actor Steve McQueen after only four months of dating. When his star rose, they wound up on the cover of Life magazine and became Hollywood's newest "power couple." They were married over 15 and half years and had two children together.

"Miyami-San (A Love Story)" available now on www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com and www.authorhouse.com.

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Now » Everything changes. The old "half a hotel" originally built in 1875 is gone now, replaced by a home more fitting to La Canada's socio-economic level. What remains is the house a few doors down, built by the Green's son Daniel, and the name of the street: Green Lane.

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Fashion Show and Luncheon Proves 'Love Has No Limits'



“Love Has No Limits” and thankfully seating at the Marriott in Burbank had no limits at the Las Candelas Benefit Fashion Show luncheon and boutique on March 7.

The 69th anniversary event raised money to support a variety of charitable organizations including Ascencia, Hillside Education Center, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, Hillside Youth Moving On, YWCA Glendale & Pasadena, and Sycamores in Altadena. Benefit co-chairs Diane Russell, Nancy Stone and Teresa Nall made sure that the estimated 400 attendees felt welcomed and appreciated.

President Rosina Maize greeted the crowd and thanked them for their support of the

mission of Las Candelas. Nall acknowledged the difficulty of the past two years and how the Las Candelas organization is grateful to the support of contributors, donors and sponsors who made it possible for them to continue their outreach efforts. These efforts include providing volunteer service and financial assistance to help improve the lives of children and youth in vulnerable situations and to support awareness of their mental health needs.

The trio worked tirelessly to plan a storybook day of shades of pink and purple, twinkle lights, spectacular flowers and designer fashions.

The afternoon kicked off with a reception hour featuring a boutique of 10 designer

vendors including J. McLaughlin, Shelley’s Fashions, The Treasured Accessory and Joe Couture. Guests enjoyed the wine bar while shopping and browsing the opportunity prize table with each prize valued at over \$1,000.

Deacon Ron Baker of Holy Family Church in Glendale gave a moving invocation about the good work Las Candelas does and asked for prayers for the suffering families in Ukraine.

After a three-course luncheon, the lights were dimmed and guests sat back to enjoy a 30-minute fashion show featuring the designer collection of ESCADA. Tango dancers Artemi Okunev and Erica Arnold added a special touch to the program.

The event was closed with the

announcement of the winner of the special drawing prize of \$5000; however, the real winners of the day were the vulnerable children who will benefit from the proceeds of the event.

To learn more about Las Candelas, visit the website at www.lascandelas.org.

*Written by
Robin GOLDSWORTHY
and Cathy KEEN*

Photo by Sarah WEDEL

LEFT: From left Nancy Stone, President Rosina Maize, Teresa Nall, Diane Russell.
MIDDLE: Attendee Susan Hunt peruses the purses.
RIGHT: Benefit executive committee member JC Byer congratulates Lydia Trout, winner of a Mammoth eight-day vacation valued at \$4,000.



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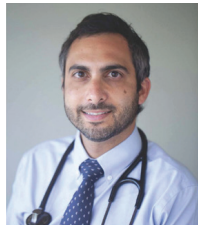
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Off-ramp Cleanup



From left are Donna Libra, Kirk and Peter Friedenberg and Robin Goldsworthy

The March cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue off-ramp was moved to this Saturday, March 19. At the February cleanup, Steve Pierce, Robin Goldsworthy and Kirk and Peter Friedenberg joined leader Donna Libra in picking up trash.

Those interested in lending a hand for this Saturday should meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta at 8 a.m. Volunteers will be issued tools and safety equipment. Cleanup typically lasts about 45 minutes.

CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE

CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

Celebrating 25 Years of Membership

At the February meeting of the La Crescenta Woman's Club, Donna Diény was honored for 25 years of loyal membership. Her name will be added to a plaque that is in the Clubhouse.

The card, with a blooming plant, was delivered to her since she could not attend the meeting. Last summer Donna turned 100 and lives at The British Home in Sierra Madre.

All club members who



attended the February meeting signed a birthday card with personal messages, sharing how her radiant smile was missed and giving her well wishes. Donna enjoyed a limited birthday celebration, most certainly with a good cup of tea, with her children Janine, Heather, Margo, Mark, and The British Home staff.

Provided by
Danette ERICKSON

Family Promise is Now Home Again L.A.

Family Promise of the Verdugos, a nonprofit homeless service agency serving the community for 11 years, is going through a rebrand and will now be known as Home Again L.A. Over the course of its existence, it has grown exponentially to best respond to the needs of the region's homeless crisis. For 11 years, the organization has served the unhoused population by providing shelter, food, clothing and case management. In recent years it has added innovative programs that focus on rapid rehousing, transitional housing, homeless prevention services and community education workshops. In addition, its team has grown to include 15 compassionate and trained professionals who work in alignment to provide quality care to all.

New opportunities are the result of hard work and constant growth and include opportunities for the organization, opportunities for their partners and, above all,

opportunities for unsheltered families who need a second chance at moving into a home again.

"With everything we have accomplished with our partners by our side, it is with great



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excitement that we formally announce our next step toward creating a more regionally focused organization that best conveys the work we do for our region," said CEO Albert Hernandez. "That is why moving forward our organization will be known as Home Again Los Angeles."

Board President Jessa Freemyer added, "Although our

name has changed, all other pieces of our organization will remain including our mission, core programs, leadership staff and tax identification number."

This new endeavor involved months of market research and conducting focus groups with key stakeholders such as organization donors, congregation leaders, staff, board and government partners. All provided positive feedback about the direction in which Home Again Los Angeles is heading.

Hernandez said, "By changing our name, we look to best exemplify who we are ... a regional homeless service provider bringing hope and compassionate care to unsheltered households through an array of services that lead to employment and permanent housing."

Those with questions about the new name and business can contact Chief Executive Officer Albert Hernandez at (818) 562-7778.

People Making News

Jared Nishimura, an electrical and computer engineer from La Cañada, named to the fall 2021 president's list at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. The president's list recognizes students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester to receive this honor.

LeTourneau University is the Christian polytechnic university where educators engage students to nurture Christian virtue, develop competency and ingenuity in their professional fields, integrate faith and work, and serve the local and global community. LETU offers more than 140 undergraduate and graduate degree programs online and at LETU's residential campus in Longview, Texas, located 120 miles east of Dallas, Texas, and 60 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Caleb Lee and Sarah Lee of La Crescenta dean's list honors are earned by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu.

Peter Hovland from Glendale, Andrew Calmette from La Canada and Sophia Atin from La Crescenta have earned placement on the Gonzaga University dean's list for fall semester 2021. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.84 grade-point average to be listed.

Anissa Olona from Glendale and Blake Rivera from La Cañada Flintridge have earned placement on the Gonzaga University president's list for fall semester 2021. Students must earn a 3.85 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed.

Gonzaga University is a humanistic, private Catholic University providing a Jesuit education to more than 7,500 students. Situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Washington, Gonzaga is routinely recognized among the West's best comprehensive regional universities. Gonzaga offers over 75 fields of study, 24 master's degrees, four doctoral degrees in one college and six schools.

Kelly Helton of La Crescenta was named to the fall 2021 dean's list at Aurora University. Helton is majoring in parks and recreation leadership, environmental studies and sustainability. The dean's list recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution. Aurora University is located on a 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, approximately 40 miles from Chicago. The university serves more than 4,000 undergraduate and approximately 2,000 graduate students across more than 50 majors

and programs.

David Schwartz of Glendale was named to Worcester Polytechnic Institute's fall 2021 dean's list. Schwartz is a member of the class of 2022 majoring in electrical and computer engineering (BS).

A total of 2,054 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's fall 2021 dean's list. WPI defines the dean's list by the amount of work completed at the 'A' level in courses and projects.

The University of Utah congratulates more than 9,600 students who were named to the fall 2021 dean's list. Local students include (from La Cañada):

Claire Werner whose major is listed as nursing BSN; Evan Grayson, communications BS; Cameron Kearn, psychology BS; Lauren Christensen, health and kinesiology BS; from La Cañada Flintridge: Wesley Fung, games BS; Mia Jones, psychology BS and communication BS; from La Crescenta: Yunus Ashtjou, biology BS; Ali Jenks, family commun & human dev BA and psychology BS; Bada Kim, biology BS; Keya Marathe-Bajaj of Glendale whose major is listed as parks recreation & tourism BS.

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace. In 2019, the university was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universities-an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success, and securing resources in support of core missions.

Natalie Berner from Glendale was recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2021 semester.

In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

The University of Hartford announced that Matthew D'Aleo of Sunland has been named to the dean's list for fall 2021.

Spread across seven schools and colleges, the University of Hartford boasts a 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city where approximately 4,000 undergraduate and 1,900 graduate students representing 49 states and 44 countries come together. The University is a four-year private university with degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions. Visit hartford.edu.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Refusing To Move

Dear Phyllis,
My sister has been living with my mother for twenty years. My mother passed two years ago and as the trustee of the estate I want to sell the home. It's horse property in Acton on over two acres. For the last two years my sister has not paid rent. The trust has been paying the mortgage, taxes, and insurance. She and I are the only beneficiaries of the estate. She can't afford to buy me out and is refusing to move. I have offered her help with moving expenses and getting settled but my sister will not even discuss the sale of the home with me.

The home is completely gated with barb wire on the top of the fence so there is no way to get a sense of anything from the street.

The Realtor I spoke to advised me that I must evict my sister if she won't cooperate with showings. Although we don't have much of a relationship, I am unwilling to go that far. After the loan is paid there is only about \$300,000 of equity and half goes to her. I am thinking I will just stop paying the mortgage and let the bank foreclose. Are there any other options?

Hank

Dear Hank,
I understand your reluctance to have your sister evicted. But as the trustee of the estate, you have a fiduciary duty to both beneficiaries. Allowing the home to be foreclosed upon could be considered a breach of that responsibility.

As your sister is refusing to move and you won't evict her, the only option I can come up with is to sell the home AS IS. The buyer will have to evict your sister. I am assuming that your sister will not cooperate with showings or buyer inspections. So, the buyer will need to purchase the home without access. And likely this buyer will be an investor who will want a hefty discount.

As access to the home won't be possible, I think the Realtor you hire should have drone photography so that the buyer can at least have a sense of the land and horse facilities.

I wish you success in wrapping this up.



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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.

NELSON PRESENTS 'CLACKAMAS FOLIAGE OF THE AFRICAN VIOLET'

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting today, Thursday morning, March 17 at 10 a.m. The location is The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

Club member Beverlee Nelson will be presenting the program on "Clackamas Foliage of the African Violet."

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

For more information please call (661) 940-3990 or reference the website: www.burbankafriancviolet.com.

NATURAL THERAPIES TO ASSIST CANCER PATIENTS

An online program for cancer patients and relatives dealing with complementary and natural therapies will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena today, Thursday, March 17 at 6.30 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Robert Chu Phd will discuss how complementary and natural therapies such as acupuncture, nutrition and exercise can be integrated with standard medical treatments to

reduce the side effects of cancer.

Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 76 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215, Pasadena, (626) 796-1083, www.cscpasadena.org

'BAY AREA TAKEOVER'

The Glendale Room presents "Bay Area Takeover" comedy on Sunday, March 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Glendale Room, 127 N. Artsakh Ave. in Glendale. Bay Area Takeover, a new show featuring Bay Area comedians, heats up the SF/LA rivalry only NorCal cares about. Headliner is Kevin Camia ("Late Night"). Cost is \$8. For more info, see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-area-takeover-comedy-tickets-289898071937>.

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 Lodge 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. However,

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, thus supporting local history and winemaking.

Opening the bottle and pouring the wine into a glass or a decanter 30 minutes prior to the start of the program is recommended.

This event is free and open to all; however, advance reservations are required. Visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/stone-barn> to RSVP.

Information regarding the Stone Barn Vineyard Conservancy and membership can be found at <https://www.cvhistory.org/winemaking.htm>.

BENITA BIKE'S DANCEART - OUTDOOR DANCE SHOW AT TIERRA DEL SOL

On Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m., Benita Bike's DanceArt, with its new company of elegant dancers, will perform in Tierra del Sol Foundation's parking lot at 9919 Sunland Blvd. in Sunland. Tickets are free! This performance is supported, in part, by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Dept.

Dancers will perform various works and viewers will be encouraged to ask questions and share their thoughts on the dances performed.

For information, visit www.danceart.org/schedule or call (818) 470-5734.

JBHS PLANS REUNION

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

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

Come and renew old friendships, share memories and catch up on what's new. The Reunion Committee has planned an evening of fine dining, music enjoyed "back in the day" in addition to video and photo opportunities to capture the moments of this grand event. We want everyone to attend so if you know of classmates who haven't heard of this event, please let them know. The reunion committee strives to contact as many grads as possible.

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

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

He got into an accident in his Avis car. Why won't the company take back the vehicle?

When Mayank Kumar gets into an accident in his Avis rental car, he does everything in his power to return the vehicle to the company. But nothing seems to be working, and now Avis is asking about its car.

I rented a vehicle from Avis in Seattle recently and had an accident while visiting Mount Rainier National Park. A local towing company towed the vehicle away. I reported this to Avis and gave them the towing company's contact number and address.

An Avis representative said they would work with the towing company to recover the vehicle from them and that I didn't need to do anything. I still followed up with them almost every day for two weeks to ensure they had the car.

Avis hasn't recovered the vehicle yet and it is still at the towing company's facility. An Avis representative keeps telling me the case is being processed and that the car will be recovered soon.

But now I'm dealing with a few other issues. My rental contract is open and I keep getting billed for the vehicle. I am not sure what attempts Avis is making to recover the vehicle. At the same time, I'm getting emails from the Avis loss prevention department asking me to return the vehicle.

I contacted the loss prevention department, and a representative

asked me to disregard the email because their system wasn't aware of the report I had filed and they would recover the vehicle without me interfering.

But yesterday, I got a certified letter from Avis demanding that I return the vehicle. I'm worried that Avis will report the car as stolen. I am not sure how to proceed here. Any help will be appreciated.

- Mayank Kumar, Seattle

I'm sorry you got into an accident in your rental car. Avis should have done what it said - taken the car back and marked it as returned. Waiting for days and sending you threatening letters is not a shining example of good customer service.

Here's the problem: You should always call the car rental company before making arrangements to have a car towed. The vehicle belongs to the company and it has procedures for handling an accident.

You say you called Avis roadside assistance after the accident and then connected them to a tow truck driver at the scene of the accident. Avis insisted on sending its own tow truck to retrieve the car. But

the local tow truck driver said it would take that it would take hours for Avis tow truck to arrive and that law enforcement wanted the car removed right away.

The Avis roadside assistance representative eventually allowed him to tow the car, according to you. But I think Avis may have misunderstood what happened.

You were correct to be worried about the return. I would have called the company every day, too. And I would have called even more after I started receiving emails that the company told me not to worry about. When a company tells you not to worry, you should worry.

I think Avis would have eventually tracked down your damaged car. But in enough time to keep its loss prevention department from calling the cops? I don't know about that. Other car rental companies have reported their customers to the police, with traumatizing results.

I might have appealed this to one of the Avis customer service contacts I list on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. At the very least, they could have sent you something in writing that assures

you the return was processed.

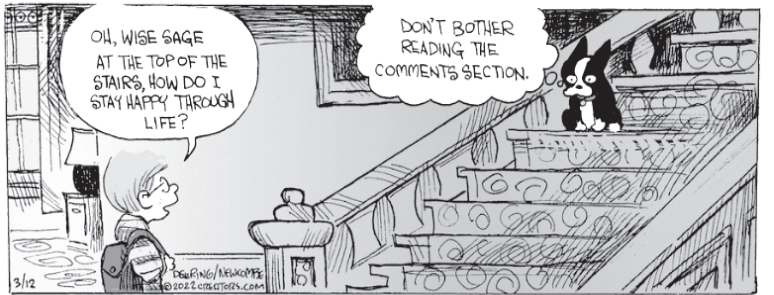
I contacted Avis on your behalf. It closed out your rental and marked the car as returned.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com March 14, 2021 - March 20, 2022

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You can make the changes to your health and well-being that you deserve. You'll find that it's easier to do so by writing out a list of goals that you can refer to every day. Have them in front of you in a format you can review regularly. You need to have a way to impress your mind with the changes you want to make. Then it will be so much easier.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You can make the changes to your health and well-being that you deserve. You'll find that it's easier to do so by writing out a list of goals that you can refer to every day. Have them in front of you in a format you can review regularly. You need to have a way to impress your mind with the changes you want to make. Then it will be so much easier.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Join a group or club for ongoing support with your healthy endeavors. The more the merrier, especially this week when your social life is highlighted. Find new ways to bring friends and family together and keep fit at the same time. The more you share your journey to total wellness and involve others, the more successful you'll be.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your overall health is often affected by your mood. You may find that you feel like trying a different form of exercise or a different way of eating every few days. It also follows that you may enjoy a variety of healing treatments. Variety is the spice of life, and it helps you feel better about yourself, so don't forget that and get stuck in the easy, familiar routine - mix it up for the best results.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

When you feel and look great, you literally glow like the Sun. Your health is your greatest asset and one in which you place a lot of pride. When you aren't up to the mark, it shows as you lose your luster. This week is the time to do a detox, which will certainly help revive your bright and shining aura and make you more attractive all round.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You can draw on deep reserves of strength this week to help you feel better inside and out. You may feel you're fighting an ongoing battle as far as your health is concerned, but the good news is that once you take responsibility and start doing the right things, you'll notice a very positive difference immediately. In fact, you may not believe how good you feel.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

A health issue may come to a head and cause you to seek professional help. This may be for a physical condition or it could be because you've had enough of feeling out of shape and now desire with all your heart to get fit. This is the last time for a while that you will have the time and motivation for this, so allow the power of the days ahead to transform your state of well-being inside and out.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You seem to be examining your state of health in great detail and looking at various options that will give you what you want. If you aren't sure which direction to take, then think about getting expert advice from someone who can show you the way. If you want a training program or help with any aspect of your wellness strategy, this is the time to ask.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may become aware of just how important it is to keep your body free of toxins and eat the kinds of foods that promote good health this week, and begin a new initiative. You may have been battling with health problems due to issues that aren't always so obvious, such as intolerance to certain foods. The coming days may bring something of an epiphany.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

There's no doubt that our homes can have an effect on our health. Over the coming days you may get an offer to make changes that will not only make you far more comfortable but also contribute to your overall wellness. If you have any plans to create a home gym or perhaps a sauna, you'll have great success in finding exactly what you need.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't just think about making changes to your daily routine to insure greater health; instead, get on with it. You may have a tendency to dream and hope that things will automatically turn out as you wish and that your health problems will magically go away even if you aren't making that much effort. Over the coming days something or someone will act as a catalyst, paving the way for dynamic change.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Being healthy is very much about listening to the intuitive messages that you pick up from day to day. Often when you're in the midst of doing something that's bad for you, you may sense a still, quiet voice whispering in your ear. It's letting you know there's another way to live, one that supports your well-being rather than working against it. Tune in to your inner guidance and take action.

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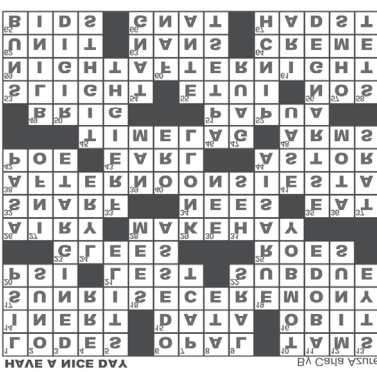
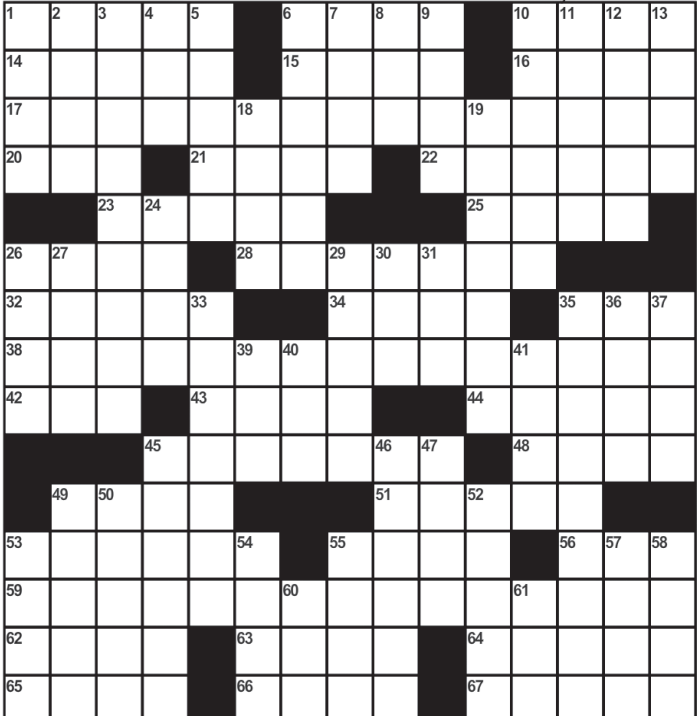
- 1) Rich mine deposits
6) Gem with a play of colors
10) Aberdeen hats
14) Having limited ability to react
15) Spreadsheet fodder
16) Item for a scrapbook, briefly
17) Certain Easter celebration
20) Last Greek consonant
21) For fear that
22) Bring under control
23) Great merriments
25) Fish egg masses
26) Light and breezy
28) Use an opportunity wisely
32) Devour greedily, slangily (with "down")
34) Maiden name indicators
35) Banquet on
38) Activity in Mexico
42) "Once upon a midnight dreary" poet
43) English count
44) Fur capitalist John Jacob
45) Response delay
48) Provides weapons
49) Shipboard slammer
51) ___ New Guinea
53) Minor insult
55) Vanity case for a seamstress
56) Some vocal votes
59) How hotels prefer bookings
62) BTU part
63) Bobbsey twin, and namesakes
64) Word of either side of "de la"
65) Actions at Sotheby's
66) Bothersome bug
67) Owned, old-style

DOWN

- 1) Speak imperfectly, in a way
2) Where the burden rests?
3) Put down
4) Make a wrong move
5) Steps to climb over a fence
6) Ukrainian port city
7) International treaty
8) Ended one's hunger
9) Drummer Ulrich
10) Gender role-defying girl
11) Domicile
12) Word of subtraction
13) Site for sore eyes?
18) "... not always what they ___"
19) Huge landmass
24) Instrument for a Muse
26) "Pronto!" in memos
27) News you can use, briefly
29) Rounded hill
30) Bard's evening
31) Males of the species
33) Cargo load
35) Alienated
36) Unseen energy source
37) Veteran sailors
39) Problem spot for LBJ, informally
40) Comstock find
41) Hairy twin who sold his birthright
45) Dancers' garb
46) Best suited
47) South Asian bovine
49) Deli pancake
50) Far from flexible
52) Small amount, in a recipe
53) Give the cold shoulder to
54) Orange-flavored drink
55) Italian volcano
57) Units of electrical resistance
58) Dele deactivator
60) Team supporter
61) Roth plan acct.

HAVE A NICE DAY

By Carla Azure



RELIGION

Question: We're on pins and needles and have been since Russia invaded Ukraine. We were born there and immigrated here to join other family members. Now we're all here except one family who was fortunate to get across the border into Poland. We've totally lost touch with them and fear for their lives. We can afford to bring them here if/when we could find them.

In the meantime, we're praying daily for their safety and all citizens of Ukraine. We're asking you to join us in prayer and would also like to know if there is a way to remain peaceful in times like these. We'd also like to add that we appreciate the United States and the opportunities we've had since living here. We're all now naturalized citizens of this great country.

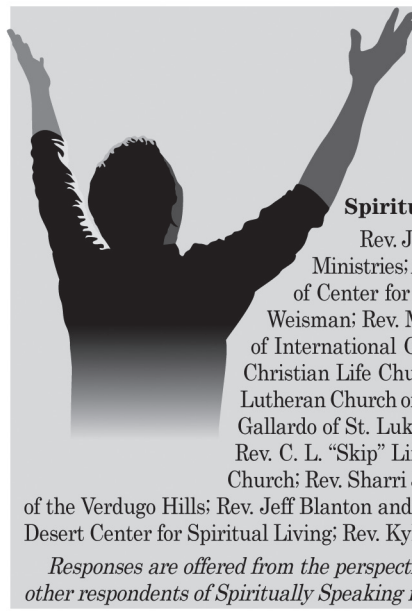
~ Worried Families

Dear Worried Families,
Like most Americans, I find the news and images of Russia's invasion of Ukraine a terrible evil. The death and destruction is hard to fathom. I can't imagine

how it must make you feel when Ukraine is the nation of your birth. And yes, the first thing we can all do is to pray for peace. We can also pray for you to be reunited with your relatives in Poland. In fact, I invite everyone reading this to pray with us now:

"Almighty God, you reign over all things. Save and deliver the people of Ukraine from the Russian army, preserve them from all perils, supply all their needs for food, shelter and medicine and, most of all, O Lord, give them the peace and protection of your abiding presence and your holy angels. Confuse the assaults of the Russians. Cause them to withdraw. And Lord God, let your hand be heavy on President Putin until he relents and withdraws his army or is removed from office. And Lord God, let peace, order and just governance be restored in both Ukraine and Russia.

"We also join with every mother of every soldier, Ukrainian and Russian, and ask that you would protect their sons, even preventing them from harming one another. Finally,



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking Participants

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

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

we ask that you would connect these people to their relatives so that their family can bring them to safety. We ask all this through the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

In your letter, you ask if we "can remain peaceful in times like these?" To that I say, peaceful in action but not in prayer. We should all be "storming the heavens," praying for peace and praying for God to remove all aggressors. In the mean time, we can take comfort in the remarkable cooperation of western nations in setting sanctions that are making it painful for Russia to continue this war. But the west also needs to find a diplomatic exit strategy for Putin. Cornered wild animals are dangerous and unpredictable. And Putin is a wild animal that is particularly dangerous. We can pray for Putin's exit strategy or, barring that, for his personal exit from power.

I am sure they will have some suggestions to connect with your family. Be sure to say that you are prepared to pay for their transport and care as you have said in your letter.

Do not lose hope. Continue to pray for an end to this war and safety for all those who have been hurt and displaced. I pray you will be in contact soon and are able to assist your relatives to come here to join the rest of your family in as short a time as possible. Breathe deeply in the meantime and picture them in your mind's eye at peace.

In solidarity,



Rabbi Janet Bieber
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Father Rob Holman
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Dear Worried Families,
Thank God you and your family are mostly here and out of harm's way. The other part of your family that has gotten across to Poland are fortunate to be out of range of the ridiculous and cruel bombardment that Putin is visiting on citizens and non-combatants of Ukraine. We are praying for the Ukrainians that are in peril at this time. We pray for the safety and care of the refugees as well. Although there is so much chaos and therefore difficulty in locating refugees in Poland at this time perhaps you might know of a phone tree of Ukrainians in Poland that can be contacted. Ask all the people you might know personally who have a connection to those in the area.

There is the Embassy of Ukraine in Poland. It is in Warsaw. The address is given as: Aleja J. CH. Szucha 7,00-580, Warszawa, Poland; Telephone number is +48 22 621 39 79.

Dear Frustrated Entrepreneurs,

The pandemic has indeed caused many people to reassess their life goals. They have considered the work/life balance and determined their labor is worth more than what some employers are willing to pay.

You have a lot of competition for workers these days. I have seen several notices in local businesses for "help wanted" and there was a recent post in a local Facebook group for a part-time shop assistant paying \$15 per hour with mileage reimbursement and offering training.

A non-profit I support recently advertised for workers with the following: We offer a competitive salary and outstanding employee benefits. * Employer-paid health, vision, and dental with a domestic partner option * An employee assistance program * An optional 403(b) retirement program * A credit union/ automatic deposit option * Employer-paid life and long-term disability insurance * 12 days paid vacation during first year of employment * 10 paid holidays and three floating holidays per year * Supplemental term life insurance

If you aren't offering similar pay and benefits it is less likely you'll be able to attract good employees.

Why not allow working from home? You emphasize how easy it is to do the tasks you want done yet want to keep an eye on things. Many people learned during the past couple of years that telecommuting can be very successful. Time spent in lengthy commutes is less rewarding than time spent with family. Have you considered that you're signaling to potential staff that you don't trust them to work if you're not watching?

Another benefit of working from home is avoiding the use of fossil fuel. That's particularly important now that the Russian invasion of Ukraine has caused U.S. gasoline prices to rival that of the rest of the developed world. Folks of all ages are considering the effects of their choices on global warming and opt to pollute less in the hopes of keeping the planet able to

Any ideas about this?
~ Frustrated Entrepreneurs

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills has launched a drive to help the people of Ukraine. The church is collecting new warm weather clothing, new blankets, diapers and baby food. Items can be dropped off at the church and will be distributed to overseas charities to help the victims of the war. The church has also set up a "wish list" on Amazon. The link can be found on LCIF's website. A clothing drive to help local families in need continues as well. Gently used clothing is gladly accepted.

LCIF also invites the community to attend its Wednesday evening Lenten services at 7 p.m. with Pastor Chuck Bunnell. Following the service, attendees will receive a soup supper "to go." Meals include a container of homemade soup to be heated at home, rolls and cookies.

Sunday services are held at 10 a.m. All services are held in-person, but can also be viewed on the church's YouTube channel or LCIF's website.

For those wanting to learn more about the Bible, Pastor Bunnell continues his Sunday morning lecture series from 9 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. in the church's conference room. No prior knowledge is necessary. All are welcome.

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 today, Thursday, March 17 at Chabad of the Crescenta Valley, 929 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. Megillah reading is at 4:15 p.m. followed by the Purim Fiesta at 5 p.m.

Costumes encouraged!

The cost of admission is \$30 for adults, children 12 and under is \$18, single family max is \$100. Sponsor, which includes family admission, is \$180. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p8jd4zz>.

RELIGION from previous page

sustain human life. A possible benefit to you, however, is that refugees fleeing war and economic collapse might be willing to accept your conditions for employment.

In short, I think potential workers' mindsets is exactly the same as yours; they have their own agenda and want to fulfill their own dreams.



Sharon Weisman
sharon@jetcafe.org

Dear Frustrated
Entrepreneurs,
I don't blame you for feeling

frustrated. I will be brief because there are not a lot of options on this.

You began by saying, "the pandemic has caused many problems." That's for sure! I see Help Wanted signs everywhere. It's an employee's market right now. In my view, many prospective employees need to re-learn employment lessons ... the value of a dollar, the satisfaction that comes from a job well done, earning your own way. Those lessons have somehow been forgotten in the world of the pandemic: stimulus checks, working from home and abundant time off have made the American jobs market different from when you were young.

But time is on your side. Things won't always be like this. It will be an employers' market soon enough. You may be aware that the Bible talks a lot about what it calls "the sluggard." The sluggard is alive and well in the world of free money, working in

jammies and government checks.

I know little about your business but it seems to me that if you could scatter some perks throughout the employment timeline perhaps that would create an incentive to stay and work. How about a raise after six months? Or a three-month bonus for extra hard work? You would have far more practical ideas than I do on this since it is your business.

I'm sorry about the current state of affairs. From what I hear on TV, all of our problems are Putin's fault. I suspect that's not true, of course. But I applaud you for the courage to start your own business. And I encourage you to keep going.


For what it's worth, you're not alone and this isn't a new problem. Duke Ellington used to complain about something similar. He bemoaned the fact that he had to pay one trumpet player double what he used to pay "and the kid can hardly blow." At

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANNA V. OLSON (a.k.a. Anna Valensi Olson)

Case No. 21STPB10757. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Anna V. Olson, Anna Valensi Olson, Anna Olson.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Nancy O. Serino in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION for Probate requests that Nancy O. Serino be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 4, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 67: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: David E. Edsall, Esq. Edsall Law, A Professional Law Corporation, 400 Camarillo Ranch Road, Suite 102, Camarillo, CA 93012 (805) 484-9002. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly March 10, 17, 24, 2022.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM or shortly thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District will hold a TELECONFERENCE (Zoom Meeting) public hearing to consider whether to adopt an Ordinance to increase the amount and maximum number of days of compensation paid to the Board of Directors.

The District is inviting public review and comment on the Ordinance to Increase Compensation for Members of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District through March 22, 2022 by 4:00 p.m. in writing to CVWD, 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA 91214 or by email to customerservice@cvwd.com. All public comments will be reviewed before the Board of Directors considers the adoption of the Ordinance.

A copy of the draft Ordinance is available for review at the District Office and can be viewed on the District Website www.cvwd.com TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) INFORMATION: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86479507577 Meeting ID: 864 7950 7577 Join by phone: 1 (669) 900-8833 (San Jose) Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly, March 10, 17, 2022.

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with some kids and joked around with one little girl to try to get her to smile.

“Just letting them be kids for a little while,” he said.

Toward the end of their time in Ukraine they were able to help set up a safe path for the orphans and are getting updates that kids are now moving across the border.

Leum and Rodarte thanked those in the community who kept prayer circles going for their safe return. Leum added he thinks he will return to help again; Rodarte does not know if he can leave his patients again but both are fully invested in the struggle for Ukraine.

Leum added that upon his return he has a new perspective on life in America.

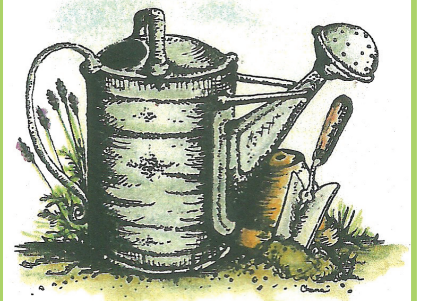
“The thing that you thought was a problem [here in America] – it’s not a problem. We may have inconveniences but there are not bombs dropping on us and our families are not being torn apart by war,” he said. “The other thing that sticks with me is the complete respect and appreciation for the Ukrainian people for what they are going through. The complete resolve they have and the dedication they have to their country and to each other is admirable.”



Dr John Rodarte, kneeling, got a smile from a little Ukrainian girl who fled her home

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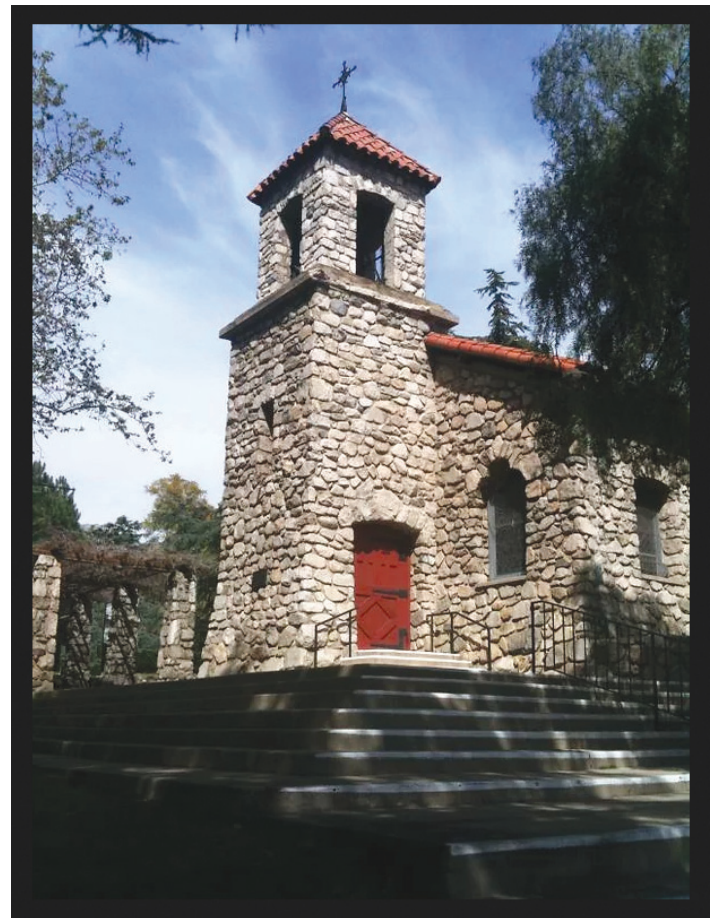
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