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**Two Portantino Cancer Treatment Bills Pass Assembly Health Committee**

Senate Bills 974 and 987, authored by Senator Anthony J. Portantino that address the delay and absence of live-saving treatments for cancer patients, passed the Assembly Health Committee.

SB 974 expands health care coverage for diagnostic breast imaging following an abnormal mammography and SB 987 aims to address significant disparities in cancer patient access by expanding Medi-Cal patient eligibility for necessary clinical expertise and resources.

“With SB 974, we are highlighting the importance of follow-up diagnostic testing for breast cancer screenings,” said Senator Portantino. “Health insurance only covers the initial screening mammogram and it should extend to these crucial follow-up diagnostics, which will save lives and significantly impact health outcomes for women. I am thankful to my constituent Gayaneh Pezeshkian Avanes for suggesting this bill idea. Her activism will help thousands of women.”

SB 974 would require that a health insurance policy, which is issued, amended, or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2023, must provide coverage for a medically necessary diagnostic breast imaging, including diagnostic breast imaging following an abnormal mammography result. Diagnostic breast imaging includes breast magnetic resonance imaging and breast ultrasound.

SB 987, the California Cancer Care Equity Act, which also passed the Senate Health Committee, aims to improve cancer care access, cancer survival, and patient experience by enhancing Medi-Cal patient access to necessary clinical expertise and resources at

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**Old Town Montrose Hosts Annual Car Show**

By Julia KOHUT

*In addition to good food and the weekly Harvest Market, locals are invited on Sunday to enjoy the Annual Old Town Montrose Car Show.*

Those ready for some cool cars and sweet rides this fourth of July weekend – not to mention good food and some local shopping – are invited on Sunday to the 20th Annual Old Town Montrose Car Show. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be 300 vehicles ranging from classics, exotics, custom hot rods, and even antiques, on display along the 2200, 2300, and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue. There will also be motorcycles to check out in the parking lot at 2351 Honolulu Ave. Several car clubs are taking part in the event, including the Early Rodders, Road Kings, Morgan Plus 4 Club of Southern California, Clasico Americano and Oddsquad Car Club to name a few.

Due to COVID restrictions, the Montrose Shopping Park Association had to cancel the show in 2020. Last year, the show was moved from its original Independence Day weekend date and instead put on in September during Labor Day weekend. The car show has returned to its regular Sunday slot of Independence Day weekend and will be happening this Sunday, July 3.

In addition to the car show, the weekly Sunday Harvest Market will be open, located between



File photo  
Owners of unique autos have their hoods lifted and engines on display during the 2019 Annual Old Town Montrose Car Show. On Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., over 300 vehicles will be on display along Honolulu Avenue ready for inspection car aficionados.

Market Street and Verdugo Road. These family-friendly events are free to attend and attendees are encouraged to eat, explore and celebrate together. The owners of the Annual Old Town Montrose Car Show vehicles will be nearby and happy to answer any questions attendees may have. And make sure to stick around because there will be an awards ceremony at 1:15 p.m. to recognize a few of these vehicles.

Besides the show, there will also be several racecars that will “Start their engines!” at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for an event known as “Cackle Fest.” Cackle Fest will take place below Honolulu on Ocean View Boulevard and will feature

a supervised demonstration of engine revving and roaring in a cordoned off area. Don’t worry; earplugs will be provided if things start to get too loud!

After 20 years, the car show is something of a tradition for Montrose locals. Dale Dawson, executive director of the Montrose Shopping Park, said that the main goal of the show is “to entertain the community by bringing folks to town to enjoy not only the car show but also the Montrose Shopping Park’s many shops, salons, spas, and restaurants as well as the Sunday Harvest Market.”

see CAR SHOW on page 15

**Meeting Held Regarding La Crescenta Avenue Rehab Project**

By Mary O’KEEFE

On Saturday the City of Glendale – Dept. of Public Works held an outreach meeting with residents in the Sycamore Avenue area to discuss the La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

The purpose of the meeting was to gather opinions concerning the project that proposes to remove and replace the asphalt concrete pavement and other improvements including sidewalks, ramps, driveway aprons, curbs and gutters, as well as repairing potholes and cracks in the asphalt. In addition there will be modifications to the traffic signals

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Photo by Mary O’KEEFE  
Neighbors sit on chairs on a resident’s front lawn while representatives from the City of Glendale review the options available regarding the La Crescenta Avenue Rehab Project.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Goodbye to a Beloved Team Member

It was surprising – and saddening – to receive the news earlier this week that Sue Kilpatrick, our intrepid weather watcher, had passed away. I had known for weeks that Sue was sick but I stubbornly held onto the thought (hope) that she would soon return to writing her column that, for about 13 years, was perched across from mine on page 2 of the CV Weekly.

Sue came into my life almost 13 years ago right after the first issue of the CV Weekly hit the streets. I was working from my home office, scrambling, trying to plan what next week's paper would look like and questioning whether or not it was even a wise idea to have launched the Crescenta Valley Weekly. Sue called and, after complimenting me on the paper, asked if I was looking for a weather person.

Now one thing I learned while at the Crescenta Valley Sun was that many times people

would volunteer to write a column on their specialty – business, medicine, travel, whatever – but typically, after a few columns, these writers would fall off the face of the earth, never to be heard from again. While it may look easy, writing a column on a regular basis is hard work. You have to come up with an idea you think readers would relate to or benefit from, then craft that idea into something an editor won't cringe reading.

I politely told Sue that I would give it some thought.

A week or so later, she called again asking me if I could use her services. I liked that the idea appealed to her and admired her tenacity in reaching out to me for a second time. I decided to take a gamble and said yes.

I never regretted that decision. Every week, like clockwork, Sue's article would come in. Usually she filled her column with text but,

every now and then, she'd pop in some artwork. Through her I learned about the days in the Crescenta Valley before I came to live here, grew to love her beloved pups, discovered butterfly gardens and admired her family – all while finding out what would be the upcoming days' temperatures.

I know that Sue's homey tone resonated with our readers. One in particular, who lives out of the area but to whom we mail a newspaper every week, has oftentimes sent a note of appreciation for the paper overall but Sue's column in particular. After getting the news of Sue's death I sent him a personal note letting him know of the changes here; he promptly sent a card of sympathy to our office along with a box of chocolates to remind us, with every bite, of our sweet Sue.

Her work with the CV Weekly extended beyond our pages; Sue would often be found on

our Montrose Christmas Parade "float" (I use the term loosely), delighted to wave to the thousands who cheered us on as we traveled along Honolulu Avenue. She oftentimes attended the celebration we hosted for those designated by our readers as the Finest.

And that doesn't even touch on her involvement with Prom Plus, an organization near and dear to my heart.

Sue will not only be missed by the staff here at the CV Weekly but also by friends and readers throughout the Crescenta Valley, which she called home her entire life.

To learn more about Sue, I encourage you to read Mary O'Keefe's article on this page.

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## Weather in the Foothills

### Even the Clouds Look Different

Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet.

– Bob Marley

By Mary O'KEEFE

It is with a feeling of great sadness that we announce the passing of a member of our CVW family, Sue Kilpatrick.

Sue was our go-to weather columnist for nearly 13 years. Her passion for the weather was contagious, making what could have been just a hot/cold report into an education of the "why" and not just the "what."

Sue found her passion for weather when she took a course on meteorology while attending CSUN. She not only wrote over 600 weather columns for CVW but was also a "skywarn weather spotter," part of a volunteer program with the National Weather Service.

"These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service," according to NWS.

But volunteering to serve her community was something Sue did in many ways including volunteering with the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley, Prom Plus, CV Town Council, CV Library Construction Fundraising; she was co-founder of the Ann Caporale Life Foundation [a high school scholarship program], a Boy Scout scoutmaster, on the Fremont Elementary School PTA, lead docent at the Autry Museum for the Tuesday staff, a Clark Magnet High School robotics team parent volunteer and part of Friends of Rockhaven. She received the California State PTA Honorary Service Award.

Amazingly, with all of her volunteering she also had time for a career as a teacher in the Special Education Dept. at Hoover High School and was a substitute teacher at Fremont Elementary and Clark Magnet High schools.

Career woman and volunteer warrior was what she was for her community; however, that pales in comparison to what were her main focuses: wife and mom.

Sue met her husband Doug while in college and they were married for over four decades. They had two boys, Chris and Greg, to whom she devoted even more volunteering time as a room mom and a Boy Scout leader.

"Sue was the best mom a son could ask for. She made it a point to always make it to my track meets in high school and college. She encouraged me as I found my way through a meandering college journey. My mom was there for me in the highs and lows of my journey of coming out and in my first gay relationships. All of these hurdles that she supported me through would have been a headache for most moms, but she was always there for me ... to support me, encourage me and cheer me on. I'm going to miss her deeply," said son Greg.

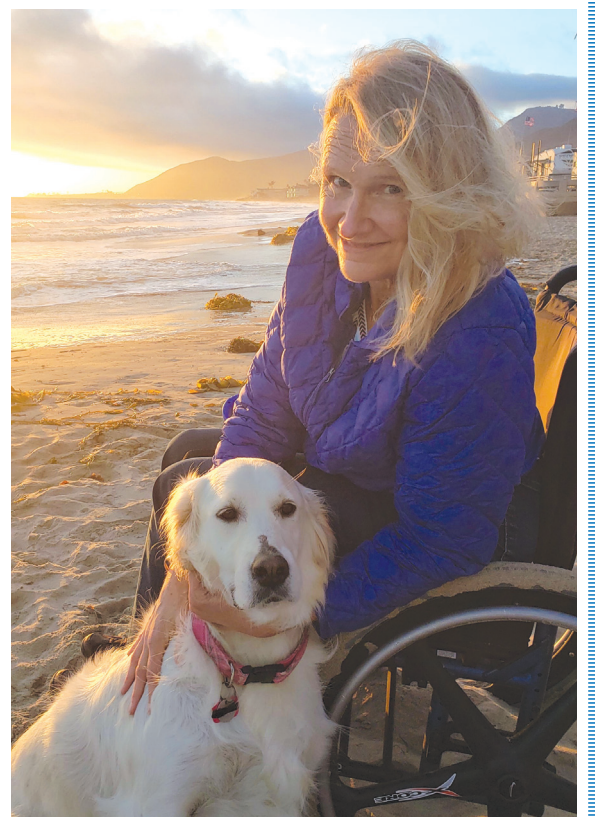
"Sue overcame physical obstacles in her life that would have side-lined most of us. She was a pil-

lar of strength for her family and filled her life with love and caring for her family and many friends," said husband Doug.

On a personal note, I met Sue when she was volunteering at Prom Plus, then started seeing her at every event I was covering for both the Valley Sun and CVW. She was always involved, always knowledgeable and always willing to be the first to raise her hand when the call came out for help. I know what it is like to be a volunteer enthusiast and how exhausting and, at times, frustrating it can all be but Sue never showed anything but a positive attitude and happily went from one event to the next.

Perhaps her husband Douglas said it best: "Sue was a hometown La Crescenta girl who believed that it was her responsibility and especially her privilege to give back to the community she loved."

And now, because we know Sue would be upset if we forgot, here's the forecast: At the beginning of the week Southern California had been experiencing a heat wave but by Wednesday there was a slight cooling, although it might not feel like it until Sunday when we go from 94 degrees Fahrenheit on Tuesday and 79 on Sunday. The humidity should also be increasing in the coming days. The severe heat warning ended on Tuesday. We are above our normal temperature, which is about 84 degrees for this time of year, and on Monday it was 100 degrees in Burbank, according to the National Weather Service.



*Sue Kilpatrick was a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service*

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# NEWS

## Looking to the Heavens

By Mary O'KEEFE

“For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.” ~ *Vincent Van Gogh*

Samantha Lawler wants us to know that someday in the near future our starry night sky – the one on which writers have waxed poetic, that cultures have built monuments to and the one that has fascinated humans since time began – will soon be less of a starry, starry night and more like a moving electronic train of flashing lights.

Lawler is an astrophysicist and a professor at Campion College at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada. She was recently one of the authors of a paper in the American Astronomical Society titled, “Visibility Predictions for Near-future Satellite Megaconstellations: Latitudes Near 50 Degrees Will Experience the Worst Light Pollution.”

The opening paragraph states “megaconstellations of thousands to tens of thousands of artificial satellites [satcons] are rapidly being developed and launched. These satcons will have negative consequences for observational astronomy research and are poised to drastically interfere with naked-eye stargazing worldwide should mitigation efforts be unsuccessful.”

In other words, the night sky will soon be full of what will look to the naked eye like artificial moving stars because of the introduction of tens of thousands of low Earth orbit communication satellites.

Lawler grew up in La Crescenta. Her father is a well-known historian and also a columnist for CVW. For years, her dad Mike has shared historical information that does not just entertain but teaches that those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. In that same vein, Samantha Lawler is ringing the warning bell that if something is not done soon, the sight of stars will be lost, with ramifications not only for those who study the stars but also will affect safety conditions on the ground.

“What made me actually get interested in this [study] was moving here to Saskatchewan. Out on these



Photo provided by Samantha LAWLER  
Samantha Lawler, who grew up in La Crescenta, is looking to the sky to determine how the many satellites up there will affect life on Earth.

prairies there are huge skies, and it's so flat here you can see stars from horizon to horizon,” Lawler said. “There is still a little bit of light pollution from the nearest city but it's pretty good. I can see the Milky Way from my back door; that is amazing. Growing up in LA, that's not something you get to see.”

With her updated view, Lawler began to notice more satellites in the sky.

“I started wondering how bad is it going to get. What are these companies [that launch satellites] going to do and can I make a prediction on [how bad night sky visibility will become]?” she said.

In her paper she made a prediction of how many satellites would be launched and what that would mean for Earth.

“I predict there will be up to 200 satellites at once that will go all night,” Lawler said.

She added that 200 may not sound like a lot but only about 4,000 stars are seen with the naked eye.

“So that is significant that one in 15 points in the sky, that you can see with your [naked] eyes, will be moving; that is horrifying to think about,” she said.

What does that mean to us on Earth? Well, it can affect humans

several ways. One is culturally.

“Humans have been looking up at the night sky, looking for patterns and [creating] stories, for as long as we've been humans. It is one of the most ancient science studies,” she said.

The changing sky will not just affect one country or one area of the Earth but will change the night sky visible from around the world ... and stars play an important role in many cultural practices.

“As a research astronomer it will make my job much, much harder especially the type of astronomy that I do,” she said.

Lawler uses big pictures of the sky that are taken with large telescopes trying to find new Kuiper belt objects, which are donut-shaped icy bodies beyond the orbit of Neptune.

“It will make it harder to find potentially hazardous asteroids as well,” she said.

Asteroids can harm the Earth.

She added in her research she will take a ground-based telescope and point it at a spot in the sky. She collects light four minutes at a time for long exposures.

“I am trying to find really faint objects in the sky; [during] that time many satellites fly through

[the telescope frame] and they are millions of times brighter than what I'm trying to find,” she said. “It makes it incredibly difficult.”

Her study will continue but with so many satellites it will take more time to complete, which means more funding will be needed.

In addition, Lawler is concerned about what will happen when there are so many satellites in orbit they begin to collide with each other. She equated these collisions with creating millions of tiny bullets of debris that can speed to Earth.

In the paper, Lawler and the other authors created a model that used 65,000 satellites on the orbits filed by four megaconstellation companies: SpaceX Starlink and Amazon Kuiper (United States), OneWeb (United Kingdom) and StarNet/GW (China).

“We calibrated our simulation to match telescopic measurements of Starlink satellites, since they are by far the most numerous. Starlink has so far made some strides toward dimming their satellites since their

first launch, but most are still visible to the naked eye. Our simulations show that from everywhere in the world, in every season, there will be dozens to hundreds of satellites visible for at least an hour before sunrise and after sunset,” Lawler wrote.

While many would argue that these satellites were created for a good cause – for example, to update communication infrastructure allowing more access to information at faster speeds and in more locations globally – what can be done about the starry sky pollution that Lawler is concerned about?

Lawler first wants people to realize that these companies are changing the night sky for profit and, when consumers have a choice, to take this into consideration.

She would also like to see some type of regulation.

At present, she said, there is little to no real regulation on not only what goes into orbit – but also what will happen if and when it comes back down.

### IN BRIEF

#### FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The CV July 4th fireworks show kicks off on Monday at the track at CV High School where ticket buyers can enjoy live music, inflatables and more culminating at dusk with a professional fireworks display.

Presale tickets for the fireworks display are on sale now; presale adult tickets are \$9 per ticket; children 7 years and younger are free. Presale tickets can be purchased at J's Maintenance, 3550 Foothill Blvd., Bob Smith Toyota, 3333 Foothill Blvd., CV Insurance, 3156 Foothill Blvd., the CV Chamber office, 3131 Foothill Blvd. 'D' and the offices of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave., Ste. 206.

On the day of the event, tickets can be purchased for \$10 per ticket; there is no charge for children 7 years and younger.

To learn more, visit [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS).

#### KEEP UP-TO-DATE INFO ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Join the Sierra Club's Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group for a program scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. to learn about environmental legislation being considered in the California Assembly this session.

Alondra Lopez, deputy to Assemblymember Laura Friedman, will discuss some of the legislations such as: AB-2026, Recycling Plastic Packaging and Carryout Bags and AB-2344, Wildlife Connectivity and Transportation projects. In addition, she will discuss other legislation now on the Assembly Floor that includes transportation planning and funding and its effects on regional transportation and climate goals, as well as establishing an Integrated Distributed Energy Resources Fund for California.

RSVP at [tinyurl.com/2zh5fjkw](http://tinyurl.com/2zh5fjkw).

#### LCFOG HOSTS DINE-OUT

The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild is having a dine-out fundraiser on Wednesday, July 13 at New Moon restaurant, 2138 Verdugo Blvd. in Montrose. From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., diners who enjoy dinner at New Moon and mention the LCFOG will have a portion of proceeds donated to the organization, which provides financial support to Orthopaedic Institute for Children in downtown Los Angeles.

For more information, see the LCFOG flyer online at [www.cvweekly.com/JustforFun](http://www.cvweekly.com/JustforFun).

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# NOTES & NODS

## LCIF News

A fun-filled week is underway at Lutheran Church in the Foothills. Church members offer vacation Bible school after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. This year's theme is Rocky Railway. The program concludes this Friday. A celebratory luncheon will follow on Sunday, July 3 after 10 a.m. worship with Pastor Chuck Bunnell.

LCIF reminds the community of other summer activities that are open to all: Bible study groups, knitting, quilting and more! Please check the church's website for in-person meeting times. Many activities are also offered via Zoom.

Sunday school continues throughout the summer. Families should meet in the worship center at 10 a.m. After the children's sermon, kids head to the Youth Room for a time of play. Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve.

For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org), or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Vacation Bible School at La Crescenta Presbyterian

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites families to register for "Jerusalem Marketplace," a vacation Bible school for children Monday through Friday, July 11-15, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All children from age 4 to incoming sixth graders are welcome to come and experience what it was

like to live at the time of Jesus' earthly ministry. Through stories, games, music and crafts, children will learn about Jesus' own time in the city of Jerusalem, which changed the world forever.

The cost of this weeklong adventure is per family unit: \$40 for one child; \$70 for two children; \$100 for three or more children; and \$8 per optional T-shirt.

Registration for "Jerusalem Marketplace" is now open. Please visit [lpc.net/VBS](http://lpc.net/VBS) to sign up.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit [lpc.net](http://lpc.net) or call (818) 249-6137.

## Walk and Word

In July, 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 July 10, 17, 24 & 31. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).

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



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# Vaccines Ready for Youth – But Should They Get the Shot?

By Mary O'KEEFE

On June 17 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines for children down to 6 months.

A day later the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendation that all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine," according to the CDC website.

Pediatrician Dr. John Rodarte in La Cañada Flintridge is preparing for the vaccines to be available for his patients.

"We [will], hopefully, be up and running with [the COVID-19] vaccine next week," he said.

Vaccines might be available even earlier, he added; it depends on when they receive the doses.

"We do recommend it," Rodarte said of administering the vaccine to children.

He added that a lot of kids would do fine if exposed and tested positive for COVID-19; however, there are risks of getting the virus including not knowing the effects of long COVID and MIS-C.

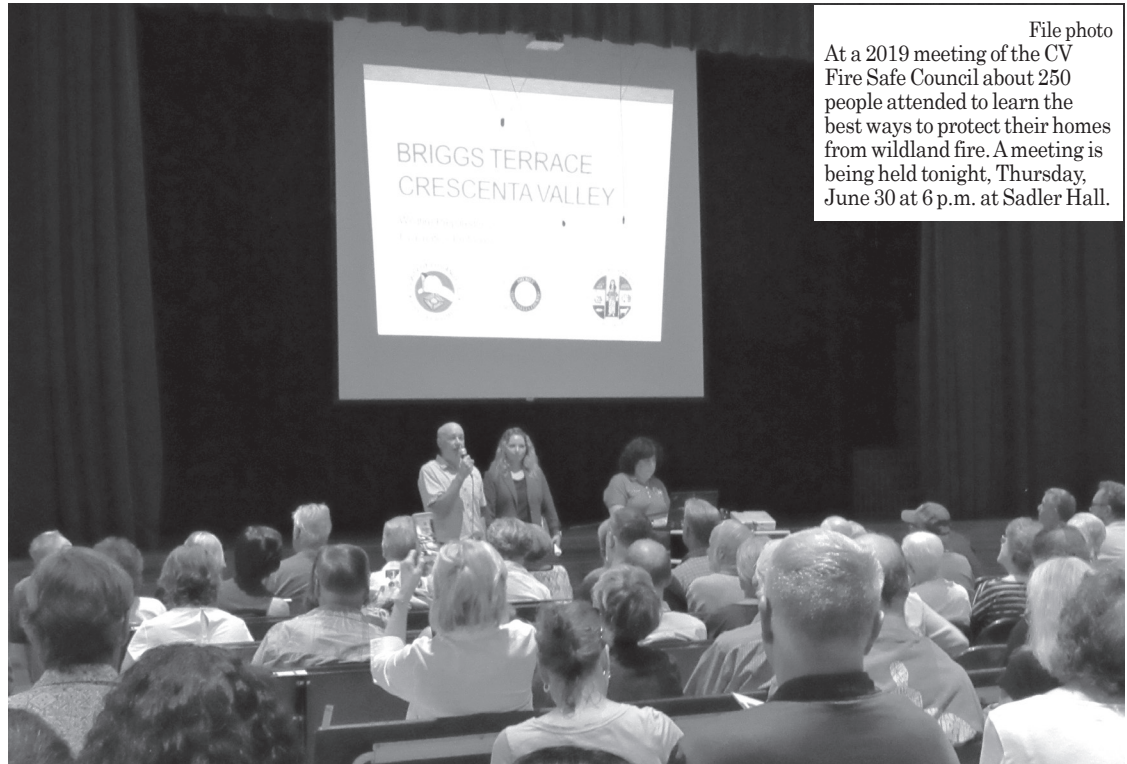
Long COVID, according to the CDC, is when people who have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 experience long-term effects. These can include a variety of ongoing health issues that can last weeks, months or years. Those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 and become

infected may also be at a higher risk of developing post-COVID conditions compared to those who are vaccinated and have had breakthrough infections. In some cases people who have post-COVID conditions may not have tested positive for the virus or even know they were infected.

MIS-C (multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children), formerly called pediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome or PIMS, describes a health condition seen in children who have been infected with novel coronavirus, then recovered from it but later have an immune response that results in symptoms of significant levels of inflammation in organ

see COVID VACCINES on page 15

# Neighbors Invited to CV Fire Safe Council Meeting



File photo  
At a 2019 meeting of the CV Fire Safe Council about 250 people attended to learn the best ways to protect their homes from wildland fire. A meeting is being held tonight, Thursday, June 30 at 6 p.m. at Sadler Hall.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council will be holding an informational meeting tonight, June 30, at 6 p.m. at Sadler Hall, St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd.

The CVFSC organization was created soon after the Station Fire in 2009. The purpose of the Council is to highlight fire concerns of residents in the foothills community.

Initially, the focus of the CVFSC was on the Briggs Terrace area, a neighborhood that has one way in and one way out. The streets are narrow and with unreliable cellphone service this area was of great concern during the Station Fire ... which continues to be an issue.

The CVFSC has worked on, and is continuing to work on, proactive programs to help inform and protect Briggs Terrace residents and has also worked on the same proactive programs to help other neighborhoods.

Members of the CVFSC board

have invited representatives from law enforcement and fire safety to the roundtable discussion.

In a recent conference with leaders from several fire agencies, fire chiefs spoke about how wildland fires are becoming more frequent and more dangerous.

Years ago California's fire season peaked between July and October; however, an extended drought, warm temperatures and a shorter wet season have attributed to climate change, and are leaving the land primed for destructive fires earlier in the year creating a fire season that is now year round.

"This is my 11th year as fire chief and nine out of the 11 years I feel like a [broken] record ... This year is going to be hotter and it is going to be drier," said Chief Darrel Osby, Los Angeles County Fire Dept., in an earlier interview with CVW.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Oxnard, the rainfall total recorded in Burbank since Oct. 1, 2021 was 9.92 inches; the normal total is 13.76 leaving a deficit of 3.84 inches.

The water year that ended Sept. 30, 2021 was the second driest on record due to extreme heat and lack of rain and snow. All 58 counties in California are now under a drought emergency proclamation, according to the state of California Drought Action.

"We are expecting a hotter, drier summer leading into the fall [when] we have our wind-driven fires in Southern California," Osby added.

"CVFSC mission is to help our neighbors in the urban [wildland] interface area known as Briggs Terrace prepare for and recover from forest fires. As 'CV Ready' we also help make our neighborhoods more resilient from earthquakes and other natural disasters," according to the CVFSC website.

CV Fire Safe Council has sponsored evacuation drills and several seminars that focus on emergency preparedness. Tonight's meeting is the chance to share fire concerns and, as neighbors, find ways to be proactive to protect neighborhoods.

For more information, go to www.cvfiresafecouncil.org.



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## Obituary

### Susan L. Kilpatrick



Dec. 30, 1955 – June 24, 2022

Susan Lynn Kilpatrick died June 24 with her family at her bedside after a brief, but valiant, struggle against illness.

Sue was born to Robert and Alice Collier in Glendale on Dec 30, 1955. The family moved to La Crescenta where Sue had a wonderful childhood growing up with her three sisters. At age 13, though, Sue unexpectedly became paraplegic requiring her to use a wheelchair for the rest of her life. Although many would find their lives totally upended, she made a conscious choice that this would not stand in her way.

One of the first things she did was to learn to drive a specially equipped car and became a “taxi” to her high school and college friends, going to the beach and around town.

After graduating from Crescenta Valley High School in 1974, she attended Glendale Community College. Sue graduated in 1977 where she received her diploma and also met the love of her life and soon-to-be husband Doug. Sue attended California State University, Northridge, graduating with a degree in history; while at CSUN Sue happened to take a meteorology course, which launched a lifetime passion for weather.

As a teacher for the Glendale School District, Sue mentored many disabled students. And, just for fun, with arms as strong as a walking person’s legs, she occasionally arm-wrestled the high school kids in her class to prove she could still beat them.

Sue always felt that starting a family was the crowning

achievement of her life. She and Doug went on to have two wonderful boys, Chris and Greg. Sue was active as a room mother, PTA officer (where she earned a California Honorary Service Award), den leader, and cub master in her son Greg’s troop. Sue was an active and founding supporter of son Chris’ Clark Magnet High School robotics team, and traveled with the team to competitions near and far.

When Chris and Greg graduated from high school, Sue had time to become active in the Crescenta Valley Historical Society, Prom Plus and Friends of Rockhaven; she became a lead docent at the Autry Museum and began writing the Crescenta Valley Weekly newspaper weather column – all of which she continued until her passing. Sue’s weekly “Weather in the Foothills” column combined her loves of weather and history with homespun anecdotes about day-to-day life in the Foothills and of her travels with husband Doug and dog Brighton.

Doug and Sue married on a crisp October day in 1980 and for 44 years they were an unshakable team. Doug would often say that he was the brawn while Sue was the brain. Together they were able to hike/wheel on the John Muir Trail, sail their Zodiac boat on Sierra lakes, visit ghost towns and explore countless beaches and national parks.

Despite overwhelming physical challenges, Sue approached life with optimism, perseverance, self-sufficiency and dignity. She was a pillar of strength to all she knew and an icon in the community. Sue will be dearly missed by her friends and family.

Services are pending. Please visit [www.suekilpatrick.com](http://www.suekilpatrick.com).

In lieu of flowers, Sue has asked that donations be made to Crescenta Valley Prom Plus ([www.promplus.org](http://www.promplus.org)), an organization dedicated to providing a safe and really fun after-prom experience for graduating high school seniors.

## GPD REPORTS

On June 21 at approximately 4:30 p.m., Glendale PD patrol officers located a stolen vehicle parked in a parking lot of the 1400 block of East Colorado Street. The officers observed a male, who appeared to be sleeping, inside of the vehicle. The officers contacted the male, 32-year-old Omar Marrufo of Panorama City. The officers observed the steering column was severely damaged and located 25 additional keys on the driver’s side floorboard of the vehicle. Marrufo was subsequently arrested for

vehicle theft and receiving known stolen property.

On June 15 just before 4 p.m., Glendale PD patrol officers located a stolen vehicle traveling near the intersection of Colorado Street and Louise Street, and subsequently conducted a felony traffic stop. Assisting units arrived and officers contacted the driver, 29-year-old Nieves Olivar of Van Nuys, and passenger, 25-year-old Arthur Delaroca of Van Nuys, who were ultimately both arrested and booked for vehicle theft.

## CRIME BLOTTER

### June 26

Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest, a man and woman parked their vehicle at the location, locked the doors and left for a hike. When they returned they found the driver’s side rear window had been smashed and several personal items had been stolen between noon and 1:30 p.m.

### June 25

Angeles National Forest and Angeles Crest Highway, a woman reported that she had gone to the location for a hike. She left her wallet in the trunk of her vehicle, locked the doors with her key fob and left for the hike. When she returned she found that her key fob at first did not unlock her vehicle’s doors. She tried manually unlocking the car but that did not work either; she continued to try the key fob and it finally opened the front passenger door. She was able to open the trunk of her vehicle and found the wallet had been stolen.

The lock of the driver’s side door had been punched out. The woman received several notifications from her bank and credit card companies stating there had been transactions approved at stores while others had not been approved. She had not made or attempted to make any purchases.

The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and noon

### June 24

Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway in La Cañada Flintridge, while on patrol deputies received an alert from the Flock Safety camera of a felony vehicle traveling northbound on Crown Avenue. The vehicle had been entered into the system because it had been used in a robbery in the area of Los Angeles Police Dept. The suspect was identified and the vehicle was described as a grey Chevrolet Cruze.

Deputies found the vehicle traveling westbound on Foothill Boulevard from Civic Center Drive; it did not display a front license plate. Deputies were able to identify the vehicle the by the back license plate. The vehicle’s windows were tinted so no one could see inside the cabin. The deputy activated the overhead lights on his marked patrol car; the suspect’s vehicle did not pull over and a pursuit ensued onto the Foothill (210) Freeway. The suspect’s vehicle made several unsafe maneuvers including using the unpaved shoulder at the Glendale (2) Freeway interchange. Due to the driver’s dangerous and reckless driving it was determined that for the safety of others on the roadway the pursuit should end. The vehicle continued westbound on the 210.

The initial incident occurred at 11:23 a.m.

### June 23

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that while observing surveillance footage she saw a suspect, described as a Hispanic male adult wearing a blue button-down shirt, gold

chains, blue jeans and black shoes, enter the main entrance door of the store. The suspect walked into the store with an empty reusable bag and placed it under a shopping cart. The suspect walked to the woman’s department, grabbed several dresses and placed them in a shopping cart. The suspect then walked to the shoe department and grabbed several pairs of shoes, placed them in the cart. The suspect then entered the elevator with the cart and went to the second floor. The suspect walked to the [houseware] department, took a laundry basket from the shelf and placed the women’s clothing and shoes in the basket and placed a towel over the top of the basket. He went back into the elevator and went to the first floor and then walked out of the store without attempting to pay for any of the items. He got into a red Honda CRV and left the area at 1:23 p.m.

### June 22

700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a man reported parking his vehicle in the bank parking lot, locking the doors and entering the bank. When he returned to the parking lot he found the front window of his vehicle had been shattered and personal items, including cash, had been stolen. Surveillance footage revealed a black Hyundai four-door vehicle drive into the rear parking lot of the bank after the victim had entered the parking lot. After the victim entered the bank the black Hyundai parked in the open parking spot east of the victim’s vehicle. A suspect, described as a male adult wearing a black sweatshirt, black pants and a white ski mask, exited the rear passenger door of the Hyundai. The suspect broke the driver’s side window with an unknown item and reached into the vehicle. The victim had been at another bank where he obtained money, then drove to the first bank. The victim feels he was followed from one bank to the other by the suspects.

The theft occurred at 3:30 p.m.

### June 6

4300 block of Briggs Avenue in Montrose, a resident reported that after receiving a call from her bank representative she discovered that several checks had been written to people she did not know; the checks had been cashed. The bank put a stop payment on the checks; however, some had already been paid. The funds from those checks were removed from her bank account and the bank could not reverse the charges. She was sent photocopies of the checks and found they resembled the check that she had issued to her employee but modifications were made, including the check number changed, the date erased and the amounts changed. It was discovered the employee had cashed the check with a check cashing service but did not know how anyone got a hold of her checks once cashed.

The theft occurred between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m.



CANCER BILLS from Cover

NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers. The bill parallels the current Medi-Cal coverage model that allows Medi-Cal beneficiaries to have access to certain life-saving care services at a Center of Excellence, even if that center is not included in the member's provider network. Specifically, SB 987 expands the existing set of care diagnoses for which such enhanced access is provided and includes clinically necessary cancer care services such as genomic/genetic/transcriptomic/proteomic testing, clinical trials participation, and all necessary cancer-related outpatient and inpatient clinical care, defined episode of care.

SB 987 would also require Medi-Cal managed care providers to inform enrollees of their eligibility to receive enhanced care and ensures primary care doctors in contract with those managed care providers inform enrollees with

any information they need to decide between relevant treatment options. The bill also requires that decisions to approve, deny, or modify a patient's request for optimal care are made within a 72-hour time window to shorten the window between diagnosis and treatment.

"This year, more than 189,000 Californians will hear the terrifying words 'You have cancer,'" said Dr. Harlan Levine, president of Health Innovation and Policy at City of Hope. "While innovation has dramatically impacted survival, many patients, particularly those from underserved communities, are unable to access the highly specialized treatments, clinical trials and care from the subspecialists most likely to help save their lives. This is particularly true for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and SB 987 says that we will not leave them behind."

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# Town Council Joins Burrtec to Offer Customers Special Services



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
CVTC members, from left, President Harry Leon, Dede Mueller, treasurer Donna Libra and corresponding secretary Kerri Lewin.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley Town Council and Burrtec, a waste management company, partnered to bring two events to residents on Saturday. Burrtec brought a truckload of compost to Two Strike Park for residents to take home to their yards and gardens. It was also an

e-waste event for those who had electronics to dispose of safely and legally.

It is illegal in California to dispose of electronic equipment in home or business trash bins.

There was a steady stream of people bringing e-waste and filling bags and buckets with compost.

# The Campbell Center's New Mural Brings Joy ... and Tears



From left, helping with the ribbon cutting are TCC Executive Director Nancy Niebrugge, TCC Founder Jerry Campbell, Muralism Executive Director Ernie Merlán and TCC Board President Robert Schact.

On June 15, The Campbell Center (TCC) hosted a mural ribbon-cutting and open house celebration to showcase its transformed programming and revitalization of its building. The 68-year-old nonprofit, serving adults in Glendale with developmental and intellectual disabilities, recently transitioned away from a workshop model where it provided clients (called associates) with assembly and shipping jobs at its office. Now they associates are helped in getting jobs at local businesses and/or going out into the community to do activities of their choice.

The newly unveiled mural reflects these changes by depicting several of TCC's associates across its windows facing San Fernando Road, with the phrase, "Building an inclusive community for all ... to live, work and play... their way!"

The mural was created by Muralism, a nonprofit that beautifies buildings across Los Angeles County by engaging artists with developmental disabilities. At the moment the mural was unveiled many associates, with their families and friends, got emotional.

"I loved seeing everyone at The Campbell Center again," said TCC associate Shant. "The mural is so cool, too. I hope people start to recognize me from it."

During the event, community members and representatives of the offices of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Senator Anthony Portantino and Assemblymember Laura Friedman attended to present commemorations of the transformation of the building. In addition, Glendale City Councilmembers Paula Devine, Dan Brotman and Vrej Agajanian presented a commendation for TCC founder Jerry Campbell for his sustained service to The Campbell Center associates since 1954.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, TCC invited attendees inside its offices and presented updates to its supported employment, community integration and residential programs. TCC showed photos of associates fully engaged in the community – either at new jobs in various restaurants and offices or enjoying activities at local recreation centers and gardens.

"With this mural, we let everybody who drives by our building know what The Campbell Center is all about: we're building an inclusive community for all," said TCC Executive Director Nancy Niebrugge. "We're excited to continue our work in building that community."

The Campbell Center is a nonprofit organization that partners with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, empowering them to successfully gain independence and attain their desired outcomes through opportunity and choice. [www.TheCampbell.Org](http://www.TheCampbell.Org)



# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Glendale Adventist Hospital and the Angel of Death – Part 2

Last week we heard the twisted tale of Efred Saldivar, a hospital respiratory therapist who injected his patients with drugs that would kill them. He was a self-professed “angel of death.” He did this for 10 years, from 1988 to 1998. He did this without suspicion while working the quiet graveyard shift. But in 1997, issues began to be raised about him and the police began to follow the very faint trail he had left.

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The Glendale PD’s initial investigations were dead ends but, covering all bases, they called Efred in for questioning, basically just to gauge his reaction to direct questioning. They weren’t disappointed. In fact, they were amazed.

He almost immediately began recounting patients he had killed detailing a patient he had killed soon after he started work at the hospital back in 1988. He said she had terminal cancer with no hope of recovery and that the family had already given permission to disconnect her from life support. Efred recounted that, after everyone had left for the night, he went into her room. She was unconscious but still breathing via a machine. He said he felt sorry for her so he went ahead and undid the breathing hoses. He then recounted other patients he had killed with a lethal injection. He said it was just two, and that it was very recent, in 1997. He said he had injected them with a muscle relaxant, Pavulon.

The astonished detectives read him his rights, including his right to remain silent. But he didn’t remain silent. He talked for two hours as his admission of victims went from the initial three to 40, and then to 50. He detailed his reasons for the murders, feeling sorry for patients who were kept

alive beyond all hope of recovery.

The detectives booked Saldivar at the Glendale police station and started hunting for evidence. But this was going to prove elusive. Saldivar had gotten rid of anything incriminating in his possession so a warranted search turned up nothing. All of his victims had been either cremated or buried and what’s more the drugs he had used were hard to detect in a dead body. They had his confession but they had no murder weapon, no victims and no witnesses. They had no case. A confession alone was not enough to charge him. Regrettably, after 48 hours, they had to release Saldivar.

The hospital fired Efred and suspended most of the respiratory department as they tried to clean up the mess.

Efred, meanwhile, enjoying new fame went on ABC’s “20/20” news show and recanted his confession, saying he was suicidal and trying to get the state to kill him with the death penalty.

The police began the monumental task of building a case, even renting a house near the hospital to house the six-man investigative task force. First, they got up-to speed on the psychology of “angels of death,” a phenomenon in the medical field. Some did it out of mercy, some for the thrill of swooping in and

“saving” the patient and some for the sadistic power. Efred even admitted later that some patients were simply inconvenient.

Although Efred claimed to be killing patients for merciful reasons, his drug of choice was not always merciful. He used Pavulon, or pancuronium bromide, which was based on the legendary South American poison curare. Natives tipped their arrows and blowgun darts with the drug to immobilize their prey. Pavulon was used in hospital settings to depress the breathing reflex during operations where the patient is breathing mechanically. Those who were conscious when Efred injected them with Pavulon, and there may have been some, would be horribly aware of their suffocation and inability to summon help.

If the detectives were going to pin any murders on Saldivar, they were going to have to dig up evidence – literally. About a thousand patients had died on Saldivar’s watch; perhaps some buried bodies still had minute traces of Pavulon. You get the picture. The summer of 1998 was going to be a grisly one for these detectives.

*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 WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

## We Must Codify Roe and Unstack the Supreme Court

Last Friday, in one of the most dangerous and heartbreaking decisions in a generation, the Supreme Court voted 7-2 to overturn Roe v. Wade and deprive women of the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions.

Notwithstanding this dramatic lurch backward for the country, California will continue to offer reproductive health care and abortions to women in need, and our governor and legislators have already taken steps to support out-of-state individuals requiring care.

But inevitably, this ruling does mean the end of reproductive care for those living in states with restrictive anti-choice laws on the books. It means that women in red states will have to travel thousands of miles to get the care they need, and those who cannot afford to do so will have to go to unthinkable lengths with no guarantee of their well-being. It means more children will be born into families that cannot support them, giving new momentum to the cycle of poverty. And, most tragically, it means women will die for lack of care.

The fact that this opinion did not come as a surprise does not lessen how traumatic this moment is for millions of Americans. For if there is no meaningful right to privacy in the Constitution, and the Supreme Court has no allegiance to precedent, what other rights may be next to fall?

The right to contraception, the right to same-sex relationships and the right to same-sex marriage are now at risk. As Justice Clarence Thomas made clear in his concurring opinion, overturning Roe is just the beginning for this reactionary court.

These efforts to take our country backward have been decades in the making. But they got a major boost when Mitch McConnell denied President Obama the ability to appoint a Supreme Court justice with eight months left in his term, then confirmed Amy Coney Barrett with just eight days left in President Trump’s tenure in office. Having effectively stacked the court with an unrepresentative supermajority in their favor, Republicans in the state legislatures and in Congress can now seek to impose their extremist

agenda on generations to come.

If Republicans take back control of the House in November, a nationwide ban on abortion will be first on their agenda. It’s horrifying to consider what could be next.

To avoid this dystopian future – where conservative state legislators make a woman’s health care decisions for her – we must make Roe the law of the land. Congress must codify Roe into law. If that means doing away with filibuster, so be it – that arcane Senate practice has been around for far too long and done far too much damage to stand in the way of women’s healthcare.

And the only remedy to a Supreme Court that is so grossly stacked and imbalanced is to unstack it by expanding its numbers.

Our government is supposed to reflect the will of the majority of our people and that majority wants to keep moving this country forward. America deserves a Supreme Court that protects the rights of our people, not does away with them.

*Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) represents California’s 28th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.*



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# Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Awards Scholarships, Honors Four Local High School Graduates

Aimed at helping students reach their highest potential, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada awarded four recently graduated local high school seniors scholarships of \$2,000 each. The scholarship recipients were La Cañada High School graduates Diana Anderson, Nicole Huh, Michelangelo Arriaza-Silva and Tiennity Le, who also received a commemorative Scholarship of Distinction certificate from Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Terry Piasky. The celebration was kicked off by the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Vice President – Programs Joe Radabaugh as La Cañada High School Assistant Principal Amy Marcoullier, Club and family members cheered on the students. The Kiwanis Club members had rallied together to raise the funds for the scholarships; criteria included community service, schoolwork performance

and recommendations by high school counselors. Also fueling the decision-making process was the students' future educational goals and their enthusiasm to make a difference in their community. When asked about the event, Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Piasky said, "We are thrilled to award scholarships to these very deserving students. The scholarship program is a key component of the Kiwanis' mission to serve children, and we hope the awards will inspire these youth as they begin a wonderful new chapter in their lives." Anyone interested in helping kids while making friends and having fun is invited to attend, or Zoom in on, a Kiwanis Club of La Cañada meeting held each Wednesday at noon featuring the "Guest Speaker of the Week" program. To receive an invitation, email [laicanadakiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:laicanadakiwanis@gmail.com) or visit [laicanadakiwanis.org](http://laicanadakiwanis.org).



Photo courtesy of Alice PEREZ Pictured from left are Diana Anderson, Nicole Huh, Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Terry Piasky, Michelangelo Arriaza-Silva and Tiennity Le.

## Summer Music Series Returns

The 2022 Brand Summer Music Series will consist of eight outdoor concerts at Brand Library & Art Center (1601 W. Mountain St. Glendale) on Fridays from July 8 through Sept. 16. These concerts begin at 7 p.m. and feature music groups from Southern California and beyond. Seating is not provided; visitors are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and picnic on the grassy hillsides of Brand Park

behind the library. Performances run approximately 60 - 90 minutes without intermission. The Glendale Arts and Culture Commission sponsors the concerts through funding from the Urban Art Program and the Brand Associates, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, and Glendale Community Services and Parks. On July 8 Son Habana will

be performing. Son Habana is a quartet that plays traditional Cuban son and salsa music (chacha, merengue, bolero and more). As classically trained musicians, they are interested in bringing Cuban music and culture to broad audiences. The band consists of Luis Felipe Dorzon (vocals, maracas, guiro), Daniel Rodriguez (percussion), Denis Medina (tres guitar) and Azaris Manuel (bass).

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## People Making News

Bronwyn Stewart of Sunland was among 5,100 students to graduate this spring from the University of Iowa. Stewart was a student in the Graduate College whose program of study was English. The degree awarded was a Master of Arts.

As a top global university, Iowa boasts over 200 areas of study to choose from and students are encouraged to mix and match majors, minors and certificates to earn a degree that reflects their unique interests. Students are equipped with the tools they need to stand out in a competitive workforce. Our 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio allows students to work directly with experts in their field while earning valuable, practical skills.

To learn more about the University of Iowa, visit <https://uiowa.edu/>.

## Veterans Corner June 2022 Summer Travel Tips to Protect Your Back

By Blake HYFIELD

With summer travel just around the corner, here are some tips to help you arrive at your destination free of back pain despite cramped seats, long lines and little legroom. Not all seat adjustments will work for everyone. The important thing is to make sure that the seat is comfortable for the individual. Some ideas:

**Stretching** – Staying stationary for too long stresses the spine and can worsen existing pain and aches. If you move every 20 minutes to an hour, you will keep your body in proper alignment and prevent fatiguing from prolonged sitting the muscles in the back and neck.

**Posture** – The goal with posture is to make sure there is minimal effort coming from the muscles to hold any stance or position. Try to ensure your head is kept level over your pelvis and your neck is not craning forward. Keep your gaze about 15 to 30 degrees off the horizon by slightly looking down to prevent overexertion of your neck muscles. Try not to bend your knees and hips more than 90 degrees so the large muscle groups in the lower back and pelvic areas are not at a disadvantage in the resting state. And try to

keep your feet planted on the ground.

**Lifting** – While lifting a suitcase, try to lift with your legs. Evenly distribute your weight and avoid overfatiguing the muscles.

**Back/Neck Support** – For those with lower back pain, placing a pillow behind your back can help prevent slouching during the flight. Likewise, neck pillow can help prevent strains and provide support to the neck muscles.

Take short, frequent walks to keep the muscles and joints active, preventing tension from building up in the lower back and hips. Get up and walk at least once an hour. When flying or traveling by train or bus, request an aisle seat in advance to make moving regularly easier and less disruptive to other passengers.

Stretch the hamstrings by placing one foot in front of the body, such as on a seat in an airport or train station, and gently leaning forward until a stretch is felt in the back of the thigh. Hold for 30 to 60 seconds. Stretching the hamstrings can reduce muscle tension that pulls on the lower back and worsens back pain.

Do simple neck stretches by slowly bending the ear to the shoulder and holding for 15 to 30 seconds before repeating on the other

side. This stretch alleviates muscle tension in the side of the neck down into the shoulder. Additionally, bend the head forward, pulling the chin toward the chest, to alleviate tension in the back of the neck.

Perform isometric exercises or contractions in the legs, hips and trunk. For example, keep the core and leg muscles active by leaning the back against a wall in an airport or travel station and sliding the body down until the knees are bent at about 90°. Hold this position for 30 to 60 seconds to perform an isometric exercise. Alternatively, tense up the muscles in the abdomen for 30 seconds, without moving the back or torso, then release.

Getting blood flowing allows for more effortless movement and makes you less prone to aching.

*This article is based in large part on the May 2022 American Legion Magazine article written by Beth W. Orenstein in discussions with Rahul Shah, a spine and neck surgeon with Premier Orthopaedic associates in Vineland, New Jersey.*

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Book Signing Held for Dave Lopez

For nearly five decades, Dave Lopez could be found on TV, covering major Los Angeles news events, including Vietnam War protests, the O.J. Simpson trial and the war in Somalia. He relates those experiences in his memoir, "It's a Great Life, If You Don't Weaken: Family, Faith and 48 Years on Television." A book signing was recently held at Flintridge Bookstore giving the author and former newscaster a chance to share some of his experiences.

"I always wanted to write a book, and I had plenty of time to do it during the pandemic," Lopez said to those gathered at the book signing.

Lopez was not unfamiliar with writing for print. He began his career as a sportswriter for the Huntington Park Daily Signal newspaper. After six years, he took an on-air position as a general assignment and sports reporter for KHJ TV (later KCAL9) then traveled to San Diego.

It wasn't long (only nine months) in San Diego before Lopez moved to Los Angeles and started his illustrious career at CBS2. Since 1977, Lopez could be found covering nearly every big story – from the Freeway Murders to the LA riots – at CBS2. The book

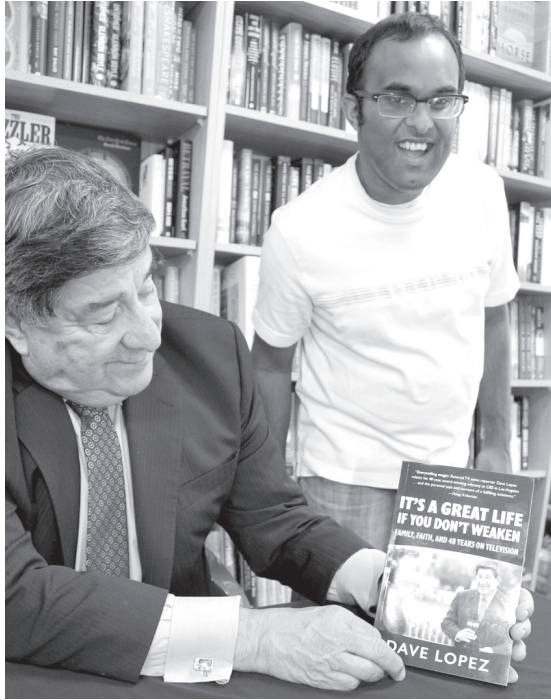


Photo by Ruth SOWBY

Dave Lopez, retired KCBS Channel 2 news reporter, now author, is ready to sign his book for La Cañada resident Krishna Rajagopalan. The book signing took place at Flintridge Bookstore in La Cañada on Thursday, June 23.

"It's a Great Life, If You Don't Weaken: Family, Faith and 48 Years on Television" chronicles his experiences in the field.

"It's a Great Life, If You Don't Weaken: Family, Faith and 48 Years on Television" is now available for purchase.

### THEN & NOW

2300 Block of Honolulu  
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** This 1932 aerial view of the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue (west of Ocean View Boulevard) shows a pretty sparse streetscape. The Depression had put a temporary halt to the development of Montrose. The 2200 block of Honolulu (east of Ocean View) had been built up in the "roaring '20s," but this end of Montrose had been ignored. This was around the time that a not-yet-famous author, John Steinbeck, rented a shack in Montrose, chiefly because of its cheap rent. He would have walked this stretch of Honolulu on his way to mail manuscripts at the post office and to the local paper, the Ledger, where he unsuccessfully (yeah, you read that right) submitted articles.



**Now »** The view of that same stretch of Honolulu today shows a shopping area fully built out and incorporated into the beautifully landscaped Montrose Shopping Park. While the majority of the buildings in the 2200 block of Honolulu still are original to their 1920s buildup, the buildings in the 2300 block range wildly, a couple from the '20s, and some from the '40s, '50s, '60s, even the '70s. Prominent in this photo is the backside of Montrose Bowl, built in the '40s. It's currently getting an interior facelift via a new owner and promises to be a future bowling recreation and dining attraction for Montrose.

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**PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT**

## Five years later, he got a \$14,700 bill from Alamo. Does he have to pay?

*Avis wants Dominic Changco to pay \$14,700 after one of its rentals gets water damage. But why did it take five years to get the paperwork?*

**Q** I rented a car in Maui from Alamo in 2017. It rained heavily for one day and the car floor became soaked. All doors and windows were closed.

I noticed water leaking from the vents, indicating possibly faulty weatherstripping. Enterprise, which owns Alamo, now says it salvaged the car and the engine won't start, even though we drove it there. They want me to pay \$14,700 for the vehicle. Can you help me get this claim dropped?

~ Dominic Changco, Salinas, California

**A** : It's highly unusual for a car rental company to take five years to process a claim. For that reason alone, I decided to look into your case.

You should never, ever pay for damage to a rental car. Before you rent, ensure that you have sufficient insurance. You can get coverage through your auto policy, your credit card, the car rental company or online through a company like InsureMyRentalCar.com. But whatever you do, don't rent a car without insurance.

Other than the timing, there were a few

more strange things about your case. You say you drove the car to the Alamo lot. But now Alamo (via Enterprise) claims that the vehicle is undriveable. You also claimed you had the windows and doors closed, yet the water still came into the vehicle. If that happened anywhere else in the world, that might have been unlikely. But we're talking about Maui, which is one of the rainiest places on the planet. Big Bog on Maui is the seventh-wettest place in the world.

The real question is who is responsible for weatherproofing the rental car – you or the rental car company? I would say it's on the rental car company to send out a vehicle that's roadworthy. But it's a shared responsibility. It's also up to the driver to make sure the car is operated safely and carefully. I don't think you could have known that your car couldn't withstand the rain until it was too late.

Another problem with your case is that you didn't have any paperwork. It looks like you had either misplaced it or discarded it, hoping that the Alamo claim was in the past. Only it wasn't.

You could have contacted Enterprise about

your case to find out why it took so long to get this case settled. I list the names, numbers and emails of Enterprise executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

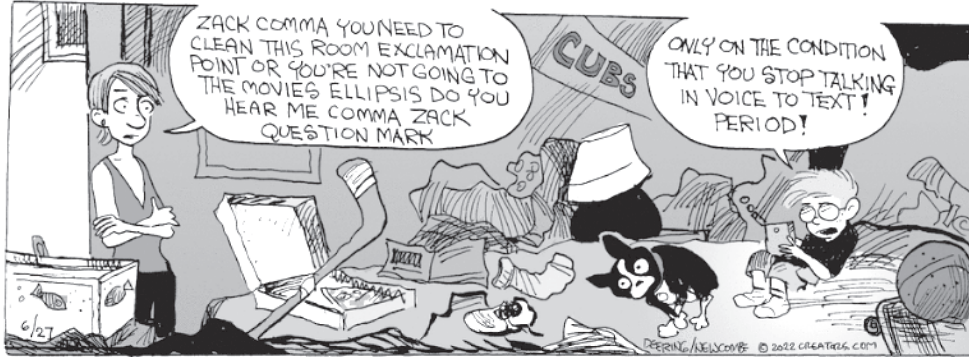
I asked Enterprise about your \$14,700 bill. A representative acknowledged that a five-year wait was "a bit strange."

"Our records indicate that the vehicle in this case sustained flood damage at a hotel," the representative said. "The hotel denied coverage and the customer did not have a damage waiver. There was a refusal to pay the damages that was documented and then following there was a series of subsequent follow-up communications between us and the customer regarding payment. The customer has been sent to collections for non-payment and I believe the letter he sent you is the most recent letter from collections."

Enterprise would not drop the claim, but you still have options. You can find out if the credit card you used to rent the car would pay for the damage. Or you can contact your auto insurance to find out if you might be covered. In any case, this isn't the end of your road.

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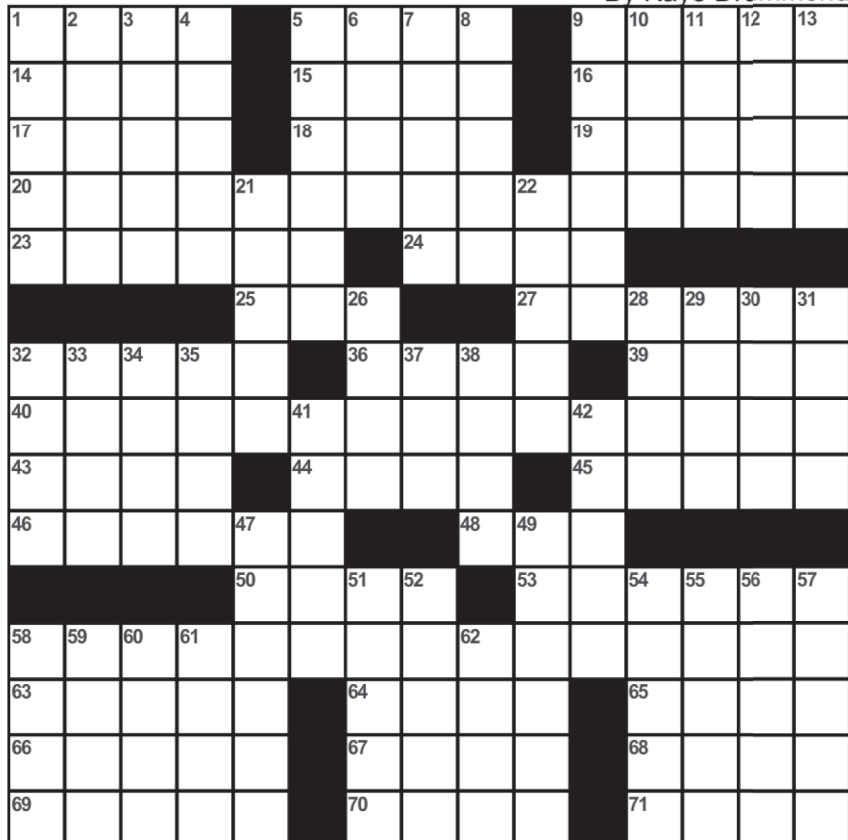
- 1) Forest growth
- 5) "Little Women" character
- 9) Automaton
- 14) Seed covering
- 15) Fish deceiver
- 16) Cause to be red-faced
- 17) Raise one's hackles
- 18) Face-to-face exam
- 19) Fancy home
- 20) CIA undertaking
- 23) Show annoyance with, in a way
- 24) Like a bug in a rug
- 25) Fiddle stick?
- 27) Foursome
- 32) Cancel, as a space trip
- 36) Part of a yard
- 39) Blarney Stone land
- 40) Movies are shown here
- 43) Bang-up
- 44) Abominable snowman
- 45) Dental filling
- 46) Ready to bloom
- 48) Impede (with "down")
- 50) Small glass container
- 53) Queasiness
- 58) Participate in hide-and-seek
- 63) Beautify
- 64) Cotton seed removers
- 65) One in line for the family fortune
- 66) Business leader
- 67) Poker pot starter
- 68) Taro root
- 69) Representative
- 70) They're big among the glitterati
- 71) Whiskey choices

**DOWN**

- 1) Chagall, Connelly and Anthony
- 2) Constellation with a belt
- 3) Forest trees of a region
- 4) Sheep counter's quest
- 5) Drunk, in slang
- 6) Buck abroad
- 7) Snares
- 8) Troy beauty
- 9) Wreak havoc on
- 10) Words written in passing?
- 11) Island near Java
- 12) Home of the Nobel Prize
- 13) Comparative word
- 21) Talmud expert
- 22) The Babe and Buzzi
- 26) Take for a bride
- 28) Beach bird
- 29) Cambodian currency
- 30) Length x width, for a rectangle
- 31) Contradict
- 32) Attempt
- 33) Confucius' dynasty (Var.)
- 34) Tear violently
- 35) Like garage sale goods
- 37) After-tax number
- 38) Baby holder
- 41) Kingdom of Croesus
- 42) Humidor item
- 47) In equal amounts
- 49) Unwelcome obligations
- 51) Sign of an untreated pool
- 52) Covering up the truth
- 54) One who puts you in your place
- 55) Poorly maintained, as a hotel
- 56) Skip over syllables
- 57) Dos that get picked out
- 58) Rough it on vacation
- 59) Sensory input
- 60) Cape Canaveral cancellation
- 61) Heart of the matter
- 62) Savvy about

**HIDE OUT**

By Kaye Drummond



**CALENDAR this**

**FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE HOSTS LISA LEWIS**

On Thursday, July 7 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore presents freelance journalist Lisa L. Lewis, author of the book "The Sleep-Deprived Teen: Why Our Teenagers Are So Tired and How Parents and Schools Can Help Them Thrive." Lewis is joined by California State Senator (La Cañada Flintridge) Anthony J. Portantino whose opening remarks emphasize the critical importance of this issue. Bill 328, requiring healthy start times for schools, was introduced to the California State Senate by Portantino, passed in 2019, and was the first law of its kind in the nation. Lewis helped spark Bill 328.

"The Sleep-Deprived Teen" features the science of why sleep matters and how it changes during the teen years; an overview of how sleep affects mental health, athletic performance, academic success and more; specific, practical advice for helping teens get more (and better) sleep; an inside look at California's new school-start-time law and how it's expected to address teens' sleep loss and enhance their health and well-being.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. It is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is street parking as well as a lot behind the store off Beulah Drive. For more information, contact Gail Mishkin at [gailm@flintridgebooks.com](mailto:gailm@flintridgebooks.com) or call the store at (818) 790-0717.

**LCWC HOLDING A SHOE DRIVE**

Members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club will hold a shoe drive on Sunday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their Clubhouse parking lot, 4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

In 2019 Club members came close to reaching their goal of collecting 1,000 pairs and hope to surpass that this year.

All are invited to drop off new or gently used shoes for the LCWC collection. All sorts of men's, women's, and children's shoes are welcome! The Club is also in need of shipping boxes (preferably manageable sizes at about 12 x 18 x 9 or the size of a 10-ream case of copy paper) and shipping tape if anyone would like to donate some.

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## LEGLALS

### NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: CHARLES JABBRA Case number 22DCP00085. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 800 East Broadway Room 279, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner JOHN JABBRA AND CHANTAL JABBRA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name CHARLES JABBRA to Proposed Name: KHALL JOHN JABRA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: AUGUST 4, 2022 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: E Room: n/a b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2022.

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Please take notice US Storage Centers -Montrose located at 3708 Clifton Place Montrose, CA 91020 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 7/21/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Michael George Seifert; Ean Anthony Loveless. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly, June 9, July 7, 2022.

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and fiber optic infrastructure. Part of the plan includes planting new trees and installing new infrastructure designed to capture and treat storm water. In addition there will be "cool/reflective" pavement to mitigate heat effects and the addition of new striping and pavement markings.

All of these changes were appreciated by those at the meeting, many of whom felt the basic infrastructure improvements were needed. But it was the plan to change the traffic flow that concerned residents.

There were two alternatives presented: Alternative 1 included a "dedicated and protected colored bicycle lane - 'Bike Lane.'" Alternative 2 would be a class III bike route [with] shared roadway markings - 'Sharrows.'"

Pastor Casanova, principal traffic engineer for the City of Glendale walked residents through the two alternatives and the options available.

The Bike Lane alternative would reduce driving lanes to "one lane per direction of travel" on La Crescenta Avenue from Montrose Avenue to North Verdugo. In addition there would be a bike lane on each side of La

Crescenta Avenue with protective barriers and the addition of a center two-way, left turn lane.

At present in this area La Crescenta Avenue has two lanes traveling each way.

The Sharrows proposal would include "wider travel lanes to accommodate both cyclists and drivers; there would be shared lane markings to alert drivers of bicyclists."

The basic change would be to the lane closest to the sidewalks, or outside lane, that would be marked as a bike lane that would be "shared" with drivers.

Casanova presented the pros and cons of each alternative. Alternative 1 would allow a left turn lane that would improve safety, reduce drivers' speed and the number of collisions and encourage bicycling, according to the City.

Alternative 2 would maintain existing traffic lanes, would have a shorter corridor commute time and maintain current drivers' recognition of bicyclists, according to the City.

The specific concern with Alternative 1 is the traffic that is expected to spill into neighborhood streets. This was not only a concern for the residents but is also on the City's "con" list.

Sycamore Avenue and surrounding streets are small neighborhood streets; they do not have sidewalks and there are no street lights. Many residents voiced concern that if traffic lanes are reduced on La Crescenta Avenue, a major thoroughfare, the overflow will spill into the smaller streets like Sycamore.

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systems, according to Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA).

"MIS-C is similar in some ways to other inflammatory conditions like Kawasaki disease and toxic shock syndrome. Children who have MIS-C generally did not have obvious symptoms when they were infected with novel coronavirus, like cough, and generally were healthy prior to developing MIS-C," according to CHLA.

Rodarte said he understands parents have concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine for children. He said some think that because their child has already tested positive for COVID-19 they are not at risk.

"[They think] I had it already so I am good," Rodarte said. "Natural immunity doesn't last as long as [parents] may think."

It is not clear how long natural immunity will last after a person had COVID-19.

Rodarte also understands that parents are concerned about their younger children getting the vaccine.

Last year the FDA approved vaccines for 5-to-11-year-old children.

"The mechanism is not new, it's not new technology," Rodarte said of the vaccine process. The mRNA technology used in the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines has been in development for over 15 years.

"There are some who have been chomping at the bit to get the vaccine, especially before [summer] family travels; others are [on the fence], like the initial rollout for older kids, and others who will not get the vaccine," he said.

The youngest children have continued to be in a type of isolation while older children, who have been able to receive the vaccine, have enjoyed more freedom.

Rodarte added that with this new vaccine approval kids can go back to events like Mommy and Me classes and parents can feel more comfortable and confident about the interactions their children have..

Rodarte suggests parents contact their pediatrician with any questions and concerns.

"Talk to your doctor," he advised. "Don't [make your decisions based on] Facebook or Instagram."

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