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Traffic Safety High On Council Agenda

By Roman Inguanzo

The flag salute that kicked off the Tuesday night meeting of the Glendale City Council was led by Boy Scout Troop 390 followed by the invocation by Suzie Abajian, the city clerk.

In general business, newly selected mayor Dan Brotman issued a proclamation designating April 10 - 16, 2023 as Food Waste Prevention Week. Councilmember Najarian appointed Edwin Belen to the Audit Committee, Zareh Amirian to the Transportation and Parking Commission, Zaven Hanesian to the Building and Fire Board of Appeals Commission, and Ronnie Gharibian to the Community Development Block Grant Commission.

City Council/staff comments were discussed next. Mayor Brotman mentioned a tragic incident that occurred next to city hall on April 8 when a 70-year-old man was struck and killed by a car that crashed into the building that houses Highlight Coffee, 701 E. Broadway in Glendale. There is an ongoing investigation of the event. According to Mayor Brotman, the elderly man's death was the outcome of a collision involving a Tesla traveling northbound on Glendale Avenue at around 50-60 mph and a Lincoln that was turning left onto East Broadway Avenue.

"We cannot ignore the role that speed plays in these types of accidents," he said. "You have to consider, at that speed, the kind of damage that is caused when a collision takes place." This tragedy was used as another reminder of the importance of street safety and (as Mayor Brotman mentioned) a reminder to the Glendale City Council to continue its work on making streets safer for everyone.

The meeting continued with Adoption of Ordinances, Action Items and Hearings. This part

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Fundraising and Filing

By Mary O'KEEFE

As Friends of Rockhaven prepares for one of its biggest fundraisers to benefit the historic property, it continues its stewardship by filing a lawsuit against the City.

On April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, Friends of Rockhaven will be hosting its Art on the Rocks boutique. There will be over 25 women artists displaying their art, all for sale and benefitting a good cause - Friends of Rockhaven.

It is fitting that the fundraiser focuses on women since that is exactly what Rockhaven Sanitarium's founder Agnes Richards did 100 years ago. Richards was a nurse in the Midwest and West Coast. She saw the unfair and cruel treatment many, especially women, were receiving in mental institutions.

There is still a stigma today regarding mental health treatment but it is becoming more commonplace to talk about it. One hundred years ago, that conversation, especially about women - if it was talked about at all -



File photo

Proceeds from a fundraiser planned for April 22 by Friends of Rockhaven will benefit the site.

took place in whispers and rumors. Having someone institutionalized was something most families didn't want to talk about, which made it easier for some husbands to label their unwanted wife as mentally ill and pack them off to be forgotten.

Their illness could be an actually diagnosed mental health condition, including depression, menopause or premenstrual syndrome ... or having no physical ailment at all but just no longer was the object of their husband's desire.

Richards gave women a safe, beautiful place to recover from whatever they, or their families, thought they were suffering. She respected them, she empowered them, and she treated them. Many

see ROCKHAVEN on page 7

GFD Getting Ready for Brush Clearance Inspections

By Mary O'KEEFE

Last week the Crescenta Valley Town Council held an informative brush fire clearance meeting with members of the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. (LACoFD). During that meeting LACoFD Chief Pat Sprengel told the audience that brush clearance notices had been sent to residents in February and again in March. These notices were going to many more addresses than in the past because of the new fire zones that had been implemented.

"A majority of La Crescenta is in a high or very high fire hazard zone," Sprengel said at the time. "State law mandates all single-family dwellings within high or very high fire zones must be inspected."

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State law mandates all single-family dwellings within high or very high fire zones must be inspected to avoid situations like this one.

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Warmer Temps Means Time to Get Outside

I'm one of those people who love the longer days. Once daylight saving time kicks in, I wash off the outdoor tables, pull out the seat cushions and prepare for warm weather.

Apparently I'm not alone! Looking at the calendar there's a ton of things planned for the next few weeks, starting tonight!

Tonight, Thursday, the CV Chamber of Commerce (of which I'm secretary) is hosting a business networking mixer at its office (3131 Foothill Blvd. 'D' in La Crescenta). Members will be showing off the revamped office and introducing the newly elected board. Food will be provided by Gourmet a go go, one of my favorite caterers. The cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and anyone who signs up or renews chamber membership at the door will get in for free!

On Saturday, April 22 the Montrose Shopping Park is hosting one of my favorite events: its spring Wine Walk! Ticketholders will each be given a reusable cloth bag that holds a map of participating stores and tickets to "pours" in the shopping park. They'll also be given a signature wine glass that can be used at each stop. The Wine Walk is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and tickets are \$45 each. Warning: They typically sell out every year, so make sure to visit www.shopmontrose.com to buy your tickets. (For more information, see page 9.)

Also on April 22 is the annual Art on the Rocks from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. benefitting the Friends of Rockhaven. Held at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. (at the corner of

Foothill and Rosemont) in La Crescenta it is a craft fair with items sure to dazzle. It's free to attend.

There's plenty more happening in April including the Hometown Country Fair, the Montrose Craft Beer Fest and the Brewery Artwalk. I'll share those details in next week's paper (or check out their ads in this week's paper) but right now I have a shameless plug: the Glendale Kiwanis – of which I'm a part – is having its annual Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash at Verdugo Park.

The annual Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash at Verdugo Park, located at 1621 Cañada Blvd. in Glendale, is on April 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will have booths, food, and of course ducks! About 20,000 little yellow rubber guys will make their way down the manmade "lake" earning some of the adopted parents big bucks! This is the biggest fundraiser for the Club, which performs a variety of community service that benefits kids. Duck adoptions are only \$5 each with incentives to buy more. I'm part of Team K Potluck Ducks and invite readers to adopt some ducks! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mdnsdasv> to adopt your ducks (that's my link) or visit www.duckrace.com to learn more.

I'll share details on more events in next week's column!

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Almost all of California can celebrate the end of the long drought. I hope everyone takes a moment to look out over the green mountains, enjoys the California poppies in full bloom, breathes in (hopefully without too much sneezing) the flower blossoms ... but only take a moment because the next minute must be focused on this year's fire season.

California seems to be that kind of state that keeps people on their toes. We seem to always be waiting for an earth tremor, weird weather, red tide, jellyfish and now jellyfish-like creatures invading beaches. Yep, according to KTLA, these "jelly-fish blobs known as by-the-wind-sailors" (technically *Velella velella*) are washing onto Southern California shores by the millions. And, according to scientists, this is perfectly normal. They may look like the dreaded Portuguese man o' war but they are not poisonous; however, if you touch them you should wash your hands before touching your face due to the possibility of getting a slight skin irritation.

But the real things that Californians throughout the state must always keep foremost in their minds are wildfires. We may think that with this rain we are really out of fire danger but due to the rain, we now have even more vegetation to worry about.

As the summer months bring less-to-no rainstorms, these beautiful green hills will begin to dry and die. And more vegetation creates more fuel for fires. For years the traditional fire season was September and October after the hot summer months; then, during the drought, fire season was basically year round. Fire departments have yet to go back to the traditional fire season and this September and October will be the time for

exercising extra caution.

Fire department representatives have been reaching out to communities to talk about brush clearance and to let residents know that inspections will be much more far-reaching. The new fire zones, which have been released for most of LA County, cover just about all of the Crescenta Valley area but also include areas of Burbank, Pasadena, Sunland-Tujunga and areas of Los Angeles. And there will be more inspections that occur after direction from new laws become available.

Now normally this is where I would inject some kind of science fiction reflection or go into the changing climate that has caused our changing landscape, but the fact is we are now living in the world our science fiction writers warned us about. From "Waterworld" to "The Day After Tomorrow" and "Snowpiercer," we are seeing the blur between what we thought was ridiculous to what we is happening now; however, because I am a true Trekkie, I have an optimistic view that at the midnight hour we will come through. We will work together to form a federation of understanding that celebrates the value of diversity, admit that in the past we have made some monumental mistakes and realize we are stronger when we work together. Yep, it is getting harder and harder to be a true Trekkie.

For our weather, we are looking at May-gray/June-gloom ... in April. There was some predicted rain in a few spots last night through this morning with some areas seeing up to a 10th of an inch of rain. By Friday we will see some clearing with not as much of a chance of drizzle, then over the weekend it should be sunny with temperatures in the 70s. Next week we will be heading back into gray-drizzly weather, according to Eric Boldt, NOAA meteorologist.

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'TIP A COP' PLANNED

Today, April 13, Joselitos West, 7308 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga, is hosting LAPD Foothill Division "Tip A Cop" fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Officers will serve as hosts and waiters and all donations they receive will support Special Olympics athletes.

For more information contact Officer Herrera at 38507@lapd.online.

CHAMBER MIXER TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a business networking mixer tonight, Thursday, April 13 at its offices. Attendees will have the chance to meet the next executive board and staff, check out the revamped office and learn how the Chamber can help them and their business.

There will be music, raffle prizes and more! Food catered by Gourmet a go go. The cost to attend is \$10 for chamber members, \$15 for non-members.

Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce offices are located at 3131 Foothill Blvd., Suite 'D' in La Crescenta.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, April 16. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

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

NEWS FROM THE CVCA

Due to planned vacations/commitments by three steering committee members, the CVCA has decided to cancel its April meeting and concentrate efforts toward participating in the 17th Annual Hometown Country Fair on April 29. This is a fun community event put on by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce with their sponsors and held at Crescenta Valley Park each year.

The CVCA will be staffing a booth at the fair and sharing information about some of the projects that are in the pipeline for La Crescenta, Montrose and Sunland-Tujunga. Help is needed with shifts available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those who can volunteer or for further information contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com.

2023 BRAND ASSOCIATES DANCE SERIES

The Brand Associates presents four performances in its 2023 Dance Series at the Brand Library & Art Center this spring. This series, curated by choreographer, teacher, and producer Jamie Nichols, features top dance companies from Southern California performing site-specific work in non-traditional performance spaces around Brand Library. Performances begin at 5 p.m. The 2023 Dance Series includes: Megill & Company on Saturday, April 29;

Psychopomp Dance Theater on Saturday, May 6; Kenneth Walker Dance Project (KWDP) on Saturday, May 13; and Bernard Brown/bbmoves on Saturday, May 20.

Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

New Moon Mission Discussed with Astronaut Eileen Collins



NASA / Photo Jim Ross
274668main_EC05-0166-08_full_full: From left: Steven G. Schmidt, deputy director of the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center; Joe D'Agostino, DFRC Space Shuttle Flight Management Support Specialist; STS-114 Commander Eileen Collins and Mission Specialist Andrew Thomas and Stephen Robinson.

By Mary O'KEEFE

On April 3, NASA introduced the world to the Artemis Moon Mission astronauts.

"NASA and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) announced the four astronauts who will venture around the Moon on Artemis II, the first crewed mission on NASA's path to establishing a long-term presence at the Moon for science and exploration through Artemis. The agencies revealed the crew members Monday during an event at Ellington Field near NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston," according to NASA.

"The Artemis II crew represents thousands of people working tirelessly to bring us to the stars. This is their crew, this is our crew, this is humanity's crew," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "NASA astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Hammock Koch, and CSA astronaut Jeremy Hansen each has their own story but, together, they represent our creed: E pluribus unum – out of many, one. Together, we are ushering in a new era of exploration for a new generation of star sailors and dreamers – the Artemis Generation."

Someone who was watching closely and could relate more to what these astronauts were feeling was retired NASA astronaut Eileen Collins.

Collins became an astronaut in 1991 and was the first woman to pilot a space shuttle, Discovery, in 1995. It completed an eight-day mission that included the first space rendezvous with the Russian space station Mir. She then became the first woman to command a space shuttle, Columbia, in 1999. She retired from NASA in 2006.

In an interview with CVW, Collins said she was excited about the announcement but it was different from the announcements regarding space shuttle crews.

"It was quite the announcement ceremony," she said of the new Artemis II crew. "We never did this back in the space shuttle program. In the space shuttle program our boss told us what flight we were on, then they called a meeting. Whoever was in the office would come to the meeting and they would say, 'This is the crew on the next space shuttle flight.' Then you would all go back to work. It was very low key," Collins said. "I know the four astronauts and I think they are all excellent choices. The U.S. is going back, with our international partners, into deep space."

Collins explained that the last U.S. trip to the moon was with the Apollo 17 crewed mission in 1972; there has not been a manned deep space mission since.

"What the U.S. has been doing since [the crewed

moon missions] is the space shuttle program that we flew in 1981, and then the space station started in the year 2000 and is still going, but that is all low orbit – 200 to 250 miles above Earth," she said.

Collins added that if the U.S. wants to continue to explore space then it needs to move from lower orbit into deep space ... and that includes Mars.

"I should mention that the moon is three days away to get there using conventional rocket travel," she said.

Traveling to Mars will take anywhere from six months to two years. Having the new moon mission will help scientists, engineers and astronauts test support systems they will need to travel farther into deep space.

The Artemis II mission is scheduled to launch in November 2024 and will be a 10-day flight test on the agency's powerful Space Launch System rocket, prove the Orion spacecraft's life-support systems, and validate the capabilities and techniques needed for humans to live and work in deep space, according to NASA.

"The flight, set to build upon the successful uncrewed Artemis I mission completed in December, will set the stage for the first woman and first person of color on the Moon through the Artemis program, paving the way for future long-term human exploration missions to the Moon, and eventually Mars. This is the agency's Moon to Mars exploration approach," according to NASA.

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Crescenta Valley Prepares for 2024 House and Senate Elections

By Lucian KUGLER

California is gearing up for the 2024 elections, and the buzz surrounding the upcoming race is already palpable. With Adam Schiff's announcement that he is running for a seat in the US Senate, the congressional seat for California's 30th District is up for grabs for the first time in 20 years.

So far, three recognizable names are already on the ballot in the US Senate race – Adam Schiff, Katie Porter and Barbara Lee, all with the Democratic party.

Schiff has been a representative for the 30th District since 2013 and is a well-known figure in California politics as well – both in the House of Representatives and on the national stage. He has been a strong advocate for causes like healthcare and environmental protection, and has sponsored or co-sponsored several important bills during his time in Congress. Schiff is perhaps best known for his role in leading the House Intelligence Committee's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, which resulted in the impeachment of former President Trump. He has also been a vocal critic of the Trump Administration policies on issues like immigration and foreign affairs and has worked to promote transparency and

accountability in government.

Katie Porter has quickly made a name for herself as a rising star in the Democratic party. Since her election in 2018, she has been a strong advocate for consumer protections, economic justice and healthcare reform. Porter has sponsored or co-sponsored several important bills, including the Pandemic Anti-Monopoly Act and the College Affordability Act, and has been a vocal critic of "corporate greed" and government corruption. She currently represents California's 45th District in the House of Representatives, and has made headlines for her tough questioning of CEOs during congressional hearings.

Barbara Lee has been a prominent figure in California politics for several decades. She currently represents California's 13th District in the House of Representatives and has been a strong advocate for causes like social justice, healthcare and education. Lee was the only member of Congress to vote against the Authorization for Use of Military Force after the Sept. 11th attacks, citing concerns about the potential for endless war and the erosion of civil liberties. She has also been a vocal critic of the Trump Administration policies on issues like immigration and healthcare, and has worked to promote legislation aimed at

reducing poverty and inequality.

Other candidates running for the Senate seat who have filed for the Nov. 5, 2024 election include: Jeremy Fennell (D), Carson Franklin Jr. (D), Raji Rad (D), Jessica Resendez (D), James P. Bradley (R), Denice Gary-Pandol (R), Roxanne Lawler (R), Peter Yuan Liu (R), Barack Obama Mandela (R), John Pappenheim (R), Paul Anderson (G), Febrina Keivaulqe Autiameineire (Vienmerisce Veittemeignzce USA), Dana Bobbitt (I) and Frank Ferreira (I).

With Schiff vacating his congressional seat to run for Senate, there are several potential candidates vying for the opportunity to replace him.

Anthony Portantino is a California State Senator representing the 25th District who is well known in the CV area. He has been a strong advocate for issues like education, healthcare and environmental protection throughout his career, sponsoring several key pieces of legislation aimed at improving the lives of Californians. He previously served as a member of the California State Assembly, where he chaired the Committee on Higher Education and worked to make college more affordable and accessible for students.

Another candidate, also well known in the CV area, for the seat is Laura Friedman, a California

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Recent Rainfall Improves, But Doesn't End, Drought Conditions



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Though conditions have improved on the State Water Project, reflected in the change to a water conservation level of green, Southern California is seeing a very different story on its other source of imported water, the Colorado River.

By Lucian KUGLER

Just months ago, California was in a prolonged drought, which led to significant water shortages, wildfires and economic losses. Then came an unprecedented winter of rain. This led some to believe that the drought is over; however, experts ultimately decided it's premature to declare an end to the drought. California's water supply relies on various factors, including snowpack in the mountains and reservoir levels, which have seen a massive improvement but not to a sustainable level.

"With the increased rainfall and snowpack, there has been improvement in State Water Project (SWP) supplies, which has allowed most local agencies including CVWD to reduce conservation requirements to customers," according to a statement released by the Crescenta Valley Water District.

Despite California's declining population (according to Calmatters), its water supply is still strained. The state's agricultural industry accounts for a significant portion of the state's water usage, and it must find ways to reduce water consumption and increase efficiency. Sustainable water management practices and water conservation efforts are essential to ensure a reliable water supply for future generations.

Climate change has increased the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as droughts and floods. California

has experienced cyclical droughts in the past, and it is possible that the recent winter's precipitation may be a single exceptional year of rain ... and snow. Therefore, taking a long-term view is necessary. The state must consider the impact of the drought on California's environment and wildlife and work to mitigate the long-term effects of the drought.

"Though conditions have improved on the State Water Project, Southern California is seeing a very different story on our other source of imported water, the Colorado River," continued the CVWD statement. "More than two decades of drought and severely dry conditions have caused reservoirs to drop to historic low levels, jeopardizing water supply and power generation that the Southwest relies on. Therefore, we need to encourage customers to remain diligent in using water efficiently."

The recent winter's precipitation has not been evenly distributed throughout the state. While some regions received substantial rainfall and snowfall, other areas have not. It is essential to take a regional approach when assessing the state's water supply levels. California is a vast and diverse state with varying water supply needs, and a regional approach can help policymakers make more informed decisions.

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imported water, the Colorado River," continued the CVWD statement. "More than two decades of drought and severely dry conditions have caused reservoirs to drop to historic low levels, jeopardizing water supply and power generation that the Southwest relies on. Therefore, we need to encourage customers to remain diligent in using water efficiently."

The prolonged drought has caused significant damage to California's ecosystems, including the loss of vegetation, wildlife habitat and increased wildfire risk. While the recent rainfall has been beneficial and brought the area's drought level down to moderate, it may take longer for the state's ecosystems to fully recover from the drought's impact.

California has taken various steps to address the drought, such as implementing regulations to reduce water usage in the agricultural sector and encouraging homeowners to replace their lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping. However, the state must continue to prioritize sustainable water management practices and water conservation efforts. The state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires local agencies to develop plans to manage groundwater resources sustainably.

While the recent rainfall has been historically beneficial the state has decided it is premature to declare an end to California's drought.

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22nd Annual Armenian Genocide Commemorative Event Planned

On Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m., the City of Glendale will host its Annual Armenian Genocide Commemorative Event at the Alex Theatre. This year's theme, "The Armenian Experience Through the Lens," celebrates the 100th anniversary of Armenian cinema as declared by the Armenian Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport.

This year's program will consist of curated segments to educate and inform attendees. The program will commence with a tribute to

the ongoing atrocities in Artsakh, reflecting the city's commitment to raising awareness of humanitarian crises. Additionally features will be a preview of Armenia's submission to the 2023 Oscars Best International Film category, "Aurora's Sunrise." Joe Manganiello, a celebrated actor, producer, director, published author, and Emmy-winning voice actor, is the keynote speaker. During his speech, Manganiello will discuss intergenerational trauma, drawing from his familial history and the story of his maternal great-grandmother,

Terviz "Rose" Darakijan, who survived the Armenian Genocide.

From Sunday, April 16 to Tuesday, April 25, Week of Remembrance will be observed and will feature satellite events and screenings across the city to honor the memory of those who perished and recognize the resilience of those who survived. A list of events includes:

Sunday, April 16: Glendale Arts + American Film Society present Celebrating 100 Years of Armenian Cinema: feature film screening of Vigen Chaldhranyan's "Alter Ego" at 7

p.m. at AMC Americana at Brand 18.

Monday, April 17: Slam Poetry Night at 7 p.m. at Brand Library Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 19: Armenian Film Society presents a Q&A with Inna Sahakyan, director of "Anna's Sunrise" at 7 p.m. at Glendale Central Library auditorium.

Thursday, April 20: Film screening of "Songs of Solomon" at 7 p.m. at AMC Americana at Brand 18 (tickets coming soon).

Monday, April 24: The Armenian Experience Through the Lens,

Glendale's Annual Armenian Genocide Commemorative Event at 6 p.m. at The Alex Theatre.

Tuesday, April 25: Film screening of "The Other Side of Home" at 7:30 p.m. at The Alex Theatre.

False Report of School Shooting

The Burbank Police Dept. received a false report of a school shooting at John Burroughs High School on the afternoon of April 4 from an unidentified caller.

At around 2:37 p.m., an unidentified person called the Burbank Police

Dept. Communication Center and said multiple students had been shot in a classroom at John Burroughs High School, located at 1920 W. Clark Ave. The school was immediately notified of the report and police officers responded. The

first officers arrived shortly after the call was received and immediately began a systematic search of the school campus.

Burbank police officers conducted a thorough search of the school campus and did not locate any victims or evidence of a shooting. The campus was deemed safe and students remained on campus as class resumed.

Occasionally, the Burbank Police Dept. receives fake emergency calls involving reports of a shooting, stabbing or bomb threat, which are commonly referred to as "swatting" incidents. These calls involve the action of making a false report of an emergency to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed

police officers, or Special Weapons and Tactics teams (SWAT), to a particular address. This type of false reporting of an emergency is illegal and extremely dangerous. Fake or prank emergency calls place first responders and members of the public at risk and tie up emergency resources. False emergency calls and hoaxes have resulted in serious injury and even death in the United States.

The Burbank Police Dept. stated that it takes this issue very seriously and will investigate all false reports of emergencies. Anyone suspected of reporting a false emergency or false crime will be held liable, both criminally and civilly for any costs associated with the response of public safety personnel.

CRIME BLOTTER

April 8

2600 block of Prospect Avenue in La Crescenta, several items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Surveillance camera footage revealed two unidentified individuals wearing dark hooded sweaters and face masks approaching the victim's driveway. The suspects checked the doors of all vehicles parked in the driveway at 5:14 a.m.

April 7

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported witnessing a male, described as White, enter the store's front door. He left his black/blue backpack near the door and walked to the aisle containing shaving goods. He "rifled through" the items on the shelf then walked to another aisle, then to the front door to recover the backpack. He exited the store. When he did the theft alarms at the door were activated. The employee saw store merchandise in the suspect's rear pocket. The employee yelled at the suspect, who ignored him, exited the store, got on a bicycle and left the store. It was later found the suspect had apparently taken several packs of razors and food.

The theft occurred at 9:45 a.m.

April 6

Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest, a woman reported that she parked her vehicle at the location and when

she returned she noticed her bicycle that had been inside the vehicle was missing. She later realized that other items were stolen. The driver's side door lock was damaged.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 7:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

April 4

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee stated she greeted a woman, described as Black, as she entered the store. The woman/suspect walked to the cosmetic aisle and began "shuffling" through the shelves. The employee was busy with another customer so she requested, via the store's PA system, for the other manager on duty to respond to the floor. When this announcement was made the suspect ran out of the front door of the store carrying a black plastic trash bag.

Surveillance footage revealed the suspect entering the store and immediately walking to the cosmetic aisle. She removed a black trash bag from under her sweatshirt and proceeded to remove several cosmetic products from the shelves. She was later seen running out of the store. After an inventory, several items were reported stolen.

The theft occurred at 9:48 p.m.

April 1

3100 block of Santa Carlotta Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between April 1-6.

Obituary

M. Kevin Susank



Feb. 18, 1952 – March 8, 2023

Kevin (71) died unexpectedly in Glendale on Wednesday, March 8. He was born and raised in Glendale and recently moved to Orange County. He was raised by his mother Edna and his grandmother May. He was also lovingly influenced by his Uncle Wayne Snavelly and Fr. Pat Healy of Holy Redeemer parish in Montrose.

Kevin attended Holy Redeemer elementary school, St. Francis high school and graduated from Loyola University in 1974. He enjoyed a lifelong career in the mortgage banking industry as a pioneer in data analytics. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father and devout Catholic. In his free time he enjoyed music, baking, gardening, playing games and traveling, especially to Hawaii.

Kevin was preceded in death by his mother Edna Laker and grandmother May Snavelly; Aunt Rosewitha and Uncle Wayne Snavelly; Fr. Pat Healy; cousin Bill Snavelly; and mother-in-law Beverly Sobraske. He is survived by his wife Ava Susank of Lake Forest, California; their four children: Matthew, Meaghan Braden (Matt), Mallory and Madelyn; his brother Ed Susank (Margaret) of Nipomo, CA; three Susank nephews: John (Amanda), Mike (Kara), Dave (Sue) and their children; nine Snavelly cousins: Mary Dixon, Pat Ridder, Kathy Kuntz (Bob), Joan Snavelly, Chuck Snavelly (Dora), John Snavelly (Georgina), Ann Shifflett (Snap), Mike Snavelly, and Stephen Snavelly (Janet); as well as his godchildren Aidan Kislán and Peter Sechrist; and a very large circle of friends in the St. Bede the Venerable, St. Francis, St. John Vianney and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic communities.

A 9:15 a.m. rosary will be followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, 215 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada on Saturday, April 15. A private burial will follow.

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Ritterbrown of Glendale Community College Selected for the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship

Dr. Michael Ritterbrown, vice president of Instructional Services at Glendale Community College, has been selected for this year's Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship. He is one of 35 leaders selected for the 2023-24 Fellowship class. This program, delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, prepares the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve higher and more equitable levels of student success.

The fellows, selected through a competitive process, will work closely with highly accomplished community college

presidents, Aspen leaders and Stanford University faculty over 10 months to learn from field-leading research, define and assess student success at their colleges, and clarify their visions for excellent and equitable outcomes for students while in college and after they graduate.

"Each cohort of the Rising Presidents Fellowship is different," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the College Excellence Program. "And what they all share is a passion to advance excellence and equity in student outcomes and the commitment to ensure that the colleges they lead continuously improve."

Dr. Ritterbrown holds a BFA in Theater from University of Southern California,

an MFA in Writing from Warren Wilson College, and an Ed.D in Community College Leadership from California State University Northridge.

"This is an amazing opportunity to work with and learn from other community college educators from across the nation. I am grateful to GCC Superintendent/President Dr. Ryan Cornner for nominating me, and I believe that the perspective and knowledge I gain from the experience will benefit GCC and our students," said Dr. Ritterbrown.

For information on the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship go to <https://higher.ed.aspeninstitute.org/risingpresidents/>.



Narine Yapundjian Named Glendale Unified Teacher of the Year

Balboa Elementary School sixth grade teacher Narine Yapundjian has been selected as Glendale Unified School District's 2023 Teacher of the Year. Yapundjian will represent the District at this year's Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year competition.

An alumna of Glendale Unified schools, Yapundjian has served the Glendale Unified community as an educator for more than a decade. In addition to being an exceptional

teacher, she has demonstrated influence beyond the classroom as a mentor teacher and student advisor.

"Mrs. Yapundjian is known for her positive attitude and her tireless dedication to her students and our entire Balboa Elementary School community," said Glendale Unified Board of Education President Nayiri Nahabedian. "Her deep love and commitment to her students truly shines."

"Mrs. Yapundjian creates a student-

centered classroom environment where every child actively engages in learning," added Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "Every day, she goes above and beyond to foster a culture of care and find meaningful ways to connect with every child in her classroom."

Each year, Glendale Unified selects an outstanding educator to advance to the Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year competition. Nominees are submitted by

administrators and educators from across the district. Selections typically alternate between teachers at the elementary and secondary levels.

Finalists in this year's GUSD Teacher of the Year are Matthieu Hamo, Glenoaks Elementary School, Rebecca Lopez, Columbus Elementary School, Celeste Maeshiro, Lincoln Elementary School and Kelly Schroeder, Mountain Avenue Elementary School.

ROCKHAVEN from Cover

were able to go back home; some returned after a while to Rockhaven while others never left and made Rockhaven their home.

The fact that this island of women's history is still standing is actually a miracle for so many reasons, and Friends of Rockhaven has been the legacy's champion for years. In that spirit, on Monday the organization filed a lawsuit against the City of Glendale.

"We formed as a non-profit to advocate on behalf of the community, and the community is tired of the City deferring proper maintenance," said Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linkchorst. "We felt this was a move we needed to take to make sure that this historic place will be saved to tell the story of Rockhaven and women in the mental health system."

According to the lawsuit, the City of Glendale and its city council failed to "comply with the Glendale Municipal Code and prevent waste of taxpayer funds and injury to the public property by failing to maintain and preserve historic property originally known as Rockhaven Sanitarium."

Rockhaven is listed on the National and State Historic Registry. The Friends of Rockhaven's suit refers to Glendale Municipal Code Title 15, Buildings and Construction, Historic Preservation, "Duty to maintain historic resources: Every owner of a designated historic resource, a resource pending designation as a historic resource, a potential historic resource, or a protected interior shall maintain and keep such resource in a manner that ensures its continued lawful and reasonable use, that ensures its continued eligibility for listing in the Glendale Register of Historic Resources, California Register of Historical Resources, and/or the National Register of Historic Places, and ensures that it is not subject to (and actively prevents) 'demolition by neglect,' as well as deterioration, dilapidation and decay of any portion of such resource."

The City of Glendale is the owner of Rockhaven.

The lawsuit also questions where, from the City's Rockhaven-designated budget, the funds were spent from the city's Rockhaven designated budget.

"The budget for FY20-21 indicates that Rockhaven had a 'Life to Date' rehabilitation budget of just over \$1 million. As of March 31, 2020 the City's rehabilitation budget shows that it had a remaining balance of \$44,000.00. The City appears to have expended nearly all of the \$1 million budget for Rockhaven rehabilitation apparently without performing any identifiable work on the roofs as recommended by its experts."

The issue Friends of Rockhaven has had for many years is the necessity for repairs to the roofs of the cottages that make up the former sanitarium. The buildings appear to be rotting from the top down.

Jason Sanders, attorney for Friends of Rockhaven, said in an interview with CVW the roof damage, exterior water damage and mold that has occurred over the years since the city purchased the buildings in 2008 is what triggered this lawsuit.

This caused the "historic resource to decay and dilapidate," he said.

In 2020, CVW published an article concerning

Rockhaven Demolition by Neglect: "Demolition by Neglect means the process in which the owner of a building or structure allows its ongoing deterioration over a period of time as a result of lack of maintenance, failure to secure it from pests or vandals, and/or failure to take reasonable measures to prevent ingress of water or wind through the roof, walls, or apertures, leading to deterioration and/or structural failure constituting a threat to public health and safety," according to the City of Glendale's Municipal Code 15.20.020.

CVW contacted the City of Glendale, which has not yet been served and therefore does not have a comment.

Next week we will look further into the lawsuit.

To understand the background of Rockhaven, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

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Off and Running – the Baker to Vegas Relay Race

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Baker to Vegas relay race was held on March 23 - March 24. It is a 120-mile race, all on pavement, that gathers over 100,000 runners, guests, family members and support staff.

Each runner takes on one of the 20 legs of the race that each range from a little over six miles to over 10 miles. Members of law enforcement agencies, both national and international, compete in a friendly contest that begins near Baker, California and travels through Death Valley with the finish line in Las Vegas.

The relay was started by Chuck Foote and Larry Moore as a way for officers to maintain physical fitness and build camaraderie with fellow officers. When it began about 30 years ago it included two agencies – Los Angeles Police Dept. and LA County Sheriff's Dept. This year the relay saw 275 teams represented.

"This growth is what I thought would happen. Over the years it slowly grew [as the word spread] from one cop to another," Foote said in an earlier interview with the CVW.

"It went pretty well," said Sgt. John Gilbert, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. (LASD) - Crescenta Valley Station, of this year's event.

Gilbert has run the race many times and has done so in all kinds of weather but this year he said it was pretty close to perfect conditions.

"This year the weather was on our side," he said.

Last year the runners were a little slower in part due to the weather. The race started at 95 degrees Fahrenheit and then continued heating up during the day, with cold temperatures at night.

"Our team did better than projected this year," he said. "We had originally set [a goal] of 19 hours 5 minutes to run the 120 miles. We completed it in 18 hours, 32 minutes ... a lot of our CV Station runners were very strong."

Members of the Crescenta Valley Station combined with the Altadena Station to form a team.

Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) continued its tradition of participating in the Baker to Vegas competition.

"We fell a little shorter this year," said GPD Officer Vincent Jackson.

The runners were still impressive, putting in a time of 16:49 time overall, according to the Baker to Vegas official results.

But for a lot of teams, including GPD and LASD CV Station, the competition is only part of the reason Baker to Vegas is such a long tradition for many agencies.

"Every year, and this year again, I ran into an old friend from the academy and we are talking [about] 17 years ago [when] I was in the academy," Jackson said.

Running into old friends is something Gilbert looks forward to as well. LASD has several stations throughout LA County and throughout deputies' careers they will work at different stations. Gilbert added he likes

seeing those he had served with at other stations who he hasn't seen in years.

Baker to Vegas is an event where the runners also have a chance to meet with law enforcement agencies from other states and other countries, including Australia and Canada that participated this year.

"The running and camaraderie," Jackson said were the things he liked most about the race.

He added that often officers only know each other in the workplace but this race allows them to be part of a different type of team.

Jackson ran Leg 14 of the relay, which started just before midnight. He too noticed the milder conditions although his leg of the race was during the night in the desert.

"Yeah it was pretty cold," he said.

But overall the temperatures were mild and Jackson said he was grateful they didn't see the winds that came in Sunday night into Monday.

"On the drive home, there was major wind," he said. "Fortunately we did not have those crazy winds during the [race]."

Both Jackson and Gilbert plan to run the relay next year, as do members from the other teams.

"Our CV side [of the team] was happy with our time but we want to train earlier," Gilbert said.

He added the hills and streets around the CV Station area are perfect training grounds because of their varied elevations.

Jackson said he is proud of his team and the runners are already



Photo courtesy of John GILBERT
Detective Fletcher of the Altadena Sheriff's Station prepares for her leg of the Baker to Vegas relay race.

talking about next year.

"Next year we will come on stronger," he said. "We are excited for next year [though] it's back to training and starting off again."

In the final local overall results: Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Citywide won the top spot with a time of 12:51:06

LAPD Foothill Division 15:24:32
Burbank Police Dept. 17:02:48
Pasadena Police Dept. 17:51:18

Each team raised money to support their trip to the Baker to Vegas relay race. Just to enter the race is over \$2,000. The Glendale Police Officers

Association supports the GPD's race. To donate to Glendale POA go to glendalepoa.com.

Donations to help the CV Sheriff's Station Baker to Vegas team can be made to the Crescenta Valley Station Support Group. Checks can be mailed to CV Sheriff's Support Group, P.O. Box 12458, La Crescenta, CA 91214. If donations are made specifically for Baker to Vegas, notate that on the memo portion of the check. For more information, visit the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Support Group website at cvssg.com.

GFD from Cover

This means that the number of residences in La Crescenta that the fire department will be inspecting has gone from about 250 in 2021 to 2,700 in 2023.

The state mandates that the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection – CAL FIRE – must assign fire zones to all locations in the state. Though the brush clearance zones are statewide some municipalities have yet to receive information.

"We don't have that updated map yet," said Patty Mundo, lead vegetation management inspector with Glendale Fire Dept. (GFD).

Even without the new zone maps GFD conducts about 13,000 property inspections per year.

"That is two-thirds of the city," she said.

She is assuming that with the new fire zone designation brush clearance inspections will increase.

"[Like in] Adams Hill, there is a lot of potential for [brush clearance] there," she added. "I am sure that [area] will be included when the new maps come out."

GFD had expected the maps to be out last year; however, they are still waiting.

The inspection notices went out to Glendale property owners two weeks ago and inspections will begin on May 1 for residents who live in either LACoFD or GFD.

There is a fee attached to the brush clearance inspection.

"[Glendale] charges a \$15 fee for the inspection, and every property owner is invoiced. Those bills usually go out after October," Mundo said.

LACoFD has a different fee system: in 2022 the fee was \$50, which had been billed on the 2023 property tax bill; in 2023 the fee will be \$100, which will be billed on the 2024 property tax bill; and in 2024, the fee will be \$151, which will be billed on the 2025 property tax bill.

Wet Start to Easter Morning



Deputies from LASD-CV Station responded to a call for service on Foothill Boulevard and Ramsdell Avenue at 5:57 a.m. on Sunday, April 9 regarding a vehicle versus fire hydrant. The accident was turned over to CHP for investigation; sheriffs were on-site controlling traffic.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Freeway Rodeo

We recently finished reading about the local Montrose Rodeo series of 1945, '46, '47 and '48. They were held in horse rings at working stables and on undeveloped vacant land. Half of the fun of these events was the participation of Montrose merchants in various cowboy-themed high jinks, and a celebrity-studded pre-event parade.

But in 1973 and '74, the valley put on a homegrown rodeo on the freeway! The not-yet-opened portion of the 2 Freeway served as both the rodeo ring and the parking lot for attendees. It was probably the only "freeway rodeo" ever held anywhere. I'll concentrate here on the '73 event.

The idea for a rodeo came from the Crescenta-Cañada Jaycees, one of the many service organizations locally. Jaycee stands for J.C., or Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Jaycee organization at that time was for young men, 18 to 35, and

stressed leadership training and community service.

This rodeo would be a fundraiser for the Jaycees' many charitable causes and would serve in place of its yearly carnival fundraiser. It contracted with a professional rodeo organization to bring in the equipment needed along with professional cowboys competing for points towards national championships. The freeway site was procured through the Dept. of Highways, today's Caltrans.

I recently spoke to a man who was in the Jaycees at that time. He told me that in 1973, the interchange of the 2 and 210 Freeway had been paved, but just south of that the hard-packed earth had not yet been covered with asphalt. The on-ramp from Verdugo Boulevard just south of Verdugo Hospital was utilized to access the freeway, as was the Foothill Boulevard on-ramp near the

YMCA. A half-mile of pavement was available to park thousands of cars. South of that, where the freeway hadn't been paved yet, a La Cañada construction firm donated heavy equipment to churn up the hard pack. Dump trucks brought in tons of softer dirt and hay for the cowboys to land on when they came off their rides. Over that went corrals and grandstands for 3,500 people.

But even that wasn't enough. Over 5,000 people showed up on both days of the two-day rodeo event, many of them finding alternate seating on the terraced cuts of the east side of the soon-to-be freeway.

This rodeo attracted some major cowboy talent from as far away as Australia and Cuba, and all over the U.S. The crowd thrilled to the standard rodeo events – bull riding and bronc busting, calf roping, steer busting, bareback and saddle bronc riding, barrel racing and team

roping. One La Crescenta girl was good enough to compete in the barrel racing, although she didn't win. The only injury was to a Marine from Camp Pendleton who fractured his pelvis coming off a bucking bronco.

Two locals entered the bull riding event, but only as an exhibition. The sports editor for the Ledger newspaper gave it a try and managed six seconds before hitting the ground and scrambling away. Joe Avignone, owner of Avignone's Bar, gave it a try and came off at about the five-second mark.

In the early '70s there were the beginnings of awareness of cruelty to animals, particularly in rodeos. The local paper, the Ledger, printed a long and detailed letter from Nola Dolberg who pointed out the injuries rodeo animals suffer. (Nola is immortalized in Glenola Park in La Cañada, championed by Glenn and Nola Dolberg.) The

very conservative Ledger made light of Nola's concern, pointing out that rodeo animals work about five minutes a year, eight seconds at a time, and spend the rest of their time loafing and eating.

The Jaycees made out well in 1973 turning an excellent profit selling sodas, beer and hot dogs, and plowed that considerable sum into their community projects. But, according to my source, they lost their shorts in 1974 when they turned the food concession over to an outside vendor.

It was a successful event for the unopened freeway. But more was to come in the form of the TV show "CHiPs" along with other shows and movies filmed on this section of the 2/210 in the late '70s.

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

» LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To CVHS Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra

I cannot tell you how touched I was by the story of your memorable performance at Carnegie Hall in New York ("CVIM Returns from Carnegie Hall Performance," News, March 16).

In 1991, I joined the Granada Hills Chorale for a perform of the "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré and the spectacular coronation scene from "Boris Godunov" by Modest Mussorgsky at Carnegie Hall.

I shared your experience of walking into the great hall for the first time and standing in the same arc of space where composer Peter Tchaikovsky conducted the inaugural concert in 1891.

No wonder that your parents cried when they listened to the great classical music that you played in this legendary concert hall, which violinist Isaac Stern saved from demolition in 1960.

Sorry that I missed many of the New York landmarks that you saw, including the dazzling New Amsterdam Theatre – of the last art nouveau theatres in the world.

Tell your parents and teachers how grateful you are – and always will be – for their help in sending you to Carnegie Hall. Trust me: You will never have another day, another experience, like it.

*Les Hammer
Pasadena*

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NEWS FROM THE CVTC » CHRIS KILPATRICK

As most of the rainy season is behind us and we move into spring, your Crescenta Valley Town Council is hard at work serving the community.

Last week, our Outreach Committee hosted a town hall meeting to discuss the new brush clearance guidelines being proposed by the County. This issue disproportionality impacts the Crescenta Valley since a large portion of our community is located in the high severity fire zone. Among the proposed guidelines is the prohibition of any vegetation within five feet of homes. This is of concern since most homes have landscaping within this

area.

At the meeting were representatives from the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. who took questions about the new guidelines. We are proud of the turnout and are very fortunate to have so many residents voice concerns about the issues that matter to them.

The CVTC will continue to follow this issue and will represent the community as it develops.

The Crescenta Valley Youth Town Council is sponsoring an event called Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow. They have

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CVIM Holds Its Spring Concert



Photo by Lucian KUGLER
The string orchestra, wind ensemble and symphony orchestra performed expertly under the direction of Mathew Schick.

By Lucian KUGLER

The Crescenta Valley High School Visual and Performing Arts Dept., also known as the CV music program, held its highly anticipated spring concert on March 29 and it proved to be a night to remember. The concert featured an impressive lineup of musical groups, including the jazz band, jazz combo, string orchestra, wind ensemble, symphony orchestra and concert band, all of which were conducted by band director Mathew Schick, who has been directing the CV jazz band since 2001.

Despite the concert being rescheduled due to the students' performance trip to Carnegie Hall, the CV music program performance did not disappoint. The change in schedule did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students or the audience, which was treated to stunning performances. The groups had previously earned at least one "superior" grade in music festivals leading up to the concert, setting the bar high for the members' spring concert.

From the soulful rendition of "My Funny Valentine" to the upbeat "88 Basie Street," every song was nothing short of phenomenal. The jazz band and jazz combo were particularly impressive with their student-led approach showcasing the immense talent and musical prowess of the students.

The string orchestra, wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, and concert band were no less impressive with each group showcasing their unique strengths and musical abilities. The performance of "Tsunami" by the wind ensemble was particularly noteworthy, with its sweeping crescendos and intricate melodies leaving the audience in awe.

It was also worth mentioning that the CV music program had performed at Carnegie Hall just a few weeks prior to the spring concert, an accomplishment that demonstrated the bands' immense talent and dedication to their craft. The Crescenta Valley High School Visual and Performing Arts Dept.'s spring concert further cemented the CV music program's reputation for excellence.

Field Trip to Stone Barn Nature Center

Lincoln Elementary first graders and student council members in Nicolas James' class took an after-school field trip to the Deukmejian Wilderness Park to visit the recently opened Stone Barn Nature Center. The Stone Barn Nature Center is located at 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale.

They were met by Steve Yagulyan, facility attendant, and Jacquie Waldman, coordinator, the Stone Barn Nature Center, who gave the students an introduction to the Stone Barn Nature Center.

"The Stone Barn was originally built between 1905-1915 by the Le Mesnager family," they were told "Throughout the years, it has served as a winery, stables, residence and now a nature center." The students learned about what animals and

plants live and grow in the local area.

Waldman gave the first graders a tour of the Nature Center that also included information about all the trails located near the Nature Center and the wildfires that destroyed the Stone Barn in 1933.

The tour ended in a kid-friendly area where the students got hands-on experience and learned about tectonic movement that created our mountains, and the plants and bugs native to the hillsides, and the amazing creatures that roam in the local area.

Stone Barn Nature Center hours of operation are Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Submitted by Nicolas JAMES



Photo by Nicolas JAMES
Lincoln Elementary School teacher Nicolas James and his class

Simmons Makes School History

At the Arcadia Invitational last weekend, Crescenta Valley High School runner Parker Simmons ran the

second fastest time in CV school history in the 3200. He ran 8:53.77. His previous best was 9:01.

The school record of 8:49 was set in 1976 by Don Moses.

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Soroptimists' "Bras for a Cause" Went to the Dogs



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Winner of the Most Humorist Bra is "Who Let the Dogs Out!" created by Lori Hartwell for Soroptimist Glendale's Bras for a Cause on April 1. It was won by newly selected Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman in a silent auction.

ABOVE: Most Depiction of Theme Award was taken home by Stella Fejtek whose son (on screen) scaled Mt. Everest. His feat matches Soroptimist Glendale's Bras for a Cause theme "Make Dreams Come True."

By Ruth SOWBY

Soroptimist Glendale president and optimist Kathy Lefkovits admitted, "Twenty years ago I woke up with the idea to decorate bras as a fundraiser. When I presented the idea to the club, their initial reaction was 'Not in Glendale!' Obviously, they embraced the idea and ran with it."

On April 1 at the Oakmont Country Club, Glendale Soroptimist ladies were, indeed, running the show that starred 23 bras decorated to the hilt. Each bra had a silent auction bidding sheet in front of it as well as the opportunity to win an award. One of four award judges was newly appointed Glendale Fire Chief

Tim Ernst. Most Humorist Bra was titled "Who Let the Dogs Out!" This doggie decoration was created by Lori Hartwell and sponsored by PawsFurHope.org Pet Rescue. Newly named Glendale mayor Dan Brotman was the lucky winner of the bra. Where will he put it? The new mayor answered, "The bra [will be] proudly displayed in the mayor's office."

During dinner, master of ceremonies Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian announced that the evening celebrated the 80th birthday of Soroptimist International of Glendale and the 20th Annual Bras for a Cause. This year's theme was "Making Dreams Come True."

One young woman's dream did

come true due to Soroptimist's generosity. A video was shown describing her kidnapping by a drug cartel in Mexico. Today, out of the clutches of the cartel, she lives in Los Angeles and is soon to graduate from Southwestern University. Soroptimist Glendale has donated \$20,000 to six women who are the primary financial support for their families.

Soroptimist Glendale has also donated \$20,500 to non-profit organizations that work with women and girls. Two of those organizations recognized were Adventist Health Glendale and Glendale Management Association.

State Senator Anthony Portantino and State Assemblymember Laura

Friedman, who is also a Soroptimist Glendale member, had proclamations at the ready for the good work of Soroptimist Glendale. Friedman had to leave early and did not participate in the brief presentation ceremony.

More VIPs at the event included Glendale City Councilmembers Elen Asatryan, Ara Najarian and

Paula Devine, past president of Soroptimist Glendale and former Glendale mayor.

The evening ended with a live auction and raffle. Proceeds will help fund Soroptimist Glendale's charities that support women and girls with education and training to achieve economic empowerment.

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with a connection to the person who made it, and you will have a story to go with the artwork that adds layers of meaning to the experience and your memories of your visit.

This event is for everyone – from families to first time buyers, collectors to curators, experienced art denizens to young kids experiencing the artworld for the first time.

Get a jump on starting your art collection or add to it with new work, by visiting the Brewery Artwalk. It's a free event, and is sure to be a great day of exploring and seeing!

There will be a beer garden in the middle of the complex with a menu of easy to eat on-the-go food, plus an array of food trucks on Avenue 21. Free parking is available at the UPS facility on Moulton Avenue. Open Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and April 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Sunland Tujunga Elks Lodge 2098 – Home of Brotherly Love



Sunland Tujunga Elks Lodge 2098 is located at 10137 Commerce Ave.

The Elks Lodge – “The Friendly Little Lodge on the Hill” – has been offering camaraderie, breakfasts twice a month, dinner dances and a variety of public events as well as aid to disabled children and veterans and scholarships since it opened in this location over 40 years ago.

Penelope is the Elks' theme child for CHEMPI (California Hawaiian Elks Major Project Inc.), aiding children with disabilities.

Donated coins go into the purple pig bank, stationed in the Elks Lodge and given to members to fill. Last year \$4.5 million was given to children needing 24-hour care and/or extended health care.

On the first and third Saturdays of the month the Elks offers breakfast with a variety of selections from 9 – 11:30 a.m. for around \$10. Come and enjoy on April 15! All breakfasts and dinners are open to the public.

For over 30 years, the Elks has offered annual barbecue picnics, with live music, to veterans in the Veterans Care Facility.

The Elbow/Pool Room is available to members and their guests Thursday through Monday. Gather for camaraderie, low-priced drinks, snacks and pool games. Entrance to the Elbow Room is in the rear of the Elks Lodge. Breakfasts and dinner dances are open to the public and held upstairs; the entrance is at front door.

Elks Lodge dinners are held at 6 p.m. The next ones are on Saturday,

April 22 and May 27, and include live band music.

Circle calendars for Friday, June 9 when Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge presents the Boys of Summer concert, an Eagles cover band.

Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge is located at 10137 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Submitted by Katie O'BRIEN

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Neighbors and Fencing

Dear Phyllis,

I have been enjoying your real estate questions and answers for years and I think I have a new situation for you. The neighbor to the west of me and I share a wood fence, which is very old and falling down in several areas. Not knowing that I was going to move, we agreed to each pay for half of a new fence. I just learned that I have a job transfer to South Carolina and will be selling my home. My neighbor has not moved forward with getting the fence rebuilt. We have not even decided on a design. As a result, the new fence will most likely not be done before I move. How should the neighbor and fencing be addressed when selling my home?

Melissa

Dear Melissa,

Home buyers feel uncomfortable entering an unknown situation. Thus, you are correct in getting this resolved prior to selling. This can be achieved in several ways:

As potential buyers will be concerned about the

old fence, you might attempt to get it built as soon as possible, which would be the best solution. Or, if comfortable, you could explain to your neighbor that you are moving and no longer wish to honor your verbal agreement.

If neither of these options work for you, I recommend that you or your neighbor get an estimate. Then draft an agreement between the two of you. Have the buyer acknowledge the estimate, so they know what the fence will look like. Your half of the bid and a small cushion in the event of overruns can be held in escrow, and escrow can disburse the funds to the people who construct the fence upon completion. Any “cushion” can then be returned to you. Have your Realtor check with the escrow company as they can't hold the money indefinitely.

Another option is to credit the new buyer the amount of the fence. However, in this scenario, you won't know for certain that the buyer will honor the agreement with your neighbor.

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Village Poets Celebrates National Poetry Month with Alice Pero and Brendan Constantine at Bolton Hall Museum on April 30

Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga invites poets and friends to an afternoon of poetry performance with Sunland-Tujunga Poet Laureate Alice Pero and celebrated poet Brendan Constantine on Sunday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m. at the Bolton Hall Museum, located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. Two segments of open mic will be available and refreshments will be served. Suggested donation is \$5 per person for the cost of refreshments and to donate to the Little Landers Society. More information about the poets can be found at: <https://villagepoets.blogspot.com>.

Alice Pero's poetry has been published in many magazines and anthologies including Nimrod, National Poetry Review, River Oak

Review, Main Street Rag, Poet Lore, The Alembic, North Dakota Quarterly, The Distillery, Fox Cry Review, The Griffin, and G.W. Review, "Coiled Serpent," "Wide Awake," "Altadena Poetry Review," and others. Her book of poetry, "Thawed Stars," was praised by Kenneth Koch as having "clarity and surprises." She has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize four times. She is the 10th Poet Laureate of Sunland/Tujunga.

A passionate dialoguer, she has created works with over 25 poets. Pero is also dedicated to teaching poetry and creative writing to children and currently has a residency with Fair Oaks School in Altadena.

Brendan Constantine is a poet

based in Los Angeles. He is the author of numerous collections and his work has appeared in many literary standards, including Poetry, Best American Poetry, Tin House, Ploughshares, Poetry Review (UK) and Poem-a-Day. He has received support and commissions from the Getty Museum, James Irvine Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. A popular performer, Constantine has presented his work to audiences throughout the U.S. and Europe, also appearing on NPR's "All Things Considered," TED ED, numerous podcasts, and YouTube. Constantine currently teaches at the Windward School and, since 2017, has been developing poetry workshops for people with aphasia.

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India's Flavor – New Management, Steady Favorites

By Charly SHELTON

A 40-year institution in Montrose has recently changed management and is enjoying a resurgence in popularity. India's Flavor, 3303 N. Verdugo Road in Sparr Heights, has been serving up classic tastes from across India for more than four decades with in-house specialties and classic dishes alike.

CV Weekly was invited to try out many of the dishes offered at India's Flavor and see for ourselves what everyone is talking about. Many locals know the restaurant from its lunch buffet, offered Monday to Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. But I sat down and was guided through the best-ofs by proprietor Romeo Rahman. He has taken over as the manager of the family-owned business and is adding his own touches to the long-standing favorites.

One of the newer items was a clear favorite of mine – the Bengal Chicken, aka RFC, Romeo's Fried Chicken. This

is one of the best iterations of fried chicken I've had in a long time. Asian fried chicken is having a moment right now and this is among top entries in the LA food scene, in my humble opinion. This combines classic East Indian flavors in a chicken cutlet, like Japanese katsu – breaded and crispy on the outside and deliciously juicy on the inside. The breading itself is delicately spiced with a blend of warming spices and when paired with the house-made Moja dipping sauce, it's out-of-this-world good.

Among the many traditional

dishes offered, the best seller is the chicken masala – and we can see why. The creamy spiced tomato-fenugreek sauce is incredible, subtle on heat but heartily spiced and complex. But as good as that is, the jalfrazi was my favorite dish of all. It's straight comfort food. The blend of peppers, onions and potatoes in a deep green sauce of spices and herbs touches the soul in a warm embrace.

There are certain dishes in each culture that just taste like a warm hug from a kindly grandma – fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies, biscuits

and gravy, chicken noodle soup, cheese arepas, red beans and rice, and so on – and that is what this dish was. The flavors were great, but it surpassed just the taste. It brings a warm fuzzy feeling that is hard to quantify and makes this something special.

Honorable mention goes to the Bengal Samosas, which are baked in-house rather than fried, and stuffed with minced chicken and a blend of Indian spices and herbs. They're lighter than one might expect, yet still bring that satisfying, doughy texture beneath the crispy

shell. And they are served with a dipping sauce flight including the aforementioned Moja sauce, alongside a tamarind sauce and a mint chutney.

India's Flavor is open for lunch Monday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., which features its popular lunch buffet (kids eat for free), then for dinner from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call (818) 957-5500 for more information.

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LEFT: Bengal Samosas with tamarind dipping sauce.

RIGHT: The Spread



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<http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>

On Wednesday, April 19 from 12:10-12:40 p.m. Paul Williamson, piano, will be playing Joseph Haydn's "Sonata in C Minor, Hob. XVI: 20, I. 33" (c. 1771), Johannes Brahms' "Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 2" (1892) and "Andante non troppo e con molto espressione," Clara Schumann's "Impromptu in E Major" (c. 1844) and George N. Gianopoulos' "Sonata for Piano, Op. 47" (2021).

Included in CBC Music's 2017 edition of "30 Hot Canadian Classical Musicians under 30," Paul Williamson is quickly establishing himself as one of Canada's promising young pianists. Williamson received first prize at both the 2014 Canadian National Music Festival and the 2017 Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association National Piano Competition in addition to three semifinal awards (for the best performances

of Canadian, Chopin, and Baroque compositions). As a soloist, he has appeared with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra, and the Fraser Valley Symphony Orchestra. Most recently, Williamson was a prizewinner in the 2020 WMC McLellan Competition.

In recital, Williamson has been featured by the Valley Concert Society, Virtuosi Recital Series, GroundSwell, the Hornby Festival, Colburn at the Steinway Gallery, and the Café Classico Series. Williamson has worked with and performed in masterclasses for such distinguished artists as Eliso Virsaladze, Robert McDonald, Yoheved Kaplinsky, Matti Raekallio, Yefim Bronfman, Paul Lewis, and others. In performance, he has shared the stage with Aiyun Huang, Orli Shaham and Jim Walker. He has participated in the Morningside Music Bridge International Music Festival, the Orford Academy program, the Scotia Festival of Music, and the Kneisel Hall Chamber Music Festival.

Having previously studied with Betty Suderman and



Bernard Duerksen, Williamson completed his Bachelor of Music at the University of Manitoba, studying under David Moroz. In his freshman year, Williamson was a winner of both the University of Manitoba's annual concerto competition and the Lawrence Genser Scholarship Competition (for the most outstanding undergraduate performer).

During his undergraduate he also received first prize in the Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg annual scholarship competition.

Currently studying at the Colburn Conservatory of Music in the studio of Fabio Bidini, Williamson recently completed his Master of Music and is now pursuing an artist diploma degree. At Colburn, Williamson was a recipient of

the inaugural Ida Levin Award, given to a student with great dedication to chamber music. Williamson has performed for the Colburn Chamber Music Society and the Colburn Contemporary Ensemble. At school he has also worked with Arnold Steinhardt, members of the Tokyo and St. Lawrence quartets, and has received additional guidance from Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

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Poet Compiles His Scattered Journey Through Life in 'Just a Little Cage of Bone'

By Matthew ARAT

Poetry has a unique way of capturing the feelings of a writer that are then distilled into core concepts and short stanzas that make it a form of writing all its own. Engaging with the reader in such a concise style can be difficult but the burden is lessened when the writer has been doing it all of his life.

Bill Cushing is a Los Angeles writer/poet who started his writing days as early as college. Known then as “the blue-collar poet” to classmates, his military experience and enthusiasm for sports shone in

his first works from “Fighting Gods and Nature Below the Waterline” to “Kareem.” As time went on and life brought many challenges, Cushing’s output became more personal. His later works reflected more on his relationships, family struggles and his wife’s life-long battle with cancer; the poems (such as “Chantey for Chantey” and “Blurring All Lines”) became more experimental and nuanced with long passages and shrinking stanzas. Cushing continues to write at 70 years old with his most recent book “Just a Little Cage of Bone” reflecting on his life.

“I never expected to end up

in California,” Cushing said. Cushing’s upbringing in a military family led him to travel the world through his surface vessel tasks in the Navy. Eventually, he landed in Los Angeles where he took on English teaching positions at Mt. San Antonio, Pasadena City College and East LA College.

The process of writing his poems is, according to him, “all over the place.” Pieces either come through repetitive editing or “little revision.” Inspiration can come at any point, so Cushing finds it easy to “jot them down on napkins and then write to my journal.”

Group sessions with other poets

online have helped him improve and adjust his writing, finding new ways to express himself and capture the feelings emoting through his work.

Cushing knows his age plays a part in the making of “Cage of Bone.”

“I’m a 70-year-old guy,” he said. “I’m closer to the end than the beginning. [It’s] time to take stock.”

Although Cushing recognizes that he’s reached an elderly age, he believes his life experiences can attract anyone.

“Older people identify with it, but high schoolers can read ‘Cage

of Bone’ and say, ‘So this is what it’s like,’” Cushing said.

When asked which of the many poems included in “Cage of Bone” is his favorite, he responds, “I’m pretty happy with all of it.”

“It’s a very loose book, not organized like some of my others,” Cushing said. “The first half is more analytical, the last half is more personal.”

Bill Cushing will be attending LitFest in the Dena, held at Mountain View Mausoleum, 2300 N. Marengo Ave. in Altadena, on Sunday, May 7. “Just a Little Cage of Bone” and his other books are available for purchase on Amazon.

Celebrating Its Anniversary in Style

The Fine Arts Theatre Beverly Hills’ 86th anniversary celebration features retro 1937 ticket prices of 25 cents. Ten classic films, including two double features, and two live stage shows, which are each priced at \$30 (side and back), \$35 (center) and \$40 VIP (center,

including medium popcorn), will be presented through April 30 at the historic theatre. The Fine Arts Theatre Beverly Hills is located at 8556 Wilshire Blvd. (at La Cienega Boulevard) in Beverly Hills.

“The Godfather” will be screened on Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Additional films include “Black Legion,” “That Girl From Paris,” a double feature: “The Reluctant Astronaut” and “The Ghost and Mr. Chicken,” a double feature: “Frankstein and Dracula,” “The Exorcist” – the version most people have never seen before – and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the

original film “The Great Race.”

A live stage show – “Tied Up In Knotts!” – includes actress and comedienne Karen Knotts in the Los Angeles premiere of a stage show saluting the career of her late father, comedic actor Don Knotts. It takes place on Saturday, April 22 at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, April 30 at 7 p.m. the theatre hosts “My Buddy: The Other Side of Oz,” a cabaret-style jazz show starring singer/songwriter/recording artist/actress Kiki Ebsen celebrating the life and career of her late father – stage, film and television star Buddy Ebsen.

Raffi Joe Wartanian Named Glendale’s First Poet Laureate

Raffi Joe Wartanian was named the City of Glendale’s first poet laureate. The position serves as an ambassador for Glendale’s rich culture and diversity, promoting the art of poetry. As poet laureate, Wartanian will develop a project that engages community members of all ages in poetry writing, performance and poetry appreciation; write a poem that celebrates Glendale’s rich culture and diversity; and read poetry aloud at special events throughout the City.

Following a grassroots call from a citizen of Glendale, the request of Mayor Ardy Kassakhian, and the approval of the City Council, Glendale Library, Arts & Culture created the City’s first poet laureate program and requested applications from resident poets. The selection panel was comprised of Arts & Culture Commissioner Sevana Zadorian, Los Angeles Poet Laureate Lynne Thompson, poet and founder of The Los Angeles Press Linda Ravenswood, and poet and instructor at Glendale Community College Julie Gamberg.

Wartanian was selected as Glendale’s first poet laureate in recognition of his accomplishments in poetry and his vision for the “Glendale Poet Laureate as someone who can utilize writing to promote self-expression, find common ground across communities, and foster solidarity that celebrates diversity while embracing individuality.” His poems have appeared in No Dear Magazine, h-pem, Ararat Magazine, Armenian Poetry Project, and The Armenian Weekly and performed live with the Asian American Writers’ Workshop, and International Armenian Literary

Alliance. His essays have appeared in The New York Times, Los Angeles Review of Books, Outside Magazine, Lapham’s Quarterly, The Baltimore Sun, Miami Herald, and elsewhere. His hybrid piece “A Letter to My Great-Grandson” is forthcoming in the anthology “We Are All Armenian: Voices from the Diaspora” (University of Texas Press, March 2023). Wartanian currently teaches writing with UCLA Writing Programs, and his work has received grant and fellowship support from the Fulbright Program, Humanity in Action, and the Eurasia Partnership Foundation. In 2017, Wartanian collaborated with Abril Books, the Lakota People’s Law Project, and In His Shoes to launch Days of Solidarity: Celebrating Armenian and Native American Survival, a multi-day performance and workshop that united Armenians and indigenous American tribes in Glendale. Wartanian currently serves on the advisory board of the International Armenian Literary Alliance and advises the Tumanyan International Storytelling Festival.

“We are thrilled to have Raffi Joe Wartanian serve as our City’s first poet laureate,” said then-Mayor Ardy Kassakhian. “Wartanian’s work reflects the diversity and intricacies of our city and residents. His experience as an educator and organizer, leading creative writing workshops for incarcerated writers, veterans, and youth affected by war through Letters for Peace, a conflict transformation workshop he created, make him a great first poet laureate for Glendale.”

THEN & NOW

Freeway Rodeo Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: In the summer of 1973, a rodeo was held on the not-yet-completed 2 Freeway. This portion had been paved, but a half mile south the freeway path was still dirt. That was a perfect spot to set up a corral and grandstands. Here a cowboy ambles south on the northbound 2.



Then: In the 1970s, that portion of the 2 Freeway where it connects with the 210 hosted not only a rodeo but also many TV shows and movies. Before it finally opened in 1978, TV shows such as “CHiPs,” “Emergency” and “Adam 12,” and movies like “Cannonball Run,” “Death Race 2000,” and “Corvette Summer” were filmed here.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The next speaker on April 14 is Stuart Byles from the Stonebarn Conservancy at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. He'll be talking about the history of wine making in the area.

The cost to attend, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

VICTORIAN SEX LIFE

The April 17 presentation of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley will be an introduction to different facets of the Victorian sex life. The goal for this presentation is to use history to help promote healthier conversations about sex and better understand its relationship to society, culture and media.

Guest speaker Stephanie Delazeri is an animator, illustrator and researcher. Her artistic practice focuses on exploring how history (with an emphasis on the 1800s-1900s) can be used, manipulated and erased in order to fit narratives that support inequality and justify hegemonic ideals. Suggested for audiences 18 and over.

This free presentation is on Monday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta, 4845 Dunsmore Ave.

'THE SUNRISE FROM THE MOON' AT TACIT

Theater Arts in Caltech (TACIT), directed by Brian Brophy, presents "The Sunrise from the Moon." There will be four shows: tonight, Thursday, April 13, Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Ramo Auditorium in Caltech campus.

In Hannah Manikowski's play, NASA's first lunar colony suffers a tragic collapse but one human survives: Annaliese, a 25-year-old woman born on the Moon, with 10 of those years spent alone. Following her discovery, Annaliese is rescued and returned to Earth, where – alongside her own pained search for identity – she is caught in the crosshairs of competing agendas between NASA investigators.

Tickets are available at the Caltech Ticket Office (626) 395-4652 for \$25 for general public, \$15 for staffs/JPL/seniors, \$5 for students.

Social distancing and masks are recommended but not mandatory.

For more information visit pva. Caltech.edu or call (626) 395-3295.

CCLCF HOSTS TREATS AND TRIVIA EVENT

On April 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the community is invited to the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge for its fourth Treats and Trivia event! Participants will enjoy yummy treats, make new friends, test their knowledge and win prizes at this free event designed for adults over 50 years of age. For more information or to register, call the Main Office at (818) 790-4353 or email at office@cclcf.org.

ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Caltech Jazz Band, under the direction of Barb Catlin, presents the annual Jazz Festival featuring The Caltech Jazz Band, the Tim Shaghoian Quartet and the Night Blooming Jazzmen. This outdoor concert will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Hameetman Patio. The festival is outside with limited seating. Bring a folding chair or blankets and picnic items. Parking is free.

LANTERMAN HOUSE EXPLORES CAREER OF ARCHITECT ARTHUR HALEY

A presentation on Arthur Haley, also known as the Forgotten Architect of Downtown Los Angeles, will be presented by Lanterman House archivist Julie Yamashita on Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m.

This free lecture explores the career of architect Arthur L. Haley, the architect of the Lanterman House. Haley's career was full of projects that were instrumental in the development of downtown Los Angeles during the first years of the 20th century. Apartments, high-rises, business buildings, homes and even an enormous theater were just some of the types of structures Haley designed.

No reservations required; however seating is limited to 50. For more information, please visit www.lantermanhouse.org.

The presentation will be made at the Lanterman House Visitor Center, 4420 Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, April 20, at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The guest speaker will be Leonard Re, president of the Southern California Council of AVSA and a master judge. Re will present the program "Growing African Violets in Southern California." A discussion will follow with questions and answers.

B.A.V.S. will also be celebrating its 37th anniversary at this meeting. There will be raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships made. Guests are always welcome.

For more information, telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website www.burbakafricanviolets.weebly.com.

ASCENCIA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL GALA

Sponsorships and tickets are now available for the April 22 Ascencia gala We Rise Together. Held at the City Club LA from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the event will raise funds for the Ascencia programs.

For more information, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/ascenciagala2023/welcome>.

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

They confiscated her passport. How does she get it back?

When a U.S. Customs agent confiscates Adriana Cordero's passport, she tries to get it back. But government bureaucracy is standing between her and her ID.

Q Last year, U.S. Customs confiscated my passport in Montreal as I was returning to the United States. The reason the officer gave me was that it had been reported as "lost or stolen." It was neither because I was holding it in my hands!

What I had reported as "lost or stolen" was my passport card. I had applied for both a passport and passport card. I received the passport but never received the card. I reported the card as missing and in time received a replacement.

When I got home, I started to call and email the State Department. There is no way to speak to a human. The phone recording tells you to go to the website and the website gives that same number to call for help. There are no options on the website, forms, or phone tree for my particular situation.

Finally, I filled out a complaint form on their website and that yielded a phone call. A representative gave me an address to send a letter with

documentation about my situation. That was three months ago and I have no way to contact anyone to follow up.

I've spent hours trying to figure out how to fix this. I know passports are taking longer than usual but I'm uncomfortable not having my legit passport in hand. Can you help me?

—Adriana Cordero, Washington, D.C.

A The State Department really got its wires crossed with your missing passport card. You reported a missing passport card but the government thought you had lost your passport.

I had no idea that U.S. Customs would confiscate a passport reported as lost or stolen, but that makes sense. What makes less sense is that the State Department didn't return your passport when you pointed out the mistake.

The passport system is a vast bureaucracy that even experienced travelers don't fully understand. And you are absolutely right about

the phone numbers and websites – that reflects my experience and that of most other travelers. The problem with the system is that it can't identify serious errors or assign a level of urgency to them. The government had taken your passport – and kept it – for several months by the time you contacted me. So, apart from visiting Canada and Mexico (which your passport card gives you access to), you were pretty much confined to the country.

There was no way you could have avoided this problem. While you were trying to fix this problem, you kept a flawless paper trail, which you forwarded to me. I shared the information with my State Department contact. It took some time, but you finally received a new passport.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems.

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- 1) Water-to-wine site
- 5) Beat at chess
- 10) Propel a dinghy
- 13) Pioneering DJ Freed
- 14) "Shoulda listened to me!"
- 15) Raw rock
- 16) UFC fighter nicknamed "Rowdy"
- 18) Grazing place
- 19) "Don't panic"
- 20) Crew member
- 22) "Born in the ___"
- 23) They're verboten
- 24) Soup base
- 27) Film charioteer Ben-___
- 28) The munchies, say
- 31) Berry's Johnny B.
- 32) Mineral deposits
- 34) "___ the ramparts ..."
- 35) Chair designer Charles
- 36) Work unit
- 37) Jon of "Pretty in Pink"
- 39) Baking meas.
- 40) Beef cut
- 42) Taxi drivers
- 43) Blossom support
- 45) Walk-___ (minor roles)
- 46) Skeletal makeup
- 47) Synagogue leader
- 49) Feeling blah
- 50) Sentence ender
- 52) Doing the Wright thing?
- 57) Self-image
- 58) 1972 Michael Jackson hit
- 60) In the past
- 61) United in a cause
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- 63) Male cat
- 64) Sub-freezing temperatures
- 65) Make coffee

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By Elizabeth C. Gorski

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- 2) Oodles and oodles
- 3) Granny
- 4) Roddick of tennis
- 5) Cash, slangily
- 6) Reunion attendee
- 7) QB's scores
- 8) Weedy lot, e.g.
- 9) Moshe of Israel
- 10) British luxury car
- 11) Three-layered cookie
- 12) Hold up well
- 14) Totally destroy
- 17) Most severe
- 21) Debtor's letters
- 23) Gentle jab
- 24) Blowhard's claim
- 25) Children's show from 1953 to 1994
- 26) Work of Sappho
- 27) Brass section
- 29) Nerdy types
- 30) Slips up
- 31) Fetches
- 32) Tea of "Madam Secretary"
- 33) Learned one
- 38) Sought office
- 41) 1996 Bill Clinton rival
- 44) ___ tai cocktail
- 46) Window shade
- 48) Sacha Baron Cohen role
- 49) Dartmouth, Yale, etc.
- 50) Organic fuel
- 51) Frozen waffle brand
- 52) Related (to)
- 53) Mummy's home
- 54) Support beam
- 55) Evening, in an ad
- 56) Chew like a squirrel
- 59) The Browns, on scoreboards

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TASTE OF THE GRAPE NORTHWEST FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser supporting Los Altos Auxiliary of Sycamores is having its 12th annual wine tasting event—Taste of the Grape Northwest – on Sunday, April 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Thursday Club outdoor patio, 4400 Woodleigh Lane in La Cañada.

Tickets include the tasting of food catered by Porta Via and samples of seven curated wines from the Pacific Northwest.

Tickets are \$100 each; sponsorships are available. There will also be a wine pull, fund-a-need opportunities and a select in-person silent auction.

The Los Altos Auxiliary works with Sycamores to provide care, compassion and hope at the El Nido campus for youth who are from extremely vulnerable situations.

Visit https://wdgnsdswfm.formstack.com/forms/wine_tasting for tickets and donations payments by credit card; visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ms9uj> for sponsorship information and payments by credit card; visit tinyurl.com/5cafcbw7 for tickets, donations or sponsorship payments by check.

BENITA BIKE'S DANCE ART

Benita Bike's DanceArt, LA's chamber modern dance company, performs at the La Crescenta Library on Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. The La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

This is a free performance and reservations are not required. This performance is supported in part by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Dept. of Arts and Culture. Call (818) 470-5734 for further information.

On April 29, Benita Bike's DanceArt will not only perform several beautifully performed dances, but the community will also be invited to ask questions and make comments about the work seen.

The La Crescenta Library show will feature "Schoenfield Dances," "Plugged," and a surprise dance offering. "Schoenfield Dances" melds early 20th century popular dance styles with a classical movement sensibility. "Plugged" explores our relationships to machines and how they affect our sensitivity to nature, quiet, and the earth. Rounding out the program is just a taste of our new dance work.

5K WALK N RUN FOR HOPE

On April 30 Our House Grief Support Center hosts its annual 5K Walk 'N' Run For Hope at Woodley Park (adjacent to Lake Balboa at 6076 Woodley Ave. in Encino) from 7 a.m. to noon. The only event of its kind nationally, the day celebrates and honors the memories of loved ones who have died, bringing together people in support of each other in memory of those they have lost. The family-friendly event also features entertainment, food and beverage booths and a KidZone. To register, start a team, donate, sponsor or volunteer: www.ourhouse-grief.org/runforhope.

TUESDAY MUSICAL OF PASADENA

Tuesday Musicales of Pasadena presents a free concert on Tuesday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Altadena Baptist Church, 791 E. Calaveras St. in Altadena.

The program includes a violin sonata by Cesar Frank performed

by Marisa Sakaguchi on violin and Agatha Hou on piano.

Songs sung by Ingrid Helge with Geraldine Keeling on piano. Clarinet sonata by Brahms will be performed by Albert Rice, clarinetist and Agatha Hou on piano.

Trio performance of work by Joaquin Turina by Liz Arbus on violin, Nancy Friedman on cello and Tomoko Takasugi on piano.

Call (626) 797-1994 for more information.

HOME & GARDEN TOUR

On May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Altadena Guild of Huntington Memorial Hospital presents the 70th Home & Garden Tour benefiting the Huntington Health and the Huntington Medical Research Institutes. Showcased are four historic homes and gardens, café, marketplace, community booths and live entertainment.

Tickets available are at www.altadenaguild.org.

CCLCF's ANNUAL SPRING CERAMIC SALE

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting its Annual Spring Ceramic Sale on Saturday, May 13 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. This one-day sale presents artists within its program and from the community. It's the largest annual ceramic sale in the region, showcasing hundreds of handmade works of art. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Ceramics Program at CCLCF, which recently celebrated 50 years in La Cañada.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

EXPRESSIVE DANCE CLASS FOR ADULTS

Expressive Dance Classes for adults, taught by professional ballet dancer Mindy Krasner (www.MindyKrasner.com), will be taught at the Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta on Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon from May 15- June 19.

The cost is \$20 for a single class or \$115 for six weeks. For more information and to register contact info@MindyKrasner.com or call (702) 493-6443.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com 4.10.23-4.16.23

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You might want to learn more about how to get fit or understand the best nutritional path for you. This is a great opportunity to research anything that has mystified you. If you need advice, you might join a related online forum or local fitness group where you can pick other people's brains and share your experiences. That way you can educate each other.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The cosmos is encouraging you to enjoy intimate moments with your lover. They're guaranteed to help you burn calories and make your heart beat faster! Be careful while out socializing, because you may overdo it. If you drink alcohol, keep yourself hydrated with plenty of fresh water.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

If you have to arrange doctor's appointments or you're waiting for test results, watch out for mixed messages and confusion. It's worth double-checking all information. There's a greater than normal chance of mistakes. Take the time to relax in order to have the energy to handle any challenge that comes your way.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Certain symptoms could make a temporary reappearance before fading away. It's important to keep your system clear of toxins, especially now. You'll also benefit from releasing toxic emotions. These, too, can have a harmful effect on your health. You're about to discover the secret of high energy all the time.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Your health is emphasized now. If you love food, you may be enjoying the variety that's available during this season. Fortunately, you may also be in the mood to exercise and enjoy it. Perhaps you've picked up the exercise habit lately and discovered that it makes you feel fantastic. Keep it up!

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Now you have a harmonious aspect affecting your home and emotions. If you're involved in a creative or design field, think about how to extend your line to encompass the home. Since so many memories and feelings of your own are being stirred up, you may find that your life can provide the basis for some wonderful new ideas. Money comes when you combine the personal with the professional.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You need to be physically and mentally on the ball to face up to certain challenges. If you don't want your blood pressure to rise, stay calm and develop the ability to be mentally detached. There's a chance of a new beginning, but it helps if you aim for a goal. Make your health a priority no matter what else is going on in your life.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your routine could get a bit messed up, and you won't be able to prepare for the events that lie ahead. Your body may get out of sync, especially if circumstances don't work out as planned. If you can let go of the need for perfection, you'll experience a big release and feel much better inside and out.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Stiffness in the joints could be an ongoing problem, especially if you're under pressure. You'll thrive by stretching to stay supple and keep your body as flexible as possible. There's going to be a tendency to indulge. You'll experience a tug of war between your mood and the need to eat comfort foods. Be aware of it.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Take a look at your beliefs regarding your health. Some of them may be keeping you from enjoying the level of fitness you envision. If you tend to sabotage your own best interests, take a look at why you might be doing this. If you need a professional to help unravel the deeper causes, look for one. Once you understand your real motivations, you can take the right course of action.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Talking is the best way to get issues sorted out now. You may tend to suffer from hidden tension even though you're smiling on the outside. Sometimes it's linked to partnership issues. If you can't talk directly to your partner, consider a counselor. You need the opportunity to share your troubles so your energy level stays high. Any kind of bodywork will help you release repressed feelings.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may have to undo the effects of any recent parties or big social events before you can get back into the same shape as before. Don't feel downhearted if you've put on weight or gotten out of the habit of regular exercise. You can get back on track. Just do it one day at a time and be consistent. Think positive thoughts to focus your efforts constructively.

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WANT THE LATEST COMMUNITY NEWS?



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E-mail info@cvweekly.com to receive an e-mail with the latest community news.



RELIGION

Question: I'm 76 and have been a widow for nine years. What kept me going after my husband died was my precious dog, Suzy. Suzy began having seizures and the last one killed her. I've been so sad lately. My adult children are encouraging me to get another dog. I'm concerned about me dying and leaving the poor thing alone.

My kids have assured me that if something happens to me, they promise to take good care of the dog. I still miss Suzy so much and I'm not sure another dog will help me with what still seems to be my emotional attachment to her. Your guidance is greatly appreciated.

~ Undecided

Dear Undecided,

I am a 77-year-old widow with two fabulous cats who give me so much comfort and unconditional love. I also know how hard [it is] to lose a treasured pet! But in my opinion I would take the advice of your kids and get a new pet.

Check the Pasadena Humane Society or other rescue sites. Don't get a puppy but a 3-year-old that's housebroken would be your best bet. I'm almost sure that your heart will melt when you bring a new one into your home. Not only will you be saving the life of a dog but also maybe saving you, too.



Carolyn Young, LCSW
cjmeyesalila@gmail.com

Dear Undecided:

Belated condolences for your husband and your dog Suzy.

It is truly sad when people lose someone they love, but it should be equally memorable that you had someone in your life that you truly loved. For that you were blessed and most fortunate!

It's important to remember that God gave us freedom of mind to control ourselves as we wish and it normal to mourn when we lose something dear to us. Having said that, it is important to realize that life is too short and we must strive to find love and happiness whenever and wherever we can. Suzy gave you love, companionship and happiness and that you will never forget.

However, there are pets out there that would be overwhelmed with the love and companionship you gave Suzy. [I] suggest you seriously consider adopting another dog that most certainly would become an important part of your life. Your children certainly have your love and you should feel comfortable that they would care for your dog when the Good Lord decides it's your time.

God loves you and wants you to be happy but only you can make

that happen. Go for it and have a wonderful life!



Andy Gero, VFW Chaplain
ajgero46@gmail.com

Question: I have a dear friend, I'll call Jan, who I've known for 40 years since I moved into the neighborhood. Her husband passed away eight years ago. They have no children and her only relatives are a niece and nephew.

Jan became ill about six months ago and when she was released from the hospital, her niece put her in an assisted living/rehabilitation facility closer to where she lives – about 70 miles from this area. I can't even begin to express how close Jan and I are/were. I have the niece's phone number and, when I have called several times asking for Jan's phone number and address, she just says, "No visitors."

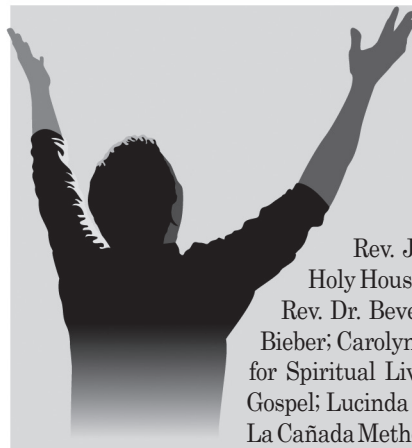
Jan had listed the niece and nephew as the next of kin and for them to be notified to make decisions for her, if necessary. If the truth be known, the niece and nephew had very little to do with Jan over the last many years, seldom if ever calling her or visiting. I really was her true friend. We exercised together, went to movies and plays and when my family had events we included her. I'm tearful to think Jan has been stuck away somewhere with folks she doesn't know. I pray for her and also ask God to help me get to see her. My question is, should I just let this go? I'm obsessed with wanting to make contact with my friend.

~ Devoted Friend

Dear Devoted Friend,

No, do not let this go! In fact, if you know where Jan is drive out to the place and ask some questions. If her niece and nephew continue to be unhelpful, I would seek legal action. You probably need to be careful because you don't want to get labeled as a "stalker." And I'm no expert about the law but it would seem to me that you do have some legal recourse. While I am sure that Jan's niece and nephew have more "clout" than you since they are "blood" (even if they really have no love for her) I would urge you to do everything you can to make contact.

Have you tried writing a note to Jan in care of her niece and nephew? That could be a starting place. But if they continue to stonewall you, try the legal route. Maybe Jan has lost some of her mental faculties and, if so, it may be harder to make contact. But if she's still "with it" and wants to see you, I see no reason why you can't spend some time with your old friend. But you may have



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to play hardball and, if so, hire a lawyer.



The Rev. C. L. "Skip"
Lindeman
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Dear Devoted Friend,

I am sorry to hear that your friend is suffering from poor health and sorry to hear that you are not able to visit or call her at the moment. Friendship is so important and it sounds like this

friendship has truly enriched both of your lives. I would encourage you to keep praying for her and even keep trying to make contact.

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he writes, "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11) It sounds like you have encouraged each another over the years. Because of your long lasting and meaningful friendship, you might want to gently keep trying to make contact with her. Let her niece know how valuable your friendship is, that you want to support her in her healing process and encourage her in any way. And if visitors are not allowed at the moment, let her niece know that you just want to make contact and don't intend to visit at this time.

And keep praying. Your prayers for her are encouragement, whether or not she is aware that you are praying for her.

I will keep both of you in my prayers and may you find comfort and peace in knowing that God holds both of you close and wants the best for both of you.

Blessings,



Rev. Karin Ellis
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Local Food Pantry Receives Donation from LCF Community Center

Sue's Garden received a donation of over \$1800 from funds raised during the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge's recent food drive. Sue's Garden provides food and hygiene items to local families who need assistance during transitional times. Distributions happen twice a month at the Highlands Church in La Crescenta.

"We are so excited to receive this donation," said Debra Coffeen, president of Sue's Garden. "We will be using the money to purchase additional equipment, shop for perishable items before distributions and buy an additional fridge to store the food."

The non-perishable food collected by the Community Center during its Thanksgiving Run and Food Drive was distributed to over 200

families in need by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. – Crescenta Valley Station before the holiday season. The cash donations being given to Sue's Garden were received on the run registration website.

"Our community really went above and beyond to help families experiencing food insecurity in our region," said Betsy Ferguson, executive director of the Community Center. "We are thrilled to contribute to the meaningful work being done by Sue's Garden."

Sue's Garden was started in 2008 by Rebecca Fletcher and is run entirely by volunteers. For more information on how to help, or to refer families in need, contact suesgardenfbclc@gmail.com or call (818) 249-5832.

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Photo provided by Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills Kids enjoying cupcakes during Easter fun.

Easter Fun at The Church of Scientology in Montrose

Over 50 children and their families were treated to an afternoon of Easter fun on Saturday, hosted by the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.

Photos were taken with the Easter Bunny and children decorated cookies and created custom Easter bags, participated in an Easter egg hunt and enjoyed refreshments. And they all wanted to play with the real live bunnies!

“My daughter loved the bunnies!” said Deedee Hsu of Sunland. “[It was the] highlight of her day!”

“The kids all had such a great time,” added Arriana Beattie, another foothills resident. “The Church put on such a great community activity that all were able to participate in.”

The Mission is best known to locals for its annual Halloween Haunted House and plans to make a tradition of the Easter activities as well, both gifts to the community.

The Mission of the Foothills has been part of the Montrose/Glendale community for 40 years. The Mission offers communication and study courses for children, plus 20 life improvement courses including parenting courses and other Dianetics and Scientology-related services and counseling for adults. In addition to free

informational seminars and other activities open to the public, the Mission also supports various community outreach programs such as relationship and drug education seminars.

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF News
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Visit lcifoohills.org for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoohills.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.

Walk and Word
 In April, 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 April 16, 23 & 30. 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.

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Grateful for Walking Audit Story

Thank you for covering the walking audit of Foothill Boulevard ("A Walk Along Foothill," News, March 23)! I really enjoyed reading this piece.

I am a La Crescenta resident and I was grateful to be able to attend the third walking audit back in October 2022. Similar to what many fellow residents pointed out, there is ample opportunity to reimagine and reinvigorate Foothill Boulevard to 1) be safer for people using all modes of transportation, and 2) become a true community gathering spot for residents. I frequently visit Montrose Shopping Park and can envision part of Foothill Boulevard – especially in La Crescenta, where there are already plenty of storefronts and ample parking spaces – to become

WHO'S RUNNING from page 4

State Assembly member representing the 43rd District, which encompasses several cities in Los Angeles County. She has been a vocal advocate for issues like affordable housing, environmental protection and women's rights, sponsoring several key pieces of legislation during her time in office. Friedman previously served on the Glendale City Council, where she championed policies aimed at improving public transportation and reducing traffic congestion.

Ben Savage (D), a lawyer and actor from the 1990s show "Boy Meets World," is another potential candidate for Schiff's seat. Savage has been involved in California politics for several years, though has not held elected office. He gained a reputation as a political activist by advocating for issues like LGBTQ+ rights and criminal justice reform.

Mike Feuer (D) is also running for the seat and is well known as the former Los Angeles City attorney from 2013 to 2022. He served from 2006 to 2012 in the California State Assembly representing District 42; prior to that he served on the LA City Council from 1995 to 2001.

Other candidates for District 30 Congressional seat are: Joshua Bocanegra (D), Maebe A. Girl (D), Nick Melvoin (D), Sepi Shyne (D) and Patrick Gipson (R).

As the election approaches, the candidates will be working hard to secure endorsements and drum up support from voters. With so many high-profile names already in the mix the race is sure to be closely watched by political observers across the state.

There may be more candidates to consider as the filing deadline for all candidates is Dec. 8, 2023.

GCC from Cover

of the council meeting centered almost entirely on a public hearing regarding a request for the approval of a density bonus and inclusionary housing plan, which involved constructing a new 43-unit residential housing development project, providing a total of eight affordable units reserved for very low income households. After much debate, the project was approved in a 3-2 vote by the council, thus concluding the meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18.

more like Montrose Shopping Park.

Shops like Tickle Tree Café, Mochinut, and Sidebloom are wonderful stores that could benefit from safer access. I live on the side of Tickle Tree Café and frequently visit it. However, as much as I would like to visit Mochinut and Sidebloom, it is dangerous and not pleasant to cross La Crescenta Avenue by foot or bike as it currently is, nor is it convenient by motorized vehicle like a car.

Where Honolulu Avenue narrows to become Montrose Shopping Park is so pleasant. This is an area where cars travel more leisurely and where pedestrians can enjoy areas to walk, shop and eat among trees and shrubs. I hope we can ask for something like that right here for us all to enjoy together.

Jennifer Ho
La Crescenta

CVTC from page 9

secured space at the Montrose Farmers Market for local youth to showcase their products and/or businesses. This is open to grades seven-12 and anyone interested can contact them at youthtc.cv@gmail.com. This is a very exciting opportunity that encourages the entrepreneurial spirit to thrive in our community.

A very important issue that our community continues to struggle with is traffic safety. Our neighborhood streets were never intended to accommodate the traffic volume they receive. In addition, when they were constructed, children mostly walked to school. At present, increased usage coupled with poor driving behavior gives the community cause for concern.

Last year, in response to these concerns, the CVTC assembled a task force consisting of the sheriff's department, CHP, Public Works and GUSD. This has helped to encourage communication as we continue to address this

multi-faceted issue. Our Streets and Transportation Committee routinely fields citizen concerns and helps direct them to the correct agency.

Currently, with the help of residents and GUSD, we've identified many of problem areas in the community. From this, Public Works is looking at the possibility of new signs and other improvements. The sheriff's department and CHP have nearly doubled the level of traffic enforcement. We are very thankful for their efforts.

Although we've seen anecdotal evidence of improvements, our efforts to improve safety will continue. Community members can do their part as well. Everyone is responsible for their driving behavior and the example they set. We would like to again encourage everyone to slow down and obey all traffic laws (especially around schools). The life you save may be that of your neighbor.

Please visit the CVTC at the

upcoming Hometown Country Fair (on Saturday, April 29 at CV Park). We will be there and would love to visit and talk with members of the community.

Our next general meeting will be held at the La Crescenta Library on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. We will have updates on disaster preparedness in the community from CV CERT. We hope to see everyone at this meeting!

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