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Notable Groups Recognized by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council started its weekly meeting on Tuesday night by recognizing frontline emergency medical workers during EMS Week.

"You never really appreciate the EMS service until you need it," said Councilmember Ara Najarian. "Their service is truly what helps make Glendale the premier city that it is. We can sleep safer because of them. That's why my parents moved from La Cañada to Glendale."

Additionally, the council recognized Older American Month and Public Works Week.

Next, the council approved the schedule of meetings for the coming year. Adopted three or more years ago, the council historically skips one meeting each month.

Councilmember Najarian sought to "clear up misinformation out there and on social media that I'm doing this to 'pay off staff' – it's not a free day; staff continues their work. There's a lot of stupidity out there and we need to call that sort of misinformation when the opportunity arises."

"Dark days are scheduled and, as mayor, I plan on scheduling a summer recess as well. It gives staff a chance to catch up with everything we've asked them to report back on," Mayor Ardy Kassakhian said, holding up a double-sided page of those requests. "We're running the city and the public still has the opportunity to meet with us."

Councilmember Dan Brotman reported on a concern raised by people in the Rossmoyne neighborhood regarding "vehicle safety issues along Glenoaks." Brotman quoted an email signed by 21 households noting that the 2012 Bicycle Transportation Plan called for bike lanes on Glenoaks Boulevard between Geneva and Louise streets and that, when the street was repaved in 2017, the city failed to include the promised bike lanes. Now the community wants the situation

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Prom Plus: Past, Present and Future

By Mary O'KEEFE

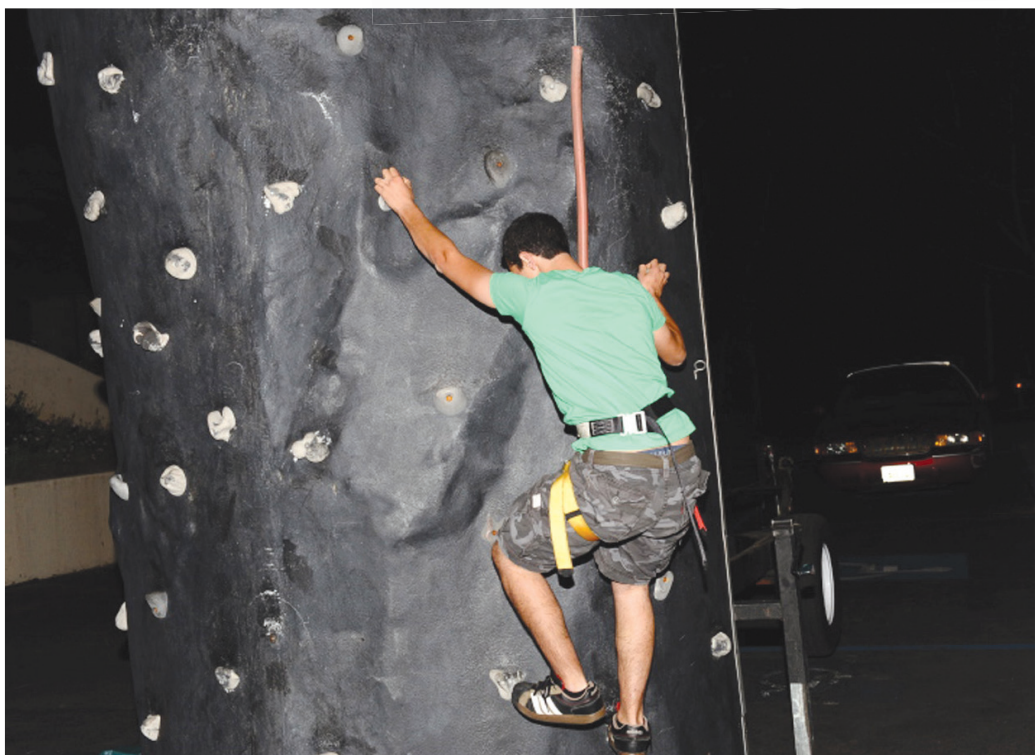
Prom Plus has been a part of Crescenta Valley for almost three decades. Its tagline "Saving Lives One Prom at a Time" basically states it all.

Prom is one of those nights that is exciting and worrisome. For seniors it is part of a ritual that has lasted generations. It signals the start of their future beyond high school. It is a time to celebrate these last precious moments with friends – many of whom they have known throughout their entire school years.

For parents and guardians, it can be a time of great joy mixed with concern –they understand their young adults will be stretching their wings and, in some cases, boundaries as they dress in their finest and go off to the dance.

For 28 years Prom Plus has offered Crescenta Valley High School seniors and their guests a safer alternative to after-prom parties. With an army of volunteers and supporters, the Prom Plus organization transforms the Crescenta Cañada YMCA – this year on June 4/5 – into an after-prom oasis that offers everything from a zip line to a full casino to keep the party atmosphere going long after the last dance.

"I have been a part of Prom Plus since I attended Prom Plus when I was 17 years old and



File photo

A climbing wall is just one of the many activities that CVHS seniors can enjoy at Prom Plus.

myself a [CVHS] senior," said Joy McCreary, who is now the president of Prom Plus. "Since then I have continued to watch Prom Plus be such an exemplary part of our community and continue to provide a safe after-prom party for all seniors at Crescenta Valley High School, year after year. My younger brother, younger sister, and my older sister have all attended Prom Plus. Prom Plus has been a staple in our family for decades."

As a CVHS student McCreary was an active member of the Associated Student Body, including serving as ASB president. She also served on the Glendale Unified School District board as the student representative. She was active in PTSA and was a part of the school's Prom Plus Club. She is now a teacher with Los Angeles Unified School District.

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Parents, Teachers and Students have Clash of Words at GUSD Meeting

By Justin HAGER

Dozens of parents, teachers, and students packed the Glendale Unified School District board meeting on Tuesday night, May 3, to speak their minds on the application of a 10-year-old state law that mandates the teaching of contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people into educational textbooks and the social studies curricula in California public schools.

The controversy over the curriculum started approximately two months ago when a parent removed his/her third grade child from an online lesson that discussed sexual orientation and gender identity that included a reference to nudity and feelings of sexual attraction. Parents then filed a public records request for all of the materials in the curriculum and email communications related to the curriculum. Shortly after the public

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Photo by Justin HAGER

Students and GTA members stand in solidarity as teacher Tammy Tiber speaks at the GUSD board meeting on the night of May 3.



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Taste of Montrose

As I promised in last week's column, I'm going to share with you the topper of two weekends ago: Sunday's exciting day along Honolulu Avenue.

After being quiet for two years due to the pandemic, Honolulu Avenue came alive on Sunday, May 1 when the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. hosted the annual Kids N Kritters event. The avenue was crowded with folks buying fresh goods from the Harvest Market, families enjoying the exotic animals that were brought out for the day and kids having fun on the various inflatables. But, to me at least, the highlight of the day was Taste of Montrose.

This fundraiser, which benefits Prom Plus, is one of my favorites. It gives an opportunity to local restaurants to showcase their fare while allowing folks to purchase a wristband to try these delicious goods. This year's participating restaurants – Seasoning Alley, Froyo Life, Big Mama's & Papa's Pizza, Alissa's Ocean View, Gus & Andy's, New Moon, Thee Elbow Room, the Stonebarn Vineyard Conservancy and even a catering truck from Papua Coffee – provided ticketholders with tastes of some of the best food in town. In addition, Montrose Town Kitchen & Grill donated \$20 gift certificates to their restaurant so ticketholders could circle back and try their food another time (they're closed on Sunday afternoons so couldn't participate. Likewise toasted offered discounts to ticketholders who purchased a meal on Sunday).

I am so grateful to everyone who participated, whether by providing tasty bites, discounts and coupons or who bought a ticket. The Taste of Montrose is a big fundraiser for Prom Plus and, like Mary O'Keefe's story on the cover states, Prom Plus hasn't been able to have many fundraisers these past two years. Taste of Montrose (and the generosity of local friends and businesses) is making up that shortfall. Mary's article details some of the history of the 28-year-old organization and shares some of the changes that are being implemented. It's an exciting time and I'm proud to be a part of it.

On page 19 you can find out how to donate time, money or whatever other assistance you want to offer the Prom Plus event, which is being held on June 4/5 at the YMCA in La Cañada. Being the tech savvy team that we are, we've created a SignUp Genius that outlines what the needs are and how people can address them (donating product, helping out during Prom Plus, etc.). The link for that is <https://tinyurl.com/PP2022SignUp>.

I'll be at the Y on June 4/5 and I'd love to see you there, too! And, as always, thank you for supporting Prom Plus.

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Weather in the Foothills

"But tomorrow may rain, so I'll follow the sun."
The Beatles, "I'll Follow The Sun," 1964

Summer is making its annual entrance; the skies are clear with warm winds a blowing. Once it settles in, it's here until October. Mild summer evenings bring many of us outdoors – maybe into the local mountains. You are not alone, though; you are being watched!

What in the world? Is it some kind of racoon, a lemur or a species of marsupial from down under? Apparently these critters live in our surrounding mountains. Even though this eye-catching omnivore sports a few vaguely feline characteristics, such as pointy ears, a sleek body and a fluffy tail, the ringtail is really a member of the raccoon family. They remain unnoticed until nightfall

Its cat-like appearance and famed mouse-hunting skills have earned it several common names including ringtail cat, civet cat, and miner's cat (it reportedly kept gold miners' quarters vermin-free). This animal of which we speak is the ringtail cat. It has one of the cutest faces in the animal world.

Ringtail cats often inhabit ecosystems such as oak forests, chaparral, deserts and rocky canyons. Because these ecosystems are normally hot arid areas with little available water during most seasons, ringtail cats are specially adapted to overcome these challenges. Ringtails are nocturnal so that they are most active when the air is cooler and they rest in their dens during the heat of the day. Ringtails do not construct their own dens because they constantly move every two to three days to avoid predators. Rather, they attempt to find shelter in rock crevices, hollow trees, logs or beneath dense shrubs. In order to overcome water stress, ringtails are incredibly water efficient and produce very little liquid waste.

Cooler than normal temperatures are expected through Thursday. There will be areas of gusty northerly winds and sunowner winds through Friday morning. Temperatures will begin to warm as high pressure aloft builds in for later in the week. A significant warm up is on tap for the weekend, then a cooling trend is expected for early next week. The final days (when it may rain) are slipping into summer, a time when the weather forecast holds barely a drop.

But "Here comes the sun ... and it's all right. Sun, sun, sun – here it comes."
– *The Beatles*

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants that pose a fire danger to the Preserve. 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.

PRAYER BREAKFAST PLANNED

The community is invited to the annual CV Prayer Breakfast being held on Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion Memorial Hall. Special keynote speaker is Vince Iuculano, CEO of the YMCA of the Foothills; he will be speaking on "Our Youth: Rejoicing in Hope."

Doors open at 7 a.m.; the cost is a \$30 donation; children and students can attend for free. This event is organized by the CV Town Council with proceeds benefiting CV student scholarships.

American Legion Memorial Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

VENDOR AUCTION KICKS OFF

Tomorrow, Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m., the CV Chamber of Commerce kicks off its vendors' silent auction. A variety of items will be up for bid including a one-year family membership to the YMCA of the Foothills, gift baskets and even an oak cabinet.

A preview of auction items is at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13. The preview can be watched live and will also be recorded. That recording will be played for two weeks on the Chamber's Facebook and YouTube sites until the auction ends on Friday, May 27. The auction can be found at 32auctions.com after 6 p.m. on Friday night, May 13. To find the auction and to start bidding, visit www.32auctions.com.

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS AT CV PARK

The Balcony of LA is hosting community movie nights in CV Park every other Saturday throughout the summer. The next one is Saturday, May 14; the film "The Mitchells vs. The Machines" will be screened.

This event is family-friendly and free to all. There will also be an ice cream truck and taco truck on-site. Food starts at 7 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.

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

Nurses Recognized at USC-VHH

By Bethany Brown

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital celebrated National Nurses Week (May 6 to May 12) by hosting wellness events, music concerts, continuing education and professional development opportunities. It also held recognition ceremonies for nurses' professional contributions and clinical achievements. The intent was to recognize in-house nurses for their many sacrifices and contributions.

Two well-respected nursing professionals – Dr. Maria O'Rourke and Lauren Wright – have been on-site offering their expertise and support. Dr. O'Rourke was instrumental in rewriting the California Nursing Practice Act in 1974 and has presented extensively on her Role-Driven Practice theory at regional and national venues. Wright is CEO and founder of The Natural Nipple, a 3D printing nipple company, and is a multi-million dollar recipient of government funding for small business innovation research.

"These events contribute to the ongoing efforts within the nursing division to build expert practitioners, compassionate clinical educators, evidence-based leaders and patient-centered innovators," said Leah Korkis, (MSN, RN, AGCNS), director of Clinical Education and Nursing Excellence at USC-VHH.

Korkis emphasized that the celebratory week always means a lot to the nurses but more so this year after the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, she extended her gratitude for the people in the community who have continuously offered compassion and encouraged the care team to continue to serve in times of uncertainty.

"It was a difficult time," she said. "We were being pulled into different roles, working tirelessly, and it just became about sustaining our team and ourselves at that point. We were blown away by the outpouring of community support; it really kept us going." She recalled people bringing flowers, food and shampoo/conditioner so that staff could shower before going home to their families.

"And now, during Nurses Week, we're seeing reputable speakers come out and want to continue to lift us up by speaking into the hearts and souls of our nurses to reclaim their hope and spirit for this profession and this calling. We just can't thank enough those who have seen us," Korkis said.

Ashley Kimmel, (BSN, RN), manager of Clinical Education and Nursing Excellence, echoed Korkis' gratitude and said the best part about Nurses Week is that it brings everybody together and highlights the value that the care team brings to the hospital.

"No matter what area or specialty we work in, it does a great job at unifying us and reminding us that we're all in this together," she said. "It takes every single one of us to provide the best care for our patients and community."

Kimmel added that it has been interesting to watch their roles as nurses evolve during the pandemic and to come together in a week of celebration is as refreshing as it is important when it comes to recognizing the unwavering strength the team has shown.

"COVID really propelled us in a different direction that I don't think we were ready or prepared for but, because we are nurses, because we have that inner strength and ability to adapt quickly to situations, we saw ourselves excel in a way I don't think we would have without the pandemic," Kimmel said. "We were forced into a position of persevering through the unknown, and we could not have done it without each other."

Both Korkis and Kimmel have observed an increase in applicants for the RN New Grad Residency Program since the onset of the pandemic, which they are overjoyed about because the response wasn't expected.

The 18-week program is designed to help graduate nurses transition into professional nurses while enhancing clinical competence. Participants develop clinical proficiency through supervised clinical experience, with an emphasis on clinical application, in the hospital setting. It is designed around the goal of providing a nurturing, enriching environment where new RNs can safely and effectively care for patients independently.

"The strain that has been put on nurses these last few years is tremendous; so to see not only so many of us still here, but to see so many newly graduated students express a passion and desire to get into the field and work alongside us despite all that has happened ... it has been incredibly moving to see," Korkis said.

According to Korkis, the goal with the program is to empower the students and give them the knowledge and skills to be able to do their jobs well and provide the best care for patients. She feels



Photo provided by USC-VHH
USC-VHH April 2021 Nurse
Residency Program graduates.

fortunate that at USC-VHH there is a strong administration team, a consistency in messaging and a vast support system, among others positive aspects.

Kimmel said the growing interest is also appreciated because the students know what they're getting into but still want to serve others, even if it means potentially risking their own health and/or comfort to do so.

"They know the potential of this career choice is to be committed in a way that you would have to push through and practice in an environment within uncertainty," she said. "Nursing truly is a profession as much as it is a calling."

Aliana Di Piazza – a third generation nurse who grew up in the Crescenta Valley and a January 2022 graduate of the New Graduate Program – said she was "blown away" by the amount of support extended to her from the entire hospital staff, as well as from the community, as she navigated through the program during a pandemic.

"It was a great introduction to the hospital and the world of nursing," she said. "We were able to work in the units that interested us and develop such strong support systems outside of our regular units with other new grads and staff. Overall, it really helped to make us feel comfortable in what we're doing as well as make us feel safe during the pandemic."

Di Piazza said her experience in the program only solidified that she made the right career choice and furthered her deeply rooted passion for serving others, shared by her mother and grandmother before her. Specifically, she said she has always felt a pull towards women's health. Fortunately, a position opened in that unit shortly after her program's completion and she was brought on full time. Her goal is to transition from postpartum to labor and delivery.

"It's a great feeling to come back to my roots," she said, referring to her birth at the hospital in 1999 and that her mother started her own career there decades ago. "Everybody is so friendly and helpful, and I certainly feel seen and appreciated every single day. It's a small enough hospital where you get to see familiar faces that can just brighten even the hardest of days; you don't feel like you're getting swallowed in or lost in the shuffle of things."

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ELECTIONS 2022

The Candidates Respond

In our ongoing efforts to better acquaint our readers with the candidates they'll be voting on in June, CV Weekly posed three questions to each of the

candidates running for U.S. Representative for Districts 28 and 30. Note that we may have had to limit their responses due to space limitations. Candidates' responses are listed alphabetically by first name.

To learn more about each candidate consider visiting their websites.

1) *Given the realities of politics and the legislative process what do you believe you can realistically accomplish, if elected, in your first/next term.*

2) *What do you think the three most important issues facing our country? * Due to space limitations in the paper, candidates can just list the issues and not offer solutions.*

U.S.

Representative District 30

Adam Schiff

1. Since President Biden has taken office, the U.S. has created more than 8.3 million jobs and unemployment

has dropped to the lowest levels in decades. But inflation remains stubbornly high as a result of this rapid job growth, continuing supply chain problems, the war in Ukraine and price gouging by oil companies.

My top priority is to attack inflation by bringing supply chains back home and making products in America again, and by enacting legislation to pay for a gas tax holiday with a windfall profits tax on oil companies.

The federal government also urgently needs to invest more in solutions to the homelessness crisis, with approaches that really work to build more affordable housing. I also favor an Apollo-project-like effort to wean ourselves off of fossil fuels and attack climate change. We must continue to provide vaccines and treatments for COVID-19 so we can finally put the pandemic behind us. And Congress must enact Roe into law, so the Supreme Court cannot take away women's reproductive health and freedom.

This is a tall agenda, but with stronger democratic majorities in the House and Senate, all of this is possible, and more.

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Due to an error at CV Weekly, Representative Schiff's responses were not included in the May 5 edition.

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Get Ready to Vote

By Mary O'KEEFE

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The vote-by-mail ballot can either be returned via United States Post Office or can be dropped at an early voting site, which are available now through

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To find a list of vote-by-mail drop boxes, visit the county's website at tinyurl.com/yz79k6jk or visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

Senator Portantino's Bill to Curb Noise Pollution Passes Senate Judiciary Committee

By Mary O'KEEFE

Throughout the end of April and early this month Glendale police officers have made several arrests for reckless driving and racing. In a recent GPD release there were eight arrests from April 19 to May 9 concerning illegal speed contests and reckless driving.

In addition to speeding, the GPD Traffic Unit is citing drivers of vehicles with modified exhaust. The problem of modified exhausts is not only a Glendale issue but is a statewide concern. Recently State Senator Anthony Portantino's bill 1079 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Portantino introduced the bill that will monitor noise pollution by using sound activated devices. Streets for All, a nonprofit organization, is a sponsor of this bill.

"Although there are regulations in place for vehicles that contribute to harmful noise pollution, there is no universal procedure to monitor and enforce these restrictions," Portantino stated in a press release. "Loud modified exhaust

systems harm the health and wellbeing of those around them. SB 1079 is an effective way to reduce noise and pollution and improve the quality of life in our communities."

Noise pollution is an unwanted or disturbing sound that causes adverse reactions to humans and other living creatures. Loud noises in the street can disrupt walking or cycling and may lead to hearing loss. They also pose dangers to physical and cognitive health. Exposure to loud sounds has been shown to raise levels of stress hormones, including cortisol, adrenaline and noradrenaline. Chronically high levels of these hormones can impact heart disease, hypertension, stroke, immune responses and cognitive functioning, according to the statement.

SB 1079 would authorize local jurisdictions to use sound activated enforcement devices to capture vehicle noise levels that exceed legal limits. Under California Vehicle Code, exhaust noise is limited to 95 decibels (dbA) for vehicles and 80 dbA for motorcycles. However, vehicle

owners can install new exhaust systems or make other vehicle modifications that change the level of sound produced by their vehicle. These illegal modifications are accessible and easily installed at any in-home garage, resulting in much louder noise disruptions than would be allowed by law.

"Noise pollution is a public health hazard shown to increase risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, low birth weight and other physical, cognitive and emotional issues," stated Michael Schneider, founder of Streets for All. "SB 1079 would automatically enforce existing noise limits and combat the rise in noise from illegally modified mufflers while protecting vulnerable Californians. With a first violation warning, exemptions for those unable to pay the fines, buffer periods between violations, and allocating funds generated from tickets to implement traffic calming measures, this bill protects the privacy of all Californians and eliminates the risk of harm to those most vulnerable."

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"Every year I go and visit with her. I went to Lee's Summit, Missouri and had a great trip. It was cold and windy. "Take a look at the gas prices!"

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

Barricaded Suspect Keeps Rockdell Neighbors Inside Homes

By Bethany BROWN

During an investigation into an alleged assault with a firearm in Tujunga on Friday, Los Angeles Police Dept. identified a male suspect who led them to a La Crescenta neighborhood.

The initial call of an assault with a deadly weapon in Tujunga was made about noon. LAPD obtained

a search warrant and responded to the 2400 block of Rockdell Street about 3:30 p.m. and attempted to make contact with the suspect, who refused to exit the home.

The LAPD SWAT – Special Weapons And Tactics – team was called in and a standoff began. Due to the possibility that the suspect was armed the surrounding area was secured and some residents were evacuated while others were told to stay in their homes.

Todd Franklin, a Briggs Terrace resident and uniformed essential worker at Los Angeles County Medical Center’s Burn Unit, was told by officers that he could not leave.

“As a nurse trying to get to work, it is frustrating to be told you can’t pass through,” Franklin said. “But I understand the need for public safety and greatly appreciate law enforcement’s efforts to keep our community safe.”

Another neighbor who lives on Shields Street, just north of Rockdell Street, Chuck Weiss, reiterated Franklin’s frustration with the closure of Briggs Avenue.

“I got lucky because I was allowed to go up Briggs and make it home seconds before the police force-closed the road,” Weiss said. “I do know from talking with a lot of other neighbors in upper Briggs Terrace that this frustration was widespread. People felt like they were essentially trapped in their

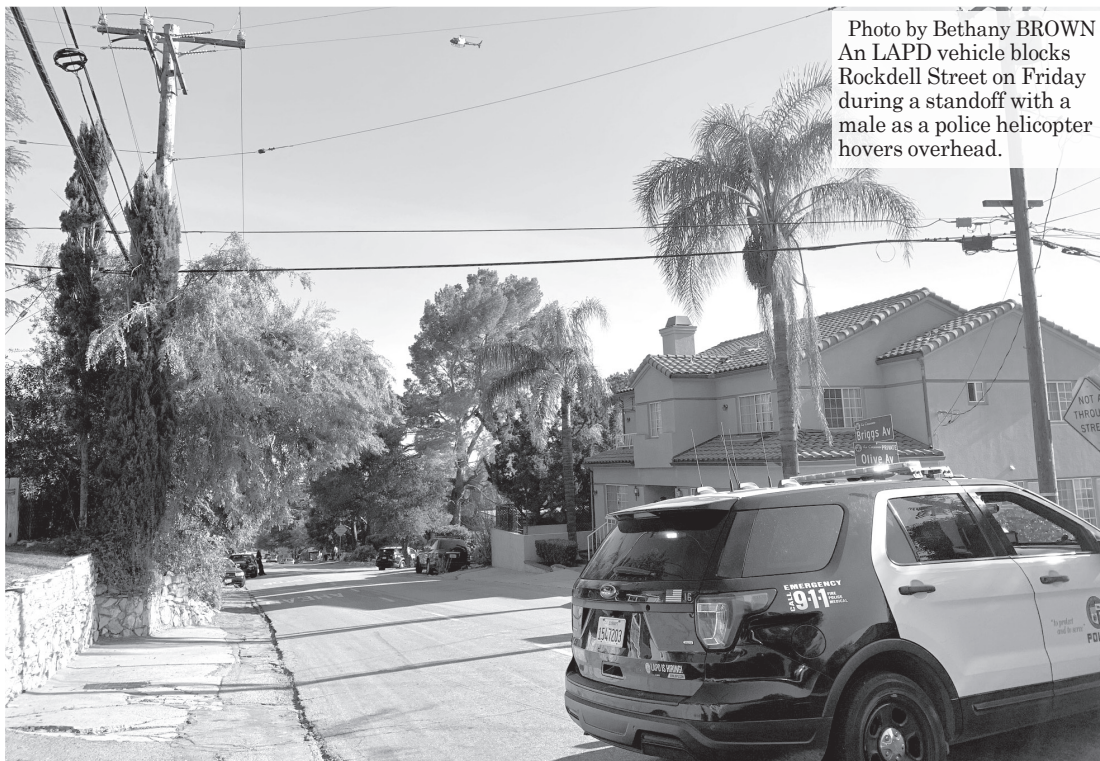


Photo by Bethany BROWN
An LAPD vehicle blocks Rockdell Street on Friday during a standoff with a male as a police helicopter hovers overhead.

homes and could not leave during the situation.”

After a three-hour long standoff, the suspect surrendered and was taken into custody without incident.

“He initially did not want to come outside, but he ultimately cooperated and exited the home,” Detective Bill Barretta said. “He acted on his own free

will after some time.”

Weiss said that, despite the frustrations due to the road blockage, he did feel very safe with such a strong police presence addressing the situation and was grateful that it unfolded peacefully. He stressed that he would always much rather local law enforcement err on the side of being cautious

than to be unprepared if the suspect decided to fire weapons at officers on the scene or at any potential bystanders.

As of press time, LAPD is not releasing any information concerning the arrest or the name of the man.

Mary O’Keefe contributed to this story.

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CRIME BLOTTER

May 7
2100 Lyans Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a sliding glass door was broken, rooms were ransacked and items were stolen from a home between 1:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

2300 block of Teasly Street in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a call concerning a “proowler” at a home. The resident reported seeing two men, one in a blue hooded sweatshirt and the other in a white hooded sweatshirt, in his backyard. One of the men looked into the home’s window.
The resident yelled and both suspects fled. The incident occurred at 1:39 p.m.

May 6
200 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she ran out of gas in her vehicle while driving to a family’s residence. She pulled into the driveway at the La Cañada location and called roadside services to help. An unknown male in a tow truck arrived and poured two gallons of gasoline into the vehicle; however, the car did not start. The woman told the tow truck driver she needed more fuel to start the car and was willing to pay for it. She admitted to making some “snarky” comments, which she thinks may have upset the tow truck driver. The woman was unable to describe the truck. The driver told the woman he would not provide more services and was going to leave. The driver gave her his first name but she was unable to remember it. The driver told her she was allowed to take a picture and advised her to take a photo of his front license plate. The truck did not have a front license plate. While the woman walked to the back of the truck to take a photo of the license plate the driver began to back away. She grabbed onto the tow truck and the driver then pulled forward. The woman was still holding onto the truck in an attempt to stop the vehicle from moving and felt she was dragged by the driver.
The incident occurred at 12:02 a.m.

4500 block of Lone Pine Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to an alarm activation. They discovered a glass window had been shattered and a door was unlocked. The resident was certain it was locked prior to leaving the location. Nothing was

reported stolen.
The residential burglary occurred between 11:40 a.m. and 12:26 p.m.

May 5
2600 block of Prospect Avenue in La Crescenta, while inside his home a resident heard his alarm system notifying him a door at the residence had been opened. He walked toward the open door and yelled but did not see anyone inside the room. He then opened the door and saw an adult male run out of his garage into a waiting four-door black sedan that was parked near the residence. He believed the man was running from the room where the alarm was triggered. Surveillance footage revealed a black male adult wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, white sneakers and a white surgical mask run into the residence’s open garage. The male then exited the garage a short time later and ran toward a dark colored Honda sedan.
The incident occurred at 2:42 p.m.

800 block of Milmda Drive in La Cañada, several personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Surveillance footage revealed a person about 5’10” tall, weighing about 170 lbs. walking toward the victim’s residence. The suspect opened the driver’s side door of the vehicle and “rummaged” through the interior. The suspect then opened the vehicle’s trunk and removed items from that area.
The vehicle burglary occurred at 1:35 a.m.

4800 block of Commonwealth Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, numerous personal items, including personal information and credit cards, were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. It was discovered the credit cards had been fraudulently used to purchase items. Surveillance footage revealed a suspect described as a white male approach and tamper with one of the vehicles parked near the residence. The suspect opened the unlocked door of another vehicle, entered and began to rummage through the interior of the car.
The vehicle burglary occurred at 12:30 p.m.

April 27
4300 block of Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, a package containing medical supplies was stolen from the front door of a residence between April 27-30.

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rectified, with attention to calming traffic and increasing safety along the segment of road. According to Brotman, the neighborhood has been told that since the city is not planning on repaving the street, they will need to wait, perhaps years, for the improvements. He suggested that staff estimate the cost of the bike lanes extending to Brand Boulevard. Najarian suggested extending the analysis to Central Avenue “to connect to our BRT’s dedicated bike lanes another block further west.”

May is Bike Month and Thursday, May 19 has been designated as Bike To Work Day. Councilmember Najarian announced during the week of May 16 that Metrolink is offering free rides to anyone with a bicycle: “We have special bike cars,” he shared.

Next, the council approved a five-year service agreement costing up to \$3 million to purchase modern electric meters.

As reported by Glendale staff, “In 2009, GWP performed an extensive evaluation and testing process through an RFP and ultimately chose Itron Electric Meters as the GWP standard for its AMI electric

meter infrastructure. In 2012, approximately 88,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters were replaced with Itron Electric Meters as part of GWP’s Grid Modernization Project. Itron Electric Meters can be read remotely and provide revenue loss detection, real-time consumption information, demand, current and voltage information. The meters can also provide customers with information about their daily electric usage.”

Then the council reviewed and okayed a list of projects funded by the SB 1 and state gas tax, including the construction or reconstruction of more than 100 curb ramps to improve pedestrian safety and comply with federal guidelines in the Americans with Disabilities Act; selective sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs; and crack-sealing of road pavement. The active transportation elements of the list, estimated at 35%-40% of the projects, include the installation of bump-outs and high-visibility crosswalks, and improved signage and striping. The South Verdugo Road street improvements project calls for extensive grinding

and repaving of 1.2 miles of South Verdugo Road between Colorado Street and the southernmost border of Glendale. The project also includes a study of protected bike lanes.

Next, the council authorized spending \$276,874 to upgrade two emergency power generators backing up the police building, and approved the standardization of Taser 7s in the police department

and the purchase of new Tasers from Axon Enterprise, Inc., the only approved manufacturer of the devices.

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GUSD from Cover

records request, 34-year veteran teacher Tammy Tiber began receiving threats over the curriculum.

The threats intensified as far-right wing extremist news outlets picked up the story and began branding the curriculum as “child sexual grooming,” leading to the mass publication of the teacher’s name, email and other personally identifiable information. One month ago, Tiber was removed from her classroom without warning to help ensure her safety and the safety of her students.

The controversy quickly escalated into a battle over far more than just the specific content of the curriculum leading Tuesday night’s board meeting to have all of the hallmarks of a culture war pitting parents with more conservative beliefs on sexual orientation and gender identity against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other non-conforming students (LGBTQ+) and representatives of the Glendale Teachers Association (GTA).

Teachers and LGBTQ+ students spoke at the meeting about the necessity of the curriculum for creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students. They pointed to bullying, a refusal to respect requests for

proper pronoun and name usage, and the regularity with which slurs are still routinely hurled around school campuses. In interviews after the meeting, LGBTQ+ students and their parents noted that it was not their kids bringing sexual orientation into the classroom, but rather the bullies who refuse to relent in their torment of LGBTQ+ students. One student said he believes the curriculum and education is necessary, even among younger students, because they say hateful words and phrases without understanding what they mean or the impact they have on LGBTQ+ people.

Teachers noted that the curriculum is mandated by state standards such as the FAIR Education Act. They also called upon the school board to do more to address the harassment and threats against teachers trying to do their jobs, with Tiber saying that she is “heartbroken by the fact that she was ripped from her students, without warning, and without being able to say goodbye.”

Other parents, however, expressed concerns about the curriculum, its age appropriateness, whether teachers had the training or expertise to deliver the curriculum and the transparency of schools

and the district in sharing the content of the curriculum so parents could make informed choices about their child’s participation. The perspectives varied based on the specific parent with several parents asking for nothing more than greater transparency and advance notification of sexual orientation and gender identity education so that they could engage in conversations with their children in advance. Other parents, though, were more extreme with one going so far as to call on the board to eliminate education on sexual orientation, gender spectrum and gender identity altogether, saying that it has no place in public schools. It should be noted that state law does not provide an opt-out option for either the district or parents with regard to FAIR Act curriculum.

For the most part the meeting was civil, although there were several instances in which advocates for LGBTQ+ people referred to the opposing parents as “bigots.” One attendee even stuck her middle finger up at the group of parents as she left the room.

This is an ongoing story and will be updated as more information becomes available.

PROM PLUS from Cover

“Being president of Prom Plus is such a culmination of community service for me. I’ve been involved with Prom Plus since I [was] in high school and now that I can do it as an adult and as an alumna makes it all the more rewarding,” McCreary said.

Prom Plus started as a grassroots effort by parents and community members after the murder of a CVHS senior in 1991. Senior Berlyn Cosman and some fellow classmates attended an unsupervised after-prom party at an Anaheim hotel. Berlyn was asleep when a young man, who was 19 at the time and who was also from the Crescenta Valley area, shot and killed her. The loss rocked the CV community in many ways. The founding members of Prom Plus wanted to do something to support students by giving them an alternative to an unsupervised after prom party.

“I think Prom Plus is relevant today, now more than ever,” McCreary added. “At a time when we are reconnecting with our community and solidifying our community values, it makes it all the more important for us to prioritize having a safe, inclusive place for seniors to go.”

Past Prom Plus President Robin Goldsworthy got involved with the organization in 1999, only five years after it was founded.

“I was recruited by [Prom Plus] founding member Marian Mirsky who was manning a table at a Back to School function,” Goldsworthy said.

Mirsky was known as the “grandma” of CVHS. She shared

the importance of Prom Plus with everyone she met and was a tireless outreach supporter.

Prom Plus was constant but at one point the numbers of those attending began to drop. Under Goldsworthy’s leadership kids got involved with the organization with the formation of Prom Plus Club at the high school. Outreach and new ideas for fundraising continued under her leadership including the Taste of Montrose and the annual holiday boutique.

“Seeing the number of attendees increase over the years demonstrates that there is an ongoing need for an event like Prom Plus. The fact that so many students make Prom Plus a part of their prom night plans justifies the amount of work that is put into the event by volunteers and reminds me of its importance,” she said.

But after over 20 years at the helm, Goldsworthy decided to step down as president, although she remains past president, volunteer and organizer.

“I stepped back from Prom Plus as its president to make room for the parents whose kids are in the school system and who want to be a part of such a dynamic organization. I’m excited to see in what direction the new leadership, specifically under its new president Joy McCreary, will move this 28-year organization,” Goldsworthy added.

For most of its history, the Prom Plus event has been held at the Crescenta Cañada YMCA, thanks to the generosity of its board, but support is community – and county – wide.

Each year the organization raises funds to pay for the party that includes a full casino and lots of food and games like a zipline, mechanical bull, bungee run, bungee jump and much more. Prom Plus also gathers gifts for opportunity drawings for seniors that can help them in their future whether they attend college, trade school, workforce or just take a gap year.

Like most non-profits, the pandemic has been a blow to the Prom Plus not only for fundraising but, more importantly, with outreach efforts. It is important to get the word out to those who can donate and volunteer their time and to the seniors who are invited to attend Prom Plus.

“To keep the organization growing and, frankly, afloat particularly in a COVID-world we definitely need volunteers. We need volunteers for fundraisers, for the events, for supervision – all of it,” McCreary said. “We would love to keep providing this event for all CV seniors, but we can’t without the support of our community. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating: please contact us at info@promplus.org or just send me a text/call at (818) 967-9032.”

Many things have changed over the last 28 years but the one constant is teenagers and prom night.

“The issues of safety transcend time so having a safe, supervised [event] to celebrate being a senior is, of course, still of paramount importance,” McCreary added.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Memories of Norma Quinn Potter – Part 3

A few weeks ago I began a series on the memories of Norma Quinn Potter, who moved to the valley as a kid in 1931. Norma today is a bright, charming woman and she was a charming kid. She wrote about her childhood in an essay she titled "It's All About Me!" and I'm quoting directly from that.

Last week we learned that Norma survived unscathed the New Year's Flood of 1934. We pick up her narrative in 1934/1935, which turned out to be tough years for dogs, as you'll see. I'll insert my comments in [brackets].

Norma writes: "The yearly trips to Oregon [to visit Grandma's farm] were always something Jeanne [sister] and I looked forward to. We would save our nickels all year so when Mother stopped in a few

towns along the way we would buy what was called Big Little Books. The reading kept us busy and quiet for hours of boring travel. We also had that special back seat shelf that Uncle Bub made for us to play on while traveling.

"The dog we had during this time was a wire-haired terrier named Scorchy. Whenever Jeanne and I would sit down to play at the piano, we would say 'Sing, Scorchy, sing' and he would point his nose in the air and sing (or howl – your choice) while we played. He had a grumpy disposition and didn't like me at all. He got along with Jeanne okay but he would chase me up on the piano bench with a mean look in his eyes. After he bit the mailman, we never saw him again. The folks never did say what they did with him.

"My outstanding memory of this particular house has to be the tree in the backyard. I don't know what kind of tree it was but it had a swing and was easy to climb. Jeanne tried but she was never able to do it so it became my special place. I would climb up high and take my drawings and trinkets and leave them in a notch where only I would be able to reach them. Looking back I think it may have been a way of fulfilling a need to have a space of my own. Since the day I was born, I always shared Mama's [Grandmother's] bedroom, bed and closet, and Jeanne's toys, friends and bath. This tree was mine!

"In 1933 we moved to the Keith house at 2828 Altura. [This house looks nearly identical today.] We all loved this house! It had a circle

drive clear around the house, a large covered front porch with pillars, and was completely surrounded by vacant lots. We had plenty of room to ride our broomstick horses, dig in the dirt to make our houses, sleep outside in the summer, raise our chickens and goats and had more fun friends to play with. As soon as we were settled, Pop built another large and very beautiful fish pond [as he had done at the previous house]. I guess this was his way of marking his territory.

"We also had a long legged ugly dog that Pop named Oleopercamorphum. It was the longest word in the pharmaceutical dictionary [Pop was a pharmacist], and we called him Ole. He didn't stay long. He probably ran away from that name.

"We had a half basement under the house and it was a great place to hang out and play our hand-cranked Victor phonograph. Jeanne and I chose this venue to try our first cigarette. We snatched one from Pop's pack and lit up. Ugh! As soon as we went back in the house, Mama let us know that the 'Tell Birds' had let her in on our stinky adventure. We assured her that we did not like it at all and would not be doing that again. We escaped punishment as she let our bitter tasting tongues take care of it."

Classic and timeless childhood memories of old La Crescenta. Next week more from Norma's memoirs.

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » HARRY LEON

Happy Mother's Day!

It was brought to the attention of the Council that an anti-Semitic symbol was discovered within our community. The Council located the graffiti and advised Los Angeles County Public Works, which removed the graffiti. The Town Council, working closely with 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office and the Crescenta Valley Sheriffs' Station, reminds our community that the Council has always stood against racism, discrimination and bigotry in all its forms and expressions. The Crescenta Valley Town Council will

continue to honor its responsibility to promote tolerance, non-discrimination and diversity within our community.

As a community we must work together to drive positive change. The Crescenta Valley Town Council stands ready to help, working closely with our community partners to protect our community and promote equality for all its citizens, residents and visitors.

On Thursday April 28, the Crescenta Valley Town Council Executive Committee held an emergency meeting following an accident

involving a Rosemont Middle School student who was struck by a vehicle, and a dog that was struck and killed on Ramsdell Avenue. The meeting was held to discuss the ongoing concerns of speeding, traffic flow during school drop-off and pickup times, and the safety of our community's pedestrians. This meeting was historic in that it was attended by the following agencies and its representatives:

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Community Celebrates Culture at Mountain Avenue Elementary School



LEFT: Meena Arunachalam displayed items at the India booth. ABOVE: The Mexico booth was brightly colored.

By Lori BODNAR

Mountain Avenue Elementary School hosted its first in-person event on April 28 since the

pandemic. Culture Night celebrated places and people from around the world. Students and their families volunteered to share information about a culture through song, dance, activities, traditions, food,

items and informational posters at their outdoor booths.

Mountain Avenue Principal Jaclyn Scott said, "This was our first in-person event so it brought our community together after the pandemic. Culture Night has become a tradition here and it celebrates different cultures."

The PTA chair and primary organizer of the event, Jennifer Peñez, said, "Culture Night brings the school community together and gives us the opportunity to learn about our neighbors. I was excited to see Mountain Avenue families get together and finally being able to see them in person. I am thankful for Ms. Scott and our PTA for allowing me to put this together. I initially started this event back in 2019 and it was

our last event we held before the pandemic. Three years later, the event was again a success!"

Over 25 students created booths for Culture Night and there were 12 cultures represented, including the Philippines, Mexico, Croatia, Korea, Pima Nation, Armenia, El Salvador, France, Ireland, Sweden, Nicaragua and India. The families who represented India and Armenia also had dance performances.

The Pima Nation, a group of Native Americans living in what is now Northern Mexico and Arizona, was detailed by fifth grader Bianca Serratos and her family.

"I chose the Pima for Culture Night because this is one of my cultures that not a lot of people know about and it is important to me," Bianca said. "We are known

as the River People because we live near rivers."

She added that at Culture Night it is fun learning about the other cultures.

Ireland was represented by a group booth of three students and their families.

"We chose Ireland for Culture Night because we are all Irish," explained fifth-grader Freya McCoy. "We served Irish candy and drinks, such as mini rolls, Clubmilk [chocolate bars with milk chocolate] and Bubbly, which is close to the traditional lemon mint water. We played music and did a jig when someone asked. I have enjoyed tasting all the food and learning about the cultures in the community."

The Philippines was also represented by a group of students and their families.

"We did the booth as a group with the families of Amelia Lapeña, Helen Olivares, and Jennie Ludan," Jennifer Peñez said. "We served snacks, desserts, crackers and packets of instant coffee. We had a few songs that played on the speaker."

Patrons to the booth enjoyed the food and were fascinated to learn how many islands are part of the Philippines — an astounding 7,640!

Lapeña said, "I helped with the Philippines booth, which was organized by several Filipino families. We displayed books, games, and trinkets. We showed the flag and the map. We shared many Filipino treats, such as mini pandan cakes, ube crackers, and dried mango bites. My son, Zachary Yang, even created trays displaying popular Filipino foods."

Additional countries represented included India, Nicaragua and Mexico, which was represented by Eddie Robles.

"My parents are from Mexico and our kids are bicultural," Robles said. "We wanted to represent our culture, and the Philippines was already taken, so we shared about Mexico. We are serving spicy and sweet candy."

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Falcons Baseball Defies Odds But Suffers Loss in the End

By Justin HAGER

Last Friday, May 6, the Falcon boys' baseball team defied all odds by taking down the heavily favored No. 2 seeded South Hills Huskies. The Huskies entered the game ranked in the top-50 teams in California, according to MaxPreps. The Falcons, meanwhile, were outside the top-200. The Huskies, though, did not count on Falcon ace pitcher Jameson Ferraro.

Ferraro threw an incredible no-hitter through six and contributed to the game's only runs, hitting a double in the fourth that moved two runners in scoring position – including multi-sport phenom and speed-demon Luke Steele. That's when Kris "Mr. Clutch" McCollum delivered yet again by driving in both runs and giving the Falcons a lead they would never surrender. The final score was Falcons 2,



Photos by Justin HAGER

Huskies 0.

That victory advanced the Falcons to the second round of the CIF-SS tournament where they would face yet another overpowered team in the California top-100: Palos Verdes Sea Kings. This time, though, Crescenta Valley would

have the home field advantage as they hosted the Sea Kings at historic Stengel Field.

Even though the stadium was full of energy and support from students, parents and friends alike, a miraculous repeat was not in the cards for the Falcons. Despite continued

outstanding pitching and defense, the Sea Kings punched through two runs. Crescenta Valley, in turn, only scored a single run. The result was a 2-1 victory for Palos Verdes and the elimination of the Falcons from the CIF-SS tournament.

LEFT: Ace pitcher Jameson Ferraro smiles during the final home game of the regular season. Ferraro threw a no-hitter through 6 during the FalconS CIF opener one week later.
MIDDLE: Kris McCollum came through with big hits for the Falcons all season, including driving in the Falcons only two runs of the CIF-SS tournament opener.
RIGHT: Luke Steele started the sequence that led the Falcons to their first-round CIF-SS victory.

CVHS Boys Lacrosse in Southern Section Final After Dominant Win Over University

By Justin HAGER

Four years ago, 13 freshmen boys and two sophomores came together with Coach Nik Soforenko and founded CVHS' first boys' lacrosse team. None of the boys had ever played lacrosse before; most were not regular participants in any other sport. Learning the sport from scratch was especially difficult when practices had to be routinely rescheduled due to numerous members of the team having to juggle schedules and making time for both lacrosse and band practice.

By the time the team played its first official CIF season, in 2020, the lacrosse roster had grown to 33, but still had only six upper classmen. They didn't get to finish that first season as COVID shuttered schools and athletic competitions alike.

Finally, last spring, boys' lacrosse got to play a semi-normal season. Those founding members, now almost all juniors, took the field by storm, leading this newspaper to describe them as "a force to be reckoned with." They were rewarded with a berth in the CIF-SS tournament where they were victorious in the first round, but fell in the second round to Riverside Polytechnic.

That brings us to today where some things have stayed the same while others are very different. Coach Soforenko and those 13 boys are all still around. But instead of being freshman, all 13 are now seniors, making

their final bid to complete the legendary journey they began four years ago.

On Saturday, May 14, the boys (along with what is hoped is an army of CVHS students, parents, fans and community supporters) will travel to Downey High School

for the CIF Southern Section Lacrosse Championship game, sponsored by Ford.

The road to the championship has had some ups and downs.

The boys opened tournament play against Downey 10 days ago on what was also Coach

Soforenko's 25th wedding anniversary. After lackluster first half play it looked like Soforenko and his wife (who is also the team's scorekeeper) might have an unhappy anniversary and an early exit from the tournament. Fortunately, a string of rapid-fire

goals by team co-captain Henry Kaufman gave the Falcons a comfortable 17-6 victory. That game also saw the first career goal by a future team leader, junior Anthony Gharapitian.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Why do Realtors Grossly Underprice Homes?

Dear Phyllis,

I recently read an article in another paper about a home in South Pasadena listed for \$1,349,000 and selling for \$2,105,000. My daughter has been looking at homes for six months and made three offers. Each time getting outbid. It's a very hurtful and emotional process for her. My question: Why do Realtors grossly underprice homes? It seems cruel to waste everyone's time?

Donna

Dear Donna,

A popular real estate pricing strategy is to underprice a home to obtain multiple offers and a bidding war. Pricing a home 3 - 5% below market value typically results in the home selling at a higher price than if originally priced at fair market value. According to Wikipedia: Herd mentality, or mob mentality, describes how people are influenced by their peers to adopt certain behaviors, follow trends, and/or purchase items. In today's market, buyers are more confident about their home purchase when someone else desires the same home. Pricing a home on the lower end of the value range stimulates interest among buyers. As a result, herd mentality takes

over.

It's a better tactic for a home seller to negotiate the selling price up rather than down. However, I agree with you that it is cruel to waste everyone's time by grossly underpricing. Once a seller has at least two offers they are already in a position for multiple offers and a bidding war. When I list a home, I try to list about 5% less than where I think it should sell.

I have learned that when pricing a listing, if I price somewhat aggressively, my client will walk away with more money. However, the home you mentioned sold more than 50% above the asking price. I don't know how many offers the Realtor had. Personally, I find it extremely difficult dealing with more than ten offers. There are numerous calls, emails, and texts to answer.

To answer your question: Why do Realtors grossly underprice homes? My partner, Kris Jardino and I often ask this question to ourselves. The only answers we have been able to come up with is that they are inexperienced. Or perhaps it makes them feel like the most popular girl at the dance. I wish I had a better answer for you.

Everything's Eternal

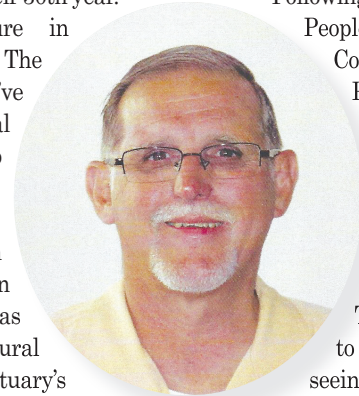
Robert Snyder (Pastor Bob), leading side-to-side with his wife Stephanie, has guided Community Christian Church of Tujunga (CCC) for what will, on May 15, be their 30th year.

Beginning their adventure in service for this Church of The Foothills in May 1992, they've shepherded the congregational worship from traditional into stylistically-contemporary while continuing the pure foundational values on which the church body was born, then built. Yet Pastor Bob's vision has soared beyond standard structural upgrades of the sanctuary's remodeling, addition of a youth and kids' group area, and a neighboring coffee house into a powerful renovation of human hearts.

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Following the creed "Love God. Love People. Make Disciples." of

Community Christian Church, Pastor Bob and the congregation have focused a Christ-centered drive to uplift the surrounding community, first and most notably in the creation of the annual live nativity experience each Christmas season. Thousands of families continue to pass through the wonder of seeing a live reenactment of the first coming of Jesus to earth, echoing in person, the joy of bringing peace on earth and goodwill to Sunland-Tujunga.



see BOB on page 19

People Making News

The following people were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, at California State University, Northridge.

Marie Keshishian of Glendale, Yohana Chmait and Camila Luna, both from La Crescenta, and Laura Salazar of Tujunga.

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and

alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.



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Strike Up the Band for a Night of Fun Benefitting Local Students



By Justin HAGER

The La Crescenta Presbyterian Church has gathered musical talent from across the region for a fundraiser, being held this Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m., supporting students in higher education of all ages.

Touted as a high energy variety show, "Strike Up the Band!" will feature a 10-piece band and vocalists performing pop, swing, jazz, gospel and even popular television and movie themes that are sure to spark excitement and joy in all attendees. More importantly, all proceeds from the event will benefit the Deacon's Higher Education Scholarship Fund, which assists members of the LCPC community with meeting the rising costs of education and job training.

Hilary Norton, a deacon at La Crescenta Presbyterian, said she hopes the show will prove valuable and fulfilling to everyone involved, serving as an opportunity to "return to the excitement of live performance, share the talent within the church and provide a really enjoyable afternoon and experience by giving the gift of music - all while helping people of all ages gain access to educational and job training opportunities."

She described that the Deacon's Higher Education Scholarship Fund was formed several years ago after deacons at the church began to recognize the rapidly skyrocketing cost of higher education. Since then, the fund has helped support both traditional and returning adult students as they seek educational opportunities from trade schools, graduate schools, community colleges and four-year universities.

"It's hard to imagine the



Photos by Justin HAGER

TOP: Noel Collins leads musicians in rehearsal for Strike Up the Band, a scholarship fundraiser at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church this Sunday. ABOVE: Final rehearsals are underway for this Sunday's Strike Up the Band Concert at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

enormous cost of education right now," she said. "Not just tuition, but books, housing, transportation, lab fees, etc."

During the performances, students who have received previous scholarships will testify to the transformative power of education and the impact the scholarship had on their lives.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each but, in an effort to support and promote families attending,

there is a \$30 family ticket available. More information is available at <https://www.lcpc.net/>.

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Entrepreneur/Chef/Pop-Up Guru Yonatan Chaitchik Curates A New Immersive Insiders Food Experience

Talented young tastemaker superstar *Yonatan Chaitchik* has embarked on a new culinary model in the foodie mecca of New York City.

Monday NYC is a pop-up event. *Yonatan* is changing what a day off looks like. He selects groups of chefs, sommeliers and hospitality professionals, hosting delicious food opportunities with a different mindset and style.

Chaitchik says, "We serve on our days off what we would like to eat and drink in a more casual setting, but simplicity is the key. A great simple dish with the best ingredients, paired with an excellent glass of wine, is very relaxing for these industry professionals to kick

back and enjoy."

The name comes from the day hospitality workers have off; so they all get to recharge their engines, usually on a Monday. It's a novel concept, created by *Yonatan* that has blown up in the last few months in Manhattan and beyond.

Born in Israel, *Yonatan Chaitchik* honed his craft in some of the top restaurants in Tel Aviv, starting for Chef Eyal Shani. Then, following his instincts, he moved to the East Coast three years ago, studying at The Culinary Institute of America, then staging at *Carbone*. *Yonatan Chaitchik* is currently part of the opening



team at *Saga* in New York's upscale financial district, working with Chef James Kent and Restaurateur Jeff Katz. *Saga* is known for its diverse cuisine, using primary European techniques, which has aided in *Yonatan's* overall gastronomic knowledge.

Monday NYC's menu is inspired by both techniques of the masters and Mediterranean based cuisine. The food options change often, based on the resident chef's vision and the season; the style of food is really dynamic. *Yonatan* also brings in a new sommelier and or mixologist each time, giving them the artistic freedom to stage and execute their personal ideas.

Yonatan plans to do more pop-ups in NYC and other U.S. cities every week.

With so many new unique epicurean ideas, innovator *Yonatan Chaitchik* promises to be the hot new next wave in gastronomic culture.

Twenty-six years young he has his whole life ahead of him, always inspired and continuing to look for original ways of presenting fun cuisine. His creative juices are overflowing, ideas that only come around once in a lifetime, but this self-proclaimed events and food guru is here to stay.

Instagram: @yonatanchaitchik, @mondainyc

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THEN & NOW



Then » In the 1940s, the northeast corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue was occupied by the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, an imposing edifice with a clock tower. Faye Snow bought the building in 1959.

Faye's Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » Goodbye, Faye's! For the first time in decades the windows of Faye's are empty of the mannequins that have been modeling nightgowns for busy shoppers on Honolulu. It's been a family run business for three generations, starting with Faye Snow.

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AFC ANNOUNCES 2022 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Until Sept. 1, the Arroyo & Foothills Conservancy is accepting entries of the best local photos, featuring natural surroundings and wild neighbors.

Entries may be submitted in any of the following categories: birds, landscapes & plants, mammals and other wildlife, people in nature. A category for young photographers is available for submissions in any of the above five subject matter categories submitted by photographers aged 13-17.

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the prompt and overall impact. The AFC is looking for photos that showcase species, perspectives and settings unique to the local area (i.e. the greater Los Angeles area, and especially our arroyos and foothills).

To learn more or to enter, visit <https://arroyosfoothills.org/photocontest>.

RIVERWALK WORKDAY

On Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. volunteers will be removing invasive plants from the landscaped areas along the LA River. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes and protective clothing, and bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. Tools and gloves will be provided.

Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome. In case of rain, this event will be canceled. RSVP and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/8d6aua2z>.

Meet at the west entrance of the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, 300 Paula Ave. in Glendale.

AAUW WELCOMES SILVIA PEREZ

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet on Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. The speaker will be Silvia Perez, P.E. & M.B.A. She has her Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering, power systems from Cal State University, Los Angeles and a Masters of Bachelor of Art in management & organizational behavior from Loyola Marymount University.

Perez works for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in the department of Conveyance and Distribution – East/West Section. She is the section manager responsible for all conveyance, distribution functions and regulatory compliance for facilities such as aqueduct systems, hydro-electric power generating plants, pressure control structures and reservoirs.

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

Those who would like to attend the Zoom meeting on May 14 can send their name and email address to Laura Guillory lguillory1430@gmail.com.

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS AT CV PARK

The Balcony of LA is hosting community movie nights in CV Park every other Saturday throughout the summer. The next one is Saturday, May 14; the film "The Mitchells vs. The Machines" will be screened. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

This event is family-friendly and free to all. There will also be an ice cream and taco truck on-site. Food starts at 7 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.

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

BREAKING BARRIERS: GLENDALE'S PIONEERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

All are invited to take part in a festive evening with wine and refreshments in the Brand Park gazebo on May 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to celebrate the reopening of the Doctors House. Be among the first to tour The Glendale Historical Society's special exhibit in the Doctors House Museum: Breaking Barriers: Glendale's Pioneering Women Entrepreneurs.

Each room in the Museum will be dedicated to one of five extraordinary women of Glendale: world-renowned Mid-century glassware designer Dorothy Thorpe; groundbreaking filmmaker Nell Shipman; pioneering cosmetics manufacturer Fanny Briggs Carr; prolific California art pottery owner A. Lois Modglin; and famed restaurateur Piedad Yorba Sowl. Explore their life and work on a docent-led tour featuring archival photos, historic artifacts and fascinating insider stories of these legendary Glendale women.

Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance. To RSVP and register, visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/breaking-barriers>.

Please note: Proof of COVID vaccination is required for entrance to the Museum and will be checked at the door. Masks must be worn inside the Museum.

IMPORTANT ARCHEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SITES IN AND AROUND THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

In spite of the growth of the San Fernando Valley, it still hosts some Native American rock and village sites as well as many sites dating from the Spanish, Mexican and early American periods.

The speaker for the May 14 program is Al Knight. He will take attendees on a "tour" of his selections of the most interesting of these sites. Knight has over 40 years of experience in archeological, anthropological and historic fieldwork, research and writing and is the author of numerous published and unpublished reports. He has participated in over 250 projects in Southern California, including work leading to the creation of local Stonehurst community HPOZ.

This event begins at 1 p.m. and is free and open to the public (\$3 donation appreciated) and everyone is welcome.

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.

CALTECH GLEE CLUB AND CHAMBER SINGERS PRESENT SPRING CONCERT IN PERSON

The Caltech Chamber Music Ensembles, directed by Maia Jasper White, present their spring concert series. A marathon concert is on May 15 at 3 p.m. Featured will be the music of Dvorak, Mozart, Telemann, Brahms, Kodaly, Martinu and more. Each concert will have a different program and will take place in Dabney Lounge on the Caltech campus.

Masks and proof of up-to-date vaccinations and photo ID are required for all concerts and will be checked at the door.

Admission is free and no tickets are needed. Visit pva.caltech.edu or call (626) 395-3295 for more info.

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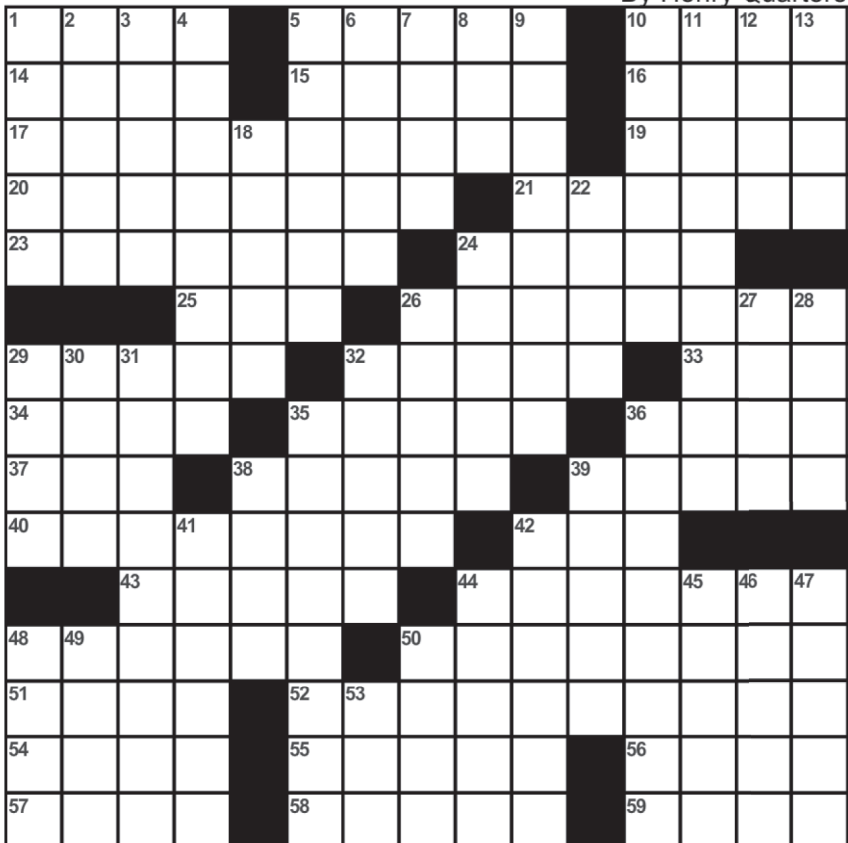
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- 5) Rabbits' relatives
- 10) Irving Bacheller's "___ Holden"
- 14) Song for a diva
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- 16) Herr's wife
- 17) CBS reality show
- 19) Like some inaccurate watches
- 20) Reaches a goal
- 21) Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, e.g.
- 23) Venomous snake
- 24) Saturn features
- 25) Former Mideast grp.
- 26) Sweet snack
- 29) Cornered, as a hunted animal
- 32) Billionaire Bill
- 33) Chicken ___ king
- 34) Billy the "Piano Man"
- 35) Smokes meat
- 36) Quick cut
- 37) Not fore
- 38) Drops, as pounds
- 39) West Point student
- 40) Showing no mercy
- 42) La Brea ___ Pits
- 43) Word in a letter closing
- 44) Big name in electricity
- 48) Legacy maker
- 50) Droning, as a voice
- 51) ___ off (switch choice)
- 52) Homer king
- 54) Commotions of Shakespearean proportions?
- 55) "Can ___ Witness" (Marvin Gaye hit)
- 56) Horror film effects
- 57) Vatican VIP
- 58) Styles
- 59) Greek war god

DOWN

- 1) Children's book elephant
- 2) Writer Jong
- 3) Too small
- 4) Customary
- 5) Thirty-first president
- 6) Michaelmas daisy
- 7) Part of a cheerleader's routine
- 8) Barely manage (with "out")
- 9) Canned fish
- 10) Protest dummy
- 11) Parade favorite
- 12) One of the coasts
- 13) Filberts, e.g.
- 18) Type of race
- 22) Justifiers of means
- 24) Is important
- 26) Greeting or playing items
- 27) "That's ___ and you know it!"
- 28) Spellbound
- 29) Partially open
- 30) Protein source for vegetarians
- 31) Classic cartoon character
- 32) Surmise
- 35) Second order of angels
- 36) Site of a pivotal 1777 battle
- 38) Speak thickly
- 39) Imitation chocolate
- 41) Rough, as a voice
- 42) Tucker and Roberts
- 44) Loud, in music
- 45) Word with "blood" or "organ"
- 46) "The Giant" of wrestling fame
- 47) Toady's responses
- 48) Type of opera
- 49) Useful word-processing feature for newbies
- 50) Old TV's talking horse
- 53) Gettysburg Address word

LITTLE SHOT

By Henry Quarters



RELIGION

Question: Our problem with our next door neighbor (we'll call Judy) who has chronic depression. We've lived side by side for 35 years. Our kids grew up together and we have taken many family outings together. Two years ago, Judy's husband passed away from a heart attack and, since then, she doesn't want to do anything. Her kids have talked to her and so have we. Judy is such a good friend that we're sticking with her "through thick and thin."

She is against taking medication so that's off the table. She is seeing a psychologist. She will, once in a while, come and have dinner with us although we've made it clear she's always invited to eat with us at any meal.

We're sad for her and feel helpless. She doesn't complain nor make conversations all about her. Is there anyway to help her get to the other side of this depression? Suggestions are most welcome.

~ Love Our Neighbor

Dear Love Our Neighbor,

Saint John of the Cross talks about the "dark night of the soul." I think that is the perfect description of the depression that arises from a sense of loss and disappointment in life. For those who go through it, it is always a solitary journey – and not an easy one. But sometimes the self-imposed solitude is an important part of the cure as one works through those issues in order to come out to the other side. The healing has its own timetable. Nonetheless, the continuing support of you, her family and psychologist is so critically important to an eventual hoped-for and happy outcome. Although she may not always take advantage of your kindness, do not doubt for a moment how very important it is for her to know that someone like you, who cares, is there for her. So God bless you for the goodness you are showing her. It is sustaining her in ways you may never know. I would only add that when someone is fighting their inner demons all day (and unless she wants to talk about it with you) never underestimate the very precious gift of being around and observing someone leading what we would call a "normal" life free of drama, trauma, stress or strain. When she comes to you for that, it is the restorative refreshment she truly needs from you ... even if you feel you should be doing more.

But that is but one practical way of handling this and I understand your desire to do more. So bear with me; we have a lot to pack into a nutshell. We are now talking about a spiritual way of helping her. Let us begin with a quote by Dr. Ernest Holmes, who wrote the "Science of Mind." It is the key and foundation for what we are to do. Dr. Homes said, "There is a mental atmosphere (consciousness) all around us. It is Mind and it is Intelligence. It knows, feels, hears, sees, and understands everything. It is Universal. That is, it is ever present. It is always where we are. It is receptive. That is, it receives our thought. It has power to do anything, to produce anything, to create anything."

In short, because we arose from this power we are all equally a part of it, and we can all use it to do good

for either ourselves or another. So the question is, "How do we use it, and how can you use it to help your friend?" The simple answer is this power (that can do anything) is concentrated, moved, directed and channeled through our thought as expressed through our word. This power is sustained in its actions to accomplish anything by our "unquestioned belief" in its ability to fully accomplish what we declare. Only our own inner doubts or fears can diminish and render it ineffective. One of the simplest ways to use and direct this power is through affirmative prayer.

Now affirmative prayer is not a begging prayer but a commanding prayer. Moses did not beg the Red Sea to part. He commanded it. Jesus did not beg for the water to become wine. He commanded it. Likewise, we should follow their example. Here is a simple affirmative prayer to repeat for your friend. Say it daily, and whenever you feel concern for her and watch the miracle unfold.

"I know that my friend Judy is divinely blessed, supported, healed and cared for by God. The presence and power of God surrounds her with goodness, perfect peace of mind, healing and happiness. In every way and every day, she is getting and feeling better. Her life is returning to her in full and marvelous ways. She sees new hope and new possibilities for herself, and is excited and grateful for all the good that lies before her. And so it is."



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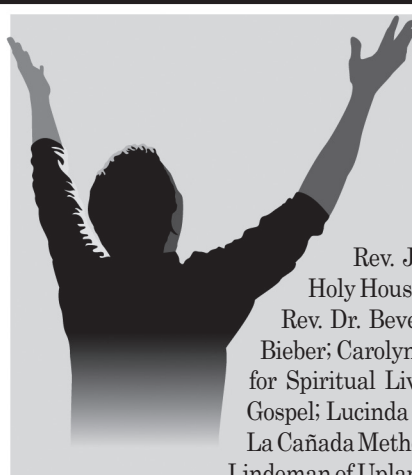
Dear Love Our Neighbor,

My condolences on the loss of your longtime next door neighbor and friend. It is kind of you to be concerned about his widow. Everyone's grief is different; some take longer than others. While two years seems a long time before resuming regular activities, these past two years are unique in our lifetimes. There have been extraordinary measures to curb the COVID-19 pandemic that disrupted many lives. Much has been put on hold. Processing the loss of her spouse may also be delayed. Did your neighbor have the personal face-to-face contact of a traditional funeral or celebration of life, complete with many hugs?

Lack of a ritual usually practiced may be preying on her mind and making her unable to move forward.

Her psychologist is the appropriate person with whom she should discuss anti-depressant medication. You can point out that prescription and street drugs are very different.

I think it's good for you to continue to offer her meals and companionship. Perhaps you can invite her to join in some activities, like seeing a movie or play. Does she like attending sports events or concerts? How about helping a non-profit together? One way to not dwell on sorrow is to be busy. Physical



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activity is important for well-being; maybe you take walks around the neighborhood to admire what's flowering. Many things are blooming despite our "May Gray" weather.

You could plant a tree to honor your neighbor and let her know of the memorial. Tree dedications are available from Tree People, <https://www.treepeople.org/tree-dedications/>. My husband and I donate memorial trees for departed loved ones via Glendale Beautiful's Arbor Day program each April. It gives us comfort when we drive by a park and see them thriving.

I hope you can be patient and find the right balance of comfort and encouragement.



Sharon Weisman
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Question: I have the opportunity to travel with friends to Hong Kong. My husband passed away a year ago from COVID and, since it appears that it's safer to travel now, I decided to tell them I will go. I'm thinking a trip will get me out of the doldrums and give me something to look forward to and enjoy.

My adult kids are pitching a fit. One of them reminded me that COVID originated in the Far East and I'm just asking for trouble. I still plan on going.

Is there anything I can tell them to put their minds at ease?

~ Going Anyway

Dear Going Anyway,

Did you know that our state department has pulled all non-essential personnel out of Hong Kong as of April 11, 2022? Did you know that you and all travelers will be made to quarantine in their hotel rooms for 14 days? If you are found to be COVID positive, you could be moved to a location of their choice that may not have the

kind of accommodations that you would prefer.

Here is the travel advisory that the state issued on April 25, 2022 at "travel.state.gov." (That is the website where you can look up all the information on the Internet yourself and get the full story.)

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* For the Hong Kong SAR, monitor local media, local transportation sites and apps like MTR Mobile or Citybus NWFB and the Hong Kong International Airport website for updates. (Visit www.cvweekly.com/RELIGION for all links to websites.)

* Avoid the areas of the demonstrations.

* Exercise caution if you are in the vicinity of large gatherings or protests.

* Avoid taking photographs of protesters or police without permission.

* Be aware of your surroundings.

* Keep a low profile.

* For the Hong Kong SAR, review your Hong Kong flight status with your airline or at the Hong Kong International Airport website.

* Enter the PRC on your U.S. passport with a valid PRC visa and keep it with you.

* If you are arrested or detained, ask police or prison

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills has extended its drive to collect desperately needed medical supplies for victims of the war in Ukraine. A list of the needed supplies, including specific types of bandages and antibiotic ointments, can be found on the LCIF website. Items can be dropped off at the church or ordered through a link posted on the church's website. LCIF is partnering with St. Andrews Orthodox Ukrainian Church in Elysian Park to get the items where they are needed.

In the meantime, the "quilters" of LCIF are again meeting in person are welcoming donations of gently used flat cotton or cotton-poly blend sheets to use as backings for quilt tops. All sizes and colors are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church. The hand-sewn quilts are regularly donated to Lutheran World Relief and distributed throughout the world where they are used as bedding, simple tents or floor coverings.

With summer quickly approaching, LCIF reminds the community that its vacation Bible school will be held from June 27 to July 1 for preschoolers through sixth grade. The fun-filled program will run from 9 a.m. until noon. Look for the VBS link on the church's website to register.

Pastor Chuck Bunnell will preach from the Gospel of John 13:31-35 on Sunday, May 15 at 10 a.m. Worship is held in person and live streamed on the church's YouTube channel.

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

Walk and Word

In May, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on May 15, 22 & 29. They will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

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officials to notify the U.S. Embassy or the nearest consulate immediately.

* Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) (<https://step.state.gov/step/>) to receive alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

* Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter Follow the U.S. Embassy on Twitter, WeChat and Weibo. Follow U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong on Facebook and Twitter

* Review the Country Security Report for the PRC and the Hong Kong SAR.

* Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist

Number one is that you will be

quarantined in your room for 14 days. That doesn't sound like any kind of a vacation to me. Here is my advice as to if you should go to Hong Kong: Do Not Go At This Time! Find a lovely alternate destination with your friends and go with God.



Rabbi Janet Bieber
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Dear Going Anyway,

I'm trying to put myself in the shoes of your kids. I suspect I'd pitch a fit too if my father passed away from the Wuhan Virus only a year ago and then Mom wanted to go to Asia. On the other hand, it's good to get Mom out of the doldrums. On the other hand, the virus did originate in Asia. On the other hand, it's good to give Mom something to look forward and enjoy. On the other hand, there was a surge of virus cases in Hong Kong a few months ago. On the other hand, now cases are plummeting and Hong Kong is opening up and thankfully enjoying more freedoms. You'll probably be just fine.

In truth, let's face it: There is nothing you can tell your kids to make

them happy about your trip. In answer to my prayers, God has loosened the strangle hold this virus has had on the world and He hasn't done it through human genius or mankind's superior scientific knowledge. He has done it on His terms. The virus has continued to morph into something more contagious and less lethal. Both of these are good things. More people now, millions worldwide, have contracted and beaten a virus that is more common and with less symptoms. That means more and more people are immune. The virus is losing places to go. We had hoped that the vaccine would be a magic bullet to COVID. It was not. But, by God's grace, the new COVID is proving to be significantly different than the old

COVID. Which reminds me: Who is the final arbiter when it comes to things like health and disease and life and death? Scientists? Doctors? Fauci? The TV? Or is it God Almighty who decides your fate and length of your days?

And haven't we always, for our whole lives, enjoyed life and raised our families under the specter of risk? Including medical risk? Isn't that part of life on this beautiful but dangerous planet?

You are going anyway. I applaud your robust spirit. Good for you! As I said, I suspect you'll be fine. Nevertheless, if it were me I'd probably go to Banff, or Jerusalem or the Swiss Alps.



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- Crescenta Valley Town Council Executive Committee: Harry Leon, Chris Kilpatrick, Kerri Braütigam, Donna Libra and Dede Mueller

(CVTC Streets and Transportation Committee chair)

The meeting addressed the concerns of our community and how each agency could help one another to find resolutions. It was adjourned with intentions for a special meeting with the community to have further input and to hear suggested solutions.

On April 30, the Hometown Country Fair was yet another success and the Council was honored to help. Big shoutout to CV Chamber for a very successful event!

Coffee with the Council. Did you see us yesterday in front of Ralphs? We had so many great conversations

with our community members. Special appearance by Eric from the CV Youth Town Council who was on hand to talk to students.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council honored and recognized our crossing guards who are an important part of our community and the safety of our students. Not only do they ensure our students get to school safely, but they greet each with a smile and wishes for a good day. Thank you to our partners – CV Sheriff's Station, CHP and GUSD – for honoring them with us.

On Saturday, May 14, we are holding the CVTC Prayer Breakfast at American Legion/VFW Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La

Crescenta. The keynote speaker is Vince Iuculano of the YMCA. Doors open at 7 a.m.

The Council received a letter of resignation from Councilmember Paul Barnes who served as third alternate on the council. In Councilmember Barnes' letter he stated that he could no longer serve his one-year term as he is moving out of state. Per the Council's bylaws, adopted August 2003, when an alternate member cannot fulfill his/her term, a replacement shall be appointed by the president and ratified by majority vote of all the regular members of the Council.

Let me once again warn bulky item dumpers that it is a violation of

a county ordinance to simply dump items without thought as to who or how they will be picked up. Trash service provider Burrtec (in the case of the unincorporated portion of La Crescenta-Montrose) or the resident's applicable trash service must be notified. If unclaimed, the County, through The Works App on smartphones, can be contacted with evidence of the offense.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our May 19 general meeting starting at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

Harry Leon, President
Crescenta Valley Town Council

BOB from page 12

To serve even closer to people, Pastor Bob consolidated with area missions to facilitate a monthly Honey Drive, offering free honey and prayer to the church's neighbors passing by. This remarkable event has produced a powerful outpouring of locals joining with church members for a quick conversation with God, healing hearts on the fly, uplifting families and shining a light on the incredible hope for positivity in the community.

CCC, under the tutelage of Pastor Bob's devotion and affection for all nations, has been in partnership with Asia Pacific International to reach the unreached, caring for the hearts and hopes of all. As Pastor Bob shares his own heart, "There's not a single people group on earth that isn't absolutely adored by God." To date, countless thousands have been aided through this global touch of God's pure love, connecting the entire world.

Thirty years is a blink of a pastor's eye when it comes to serving others. And of all things, Pastor Bob is that: a servant. Even especially as a leader, following the very spirit of Christ's teaching that it's all about God, not "self." In any conversation with the warm hearted, brightly smiling Pastor people will hear many mentions of this paradigm as he's quick to remind, "He's God, we're not." Though Pastor's

dream of significant ministry is powerful, it's not his might or mind that reaches the overlooked, the hurting, those faces most turned away from on the streets or in the pew, for it's as he says, "all about God."

For God so loves the world, we should too. And this community is beyond blessed to know a caring man and servant-leader who is dedicated his life to showcasing that unconditional love and outpouring to help build all to be all God dreamed us to be.

Pastor Bob, with a wonderful family and joyful, serving congregation, invite the community to swing on by to experience this ever-present love on Sunday, May 15 for a 10 a.m. service, all-inclusive to every walk of life, followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. on campus, culminating in a 12:30 p.m. special service honoring Pastor Bob's 30 years of service to the community, the globe, and specifically, you. Seeing you smile on a path to experiencing and conversing with God, is Pastor Bob's eternal dream come true.

Community Christian Church is located at 10193 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. Contact bee3blessed@gmail.com or churchofthefoothills.com.

Submitted by CCC

SPOTLIGHT from page 14

What were your earliest childhood memories regarding food?

YC: Running into my great-grandmother's house and looking for white chocolate in the kitchen. She was a brilliant cook and so is my grandmother. I learned everything from her.

What did your family cook?

YC: My father is a very talented cook. He makes a lot of Italian food and Jewish food. My mom is obsessed with nutrition and health, so we always had amazing organic produce in the house.

What is your favorite food smells?

YC: I'm absolutely in love with the smell of fresh bread out of the oven. I grew up next to a bakery and this smell is everything to me.

Who are your favorite local chefs?

YC: Ignacio Mattos from Estela, and James Kent from Radicle Hospitality. I admire clean and minimalistic food that bursts with flavor.

Who are your favorite celebrity chefs?

YC: Anthony Bourdain.

What does Monday NYC mean to you personally?

YC: Monday NYC for me is an outlet for young restaurant professionals to express their creativity and share it. Usually it takes years of work until you get that chance in a restaurant. Here we all get to do it on our own terms.

Read more at www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE
This content submitted by JJ Entertainment

LACROSSE from page 11

After the game, Coach Soforenko described Gharapitian as one of the hardest working players he'd ever coached. He also asked that he be quoted when sharing, "I love my wife so much and am so grateful to have her in my life."

Two days later, and with the pressure of the anniversary now in the past, the Falcons walked away with another nail-biting victory, defeating Orange Lutheran High School, 6-3.

The Falcons finally seemed to get things running on all cylinders on Monday when

they defeated a scrappy University High School team 15-7. Their timing couldn't be any better. They'll face a dominant Vista Murrieta team that has only lost four matches all season and was the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

The championship contest is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave. in Downey. Tickets are required and may be purchased at: <https://gofan.co/app/events/610629?schoolId=CIFSS>.

CULTURE NIGHT from page 10

Glyssa Robles said, "The spicy and sweet candy is similar to fruit with chili powder that you can get from the fruit vendors. I love seeing everyone get excited talking about their cultures and food. It helps everyone learn more about their heritage and others."

Several families worked together to present a booth about Korea.

Michelle Lee said, "We are representing our culture because our family is from Korea. They immigrated here and we were born here, but we still want to represent the culture we are from. We are serving honey cookies, chico pie, a rice drink, rice crackers and sugar lollipops." Several students wore traditional Korean clothing, and there was also a traditional Korean game called yut to play.

The families of Shake Ovasapyan and Talin Badalian represented Armenia.

"We picked Armenia because we are Armenian and wanted to celebrate our culture," said Ovasapyan. "We are serving an Armenian chocolate snack. We are excited to continue Culture Night in the future years and hopefully [will] serve kabobs."

Talin Badalian added, "We wanted to teach people about culture and history of Armenia. I enjoyed learning about other cultures, seeing other families, and trying the traditional foods."

Families enjoyed the French crepes distributed at the booth about France, as well as learning more about the country and seeing pictures of the iconic Eiffel Tower.

Fifth-grader Suzie Bodnar made a poster and had pushbuttons to hear Swedish greetings at her Sweden booth. She served Swedish fish and Svenhard pastry buns.

Suzie said, "I chose Sweden since my great-great-great grandmother, Sophie Bergman, came to America from Sweden."

In addition to each of the booths, fifth grade teacher Christina Haydt displayed essays with pictures her class had written about different cultures or countries important to them.

For the safety of everyone attending the outdoor event, all food was store-bought and individually packaged, and all participants were temperature-checked. The school community enjoyed the annual event and as a group looked forward to future Culture Nights.

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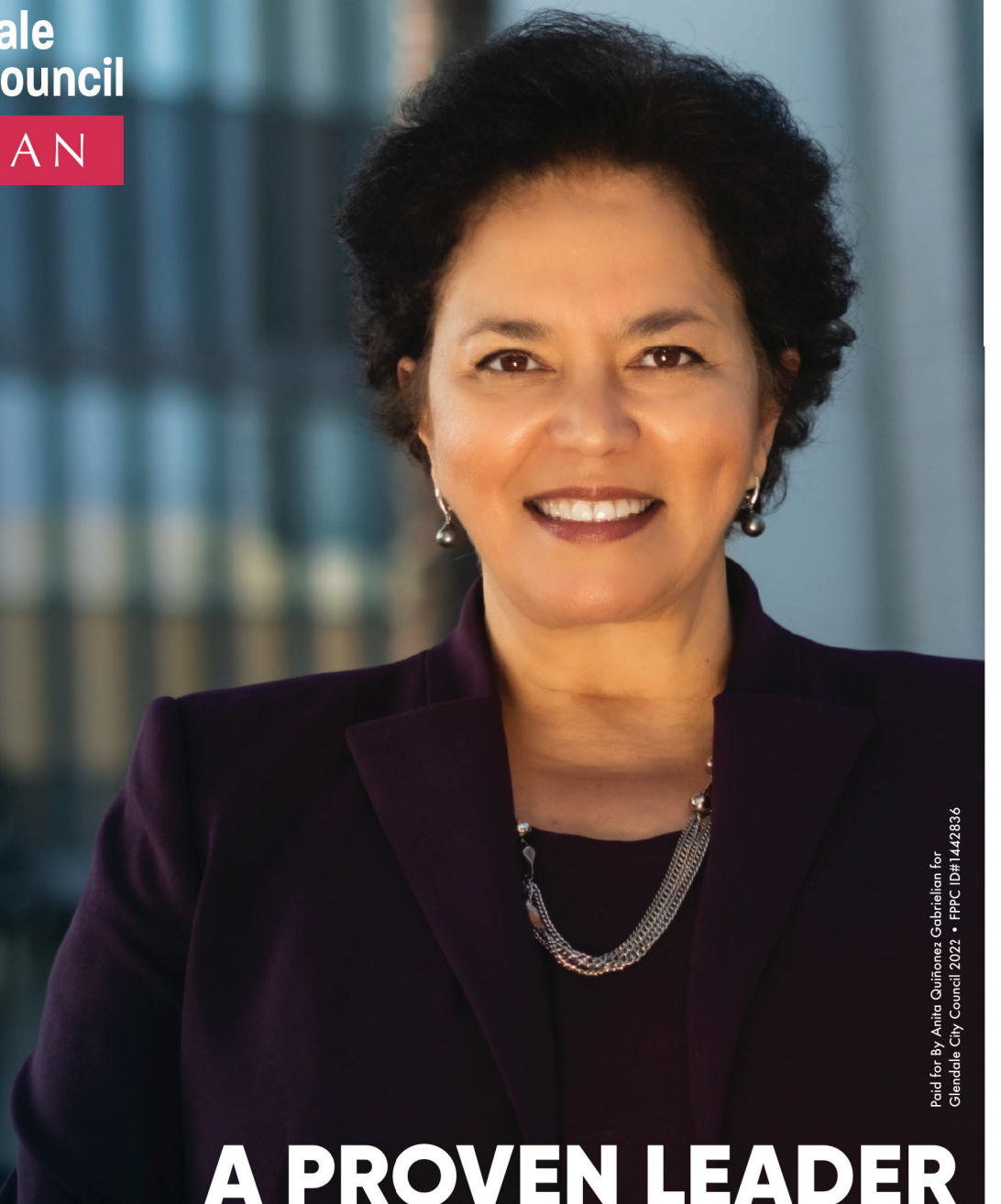
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Anita is a longtime Glendale resident, proud mother of three, a small business owner, and former Glendale Community College Trustee running for City Council. She has the **experience to work hard for Glendale!**

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