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Mask Mandates, 'Grim' Numbers Discussed by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

Early in this week's meeting of the Glendale City Council, Councilmember Dan Brotman pulled a routine item from the consent calendar to offer further comment on plans to upgrade the Montrose Community Park parking lot.

"Replacing asphalt in the parking lot is problematic for a number of reasons; there's potential for releasing harmful, polluting chemicals. I'm hoping we can find a way to add coating to protect from heat, a reflective material designed for maximum permeability," Brotman urged.

City staff reported that street sweeping regulations have been relaxed for an additional month, considering the increase in the intensity of the coronavirus pandemic. Free parking is available for the first 20 minutes to facilitate curbside pick-ups and deliveries, and the city's parking garages offer free parking for the first 90 minutes. The moratorium by Glendale Water and Power on late fees and service disconnections continues through the end of December.

Captain Robert Williams updated the council on the actions of the Glendale Police Department. In addition to enforcing mask mandates, police officers have been handing out gift cards to those found complying. Early on, two officers were designated for COVID-19 response and the department reports 2,500 hours of enforcement and education, more than 7,200 contacts since March, including 123 citations issued for social distancing and mask violations, and 94 gift cards to encourage positive behavior.

Fire Chief Silvio Lanzas provided updated numbers including a new somber milestone as Los Angeles County hit 8,000 deaths due to COVID-19. He answered questions, including a specific

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Some Light in a Dark Winter

By Mary O'KEEFE

Most may not like it, but wearing a face covering – in addition to other key precautions – can prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Americans were warned by several medical experts, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, that this winter would be "dark."

COVID-19 has been a roller coaster of a pandemic with numbers spiking then almost flattening then shooting back up again. Fauci warned that we could see a "surge upon a surge" after Thanksgiving. Almost every state in the Union is seeing its pandemic positive case numbers rising dramatically, but what is even more concerning is the hospitalization and intensive care unit rates.

There is an easy way to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and that is following the guidelines of social distancing, thoroughly



File photo

No matter what size, color or shape, the message is clear: the wearing of face masks is essential to slow the spread of COVID-19.

washing hands and wearing a mask.

A study by the University of Washington School of Medicine, published in Nature Medicine, found that from Sept. 22, 2020 to February 2021, 129,574 lives could be saved by people wearing a face covering/mask.

Reports by states that man-

date face coverings and those that don't show that wearing a face mask can slow the spread of COVID-19.

Perhaps it was pandemic fatigue that sparked people's recent lack of focus regarding adhering to safety measures. According to several reports, millions of people traveled during the Thanksgiv-

ing holiday. Some let their guard down by having large gatherings and not taking precautions, like wearing a mask.

Wearing a mask is simple science. When someone speaks, coughs, sneezes, laughs, sings, etc. breath particles leave that person's mouth and nose.

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Hope is on the Horizon

By Mary O'KEEFE

The City of Hope is now in phase 1 clinical trials with a SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19] vaccine.

"We started in February of this year, like many of the other [companies]," said Don Diamond, Ph.D., who is a professor with City of Hope's Dept. of Hematology & Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation.

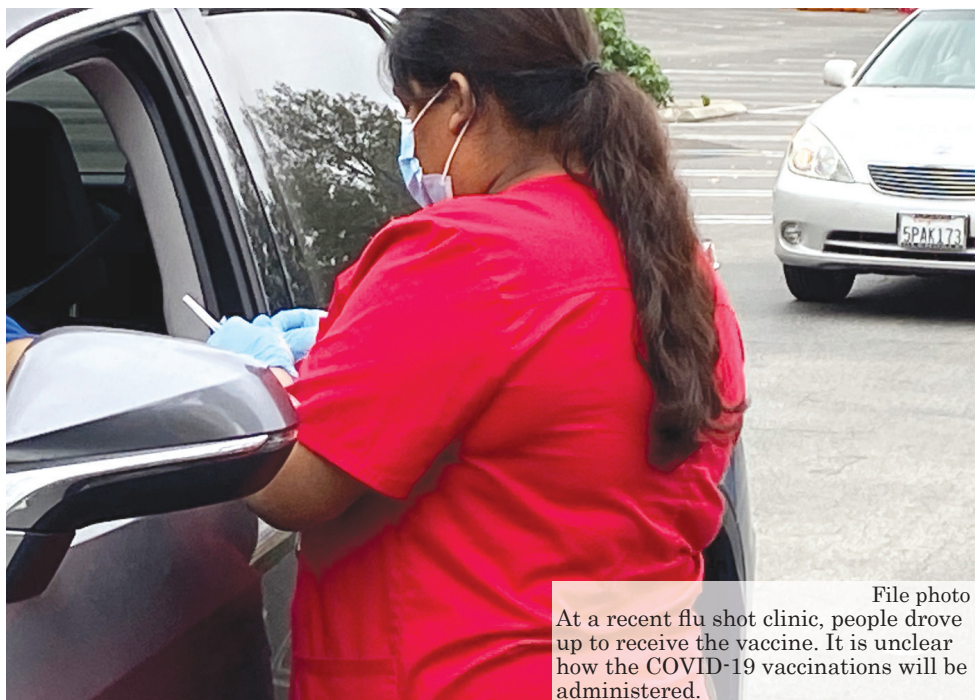
Diamond added the hospital's vaccine research and development has been done at a much faster pace than anything he has previously experienced.

"This would be my fourth vaccine I have brought to the clinic," he said. "The three others took many more years and I guess you could say that this has been a learning experience."

He added the development of the COVID-19 vaccine has been five to 10 times faster than any of his previous clinical products.

"There are a lot of similarities to recent outbreaks of other coronaviruses that cross from the animal kingdom into humans," he said. "The one that might

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At a recent flu shot clinic, people drove up to receive the vaccine. It is unclear how the COVID-19 vaccinations will be administered.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Holidays Come With More Lockdowns

According to recent intensive care unit data, Southern California ICU bed availability is less than 15%, thereby triggering the additional Regional Stay-at-Home Order. Among those sectors shut down are bars, breweries, distilleries, and wineries (except for production, manufacturing and retail), hair salons and barbershops, and personal care services. The LA County ban on outdoor in-person dining in Los Angeles County restaurants was overturned on Tuesday when an LA judge issued an injunction overturning the county ban. The matter was brought to court by the California Restaurant Association (CRA). Unfortunately within the state Order is a restriction on outdoor in-person dining. We'll see if the CRA will pursue the ban at the state level.

The shutdowns are in line with the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, a plan to reduce COVID-19 and "keep Californians healthy and safe."

No one can argue that the COVID-19 numbers are daunting. According to the California Dept. of Public Health, as of Tuesday there were 1,389,707 reported COVID-19 cases in the state with 20,047 fatalities – a little under 1.5%. While sad, needless and avoidable, 1.5% of victims who perish means that over 98% of people who get COVID-19 survive – a point that (in my opinion) isn't highlighted often enough.

It's interesting how differently the shutdown is being received this time around. If you remember, in March through April, it was not uncommon to see folks wearing masks and even gloves when visiting the supermarket – about the only place they would go. But combined with bad choices by our elected officials that ended up undermining the intent of the newly issued Order, plus COVID fatigue, people are just not rallying around directed safer practices.

For example, despite the accelerated numbers,

people are griping about wearing the dreaded mask. I understand one patron of the Harvest Market refused to wear a mask because that's "not how God made him." Well, brother, God made you naked and yet you (thankfully) have clothes on.

I hate the mask, too, but if wearing it curbs the spread of COVID-19 that has to be the ultimate goal. The problem, as I see it, is who do you believe? President Trump rarely wears a mask in public, undermining the importance of face coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Health officials, though, are adamant that the wearing of masks protects everyone, both the wearer and those s/he comes in contact with. (To learn more, read Mary O'Keefe's cover story in this week's issue.)

Hope comes in the vaccine, which was administered to some Englishmen this week. With some exceptions, there was little negative response to the vaccine, building confidence that perhaps, finally, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

If you want to maintain social distance, yet enjoy the holidays, the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union and CV Weekly, with several other sponsors, is hosting the Merry & Bright Self-Guided Holiday Light and Display Drive-By Tour. In next week's paper we will print the addresses of those who want to share the holiday spirit with their neighbors. There's still time to have your address included; email MerryBright@cvweekly.com with your address and we'll include it in the tour list beginning next week.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never seen them dancing on a windy day."

~ Shira Tamir

Earlier in the week winds came howling out of the local mountain canyons. Temperatures jumped 20 degrees warmer within a day. We sat in our neighbor's front yard (masked and six feet apart). While colorful leaves swirled to the ground our dogs wrestled and raced among the Christmas lawn decorations.

We've heard the Jack Frost story involving his coloring of fall leaves and nipping at toes. As it seems to grow cooler with each autumn day, we can almost imagine his nightly visits with palette and paintbrushes in hand. But scientists tell us that while it has something to do with warm days and nightly frost, there's much more to it. Actually, to understand how fall colors appear let's look back to the tree in mid-summer.

When the leaves flutter in the summer breezes, with bright sunshine overhead, tree leaves produce a substance called chlorophyll. Acting as a color pigment in the tiny cells of leaves, the heavily foliated trees of summer turn intense and varied shades of green. Think of the green chlorophyll as a Halloween mask. Underneath the green color of the chlorophyll other colors lie hidden from view.

According to legend, every autumn Jack Frost paints the summer leaves in tones of orange, yellow, red and purple; landscapes receive the touch of an artist.

Actually, frost has little to do with fall leaf color. There's science behind the beauty.

Changing leaf color is a chemical process activated by the shorter days and cooler temperatures of fall. Jack Frost's color palette is empirically represented by chlorophyll for green, carotenoids and xanthophyll for yellows, and anthocyanin for purples and reds. Chlorophyll is used by plants to make sugar from sunlight.

The shorter and cooler days of autumn slow down a plant's life processes. Chlorophyll production slows and ultimately disappears. Yellow pigments are unveiled first, with purple the last. A view over the Crescenta Valley reveals such, reminiscent of grandma's quilt.

Today, Thursday, and tomorrow temperatures are expected to drop, only to rise again over the weekend. Add some random wind and clouds to the mix. Looking ahead, next Wednesday there's a chance of sprinkles. Even further out – 16 days – no rain is in the forecast. Sleigh landings on the 25th will be onto a carpet of fallen leaves and not snow!

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Holiday Spirit Alive and Well and Found in the Crescenta Valley



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LEFT: The intersection of Ocean View and Honolulu has been decorated in traditional fashion by the Montrose Shopping Park Association.

MIDDLE: The tree in the courtyard of the La Crescenta Library reflects the spirit of the season.

Photo provided by Decorating Committee
RIGHT: A mailbox next to the La Crescenta Library tree is ready to accept letters to Santa.

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Though the pandemic has altered the way many traditions are being celebrated, the fact that they are being celebrated is a testament to the importance placed on them. In addition, many community members are finding comfort in those things that have not been canceled due to COVID-19.

Among them are the Christmas displays in the Montrose shopping park and at the La Crescenta Library.

The idea to have a traditional Christmas display was made early on by the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA), according to Dale Dawson, Business Administration & Event Services.

“The board decided some months ago to have the tree,” said Dawson. “It’s not a cheap project and we couldn’t do a ceremony, but it gives people the chance to soak up some holiday cheer.”

The shopping park typically has a tree lighting ceremony the day after Thanksgiving and before Small Business Saturday. The community turns out for local dignitaries who are in attendance, seated in a carriage that can be seen weekends until Christmas day transporting shoppers up and down the avenue. Members of the Hummingbird Conservatory can be heard singing holiday favorites, inviting the audience to sing along.

This season was not launched in typical fashion, though. No tree lighting ceremony, no dignitaries in attendance, no members of Hummingbird Conservatory singing holiday favorites. Understanding its limitations, the MSPA knew that the ceremony would not be held and instead rallied around the idea of erecting a tree and decorating with flair.

Traveling along the 2100-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue, in addition to the year-round festive lights visitors will see wreaths hanging from key intersections of the shopping park culminating with a 17 foot Noble fir at the southeast corner of Ocean View and Honolulu.

“We work with Kathy’s Trees in Sunland,” Dawson said. “The board also focused on lights and other things to make a positive visual impact.”

With many of the shopping park’s mom and pop shops suffering financially from the ongoing restrictions being implemented by the county and state, it is hoped that the holiday display will brighten the spirits of those who visit.

“I think people are so distracted right now,” said Dawson. “The decorations offer a calming influence, which is especially welcome now considering all the restrictions.”

People are eager to shop locally, too. “What I’m finding is that some people are coming just to support us,” added Dawson, who owns Mountain Rose Gifts on Ocean

View Boulevard. “They come in and say, ‘I’ve had enough Amazon.’”

At the La Crescenta Library decorating almost didn’t happen.

“I almost didn’t do it,” said local realtor Robbyn Battles who has for the last several years overseen the tree lighting and library decorating. “I didn’t know if people would appreciate it or be angry.”

As it turns out, the display of holiday cheer has brightened the spirits of those who pass by the library and who take time to check out all of the special touches Battles and her fellow decorators installed.

“We’ve left some ornaments under the tree for children who want to put one on it,” Battles said. “There are also eight named elves hidden in the library courtyard. Kids can take a photo with an elf then post it on social media.” (Battles set up the Facebook page La Crescenta Christmas Tree Lighting.)

Battles had her own elves to help with this year’s effort. Lisa Griffin, who every year creates cutouts, candy canes and other holiday items for the library, was on hand as were Lisa Jenks, Kyle Studebaker and Battles’ husband Frank. With members of the county’s Dept. of Parks & Recreation helping, in little time the tree was up and the courtyard decorated outside the library.

“It’s one piece of normal that I could

bring to the community,” said Battles. “How do you not smile at the reindeer?”

In addition to the tree, lights and other holiday decorations is one particularly important addition to this year’s festivities: a mailbox.

A red mailbox at the library is a receptacle for letters to Santa that come not only from children but from adults, too.

“I collect the letters for Santa and one was from a parent that read, ‘I wish that 2021 will be better’ and one from a teacher to Santa that read, ‘Wish my class a Merry Christmas, please.’”

This year, Mr. & Mrs. Claus will record a video of all the names of those who wrote to Santa. To be included send a message to Robbyn@Thehouseagent.com.

Despite her initial misgivings – “I almost didn’t know if I had it in me” – Battles said she is glad to have created a “happy spot” in La Crescenta.

“We did a good thing here,” she said. “It’s a bit of normal in a crazy world.”

IN BRIEF

LCFCC HOSTS CERAMICS SALE

The 2020 CCLCF Holiday Ceramic Sale takes place on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside in the parking lot of the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge.

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CVCA TO MEET ON DECEMBER 16

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The day has been changed due to the seasonal holidays. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

The City of Glendale announced the opening of the application period for the newly established Sustainability Commission.

Applications may be downloaded online or collected from the City of Glendale City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Room 110. To ensure the safety of staff and our community, please call the City Clerk’s Office at (818) 548-4000 to make an appointment for pick-up. Applications may be downloaded online by visiting <https://www.glendaleca.gov/home/showdocument?id=1521>.

The powers and duties of the Sustainability Commission shall be to make advisory recommendations to the City Council on how to promote progress toward sustainability, and recommend priorities to promote regional leadership in sustainability.

Applications are due no later than 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Those who have any questions regarding the application process can contact Sustainability Officer David Jones at (818) 548-3351 or emailing djones@glendaleca.gov.

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"I hope the package will also include stimulus checks to families. But any package we approve now must simply be a down payment to get us through the next few months. It's likely more will be needed before this is all over, a vaccine is administered, and this pandemic finally comes to an end."

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CVWD’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Survey Opportunity

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) applied for and was awarded a planning grant funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) in response to the federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390).

During this process, local residents and officials from neighboring agencies will be contributing by sharing their local knowledge of the area’s vulnerability to hazards relative to maintaining water and sewer services and by suggesting ways the District can mitigate damages during a disaster event.

CVWD has formed a steering committee made up of local stakeholders who will provide input and an overview of the plan’s development and outreach. Information on the steering committee can be found on CVWD’s website.

CVWD is asking customers to participate in a brief survey to assess what issues are most important to customers, where they get their information and how informed they are on CVWD’s mitigation and preparedness efforts relative to a disaster event in the Crescenta Valley. All feedback will be reviewed by a steering committee and will be posted on the CVWD website.

Survey results will also help the District improve its communication efforts to the community to minimize the risk and impacts of these hazards to residences and businesses.

For those who would like to take the survey, it is available on the CVWD website www.cvwd.com.

Historic Board Of Supervisors Photo Released



The Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors unveiled the official photo featuring an all-women board of supervisors for the first time since the board’s inception in 1852.

The official board photo features newly elected Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell who will represent the Second District, a position held for 12 years by Mark Ridley-Thomas.

It also features Supervisor Hilda L. Solis front and center as she will lead the board in the coming year as chair.

The new iconic and historic board photo also marks a few other firsts. With social distancing rules in place, the board photo was put together as a composite instead of an in-person group photo for the first time in the board’s history.

The white ensemble worn by the board is also a tribute to another historical moment this year – the 100th anniversary of the formal adoption of the 19th Amendment into the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. The image backdrop represents all five districts blended to symbolize a united County.

Towed During Isolation

By Mary O’KEEFE

The film industry, like all other businesses, has been negatively affected by COVID-19. There was a complete shutdown initially; however, filming has returned to the state with several restrictions and guidelines in place.

FilmLA is a non-profit organization and the official film office of the City and County of Los Angeles. Normally it is the service that is a centralized coordinator of on-location filming permits. It has been the go-to for all questions, concerns and guidelines for those in the industry and neighbors/businesses where filming is being permitted. Since the start of the pandemic though it has taken on a new liaison role. It is still the go-to for many answers, including what is and what is not allowed during this time of pandemic.

Its website has the latest information from LA County Public Health and offers guidance for filmmakers. It has suggestions on what filmmakers can do to continue to work in accordance to the restrictions placed by Public Health. It also has suggested, or “urged,” filmmakers to voluntarily limit activities likely to “invite negative community response.”

“Examples of high-impact activities include, but are not limited to, any activity requiring Community Filming Surveys, activity that affects customer access to retail businesses, significant prep, strike or filming on secular and religious holidays and requests that involve extended street parking, overnight filming, street closures or aircraft use,” FilmLA states.

The organization can strongly suggest but not require production companies to follow its suggestions and, as most have learned during COVID-19, even though people may think they have thought of everything surrounding filming, there are some issues that are not known until something happens.

Recently, a family had tested positive for COVID-19 and, in accordance with Public Health requirements, isolated while they went through the symptoms and waited until their temperatures were down to normal for over 24 hours. They stayed in their Los Angeles apartment following those rules while a film company had hung “No Parking” signs along the street where their vehicle was parked. When they were able to leave their home, after isolation, they found their vehicle had been towed. Thus started a journey that continues today.

The vehicle is being held at the towing company, hired by the City of LA, and will not be released until the family pays over \$450 plus a \$75 fine.

CVW has contacted the City and County of LA and FilmLA, all of which have been helpful, but no one seems to be able to find out how this charge, which continues to increase, can be waived.

Since this is one of those “negative” impacts on a community that is already coping with a pandemic, CVW is reaching out to see if anyone else has experienced this issue or something similar.

We will continue to follow up on this issue. Anyone who has a similar concern is asked to contact mary@cvweekly.com.

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Officers checked the area and located the scene of the original shooting. Members of the Glendale Police Dept.'s Detective Bureau and Forensics team responded to the scene. No arrests have been made in connection with the shooting and the investigation is still underway.

Anyone with information that can assist with the investigation is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4911. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (800-222-8477), use a smartphone by downloading the P3 MOBILE APP, or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

A recent restriction by LA County to ban in-person outdoor dining has met with resistance from the public and by lawyers with the California Restaurant Association (CRA). Earlier this week CRA lawyers sued the county to overturn the ban. After county lawyers weren't able to produce sufficient evidence of the legitimacy of the ban, and being told by the presiding judge that the ban was arbitrary and backed by weak scientific evidence, it was overturned.

Jeannie Bone, owner of Casa Cordoba at 2331 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose is a board member

of the CRA, LA Chapter and is pleased with the decision.

"The judge displayed common sense in regard to restaurants resuming outdoor dining as there was no evidence presented to the continuing punishment of restaurants and their clients," Bone said.

But before diners make reservations at their favorite restaurants, the battle is not over. The state ordered lockdown, which prohibits in-person outdoor dining, is still in force and will be until after Christmas.

"Hopefully the LA Health Department's overly zealous shutdown will be reexamined and overturned at that point," Bone

said. "I have heard that another lawsuit will be presented to the state, but I have no details."

She added that other counties have had a "leg up" on LA in terms of the ability to earn an income.

"We've been locked down for two weeks now and it's becoming increasingly more difficult with each passing day to deal with the all the uncertainty surrounding when we are permitted to earn an income and rehire our employees. Take-out alone does not generate enough income to support paying the rent, wages or the bills."

Like many restaurant owners, she has specific questions for Gov. Newsom.

"We have all gone out of our way

and spent our own unbudgeted money following the directions presented by the County Health Departments across California. With no evidence that restaurants' outdoor dining is responsible for the spreading of the virus, how long do you think it reasonable for restaurants to wait to be permitted to earn a living? Three weeks? Six weeks? Six months? Until everyone is vaccinated?"

Whatever the answer, Bone said that there is no plan in place but is happy that some sense seems to be found on the bench.

"The judge weighed the dynamics here in LA," she said, "and ruled accordingly."

come to mind is SARS; that was in 2003. That was a huge deal at the time.”

SARS [Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome] is a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus. It was first reported in Asia in February 2003. It spread to more than two dozen countries in North America, South America, Europe and Asia before it was contained, according to the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention].

“[SARS] snuffed itself out, not because people were more careful; it just doesn’t have the properties of being as transmissible person to person,” Diamond said.

Another dangerous coronavirus of recent times is MERS [Middle East Respiratory Syndrome]. Three or four of every 10 patients who reportedly contracted MERS died. The virus was first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2012. So far, all cases of MERS have been linked through travel to, or residence in, countries in and near the Arabian Peninsula. The largest known outbreak of MERS outside the Arabian Peninsula occurred in the Republic of Korea in 2015. The outbreak was associated with a traveler returning from the Arabian Peninsula, according to the CDC.

Diamond added that SARS is much more deadly than COVID-19. It kills its host more rapidly, which means it doesn’t have the opportunity to spread.

“You get very sick and then are not likely to go out of your house,” he said.

People can be asymptomatic with COVID-19 and therefore spread the virus without knowing they have it.

“The oddity of this current [coronavirus] is that it doesn’t make [some] as sick. When you are feeling rather chipper in fact you are transmitting it at a very high level,” he said.

Genetics can be why some are predisposed to having a worse outcome when contracting COVID-19.

“There is very little you can do about it,” he said.

Pfizer and Moderna are among the companies asking the FDA for emergency use authorization. This will allow the public, outside those involved in clinical trials, to receive the vaccine. This will protect a person from acquiring COVID-19 or, at the least, “tamp it down,” according to Diamond.

“Our vaccine developed at City of Hope has the same idea [as others but] we used a different platform that we invented here,” he said.

There will most likely be booster shots required no matter what vaccine is administered.

“Normally if you get a virus protection [vaccine] your immunity lasts quite a long time or a lifetime,” he said.

Vaccines like those administered to fight measles, mumps, Rubella and chickenpox will give a person lifelong immunity; however, the coronavirus is different.

“There are seven coronaviruses; four of them are very common and they give you colds that resolve in a couple of days. You don’t have these long haul or long-lasting side effects,” Diamond said.

A person’s immunity can be measured for that specific coronavirus, but that immunity disappears in about a year so a person can get a cold virus all over again.

“The fact is we don’t know precisely what will happen with this particular coronavirus. We suspect that if you have had a severe case [of COVID-19] your body will remember it was attacked and your immunity could last quite a long time,” he said. “If you had a very mild case we don’t know it.”

He is not certain how long the antibodies will stay in a person’s system or if those antibodies would decrease to a point where it no longer protects the person.

“We do know that there is a relationship of the severity of the infection with how quickly your antibody levels fall. The key question that we don’t know is if they fall do they fall underneath the protective level? We don’t know that yet,” he said. “All of these types of vaccines that we have used in the past have required booster shots. There are some vaccines that don’t, but they are in a different class.”

These past vaccines include giving a person a weaker form of the actual pathogen that gives them a mild infection; however, the COVID-19 vaccine is a much different design.

“These [vaccines] will never give you the actual disease,” he said. “They are totally different and so they’re much safer, far safer.”

City of Hope and Diamond are trying to accelerate the trial period process then will apply for the emergency use authorization. They are looking for volunteers for the first phase. Volunteers need to be healthy adults between the ages of 18 and 55. In the next phase they will be looking at higher risk volunteers.

“Based on preclinical research, we are hopeful that the vaccine will protect against SARS-CoV-2 infection that can lead to COVID-19 disease, helping to halt the spread of the current COVID-19 pandemic,” Diamond said.

The trial’s goal is to test how safe the investigational vaccine is and how well it is tolerated.

To produce the investigational vaccine, a team of City of Hope scientists, led by Felix Wussow, Ph.D., and Flavia Chiappesi, Ph.D., both City of Hope assistant research professors in the Department of Hematology & Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation, together with Diamond, first developed a synthetic modified vaccinia ankara (sMVA) platform technology to house the genetic components that make up the compound at a molecular level. MVA is a weakened poxvirus that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of smallpox and monkeypox, and is also included in the federal government’s Strategic National Stockpile for lifesaving use during a public health emergency, according to the City of Hope.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Bizarre Suicide Attempt Elicited A Harsh Sentence

I came across an account of a strange incident that took place in our valley in 1965. The results of the event illustrate how much has changed since then. Malcolm, a young man who was deeply disturbed, was living in an apartment on Florencita Avenue in Montrose. In mid-1965 he faked two assaults on his person and, in June of that year, he tried to fake his own murder.

Malcolm intended to commit suicide via that “fake murder” and make it look like an intentional killing. On a Monday afternoon, Malcolm trashed the inside of his apartment, tipping over furniture and lamps. He wanted it to look like he had struggled violently with an intruder and had been bested. Malcolm then turned on the gas. In that era most homes had natural gas fittings near the floor designed to easily connect to stoves and heaters. It was quite easy to turn the handle and natural gas would come pouring out.

After turning on the gas, Malcolm tied himself up. He then waited for the gas fumes to build and hopefully kill him. Anyone who came on the scene would think it was a deliberate murder.

But as the fumes built up, Malcolm lost his nerve and changed his mind. He struggled to untie himself, but couldn’t manage to get free. He panicked and began to shout for help.

Fortunately for Malcolm, a family was just moving in across the street. The 17-year-old son of the family heard Malcolm’s calls for help. He ran across the street and broke down Malcolm’s front door. He rushed inside and found Malcolm tied up and struggling. The boy found a piece of broken glass from Malcolm’s staged struggle and sawed through the ropes binding Malcolm’s arms and legs. Malcolm was nearly unconscious now, and the boy dragged him out the front door and into the fresh air.

It just so happened that a Gas Company technician was across the street for the new family moving in. The gas man also ran across the street and got the gas turned off. He also threw open all the windows and doors to prevent an explosion. Malcolm was transported by ambulance to Glendale Sanitarium.

The despondent Malcolm admitted that the entire incident had been fabricated, along with the previous assaults. The police came and arrested him for “outraging public decency” (whatever that is) and endangering public safety. At his trial Malcolm pled guilty. He was sentenced to 150 days in County jail, and two years of probation.

Although Malcolm obviously had some serious problems, the judge offered a classic deal that was sometimes held out to minor offenders: join the Army or go to jail. The judge ordered a 30-day stay of sentence pending the outcome of Malcolm’s application to the Marine Corps.

As we know, Vietnam was just then heating up, and the military was not very picky about their new enlistments. According to what I’ve read, if someone convicted of a crime wanted to enlist and had a fairly clean record previously, the recruiting officer could appear in court and verify that the offender was indeed enlisting. At that point the court could either reduce the charges or seal the record, and off the offender would go. This took place not only in Vietnam, but also in Korea and WWII.

Of course, that is no longer the case. Today’s military needs soldiers who are smart enough to stay out of trouble. As well, given that many of our military conflicts today are more in the line of police actions, soldiers with criminal backgrounds are not wanted.

Another contrast is that, in the present time, I believe Malcolm would have been held for psychiatric evaluation rather than given a jail sentence. Times have changed.

I don’t know if Malcolm was accepted into the Marines. I didn’t find Malcolm’s name among the Vietnam War casualties. It would have been a sad irony if Malcolm’s bungled suicide attempt resulted in his death while in military service. We hope that life turned out better for Malcolm.



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VIEWS FROM CVTC » HARRY LEON

With All Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year!

Dear Crescenta Valley Friends,

Let me start this month’s column by congratulating all seven candidates who ran in the Nov. 13-14 Crescenta Valley Town Council election. We had a tremendous turnout with 468 votes counted spread over 287 voters ... so many in fact that we had to run out and print additional ballots!

The results for the 2020 election, as certified by Election Committee Co-Chair Harry Leon, Co-Chair Aram Ordubegian and Co-Chair Sophal Ear, are: Christopher Kilpatrick who captured 25% of the vote, Jeffery Rodriguez with 19%, Kerri Lewin with 17.9%, Johnny Brookbank with 12.8%, Jo Ann Stupakis with 10.4%, and Ted Yu with 9.4%.

I look forward to working with the newly-elected and returning members of the Town Council to make the Crescenta Valley fulfill its potential as “A Community That Cares.”

But first some thanks are due, foremost to Election Committee and to Councilmember Donna Libra and her husband Bob, Paul Barnes and Ines Chessum for helping with the election.

Los Angeles County launched a new COVID-19 home test collection program, which allows residents to access free testing from the comfort of home. The program will run from now through Jan. 15, 2021. This innovative effort aims to address the current surge in demand for testing and reduce the spread of COVID-19 during the holiday season. You can have a testing kit mailed to your home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, were recently in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, are suspected of having it or are a senior or person with disabilities who feels you were exposed to COVID-19 but are unable to go to a testing site. The week before Thanksgiving, nearly half a million regular tests were performed in Los Angeles County. We hope this new testing format provides convenient, quick responses for our communities.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council hopes you, your family and friends have a lovely holiday season filled with joy and meaning. The best part of this time of year is remembering those who make the holidays meaningful.

We wish you all the love and happiness this season can bring, and may it follow you throughout the coming new year.

As gifts are given and received this holiday season, we think of the gift of knowing you. Thank you for the pleasure of being citizens of our community that cares, La Crescenta and Montrose.

And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thecvcouncil.com. Stay safe, be healthy.



Harry Leon, President Crescenta Valley Town Council

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How History Can Repeat Itself

This is a true story.

It was during the winter when city residents started to sicken and die. At first, the illness was confined to a few people in one neighborhood, but over the next few weeks spread to more people in more places.

The municipal authorities, responsible for the health and welfare of half a million citizens, realized that certain actions must be taken to curb the spread of the epidemic. Aware that disease transmission was enhanced in crowded indoor spaces, they ordered that all restaurants and bars be closed. They also closed theaters, churches, museums and parks, canceled all sporting events, and forbade any large gatherings of people, whether public or private, indoors or out. Citizens were required to remain at home, with few exceptions, and curfews were imposed and enforced. These restrictions were intended to be removed when the epidemic was over.

For the most part, most citizens complied with the lockdown, recognizing the necessity. Many thousands of others, however, did not comply for various reasons. Many felt that it was an unacceptable restriction of their freedom and liberty to forbid them to gather with others, attend church services or sporting events, visit the barbershop, or comply with curfew and quarantine rules. As a result of this non-compliance by a significant percentage of citizens, the epidemic raged out of control in the next few months, and the hospitals and morgues were overwhelmed.

Wealthy citizens who owned out-of-town property left, intending to return when the epidemic was over. Less wealthy citizens with nowhere

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YOUTH

Popular ALG Program Presented to Local School

Local elementary school Fremont, which boasts a student body of 642, was the recent recipient of \$2,000 by the Assistance League of Glendale (ALG). The funds will be used to support the school's library. The donation was made as part of the ALG Authors and Illustrators program. Presenting via Zoom were authors Frans Vischer, Tim Egan, Joe Cepeda and Julie Berry.

Photo by ALG

ALG member Linelle Vincenti presented a check for \$2,000 to Fremont Elementary School Principal Vickie Atikian Aviles. Fremont was one of four schools that ALG supported with the Authors and Illustrators program.



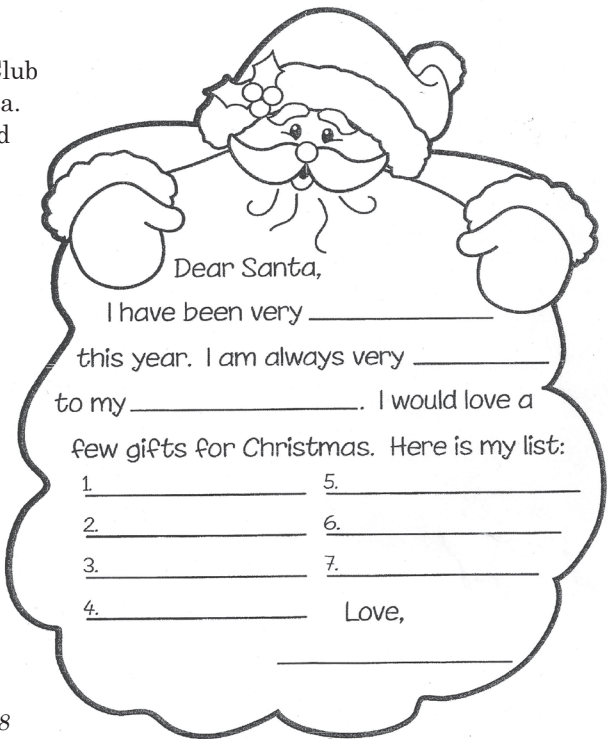
Breakfast with Santa Now a Free Drive-Through Event

By Mary O'KEEFE

For 29 years the La Crescenta Woman's Club has held its holiday Breakfast with Santa. For the price of a ticket, the community could come to the Clubhouse to have lunch, kids got a chance to see and talk to Santa and everyone enjoyed music from the Crescenta Valley High School Charismatics. This year, due to the pandemic, Breakfast had to be reinvented.

On Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., the LCWC will host "Blessing the Holidays with Santa Drive-Through." It will be a drive-through event that will give children and their families a chance to see Santa and Mrs. Claus while staying in their vehicle. Guests must wear masks and stay in their vehicles the entire time. Attendees should enter the parking lot off La Crescenta Avenue from the south [lower] driveway entrance traveling north

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Food, Toy Drives Held Locally

By Mary O'KEEFE

Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 11 a toy and food drive will be held by Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music and Prom Plus Club, along with the Fire House youth center. Toys collected will benefit the Glendale Police Dept. and Glendale Police Officers Association and the food will benefit the Bailey Center in Tujunga.

Each year, the GPD and GPOA "adopt" families in need. Teachers and staff of Glendale Unified School District, as well as GPD officers and other law enforcement personnel, provide names of recipients. The families are first given Christmas trees then gifts to help make the

holidays happier for all.

Since the pandemic began, the Bailey Center has seen the need for donations increase three-fold. It serves local families as well as anyone who comes for support.

Anyone who would like to donate can do so on Friday, Dec. 11 by bringing a new, unwrapped gift and/or non-perishable food item to St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church/Fire House youth center at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. The donations will be collected at the parking lot off Cross Street just east of Rosemont Avenue.

Drop off times are from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information email mary@cvweekly.com.

YOUTH NOTES

Food Drive Benefits District

Mountain Avenue Elementary Student Council is hosting a food drive for the GUSD food bank. The food bank supports families within the GUSD schools who are struggling during these hard times. There is an easy, contactless and socially distanced drop off box for

donated items in the drive-through lane in front of Mountain Avenue Elementary at 2307 Mountain Ave in La Crescenta (cross street Briggs Avenue). The community is asked to donate non-perishable items that will benefit local families in need.

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Scene in LA – December

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Here is a list of the theater websites you can check to see what is being offered:

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Then » In 1965, this brand-new branch of Crocker Citizens National Bank opened on Foothill Boulevard, right on the border of La Crescenta and La Cañada. Who can forget the cute “Crocker Spaniel” plush toys they gave out to customers? They operated until 1986 when they were acquired by Wells Fargo Bank.



Now » In 1990, Pier 1 Imports built a beautiful new building on the same site at 2200 Foothill. They had had a good run, 30 years, but the company declared bankruptcy this year. They closed several stores including this one. The building is now empty and for sale.

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Montrose Search and Rescue Among Honorees at Chamber Recognition Banquet

Each year, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce honors members of the community who make the Crescenta Valley the special place it is to live. This year's honorees were recognized on Thursday evening at the chamber's annual Recognition Awards ceremony.

Held virtually, this year's honorees were Woman of the Year, *Marianne Jennings*; Man of the Year, *Keith Hobbs*; Volunteer of the Year, *Mike Baldwin*; Educator of the Year, *Jennifer Freemon*; Business of the Year, *Ace Hardware of La Crescenta*; Organization of the Year, *Glendale Unified School District*; Beautification Award, *American Softub Co. (Todd & Stephanie Thornbury)*; California Highway Patrol Officer of the Year, *Jeremy Keller*; and Glendale Police Department Officer of the Year, *Anthony Chacon*.

Also honored were personnel from the *Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station – Montrose Search and Rescue team* for their dedication and service to the community.

At the earlier presentation of the certificate and letter of recognition, chamber president Mike Riley said, "Comprised of dedicated volunteers who respond to calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the team's commitment to safety and service to those in need is known and respected nationwide. During 2020,



Photo by Jennifer FREEMON
Nearly 50 people attended the virtual CV Chamber Recognition Awards Banquet.

Montrose Search and Rescue has responded to nearly 150 missions involving lost or injured hikers, evacuation of individuals from vehicles over-the-side or fallen rock climbers."

He went on to highlight a particularly busy day for the team. "On Sept. 6, during the Bobcat Fire, the team responded to seven missions as well as two vehicle roll-overs. In addition, despite

temperatures reaching in excess of 115 degrees, the team assisted with evacuations of areas along Angeles Crest Highway undoubtedly saving lives and property. Quite a day!"

Though there were some hiccups during the hour-plus long awards ceremony, each of the recipients were able to express their appreciation to the chamber for being recognized.

MSAR contributed to parts of this story

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Resiliency

By Adria E. Navarro, PhD, LCSW

Resilience means overcoming adversity by successfully adapting to negative life events, trauma, stress or risk. As we experience the holiday season this month, coupled with these grim days of the coronavirus pandemic, let's work together to make our foothill communities resilient.

The Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA), a program of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH), is here to help. As a community support, we make it our mission to enhance the quality of life for older adults. We share information and resources aimed at supporting health and independence, both through our online resource pages (uscvh.org/aging-resources) and through phone consultations to discuss each person's unique situation.

Many find solace in doing all that we can to stop the spread of coronavirus, carefully following public health guidelines to shelter-in-place, keep our face-mask handy, and frequently wash hands. When situations arise that spark concern of an exposure, COVID-19 testing is advised. Los Angeles County has a short-term program for older persons that provides free "at home testing" now through Jan. 15. This requires an online request, and making arrangements to get the test sent to the laboratory using FedEx. See details at: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/la-county-holiday-home-test-collection/>

The greatest action we can take to defend against the coronavirus will be to get vaccinated. For older adults residing in licensed care facilities, this is expected

to be provided through CVS and Walgreen pharmacies that are mounting plans for facility visits in the new year, following the green light from state officials. Health care providers will be in the first wave to receive the vaccine, while residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities will follow closely thereafter. CRCA is monitoring the roll-out of the coronavirus vaccination process for older adults and happy to share updates as they become available.

Sparking resilience and successful adaptations will look different for each of us. The CRCA webpage includes a resource page with social engagement opportunities.

Technology may be a big contributor to these new ideas. Plugging in with Zoom and other platforms is another way CRCA can help. Several agencies are assisting older adults with their technology needs, whether that is the hardware, the software or the training to use it.

During this month of holiday traditions, may you stay safe and healthy and find ways to connect with others that bring you joy.

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Thanksgiving Poem 2020

Though Thanksgiving is over, the gratitude that we feel should be shared all year long. Below is a poem written by the family member of a CV Weekly reader.

Doctors and nurses, we thank you today!
Teachers and caregivers: you go out of your way!
Fireman and police, and retailers too,
You're out there for us ... Please know we thank you!

Many don't have, and so we should share,
Many can't do, we need to show we care.
Many are down, we can give them a hand,
Many need help, we must take a stand!

We have so much! We have it made!
A home, our health, we work and get paid.
Food on our table, friends and family we love!
So many blessings, God sends from above.

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving
Patti Valente, Davenport, New York – APSCO

CALENDAR this

BLESSING THE HOLIDAYS WITH SANTA DRIVE-THROUGH

The La Crescenta Woman's Club is hosting a Santa drive-through event that will allow children and their families to see – contact-free – Santa and Mrs. Claus. This free event is being held on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Club parking lot at 4004 La Crescenta Ave.

- Stay warm and cozy in your cars as Santa's elves guide you
- Listen to festive holiday music
- Guests must wear masks and stay in their vehicles the entire time to socially distance.
- Attendees will enter parking lot from lower driveway by going north on La Crescenta Avenue (turn right safely); no left turns into lot! Cars will exit at upper end of parking lot.
- Drop off letters or wish lists to Santa. Santa's wish list form can be found at website www.lacrescentawomansclub.org.

Questions? Call (818) 658-1104 or email info@lacrescentawomansclub.org.

MONTROSE CHAMBER PRESENTS HOLIDAY BINGO

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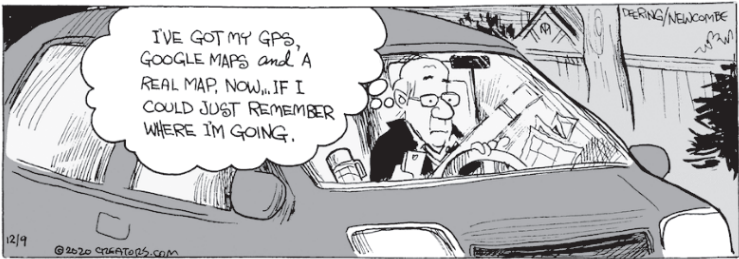
Some of the prizes include YMCA 90-day membership, hair products, \$25 MasterCard gift card, beauty products, fit kit, wellness supplements and many more!

Prizes are claimed on a first come, first served basis. Participants need to email the chamber once they are ready to claim a prize. Receipt proof is not necessary; prizes to be claimed on good faith basis. Stay up-to-date with prizes claimed via the chamber's social media.

Those who shopped locally on Black Friday can cross off the play card (play card available at www.cvweekly.com/JFF). The play dates begin Black Friday until Dec. 20.

There are no minimum purchase or donation amounts.

ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com December 7, 2020 - December 20, 2020

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19
There's a focus on your health zone that's encouraging you to make necessary changes to your current health regimen. You may have been thinking of doing this for some time, and you may continue to merely think about it unless you commit to action and take steps to make it happen. Give yourself a goal and do it. You'll be glad you did!

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20
Try to take better care of your feet. If you've been having problems in this area lately, now is the best time to sort out such issues for the last time. Make sure that your shoes aren't the main issue and that you're wearing the right size. If your feet feel great, so will you.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20
Take care, especially if you're going to be doing some household projects. If you're working on electrical systems, know what you're doing. It might be better to call an expert if you're at all unsure. Conserve your energy and pamper yourself a bit more. You'll feel much better if you do.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22
Mental tension could be your main problem. If your mind is tense, your muscles are going to follow suit. Try to relax and get a massage. If you're exercising, warm up first. Going straight into your daily routine could cause your muscles to tighten and create still more trouble. Be good to yourself, be careful, and relax deeply!

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22
It's time to think about splurging on your health and well-being. If you don't have a gym membership, you may want to join one. The same goes for other facilities that offer services that appeal to you. If you're going to spend money on treatments, do it now while you're feeling generous. It's worth it. You are your own best resource.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
You're currently motivated to get your life in order and work on those projects that give you the most satisfaction. If your health is in great shape, you'll be able to do much more. Before you get carried away, check that you have a sound health routine in place, one that you can put into practice daily.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
This is a period in which you get to make a lot of changes. You're going to be taking charge of your health. You have carte blanche to make changes to any area of your life you choose, so make your well-being your first choice. The better you feel, the happier you'll be.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your social life is in full swing right now, which means you're going to need to pamper yourself a bit more. Don't overdo the coffee or alcohol, and drink plenty of water regularly. It will keep your body hydrated and your head clear. Try to get enough sleep, as your body heals and repairs itself during the night. Give it a chance!

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
With your mind focused on your goals, you're going to be working harder than ever. Spare a thought for your body and try to balance your days by exercising and remembering to look after yourself. You won't be at your best if you forget to eat or you're so obsessed with a new project that you forget to sleep. It helps to take care of yourself.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
If you want to improve your health, you may be drawn to read up on any relevant issues or perhaps look into courses or classes that can help you reach your health goals. As you're in the mood to study, use this opportunity to set some powerful goals that will put you on the path to greater well-being. Your determination will make you successful.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
It's a good time for a detox on both the emotional and physical levels. You'll feel better if you take steps to release inner resentment, no matter how insignificant it may be. If you take a couple of days and eat vegetables, salads, and juices, you'll feel much fresher and happier as a result. Let it all go, and shine with renewed vitality.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
Even though you have the potential to enjoy radiant good health, you may be feeling under the weather. Your mental or physical energy may not be as sharp as usual. Don't try to do too much, as you need time to rest and recharge your batteries. Give yourself some much-needed space and you'll soon feel on top of the world again.

PET OF THE WEEK



Izzie Ramirez

Izzie is a Tibetan Mastiff, Belgian Malinois, and German Shepherd mix. She loves to sun and run in her backyard with her 11-year-old owner and best friend, Rio.

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!
Send a pic and small cap to steve@cvweekly.com, to share your lovable pets with the community!

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- ACROSS**
- 1) Type of jet
 - 5) True item
 - 9) Food shops
 - 14) "___ Christie"
 - 15) Brown shade
 - 16) Make used (to)
 - 17) Where you might testify
 - 20) Have regrets
 - 21) Was in front of the others
 - 22) Antiquated
 - 23) Brush aside
 - 25) Costa del ___
 - 26) Attendance fig.
 - 27) Noted Chinese dynasty
 - 29) Off-painted jug
 - 33) Mowed row
 - 36) Acted the rati-fink
 - 37) Poetic "before"
 - 38) Do well before a judge
 - 42) Canton in central Switzerland
 - 43) Domestic fowls
 - 44) Hick
 - 45) DNA holder
 - 47) Word with "too late"
 - 48) Intimate apparel item
 - 49) Part of the world's population
 - 51) Fulfill, as one's desires
 - 55) Bring to life
 - 59) Finish fasting
 - 60) Farm sound
 - 61) Fires
 - 64) Give cheer to
 - 65) Sullen
 - 66) Bad fit?
 - 67) Dings
 - 68) Home run swings
 - 69) Seriously untidy state

- DOWN**
- 1) Nixon's Secretary of Defense
 - 2) You'll feel it in Dullsville
 - 3) Pre-deal payments
 - 4) "Yay, team!"
 - 5) Least amount
 - 6) Reactors to litmus
 - 7) "You've Got Mail" screen
 - 8) Deep sea catch
 - 9) '70s dance hall
 - 10) Do a farm chore
 - 11) Do an auto service job
 - 12) Muscle maker when pumped
 - 13) Canonical hour
 - 18) "24" actress Cuthbert
 - 19) Navy officer
 - 24) Apportion (out)
 - 27) Issues an advisory
 - 28) Grandson in Genesis
 - 30) Watered down
 - 31) Emerald Isle language
 - 32) Barn-dance number
 - 33) Overly content
 - 34) "Cook" or "kitchen" add-on
 - 35) Like everyone in the family
 - 36) "Don't change," to an editor
 - 39) Japanese religion
 - 40) Work a hula hoop
 - 41) Laver
 - 46) Famed clown Kelly
 - 48) "A German Requiem" composer
 - 50) Relents (with "up")
 - 51) Crazy-looking outfit
 - 52) Mirror reflection
 - 53) Photog's concern
 - 54) Ox harnesses
 - 55) Became more mature
 - 56) Cleopatra's river
 - 57) Director Reitman
 - 58) Ga. Tech. grad., perhaps
 - 62) Bulldog booster
 - 63) American Uncle



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RELIGION

Question: Our two college aged kids have been stuck in their dorm rooms taking classes online. They're both coming home for the holidays and they've asked if they could continue their education online from home. Because there's a possibility of a vaccine for COVID-19, we would rather they return to college to retain their dorm rooms. This has turned into a family argument. Of course we're happy to have our kids with us.

Any suggestions? ~ Bewildered Parents

Dear Bewildered Parents,

Before I begin to get into the “meat and potatoes” of what I’d like to say, let me begin by saying that there are a lot of factors here that are not clear to me:

What type of students are they?

any way by them being in a home environment? How inconvenient is it for you and/or them to move home (if it is at all)? After how long of them being home do they lose their dorm room? How many years left of school do they have – which translates into how valuable it is to retain the dorm room? How hard is it to find a new dorm room? (This is in addition to the questions with unknowable answers: When will the COVID-19 vaccine be ready? When will it be available to the broad public – even young people? Even if it does come out, when will the schools decide they are ready to go back to normal?)

I believe these are all questions that may be important to know the answers to before I’d be able to give a clear opinion as to what I believe is the right move. Nevertheless, I’d like to bring your attention to a certain idea and perspective that is actually brought down in Jewish law. This

essarily rule as



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson RScP, Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of La Crescenta Center for Spiritual Living; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan, Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Tim Beck and Rev. Dabney Beck, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster, Christian Life Church; Rev. Dr. Ellen Contente, Global Truth Center; Pastor Scott Peterson, Lutheran Church of the Foothills; Rev. Karin Ellis, La Canada United Methodist Church; Rev. Debbie Sayovitz, Epicentre Church; Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo, St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Sherri James, UP Church; The Rev. C. L. “Skip” Lindeman, Upland Christian Church, Rev. Rob Holman, St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David, Community Life Church of La Crescenta; Rev. Sharri Johnson, One Heart Retreat Center.

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to which choice is the best in your exact scenario (being that there are many factors at play here); however, it will possibly add to your thought process when making this decision.

In the chapter of the Code of Jewish Law that handles the laws of honoring one’s parents, it is written: “A student who wishes to travel somewhere which he knows will add success in his studies, and his father protests, he need not listen to his father in this matter.” (Shulchan Aruch Ch. 240 Sec. 25)

At the end of the day, although there is a commandment to honor one’s parents, in this circumstance the Torah said that we listen to the will of the son. He’s the one who will have to act on the decision that is made, and he is given the authority to make that decision. While this case in Jewish law does not fit your scenario exactly, (1) Jewish law is discussing a case where the reason he wanted to move was because he thought it would benefit his learning, not for a reason of loneliness or boredom;

(2) In that case, he was moving to study Torah, which from Judaism’s perspective is a fundamental commandment. Perhaps Jewish law would only grant more leeway to the son in that case, being that the Torah he’d be learning would be more efficient, which is so vital from Judaism’s point of view; (3) In your scenario, it’s possible that, in a few months, the place where your children would desire more would be back in school – depending on those unknown factors mentioned earlier. Nonetheless, perhaps what we can derive from this law is that when a student is happy and is where he wants to be, his studies will benefit tremendously ... even to a point where the Code of Jewish Law states that this superiority alone overrides the commandment to honor one’s parents!

As stated earlier there are a lot of moving pieces and this cannot blindly be applied to the case in hand; however, I hope that this idea that the value of being content with where a student is can add to,

and be tremendously beneficial to, their studying sheds some light and helps you with your decision.

All the best,



Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum
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Dear Bewildered Parents,

Our whole world has been changed forever due to this pandemic. All of our lives have been affected in some way. Truly, any day that we wake up alive and healthy is a blessing and a gift. Knowing what is best for our children is difficult, especially during this fearful time of COVID-19 lockdowns. We have all expected things that

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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

The online celebration of Advent continues this Sunday, Dec. 13 at Lutheran Church in the Foothills. All are invited at 10 a.m. for Couch Church on the church’s Facebook page and YouTube channel. Those who miss the live presentation can watch the videos on the church website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

After the service, everyone is invited to join a time of fellowship on Zoom. There is also a time for Zoom prayers on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and several of the church’s small groups gather on Zoom on different days and times. More details are available on the church website www.lcifoothills.org.

scenes of the nativity story with actors portraying Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angel and the wise men.

Approximately 2,000 people are expected to experience the Drive-thru Nativity, now in its 20th year.

Community Christian Church of the Foothills, 10193 Tujunga Canyon Blvd., Tujunga, just north of Foothill Boulevard and next to the post office.

To learn more about Community Christian Church of the Foothills, visit www.CommunityChristianChurch.info or phone (818) 353-8080.

Robert Snyder, minister, leads Sunday outdoor worship at 10 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian also hosts outdoor worship services every Sunday at 10 a.m. The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC courtyard offer prayer time, live music, Bible readings and an inspiring message. COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information about its policies to protect the health and safety of its congregation, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Lights Up for Christmas

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is lighting up for Christmas. Every evening in December, the church’s chimes will ring at 5 p.m. as a 12-foot tree, Nativity scene and lights along the front of the church are illuminated. Instrumental Christmas music will play until 7 p.m.

The community is invited to join this celebration of the birth of Christ, and the faith and resilience of his followers. All are welcome to enjoy the lights and music and to use the decorations as a backdrop for festive Christmas photos and videos.

Christmas Drive-thru Display

On Saturday, Dec. 19, Bethel Church will offer a drive-thru Christmas display on its campus from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will include a nativity stable, lit Christmas tree, gifts for kids, cookies/candy and Christmas music.

All free and COVID safe.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley

Walk and Word

Walk and Word on Sunday mornings, a time to discover Scripture while hiking Deukmejian Park, is on hiatus until further notice.

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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have not happened. We had dreams that have not come true.

Six months ago, I watched my daughter graduate from Crescenta Valley High School, while wearing masks, from my car window. There was no grad night, or senior prom. And, just when we all expected that she would spread her wings and fly away to college, she spent her first months of college locked down at home and will most likely complete her freshman year online from her bedroom.

This is not the dream I had for her, and not the dream she dreamed for herself. She was selected to have a dorm room, but it would have been without roommates, all alone, on her computer, in a strange new city. The choice to stay home and give up the dorm was clear. I am sad for her experience but I am also grateful for every unplanned moment that I have gotten to spend with her. We cook together and watch movies together, and just talk about life.

Vaccines are indeed on their way, but may not be available for our grown children until late summer. None of us, even ministers, can predict the future. My suggestion to you both is to spend this time with your children, seeing it as an unexpected gift. Your children want to be home. I would love to know who is on the side of your “family argument,” arguing for more separation, higher risk of infection and arguing for an idea of how life “should be” rather than accepting it, as it is now.

Dr. Ernest Holmes, the founder of Centers for Spiritual Living, said, “Never limit your view of life by any past experience.” Last year’s college experience is gone forever. However, there is still opportunity for great growth and joy for all of you. Choose to accept life as it is now – not how you think it should have been or may be in the future. Life has been turned upside down on planet Earth. I believe that your children are old enough to know what they want for themselves. Perhaps they have a greater understanding of the fleeting nature of our human lives than you are aware of? Each moment is precious and will never return. Stay safe and healthy, and welcome this new opportunity to

spend time with your kids. I have a feeling you will look back on this strange Year of the Pandemic with great gratitude for the opportunity you have been given.



Rev. Karen Mitchell
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Question:

So many holiday events have been canceled this year that it's difficult to stay positive. We have four children and seven grandchildren. We've all agreed to not get together this year because of the pandemic. My challenge is my husband who is asking me the reason I'm decorating inside our home since no one is coming. I told him I've never missed a year decorating and I'm not going to stop now. I look at it this way: Jesus is often referred to as "The Light of the World." We're also asked to let our lights shine. Our outside lights have been kept up for years and we just turn them on during the Christmas season.

He doesn't want to do that either. I'm guessing he's depressed that we won't be with our kids and grandchildren this year.

Are there words of comfort that I can share with him? We're Christians and are now viewing our church's services online.

~ Loves Lights

Dear Loves Lights,
My wife and I had a very similar discussion over the weekend as we pulled our Christmas decorations from storage. Since so much of our plans have been canceled, she said we needed more decoration! Stuck inside, she wants to be reminded of the season as much as possible. As I office from my couch, the room is lit with Christmas trees and lights, scented candles burn, and

Christmas music is playing softly in the background.

All of this preparation and activity is fitting for the Advent season. It is a time of waiting, but not a time of idleness. Instead, in anticipation of the arrival of God with us, we do the work of decorating and baking and humming and wrapping. I think that the activity (yes, even decorating the house) can be a practice of faith.

Perhaps more than any other year in my lifetime, we sense the need of God's arrival among us. Poverty touches more people as the wealthies' wallets grow. Illness plagues city and country alike. Divisions multiply. Injustices, hidden and apparent, threatens lives.

Our hearts could use more festive music. Our souls are in need of glistening decoration. Our minds should turn toward goodwill toward all. Our bodies yearn for wholeness and peace. Even if few people see it, the preparation we make within ourselves for God's arrival is an essential practice of our faith.

This is the season of hope, of allowing the promises of God's future presence to collide with our present. This is the season of light for a people walking in darkness against the shadow of death. Our Christmas stories of Grinches and Charlie Browns, of Scrooges and little match girls and poor couples who sell their prized possessions are stories of hope that even the darkest times are not absent from God's light.

So fill the house with cheer and be reminded of God's good news!



Rev. Kyle Sears
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Dearest Loves Lights,
Oh how my heart resonates with you! The way each of us responds to this pandemic is so unique – and

yet so challenging to understand one another. It is difficult to hear your husband's reaction to your decorating your home on the inside – because there are two of you who still live inside this home and will have your spirits lifted through the Christmas season by a simply decorated house to honor the giver of light!

I know that this pandemic season has brought on a great deal of grief and depression especially as we navigate holidays and the absence of family members around us. This is very real!

For us as grandparents, our joy comes in seeing our kids and grandkids open and be blessed by the gifts we give in the name of Jesus. When this is unable to happen, it's hard to put words to the emotions we feel. Sometimes with those who have a hard time expressing their grief the best we can offer is to simply provide a safe, open atmosphere with no judgment or criticism in order for pain to be shared.

Can I encourage you to be a listening ear for your husband to share more? I would also recommend praying through your home and inviting God's presence throughout. For me, I also purposefully play

worship music on low to establish Gods presence in our home. It is amazing to see the atmosphere shift when we prioritize the presence of God in our homes.

Believing with you to see God lift your husband's spirit and lift him out of the sadness this pandemic brings. I am reminded that pain is inevitable in this life but joy is a choice! We need to make a decision to choose joy over all that we see and hear. Never easy but definitely rewarding!

Love your husband well and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be sensitive to the emotions he is feeling. This pandemic is temporary and we can only encourage one another to have hope for the future!

With hope and thanksgiving,



Pastor Debbie Sayovitz
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But what are we celebrating? What is the significance of these “8 Crazy Nights”? Most importantly – what does it mean for us now?

The story takes us back to the year 174 B.C.E. The land of Israel was ruled by King Antiochus IV Epiphanes of Syria, a man who had a rash nature and was contemptuous of religion. (Polybius, a historian of that time, dubbed him “Epimanes,” meaning “Madman.”)

Antiochus tried to root out the Jews' individualism by suppressing the Jewish laws. He desecrated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, and

sent his men throughout the land, forcing its inhabitants to worship pagan gods. Only one refuge area remained in the hills of Judea.

A band of brothers living there, called the Maccabees, assembled a small group of Jews. They rallied, fought and defeated King Antiochus and his army of 40,000 men.

Upon their arrival to the Holy Temple, the Maccabees were met with total ruin. Wishing to immediately rekindle the menorah that would be lit daily, they searched for a jug of oil with the seal of the high priest still intact, a necessity for its lighting. It would take eight days for new oil to be produced.

After much foraging, the Maccabees found one cruse of oil with the seal of the high priest still unbroken! Miraculously, the jug – meant to last for just one day – burned for eight days.

This is the celebration of Chanukah – the victory of the righteous over the wicked, the weak over the strong, the few over the many. It is the eight-day miracle of the oil that we commemorate for eight days by eating oily foods.

Chanukah is a time for reflection. What does the story teach us? What is the “Antiochus” of our time? What does it mean to be a Maccabee?

Perhaps today, the message of Chanukah is the power of the little things ...

This year has had its hardships and tests. The pandemic had darkened our spirits, and the light of the world's “menorah” seemed to have been extinguished. The story of Chanukah reminds us of the power of one good deed, one shining light. The Jewish people had found

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else to go did not fare as well. The economy collapsed as more and more people could not work, engage in commerce or pay their rent and mortgages. Many more citizens became homeless.

Does any of this sound familiar? The city was London. The year was 1666.

Now that my tale is told and done, I will leave you with two quotations:

“...there is no new thing under the sun.” – Ecclesiastes 1:9 (KJV)

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” – George Santayana

Bill Weisman
Glendale/La Crescenta

Distance Learning Must Continue

It is human nature to hope for the best. When COVID-19 began, we hoped our lockdown would last a week or two, then maybe just a month. Similarly, we hoped that we'd be able to safely gather with our families for the holidays.

Hope helps individuals survive crises, but institutions must prepare for disasters. School districts have plans for fires, earthquakes and even active shooters. Surely we can agree that a pandemic is a disaster. Why then is the Glendale Unified School District unable to commit to a worst case scenario plan for COVID-19?

Local COVID-19 infections are widespread and are likely to remain that way for the foreseeable future, possibly until a vaccine is available to the general public. We are living the COVID-19 disaster; yet GUSD has not extended its distance learning plan. Glendale teachers have been working from home since mid-March; however, when our stop-gap contract expires on Dec. 31, we may be forced back into classrooms in defiance of LA County's Dept. of Public Health's recommendations.

Although teachers very much

want to be back with students, the only responsible option is for GUSD to continue distance learning, as our neighbors in Burbank have already done. This will give everyone the sense of stability needed during these unsettling times. Keeping teachers and students at home will allow everyone to continue to flatten the curve while COVID-19 infections are at their most widespread, and allow teachers to embrace the rest of the school year without last-minute changes likely to disrupt our ability to teach students. We don't need to repeat the chaos of the summer when teachers and families didn't know whether or not students would be on campus until days before school started.

Continuing distance learning is necessary for the stability of our students' education and the health of our community. We all want classrooms to reopen for all students but cannot responsibly do so until the dangers of COVID-19

pass. It is time for GUSD to take a stand for stability and safety, to extend Glendale teachers' MOU, and commit to continuing distance learning in 2021.

Taline Arsenian, President
Glendale Teachers Association

The Alarming Spread of the Coronavirus

As a scientist and data analyst, I have been tracking COVID-19 case numbers in LA County for a few months. An increase in case rates in the fall and winter was anticipated by most health experts, but the explosion that has happened in southern and central California in recent weeks is truly alarming. For months since the surge in July, case rates were fairly steady, if still concerningly high. Then, around Halloween, rates started to increase in LA County: in the two weeks after Halloween they doubled. In the three weeks after Halloween they nearly tripled. And as we start to see the test results come

in after Thanksgiving week, rates have doubled again in less than two weeks. The scattered embers of outbreaks around the County during early fall have become an inferno.

We still don't have all the answers about how the virus spreads. We do know that people being close together for any length of time, especially unmasked, is a very effective way to seed coronavirus outbreaks. Unfortunately, dining at restaurants, even outdoors, poses a risk because people from different households may be together unmasked for an extended period of time. Other factors are contributing, too, such as crowded workplaces with inadequate social distancing and little oversight by the County. The list of sites with positive coronavirus tests includes Glenair, an aerospace/electronics manufacturer in Glendale (40 staff tested positive, 29 in the past week) and a Michael Kors distribution center in Whittier (21 staff tested

positive in the past week), among many others. How do we get through this crisis? The restrictions in Southern California now, onerous as they are, will likely save thousands of lives. But we also desperately need disaster relief to support workers and small businesses that have lost their income. We are in a war, we've stormed the beaches of Normandy, but now is not the time to cut off financial support. Congress needs to provide the funding that only the federal government can get us to the end of this.

Andrew Delman
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Andre Bucag, 8th grader, is collecting items for the OLL **Christmas Baskets for families in need**: He is collecting non perishable food suitable for a Christmas Dinner. - Donations are needed by December 14.

Isabelle Carrillo, 8th grader, is collecting items for residents of the **Panorama Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**. Books, magazines and coloring books would be appreciated.

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