

Council Reviews Housing Project

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council spent most of its lengthy meeting reviewing a project proposed at 534 and 538 North Kenwood Street in the area just north of downtown.

Councilmember Dan Brotman recused himself from the discussion, noting that he had publicly opposed the project before the city's Design Review Board in 2019. Mayor Paula Devine disclosed that she serves on the board of the Historical Society of Glendale, the appellant.

The proposal is to build a new three-story 11-unit residential building, restoring the historical 1913 two-story Craftsman-style house at 534 N. Kenwood (which is eligible for inclusion on the Glendale historic register), and demolishing the historic garage and the non-historic one-story house and garage at 538 N. Kenwood.

By right, the property owner could build up to 15 residential units.

"This appeal did not come from the people who live there," said applicant Hamlet Zohrabians who also noted the petition of support submitted with 75 signatures on it. "Funds are available now to create an attractive project and preserve an historic house."

Councilmember Vrej Agajanian weighed in.

"I recall a report that there is a 1.3 million unit shortage of housing in California – and 13,300 of those are in Glendale," he said.

Councilmember Ara Najarian explained the details of the requirement for "substantial adverse impact" to trigger the additional requirement of conducting the full environmental review of an EIR.

"Today we should be celebrating the preservation of this early example of an Airplane Craftsman – the house will remain eligible for inclusion in the local register – after the

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CVFA: The Show Will Go On

By Mary O'KEEFE

Despite a disappointing response to its request, the CVFA vows that with community support this 4th of July will have a fireworks show.

At the April 27 meeting of the Glendale City Council four of its five councilmembers voted not to increase the Council's annual \$5,000 donation to the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Assn. (CVFA). Steve Pierce, representing the CVFA, had gone to the City for support because, like many other non-profit organizations, the association is facing funding deficits due to COVID-19.

Typically the CVFA makes the money to pay for the annual event through the sale of tickets to the show and rides brought into the event and also from on-site food trucks. In addition, throughout the year the CVFA would hold fundraisers, like bingo nights and other activities, but those too have been curtailed by the pandemic. Not only did the city council not approve the additional funding but some members lobbed disparaging



Plans are moving forward to bring the annual 4th of July fireworks display back to the skies over the Crescenta Valley. File photo

statements about the area that were off-putting to those who live in Crescenta Valley, which includes Montrose, Sparr Heights and Far North Glendale.

These comments prompted sev-

eral remarks on social media by those living in the area.

"Crescenta Valley" is a regional term that includes foothill communities extending from Sunland-Tujunga to La Cañada Flintridge.

Students who attend Crescenta Valley High School are from the City of Glendale – Montrose and Far North Glendale – as well as from the unincorporated areas of

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Glendale Arts Retains Management of Alex



File photos

ABOVE: The Glendale City Council has selected Glendale Arts to continue management of the iconic Alex Theatre, which celebrated its 90th anniversary nearly 10 years ago.

RIGHT: The spire of the Alex Theatre watches over a crowd of celebrants at a pre-COVID event.



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Note to Glendale City Council: Our Show Will Go On

The April 27 meeting of the Glendale City Council was disappointing, to say the least. On that week’s docket was discussion regarding offering support to the Crescenta Valley for its annual fireworks show.

The pandemic scrapped the 2020 July 4th fireworks show, which has been a tradition for decades up here in the foothills. Looking to 2021 it seemed unlikely that we’d have a display; the revenue generated from on-site admittance to the Crescenta Valley High School track, support from residential donors and other financial donations, including \$5,000 from the City of Glendale, mainly pays for the event. Unfortunately, it was unlikely that the field would be open for public admittance to the fireworks show and with no paying customers there would be a huge deficit.

But members of the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Assn. were determined to turn over every stone to raise the necessary funds, which runs in the tens of thousands of dollars to have a show of the quality that the CVFA is accustomed to hosting.

It was with this somewhat humble attitude that the CVFA approached the Glendale City Council. While grateful for the budgeted \$5,000 for the show, the CVFA was hopeful that the Glendale City Council, which governs a portion of our foothill area that includes Montrose, Far North Glendale and Sparr Heights, would see clear to provide additional financial aid to ensure that the “show would go on.” CVFA members were shocked to learn that, apparently, the Glendale residents who reside in La Crescenta, Montrose, Far North Glendale and Sparr Heights and who pay taxes to Glendale are not “Glendale” enough.

Councilmember Ara Najarian, with cro-

nies Devine, Brotman and Agajanian, instead decided to see about producing a \$50-\$60,000 event because, according to Najarian, “There are a lot of people who would like to see them out of their windows. Glendalians.”

But don’t worry, readers. Najarian still gets warm and fuzzy when speaking about our neighbors and us.

“I like the people in Tujunga and Sunland and La Crescenta and La Cañada,” he said, “but as we decide to give money to organizations, speaking for myself as a member of the Glendale City Council, with an opportunity to provide fireworks in the City of Glendale for the thousands of people who won’t have to be bused up to La Crescenta.”

But I guess it’s okay to ask people to get “bused” to Glendale.

Ardy Kassakhian was the only councilmember to give voice to the thousands of foothill residents and businesses that have to call Glendale “home.”

“I advocate for continuing this tradition. People come from all over, and from all over Glendale, to celebrate the 4th of July every year,” he told the council.

Remember that, readers, when it comes time to vote for Glendale City Council because apparently we are not known for heading to the polls on Election Day. Our numbers don’t

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Weather in the Foothills

“I think we are bound to, and by, nature. We may want to deny this connection and try to believe we control the external world, but every time there’s a snowstorm or drought we know our fate is tied to the world around us.”

~ Alice Hoffman, American novelist

It’s time to open the local watering hole for the season. Daytime highs, as thermometers rise, indicate, “Yes.” Nighttime lows, still a chilly mid-50s on the other hand, say, “Maybe.”

As I like pool temperatures to be on par with waters off a South Sea island, a boost from So. Cal Gas becomes a pre-requisite. Summer is truly beckoning ...

The first day of summer is June 20 though Memorial Day is oftentimes given this credit. The last day of school is a good jumping off point as well. Back in the “olden days” of the 1960s kids had a three-month summer break, a period brimming with kid-driven possibilities. Even nowadays, my mood becomes elevated as I anticipate the long warm evenings of summer. There are a few “without a doubts” as to activities planned for this time of year. Our street is a friendly one; there stands an unspoken invitation. Neighbors gather here and there to chat and even enjoy a cool drink together. As the pavement cools and the potential for burned paws lessens, out come the dogs as well. Time in the pool is a given and is almost synonymous with the word “summer.” A necessary crescendo is under the stars at the Hollywood Bowl. In spite of the awful parking, being there is on par with being in the Eastern Sierra. With hopes and prayers our local hometown fireworks display will light up our local sky!

There’s a flip side to the fun, though, that cannot be forgotten amid the summer fun – our water reserves are running low. Above normal temperatures and wildland fires have become an every summer event. And one more thing ... the below average rainfall totals for 2020-21 have left us in the dust. According to many climatologists, the drought has returned.

During times of drought, vegetation is visibly dry, the flow of streams and rivers decline, water levels in lakes and reservoirs fall. As drought persists, longer term impacts can emerge, such as land subsidence (sinking) caused by low water levels in underground aquifers, seawater intrusion and damage to ecosystems. State reservoirs, our primary source for water, are concerningly low. Local wells are “holding their own” thus far. The rains have come and gone.

A marine layer brings fog and cool temperatures for today – Thursday – and Friday. Come the weekend, mild May temperatures will settle in. As for the pool ...

Interesting note: On Tuesday a fierce storm hit Birmingham, Alabama. A torrential seven inches of rain fell. Our entire season totaled 7.19 inches.

Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.

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OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 freeway off-ramp is Saturday, May 8. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:10 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools.

FOOD DRIVE

CV robotics will host a drive through food drive on Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CVHS parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell and Community avenues. Non-perishable food items will be collected that benefit the Bailey Human Care Center. Community members are asked to enter the parking lot from Ramsdell, pull forward to a donation table, and “pop the trunk.” CV robotics team members will gratefully accept all donations in a socially responsible and COVID-safe manner.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips.

Spring growth around the trails will also be trimmed back and work will be done on fire hazard reduction on some of the slopes.

Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

LA County guidelines are being followed requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing while volunteering at the Preserve.

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

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

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

CVCOC UPDATE ON VENDORS SILENT AUCTION

Due to high demand, the CV Chamber of Commerce has moved the date for its Vendors Silent Auction to Thursday, June 10 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A one-hour Zoom event will kickoff the auction. Twenty valuable items will be placed

on the auction block for open bidding. The cutoff for vendor donations is Wednesday, June 1.

To learn more, call the chamber office at (818) 248-4957.

RESURFACING PROJECT

The community is invited to learn about an upcoming pavement resurfacing project along La Crescenta Avenue, Orange Avenue, Ocean View Boulevard and Montrose Avenue. There will be a meeting via Webex on May 19 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Learn more by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/4xnzkm2r>.

Questions can be directed to Shirley Lai at slai@dpw.lacounty.gov.

LA COUNTY STREET SWEEPING SERVICE ADVISORY

Beginning Saturday, May 1 Los Angeles County started updating its street sweeping schedules to provide sweeping services on residential streets twice a month in unincorporated LA County communities. Major streets will continue to be swept once a week.

Street sweeping services help ensure clean and safe streets, and reduce debris ending up in storm drain systems causing water pollution. The County sweeps more than 3,300 curb-miles every week.

Visit the LA County Street Sweeping Service website at pw.lacounty.gov/rmd/streetsweeping/ for information on street sweeping schedules in the local community.

S-T SHADOW HILLS ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES CANCELATION OF JULY 4 PARADE

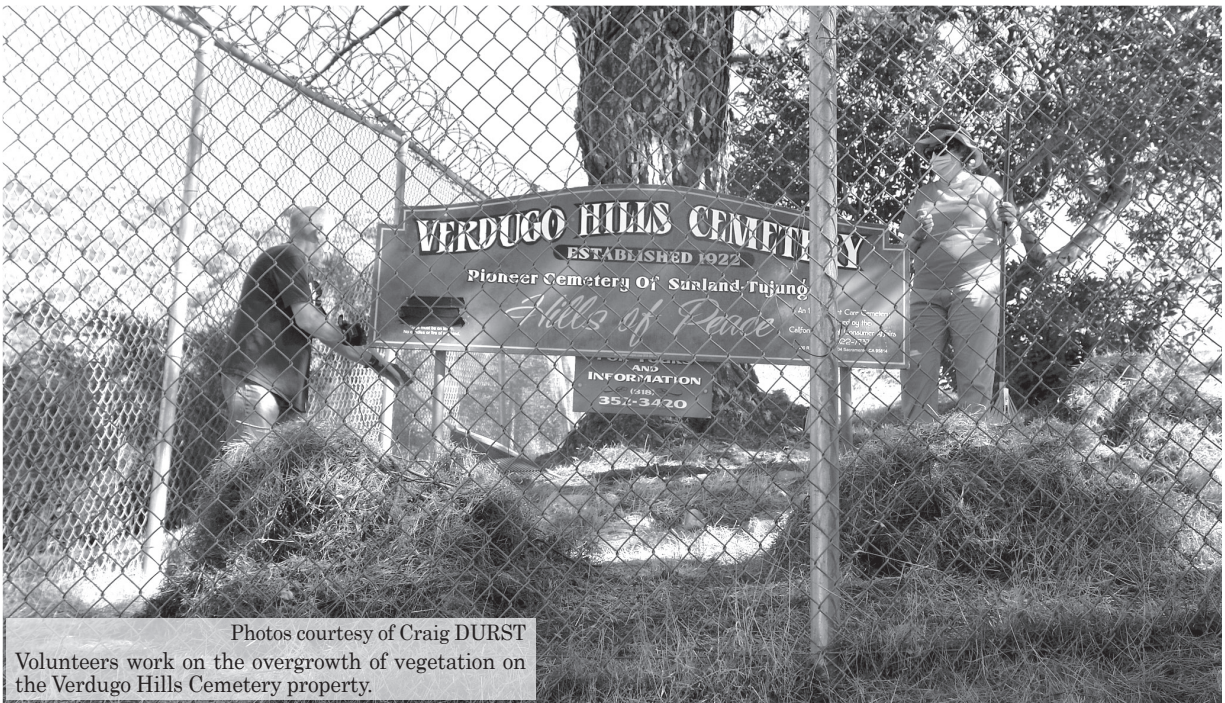
Though local area restrictions have been lifted for many public gatherings around the Los Angeles area, the annual Sunland-Tujunga July 4 parade has been canceled for 2021, as the City of Los Angeles is not yet issuing permits for large gatherings.

The Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary Club, which hosts the annual event, hopes that by 2022 this very popular summer parade will once again travel its traditional route down Foothill Boulevard.

Community service projects undertaken by the Rotary Club this year include providing face shields for local rehabilitation centers and skilled nursing facilities. The club provided meals for local first responders. The club has also partnered with the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on several projects including the Pole Banner Art Project.

For parade updates and more information on the Rotary Club’s ongoing community activities, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Sunlandrotary/>.

Resident Works to Resurrect the Verdugo Hills Cemetery



Photos courtesy of Craig DURST
Volunteers work on the overgrowth of vegetation on the Verdugo Hills Cemetery property.

By Mary O’KEEFE

For most getting from point A to point B is simply following the straightest line, or using GPS guidance to determine the quickest route. But for others it is the space between the starting and ending points that is the most fascinating; that is the way historian Craig Durst looks at his Tujunga hometown.

Durst was searching for a way to get up to the Cross of San Ysido in Tujunga when he drove through a neighborhood where he found his perfect home. Ever since he has been excited to learn the history of the area.

For many years he was the historian at the Bolton Hall Historical Museum, so it is an understatement to say he knows a lot about the history of Sunland-Tujunga and the surrounding area. But he has now taken on a project that is rather daunting but something he is very passionate about: the restoration of the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

“I started the Historic Verdugo Hills Cemetery Restoration and Renewal Project,” Durst said. “It is a three-part process.”

It is first important to understand the history of the cemetery that sits high on a hill above Tujunga. It was built in 1922 and its first “occupants” were Rev. James Wornom and his wife “Aunt” Jenny Wornom. This couple was well known in the area and traveled in a wagon, sharing the word of God and singing hymns.

Hiram Hatch was an early Little Landers resident – among those who moved to the area to form an agricultural garden city. Hatch was also among the very first to be buried at the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

Durst said for years Hiram’s daughter Mable had taken on the caretaker role for the cemetery because her father, and later her brother, was buried there.

“As she got older she worried about who would take care of the cemetery,” Durst said. “She worried because there wasn’t any money to [maintain it] and she tried to turn it into a real cemetery.”

Durst found newspaper articles about a party Mable held where people could buy cemetery plots or

donate directly to a fund. People could either donate \$10 or use that as a down payment for a plot. She encouraged people to come to the cemetery and pick out their plots. They would be given a number and that number would be placed on a cement pillar. People would then come up to the cemetery, pick their plot and put the pillar in that area.

Throughout the years the cemetery has had its share of caretakers – and its share of very interesting events. At one point one of the caretakers opened up the area for apparent friends who turned it into a type of commune. Then there was, of course, the floods of 1978.

A tremendous storm battered the coast of Southern California.

“In Tujunga, a debris basin dam in Zachau Canyon burst under tremendous pressure and a 30-foot wall of water and mud roared into the streets below,” wrote Mike Lawler, historian and writer for CVW.

The ground beneath the Verdugo Hills Cemetery broke away and bodies buried there were carried by the flood

down from the top of the hill to the houses, businesses and streets below.

For 99 years, the little cemetery and its resident souls have been through a lot, and now Durst wants to give them and the cemetery some well-deserved peace and respect.

The first part of his project is a restoration portion. This will include repairing the mausoleum.

“The restoration involves replacing all the travertine [tiles] that are broken,” Durst said.

The walls and general areas need to be refurbished, including repairing some gravesites. He also would like to have ongoing maintenance for the gardens in the area. He will accomplish this by offering specific garden areas to people who could volunteer to help keep it clean and healthy.

The renewal portion will include adding a veterans’ memorial section to the cemetery. This will be a way of honoring those veterans who are buried at the cemetery.

“I have a design,” he said. “It is

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‘Why Everyone is Needed’ Shared at Third Church of Christ

James Shepherd, public practitioner of Christian Science healing and speaker, will present his virtual talk, “Why Everyone is Needed” on Sunday afternoon, May 23 at 2 p.m. Visit the church website (csmontrose.org) and click the link on the lecture tab on the homepage for connection information. Music will begin at 1:45 p.m.

The talk will focus on universal healing precepts found in the Holy Bible, especially in Christ Jesus’ life and teachings, showing how they are available for anyone to understand and experience through the lens of Christian Science. The talk will be live-streamed as well as available afterwards on YouTube. It is sponsored by Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Glendale in the Montrose Shopping Park at 2406 Honolulu Ave.

This lecture explores the nature of God, infinite Love, as the only

cause, and the unbreakable connection to God as God’s offspring. It shows how this gives everyone purpose and worth; what it means to see everyone from a more God-like, or spiritual, point of view, and why seeing everyone in this way has such an impact on everyone’s lives.

Sharing examples of healing and of lives that have been transformed and lifted from dark times to healing and progress, Shepherd will explain why Christian Science is both Christian and scientific, meaning that people can prove its effectiveness for themselves, as fully described in the book “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures” written by the founder of the Christian Science movement, Mary Baker Eddy.

Shepherd will also touch on the life of Mary Baker Eddy, a mid-19th century woman from New England, and how she

came to understand, confirm and teach what she felt was original Christian healing. Eddy herself said she was especially inspired by Jesus’ demand, “He that believes on me, the works that I do will he do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go unto my Father” (found in the Gospel of John 14:12 in the Bible).

For over 150 years, people around the world have also worked to follow Christ Jesus in this practice of Christianity and continue to do so today, with healings of physical ills and personal difficulties for themselves and others.

James Shepherd has been a Christian Science practitioner for many years, helping people on a daily basis through this scientific approach to prayer. Based in Eugene, Oregon, he speaks to audiences around the world as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to “Couch Church” on the church Facebook page and YouTube channel for the continuing celebration of Easter. On Sunday, May 2, the congregation will celebrate the fifth Sunday of Easter at its 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called “Love Perfected.” For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The community is also invited to prayer Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Vacation Bible School 2021 will be live and on campus from July 12 to 16, from 9 a.m. to noon! Please register (or volunteer) at www.lcifoorthills.org/vbs. Registration is \$20/child and \$15/sibling.

Some in-person gatherings are being planned and the community will be welcome. Check the website for dates

and times. RSVPs will be required to ensure proper preparation; all health and safety protocols will be strictly adhered to.

More details are available on the church website lcifoorthills.org.

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office at office@lcifoorthills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

Prayers in the Park

All are encouraged to pray with members of Lift Up La Crescenta at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta on Saturday, May 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The goal of the group is to come together regularly in the name of Jesus and in the name of love and in the name of unity of the body of Christ to pray for the healing of our land.

Meet in the bleachers just east of the parking lot. Try to get there early as parking can be very limited. Bring masks and social distancing is observed.

Those who have a fever, cough, congestion or difficulty breathing should not attend.

Indoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites the community to take part in the official reopening of its sanctuary for indoor worship on Sunday, May 16 at 10 a.m.

Come for live music, prayer time and an inspiring message surrounded by the church’s historic stained-glass windows, beautifully restored last summer.

Beginning on May 16, Sunday services will also feature special programs for preschool and elementary-age children. A Sunday program for middle and high school students is coming soon!

For those who would like to worship from home, LCPC’s online services are available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m. Those who prefer to worship outdoors are invited to LCPC’s courtyard to view the online service beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed both indoors and outdoors, and for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

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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Big Change to the Gang Unit

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón recently announced a “reorganization” of the division previously known as the Hard Core Gang Division. The new title is the Community Violence Reduction Division and takes a community approach of fighting gang violence.

“This unit will address violence and will look at partnering with the community,” said Alex Bastian, special advisor for Gascón’s office.

This new approach is an effort to serve as a bridge between prosecutors, law enforcement, LA County offices and community-based organizations, Bastian added.

“By embedding our prosecutors in the communities that we serve we will be able to get better results reducing and preventing crime by working with all of our community, County and law enforcement partners,” Gascón stated in a release.

The approach will first be

piloted at the 77th, Newton and Foothill Los Angeles Police Dept. stations.

The foundation of this approach is to reduce violence. “This is not just an issue that involves law enforcement,” Bastian said. “Working with other partners [like] Public Health and other County partners can help reduce violence.”

“The office’s new Community Violence Reduction Division will be [composed] of experienced prosecutors who will collaborate with Los Angeles Police Dept. in some of the most challenged areas. Prosecutors will investigate and prosecute the most troubling incidents of street violence. The Division also will seek to proactively prevent crime by working with community-based organizations and with County partners that deal with victim services, public health and violence prevention,” according to the LADA office release.

“The goal of these efforts is to treat community violence through a collaborative public

health approach,” Gascón stated. “We hope to end the cycle of generational violence and prevent victims from being repeatedly traumatized.”

In addition, Gascón has shifted resources to establish a Community Violence Prosecution Coordinator Program that will serve each of the County’s branch courts and central trial offices.

There has been criticism about this reorganization, or dismantling, of the Hard Core Gang Unit.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva responded to Gascón’s new approach via his Twitter account stating, “While gang members are busy driving up LA County’s homicide rate, DA Gascón is now dismantling the Hardcore Gang Unit that works in collaboration with local law enforcement. This can only serve to add gasoline to a raging fire of gang violence that threatens the safety of all. This is not reform; it’s beginning to look more and more like a suicide pact.”

Portantino Faces Difficult Decisions in Housing Battles

By Justin HAGER

State Senator Anthony Portantino will have a big voice this week in the legislative battles over housing development and the future of largely single-family housing communities in California, which include La Crescenta, Montrose, Glendale, Sunland-Tujunga and La Cañada Flintridge. Portantino chairs the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, which will hear this week two bills related to housing development. Both focus on opportunities to subdivide single parcels into multi-family dwellings such as duplexes and small apartment complexes.

SB-9, authored by Senators Atkins, Caballero, Rubio and Wiener, would provide for ministerial (assumed to be automatic) approval of proposed housing developments with two residential units in a single-family residential zone. In other words, proposed plans for duplexes would be assumed to be approved unless specific legal cause can be shown to prohibit the development. SB 9 would also require cities to consider similar ministerial approval of urban lot splits, resulting in the potential for two new

homes to exist on a single-family lot. For communities like La Crescenta, this could mean the opportunity to double the available housing supply by doubling the density on existing single-home lots, threatening the single-family community character. When combined with the legislature’s recent loosening of regulations on accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior ADUs, it is feasible that current single-family parcels could be occupied by as many as six housing units.

SB-9 is a nearly word-for-word recreation of last session’s SB 1120, which narrowly died in the legislature last year after passing both houses but failing to get concurrence from the Senate to approve new amendments. Senator Portantino voted in favor SB 1120 on three separate occasions in 2020, twice in the Senate Appropriations Committee and once on the Senate Floor. Assemblymember Laura Friedman, the region’s other representative in the state legislature, voted against SB 1120 on Assembly Floor.

SB-10 allows a local government to zone a parcel for up to 10 units of residential density if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill

site. It also exempts local agencies from complying with CEQA for the approval of these projects, as long as they adopt appropriate zoning ordinances, meaning they won’t be compelled to analyze the environmental impacts of their decisions.

SB-10 is very similar to last session’s SB 902, which died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee last year. Senator Portantino voted in favor SB 902 on three separate occasions in 2020, twice in the Senate Appropriations Committee and once on the Senate Floor. Assemblymember Laura Friedman, the region’s other representative in the state legislature, did not have the opportunity to vote on SB 902 as it was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense file.

One criticism of both bills is that they attempt to apply a one-size-fits-all solution to California’s housing crisis without considering the ability for existing infrastructure, such as roads, water, and other utilities, etc., to accommodate the increased density. This is especially concerning given that the California snow-pack is at only 15% in the southern half of the state, making ongoing

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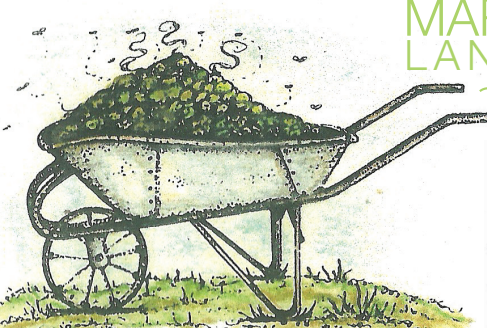


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GLENDALE ARTS *from Cover*

Glickman said that she and her staff, some of whom have been with the historic Alex Theatre since 1996, have been working on “exciting changes” at the theatre during COVID.

“We’ve added a new digital media department,” Glickman said giving a nod to the Ahmanson Foundation that provided grant money for the addition.

Glendale Arts also contracted with a company to geotarget patrons. The Alex Theatre will be able to notify ticketholders who attended one type of event of similar types of events and even offer special pricing or early purchasing.

Glickman said that the Alex Theatre, which has been at its location for nearly 100 years, looks forward to working with nearby partners to better the experience of ticketholders.

“We value cross promoting,” she said adding that offering menu information for nearby restaurants, for example, is an excellent way to raise the visibility of those businesses near the Alex Theatre.

Keeping the Alex Theatre solvent during the pandemic was a challenge in itself.

“In addition to leveraging our connections in anticipation of the reopening, we were sustained through (movie) filming,” Glickman

said. She noted that though fundraising efforts were up by 40%, revenue, unsurprisingly, was down.

Though the decision has been made to remain with Glendale Arts as the managing company for the city-owned Alex Theatre, negotiations will begin in the next few weeks on hammering out the details for the contract. Ultimately Glickman said that it’s about preserving the integrity of the historic space.

“We’re looking for a 10-year contract with a 10-year renewal,” she said, “and we’re looking forward to our renewed partnership with the city.”

Altercation on Foothill and Pennsylvania

By Mary O’KEEFE

On Saturday at about 2 p.m. Glendale police responded to the 3200 block of Foothill Boulevard regarding a male who was involved in a fight. When officers arrived witnesses pointed to a man, 47, from La Crescenta who was walking westbound on the north sidewalk of Foothill Boulevard. The witnesses said the man was the suspect involved in the altercation.

Officers reported observing the suspect acting in an irate manner as he walked along the sidewalk. They also observed blood on his face. Officers detained the suspect, who refused medical assistance.

Officers interviewed the victim of the fight, along with multiple witnesses whose stories corroborated each other’s, according to a GPD report.

Witnesses stated the victim

was in the driver’s seat of his vehicle that was stopped for traffic in the eastbound lanes of Foothill Boulevard just west of Pennsylvania Avenue with the windows of his vehicle rolled down. Suddenly, the suspect ran from a bus bench near the northwest corner of the intersection and lunged into the victim’s vehicle attacking him.

As the suspect was attacking the victim he was saying random things and speaking nonsensically, according to GPD.

The victim and a passenger in the victim’s vehicle began fighting back against the suspect while remaining inside the vehicle. Eventually the victim was able to position himself inside the vehicle to kick at the suspect in order to get him away. While the victim was kicking the suspect, the suspect grabbed the victim’s leg and bit down leaving small

lacerations.

Eventually, according to GPD, the victim was able to kick the suspect away. The suspect then picked up a nearby shopping cart and appeared to prepare to throw it at the victim’s vehicle. The victim armed himself with a wrench; the suspect put the cart down and began walking westbound on Foothill Boulevard until officers were able to detain him.

During the altercation the victim’s vehicle rolled forward and struck a vehicle in front of it at a slow rate of speed.

Officers reported having a difficult time obtaining a statement from the suspect because he would go off on tangents and ramble nonsensically.

The suspect was arrested and booked for assault with a deadly weapon and is being held on \$50,000 bail.

CORRECTION

In the April 29 news story “Council Vetoes Funding for CV Fireworks,” it was stated in error that ticket sales typically bring in between \$4,000-\$5,000; typically between 4,000 and 5,000 tickets are sold to the annual event.

CRIME BLOTTER

May 1

Montrose Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, a man was riding his Vespa scooter westbound on Montrose Avenue and stopped at a red light at the Montrose and Ocean View intersection. The man noticed a male [suspect] in a white Toyota Highlander looking at him. For some reason the suspect began making hand gestures at the Vespa driver. The man turned his head away from the suspect and waited for the light to change. Once the light turned green he, and the suspect, proceeded through the intersection. As the man drove his Vespa scooter on Montrose Avenue he saw the suspect grip the vehicle’s steering wheel and turn it to the right causing the suspect’s vehicle to swerve into the victim’s lane. The victim swerved to avoid being hit and stopped. The incident occurred at 10:45 a.m.

April 30

3100 block of Altura Avenue in Montrose, a landscaper was working in the backyard of a home. When he came back to the front lawn a passerby told him that he had witnessed two suspects steal a chainsaw from the back of the landscaper’s truck at 12:35 p.m.

April 29

3000 block of Altura Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

April 27

1900 block of N. Trail Canyon Road in Tujunga, the rear window of a vehicle was shattered and personal items were stolen from a vehicle between 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

2400 block of Cross Street in La Crescenta, a package containing a laptop computer was stolen from a front porch on April 29.

4400 block of Oak Grove Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she had a volleyball game at La Cañada High School. During the game she left her backpack on the floor of the women’s locker room. After the game she took her backpack and went home. The following morning she looked in her wallet and discovered that cash and several of her gift cards were stolen. The theft occurred between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

2200 block of Shields Street in La Crescenta, the driver’s side window of a vehicle was shattered. Nothing appeared to be stolen. The incident occurred overnight.

City of Glendale Seeking Qualified Candidates for Blue Ribbon Pension Review Committee

On March 30, the Glendale City Council moved to form a Blue Ribbon Pension Review Committee. This Committee will be tasked with gaining an understanding of the overall pension system structure, discovering future anticipated costs and ultimately advising the City Council on options and priorities for addressing pension costs and reducing the unfunded actuarial liability.

Specifically, this Committee will be tasked with the following duties:

1. Review the City's pension system to offer a better understanding of its structure and future costs.
2. Conduct a review and opinion on what the City has accomplished to date with its pension reform efforts.
3. Recommend options for reducing or eliminating the City's unfunded actuarial liability.
4. Review alternative financing methods potentially available to the City.
5. Evaluate the feasibility of offering alternative retirement solutions.
6. Produce a final report and recommendations to the City Council regarding a prudent approach to addressing pension expenses.

The Pension Review Committee will be comprised of

15 individuals, 10 of whom will be appointed by City Council through an application process. The remaining five members will be appointed by the city manager.

Members selected to serve in this capacity should possess relevant education and experience in such fields as finance, law, or accounting in order to competently and responsibly engage in the review and recommendation process. Those interested in serving on the Blue Ribbon Pension Review Committee will need to submit an application, which can be found at www.glendaleca.gov/home/showdocument?id=62386, to myglendale@glendaleca.gov by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 17. All applications received by this deadline will be shared with the City Council for the members to review and select candidates.

It is anticipated that the Committee will meet twice a month through December 2021, after which a final report with recommendations will be presented to the City Council.

For questions or more information, please contact John Takhtalian, deputy city manager, at jtakhtalian@glendaleca.gov or call (818) 548-4844. Applications can also be found online at www.glendaleca.gov/pensionreviewcommittee.

FIREWORKS from Cover

La Crescenta/Montrose. Schools in these areas are part of the Glendale Unified School District.

Pierce called the comments from the dais "disappointing" but immediately turned his attention to securing a fireworks show that may be located in Crescenta Valley, at the high school, but welcome to all.

"It will be a high fireworks show," Pierce said meaning the fireworks display will stretch high in the sky to reach a wide audience. And although people won't be able to come onto the high school field, they can come and park along the nearby streets.

"People who park need to follow all street signs," Pierce advised,

"and follow social distancing and wear face [coverings]."

For over 30 years, the CV fireworks show has been a far-reaching community event that sees thousands of people enjoying the July 4th festivities. The fireworks show started as an event sponsored by the Crescenta Valley

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called The Soldiers Stairway."

He also has plans for a mural and a gazebo.

"A Boy Scout is doing his Eagle Project [at the cemetery]," he said.

The Boy Scout is creating a "Loved Ones Landing." This area will have bricks with names of those who are buried at the cemetery.

"There are 2,200 people buried here but only 200 have headstones," Durst said.

The bricks will have the names of those buried and the location of their plots.

The last part of the project culminates in a big centennial

celebration in April 2022. Durst has big plans for this recognition that will include tours and, like they have done in the past, actors representing the history of the cemetery.

For Durst this project is more than just preserving history.

One day when he was raking leaves and cleaning the cemetery, he stepped back and thought about why he was doing this work ... why this was important. He then got a sudden sense of the souls around him. He realized this was important for them, for their peace and for the respect of those who lived before.

There are a few ways to help this project, which is in need of funds and support. People can help with a donation by mailing checks to Little Landers Historical Society, P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, CA 91043. Please write VHC (Verdugo Hills Cemetery) 100 in the check memo.

People can also help by volunteering. The second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is a cleanup day at the Verdugo Hills Cemetery. This Saturday, May 8 is a cleanup day. Parking is limited, so carpooling is advised. The VHC is located at 7000 Parsons Trail Road in Tujunga.



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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Black Panthers Visit to Glendale ... in 1969

This column touches on some currently controversial subjects. I'm not taking a stand, just reporting what happened, and reflecting on how the present is often a mirror image of the past.

1969 was a tumultuous year, particularly on college campuses. Even tiny Glendale Community College was subject to controversy. Early that year the student-led Human Relations Council had submitted a list of proposed on-campus speakers for the next year. Included in the list was a representative from the Black Panther Party. That request was immediately denied by GCC officials.

Needless to say, the students fought the denial. There was much back-and-forth on the issue in early 1969 with some incendiary public meetings. Ultimately the matter went to court and, with the backing of the ACLU, the students prevailed on a free-speech basis. The Black Panthers were to speak at GCC.

As a history writer, I am constantly amazed by the contrasts and ironies of the past versus the present. Here are some examples. Recently, conservative activists protested the denial of some far-right speakers to speak on college campuses. In the 1960s the opposite was the case. Recently, right-wing activists have openly carried firearms in some high-profile demonstrations, including armed protesters entering the Michigan State Capitol. In 1960s California, the exact same thing happened, but on the opposite end of the political spectrum.

A quick historical "lesson in irony" to show how much has and hasn't changed: In the 1960s it was legal to openly carry a loaded gun in California. The Black Panthers took advantage of that by carrying firearms. They formed "police patrols" in which they would follow police cars. If a black driver was pulled over, the Black Panthers would quietly stand nearby displaying loaded weapons. There was a strong backlash in Sacramento, and Republican Don Mulford introduced a bill in 1967 that prohibited openly carrying loaded firearms. Black Panthers, carrying loaded rifles and handguns (still legal at that time), entered the capitol building to protest the bill. They were disarmed and escorted out. But as a result the bill, ironically with the strong backing of the NRA, passed and has been the law ever since. Gov. Reagan commented that there was "no reason why on the street today a citizen should be carrying loaded weapons."

In October 1969, the now disarmed Black Panthers were invited to speak in the GCC auditorium. They chose as their spokesperson Elaine Brown, a relatively new member of the Panthers. About 800 GCC students attended. Elaine Brown opened with a bang.

"All power to the people! Death to pigs!" She greeted Glendale as the "home to Birchers [the John Birch Society] and the American Nazi Party."

"Our (Panthers') purpose is not to run through Glendale and Orange County and kill all the little white babies. Our purpose is to create a human arena that will bring about changes in this system. Our purpose is to create a climate where we can all be humans," she said.

She further advocated for a redistribution of wealth. She predicted authoritarian changes to the Constitution that would bring about further oppression, but she advocated strong resistance.

"The power belongs to the people. The streets belong to the people. It's up to the people to take them!"

She chastised "little pig Nixon and lesser pig Reagan."

The audience was politely quiet through the 45-minute talk, but she lost many of them when she called the recent moon landing a hoax filmed on a Hollywood stage. About 200 students left at that point.

She ended the speech by quoting Eldridge Cleaver.

"We shall have our manhood. We shall have it or the world will be leveled in our attempt to gain it. All power to the people!"

Wow, in Glendale of all places! And what became of the fiery Elaine Brown? She was instrumental in many of the Panthers' social welfare programs and rose to the position of chairman of the Panthers from 1974 to 1977. She resigned due to misogyny she perceived in the leadership. Today she is an author and activist for prison reform. But in 1969 Glendale, she was the cutting edge of the Black power movement.



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Are You Making A Difference?

I have a great job. I get to work with an amazing group of women (and a couple of men) at Assistance League of Flintridge, also known as ALF. Our local chapter is part of National Assistance League, which was founded by Anne Banning early last century. After the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and fire that followed, Banning formed a relief unit to help victims and later organized a Red Cross unit in Los Angeles during WWI providing food and clothing to families significantly affected by the war. This dynamic group of volunteers called themselves Assistance League with the selfless purpose of helping wherever needed. The organization has since grown to 120 chapters nationwide and its focus remains to make our communities better places to live. ALF has been serving La Cañada Flintridge and the surrounding area since 1954.

On any given week, the volunteer members at ALF are busy working in the Bargain Box Thrift Shop that is the sole revenue source for the organization, aside from direct donations. The members administer a variety of enrichment programs for school-aged children such as instrumental music, drama and summer school. Together with their two auxiliaries, the Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals (CAP) and Assisteens, ALF also provides meals, school and hygiene supplies, toys, books, clothing and comfort items to children and families in need. Members give generously with their time and with their pocketbooks. Imagine being in an environment where kindness and generosity abounds and everyone pitches in to help. I am so pleased to be administrative support to such a positive ongoing effort.

During the early progression of COVID-19, the Bargain Box Thrift Shop was closed for the health and safety of the members and the community. Donations to the store were halted as well to reduce the chance of germ transmission. School programs were canceled while distance learning became the norm and we took a pause. Well, at least that's what it looked like on the surface.

Behind the scenes, members immediately figured out how to meet online and began to plan how the programs could safely continue. Drama and music went virtual and all classes and performances this season have been held via Zoom and YouTube. Both outreach programs, Operation School Bell and ALFies in Action, re-evaluated community needs, not only providing supplies in the safest way possible but donating MacBooks to the schools for students to use at home and passing out via a drive-thru line special eyeglasses that cut down screen glare. CAP members arranged for meals for the medical staff at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital during the time when the first responders were very busy and had few breaks. Assisteens masked-up and assembled supply kits for distribution. Everyone was doing what they could to continue to serve the community.

The members are now ready to get Bargain Box Thrift Shop back on track, too. The store will re-open and take donations as of June 1.

Assistance League of Flintridge is only one of hundreds of service organizations throughout the Southland and there are literally thousands of volunteers who give of themselves every day, both through these groups and as individuals. During the pandemic, community members stepped up to give blood, donate to food banks, gather supplies and help others or simply made masks at home. Volunteers have had to change their focus and we are grateful for their heroic efforts.

This year, National Volunteer Week began April 18 and it came and went without the regular hoopla and calls to action. But rest assured, people were already working behind the scenes and making a difference in their neighborhoods. Volunteers are working harder than ever.

I found my volunteer niche by being a voice for my community, tackling tough issues, then writing about it. Find your passion, then get out and help wherever needed.



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Lincoln Traditions Continue

On Saturday, April 17 Lincoln Elementary sixth graders met with their kindergarten buddies in person for the first time this school year. They met to place their handprints on the Lincoln Wall, a favorite tradition that has gone on for years at the school. Traditionally sixth graders are assigned a “kinder-buddy” at Lincoln with whom they share a good book and work on seasonal art projects throughout the school year. Due to COVID-19 these activities were done virtually this year. Understandable the students were very excited to meet their buddies for the first time and place their handprints on the Wall on Altura Avenue for all to see.

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TOP LEFT: Peter James makes his handprint.
TOP RIGHT: Kyle Peters, Neala Mahmoudian, Bruno Waldheim
LEFT: Michelle Apostol, Emma Jones, Lucy Lebsock
RIGHT: Shannon Enright, Ameri Ramirez, Mr. Ramirez, Principal Barbara Fariss, Tracey Black, Karen Gilbaugh



Clark Magnet High School Earns California Distinguished Schools Title

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including test scores, suspension rates, and conditions and climate. Elementary and secondary schools are recognized in alternate years. Clark Magnet High School has an emphasis on science and technology. Students have an opportunity to participate in a number of award-winning programs

including robotics, engineering, cinematography and geographical information systems. Clark Magnet is consistently ranked among the top high schools and top STEM programs nationwide. This is the fourth time Clark Magnet has been recognized as a California Distinguished School.

“Clark Magnet High School offers an exceptional academic program that prepares our students for success in college and 21st century careers,” said Glendale Unified Board President Shant Sahakian. “I am proud to celebrate this much-deserved recognition with our entire Glendale Unified community.”

“Our dedicated teachers, classified staff, and administrators work tirelessly alongside our parents and community to provide an exceptional education that empowers our youth to achieve their aspirational goals,” said Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian.

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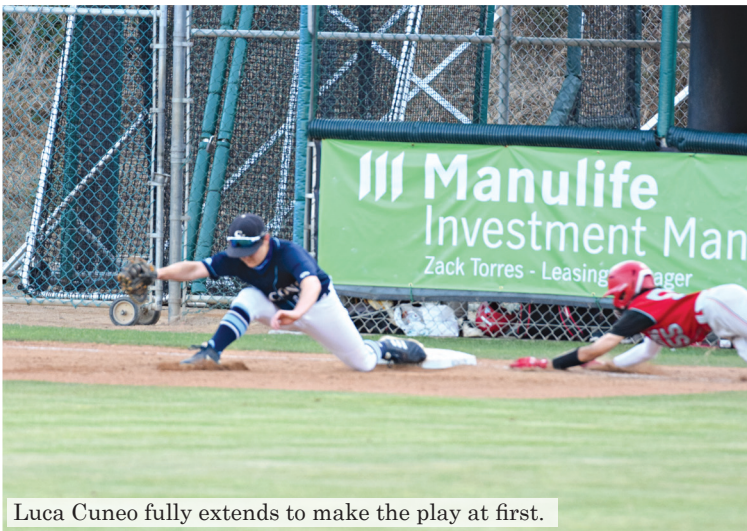
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Outstanding Defense Extends Falcon Win Streak to 10

By Justin HAGER

Thus far the Crescenta Valley High School varsity baseball Cinderella season has been defined by high-flying offensive production. The Falcons have scored more runs than any other team in the Pacific League. As a result, the team beat the vaunted La Cañada Spartans, are currently undefeated in League play and sit a top the Pacific League standings in a three-way tie with Burbank and Arcadia. Unfortunately, they have also allowed nearly twice as many runs to be scored as either Burbank or Arcadia. Some of those numbers can be attributed to the Falcons' fever-paced non-League schedule, which has seen the team play more games than any other team in the League, including games against highly-ranked opponents like San Dimas and Sierra Canyon, which scored seven and eight runs against the Falcons, respectively.

However, entering this week's play, two truths now seem inevitable: CVHS is headed for a clash of the titans as they close out their 2021 regular season campaign with two games each against Arcadia and Burbank; and the Falcons' victories in those games will depend not only on their ability to continue producing at a high level, but also on their ability to limit their opponents' scoring opportunities.



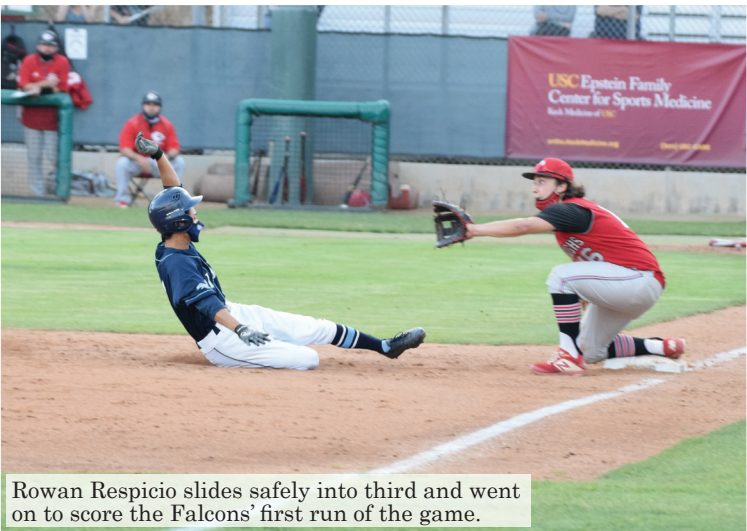
Luca Cuneo fully extends to make the play at first.

This week, the Falcons demonstrated that ability after holding Burroughs, a team that had won three games in a row, averaging more than seven runs per game during that stretch, and more than five runs per game throughout the season, to only two runs total. With oft-starting pitcher Noah Maddox still injured, the Falcons turned to Senior Brendon Pehar who recorded five and two-thirds innings with only 74 pitches and two runs allowed. He was supported by another scoreless save outing by sophomore Connor Campbell and outstanding defensive play across the field, including an outstanding catch by Emilio Velis that nearly sent him into the dugout, excellent hand and footwork from third baseman Jacob Deno and shortstop Nico Terenzi, a

full-speed sprinting catch from right fielder Matt Ruf to track down a line drive on the first base line, and one of the best stretch-and-scoops from first baseman Luca Cuneo that this writer has ever seen. The result was a disappointed Burroughs team that, despite six hits and only four strikeouts, couldn't find an offensive rhythm, scored only two runs and left six stranded on base.

As for the Falcons' offense, it took them a while to find their own rhythm, but a pair of errors in the third and fourth innings and a set of line drives straight up the middle by Terenzi, Cuneo and Rowan Respicio gave them the opening they needed to start scoring and once they got started they could not be stopped.

In his typical team-first fashion, Pehar hit a textbook RBI sacrifice



Rowan Respicio slides safely into third and went on to score the Falcons' first run of the game.

Photos by Roman INGUANZO



Moms of Falcon players wore their Falcon jerseys with their child's name on it and received roses from their player.

fly and RJ DeLeon put the final nail in the coffin with a slicing opposite-field line drive in the fifth, sealing the game for the Falcons and finishing 2-for-3, with a questionable interference call being

the only blemish on his batting for the night.

All told CVHS had eight hits and scored six runs, with only one error. They play Burroughs again on Friday.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Help for Those in Need

The Bailey Human Care Center in Tujunga benefits from the ongoing efforts of local kids packing care kits and snack bags that will be donated to the Center. In addition to providing goods to the Bailey Center, the kids want to express their love for the community while giving back to those in need.

The Bailey Human Care Center is located at 9901 Tujunga Canyon in Tujunga on the campus of the Tujunga United Methodist Church. Donations are accepted on Wednesdays and can be made directly to the Center or by bringing by the offices of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206.

Provided by Jalpa MEHTA



Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Seeks Nominations for La Cañadan of the Year

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada is seeking outstanding individual volunteers or enterprising couples who have made a positive impact in the La Cañada Flintridge community and deserve to be recognized. The noontime Kiwanis Club of La Cañada announced nominations are now open for La Cañadan of the Year for 2020.

Since 1951, the award has honored such notable people as Frank Lanterman, Les Tupper, Gil Smith and Alice and Dave Spence, to name a few. This event will herald a person or a couple who have provided exemplary service, lent their leadership skills and have ignited positivity through the years. The deadline to submit a nomination is May 28, 2021.

La Cañadan of the Year Committee Chairperson Nick Berkuta said, “This annual event is a great opportunity for the community to once again celebrate an individual or a couple who are a shining example of selflessly giving of their time. This is a call for action to applaud exceptional contributions that make La Cañada Flintridge such a special place to live in.”

The selected La Cañadan of the Year will be announced in June. Members of the public are invited to attend and specific details on the time and date of the luncheon will be publicized at a future date. The ceremony will follow the current COVID-19 guidelines in effect by Los Angeles County.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the La Cañada Flintridge city hall, One Civic Center Dr, La Cañada Flintridge. The forms may also be downloaded from the website lacañadakiwanis.org, then clicking on the La Cañadan of the Year tab. Completed forms must be submitted by email to freedabet@aol.com or mailed to: Kiwanis Club of La Cañada – La Cañadan of the Year, P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012.

For any questions about the nomination process, email lacañadakiwanis@gmail.com.

Cause An Effect

Members of La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild (LCFOG) have curtailed many activities since COVID-19 entered their lives. The volunteer group is well-known for book and author luncheons and raising funds to support Orthopaedic Institute for Children (OIC). Prior to the onset of COVID-19, members of the Guild volunteered at OIC in Los Angeles at the welcome desk and numerous other areas. COVID-19 has caused the book and author luncheon to be put on hold for two years. In its absence the group continues to raise funds in other ways.

Under the direction of President Marianne Jennings, the philanthropic group continues to meet monthly but instead of meeting at member’s homes they stay in their own homes and meet online in Zoom sessions. It has been a good way to safely connect with each other and discuss new fundraising ideas.

At a recent meeting, DeeDee Nuanes, Ways and Means co-chair, discussed plans for a “take out meal” at Chipotle Mexican Grill on Wednesday, May 12 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. only. Chipotle is located at 895 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. LCFOG will receive 33% of the proceeds of meals ordered using the fundraiser code. This will be donated to OIC, where doctors help children grow well and play well. Children are treated at OIC for any orthopaedic condition, including surgery, regardless of ability to pay.

This offer is available to anyone who would like to support LCFOG by placing an order through the Chipotle app or on the Chipotle website. Orders may be made in person with paper or digital flyer shown to cashier when paying; online on the website using fundraiser code DQ3HCGP for pickup at the store; or inside the store and order then show a copy of flyer, either paper

or from a phone. Orders can also be made by phone at (818) 790-8127. “Cause an Effect” – take part in this fundraiser! Remember orders are for pickup only. Delivery service is not available with this offer.

For further information please contact DeeDee Nuanes at (818) 353-3844.

*Written and submitted by
Arlene Massimino*

New Faces at Monthly Cleanup



New (masked) faces were seen at the monthly off-ramp cleanup of La Crescenta Avenue held on April 10. From left are Ernie Demis, organizer Steve Pierce, Tony DiGiovanni and Robin Goldsworthy. Not pictured are Donna Libra and Bob Thompson.

The monthly off-ramp cleanup of La Crescenta Avenue is typically done on the second Saturday of the month from 8:10 a.m. to 9 a.m. The next one is this Saturday, May 8, Volunteers can park on the 2700 block of Altura Avenue and are asked to arrive at 8:10 a.m. for equipment and instructions.

For more information, contact Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195.

MAKE YOUR OWN MUSEUM

A contest for a shoebox-sized museum!

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Submit photos to lantermanhouse@gmail.com by May 16, 2021 to win prizes from Flintridge Bookstore or Once Upon a Time Bookstore. Prizes will be awarded in Adult, Youth and Family/Group categories.

Visit www.lantermanhouse.org for details!

Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Tired Of Being A Landlord?

Dear Phyllis,
I look forward to your questions and answers. My husband and I purchased a La Crescenta duplex more than twenty years ago. He managed the property, but he passed a few years ago. Since my husband's passing, the tenants in the back unit have caused me a lot of grief. They are consistently late with their rent and got a big dog which clearly violates their lease. Managing tenants is too much for me. I am tired of being a landlord and want to sell.
After talking with my accountant, I will have huge capital gains tax, so selling for the most money is not a priority. I simply no longer wish to be a landlord. The back tenants are very uncooperative. I believe if I list the property,

because of COVID they will not let anyone inside. What do you suggest? Gina

Dear Gina,

Being a hands-on landlord is not for everyone. You might consider hiring a property manager so that you no longer need to interact with your tenants. However, if you do decide to sell, there are several ways to approach this:

After hiring a Realtor have them contact the tenant in the front unit. They may be willing and able to purchase your property. Perhaps they have an amiable relationship with the back tenants. They may get them to cooperate with showing, knowing that they will soon be their new landlord.

Your Realtor will prequalify the tenant. They will negotiate on your behalf and complete all the necessary disclosures. They can manage the point-of-sale requirements, such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and water heater strapping.

If the tenant is unwilling or unable to purchase, another route would be to list and sell the property with the understanding that the buyer may not have access to the back unit for the appraisal or inspections. Because of COVID, in some instances, appraisers are only conducting drive by appraisals. Of course, if there is no access to the back house, any buyer will expect a sizable discount.

Best of luck to you!



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – May

COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to everyone who wants one who is 16 and older, and recent reports indicate that the demand for vaccinations has decreased substantially due to hesitancy about taking the vaccine in the remaining unvaccinated population. Accordingly, we have seen restrictions on live theater eased to the point that reopening is possible on a very limited basis; however, few theaters have been able to return to live performances and so online offerings continue to be the mainstay of local offerings.

Local theme parks have reopened or are reopening soon, at limited capacity, which is a welcome relief to many enthusiasts who are flocking to them in droves. Most require advance reservations online as well as advance ticket purchases. Patrons will need an app for many to be able to take full advantage of those attractions that have reopened. Attendance is limited to California resident visitors in most parks. Please check their websites for details and availability before planning a trip to them.

Disneyland Resort

Disney's California Adventure
<https://disneyland.disney.go.com/>

Knott's Berry Farm

(opening May 21)
<https://www.knotts.com/>

Legoland California

<https://www.legoland.com/california/>

Area theaters continue to expand their online offerings with more events to experience on a virtual basis. Some of these online events are only available on a one-time basis, while others are ongoing and can be viewed anytime on-demand. Visit each of the websites below to see what is being offered. Free content as well as pay-per-view is available to choose from.

Here are the links to web sites with online offerings:

3-D Theatricals

<https://3dtheatricals.org/homepage/>
<https://www.thereceiptswithd.com/>

A Noise Within

<https://www.anoisewithin.org/>

Antaeus Theatre

<https://www.antaeus.org/>

SeaWorld San Diego

<https://seaworld.com/san-diego/>

Six Flags Magic Mountain

<https://www.sixflags.com/magicmountain/>

Universal Studios Hollywood

<https://www.universalstudioshollywood.com/>

"Blood/Sugar"

<https://www.dianawyenn.com/>

Boston Court Pasadena

<https://bostoncourtpasadena.org>

Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

THEN & NOW

Glendale College
 Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » Glendale Junior College actually started out in 1927 using Glendale High School's facilities. In 1937 it gained its own place on 25 acres at the south end of the Verdugo Canyon. This single building looks lonely, but there's lots of land around it to expand into.



Now » And expand it did. Glendale Community College today has 15 buildings on 100 acres. Here's some trivia about GCC: The popular NBC sitcom "Community," which ran from 2009 to 2014, is based on Glendale College. The series, which starred Joel McHale and Chevy Chase, was inspired by creator Dan Harmon's years at GCC.

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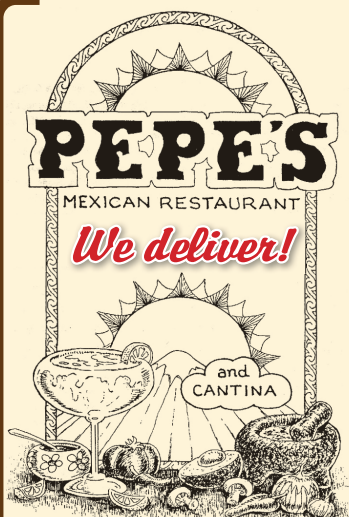
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SPARKS TO SHARE INFO ON HEALING GARDEN

"The Garden as a Healing Space" will be the topic of the Burbank-Valley Garden Club May speaker, Shelley Sparks. Sparks is a licensed landscape architect. She lectures, teaches, writes and consults throughout the United States. A master in feng shui, she is the author of several award winning books such as "Secrets of the Land," "Designing Harmonious Gardens with Feng Shui" and the e-book, "Keep Plants Healthy, Monthly Actions for Beautiful Gardens." In addition to teaching feng shui principles for UCLA Extension, Learning Tree University and the Learning Annex, she founded and owns Harmony Gardens.

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold a Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary.

All are invited for this special educational and inspirational program.

Note: This Zoom program is free and open to everyone, but pre-registration is necessary. Please email Kathy Itomura for registration information and the Zoom link at kkitomura@gmail.com.

GINA OROZCO TO SPEAK AT AAUW - GLENDALE

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Glendale branch Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. To receive an invitation, contact Marilyn "Susie" Robinson at Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com with your name and email address.

The program will be "Benefits of Careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)" presented by Gina Orozco.

Orozco will share her experiences as an executive engineer for over 30 years, a journey which began when she was an immigrant teenager. She will discuss opportunities and benefits of a career in STEM fields and offer career guidance.

Now a vice president at Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Semptra Energy's regulated California utilities, she oversees gas engineering and system integrity and is responsible for programs, operations training, asset management, research and development, geographic

information systems, and operations technology functions.

She serves on the board of directors for Adventist Health White Memorial Medical Center Charitable Foundation and the California State Parks Foundation. Orozco also is on the Drucker Industry Advisory Board and is an alumna of the Southern California Leadership Network and Leadership California.

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

IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR CANCER PATIENTS

An online talk about the work of the human immune system in cancer therapy will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday, May 11 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Participation is free of charge.

Dr. Alexandra M. Levine, professor of hematology/transplantation at City of Hope National Medical Center, will discuss the role of the human immune system in the process of healing.

Location is the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 75 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215, Pasadena. Contact (626) 796-1083; visit www.cscpasadena.org.

LCFOG HOSTS DINE OUT

The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild is having a dine out fundraiser at Chipotle Mexican Grill, 895 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada on Wednesday, May 12 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. LCFOG will receive 33% of the proceeds of meals ordered using the code DQ3HCGP. Orders may be made in person with paper or digital flyer (available at www.cvweekly.com/JUSTFORFUN) shown to cashier when paying; online for pickup on the website using fundraiser code DQ3HCGP; or inside the store and order then show a copy of flyer, either paper or from a phone. Orders can be made by phone at (818) 790-8127.

USC VHH FOUNDATION HOSTS VIRTUAL BINGO EVENT

The community is invited to support the May 21 virtual drag queen bingo event from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. benefitting the USC

Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation. Money is being raised for the interventional radiology/cardiac catheterization lab (cath lab) currently under construction at the hospital. The Foundation has made a commitment to donate \$100,000 for the cath lab and funds raised at the virtual bingo will be dedicated to this effort.

The cost is \$30 per person. To support this effort contact Barbara_Jordan@med.usc.edu or call (818) 952-2226.

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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 cls74reunion@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.

PASADENA HERITAGE SPRING HOME TOUR

Pasadena Heritage presents a new version of its annual Spring Home Tour. Instead of a one-day event, tours of six architectural works of art will be offered as a series. Recordings of two different homes will premiere on the last Sundays of May and June and will be available through July 4.

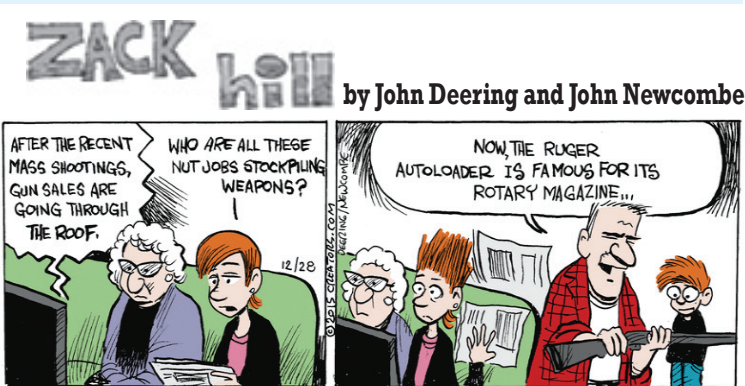
Premiering May 30 is an exploration of Arroyo del Rey, the 1979 custom-designed Modern home nestled under the freeway bridge and taking full advantage of its site, designed by Buff & Hensman. The second featured home is the Moseley House, designed

in 1999 by Don Hensman. The tour will include interviews with the homeowners who will give first-hand accounts of working with Conrad Buff and Don Hensman.

Tickets for three days of tours with six homes are \$50 for nonmembers, \$40 for members.

Tickets for individual homes are: one day of tours with two homes \$18 for nonmembers, \$15 for members.

Visit the website at <https://tinyurl.com/3uy58n7y> for more information.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

May 3, 2021 - May 9, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may have a powerful desire to learn more about issues that puzzle you. If your health is one of these, a change of perspective can have a profound effect. The cosmos could encourage you to overindulge. Chocolates and cookies could win out over fruits and vegetables. Be careful!

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Your focus on health issues seems quite intense. You may have a lot going on and feel more pressured than usual. Be careful - you may be more prone to catching a minor but irritating infection. Take some vitamin C, zinc, or echinacea. Your ideas about what can keep you healthy will change quite dramatically later. A new perspective might work miracles.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

There seem to be many subtle changes impacting your health. Things could get intense in this department. If you're aware of anything that could be making you ill, it's time to investigate it. You owe yourself the opportunity to create a lifestyle that brings joys and wellness rather than stress and illness. Do the research into the available options and make a start.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You could be taking two steps forward and one step back regarding your current health situation. You probably feel you're able to do more than is realistic. If you push yourself to the extreme, you may give up altogether. It's better to go slowly and steadily than overreach and quit. Build up a regimen gradually for the best results.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Try and slow down. Do your best not to let your working hours encroach on your leisure time. You seem determined to stick to a busy timetable. You don't always take the chance to get some necessary rest. You can't keep going at this pace every day. Let yourself be pampered now and then. Relax and do nothing, even if only for an hour or two.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You should be encouraged to talk over any problems that cause you stress. Life could be intense, and underlying issues could rise to the surface. In order to avoid tension headaches and nervous strain, seek professional help if you need it. You'll feel better once you're clear of these issues. Don't hold back. Let it all out.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Some interesting changes are about to happen. They could assist you in more realistically facing up to health issues. If you've been trying to ignore certain symptoms, you will now take a more proactive approach. Expect inspiration to strike, giving you the correct perspective on your problem. You'll know what to do. The result will be success!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The cosmos gives you a chance to talk over health issues with someone who can provide help and advice. If you have any puzzling symptoms, get the best information you can and seek a variety of sources so you have a bigger picture to guide you. You could be prone to picking up infections. Take extra care when you're out.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This could be a physically tiring period when your energy is low, but you'll perk up in a few days. The cosmos gives you the opportunity to make a fresh start. Determine to get as fit as you can so you can function to the best of your ability no matter what you're doing.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

There don't seem to be any health issues for you. The circumstances around you contribute to your happiness or stress. Continue to keep your mind calm and relaxed since this helps to rest your body and keep you balanced in all ways. Take care when you're out, as you might be prone to catching an infection.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your urge to improve your quality of life and health is admirable. Use this added motivation to help you soar. Another factor that may help you feel more expansive is letting go of anything to which you cling too tightly. Hold lightly those things you cherish most. The cosmos encourages you to make a new start by reorganizing your kitchen.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You could go two ways with your health issues. You can either work with them in a responsible way or ignore them completely. The cosmos could be making you tired, and life could be intense. Be good to yourself and don't neglect your body. Think thoughts of good health.



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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta located at 4454 Lowell Ave La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 5/20/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Thomas Ewasko; Henry Runge (2 units). All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly April 29, May 6, 2021

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Please take notice US Storage Centers – Montrose located at 3708 Clifton Place Montrose, CA 91020 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 5/20/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Alejandra Krasniansky; Aaron S Turchin; Aaron Sholem Turchin. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly April 29, May 6, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CUMBERLAND COUNTY
In the General Court of Justice District Court Division

Service by Publication
PAUL MARTIN RAMIREZ
FILE NO.: 20 CVD 2849

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed and your response is required to be filed not later than June 15, 2021 in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Absolute Divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 6th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Kendra D. White
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EMPLOYMENT

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FIREWORKS from Cover

Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the years the event has evolved from a simple fireworks show to including games and rides for kids and providing a variety of food booths. There was one infamous year when the pyrotechnic person in charge of fireworks did not show up. Tickets were sold and people were sitting on the CVHS track and field waiting for the show that unfortunately did not go on. Money was refunded to those in attendance from the ticket sale.

The fireworks show as it is now was created by La Cañada Flintridge resident Chuck Hughes, who built the fireworks firing system and designed the show, said Robert “Hutch” Hutchins, the pyrotechnic technician

who has headed up the fireworks since 2000.

“[Hughes] asked me to step in,” Hutch said of his involvement with the show after the former technician was unable to continue.

Hutch has a volunteer staff of between 30 to 50 people.

“Normally on a show like this you would have a few days of setup but with a big crew we will show up on the fourth [of July],” he said.

About 2006, the Chamber could no longer sponsor the event. It was assumed that fireworks in CV would end but a group of residents, including those from Glendale, met at a local restaurant and decided they wanted to continue the annual show. They

began to make phone calls to everyone they knew and were able to get the initial funding. The Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association was created.

Adjustments had to be made after CVHS installed a new track and artificial turf field. Due to the artificial turf, the games and rides that had been on the field for previous shows would no longer be allowed. The CVFA quickly adapted and, with the support of GUSD, the games and seating area moved to nearby La Crescenta Elementary School though the fireworks were still set off from CVHS. The show eventually was able to move back to the CVHS track and field with precautions undertaken due to the artificial track.

Then the pandemic hit and everything stopped. In 2020, there was talk about having a fireworks display only but the concern was great of having too many people gathering and causing a “super spreader” event. So the fireworks were dark.

Now as LA County moves into less restrictive tiers and more people are vaccinated, the show can once again take place though with a few restrictions including the absence of games, ticketed admission and food trucks.

Pierce and the CVFA have decided the show will go on and are relying on the community for support.

“If we had 500 contributions of \$25 each we could ensure the show would

go on,” Pierce said. “We are not going to allow this [event] to disappear this year.”

Since the April 27 city council meeting Pierce has seen strong support for the fireworks show including continued support from State Senator Anthony Portantino and representatives from GUSD, and individuals who just want the show to go on.

For those who would like to donate, make checks payable to CV Fireworks and mail to CV Fireworks, 2629 Foothill Blvd. #179, La Crescenta, CA 91214. To pay online, visit www.cvfireworks.com. Anyone with questions can contact the CVFA at (818) 248-2271.

GCC from Cover

project is completed, an example of what we used to have here ... if we didn't let people build around old houses," he said. "Even Pasadena had developed around its bungalow heavens."

"I remember that house and I worried about it, even as a child, on my way to the batting cages on Colorado," Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian waxed nostalgic. "Development is going to happen; growth is going to happen. What we can control is how it happens. My dad was born in Jerusalem and my mom in Athens. In both of these ancient cities, the old fits in with the new."

Mayor Paula Devine disagreed. "This is of more significance than just replacing a dilapidated building. That's what calls for an EIR, to get an unbiased expert opinion. That way we'd get alternatives. It's massive and it overpowers the historic resource. You can't even see it in this drawing," said Devine who voted against the project, which

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make enough of an impression on those who govern us.

Perhaps those monument signs that were erected just west of Pennsylvania Avenue on Foothill Boulevard, which welcomed all to "Glendale," were where any extra funds were spent.

So the gauntlet has been thrown down. Will we, those who live locally, rise above the disdain shown by city government and raise the needed funds ourselves? Members of the CV Fireworks Assn. are confident we will and have planned a grand fireworks display for Sunday, July 4.

Those interested in supporting this local celebration of the independence of our nation can send a check to 2629 Foothill Blvd., #179, La Crescenta, CA 91214. Questions can be emailed to CVFireworks@aol.com or call (818) 248-2271.

Note: the CVFA website is currently being updated and may not have the most recent information.

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drought a near-certainty. This criticism leads to a second critique, of particular importance to local communities, which is that increasing density will increase wildfire risks to a larger population. It should be noted that some portions of the region, including all of La Cañada Flintridge, most of Briggs Terrace and Alta Canyada and a very small portion of Montrose, are exempted from both laws because they are classified as a Very High Fire Severity Zone (VHFSZ). However, the VHFSZ designations were largely assigned years ago before the Camp Fire, Thomas Fire and Woolsey Fire demonstrated that high-density residential communities are not immune to the destructive force of the new era of high-intensity wild fires. As a result, the vast majority of residential La Crescenta, Montrose, Sunland, and Tujunga do not have VHFSZ designation.

Both bills are set for a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 10. Residents who would like to express their position of either bill may contact Senator Portantino's Capitol office at (916) 651-4025 or his Glendale District office at (818) 409-0400 or via email at senator.portantino@sen.ca.gov.

passed on a vote of 3-1.

Earlier in the meeting, Councilmember Brotman urged his colleagues and the public to "check out" the Museum of Neon Art (<https://www.neonmona.org/exhibits/>), which is based in Glendale and is open and inviting people in. He noted that the museum has "a lot of new pieces including some from an artist [who] trained there."

The council approved an amendment to its recycling contracts based on the changes experienced in global recycling markets. The contractor used to pay the city for its recyclables. Last year, the city agreed not to be paid for the materials and, for the coming year, the city will pay \$54 per ton.

"This brings this issue to a head," Brotman observed, "now that it's real dollars, we need to make it clearer what's recyclable. We get a lot of 'wish-recycling'—stuff that people put in their recycling hoping that it is recyclable."

Councilmember Najarian point-

ed out the brochure distributed by the city "in today's mail" delineates what is and what is not recyclable currently.

Next, the council heard a legislative update. The state budget is anticipated to show a \$50 billion surplus on an estimated proposed budget of \$227.2 billion. Details will be delayed because this year's tax filing deadline was delayed. The state senate has introduced a budget proposal called "Build Back Boldly," and the assembly has introduced its own "Budget of Opportunity."

City staff specifically noted a group of six housing bills it is watching as well as certain provisions of a statewide broadband deployment effort which raise concerns about possible infringement on local processes for micro-trenching and the siting of small wireless facilities.

The council debated and then voted to apply to be part of a speed safety pilot program testing auto-

mated traffic enforcement focused on attempting to reduce speeding in the city. Police Chief Carl Povilaitis expressed his general support for the pilot as a potential additional tool.

"Bottom line is we don't want to let the perfect get in the way of the good," he said.

Najarian recalled the impetus for this pilot, initially introduced as a racial justice measure, assuming that a robot would be colorblind.

"It's not typical that I agree with the ACLU, which is opposing this," he said. "But the fines are much lower, and it gets treated as a civil violation, no points on your license."

The council voted unanimously to apply for inclusion in the pilot.

Next the council approved a contract for \$99,000 with GPA Consulting for help writing an historical context statement. As city staff explained in its report, the city "invited written proposals from qualified individuals or firms

to draft the document for the City with a focus on the theme of race/ethnicity, inclusive of the following subsections: African American, Latinx, Eastern Asian, and Western Asian."





The report summed up the history of the action: "On September 15, 2020, the Glendale City Council unanimously passed a resolution acknowledging and apologizing for the racially exclusionary past in Glendale as a 'Sundown Town,' making it the third former sundown town in the U.S. to do so, and the first in California. This historic action was taken as part of an ongoing discussion on race, diversity, inclusion, and equity in Glendale."

Councilmember Najarian asked that the work "go further back and include the indigenous people—the Tongva and the Mexicans—who inhabited these lands."

Mayor Paula Devine agreed, noting "the entire fabric of our community."

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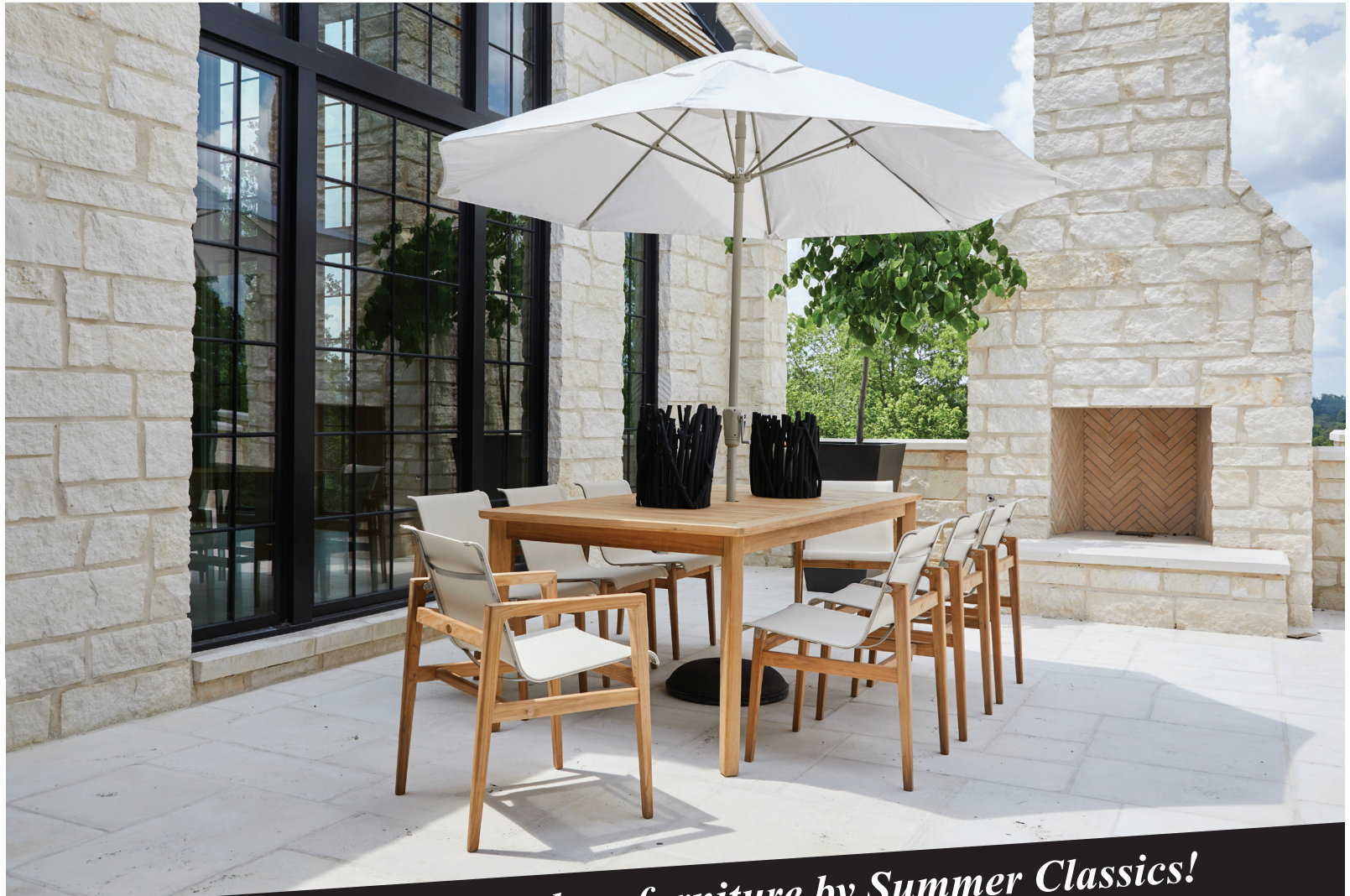


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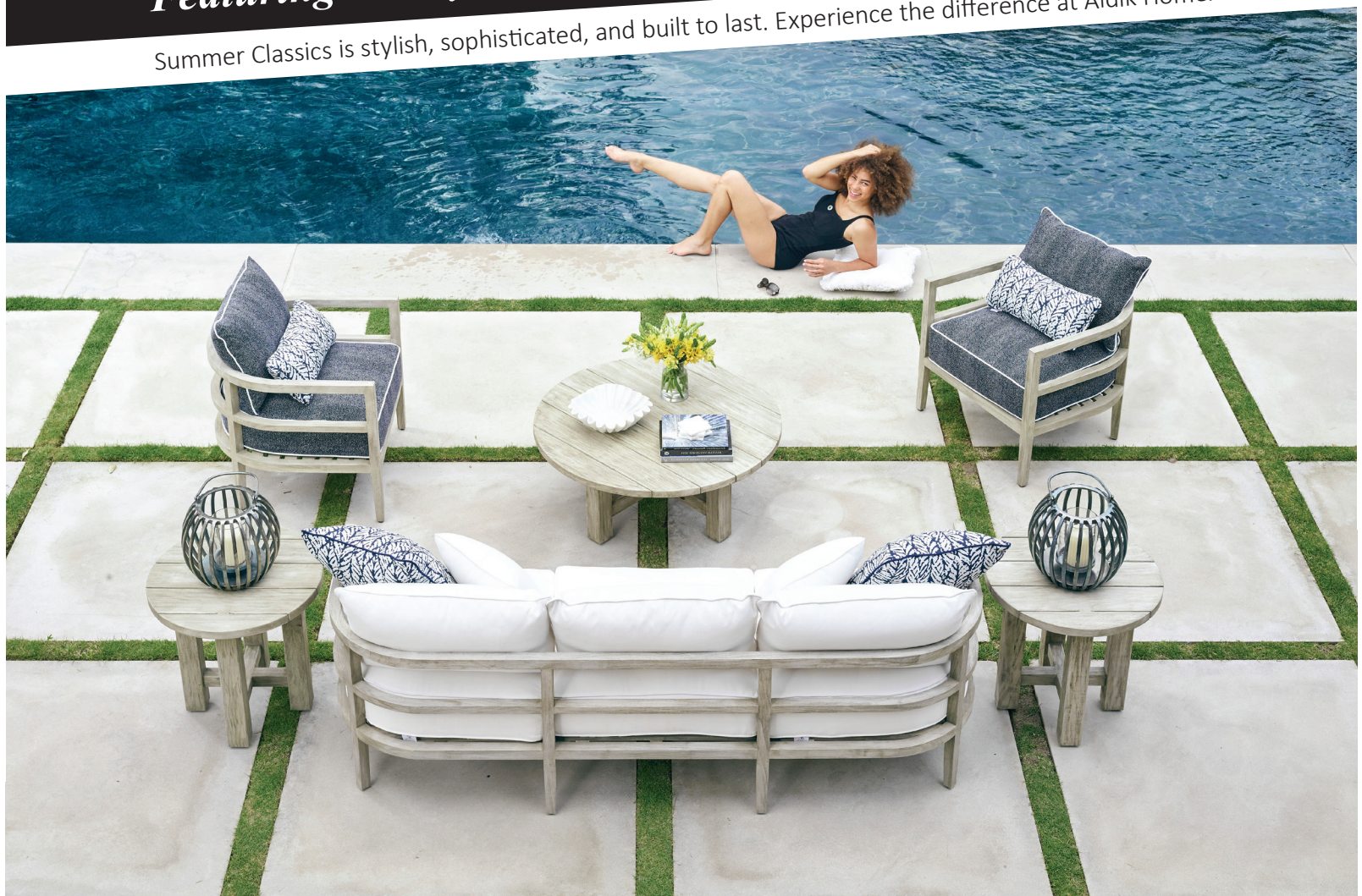
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