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Mayor's Gavel Passed

By Julie BUTCHER

"It's been quite a year, hasn't it?" Mayor Paula Devine began this week's meeting of the Glendale City Council on Tuesday night, ending her year as the city's mayor. "Dealing with COVID and all the issues our community has had to endure but, through collaboration and meaningful decision-making, we worked very hard to make the rebound from the pandemic a bit easier, a bit smoother."

Devine thanked her colleagues for their trust, commended their resiliency and ability to "turn on a dime" in service of protecting the city's residents. She then detailed some of the city's accomplishments of the past year: vaccine clinics and all the work done throughout the city to coordinate COVID support; three affordable housing projects in progress to add more than 300 units; reckoning with Glendale's racist past, passing the Sundown Town ordinance and promising an anti-racist future; establishing outdoor dining parklets in Montrose, soon in downtown as well; banning flavored vaping and products and Mylar balloons, which were causing power outages and potential fires.

"We've taken a strong stance against climate change," Devine continued the list, "and acted to ban single-use plastics and approved the use of biogas from Scholl Canyon to forge a pathway to the closure of the landfill and to ensure the reliability and affordability of local power. As a signatory to the Cities Race to Zero pledge, we expect to reach 100% renewable energy by 2035, solar panels on 2,000 homes."

She outlined that the future of transit is "bright, with a rapid bus on the horizon connecting us with Burbank and North Hollywood and Pasadena, a trolley or a streetcar downtown."

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Rocks Key to Successful Rescue

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, members of the Montrose Search and Rescue [MSAR] team, part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station, were first called out to assist the LASD Parks Bureau with a search for a teenage boy in the area of Crescenta Valley Park. CV Park lies within the City of Glendale but is actually under the jurisdiction of the LASD Parks Bureau.

"I responded from home," said John Camphouse who was operations leader for the rescue and is a member of MSAR. "[Other MSAR members] left from the station and we met at the park."

The boy had been hiking with his mom and sister at CV Park when he "bolted."

"She said she glanced down and when she looked up he bolted from her," Camphouse said.

This is not something he would normally do.

When he ran, his mom followed him up a hill but lost him when he continued to run; that was at about 9:30 a.m.

"By the time we got the call he had a good three-hour start," Camphouse said.

The search began with LASD Parks Bureau but, due to the situation and location, many other agencies were called in to help. In addition to Parks Bureau and MSAR, Sierra Madre and Altadena Search & Rescue, Glendale police were also on the search as well as (initially) Los Angeles Police Dept. air support.

"We started to expand the search to the fire road above CV Park, along the ridge line," Camphouse said. Due to the recent rains the area is thick with vegetation especially chaparral.

One of the MSAR team members who responded to the call was Steve Goldsworthy. He was searching along the fire road with fellow team members. A mountain biker the team met with said he had seen what could have been the boy but he was so far away he couldn't be sure.

"We were driving along when team member Mike Leum said, see RESCUE on page 7

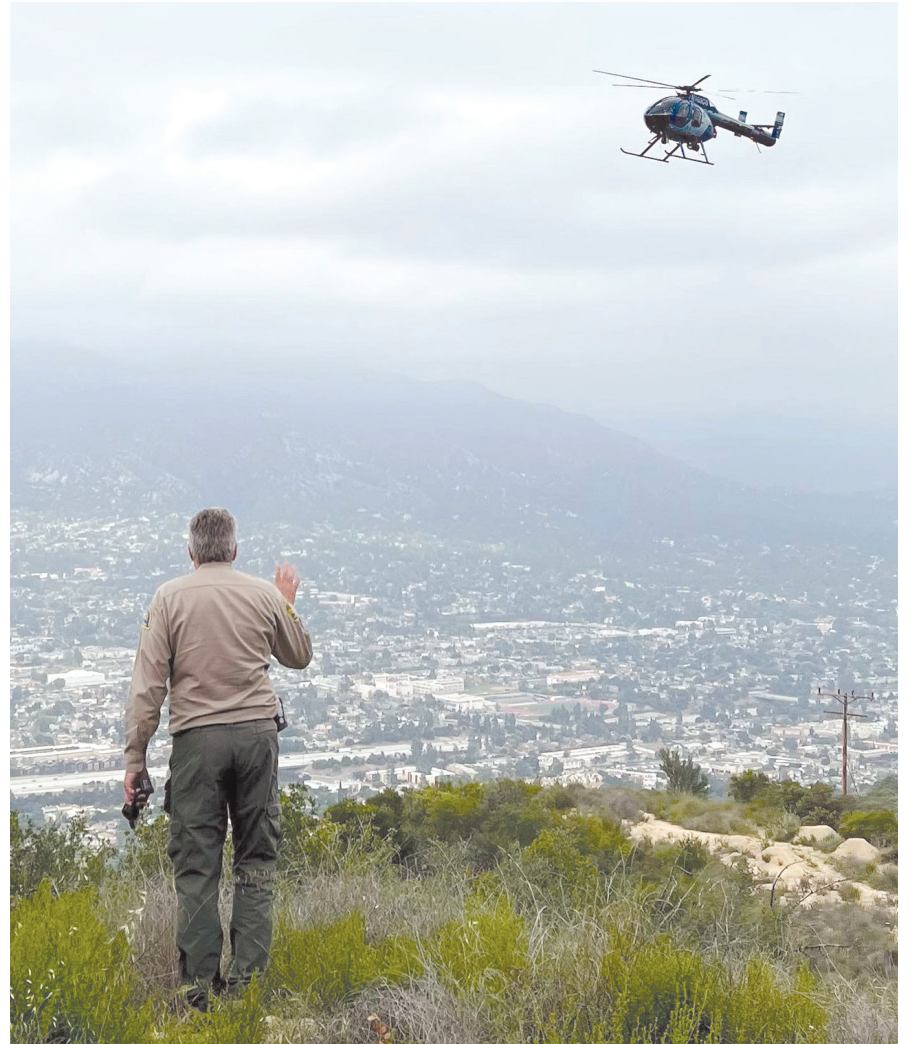


Photo provided by Mike LEUM
 A MSAR team member directs the Glendale-Burbank police helicopter to search a canyon. The teen was located 400 feet down a ravine a few minutes later.

Understanding California Gas Prices

By Justin HAGER

The good news: gas prices across the country, including here in California, are finally beginning to come down, if ever so slightly. The bad news: California gas not only continues to be more expensive than the rest of the nation but is also coming down in price much more slowly.

According to AAA, the average cost of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in California, as of Wednesday, is \$5.823, nearly nine cents lower than one week ago and nearly 10 cents lower than the record high of \$5.919 recorded on March 29, 2022. In Los Angeles County, prices are even higher than the state average with a gallon of regular unleaded in the county currently averaging \$5.94, 13 cents lower than the record \$6.07 recorded on March 28. Meanwhile, nationwide, the average price of regular unleaded is down to \$4.164, nearly 17 cents lower than the March 11 peak of \$4.331.

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Photo by Justin HAGER
 The reasons for the cost of gas, which is particularly high in California, has drivers, including economists, scratching their heads.

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Unmasked and Unworried: Time to Get Outside

Though I know the pandemic is not “over” per se, the danger is greatly reduced. Consequently, plans for many events – especially those held outdoors – are moving forward, filling up my calendar.

On Saturday night, Steve and I joined our good friends “Big Vin” and Toni at the Ascencia fundraiser Share the Love. This was a dressy affair and a primary fundraiser for Ascencia, whose goal is to lift people out of homelessness one person, one family at a time.

After an absence of two years, the fundraiser was packed with people eager to reconnect. The black-tie gala was grand, held atop the 51st floor of the City Club in downtown Los Angeles. Between the live music, delicious food and the chance to see old friends, it was an evening well spent.

On Friday night, we’ll be off to the Glendale Educational Foundation fundraiser Stars Over Glendale. I have never missed this fundraiser since I started the newspaper in 2009. GEF is a wonderful, student-centric organization that CV Weekly is proud to support and their annual fundraiser is a guaranteed good time. This week’s event promises the same and I’m excited to be a part of it.

On Saturday is the long awaited Wine Walk in Montrose. With temperatures predicted in the 70s-80s on Saturday night, I am so excited to wander the streets of the Montrose Shopping Park, checking out the merchandise in the local stores while visiting with friends and enjoying a taste (or two!) of some great pours. This is one of my favorite events that the Montrose Shopping Park holds and a terrific opportunity to see what’s new in the many shops that line Honolulu

Avenue.

Looking ahead, April 30 is a big day: it is the day of the CV Chamber of Commerce Hometown Country Fair at CV Park, an art fair hosted by the Friends of Rockhaven being held at St. Luke’s of the Mountains and the annual Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash at “Lake Verdugo” (adopt ducks at www.duckrace.com/Glendale). Come to one or come to all! All are free to attend and each offers its own unique fun. At the Hometown Country Fair, there will be vendor booths, food trucks, a pie-eating contest, dog parade and more! It starts at 10 a.m. and continues until 5 p.m.

The Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash pays cash prizes for adopted ducks that come in first through fifth place; plus there’s a special drawing for those who purchase a “quack pack.” This is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for the Glendale Kiwanis Club. Be part of the fun: adopt ducks today!

The arts fair, hosted by the Friends of Rockhaven at St. Luke’s of the Mountains, will have plenty of goodies for sale. From clothing to ceramics, there’s something for everyone. The fair is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

I know it’s going to be a challenge but why not plan to attend all three events?

And next week I’ll share the fun planned for May 1 along Honolulu Avenue...

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Weather in the Foothills

“April weather, rain and sunshine both together.”

– *English Country saying*

It hasn’t been but a month’s time since the calendar decreed the arrival of spring. Perhaps a few pages stuck together and we landed in the middle of June or even August. This assumption is based on the wild weather roller coaster ride we’re on. You never know what’s around the next corner or the extent of the highs and lows; i.e., day and night time temperatures.

From last week to this, it has gone from chilly temperatures with the need of a jacket to a full on heat wave and bikini weather. The above quotation gives credence to this flip-flop temperature swing as being a known one. I don’t recall in past years there being such radical and unexpected changes in such a short time. It seemed summer arrived slowly with mild spring days followed by the May Gray/June Gloom. And then, after the 4th of July, on your mark, get set, go!

So, what’s up with these crazy weather changes?

Many regions across the United States are heading into a potentially blistering summer into September with hotter than normal temperatures expected across nearly the entire country say meteorologists and climatologists.

Dan Collins, a meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Climate Prediction Center, said that for July, August and September across almost the entire United States “the average temperatures are likely to be above normal,” especially in the West and Northeast.

The trends over the last few decades are clear. The most recent figures are in line with a general warming trend: Each decade since the 1960s has been warmer than the one before and the five hottest years occurred in the second half of the last decade.

There is no one single answer as to why. Most likely it’s the coming together of many and varied causes. First on the list, without a doubt, is global warming. The less alarming reason is based on normal climactic fluctuations. These have cycled and made for drastic change throughout the past thousands of years. Heat waves “are one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths in the United States,” according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC data shows hundreds of people die each year from heat-related illnesses. Stay hydrated and cool, as circumstances allow.

Temperatures around 100 are predicted for Inland Valley areas today and tomorrow. Gusty north to northeast winds are expected in many areas throughout Thursday. A cooling trend is expected to begin Sunday with a small chance of rain by next Monday.

In spite of temperature fluctuations pool season has officially ... *opened!*

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COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM IN PERSON OR ZOOM

Tonight, Thursday, April 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., all Glendale residents will have the opportunity to hear city council candidates in person or at their homes on Zoom when Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association holds its annual candidates' forum.

The candidates will be in-person at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1320 N. Brand Blvd., with free parking in its lot. (The entrance is at the north end of the church. Someone will be there to direct.) Masking is not required but would be appreciated.

To register for Zoom, go to: <https://www.nwglendaleha.org>. Details are available there and the access code will be immediately sent.

As always, all NWWGHA community meetings are open to everyone, members and non-members. Peter Fuad, president of NWWGHA, will moderate.

For more information, email nwglendale@gmail.com or call (818) 754-8274.

ATTENTION: LEGIONNAIRES, VFW MEMBERS AND PATRIOTS

On the second Saturday of each month members of the American Legion and VFW host a monthly veterans breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall. The breakfast is free to all veterans and their family members in the Crescenta Valley area. The veterans breakfast for the month of April is special because it's also the 98th birthday of American Legion Post #288. The April 9 veterans breakfast is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 Freeway off-ramp is Saturday, April 9. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:10 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools. Cleanup typically lasts until 9 a.m.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Spring is bringing blooms to many of native plants – even the milkweed is starting to grow that were planted last fall! But so are those pesky non-native plants! Volunteers will help weed the demonstration garden and clear the trails for upcoming field trips.

Volunteers will be removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

GCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES NEXT SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

The Glendale Community College Board of Trustees has named Dr. Ryan Cornner as the district's next superintendent/president following a five-month search process. Dr. Cornner currently serves as vice chancellor, Educational Programs & Institutional Effectiveness for the nine college Los Angeles Community College District, the largest community college district in the nation.

The search for a new superintendent/president began in November after current superintendent/president Dr. David Viar announced he would be retiring in June 2022 following nine years leading GCC and 45 years working in higher education on the local, state and national level.

The trustees are scheduled to approve Dr. Cornner's contract during their next board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19. The new superintendent/president will assume his new duties on July 1.

WOMEN'S HISTORY & WOMEN IN BUSINESS

These Women are the Bridge from the Past to the Present

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Though March is set aside as the month to remember Women's History and honor Women in Business, CV Weekly would be remiss if it did not recognize and honor the women who, over the years, built on the foundations laid by powerful women of the past.

In 1911, the La Crescenta Woman's Club (LCWC) was formed by women who wanted to improve their community, said Carol Huntwork, president of the LCWC.

"And we're still here to improve our community," she added. "When we see a need in the community we try and fill it."

For example, over the decades the women of the LCWC have distributed scholarships to local high school graduates who plan to attend college or a trade school. Huntwork noted that the Club was able to distribute scholarships even during COVID.

"That money was provided by a lady who donated [funds] to the Club for scholarships," Huntwork said. Huntwork herself is funding an engineering scholarship.

Understanding that so many people felt isolated during the pandemic, the Club created an ongoing "meet and greet" as Descanso Gardens. Huntwork said that it is an opportunity for like-minded women to meet who want to provide service to the community.

"The Club is a perfect vehicle for that," she said.

Now that COVID-19 restrictions have been loosened, Huntwork said that more people are attending LCWC meetings and Club members are interacting with the community once again. For example, members will be manning the booth at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue that is the starting point for the Montrose Wine Walk on Saturday, April 9. They will be distributing wristbands and handing out totes with tickets to the various "pours" along Honolulu.

But for Huntwork – whose presidency ends on May 31 – her goal is to get the ladies back.

"We have to do this slowly but we're picking up members," she said. "It's invigorating – we're coming back and, with the loosening of restrictions, we will be able to be the reliable [volunteer] source that the community wants us to be and expects us to be."

Recognizing the power of the past is something that lies on the heart of Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linkchorst. Linkchorst said that she grew up listening to her mom sharing the days when she'd roller skate up to the Doheny Mansion, which was built in 1899, or walk along Figueroa Street.

"I just feel that I have this connection to old LA," Linkchorst said.

That connection extended to local properties, including Mountain



File photos ABOVE: Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linkchorst shares information about the historic site with visitors.

BELOW: Members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club welcomed guests at a previous year's Wine Walk.



Oaks and Rockhaven.

"When I see some leftovers from history – like ruins from Mountain Oaks – my heart explodes," she shared. "To be able to touch and see the past – I feel a little elated."

Her involvement with the site of the former sanitarium began with her membership with the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley.

She said that it touched her hearing the stories about the people who worked there and had relatives there.

"It's Crescenta Valley history, LA history, California history," she said of the importance of Rockhaven. "It's the last sanitarium that is fully intact. There are beautiful stories – even the tough ones are beautiful."

Opened in 1923 by nurse Agnes Richards, Rockhaven Sanitarium was a place that treated with dignity women who were coping with a variety of maladies. In 2006,

Richards' granddaughter Pat Traviss sold the property to a large hospital corporation, The Ararat Company. The City of Glendale bought the property in 2008 but since the economic downturn that year nothing has been done with the property.

A recent acquisition of \$8 million by State

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Celebrating Holy Week and Easter at La Cañada Presbyterian

Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and culminating with the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter, is one of the most important weeks of the Church's calendar. La Cañada Presbyterian Church (LCPC) will be celebrating with Sunday worship services, special evening services and other meaningful events and invites all to participate.

On Palm Sunday, LCPC will host its two regularly scheduled services: a 9 a.m. traditional service featuring the organ, choir and hymns and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service featuring a worship band and praise music. Later that Sunday, at 2 p.m., LCPC Music Ministry will present its annual Palm

Sunday concert entitled, "King of Kings" featuring LCPC's Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. A pre-concert lecture will begin at 1 p.m.

Two evening services will help remember the events of Holy Week leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. On Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m., LCPC will offer a traditional service with communion, looking back at the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples as well as his betrayal and arrest. On Good Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m., LCPC will remember Jesus Christ's sacrificial death on the cross by offering an interactive, contemporary service for all ages led by the church's Family

Ministry team.

Easter Sunday is an opportunity to remember that Jesus did not stay in the grave, as Christians all over the world proclaim, "Christ is risen!" Celebrate this good news with LCPC by coming to any of several worship services offered on Easter morning, April 17. Celebrate the "Risen Son" at a sunrise service at La Cañada's Memorial Park (1301 Foothill Blvd.) at 6:30 a.m. Traditional worship services featuring LCPC's Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will be held at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. A contemporary worship service led by LCPC's Praise Band will be offered at 11 a.m. Both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services will be simulcast into fellowship hall for a family-friendly option with children's activities and snacks, followed by an Easter egg hunt for children (toddlers through sixth grade). The community is welcome to bring a flower or two to help decorate a cross that will be on the upper patio.

All are invited to spread joy by bringing an art therapy Easter basket for refugee/immigrant children. Bring a filled Easter basket along with art canvases (8x10 inches, 8x8 inches, or 11x14 inches) and acrylic paint sets (in or with the basket) to any of the services at the church on Easter or to the LCPC church office during the week prior to Easter.

All are welcome to participate in celebrating Holy Week and Easter with LCPC! All services (except sunrise service) and the concert are at the LCPC campus, 626 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge. They will also be live-streamed at live.lacanadapc.org. More info is available at lacanadapc.org.

NOTES & NODS

LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills thanks everyone who dropped off new warm clothing, new baby blankets, baby food and diapers that were sent to Ukraine. LCIF is continuing to accept donations and is partnering with St. Andrews Orthodox Ukrainian Church in Elysian Park to get the items where they are needed.

The church is also gearing up for Holy Week and invites the community to attend its Palm Sunday service. Attendees should meet in the church's courtyard at 9:45 a.m. for a procession into the church with palms.

For Easter, the church has planned a morning of fun activities leading up to the 10 a.m. worship service. Children can enjoy a bunny petting zoo, egg hunt, crafts and games. Brunch will also be served. All are welcome.

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Sen. Portantino Introduces Legislation to Eliminate Cancer Care Inequity

State Senator Anthony J. Portantino introduced this week Senate Bill 987, the California Cancer Care Equity Act. The measure would address significant disparities in cancer patient access by expanding Medi-Cal patient access to necessary clinical expertise and resources.

“Sadly, there are serious inequalities in access to care for cancer patients. The impact of these care disparities is greater for patients who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries, especially those who come from underserved communities,” said Sen. Portantino. “Health insurance doesn’t guarantee access to experts specializing in complex cancer types, promising clinical trials and advances in personalized, precision cancer treatments. With advances in cancer science and more effective treatments, it’s critical that we ensure all cancer patients have access to new science and technology that can improve health outcomes for patients and their families. SB 987 provides a more equitable model of health

care for cancer patients.”

SB 987, the California Cancer Care Equity Act, will improve cancer care access, cancer care outcomes (i.e., survival) and patient experience by enhancing Medi-Cal patient access to necessary clinical expertise and resources at NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers. The bill parallels the current Medi-Cal coverage model that allows Medi-Cal beneficiaries to have access to certain life-saving care services at a Center of Excellence, even if that center is not included in the member’s provider network. Specifically, SB 987 expands the existing set of care diagnoses for which such enhanced access is provided and includes clinically necessary cancer care services such as genomic/genetic/transcriptomic/proteomic testing, clinical trials participation, and all necessary cancer-related outpatient and inpatient clinical care, defined episode of care.

SB 987 would also require Medi-Cal managed care providers to inform enrollees

of their eligibility to receive enhanced care and ensures primary care doctors in contract with those managed care providers inform enrollees with any information they need to decide between relevant treatment options. The bill also requires that decisions to approve, deny, or modify a patient’s request for optimal care are made within a 72-hour time window to shorten the window between diagnosis and treatment.

The CDC lists cancer as the second-leading cause of death in California. More than 187,000 Californians are diagnosed with cancer every year and thousands of them will be misdiagnosed or placed on inappropriate or ineffective treatment. Patients receiving care from designated specialists saw a 53% reduction in the odds of early mortality, but less than half of California cancer patients received care aligned with national guidelines between 2004-2016. Only about 8% of eligible cancer patients nationally enroll in clinical trials.

GAS from Cover

The price of gas is influenced by a variety of different factors (none of which is the President of the United States, regardless of which political party they may be affiliated with), including (1) crude oil prices, (2) distribution costs (3) refining costs, (4) taxes and (5) shifts in supply and demand.

The base price of crude is outside of the control of California and, in many cases, even outside federal lawmakers. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, instability in the government of Kuwait (Kuwait’s government has collectively resigned for the third time in the past 18 months) and the opportunistic market-manipulation policies of oil producing cartels, such as the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), have all led to recent dramatic increases in the base price of crude oil.

Refining and distribution costs have also increased due to external factors after the failure of Texas’ power grid last winter caused severe damage to Texas production, refining and distribution centers – damage that has yet to be fully repaired. All of these external factors have been coupled with the nation’s recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to rapid and dramatic increases in demand for gasoline.

For its part, California prices tend to be higher than the rest of the country because of refining costs and taxes. California’s increased standards for clean air require a cleaner blend of fuel and higher state and local taxes also add to the price at the pump. According to Severin Borenstein,

an energy economist at UC Berkeley who researches gas prices, the additional taxes, fees and production costs of meeting California’s cleaner fuel formula adds between 10 and 93 cents per gallon compared to the average gasoline taxes of other parts of the country, depending on the base cost and specific local tax rates.

However, those differences in taxation and clean air standards do not explain why the price of gasoline in California has, since 2015, averaged 30 cents higher than the rest of the country – even after accounting for prices that include increased taxes and clean air standards. Borenstein refers to this as the Mystery Gasoline Surcharge (MGS), and it looks something like this: Based on prices from March 29, 2022, increased California taxes, fees and CARB standards explain a \$0.93 price differential between California and the national average. The actual price differential on that day was \$1.85, leaving a \$0.92 MGS.

“That’s the mystery for those of us who are not trying to make a political point about it,” he said adding that a “sloppy faux analyses that seems only intended to score political points won’t help figure this out.”

“MGS could be due to a constraint in the supply chain or a regulatory issue. Or could be exploitation of market power in California’s concentrated refining/distribution network. I’m just arguing that we should figure out what it is,” he said.

In the meantime, state lawmakers are considering a variety of options to create relief. In his State of the State address,

Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed, and is moving forward with, a tax rebate that will give everyone with a registered vehicle in California a one-time debit card for \$400 per car, up to two cars. Meanwhile Republican Kevin Kiley introduced legislation back in January that would suspend California’s tax on motor vehicle fuel for six months. While Kiley’s proposal has garnered interest from some Democratic lawmakers, it’s a tough sell because the tax isn’t applied at the pump when consumers fill their gas tanks. Rather, most of California’s fuel taxes are paid by gas suppliers, meaning the price of gas would only go down if those sellers choose to pass along the cost savings to consumers rather than increase their profits. Thus, even if legislators reduced taxes by \$0.50 cents a gallon, there are no guarantees on how much money, if any, consumers would save.

With summer fast approaching and travel season already upon us here, there is little reason to believe that gas prices in California will significantly drop, at least not until the Russian invasion of Ukraine ends, there is stability in Kuwait and the cause of the mystery gas surcharge is identified. Until then, AAA offers a variety of tips on its website for saving money on gas and maintenance. It notes that properly inflated tires can increase gas mileage by more than 3% per tire and recommends slowing down, driving at a constant speed rather than rapidly accelerating or braking, and turning off A/C five minutes before reaching a destination to improve fuel economy.



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Food Drive at Fire House Benefits Bailey Center

On Saturday, the Crescenta Valley High School Academy of Science and Medicine is partnering with Prom Plus Club to collect food for the Bailey Center Food Bank. The food bank is part of the United Methodist Church of Tujunga. Several clubs throughout Crescenta Valley have helped with food drives but the need continues to grow as volunteers at the Bailey Center distribute groceries to over 1,000 people each week.

The food will be collected at the Fire House youth center at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church at 2563 Foothill Boulevard, just east of Rosemont Avenue. Those who donate can drive up in front of the Fire House youth center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 and students will remove the donations from vehicles.

The food bank needs nonperishable items including cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, bean, soup, boxed pasta dinners and rice. It will also accept fresh fruits and vegetables.



File photo Students will be collecting food for the Bailey Center at the Fire House youth center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Deputies Arrest Three Suspects For Vehicle Theft in Three Days in La Cañada Flintridge

On Saturday at 9:20 a.m., Deputies Van Deusen and Aleksanyan were alerted to a stolen vehicle in the area of Hillard Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge. They searched for the vehicle and found it driving eastbound on Foothill Boulevard from Angeles Crest Highway. They confirmed the vehicle was reported stolen out of LAPD's Devonshire Division and initiated a traffic stop. The suspects were detained without incident. After being interviewed, both

suspects were arrested for taking a vehicle without owner's consent. They were booked at Crescenta Valley Station.

On April 4 at 6:57 a.m., the CV Station received another Flock Safety alert for a stolen vehicle in the area of Foothill Boulevard from State Route 2. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Fontana on March 29. Deputy Santos found the vehicle parked at La Cañada Boulevard and El Vago Street in La Cañada Flintridge. A single occupant was detained

without incident. After a vehicle theft investigation, the suspect was arrested for taking a vehicle without owner's consent. The suspect was booked at Crescenta Valley Station.

Residents are reminded to always lock their vehicles and keep them in well-lit areas. Never store a spare key inside the vehicle. And while it may be tempting to let a car warm up unattended on a cold morning this allows thieves to easily steal the car. Implementing these tips can help prevent car theft.

CRIME BLOTTER

April 1

2100 block of La Cañada Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the front passenger side window was smashed on a vehicle between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5000 block of Indianola Way in La Cañada Flintridge, someone stole gardening equipment. A witness described two suspects, both male, between 5'6" to 5'7" tall, between 150 and 160 pounds and both wearing green shirts and hat. The witness saw the suspects take the equipment and place it in the bed of their truck and drive away at 3:25 p.m.

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a suspect was seen taking 16 baseball style hats and concealing them in a tote bag. The suspect then exited the store without attempting to pay.

The suspect was described as a male, 25 to 30 years old, 6' tall and weighing between 250 and 275 pounds. The suspect was wearing a black hat, black shirt with colorful lettering on the back and blue jeans. The theft occurred at 5:25 p.m.

March 31

5200 block of Gould Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a "burglary now" call. When they arrived the resident told deputies that she was in her

bedroom when she heard the sound of glass breaking in the area of the kitchen. As she walked out of her bedroom she saw two people running away from her den and away from the house.

The residential burglary occurred at 9:29 p.m.

March 30

5000 block of Princess Anne Road in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call regarding a burglary and saw a shattered back glass door. The residents returned home to find their burglar alarm system had been activated due to a disturbance to the back door. One of the residents found that a glass door had been shattered and several rooms had been ransacked.

The residential burglary occurred between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

March 28

700 block of Lynnhaven Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned home to find a door smashed and several rooms ransacked. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects entering the home. Suspect No. 1 was described as wearing all black with white shoes. Suspect No. 2 was described as wearing all black with black shoes and gray gloves.

The residential burglary occurred at 8:01 p.m.

March 24

2500 block of Janet Lee Drive in La Crescenta, a resident reported receiving a phone call from someone who stated s/he was a Citibank representative. The "representative"/suspect had all of the resident's information and asked about a recent transaction. The resident did not recognize that transaction and then was told by the suspect he was a victim of fraud; the resident was sent a text message from "Citibank." The man said he received the access number from who he thought was a Citibank representative; he verified the number with the suspect on the phone who immediately hung up. The resident called Citibank; it took some time to get to a human operator.


When he did he found the suspect had made three wire transfers out of the resident's account. Citibank, the real representative, told the resident it was too late to stop the withdrawals and Citibank would not refund the funds that had been stolen and would be unable to return the stolen funds.

The theft occurred at 10 a.m.

March 18

Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest, the driver side door lock had been punched and damage was done on a vehicle between 4 p.m. on March 18 and 11:30 a.m. on March 19.

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Glendale's recently named mayor Ardy Kassakhian with his son Armen. Photo by Julie BUTCHER

She detailed how the city is focused on increased safety for cyclists and pedestrians, on adding bike lanes and brightly colored crosswalks.

"We convened a blue-ribbon commission to study pension reform, formed a landlord/tenant committee, and a sustainability commission so your voices can be heard," she said, describing Glendale as a "premier city, still experiencing its renaissance."

"Thirty years in the making, we just opened the Stone Barn Nature Center. We broke ground on the Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center," she said. "We're envisioning the Verdugo Wash project to connect pedestrians and bicyclists from the far north to the south."

Devine ended by saying, "The perfect way to end my term as mayor [was] yesterday's unveiling of the Filipino American Friendship monument, recognizing not just the last 30 years

of working together with the Filipino American Business Association of Glendale (FABAG) and honoring the life of Ruby De Vera, a force in the community, but to commemorate collaboration, inclusion, commitment, and friendship."

Councilmember Ara Najarian thanked Devine for her leadership.

"You kept us together, despite experiencing personal tragedy, and surpassed all expectations," he said. "You have set a new bar for mayors."

Glendale rotates the job of mayor each year among the five elected council members, currently done at the beginning of April. Last year the

council adopted a system of selecting the mayor including an "order of precedence" based on the length of time on the council. City Attorney Mike Garcia explained it in a memo: "Under the prescribed procedure above, Councilmember Kassakhian is next in line to be appointed mayor on April 5, 2022. He has served a longer period of uninterrupted service on Council without serving as mayor than Councilmembers Agajanian, Devine and Najarian, and has the same amount of service as Councilmember Brotman.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS.

RESCUE from Cover

'Let's stop here.' We got out and started hollering the boy's name and then I heard something. The only way to describe it was like two rocks clapping together. I turned to Mike and asked if he heard the [clapping]," Goldsworthy said.

Other members were nearby but no one else appeared to hear the clapping of the rocks. Goldsworthy said he heard it three times and felt it might have been from the missing teen.

He added that the Glendale-Burbank police helicopter was overhead.

He contacted them and asked them to search a little to the east of where they were flying.

"Then we heard the Glendale-Burbank helicopter say, 'I got him,'" Goldsworthy said.

The team members were stunned: they checked again just to make sure they heard correctly.

"We have him," Goldsworthy said the helicopter team repeated. "They guided us to him as we ran down the fire road. [The boy] was down about 400 feet."

Both Camphouse and Goldsworthy praised the Glendale-Burbank flight team because the boy was in a very wooded area and not easy to see. The helicopter team continued to guide Goldsworthy as he went over the side of the road.

With the helicopter flying overhead the boy had jumped down and was sitting under an oak tree near a little ravine, which was full of poison oak.

Goldsworthy was concerned how the boy would react to seeing someone in a uniform, so he took it slow.

"I called his name and said, 'Your mom and sister and I were looking for you,'" he said.

That seemed to calm the situation. One of the things his mom had shared with Goldsworthy was her son's love of rocks, so that became a bonding action between the boy and his rescuer.

"I threw a rock down the hill; he did the same and even came over and fist-bumped me," he said.

Finding the teen was just part of the rescue, though; they then had to get him to climb up the 400 feet to the fire road and then get back to his family. The team's first response was to use LASD Air Rescue 5 and hoist him out of the area; however, the boy did not respond well to the sight of the large helicopter overhead. So MSAR went to plan B.

At first the teen wanted to keep climbing away, but Goldsworthy told him he had an easier climb and guided him. Another team member was ready, having been lowered on a winch cable to help pull the boy up

the hill, but he was not comfortable with that either.

"So two SAR members walked in front of [the boy] and trampled down the vegetation and I followed him up the hill," Goldsworthy said.

When they got to the fire road the boy was cleared by Air Rescue 5 paramedics. He then indicated he wanted to get in the rescue vehicle. That made it easier for the team; they were able to drive him down the road to his family who was waiting at the command post.

"We called in all the resources [because in this situation] the boy just vanished," Camphouse said.

He added that the quick resolution could not have happened without the assistance of so many agencies working together. It took them about an hour from the time they found the boy to reuniting him with his family.

"I'm very thankful for the response that we had from our area SAR teams and that we found him before nightfall," Goldsworthy said.

Search & Rescue members are all volunteers who go through a lengthy training process. Anyone interested in learning more can contact Sgt. Gilbert at the CV Station at (818) 248-3464.

Steve Goldsworthy is the husband of CV Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Glendale Grand Prix

At first glance, you are probably thinking I'm referring to cars traveling on Glenoaks Boulevard on any Saturday night when competing local street racers drive dangerously fast. But in fact I'm referring to an international Grand Prix road race, very similar to the Monaco Grand Prix or the Long Beach Grand Prix, that took place on the streets of downtown Glendale in 1915, over 100 years ago.

Auto racing was a hot ticket in those early years when the technology of automobiles, and thus speed, was progressing by leaps and bounds. Los Angeles was a leader in auto sales and racing victories sold cars. Glendale (and Montrose) was becoming a center of racing technology, so it seemed natural that a race should take place there. Many growing cities in the Southland were holding street races, including even Beverly Hills.

The Glendale Elks Lodge sponsored the race and the Auto

Club sanctioned it. Prizes of \$3,000 in total were put up. The sponsors were initially only allowed four entrants. They wanted to exclude any drivers that were considered too slow or too dangerous. (Among the four initial entrants was Huntley Gordon, the great grandfather of NASCAR driver Robbie Gordon.) A great howl of protest was put up by a whole host of other racers who wanted a shot at the purse. The Auto Club ruled that the sanctioned race had to be open to any racer who was not deemed dangerous.

Twelve cars were eventually entered in the road race. The various makes of the cars entered is interesting in itself. Besides the familiar brands we know today, such as Ford, Chevrolet and Renault, there were other makes we no longer hear about such as Duesenberg, Isotta Fraschini and Alco. Huntley Gordon drove a car made especially for him called a Gordon Special. Guy Ball drove a Marmon. Ball has been written

about in this column before because of a lurid divorce. In 1916, Ball's pretty young wife was discovered in the arms of another man at the Pasadena Mountain Club, a bar and whorehouse in what is today Whiting Woods. The famous auto racer Barney Oldfield was said to "hunt deer" in Whiting Woods during that era. We can probably assume that was a euphemism.

The course was laid out in the heart of Downtown Glendale. The starting line was on Brand Boulevard near Colorado Boulevard, where a grandstand was erected. The cars traveled south, turning left on Colorado, which was then called Sixth Street. Traveling east they turned left again on Glendale Avenue, and left again on California, then called Second Street. After traveling west onto Brand for the high-speed straightaway to the grandstands near Colorado. This was just under two miles. The cars would make 53 circuits of the course for a total of

100 miles.

The streets by then had been paved with macadam, or asphalt as we call it today. The tight left turns were banked up with hay bales to stop cars that couldn't make the "high-speed" turns. And what was "high speed" back then? The course was estimated to be a 75 mile-per-hour average course.

The prizes were to be \$2,000 for first place with diminishing prize amounts down to sixth place. It was estimated that 25,000 spectators would be there.

The race was set for Saturday, Jan. 30. There would be the main event at 2 p.m. followed by a shorter amateur race in which locals could race any car they owned. On Jan. 27 drivers were allowed to practice on the course and spectators were given a good show of speed. All was looking good for a great race.

But on the night of Jan. 29, the clouds opened up and poured rain on the course. The next morning, with 3,000 spectators lining the course, officials declared the

flooded course too dangerous and delayed the race until Feb. 4. It was hoped that, with the extra days of practice, the drivers would turn in even higher speeds on race day.

Next week, blow-by-blow coverage of the 1915 Glendale Grand Prix.



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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Spring Has Sprung

It's easy to get bogged down in the day-to-day minutia of modern life – politics, pandemic, war. It's like a never-ending train wreck; so hard to look away from each breaking story and impossible to see a positive outcome. This month, I am trying my best to focus on what is important and pushing off my shoulders the unsavory influences. These collective burdens are not mine to absorb nor mine to pass on to others. Rather than being consumed by dread and fear like some people are doing, I have set my sights on calm and hope. I really need to believe that our lives will get better this year and spring renewal affirms for me that chance.

Spring has always been somewhat magical for me. In the Crescenta Valley, the change of seasons is subtle but definitely noticeable. If we are lucky enough to have a rainy winter, when spring begins to flourish it is spectacular. The warm sun, the clear blue sky and the white clouds usher in the most vibrant colors and sounds of nature. I thrill when the daffodils

and iris emerge. I smile at the birds twittering in the birdbath. I inhale the scents of jasmine and freesia. I feel the cool grass under my bare feet. The simplistic beauty of it all helps me work through the problems of the day.

Most people can appreciate the earthly delights of spring right in their own yard but, if that is lacking, the Crescenta Valley and surrounding communities have a wide range of options to help you find your happy place. Take a walk in your neighborhood. Head for the hills. Enjoy one of our many parks. Visit Descanso Gardens. There is so much to experience right here where we live. We are so blessed to have beauty on such a large scale, just beyond our own backyards.

On March 19, right before the vernal equinox and official declaration of spring, I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the Stone Barn Nature Center at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. It filled my heart with joy to see so many neighbors checking out the Barn, being inspired by the

colorful mosaic mural and visiting the many community booths. The best part of all was seeing the faces of the community folks that I have come to know and love. Their smiles and laughter were truly contagious and, in a flood of emotion, I realized how much I had missed the personal interactions with these people. It was a special treat to be a part of this momentous occasion against the backdrop of our amazing mountains and gorgeous views.

Further motivation to get outdoors could come in the form of two upcoming community events on April 30. CV's 16th Annual Hometown Country Fair will be held at Crescenta Valley Regional Park at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This old-fashioned town gathering will feature a variety of activities like a classic car show, rides, petting zoo, pie-eating contest, dog parade, entertainment, food trucks, booths and much more. Additional information can be found at CrescentaValleyChamber.org.

Also on the same day, Friends of Rockhaven will sponsor, "Art on the

Rocks." This women's arts & crafts fair will feature the work of local artists and crafters. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains Church at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. More information can be obtained by writing to friendsofrochaven@gmail.com.

Come support these fun community events and see your neighbors outside again. I guarantee the fresh spring air and abundant smiles will do you a world of good. I, for one, am looking forward to it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting to Know Our Councilmember/Mayor

For quite a long time I have listened to many of my neighbors in the 91214 Glendale annex area of La Crescenta complain, or at least remark, that our voices are not heard by the Glendale City Council.

One councilmember [newly named mayor] Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian wants to listen to us. Every Friday at 9 a.m. he hosts a meeting that is open to all at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue in Montrose.

These "meet-ups" are most informative and, in my opinion, are productive. Ardy is a wealth of information and he truly will help with our concerns and challenges.

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ALF Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals Awards Scholarships to Local Students

The Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals, known as CAP, has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to local high school graduates who are attending a two-year college or occupational program. CAP is an auxiliary of Assistance League of

Flintridge (ALF). The awards were presented to the recipients last fall for the current school year.

La Cañada High School graduate Isabella Gasparyan is attending the Paul Mitchell Beauty School in Pasadena. She describes

herself as hard-working with a genuine love of makeup and skincare. She developed this interest following a personal struggle with acne in her teens and became a self-taught makeup artist who has applied makeup for friends and family for special events. Gasparyan is a well-rounded applicant who has served the community through hosting a Red Cross blood drive, for which she received a Girl Scouts Silver Award. In addition, she played volleyball and was on a Division 1 championship team. She is the recipient of the 2021 Scholastic Art and Writing arts award for the western region as well as a finalist for the California Streaming Photography contest.

Nicole Bednar, graduate of Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, is currently attending Pasadena City College. Bednar describes herself as authentic, self-aware and committed



ABOVE: Nicole Bednar
BELOW: Isabella Gasparyan with Emily Bagdasarian

‘Lion King – KIDS’ a Success for ALFie Players



Photo provided by Gale MUSKER

Starring in the “The Lion King KIDS” by the Assistance League – Flintridge ALFie Players were Damon Eastman as Simba; Saanvi Nadipuram as Timon; Sam Phillips as Scar; Roman Palladino as Pumba; and Cash Klein as Mufasa.

The recent production of “The Lion King KIDS” by the Assistance League – Flintridge ALFie Players’ was held at the Lanterman Auditorium. An estimated 350 attended the March 4 performance.



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Undefeated Falcons March Toward Showdown with Burroughs for the Pacific League Title

By Justin HAGER

An impressive season by the Crescenta Valley boys' volleyball team has left the boys in charge of their own fate heading into the final month of the season. The Falcons are 19-4 overall and an undefeated 5-0 in Pacific League play. They are currently tied for first place in the highly competitive League. And with victories over the third (Arcadia), fourth (Burbank), fifth (Glendale), and sixth (Pasadena) ranked teams in the League, only fellow undefeated Burroughs stands in the way of sole possession of first place.

Burroughs has not lost a set in Pacific League play yet this year, and the Falcons have only lost one – a 25-19 loss to Pasadena on March 31. In that match, a 9-2 run by Pasadena gave the Bulldogs an opportunity to win a second set and challenge the Falcons for victory, but CVHS locked down its defense and secured the win 25-16.

The Falcons are now sitting on the precipice of true greatness, hovering just outside the top-100 teams in the country, according to Max Preps. However, to



Photos by Justin HAGER

ABOVE: CVHS senior Noah Kim attacks the net in a 3-1 victory over Pasadena.

RIGHT: CVHS senior Evan Boyle defies gravity as he prepares for a big hit against Pasadena.

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get there they'll need to face a Burroughs team that's on a 14-game winning streak and ranked #36 in the nation, according to Max Preps.

When asked about the Falcons success thus far, coach John Nelson

said that he is encouraging the team to take things one game a time.

"It's nice," he said. "Our record is really good. But records can sometimes be deceiving and we just need to keep trying to get better

and have that sense of urgency that will push us to the next level."

The first showdown with Burroughs was scheduled for last night, Wednesday, April 6, but a final score was not available at press time.

Showdown Series Splits Leave Pacific League Standings Tied

By Justin HAGER

Three teams began last week undefeated in the Pacific League boys' baseball standings with an opportunity for one or two of them to separate themselves from the pack as the top four teams played each other in regular season action.

The drama began on Friday, March 25 when Burroughs hosted Pasadena in a matchup that was supposed to be a cakewalk win. Burroughs entered the game undefeated, tied for first place in the Pacific League, and had defeated Pasadena 9-3 just three days earlier. Pasadena, however, had decided to assume the role of spoiler and, despite being out of contention for the Pacific League title, defeated Burroughs 3-0 in extra innings.

Then, last week, Burroughs hosted undefeated rival Arcadia in the first game of a two-game showdown. After another marathon eight-inning game, Burroughs once again found itself on the losing end of a valiant effort, losing 1-0.

That same night, across town Burbank High School was hosting the CVHS Falcons in a matchup of two-undefeated teams who were outscoring their opponents by a ratio of at least 5-1. The Bulldogs came out swinging with a leadoff double but solid defense by the Falcons, including an outstanding catch by Jacob Deno, helped the Falcons escape the inning still tied at 0-0.

Burbank scored on a fielder's choice in the second and led 1-0 at the end of the inning, and that's when the Falcons started heating up. A line drive double by Jameson Ferraro scored Kris McCollum and tied the game in the top of the third. A double by Niko Terenzi drove in a second run in the fourth. That was all the offense either team could muster and the Falcons went on to beat the Bulldogs 2-1, were undefeated in the League, and tied with Arcadia for first place.



Photo by Justin HAGER
 RBI double by Niko Terenzi secured the victory for CVHS against Burbank last Wednesday.

Two nights later, Arcadia surrendered five unearned runs to Burroughs, giving Crescenta Valley a chance to take sole possession of first place as they hosted Burbank at historic Stengel Field. The crowd was electric for what turned into one of the most impressive pitching duels in recent memory.

CVHS pitcher Conner Campbell threw 11 strikeouts, one walk and allowed only two runs on five hits. Unfortunately, it was an outstanding performance that came in a losing effort to an even more incredible pitching outing as Bulldog ace Daniel Neria threw a 10-strikeout, no-hit shutout, leading Burbank to victory 2-0.

The result leaves three teams – Burbank, CVHS, and Arcadia – tied atop the Pacific League standings with Burroughs just one game behind the pack. None of the teams have a regular season league matchup until next Tuesday, April 12, but the Falcons will host an exciting non-league matchup against rival La Cañada tomorrow night, (Friday, April 8) at 6 p.m.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Glendale's Local Thrift Shop Has Gone Online



Lesha Zakari, Rayma Halloran, Vicki Carlson, Jeri Anderson and Teri Ghaemmaghami: the myshopify team.

The thrift shop Thrift Alley at 314 E. Harvard St. in Glendale is run by the non-profit Assistance League Glendale and has been open since 1964. Thrift Alley, located in the alleyway on the south side of Harvard between Louise and Kenwood, is operational due to donations made by the community. It accepts donations from gently used clothing to designer outfits as well as kitchenware, jewelry and a multitude of various products; it recently sold a large antique safe carried over from when the building was operated as a mortuary! The red brick historical building was renovated to accommodate Thrift Alley as well as the mortuary's old chapel, which now serves as the chapter house for the volunteers who are members of Assistance League Glendale.

All proceeds from Thrift Alley support Assistance League Glendale's philanthropic programs that benefit the local community. These programs include a senior citizen monthly lunch, a reading program for young students, student scholarships and a specific program to clothe the needy children for the school year.

With the need to look to the future to support their philanthropic programs, the volunteers launched an online shopping store to reach customers beyond their neighborhood and to make shopping more fun and convenient. Online shopping has increased with the number of stay-at-home workers and in-person shopping limitations. It

is hoped that not only will the online platform generate sales but also it will further spread the word about Assistance League Glendale. New members to the chapter are always welcomed to help with its philanthropic programs. Call President Carol Svatora at (586) 202-8764 for more info.

Accessing the online shop is easy. Detailed descriptions are provided for each item and customers choose shipping, including the option for in-store pickup during the days the brick-and-mortar store is open (Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.).

The online store can be found at assistance-league-glendale.myshopify.com. Some current listed items include Citizen watches for men and women, a porcelain horse collection, collector plates, Michal Kors and Tory Burch shoes as well as a few men's designer coat and shirts.

Provided by Danette ERICKSON

Crazy Hats Found at Woman's Club



The La Crescenta Woman's Club recently held its Crazy Hat Night. Club member Marilyn Wright (top row, second from right) won money for her chosen philanthropy, She Is Hope LA. The mission of She Is Hope LA is to educate and empower single mothers starting over in the workplace and to provide affordable, transitional housing and childcare. On April 17 at 7 p.m. the Club's Evening Section will present a \$300 donation to the philanthropy and hear of its ambitious goals and accomplishments. All are welcome to attend.

The LCWC monthly Evening Section meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LCWC Clubhouse, 4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Refreshments are served.

On April 17 the Evening Section members will end the meeting with a fun game night of Left, Right, Center. For those who wish to play the cost is \$5.

For more information or to make reservations, phone (818) 957-9806 or email info@lacscentawomansclub.org.

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Glendale Memorial Hospital Receives LGBTQ+ Equality Recognition

Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center has been recognized as an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader by the Human Rights Campaign, which is the nation's largest LGBTQ+ organization.

"We are honored to be recognized by the Human Rights Campaign," stated Jill Welton, president at Glendale Memorial Hospital. "We are deeply committed to equity and inclusion in order to provide everyone with a welcoming and safe environment to receive care."

The HEI evaluates and scores healthcare facilities on detailed criteria falling under four central pillars:

- Foundational Policies and Training in LGBTQ+ Patient-Centered Care;
- LGBTQ+ Patient Services and Support;
- Employee Benefits and Policies; and,
- Patient and Community Engagement.

Founded in 1926, Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center is a 334-bed, acute care, nonprofit, community hospital located in Glendale. The hospital offers a full complement of services, including its award winning heart center, the colorectal surgery institute, a gastrointestinal program, and is a Los Angeles County approved primary stroke center.

YMCA of the Foothills Offers Free Fitness Classes to Local Teachers and Staff

The YMCA of the Foothills will offer the staff of the La Cañada Unified

School District group fitness classes held at La Cañada Elementary beginning Thursday, April 14 from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

These classes will be free and available to all staff.

The group fitness program will offer body conditioning exercises led by experienced YMCA instructor Diane Boccia. The program was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic but will resume in the next two weeks and continue weekly until the end of the school year in June.

"We are thrilled to restart this program and provide healthy living options to our local teacher community," said Lori Durbin, director of Membership & Healthy Living at

the YMCA of the Foothills. "As a parent, I understand the full value of the educational leaders and providers in our districts, and we need to continue supporting them any way we can. At the Y, this is how we can show our support."

Healthy living, social responsibility and youth development are the three focus areas of the YMCA of the Foothills. The mission of the Y is to organize, develop, finance and conduct programs for an association of persons of all ages that will, by putting Christian principles into practice, enrich the quality of their lives spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

To learn more about the YMCA of the Foothills community partners, supporters, and events, visit ymcafoothills.org.

Sopranos, Second Sopranos and Altos: Come One, Come All

Local ladies interested in adding harmony to their life, enhancing their memory and making new friends are encouraged to join the Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus (VHWC). This group, which has been referred to as "The Friendliest Group in Town," is looking for new members to share that camaraderie.

Currently rehearsing at St. Luke's of the Mountains Church (2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta) under the direction of Ki Park, members are looking forward to welcoming new singers to their chorus. Park is a collaborative pianist who has worked with classical singers, instrumentalists and choruses throughout Los Angeles community. In 2016, her passion for making music with singers led her to her current role as music director. She began her journey with VHWC in August 2018. Park teaches appropriate singing techniques for her students to achieve harmony among members in chorus.

VHWC began in the 1950s as part of the PTA Mothersingers under the direction of Betty McGaughey, who founded the group and remained their director until her retirement in 1999. It was at that time Sharon Schlarb became the director and remained so until 2018.

VHWC invites women who like to sing to come out on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to St. Luke's of the Mountains Church where they will hear music from Broadway tunes to jazz and even rock and roll. No auditions are required - just a desire to sing with friends. Rehearsal is over at 11:30 a.m. while there is still time for lunch.

Submitted by Arlene MASSIMINO



Photo courtesy of Ki Park

TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – April 2022

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Things are finally beginning to return to normal for the LA theater scene. COVID still rears its ugly head now and then but with the steady drop in case numbers it seems to be under control for now. While county and state Public Health guidelines state that masks are no longer required and that vaccination checks are not mandatory, ticketholders may still have to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask in some venues; please check with the venue before attending an event to find out the venue policy.

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

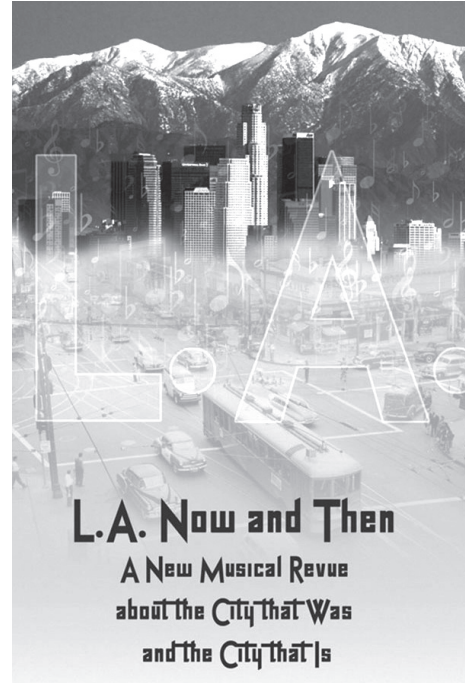
Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month or are already running at this time:

“Classic Couples Counseling” Dr. Patricia Cataldo is a psychotherapist with a special celebrity clientele: they’re all couples from Shakespeare! She analyzes Kate and Petruchio; Macbeth and Lady Macbeth; Romeo and Juliet; Othello and Desdemona; Hamlet and Ophelia. She also has them all come in for group sessions. They all trust her with their tender psyches. However, she has a few kinks of her own. Dr. Cataldo’s caseload



is occasionally reduced by attrition. If you know any of Shakespeare’s plays, you’ll know how that happens.

Written by Lloyd J. Schwartz and directed by Nick McDow Musleh, it runs through May 8 at the Theatre West in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 851-7977 or visit www.theatrewest.org.



“L.A. Now and Then” This brand new musical revue celebrates the City of Angels, its past and present. Songs, dances, sketches and projections musically commemorate this unique city. With a cast of 13 and a live band, this show aims to entertain, educate and reminisce.

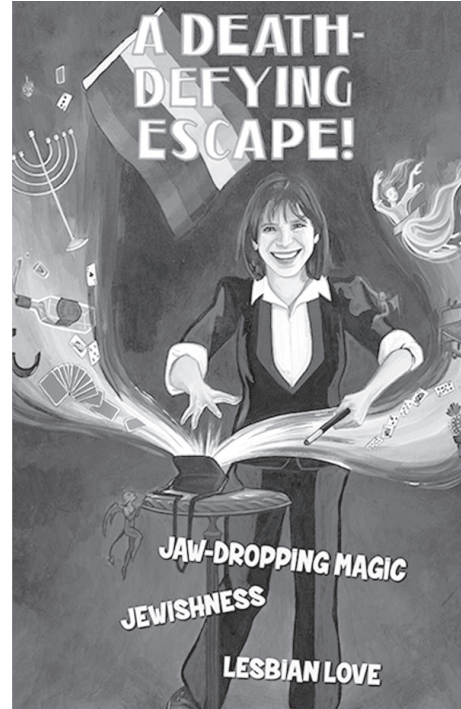
Directed by Bruce Kimmel, it runs through May 8 at the Lonny Chapman Theatre Main Stage in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 763-5990 or visit www.thegrouprep.com.

“A Death-Defying Escape!” Who wouldn’t like to add a little magic to their life? Comedy Workshop Productions presents a darkly funny, inspiring new comedy about one woman’s miraculous escape from the secrets of her past.

Written by author, stand-up comedian and magician Judy Carter, who also heads the three-person cast, *“A Death-Defying Escape!”* combines extraordinary feats of magic with an inspiring story about escaping life’s emotional shackles to find love.

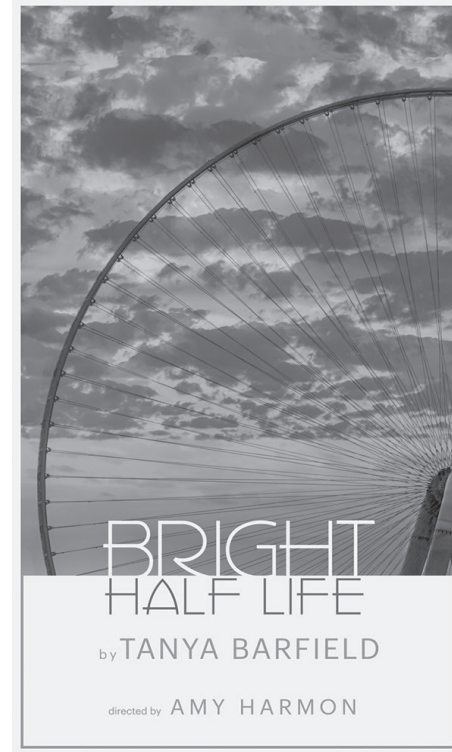
Written by Judy Carter and directed by Lee Costello, it runs through May 8 at the Hudson Guild Theatre in Los Angeles. For

tickets, visit www.deathdefyingescape.com.



“Bright Half Life” This moving love story spans decades in an instant – from marriage, children, skydiving and the infinite moments that make a life together.

Written by Tanya Barfield and directed by Amy K. Harmon, it runs through May 22 at the Road Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 761-8838 or visit www.RoadTheatre.org.

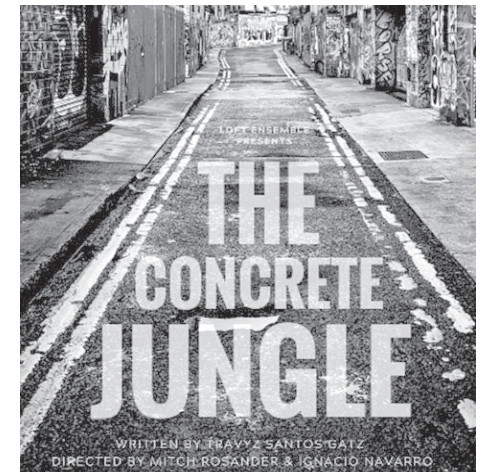


“King Solomon’s Treasure” It’s New York in 1990. In midtown Manhattan, King Solomon’s Treasure is a shop where curios, collectables and vintage items are for sale, things as disparate as a 30-year-old bottle of Orange Crush and a baseball signed by Jackie Robinson. The store is run by an elderly chap, born when the 20th century was young, a Holocaust survivor whose adventures have taken him to different parts of the globe. Franz Altman is a man who has accumulated enough decades of experiences to make him a very appropriate choice to run a store trafficking in memories.

Franz has a little store but a development corporation is trying to force him out so that the developers can put a great big steel-and-concrete structure where the King Solomon’s Treasure now stands. Smelling a story, Susan Carmichael, a beautiful young reporter for People Magazine, visits Franz with the object of obtaining an interview. She becomes his ally in a plan to fend off the pitiless advances of the soulless development corporation. Can Franz and Susan succeed against the forces of dubious “progress?”

Written by Charles Dennis and directed by Ron Orbach, it runs through May 12 at the Whitefire Theatre in Sherman Oaks. For tickets, visit www.tix.com/ticket-sales/foodogfilms/6940.

“The Concrete Jungle” The play follows Jorge Garcia after he gets fired because a local businessman, Slink, arranges a shelf of books the way he knew them to be when growing up. From then on, Jorge and Slink find themselves distracted by a metaphorical boxing match while the city and the people around them change beyond recognition.



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THEN & NOW



Second Street, looking East, Glendale, Cal.

Then » This was the view looking east on Second Street (today called California Avenue) just after the turn of the century. A couple of blocks ahead is Glendale Avenue. This is how the street looked in Glendale 1915 when the street was part of a race course. Note the stately homes along the street.

California Street in Glendale Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » The same view today on California Avenue looking east toward Glendale Avenue, the stately homes have been replaced by large retail buildings, Glenpro Beauty Center (formerly Litchfield Toys) on the left and the Glendale Fashion Center on the right.

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Written by Travvy Santos Gatz and directed by Mitch Rosander and Ignacio Navarro, it runs April 8 through April 23 at the Loft Ensemble in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 452-3153 or visit www.loftensemble.org.



"One Way Ticket to Oregon" This play takes place in Alexandria, Louisiana during the very hot and humid summer of 2010. At its core are two life-long friends, June Collins, an older non-nonsense African American woman with an intuitive understanding of people, and Leigh Anne Rainey, a fiery and opinionated older Southern belle living in an aging house that has been home to her family for over 150 years.

When Leigh Anne receives the diagnosis that her cancer has returned and spread to her pancreas, she's forced to confront her mortality and how it will affect her son Bobby, who relies on her stability, his unstable wife Eve, and her young grandson Duke, who has autism. With help from her friend June, Leigh explores her limited options, including the use of medical marijuana to curb her symptoms, and learns about doctors in Oregon who can legally help her "die with dignity." As she wrestles with her faith, unresolved issues of race and heritage threaten to unravel the core of Leigh's fragile family, an emotional struggle taking place all too often around the world today.

Written by B.C Caldwell and directed by JJ Mayes, it runs April 8 through April 24 at the Blue Door in Culver City. For tickets, visit www.onewaytickettooregon.com.

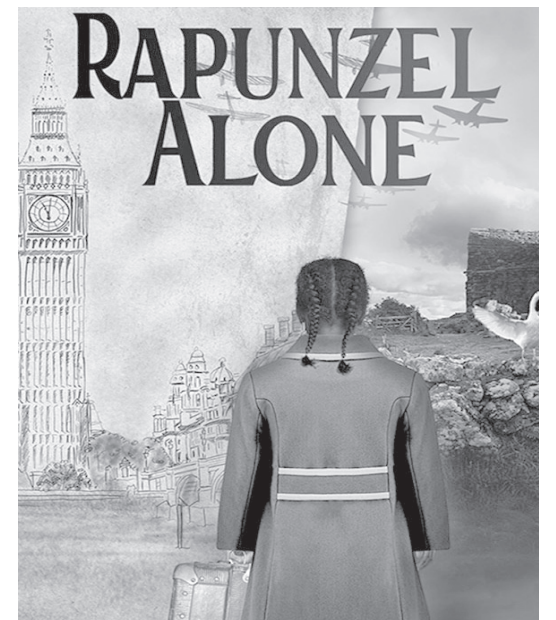


"A Heated Discussion" A trio of Orishas (entities of the spirit world), dismayed and enraged at the state of the world today and the fates of African Americans in particular, convenes the spirits of famous departed Black iconic figures (among them Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Ida B. Wells, James Baldwin, Lorraine Hansberry, Maya Angelou, Richard Pryor, Tupac Shakur, Nina Simone and more). What follows is "A Heated Discussion." Viewpoints, comments and solutions are as diverse as the individuals comprising this combustible mix of personalities. What do our iconic Black men and women (and the spirit entities) conclude? You'll have to witness it to find out.

Written by Levy Lee Simon and directed by Ben Guillory, it runs April 9 through May 15 at the Los Angeles Theatre Center, Theatre Four in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (213) 489-7402 or visit www.therobeytheatrecompany.org.

"Rapunzel Alone" Lettie, a young mixed-race girl from London, is sent to the countryside for her own safety during the daily bombings of World War II. On an isolated country farm, she faces her own battles with a strict new guardian and a very "fowl" goose. Appropriate for ages 7+.

Written by Mike Kenny, with music by Bradley Brough, and directed by Debbie Devine and Jesús Castaños-Chima, it runs April 9 through May 1 at the 24th Street Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (213) 745-6516 or visit www.24thstreet.org.



"True West" This character study is about two very different brothers, one a successful family man and the other a drifter, who must cooperate in writing a screenplay that will make or break both of their lives.

Written by Sam Shepard and directed by Brooklyn Sample, it runs April 9 through May 8 at the Lonny Chapman Theatre Upstairs at the Group Rep in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 763-5990 or visit www.thegrouprep.com.



"Yemandja" The story is set in 19th century Dahomey, the West African kingdom that once occupied the territory that is now Benin; the slave trade is in full swing. In the port city of Ouidah, where the world of the gods is close to that of men, Yemandja – deity of water and fertility – has given her protégé Omolola a secret gift: the power of song to change the course of history. But there is one caveat: the power only works if your heart is pure. As DeSalta, a Brazilian slave trader who has struck a deal with King Akaba and controls the city, kills or enslaves those around Omolola, she struggles to access her song, her desire for revenge threatening to surpass her will to be a positive force.

Written by Naïma Hebrail Kidjo, with music by Angélique Kidjo and Jean Hebrail, lyrics by Naïma Hebrail Kidjo, and directed by Cheryl Lynn Bruce, it runs April 14 through April 16 at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica. For tickets, call (310) 434-3200 or visit www.thebroadstage.org.

"A Doll's House, Part 2" This is a biting funny, thoroughly modern, 90-minute "sequel" (no need to know the original) to Henrik Ibsen's 1879 classic. In the final scene of Ibsen's groundbreaking 19th century masterwork, Nora Helmer makes the shocking decision to leave her husband and children to begin a life on her own. Hnath's play begins with a knock on that very same door 15 years later. Nora has returned and it is she who is knocking. But why is she back? And what will it mean for those she left behind? Hnath's smart comedy explores all the ways that women's roles have – and haven't – changed in the 143 years since Ibsen's play was first staged.

Written by Lucas Hnath and directed by Trevor Bishop-Gillespie, it runs April 15 through May 1 at the International City Theatre Long Beach Performing Arts Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit www.InternationalCityTheatre.org.

Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers. You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

JUST FOR FUN

CALENDAR this

'RICHARD SARVATE LIVE' AT THE GLENDALE ROOM

The Setup presents Richard Sarvate Live at The Glendale Room (Stand Up Comedy) on Friday, April 8 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Glendale Room, 127 Artsakh Ave, Glendale.

Cost: \$15. For more info, see <https://www.setupcomedy.com> or email info@setupcomedy.com.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPION TO VISIT AREA TENNIS SHOP

Vania King, formerly one of the world's top tennis doubles players whose Grand Slam titles include Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2010, will visit The Racket Doctor in Atwater Village on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome, supporting Serving Up Hope, a non-profit organization co-founded by King to develop tennis programs for underprivileged youth in the Los Angeles area. Visitors are encouraged to bring gently used kids athletic clothing

and racquets, which will be donated to Serving Up Hope programs.

The Racket Doctor is located at is located at 3214 Glendale Blvd.

AAUW HOSTS JENNIFER KREBSBACH

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet on Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. The speaker will be Jennifer Krebsbach, M.A., M.S., BCBA. Her topic will be promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Krebsbach has master degrees in behavior analysis and education- gender equity studies. She is starting a PhD program in sociology at UC Davis. She works as a freelance researcher with interests in inequity in the tenure and promotion process in academia. After an in-depth explanation of intersectionality, unconscious bias and allyship, she will lead individual activities and brainstorming of ways to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

Those who would like to attend the Zoom meeting can send their name and email address to Laura Guillory at lguillory1430@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 6.

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

CO-EXISTING WITH BACKYARD WILDLIFE IN THE CRESCENTA VALLEY

Little Landers Historical Society invites the community to visit Bolton Hall Museum on Saturday, April 9 at 1 p.m. for its April program presented by urban wildlife specialist Dana Stangel.

Stangel will answer questions surrounding how to keep family and pets safe from wildlife that shares local space. Her company, Teranga Ranch, conducts wildlife educational programs, backyard consultations and field trips teaching local residents how to

coexist with wild neighbors.

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

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

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

BENITA BIKE'S DANCEART PERFORMS IN SYLMAR

Benita Bike's DanceArt, in conjunction with Los Angeles Mission College's Philosophy Dept. and Dept. of Arts, Media & Performance, presents an "Explore Dance" program at Mission College's AMP Theater on Tuesday April 12 at 7 p.m. The AMP Theater is located at 13356 Eldridge Ave. in Sylmar. This free performance is supported, in part, by the City of Los Angeles' Dept. of Cultural Affairs.

Benita Bike's DanceArt, now see CALENDAR THIS on page 16

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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April 4, 2022 - April 10, 2022

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Splurge on some exercise equipment for your home, if you have the space to put it. If you'd rather work out somewhere else, then join your local gym. Spending money on keeping fit and healthy will bring you many benefits. You may decide to purchase some supplements, vitamins and minerals, or special foods to keep you looking fit and young. If you need new gym clothes, get them now while you're fired up!

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Take your health into your own hands and determine to make a difference in your body. As far as your wellness is concerned, you have the willpower and drive to go places. Just don't try too hard. You tend to go flat out when you want to reach a goal. Be patient, as you may damage muscles or burn yourself out before you've achieved anything at all. Be good to yourself.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Use your powers of visualization to create the body of your dreams. This is the time to see yourself as you want to be, both mentally and physically. Imagine what it's like to have the body shape you desire or be the weight you desire, and really feel this with all your senses. If you keep doing this on a regular basis, you'll achieve great results.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your health and your job seem to be linked this week. If you've been under a lot of stress, make time to get out into nature or enjoy a relaxing massage. You don't need to keep driving yourself quite so hard. If you want to get excellent results with your diet and health routine, this is a good time to ask an expert. Find someone who can guide you to take the right steps.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Be honest and realistic about the state of your health. There's no point in hoping for the best or disregarding ongoing symptoms. Take matters into your own hands by going to see a health professional. You may have a tendency to ignore the blatantly obvious. If you want to stay fit, then face facts and do the right thing.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Your psychological state has a profound effect on the way you feel and on your health. If issues are worrying you, then do something about them. If you leave them to fester and create bitterness or resentment, the impact on your body can be profound. Get counseling if you need it, or find someone you can discuss issues with in order to heal on all levels.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Joining a partner in getting healthy together is going to pay big dividends. With the focus on your relationship zone, working out in tandem and encouraging each other on your new healthy diet is the most supportive way to go. Don't let your discipline slide. Stick with your daily routine to get the best results. Great sex will also do you a lot of good. Have fun!

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're keen to make your well-being a top priority. The focus on your health zone means that you have a golden opportunity to get into a regular routine. You may want to research your gym and health club options and find out what's available. Finding a buddy to work out with would also be a good move. This is the time to be positively inspired to achieve perfect health.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You have a passionate desire to get your body moving and experience greater flexibility. You're very determined to develop the body and weight that feel right for you. The only danger you may experience is pushing yourself too hard too soon. Start out slowly; otherwise you may pull a muscle and thwart your attempts at total fitness. Have patience for the best results.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's time to get energized and enjoy getting out and about. If you're a part of a sports team or play golf with others, you'll feel motivated to go out and do more. The desire to compete and win will be a positive step on the road to good health. If you're worried about not being at the top of your game, make time to practice. Getting involved in any way will bring positive benefits.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Use this week to research your options and find out how you can maintain an optimum level of fitness. Get feedback from other people who have achieved what you want to achieve. Make use of the positive burst of energy you're currently experiencing to get yourself to the peak of health. Buy a diet book and try out a few healthy recipes to get on track.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It's time to get loose and rediscover what it feels like to be flexible. This week you have a tendency to stiffen up, especially when you feel stressed. You need to counteract this by exercising in such a way that you relax your whole body. Yoga or tai chi would be perfect for you, as they coordinate both mind and body into one harmonious whole.

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ACROSS

- 1) Like meat past its prime
- 5) Deep-six
- 10) Aquatic creature
- 14) Fit of chills and fever
- 15) Come to mind
- 16) Puddle-jumper destination, sometimes
- 17) Dad's advice, sometimes
- 20) Bit of high jinks
- 21) Most to the point
- 22) High-five sound
- 25) Common Father's Day gifts
- 26) Be an inquirer
- 29) Taj Mahal site
- 31) Deals well with change
- 35) Life cut short?
- 36) Certain sorority member
- 38) Hilo feast
- 39) Court taboo
- 43) Look at flirtatiously
- 44) Glove material, sometimes
- 45) Young fox
- 46) Does a double take, perhaps
- 49) Some Olympians, nowadays
- 50) Sloppy digs
- 51) Tolkien creatures
- 53) Lanky cowpoke's nickname
- 55) Native to Rio de Janeiro
- 58) Range, as of emotions
- 62) "Behave"
- 65) High-priced spread
- 66) "Come in!"
- 67) Astronaut's insignia
- 68) Attendee
- 69) Angler's net
- 70) Apple spray no more

DOWN

- 1) Big party
- 2) Votin' no on
- 3) More than ought
- 4) Himalayan creatures, supposedly
- 5) ___ Luis Obispo, Calif.
- 6) Display monitor on an ATM
- 7) Warden's nightmare
- 8) Heretofore
- 9) City on the Illinois
- 10) Cut-rate event
- 11) Doctrines
- 12) Las Vegas opening
- 13) Haw's partner
- 18) Brilliant performances
- 19) Brought into play
- 23) Middle Eastern muck-a-muck (Var.)
- 24) Emulates a raptor
- 26) Can't stand
- 27) Prolonged assault
- 28) Australian eucalyptus eater
- 30) Consumed greedily
- 32) Dirty Harry's targets?
- 33) Implied
- 34) Full of beef fat
- 37) States for certain
- 40) Primitive wind instrument
- 41) Fan club honoree
- 42) Architect's offering
- 47) Three blind mice, for one
- 48) Quick breads
- 52) Dramatic segment
- 54) Food from heaven
- 55) Overseas farewell
- 56) Poker chip-in
- 57) ___ Spumante
- 59) Sit-down event
- 60) Bear in two constellation names
- 61) Russian leader before 1917
- 62) Automobile sticker fig.
- 63) What boys become
- 64) "___ we having fun yet?"

PAY ATTENTION!

By Rob Lee

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CALENDAR THIS *previous page*

in its 41st season, is a Los Angeles based modern dance company that receives praise for its polished concert work and extensive community arts outreach. The Company is experienced at introducing dance to new viewers and enriching the experience of those already familiar with the dance art. Like a chamber music ensemble, the dancers of Benita Bike's DanceArt perform with uncommon sensitivity to one another, bringing intense beauty and vibrancy to each delicately crafted, expressive movement. Benita Bike's DanceArt will present excerpts from a new work-in-progress along with selections from repertory.

MOVIE NIGHT IN CV PARK

La Crescenta non-profit The Balcony of LA will be hosting a family-friendly movie night in CV Park directly after the Spring Jubilee. Screening begins around 7:30 p.m. and ends around 9 p.m. Bring your own blanket, chairs, pillows. Bring a picnic if you'd like. Bring the kids or a neighbor. Bring a smile and a great attitude - we'd love to meet you!

The Balcony will also supply some premium food truck options so be sure to come out with a hungry tummy and get some grub prior to the screening. We'll be viewing the award-winning "Pixar Shorts Collection."

Admission to the public is free.

CV Park is located at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta

THE VERDUGO HUUT (HOOTENANY)

"Tender Folk Songs for Sensitive People" arrives at the sanctuary at UUV on April 16. This funny, irreverent, virtuosi, and inclusive show is for audiences age 13 and up. It will take place in person from 7-9p.m. It features Raspin Stewart, Jackie Monahan, Don Cummings and host Marty Barrett.

Tickets are \$12.50 and available at tinyurl.com/9xttm9f4. The sanctuary at UU Verdugo is located at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

All profits benefit the Bailey Food Center.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY NEXT MEETING

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning April 21, 2022 10 a.m. The location is The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

Our club President Chris Hedberg will be giving the program: "Grooming Your African Violet for Show." The members and guests are being asked to bring to the club meeting their African violets that need the most grooming. This will be hands-on workshop getting our hands dirt while learning some techniques in grooming our African violets.

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 telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website www.burbankafrikanviolets.weebly.com

THE STORY OF THE VERDUGO HILLS CEMETERY

Little Landers Historical Society invites visitors to view a recently installed temporary exhibit at Bolton Hall Museum featuring the local pioneer cemetery, now in its 100th year. The first burial was that of beloved local preacher Pastor Wornum on April 22, 1922. The Hills of Peace, as it was known early on, became the final resting place of many local community pioneers with burials continuing through the late 1970s.

The exhibit traces the history of the cemetery through good times and not so good times up to today's restoration conducted by the Friends of the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

Exhibit viewing hours through June 2022 are Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

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

For additional information or to schedule a group visit, see BoltonHall.org or call (818) 352-3420 or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

She's waited two years for her Flight Network pandemic refund. Should she just give up?

After a pandemic flight cancellation, Waleska Abreu has waited almost two years for a refund from Corsair International and her online agent, Flight Network. Is her money lost forever?

Q: I need your help getting a refund from Flight Network. I booked tickets from Miami to Paris on Corsair International, a charter airline, in 2019. We were supposed to fly in June 2020 but, of course, we couldn't because of the pandemic.

I have been trying to get a refund from Flight Network since then. I have tried to call and email. Flight Network says it can't refund the money because Corsair hasn't refunded it yet. I just want my money back. Please help me - and please don't give up. - Waleska Abreu, Pompano Beach, Florida

A: Wow, are they trying to set a new record for the longest refund? It looks like you booked these tickets in late 2019. That's almost two years ago (I mediated this case with my team in late 2021).

I can't think of any reason - none whatsoever - for a company to keep your money for that long. Not a pandemic. Not the involvement of a third party, like Flight Network. Nothing. It's just too long.

I took a look at your correspondence and saw a few reasons for a potential delay. First, Corsair may have struggled with processing an inordinately large number of cancellations. And it's a small carrier with just nine aircraft as of late 2021. So refunding the money may have been difficult, but it shouldn't be impossible, and it shouldn't take two years.

Second, while you had a paper trail of correspondence between you and the travel agency, some of your communication was by phone. For refunds, it's always best to have all of your communication in writing,

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BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS"

It's Time for the Hometown Country Fair!

Your Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is busily preparing for one of our community's premier family events. On Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. the annual Hometown Country Fair, now in its 16th year, returns to Crescenta Valley Park.

What makes the Fair so fun? The continuous live entertainment, including local school musicians and even some karaoke performances, the large variety of craft and non-profit vendor booths, the first responder presence with support teams and vehicles, the always popular display of Early Rodders and other local club classic cars, the very popular and entertaining costume dog parade, the amazing kids' pie-eating contest with Sen. Anthony Portantino as emcee, the always enjoyable children's petting zoo, the YMCA of the Foothills with its pedal spin and children's GAGA Pit activities, the Pasadena Humane's pet adoption RV, the Non-Stop Fun kids' inflatable bounce activities, and the five food trucks providing a tasty selection of food and desserts for your family to enjoy. It's a full day of fun!

Vendor booth spaces, including those for non-profit organizations, are still available at the Chamber office or on our Chamber website, www.crescentavalleychamber.org. If you or your organization is interested in participating as a sponsor of the Fair, please contact the Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org.

Announcements:

Our Chamber's March 31st mixer at El Charro Mexican Restaurant and Cantina in Montrose was a huge success! We thank the incredible turnout of community members, the publicity and support from the CV Weekly and J's Maids and, of course, thanks to our host Deborah Beljan, owner of El Charro, for her hospitality and delicious food.

The "kickoff" of our annual silent auction is 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13. It features a one-hour video presentation of the gifts up for bid. The online auction will continue for a two-week period enabling you to bid, keep close tabs on the status of your bid, and continue to increase your bid as needed. At midnight on Friday, May 27 the highest bidder of each gift item will be declared the winner of that particular gift. There are some amazing items up for bid so mark Friday, May 13 on your calendar.

There are still opportunities for individuals and businesses to donate items, with a minimum retail value of \$100. Contact our Chamber office prior to May 4



at (818) 248-4957 or email info@crescentavalleychamber.org. Your donation will be recognized and your business promoted throughout the two-week period on both the auction site and our Chamber website.

see CVCOC on page 18

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER

Montrose is in Bloom

Spring is finally here and we have a slew of exciting upcoming events for families and businesses! Be sure to check out all of them below.

Our unique Easter event was so well-received last year that we decided to bring it back as an annual event! The last day to place your orders for the "MVCC bunny" to deliver the eggs to your yard this year is less than one week away; don't wait!

Last month we had the honor of introducing our new MVCC president, Adam Franko. Now we would like to introduce you to our new executive board with their provided statements:

2022 1st Vice-President Trevor Marca, CEO and Founder of Simple Life Delivery, (818) 213-2015. "I look forward to growing the MVCC membership and helping local businesses form community partnerships that will be mutually beneficial. There are several ways local businesses can help out each other, such as doing business with one another and acting as referral partners. I'm excited to further explore these and other opportunities to help the Montrose business community thrive."

2022 Treasurer Hilda Morovati, owner of EmbroidMe Glendale, (818) 248-3435. "I'm looking

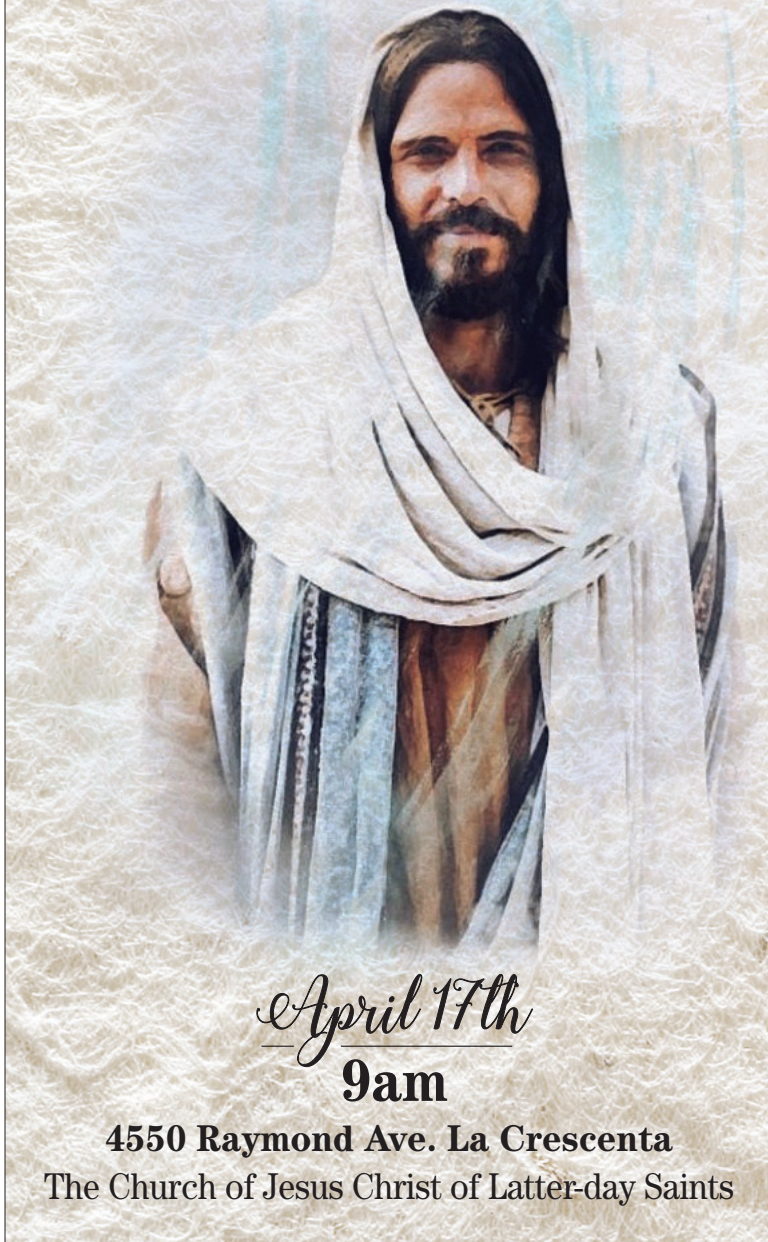


forward to being a part of a local organization that promotes businesses in our own neighborhood by supporting each other to grow and prosper. I've been a member of MVCC for more than 13 years and always appreciated the individuals on the board who made the mixers such fun and rewarding events. Now it's my turn to give back

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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: WILLIAM LOREN GALLIMORE II. Case number 22STCP00945, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 111 North Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 91002, Stanley Mosk Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner WILLIAM LOREN GALLIMORE II. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: WILLIAM LOREN GALLIMORE II to Proposed Name: WILLIAM LOREN ESTRADA GALLIMORE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **NOTICE OF HEARING A Date: APRIL 25, 2022 Time: 10:00AM Dept.: 74 Room: 735 b.** The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2022.

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta Cloud Ave located at 4441 Cloud Ave, La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 4/21/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Dianne C Plourde (2 units); Robert J Wells (7 units); David Puerto; Nicole Crosby; Edward Hukoveh (3 units); Tiffany Brevard. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly, March 31, April 7 2022.

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Our Chamber's second mixer of 2022 will be hosted by the La Crescenta Woman's Club on Wednesday, May 18 at 6 p.m. The Woman's Club has a beautiful facility perfect for a mixer. But what makes this mixer special is the collaboration of our Chamber with our friends from the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. We'll join together and co-host the event with the La Crescenta Woman's Club. Save May 18 on your calendar! It should be a special evening.

Emergency Preparedness Tip:

All the plans and preparations you and your family make for an emergency situation are negated if you fail to periodically review them with family members. It is recommended you review your plans every six months and make adjustments accordingly. This includes reviewing the food, water, contact information and cash stored for an emergency event.

CV Chamber Membership Opportunities:

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

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

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either by chat, text or email. As long as you have a written record, you can show your continuing efforts to get your refund.

Your paper trail was missing the initial "ask" and was not well organized, which may have made it harder for Flight Network to pursue Corsair for your refund. More difficult but, again, not impossible. I just can't think of a good reason as to why it would take two years to get your refund.

I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the top executives at Flight Network on my consumer advocacy site. A brief, polite email to one of them might have helped your case along. I'm sure the executives would agree that your refund was well overdue.

I'm getting a little tired of reporting the same story over and over: pandemic flight refunds that take forever and companies that can't or won't do the right thing by returning their customers' money in a timely fashion. As you might know, I write a companion column called the Travel Troubleshooter that deals

exclusively with travel issues. I'm writing about this airline refund case to warn readers about this issue and to help them fix it.

And if the escalation to an executive doesn't work? A trip to small claims court, a credit card dispute - or an email to yours truly - can get things moving along.

I contacted Flight Network on your behalf. It reported that Corsair had processed your refund and would send the money back to you. Finally, many months after you were supposed to fly to Paris, you received the \$1,448 you spent on tickets.

Something tells me that this record wait for a refund won't stand for long, given the ongoing pandemic.

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to my community and help the newer businesses experience the same warmth and welcome as I did."

2022 Secretary Sara Shahmoradian, real estate agent at Compass, (818) 307-7898. "I'm excited to be taking a new position as secretary for the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. My intention is to keep us organized and to be consistent. My vision is to hopefully improve the structure of the chamber so we can grow and gain more members this year!"

Plan to meet the new executive board while you network and mingle at the next mixer!

Meet the newest business members of the MVCC:

State Farm Insurance, Agent Sati Soukhian – Whether you are looking for home insurance, auto insurance, life insurance, or any other State Farm product, she would be happy to find the right insurance coverage for you. (818) 306-5748.

Eye Love Co. – Sue is a master lash artist. She specializes in high-quality, luxury lash extensions and lash lifts. She also offers private and semi-private training. (213) 281-1411.

Sunbright Education – Founded with the goal of helping students reach their full potential and achieve their learning goals through different programs. (800) 243-1968.

Think Real Estate, Agent Nicole Schlueter – Her years of full-time experience have given her a clear understanding of the mindset of home buyers and sellers and a thorough understanding of the regional marketplace. (760) 420-5181.

Flintridge Physical Therapy – This movement enhancement center provides clients with expert knowledge to gain maximum strength, mobility and endurance. adarbidi@gmail.com

...and welcoming back renewing members:

Ashley Walker Photography – This natural light photographer in La Crescenta specializes in maternity, newborn, sitter, customized cake smashes, child and family portraits. ashley@ashleywalkerphotography.com.

Arkto's Wealth Management – A certified financial planner, their compensation method is disclosed upfront to avoid surprises, and clients can rest assured they are paying a fair price for services received. (818) 249-4984.

Montrose Pet Hospital – Their goal is to provide you and your pets with the best veterinary experience possible. (818) 249-2273.

Ken Daniels Automotive – Providing comprehensive auto repair service in Glendale since 1965. (818) 249-2886.

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to serving her community. She demonstrates this through involvement in her church (St. Bede Confirmation Program and Christians in Action) and community (La Cañada Tournament of Roses Association), as well as multiple extra-curricular activities including a part-time job in a hair salon, athletics (volleyball) and the urban dance team. She has been able to maintain a near perfect GPA. Bednar has been accepted to the Trojan Transfer Program and will be transferring to USC in the fall of 2022, working towards a degree in broadcast journalism.

CAP members participate in five philanthropic programs. In addition to the Scholarship Program, CAP administers Cappy Bears, SPROUTS, and CAP Care PACs, and works with ALF on Operation School Bell. CAP philanthropies are supported by sales in the Bargain Box, ALF's thrift shop.

To learn more about Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals, CAP philanthropic programs, social activities and membership, visit ALFlintridge.org or call (818) 790-1328.

CAP is now accepting scholarship applications from students who will be attending a two-year college or an accredited occupational program in the fall of 2021. The application deadline is May 7, 2022.

Applications are available online at alflintridge.org or may be obtained from counselors and/or scholarship staff at applicants' schools.

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MVCC and Member Updates/Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 17 – The MVCC 2nd Annual Easter "Egg My Home." Let the MVCC scatter eggs on your lawn early Easter morning for a fun surprise for your kids, grandkids or even adult neighbors. A few golden eggs will

have a big surprise. Who will be the lucky winners? Open to Montrose, La Crescenta, La Cañada and Glendale. Orders can be placed at bit.ly/MVCCbunny until April 11.

Wednesday, May 18 at 6 p.m. – MVCC joint mixer with the CV Chamber of Commerce hosted at the La Crescenta Woman's Club, 4004 La Crescenta Ave. There will be chances to win prizes through opportunity drawings at the end of the night! Admission: Chamber members \$10, guests \$15.

Sunday, July 24 – The 7th Annual Montrose Craft Beer Fest. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.com. If you are a brewery or a local business interested in participating, showcasing your business, or sponsoring our upcoming events, reach out to events.mvcc@gmail.com.

Special Thank Yous:

To our "MVCC Egg My Home" partner, the Glendale Police Dept., and sponsors for making this wonderful Easter event possible again this year we thank: The YMCA of the Foothills, J's Maids, Verdugo Plumbing, Spiritual Heart Yoga Center, Nettechy and CV Weekly.

Mavil Aghadjanian
MVCC Executive Director

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Senator Portantino dedicated to Rockhaven has reinvigorated hopes that the property will be turned into a public space. Linkhorst shared her hopes for the 3.5-acre site. Among them is the creation of California native demonstration gardens with display plaques and, in a nod to its beginnings, a medical instrument museum.

"I would also like the historical society to have a presence," she said. She mentioned the importance of having input from NAMI – the National Alliance on Mental Illness – regarding rest, rehab and healing.

She said she would like to see art being created, yoga parties, weddings; in essence, having life brought back to Rockhaven.

To raise awareness of the site and the various types of programs she envisions for the property, Linkhorst, with the Friends of Rockhaven, is hosting an art fair on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. There will be 23 artists featured and items for sale include paintings, prints, jewelry, clothing, crochet items and ceramics. NAMI is expected to have an information booth there as well. There is no entrance fee to attend.

Linkhorst said it has been a tumultuous journey getting to this point but is grateful to those who have worked so hard for Rockhaven.

"Many thanks are extended to the City Council of Glendale for seizing this opportunity and being as excited about the possibilities as we are," she said.

To learn more about Friends of Rockhaven, visit <https://www.friendsofrockhaven.org/>.

To learn more about the La Crescenta Woman's Club, including meeting dates and times, visit <https://lacscentawomansclub.org>.

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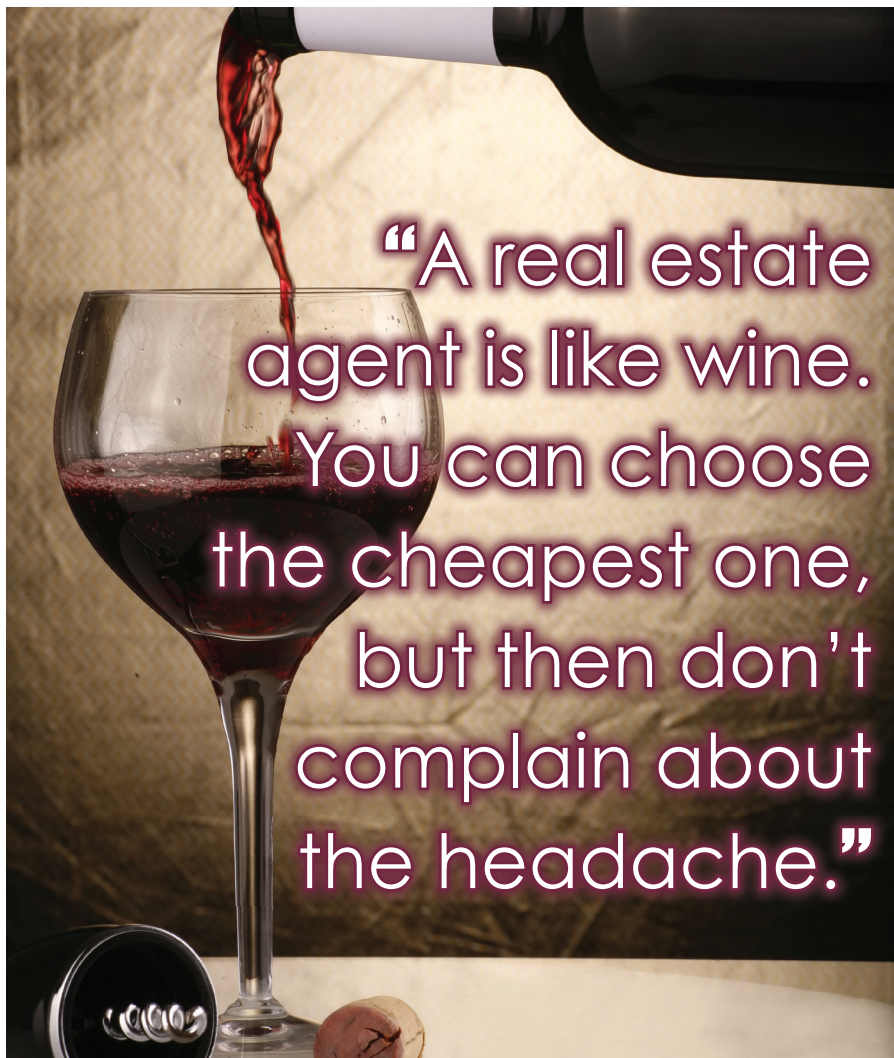
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03/06/2022 - Sandra Titcomb
Sold a Single Family home in 2021 in La Canada Flintridge, CA.

Phyllis is an Amazing agent and person. She went above and beyond helping me sell my Aunts home during a very difficult time in my life. She was my strength at that time. Her knowledge and compassion and Amazing team helped me with way more than just selling the house. I'm so thankful for them all!!!!!!

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03/04/2022 - aimeeoneill1995
Sold a Single Family home in 2022 in Pasadena, CA.

I can't explain how amazing Phyllis was at helping me sell my grandmothers house. Phyllis has been in this business for a long time and her experience and expertise definitely shone through and proved that she is an amazing real estate agent. My grandmother passed away last year and we were trying to sell her house through her estate. The original real estate agent we had was absolutely awful. They couldn't figure out the paperwork or respond when called, texted, or emailed. Phyllis immediately had the paperwork ready when we switched to her. I almost never had to contact her as Phyllis would email me almost every other day with updates on what part of the selling process we were in. As we entered escrow, Phyllis made sure to call me frequently to keep me updated and explain everything that was happening as we went along. I can't put into words how easy she made this process and how much faith we had in her while selling this house. I 100% suggest anyone looking to sell or purchase a home to use Phyllis and her team.



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