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Council Discusses Race to Zero

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night at a relatively short, business-like meeting of the Glendale City Council, Glendale joined 733 other cities (along with 3,061 businesses, 31 regions, 173 investors, and 624 universities) in pledging global action in the United Nations' Race to Zero campaign.

City Sustainability Officer David Jones reported back to the Council following instructions adopted in January. As Mayor Paula Devine explained at the time (and reported in the Jan. 14 issue of CV Weekly): "Race to Zero is an organization of mayors globally – it's a campaign from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth."

According to the organization's website (<https://unfccc.int/climate-action/race-to-zero-campaign#eq-2>), "The objective is to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy ahead of COP26, where governments must strengthen their contributions to the Paris Agreement. This will send governments a resounding signal that business, cities, regions and investors are united in meeting the Paris goals and creating a more inclusive and resilient economy." COP26 is the acronym for Conference of the Parties, the UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Scotland in the fall. <https://ukcop26.org/>

"The next decade will decide the future for humanity," C40 Cities, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, said in advance of the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow this November.

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Neighbors Meet at National Night Out

By Mary O'KEEFE

The annual event brings together safety personnel and neighbors.

Last year several communities canceled National Night Out (NNO) events due to COVID-19 restrictions. This year Burbank and La Crescenta have canceled/postponed their events as well; however, Glendale communities are sponsoring several events on Aug. 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The history of NNO stretches back to the 1970s in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A community watch volunteer who worked with his local police department sent out a monthly newsletter concerning crime in his neighborhood. He found that information gathering for his small area was not enough and began reaching out to other local community groups. In 1981, the volunteer established the National Association of Town Watch and reached out to communities around the country to empower neighbors to do the same. That movement grew and in 1984 NNO was launched with 2.5 million



File photo
Glendale neighborhoods throughout the area are planning National Night Out events, providing an opportunity for safety personnel to meet with local residents.

neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states taking part, according to natw.org.

The event's primary goal is for neighbors to meet neighbors. In 2020 Glendale held its NNO event virtually but this year neighborhoods are signing up to participate.

"[Glendale Police Department] is not planning anything. The [neighborhoods] chose to host events," said Officer Sahak Nersesyan, GPD.

Police and fire representatives will attend the neighborhood events to show their support.

"It is a way for neighbors to meet and greet," Nersesyan said.

Residents cannot always depend on emergency responders arriving during major disasters, like earthquakes. It may take a while for help to get to local neighborhoods,

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Mask Mandate Reinstated as Delta Variant Spreads

By Justin HAGER

Los Angeles County's mask mandate was reinstated on Sunday, just 32 days after Southern Californians celebrated their newfound freedom and declining COVID hospitalization rates. Both Pasadena and Long Beach, which function separately from LA County Health, have indicated that they will align their policies with the rest of the County and issue their own mask mandates.

According to data from the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health, the daily average percent positive test rate (the measure of

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According to the LA County Dept. of Public Health, with more Californians receiving one or both vaccine injections hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID had been in freefall since mid-April with daily COVID-related deaths declining by more than 90%.

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Are You Kidding? Here We Go Again

On Saturday night at 11:59 p.m., Los Angeles County declared that masks must be worn – again – inside all public places regardless of a person’s vaccination status. This is not in alignment with the State of California, by the way.

The reasons outlined on the LA Public Health website include that there has been a substantial increase in COVID-19 numbers, especially among those who are unvaccinated. And though the Delta variant is kicking butt, the number of vaccinated people becoming infected is very low; unvaccinated people are the majority who are being hospitalized.

According to the LA Public Health website, “If you aren’t fully vaccinated, your mask is one of the most powerful tools you have to protect yourself and other unvaccinated people. This is especially true when you are in an indoor or crowded outdoor space.

“If you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask indoors gives you extra protection from getting infected and it protects other unvaccinated people.”

So the way I read this is those who are resistant to getting vaccinated are the reason that all of us have to wear the mask again. My vaccination protects me from COVID-19. I feel I paid the price not to wear a mask when I got the shot.

If I was constantly worried about being infected by anything – flu, COVID, etc. – I’d be wearing a mask *all the time* regardless of the decisions of LA County Public Health. If I were at high risk of infection due to anything that might compromise my health I’d wear a mask *all the time*. But I’m not concerned and am not at high risk. But because some people have decided that they don’t want to get vaccinated, I have to wear a mask indoors again.

“While I am concerned by the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, I do not believe that the proposed mask mandate will help our efforts to stress the efficacy of the vaccines and compel unvaccinated residents to get vaccinated,” stated our District Supervisor Kathryn Barger. “As I have expressed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles County should align with the State of California

on all health officer orders that impact residents, businesses and local organizations. The public deserves clarity and transparency when government officials make decisions that will impact the lives of our residents. I wish that the Dept. of Public Health had provided its proposed masking guidance during the July 13 Board of Supervisors meeting so that the public could have had the opportunity to listen to the decision-making process. “By deviating from the State, we create confusion and disagreement at the local level, which hinders public trust and takes away from our primary messaging which should be to encourage individuals to get vaccinated with urgency given the spread of the Delta variant.”

Supervisor Barger indicates a goal is to encourage people to get vaccinated; but if people don’t want to get vaccinated aren’t they pretty much putting themselves and other non-vaccinated people at jeopardy? Those who have made what I think is the responsible choice to get vaccinated are at a minimal risk of getting sick.

I do understand that young children under the vaccination age are also at risk and that is of concern. But my concern doesn’t seem to be shared by the unvaccinated because if they looked beyond their own preferences and recognized that youngsters are at risk they might get vaccinated.

And if I have to wear a mask again I wonder why I got vaccinated in the first place. If we all have to wear masks again aren’t we right back where we were prior to having the vaccine available?

It makes me consider the value of throwing some chlorine in the gene pool.

But will I be wearing masks where required? Yup.

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Weather in the Foothills

“Okay, Brighton, be the retriever you are! It’s pool time!”
“The truth, I do not stretch or shove
When I state the dog is full of love.
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~ American poet Ogden Nash

The predicted thundershowers eluded us. Billowing thunderheads built over the mountains, but came no closer. Not a drop of rain fell but the air was saturated with moisture. The resulting humidity, combined with high temperatures, made life in the Foothills a bit uncomfortable. A nap, a cool shower and/or a dip into the pool brought some relief. How about the CV cats and dogs? What to do...

Dogs and even cats are natural swimmers, but some take to the water more readily than others. One would assume a Golden Retriever would jump right in, taking to it “like a duck to water!” Brighton, our pup, is an exception. A mountain lake or stream is fine by her but she puts her paw down when it comes to swimming pools. So she doesn’t love it for recreational use; oh well. She is still pool safe. At the beach or around a pool with your pet (and children) – both are very likely places during the summer – keeping close watch is vital.

Like with our children, swimming lessons are must ... even if you don’t own a pool. Soon after we adopted Brighton, it was time to learn. Our biggest fear was/is if she accidentally fell into the pool would she know how to get to the steps and climb out? Very likely a dog would panic if this happened. None of us wants to imagine the outcome, as it is seldom a good one.

It’s estimated that thousands of family pets die in drowning incidents each year, though real numbers are not known because most incidents go unreported. Prevention, of course, is key. Several times during the year, our dog learns the closest route to exit the pool. Most dogs are eager to dive in, but we had to carry Brighton in. Wear long sleeves to avoid being scratched? One of us remains at the steps as the other takes her out into the water. As she is released, she is guided and called to the steps. Repeat, repeat, repeat! After each swim, a good rinse with the garden hose reduces skin irritation from chlorine. We have also used a trainer. Email me for information.

During the summer months, a high-pressure system over the Four Corners pretty much tells our weather story – hot. The end-of-week forecast for most of Southwest California shows no exception. The coastal areas get a break as morning low clouds and fog result in a substantial temperature drop. If all goes well, over the weekend inland areas and valleys (that’s us!) will be the recipients of cooler weather. Yes!

But back to seasonal norm by early next week ...

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CVCA MEETING TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, July 22, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

BATS OF THE ROSEMONT PRESERVE TOUR

All are invited to learn about native bats at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, July 24, from 9-11 a.m. Tour the Preserve with local bat expert Steve Gustafson who will teach attendees about which bats live in the local area and when is the best time to catch a glimpse of them in flight.

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

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 that require a closer parking spot can contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve. Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

The Friends of the Rosemont Preserve is available at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

CVTC STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next virtual Zoom meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council Streets & Transportation Committee is Tuesday, July 27 at 6 p.m. Several updates will be given including Orange Avenue, La Crescenta pedestrian improvements and pavement resurfacing, and a grant application for storm water capture drywells and bioswales project. DPW will report findings and site visits conducted and outcomes; discussion will be held regarding new requests from the community and Council.

Other topics are on the agenda.
To access the Zoom meeting, visit <https://occidental.zoom.us/j/95698128070> or dial (877) 853-5257.
Meeting ID: 956 9812 8070 and Password: 750226.

WORK PLANNED BY CALTRANS

The California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans) will have a 55-hour weekend full closure of westbound Interstate 210 (I-210) in Sylmar for paving work. The closure is part of a series of 55-hour closures that will be conducted on I-210 in the San Fernando Valley. Residents and local businesses located near the freeway may experience noise, vibrations and dust associated with construction activities.

The closures are as follows:
Friday, July 23 at 10 p.m. through 5 a.m. Monday, July 26
• Full closure of westbound I-210 between Interstate 5 (I-5) and Roxford Street
• Westbound Polk Street on-ramp
• Westbound Roxford Street on-ramp
• Westbound Yarnell Street on and off-ramps
• Westbound I-210 to I-5 interchange
• Eastbound Paxton Street off-ramp

Motorists are advised to use State Route 118 (SR-118) as an alternate route to reach their destination and to avoid the area of the full closure.

Some closures may start and end later. All closures are weather permitting and subject to change. Motorists should expect delays and are encouraged to check traffic conditions before leaving to their destination by visiting the Caltrans Quickmap.

DINE-OUTS BENEFIT CV INSTRUMENT MUSIC

On Tuesday, July 27, Blaze Pizza in La Cañada will have a dine-out from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. that benefits CV Music. Twenty percent of proceeds of food and drink will benefit CV music. For those ordering online, enter 1005A in the promo code field at checkout.
Blaze Pizza is located at 990 Town Center in La Cañada.

SILENT MOVIES IN TWO STRIKE PARK

On Saturday, July 31 at 8 p.m. step back in time when traveling projectionists brought movies to towns too small to have a theater.
Presented by the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and Los Angeles County Parks, this event takes place at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta. Free.

By Maya PORCELLI

The courtyard at Twelve Oaks Senior Living is a serene place. The summer sunlight passes through the oak trees and there’s a patio to enjoy the view of the mountains. This is the birthplace of resident Joseph Shelton’s most recent play, “The Journey of Monarch and His Friends.”

The production stars six characters: a monarch butterfly, a viceroy butterfly, a red admiral butterfly, a black butterfly, a blue butterfly and a green butterfly. In his play, Shelton, 98, gives butterflies real human problems and mixes facts about the creatures with fiction. The yearly migration of monarch butterflies is something that is well known, but Shelton decided to put a twist on it.

“What I did was humanize the butterflies, as if it were humans flying down to Mexico to get away from the cold,” he explained.

Shelton’s fascination with these insects started about three years ago when his children gave him books to draw butterflies.

“When I saw these butterflies, I said, ‘My goodness, these are beautiful things,’” Shelton recalled. This appreciation led him to writing the first iteration of this story.

“I wrote a short story about the yearly monarch migration for my great grandkids when they were toddlers. They enjoyed it, but they lost it. So, I had to write a script from scratch,” he said.

Writing is not a new hobby for Shelton; he has been scribbling down stories for decades.

“He has been writing for all my life. He’s written poems for people he works with and family. Stories just come to him,” said Mark Shelton, his son.

He has always used his writing to unite others. Joseph and his friends



would sit on the patio in the evenings and go through a script, adding small details until it was just right.

“They’ve accused me of being the one who brought everybody together,” Shelton said.

Shelton savors every moment he has with his friends and cherishes the time spent and friends he has made at Twelve Oaks.

“I’ve been laughing since I’ve been

[at Twelve Oaks] because they’re so funny. In fact, I think some of us are going to live longer because we’ve been laughing so much,” he said.

The much-anticipated play is set to hit the stage on Friday, July 23, at Twelve Oaks Senior Living.

Photo by Mark SHELTON
Joe Shelton sits near props for his upcoming play.

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Wally Funk is Finally an Astronaut

By Mary O'KEEFE

Blue Origin successfully completed New Shepard's first human flight on Tuesday with four private citizens onboard. The crew included Jeff Bezos, Mark Bezos, Oliver Daemen and Wally Funk.

The Blue Origin program was founded by Jeff Bezos, who also founded Amazon. The New Shepard is a reusable rocket system designed to take astronauts and research payloads past the Kármán Line, the internationally recognized boundary of space.

Onboard was Wally Funk, 82, who was one of the Mercury 13 pilots who were, for a while, being groomed to go into space during the 1960s. All 13 pilots qualified for the astronaut training but were not allowed to go into space because they were women. The tests they took matched that of the Mercury and Apollo astronauts but their program was not sponsored by NASA, officially, but funded by Jaqueline "Jackie" Cochran, a pioneer woman pilot.

The Mercury 13 women did not get to space but most continued to fly and all promoted the idea of equality in the astronaut program.

After decades of waiting, Wally Funk finally got her chance to become an astronaut. During a post-flight press conference she thanked Jeff Bezos for giving her the chance.

"I have been waiting a long time finally getting up there," she said.

Video of her experiencing weightlessness reflected her excitement.

And was it worth it?
"[It's] fantastic," she said. "Oh, I love it."



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Jones delineated the requirements of the pledge: First is recognizing the global climate emergency; secondly, committing to keeping global heat below the 1.5C goal of the Paris Agreement; putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone; and inviting partners to join in recognizing the global climate emergency and helping to deliver on science-based action to overcome it.

Jones further reported that the city's new Sustainability Commission recommended the city take the pledge to reach net zero in the mid-2040s or by mid-century at the latest; to set an interim target to achieve in the next decade, reflecting 50% of the global reduction in CO2 by 2030; and to proceed immediately in planning at least one inclusive and equitable climate action.

He detailed some actions the city has already taken: implementing 30.23 miles of bike lanes that expand opportunities for alternative forms of transportation; creation of a food recovery program; expanding electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

Councilmember Ara Najarian questioned the aggressiveness of the plan: "100% renewable in three-and-a-half years?"

He suggested setting a goal for reducing the number of vehicles in

the city.

"We want to promote transit, transit-oriented development – we've reduced parking requirements for upcoming projects," he said, adding, "I do support you [Mayor Devine] signing this."

"Some of these things are aspirational," Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian began his comments, "but anything we can do will have an impact on the environment and on our community's health."

Councilmember Dan Brotman spoke enthusiastically in favor of the climate action pledge: "I won't go into an hour-long college lecture here," he began. ("Thank you! Thank you!" Mayor Devin interjected.) "One of the main reasons I got involved in politics in the first place is my concern over this issue, the climate emergency. We have a pretty bleak future ahead of us in California.

"At least now, no one is questioning what's going on around the world. And that's with a one-degree increase in temperature. We're on a path to 3%, three times what we're seeing now. Obviously this is going to put civilization at risk, maybe our species.

"It's a big problem and we've got a lot of work to do. Glendale's made some good effort, but we've just scratched the surface. We need to completely green our electric grid and then we need to electrify everything.

"This will be the challenge of our

generation, but it will make us all better, stronger. Can you imagine a city that's cleaner, greener, a more community-oriented city? We've got a lot of risk but we've got so much opportunity. I'm excited that we're making this commitment, that we can be a real leader on this in Southern California," Brotman concluded.

Mayor Devine recalled bringing this to the Council.

"When Mayor Garcetti brought this to SCAG [the Southern California Association of Governments], I thought this made sense for Glendale. I understand it's ambitious and challenging but any dent we will make is going to happen at our level, one city at a time. I'm delighted to see 200 more cities have joined since I introduced this."

The item passed unanimously.

Prior to that, the Council recognized July as "Parks Make Life Better" month and recognized the city's parks workers. Senior Community Services Supervisor Sevag Garabedian accepted the award, sharing that between March 2020 and June 2021, the city provided 189,245 meals to seniors (combined meals delivered and picked up); opened city cooling centers for 36 days; delivered 351 fans and 2,000 hygiene kits to city seniors; coordinated housing for 61 homeless clients through Project Roomkey; and distributed pet food

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and pet supplies to 40 Glendale residents in need of that kind of help. The Verdugo Jobs Center helped 234 people and distributed \$500K in funds. Park maintenance workers handled 700 calls per month, up from the typical 200 and city staff provided 8,258 days for campers and students at seasonal camps and distance learning centers, Garabedian continued. He added the number of vaccinations provided: 167 seniors; 14,910 through the Jewel City site; 5,400 through the partnership to open a clinic at the Civic Auditorium.

"Parks have been one of the anchors that has kept the community grounded throughout the pandemic," Councilmember Kassakhian observed after the meeting.

Councilmember Brotman secured support for AB 1346 pending in Sacramento. The bill would begin phasing out gas-powered landscaping and gardening tools, providing \$75 million in rebates and incentives to help the transition. The Council voted to send a letter in support of the legislation.

Brotman also called attention to

an issue raised regarding houses with a lot of lights. He noted that the city "does not appear to have any ordinance or anything." He noted that some cities address the issue by adopting a "dark sky" ordinance and referenced an association (<https://www.darksky.org/>) suggesting implementation might be "worthy of future consideration."

Councilmember Kassakhian advocated a look at the intersection of Adams and Broadway for ways to improve both pedestrian and vehicular safety.

Finally, Fire Chief Silvio Lanzas reported on "heat, drought and wildfires," noting that 10 Glendale firefighters are currently deployed in northern California to help fight fires there. He urged extreme caution and the need for residents to be aware of "doing anything."

"Even clearing brush – any spark can ignite a wildfire. Keep a water source readily available at all times," Chief Lanzas cautioned. "Our fire season is typically from September to November, and is especially risky when the Santa Ana winds start. Please be fire smart."

Drought and 2021 Fire Season

By Mary O'KEEFE

By all accounts this is the worst fire season Southern California and the Pacific Northwest have faced in recent history.

California has been in a drought for years and that, in addition to other climate change issues, has made this fire season even more dangerous.

Dannon Dirgo is a hydrologic technician with the U.S. Forest Service at Angeles National Forest. In his current position he is involved in a lot of land management activities. During fires he works as a resource advisor on the fire line and as part of the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER), which deals with issues that are caused by fire, like flooding.

Dirgo responded to the Bobcat Fire that began in September 2020.

“A lot of that particular fire occurred in the wilderness area,” he said. He added there were a lot of endangered species in the forest area that were affected by the fire.

The fire was in a roadless area with steep terrain and the area had not burned in a long time.

“We saw high intensity fire go through there, which didn’t leave much as far as soil cover or organics in the soil,” Dirgo said.

The intensity of wildfires has been highlighted by fire

department chiefs throughout Southern California. This can be due, in part, to the longtime drought conditions.

During his time on the forest service, Dirgo has seen a decline in groundwater and in the snowpack that supplies water to the Los Angeles Basin.

“We are seeing a trend [of less groundwater] everywhere. That is concerning because as we lose that groundwater we have soils that start to subside and once that happens we lose those core spaces,” he said. “It is really hard to recharge the aquifer to the capacity that it [had been in the past] so that is a concern to see.”

Although in the past there may have been some precipitation and healthy snowfalls, they have not been enough to take California out of drought conditions.

“A lot of [our] water comes from the Inyo and Owens valleys area where we rely on the snowpack up north to kind of help offset what we get from the San Gabriels. But on a local level, if you look back 10 years ago we would have snow over three or four months and it would be an accumulation of that snowpack that would carry us through late spring and early summer. Last year we had snowfall that came almost in spring, it was a very late winter, and it was gone about a month afterwards,” he said. “Then, in the East Fork River, you can see it flowing. It

comes from Mt. Baldy and two years ago that was flowing up to mid to late spring; but this year it is just a trickle.”

Dirgo watches the levels at the springs throughout the forest to measure the water table and see how it is behaving. He warns that years of drought will not disappear after just a little more rain or snow.

“I was on an incident [fire] recently in April and, because of the lack of snowpack and precipitation, there was actually snow on the ground and moisture in the soils yet the vegetation was still burning. I think that in part came from the stress that the plants have already gone through and they haven’t had a chance to rebound,” he said.

And this is why he feels this is going to be a bad fire year and expects fires to get progressively worse.

“Part of that comes from our global temperature as it rises one to two degrees Celsius and we start to lose that moisture,” he said. “Changing wind patterns and fluctuation in ocean temperature, too; all of that is interconnected.”

He said that coastal areas are affected more directly than interior areas.

There is a way people can help during this extreme fire season by making sure their homes are clear of debris and there is a family plan for evacuation, if necessary. But there is also something

residents, communities and cities can do – conserve, reduce and reuse.

“On a personal level, if we are using water in our homes just calculate how many gallons of water you use for irrigation, drinking water, showers and for washing cars and try to optimize and reduce in those areas. And when you go into the forest just be mindful that the water we are using [in recreation areas] is also the water that supports over 50% of the LA Basin drinking water. So we want to be mindful of what we are putting in the water,” he said. “And when you go out in nature you see how plants and wildlife have adapted to the area. I think if we, as a society, can model some of our behavior off that it will help us in the long run to adapt to the environment rather than trying to change it.”

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John Eldred to Leave CVHS

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley High School students will be missing yet another familiar face when they start the 2021-22 school year.

Assistant Principal John Eldred will be leaving CVHS to take a principal position at South Pasadena High School.

“We are thrilled to announce that John Eldred will be the new leader of South Pasadena High School,” stated South Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Geoff Yantz. “Mr. Eldred’s experience leading secondary students and his deep understanding of teaching and learning provides an excellent foundation for the future of SPSHS. With a thoughtful and caring approach, Mr. Eldred is centered on student well-being and success while ensuring that staff, parents and the community work collaboratively to prepare students for college and life experiences.”

Eldred had been with Glendale Unified School District for 28 years and has been assistant principal for seven years.

“South Pasadena is a high-achieving high school like CV,” he said.

In addition, the student population is almost half of Crescenta Valley High School

and, Eldred added, the hometown feel is the same as what he has experienced at CVHS.

Eldred is the third high profile departure from area schools. CVHS Principal Linda Junge and Rosemont Middle School Principal Scott Anderle announced weeks earlier they were leaving their positions.

GUSD has already held employee and parent “listening sessions” for replacements at both Rosemont and CVHS, according to Kristine Nam, spokeswoman for GUSD.

The district is expected to make a decision for both principals by the July 13 school board meeting. Once the CVHS principal is appointed, he or she will then work on appointing an assistant principal.

For Eldred, the move to principal is a natural progression for his career but he will miss CVHS.

“I will miss the kids. We have a lot of great kids in the community,” he said.

CVHS felt like a family to him; his daughter, nieces and nephews all attended the high school.

“I will miss my team. [We did] a lot of great work and there was [a lot] of learning and laughs,” he said. “I will miss the teachers ... This is such a beautiful campus – a great

place to come to work.”

Eldred said he is looking forward to working in his new job. South Pasadena High School is the only high school in the district.

“It has a small town feel,” he said. “Everyone cares and everyone participates.”

He added he anticipates challenges for all students as they transition from virtual to in-person classrooms.

“I am concerned about learning loss,” he said.

Many students have voiced concern about how the nearly two years of virtual learning has affected their grade point average.

Adding he knows educators have been working hard to teach students through the pandemic Eldred said it has been difficult.

“It is hard to be as effective as you can be over Zoom,” he said.

Eldred said another concern is students who are sophomores stepping onto the campus for the first time and that teachers are also dealing with the transition from virtual to in-person teaching and will also need support.

Although he is saddened to leave the campus he has called home for so long he is eager for the opportunity to lead South Pasadena High School.

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CRIME BLOTTER

July 18

1200 block of Descanso Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, someone cut a chain that secured several tools in the bed of a truck and stool those items between 11 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

July 16

3800 block of Park Place in Montrose, the driver side rear window was shattered and several items were stolen from a vehicle overnight.

July 14

2300 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, the rear passenger window of a vehicle was smashed at 4 a.m.

July 17

5200 block of Redwillow Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a sliding glass door was shattered, several rooms were ransacked and items were stolen from a home at 9:20 p.m.

July 15

2800 block of Stevens Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle at 2:43 a.m.

July 11

4100 block of Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, several tools were stolen from a home under construction overnight.

July 10

2200 block of Waltonia Drive in Montrose, the driver's side rear window was shattered and several items were stolen from a vehicle overnight.

July 9

3800 block of Park Place in Montrose, the driver side rear window was shattered and items were stolen from a vehicle between July 16 at 7:30 p.m. and July 17 at 7:50 a.m.

GPD REPORTS

Arrests for Reckless Driving and Street Racing – Vehicles Impounded

The Glendale Police Dept. has a zero-tolerance policy regarding reckless driving and illegal street racing. Those arrested for such offenses will have their vehicles impounded. The list below depicts those who have been arrested for reckless driving and participating in an illegal speed contest (racing) over the course of the last few weeks. Officers continue to proactively patrol the city and monitor traffic to keep roads safe for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Anyone who witnesses reckless driving or illegal street racing should call the Glendale Police Department's non-emergency line at (818) 548-4911 or 9-1-1 to report those involved.

Date/Approximate Time Arrested	Location	Charge(s)	Subject(s) Arrested
June 29, 2021 / 4:45 pm	Brand Blvd / Colorado St	Speed Exhibition	48-year-old <u>Serj Kalousian</u> of Glendale
July 3, 2021 / 8:00 pm	200-blk of S Central	Reckless Driving	19-year-old <u>Cheyenne Grisez</u> of San Ramon
July 9, 2021 / Midnight	Bagdad Pl / Verdugo Rd	Illegal Speed Contest	Juvenile
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July 10, 2021 / 3:30 am	100-blk of W Maple St	Reckless Driving DUI	36-year-old <u>Davit Manukyan</u> of Glendale
July 11, 2021 / 11:45 pm	Arden Ave / Columbus Ave	Reckless Driving	18-year-old <u>Allen Bableyan</u> of La Cañada

Males Arrested in Possession of Loaded Handguns

On July 16 at approximately 11:20 p.m., a Glendale PD patrol officer observed a vehicle traveling approximately 100 MPH on the 210 Freeway and conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle. The officer contacted the driver, identified as 19-year-old Gabriel Michel of Palmdale, regarding the violation. Michel admitted that he was speeding and also stated he was unlicensed. While speaking with Michel, the officer could smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside of the vehicle.

A records check of Michel revealed his driver's license had been suspended. An additional officer arrived on scene to assist and officers asked Michel and the front passenger, later identified as 20-year-old Christopher Smith of Palmdale, to exit the vehicle. Smith did not have identification on him and told officers his name was "Tristen Thompson."

During a search of the vehicle, officers located two loaded handguns with no serial numbers on them along with marijuana. Both Michel and Smith denied knowing that there were two loaded firearms in the vehicle and both were arrested and booked for illegal possession of a firearm in a vehicle. Michel was also arrested for driving on a suspended license. Just prior to being booked, Smith admitted he had lied about his name and provided his true identity. Smith was additionally booked for providing false identification to an officer.

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Male Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales and Fraud

On July 7 at approximately 6:30 p.m., officers with the Glendale Police Dept.'s Special Enforcement Detail were driving through the parking lot of a motel on the 300 block of East Colorado Street. As they did so, they observed a male, identified as 29-year-old Artak Avakian of Glendale, place a bag into the trunk of a parked vehicle and then walk away from it.

Officers immediately recognized Avakian from prior contacts and knew that he had a local outstanding felony arrest warrant for illegal drug sales and that he was on probation with search and seizure conditions. Based on this information, the officers detained Avakian. While speaking with him, officers observed fentanyl and heroin in plain view inside the vehicle Avakian had walked away from. They were also able to identify a motel room associated with Avakian.

Officers responded to this motel room to conduct a probation compliance check and made contact with two individuals inside the room, later identified as 27-year-old Mackenzie Draughn of Ohio and 32-year-old Joshua Ward of Lancaster. Upon conducting a probation search of the room, officers located multiple plastic baggies of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, a notebook containing other people's personal identifying information, a driver's license that did not belong to any of the subjects at the location and a taser.

Ward was arrested for illegal drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. Draughn was arrested for identity theft, being a convicted felon in possession of a stun gun and illegal drug possession.

During a search of Avakian's vehicle, officers located multiple plastic baggies containing methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, Suboxone strips, Ecstasy, Xanax and Tramadol along with a

Obituary

Park Cockerill



July 6, 2021

Park Cockerill, 81, passed on July 6 at Kaiser Hospital, Panorama City, from a stroke. He had been a teacher at San Fernando High School, a tennis coach at Flintridge Prep, and a member of the Altadena Senior Men's Golf Group. Park had been active earlier in local tennis groups. He also taught tennis camps locally and in the San Fernando area. As a teacher in San Fernando he coached winning football teams, tennis and golf.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, a retired teacher from La Cañada High School; daughters Lisa Shinder and Emily Brockett; stepdaughters Suzanne Laughrey, Alison Gunter and Ashley Holsinger. He also leaves four grandchildren: Drew Cockerill, Audrey Shinder, Dylan Holsinger and Lillie Laughrey. Services will be held at Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship in Pasadena on July 24 at 3 pm.

Interment will be at Riverside National Cemetery at a later date.

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Obituary

Mark Andrew Kroening



March 20, 1966 – July 11, 2021

Mark Andrew Kroening passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 11 in Lucerne Valley. Mark was born to parents Joe and Mary Ann Kroening on March 20, 1966 in La Cañada. They moved to La Crescenta when Mark was 2 years old; he attended Dunsmore Elementary School, Clark Junior High School and graduated from Crescenta Valley High School in 1985. He loved and played many years of AYSO soccer, was an altar server at St. James the Less Church of La Crescenta, and was known as a blue-eyed kind-hearted young man.

Mark enjoyed attending rock concerts and was known for his love of automobiles, especially his 1958 Dodge Panel Van that he and his father worked on since he was 14 years old. After high school, Mark followed his passion for cars to Universal Technical Institute in Arizona, then returned to California to pursue his career at various mechanic shops throughout the Crescenta Valley and the family's business Andy's Transfer & Storage.

Mark loved his time with his cousins from childhood through adulthood. Trips to Hawaii throughout his childhood to visit his cousins were some of his favorites. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing and target shooting.

Mark is survived by his loving and supportive parents Joe and Mary Ann Kroening; his two sisters and their families, Heather (Dinger) and husband Rick; nephews Carl, Hayden and Gavin Dinger; Jill (Longo) and husband Patrick; niece Abigail Longo and nephew Cooper Longo; and countless loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private services will be held for family only. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Mark's honor.

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black replica firearm, a digital scale, notepads containing other people's personal identifying information, drug paraphernalia and a bank card belonging to someone else.

Avakian was subsequently arrested and booked for illegal drug sales, identity theft and for two separate outstanding felony drug sales warrants.

New Proposed SVP Housing in Antelope Valley

By Mary O'KEEFE

Convicted sexually violent predator (SVP) Calvin Grassmier has a new proposed placement in a residence in Sun Village in the Antelope Valley.

Prior to Sun Village the proposed placement for Grassmier was in a house in the Briggs Terrace area of La Crescenta. Neighbors started a grassroots effort called Briggs United in opposition to the placement of the SVP. The judge rejected his placement due to the issues shared by the residents, which included the lack of cellphone service, the extreme high fire risks and the nearness to homes in this family-oriented neighborhood.

As with the La Crescenta placement, Los Angeles County Supervisor Katherine Barger voiced her concerns and objections to Grassmier's placement in the Antelope Valley.

"I reiterate my grave concerns and considerable alarm with the latest proposed placement of sexually violent predator Calvin Grassmier into a home in Sun Village, which may impact the safety and well-being of the local residents. I believe that the residents deserve transparency and accountability from all those involved in this process and I will work with the local elected officials, public safety leaders, and the community to continue to vehemently oppose this proposed placement. I encourage others to join me in expressing their concerns to the Superior Court and the District Attorney's office, and advocate for the safety of the children, youth and adults who reside in this community," Barger stated.

The proposed house is less than a quarter mile from Littlerock High School and close to Daisy Gibson Elementary School and the Sun Village Community Center, according to Barger.

Grassmier has a long list of violent sexual crimes. He was convicted in 1989 and for decades he has been in a state hospital.

"A 'sexually violent predator' means a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against one or more victims and who has a diagnosed mental disorder that makes the person a danger to the health and safety of others in that it is likely that he or she will engage in sexually violent criminal behavior," according to the State of California definition.

The Antelope Valley location was proposed by Liberty Healthcare, which is the contractor that is tasked with finding a suitable location to place the SVP and then to monitor him or her.

Briggs United has vowed to help other neighbors if they choose to object to the SVP's proposed location. For Alex Gardner, the organizer of Briggs United, it is not about "not in our neighborhood;" it is about re-evaluating how SVPs are placed and monitored.

Gardner is in touch with Barger's office and is working to connect with the Sun Village neighbors to share what Briggs United has learned when they opposed Grassmier's proposed placement in the La Crescenta area. They are paying the information forward because when they were creating their grassroots movement another group from a San Diego neighborhood shared their information with them.

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what percentage of tests administered came back with a positive result) was slowly increasing since the end of May. But with more Californians receiving one or both vaccine injections, hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID had been in freefall since mid-April with daily COVID-related deaths declining by more than 90%. Unfortunately, the positivity rate, hospitalization rate, and death rate have both rocketed upward since COVID restrictions were lifted on June 15 with daily hospitalizations more than doubling and daily average deaths more than tripling in the past month, effectively rewinding the pandemic clock in Los Angeles to the same levels of hospitalization and morbidity as the County saw at the end of April.

Infectious disease experts were not completely surprised that the infection rate showed some increases following the lifting of restrictions. Studies showed that the vaccine was only 90% effective at preventing transmission and, with large groups of people gathering without masks again, it was inevitable that the 10% "breakthrough" rate would lead to some new infections. Fortunately, the vaccine provides a second layer of protection by not only preventing infection and transmission of the disease, but also protecting against hospitalization, death and other serious health complications for the small number of people who still contract the virus after receiving the vaccine. In fact, the vaccines were so effective that people who received both doses but still contracted COVID were 94-95% less likely to be hospitalized than people who contracted COVID without being vaccinated.

Despite this data, rising numbers of hospitalizations and deaths across the state have led to some calls for a vaccine booster to ensure continued effectiveness. In a recent interview with Reuters, Pfizer's chief scientific officer, Mikael Dolsten, MD, PhD, pointed to unpublished data out of Israel that

suggested a third dose of the vaccine may be necessary because the efficacy of the vaccine at preventing infection and transmission dropped to only 80%.

"It's a small data set, but I think the trend is accurate: six months out, given that Delta is the most contagious variant we have seen. It can cause infections and mild disease," Dolsten said. He was careful to reiterate that, despite the decrease in antibodies, the vaccine remains 94-95% effective at preventing severe disease. And critics have noted that boosters pose

both moral and ethical questions as pharmaceutical companies like Pfizer stand to make billions of dollars more in profit from selling boosters to wealthy regions like the U.S. and Europe rather than selling the base vaccine to largely unvaccinated regions of Africa and Southeast Asia.


Less than 24 hours later, the CDC and FDA issued a rare joint statement urging calm and reassuring the public of the efficacy of the vaccines.





"Americans who have been fully vaccinated do not need a booster

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Pioneer Memories: C.J. Reinhard

I quote here from a 1938 interview with Mrs. Reinhard, who had some interesting memories of the topography of the Crescenta Valley. As before, my inserted comments are in brackets [].

The Reinhard family was a Montrose pioneer, moving here in 1917. Although Montrose was established in 1913, very few homes were built until the early '20s. The Reinhard's built one of Montrose's signature buildings, the Reinhard Building, better known today as the Black Cow restaurant. The two-story brick building at 2219 Honolulu Ave. has hosted a variety of businesses since it was built in the early '20s. In the '30s it was a Pontiac dealership and in the '70s it was home to the iconic Here, There and After record store.

Mrs. Reinhard said that the family "rented their present home [2215 Glenada, taken by the freeway in the 1960s] for two

months to see if the climate was beneficial to asthma, and if they could stand the solitude.

"The first year we lived here the children, Katherine and Richard, went with their father to a Los Angeles school. As it made for a long day for them, they enrolled the following year at La Crescenta, then a two-teacher school. They were the only children in the [Montrose] tract, and they played hide-and-seek in a forest of greasewood and scrub oak. [Greasewood, or chaparral, on the valley floor could get five or six feet high, creating an impenetrable forest for children.]

"The town of La Crescenta was 1½ miles from our home. Between was a valley filled with high brush and Pickens Wash filled with huge boulders. A stream about 10 feet wide ran all winter. [There was more water in Pickens Wash then, before it was tapped out for agriculture.] This section, filled with rabbits and other wild

game, was used by hunters. The one way to La Crescenta was by way of Honolulu Avenue, an oiled road that was hard to get through at a point near Rosemont on account of water washing over the road. The other way was by way of Michigan Avenue, now Foothill Boulevard, a narrow ribbon of oiled road that went up and down and around every little hill, and seemed so far away. [An "oiled road" was a dirt road with black oil sprinkled on it to keep the dust down. And yes, our straight, wide Foothill Boulevard did wind around barriers, such as hills, and did descend and ascend gullies.]

"We had one connecting link with our neighbors, the 'dinky' as we called our street car. [Glendale and Montrose Railway, an electric trolley line. They had a couple of very small single-truck trolleys the locals called the "dinky."] I think all the old-timers liked the 'dinky' and hated to see it go. [It went out of business in 1930.]

The motormen knew us all and seemed to know about when we were to travel, and would whistle and wait for passengers. However, this ran on Montrose Avenue and the street ended at Ocean View. The streetcar continued along a high trestle bridge over the [Pickens] Wash and beyond Rosemont. But it was timed wrong for the school children. [This was something I was unaware of, but very old photos confirm. Initially Montrose Avenue ended just past Ocean View, but the trolley tracks continued. There would have had to be a small trestle railroad bridge over Pickens Wash.]

"As walking was dangerous over the trestle bridge, we blazed a trail by cutting through the brush where Glenada and Altura now run, coming out at Rosemont and Prospect. The stream was always a problem in winter as the children had to jump from stone to stone. Years later we were distressed to see homes built

in this area in the path of flood waters." [Indeed homes were built in the wash during summers when it was dry by easterners who didn't understand the intermittent floods that occur in the wash. We still see that today.]

Mrs. Reinhard gives an interesting view of the valley. It was cut by deep rocky gullies and thick stands of brush, and was not easily traversed.



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SHIFF

Six months ago, a violent mob stormed our nation's Capitol with the intent of stopping the certification of our free and fair presidential election. They desecrated our temple of democracy and stained the steps of those storied halls with blood. Five people lost their lives, and hundreds of police officers were beaten and badly hurt. Countless others endured psychological trauma and now bear invisible scars that may never fully heal.

Jan. 6, 2021 will go down as one of the darkest moments in our nation's modern history. Investigating this unprecedented insurrection should be a moral and patriotic imperative that transcends partisan politics. And yet, Republicans in Congress continue to oppose our efforts to learn the truth.

One hundred and seventy-five House Republicans voted against a nonpartisan, 9/11-style commission to investigate the Jan. 6 insurrection – putting loyalty to former President Trump ahead of their sworn oath to support and defend our Constitution and democracy. And, to add insult to injury, some are now trying to rewrite history and claim what happened that day was nothing more than "a normal tourist visit."

But we cannot and will not allow the obstructionists and extremists to derail our essential task.

This month, Speaker Pelosi appointed eight members of Congress to a Select Committee tasked with investigating the days leading up to Jan. 6, what happened that day, and the roles played by law enforcement, our nation's intelligence operations and the former administration. I am honored to be among them, and I will undertake this solemn responsibility with the seriousness it deserves.

The Select Committee has

a momentous and urgent task ahead of us.

We still don't have the full picture of how the insurrectionists organized, or who might have helped them. We don't know what was happening at the White House while the Capitol was under siege. We don't know why we were so ill-prepared to respond to this threat. And we don't know how all the signs were missed leading up to that day. But make no mistake: We will uncover the answers to these questions, and more.

Unearthing the full truth about the insurrection must be a bipartisan responsibility, which is why I was gratified that Republican Congresswoman Liz Cheney agreed to serve on the Select Committee, as well. I hope other Republicans follow her lead, and that they commit to following the facts, wherever they may lead. Protecting and strengthening our democracy should know no party.

It is my hope and expectation that this Committee will carry out a thorough investigation that culminates in a substantive list of recommendations that we can use to better protect our Capitol and our democracy. If we work together with bipartisan sobriety, we can assure the public that no matter the threat – foreign or domestic – American democracy will prevail.



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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CV Fireworks Thanks You!

Our tightknit community has done it again. Thanks to the many generous donors from across the Crescenta Valley, CV Fireworks was able to display another year of incredible fireworks on July 4th. It was uncertain if a show would even be allowed but once we received the green light for a show with no on-field spectators, the question became how to fund the event.

We were amazed at the overwhelming response. Thanks to the generous support from over 300 of our community members along with local businesses, community

organizations and civic leaders, we were able to fund the entire show. As a 100% volunteer-run event, we pride ourselves on giving back to the community with no expectations in return. The outpouring of support and love for CV Fireworks meant the world to us on the committee and it showed us how important this local show is to all of you.

We hope to see you all back on the field at CV High School next year and, on behalf of our entire committee, we say thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU for your support!

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SPORTS

Coaches Reflect on Gatorade Player of the Year and CVHS Graduate Mia Barnett

By Justin HAGER

The last time a Crescenta Valley High School student was recognized as a Gatorade Player of the Year, Titanic had just won 11 Academy Awards and become the first film in history to gross \$1 billion. But now, 23 years after future WNBA star Michelle Greco was named the Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year and, for only the second time in school history, CVHS graduate and future University of Virginia track star Mia Barnett was named the Gatorade California Girls Track & Field Player of the Year.

In her senior season, Barnett recorded the nation's fastest prep times in the 1600- (4:37.58) and 3200-meter run (9:52.23), with both ranking among the top 10 performances in U.S. girls prep history. She also ran the nation's

second-fastest mile of the year and a top 10 in California history (4:39.41) and this spring had a state-best finish of 2:07.31 in the 800, the seventh-fastest prep time in the U.S.

To understand Barnett's incredible season, we have to travel back to April and her performance at the Laguna Beach Distance Carnival where she finished the 3200-meter race almost 50 seconds ahead of the next-closest runner that day.

"The funny thing about that race is that she was really nervous about it," said Rob Evans, a track & field coach and English teacher at CVHS. "She hadn't run a 3200 in a few years and didn't really think it was her event. We had an idea as coaches that she might be able to run a sub-10-minute 3200 but, due to COVID, we didn't even know we were competing in the Laguna Beach race until the Monday before

the race. We knew that might make her a little uncomfortable, but also would make her motivated and interesting."

Interesting doesn't even begin to describe it. Barnett's performance was so dominant that a little over half-way through the race the announcer came over the P.A. system with a simple but rarely heard request: "Everybody please turn your attention to the track; what's happening right now is truly historic."

Parents, fans, teammates, classmates and coaches turned to watch as Barnett lapped competitor after competitor until finally, she was a full lap ahead of all but one runner.

"She pretty much ran these meets solo," explained Mark Evans, Rob's father and fellow CVHS track coach. "It's hard to do that time after time, repeatedly, to run by yourself when there is no one in the League who could keep up with you. It takes an incredible amount of mental toughness."



Recent CVHS graduate Mia Barnett outdid herself on the track – and in life. Photo provided by Rob EVANS

"She'd run in races against these other girls who were incredible athletes, girls who in any other year would have been standout, historic athletes, and she's beating them by 100 meters," added Rob. More than just her mental see BARNETT on on page 19

La Cañada High School Graduate Collin Morikawa Makes History by Winning British Open

By Justin HAGER

La Cañada High School graduate Collin Morikawa, 24, made history on Sunday by winning the Open Championship Tournament, also known as the British Open, finishing two strokes ahead of second-place finisher Jordan Spieth and third place finishers Jon Rahm and Louis Oosthuizen. By winning the tournament in his first attempt, he became the first golfer in history to win two majors in debut attempts, the third golfer to win multiple majors in eight or fewer starts, and only the eighth golfer to win two majors before the age of 25 – other names on those lists include such legends as Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Bobby Jones. The win also secured Morikawa's place as the current number one ranked golfer in the world, a position he is likely to hold onto given that the next major tournament on the PGA tour schedule does not take place until next April.

Perhaps more impressive than the victory itself is the way in which Morikawa achieved it. He shot only four bogeys in the entire tournament, didn't have a single bogey in his final 31-holes and made three-straight birdies at the turn on the final day to build a cushion that proved essential to holding off a hard-charging Jordan Spieth. He finished 15 under par with a fourth round score of 66.



Beyond his skills on the course, Morikawa also proved himself to be an affable and humble competitor. His first act after receiving the silver Claret Jug was to honor Matthias Schmid, the lowest scoring amateur to make the cut in this year's open.

Celebrating his own youth, Morikawa told Schmid, "It feels like literally two years ago I was an amateur." The comment brought laughs as two years ago, Morikawa was literally an amateur, less than two months out from his graduation from UC Berkeley and

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CVWD
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Seeking Public Comment for **CVWD's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)** that help's CVWD to be better prepared for a wildfire or earthquake event.

The LHMP is available on the District's website **cvwd.com**, as well at CVWD's main office located at 2700 Foothill Blvd.

The Public Comment Period will be open from July 13th – July 27th.

The comments gathered from the CV Community, local agencies, other stakeholders, will be incorporated into the Final Plan that will be submitted to Cal OES and FEMA.

Comments may be submitted to **JBautista@cvwd.com** or online at **https://www.cvwd.com/local-hazard-mitigation-plan**



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SPORTS NOTES

Milwaukee Bucks Win First NBA Championship in 50 Years

Two-time MVP and Milwaukee fan favorite Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 50 points against the Phoenix Suns in Game 6 of the NBA finals on Tuesday night, giving them their first league title in 50 years, and only their second in franchise history. The championship was particularly impressive given that the Bucks came from behind to win the series after losing the first two games. The last time the Bucks won an NBA title their franchise was only 3 years old and anchored by such legends as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Oscar Robinson.

Team USA Gets First Win of the Tokyo Olympics Shutting Out Italy in Softball Opener

The opening ceremony hasn't happened yet but team USA has already notched its first win of the games beating Italy 2-0 in the Games' first day of competition. The USA softball team came into this year's games with something to prove after failing to win gold for the first time in Olympic history in 2008 and then seeing softball scratched as a sport in the 2012 and 2016 games. Several other events will have taken place by press time including the U.S. women's soccer team's showdown with Sweden on Wednesday. Sweden eliminated the U.S. at the 2016 Rio games, preventing them from medaling for the first time in Women's Olympic soccer history.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Scholarships Awarded to Local Graduates



Prom Plus held a scholarship distribution event on Thursday at the American Legion Hall. The event recognized scholarship recipients Ivan Tyler, the recipient of the Bob Fletcher Scholarship, and Lucian Kugler, who each received money for upcoming college expenses and certificates of acknowledgment from several dignitaries. Leif-Anzell Shomali was also recognized as being the recipient of the Brett Tyler Award from the Lions Club.



Also recognized were the veterans who arrive around 5 a.m. after the Prom Plus event to help clean up. Prom Plus has been held every year since 1994 (with the exception of the last two years due to COVID-19). Members of Prom Plus Club, the youth arm of Prom Plus, were also acknowledged for their ongoing commitment to Prom Plus. Prom Plus is held at the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA. It was started after a Crescenta Valley



High School senior was killed at an unsupervised post-prom party. Since 1994, Prom Plus has offered a fun and safe place for CVHS seniors and their guests to go after prom. Previous activities at Prom Plus have included a full casino, mechanical bull, bungee run, zip line and more. There is no cost for prom attendees to go to Prom Plus; non-prom attendees pay a nominal fee.

For more information, visit www.promplus.org.



Photos by Dick CLUBB

LEFT: Recipient Ivan Tyler with Supervisor Kathryn Barger's field deputy Savannah Moore.
MIDDLE: Lucian Kugler with Savannah Moore.
RIGHT: Leif-Anzell Shomali and Prom Plus Vice President Mary O'Keefe.
BELOW: Veterans (from left) Steve Pierce, Mike Baldwin, Robert Wollenweber and Jim Turner with Prom Plus Club members Danny Danny Shahjahanian, Christian Ovilla, Chawin Ngsuwan and David Green.

People Making News

Audrey Elizabeth Harris of La Crescenta was awarded a juris doctor degree from the University of Georgia School of Law on May 22. Harris was awarded a near full-tuition scholarship, and while at UGA was on the editorial board of the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and was president of the Labor and Employment Law Society. Harris will practice law in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

A 2013 graduate of Juniata College in Pennsylvania, Harris is the daughter of George and Robin Harris of La Crescenta.
Benjamin Weitzel of Glendale, who attended Campbell Hall Episcopal School, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, cum laude, and Tristan Kalnins of La Cañada, who attended La Cañada High School, received her Bachelor

of Arts degree in economics-mathematics from Whitman College. Weitzel, along with Kevin Faeustle, who attended Crescenta Valley High School, earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College.
Founded in 1882, Whitman College is a highly selective private, independent, co-educational, non-sectarian residential liberal arts and sciences undergraduate college located in Walla Walla, Washington. The college is home to approximately 1,500 undergraduate students exploring 45 departmental majors that lead to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Bryant Lai of La Cañada Flintridge received a Bachelor of Arts degree from College of the Holy Cross. Lai is among 748 Bachelor of Arts degree candidates Holy Cross celebrated at its 175th commencement held in person on Friday, May 21 on the College's Fitton Field.
The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

Clay Suggs of Sunland graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration from California

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Photos by Ruth SOWBY

ABOVE: La Crescenta resident Isabella Castro, 3, enjoys her Tutti Frutti yogurt.
BELOW: La Crescenta sisters Nina Frommel-Martinez, 9, left, and Leni Frommel-Martinez, 12, shared spoonfuls of their Tutti Frutti frozen yogurts in Montrose. On June 29, the Crescenta Valley High School Music Dept. held a fundraiser at the yogurt shop with a portion of proceeds helping to support the department.



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Packing Up for a Food Drive

Missionary Tyla Kimball helps La Crescenta resident Noah Asama, 12, donate non-perishables for a food drive on Thursday, July 15 sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, La Crescenta Stake. Donations will be given to the Bailey Center food bank at Tujunga United Methodist Church.

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PEOPLE from previous page

State University, Stanislaus.

The University hosted six ceremonies for the Class of 2021 over three days, May 26-28, in the campus' outdoor amphitheater. For the 2020-21 academic year, Stan State celebrated more than 3,000 graduates. Graduates were awarded bachelors', masters', credentials and doctorate degrees.

California State University, Stanislaus serves a diverse student body of more than 10,000 at two locations in the Central Valley – a 228-acre campus in Turlock and the Stockton campus, located in the city's historic Magnolia District. Widely recognized for its dedicated faculty and high-quality academic programs, the University offers 43 majors, 41 minors and more than 100 areas of concentration, along with 16 master's degree programs, seven credential programs and a doctorate in educational leadership.

Natalie Berner and Elizabeth Crotty, both from Glendale, were recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2021 semester.

In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

communication and exercise science - sports management, earned spots on the dean's list.

Ripon College, founded in 1851, is Wisconsin's best-value private college and a national leader in liberal arts education, devoted to ensuring every student realizes their unique potential. Ninety-six percent of alumni are employed, in graduate school or student teaching within six months.

Rita Neat from La Cañada Flintridge was recognized in May by Iowa State University as among 4,798 spring graduates. Neat graduated magna cum laude as a doctor of veterinary medicine. Iowa State awarded 4,176 undergraduate degrees, 609 graduate degrees and 143 veterinary medicine degrees.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison recognized the following local students who earned a spot on the dean's list: Aleen Babikian of Glendale and Sydney Mueller of La Cañada Flintridge, who attend the College of Letters and Science, and David Komjathy of La Crescenta, who attends the College of Agricultural & Life Science.

Charles Pingry of La Crescenta, who attends the School of Human Ecology, earned a spot on the dean's honor list.

Students named to the dean's list completed a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Olivia Ramirez of Glendale earned a BS in civil engineering (BSCE) and Caitlin Aenlle-Rocha of La Cañada earned a Bachelor of Arts in environmental studies from Gonzaga University.

Anissa Olona of Glendale earned placement on the Gonzaga University dean's list for spring semester 2021. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.84 grade-point average to be listed.

Andrew Calmette of La Cañada and Sophia Atin of La Crescenta earned placement on the Gonzaga University president's list for spring semester 2021. Students must earn a 3.85 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed.

Gonzaga University is a private Catholic, Jesuit, and humanistic university providing education to more than 7,800 students. Situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Washington, Gonzaga is routinely recognized among the West's best comprehensive regional universities.

Gonzaga offers 75 fields of study, 26 master's degrees, doctorate degrees in leadership studies and nursing, and a juris doctor degree through the School of Law.

Shushanna Galstyan of Glendale was among 5,300 University of Iowa students who were conferred their degrees. Galstyan was a student in the College of Pharmacy whose program of study was pharmacy. The degree awarded was a Doctor of Pharmacy.

For more than a year, Galstyan and other Iowa students have made sacrifices to maintain health and safety-taking online courses, wearing facemasks, and being mindful of social distance.

Amy Giboney of La Crescenta was among the 1,703 students named to Samford University's 2021 spring semester dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. Dean's list is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Samford is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

The following local residents were among the more than 7,000 students who recently graduated from Oregon State University: From Glendale, Picabo K. Fraas graduated with a Master of Arts, history of science; Olivia L. Maurer, Bachelor of Science, psychology; Haynoush Ohanian, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, veterinary medicine – DVM; from La Cañada: Scott F. Boreham, Bachelor of Science, mechanical engineering; Kathryn T. Cummings, Bachelor of Science, design and innovation management; Nathan C. Pung, Bachelor of Science, business information systems; from Tujunga: Hunter R. Jankowski, Bachelor of Science, horticulture.

This year's class includes a record 7,391 graduating students receiving 7,690 degrees, with 271 students receiving two degrees and four who will receive three degrees. They will add to the ranks of Oregon State alumni, which have earned 272,504 degrees over the university's history.

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Ripon College has announced its dean's list for the spring 2021 semester that recognizes academic excellence. To qualify for the dean's list at Ripon College, students must achieve a 3.40 grade point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

Brennah Bronk of Tujunga, majoring in psychology, and James DeRose of La Cañada Flintridge, majoring in

Questions About Today's Real Estate? Ask Phyllis! Realtor Recommendations

Dear Phyllis,
My Realtor has retired, and she has referred her clients to her son. I plan to move to Arizona to be near my sister and met with the son to discuss listing my home. I have been in my home for over thirty years and have felt that it is very well maintained. He criticized nearly every aspect of it. He even pointed out that some of my bathroom fixtures were different. I never noticed, but I have a wood towel bar, and some brass and silver accessories. He thinks they should all match. He then suggested that I hire his

gardener and house painter. I just wonder if this is a scam. I know homes are selling as soon as the sign goes up, so all of this seems very unnecessary?
Christina

Dear Christina,
Thank you for your question. You might take it as a compliment that he thought your home merited sprucing up. I have been in some homes where the only thing worth doing was a deep cleaning.
Having not seen your home, it's difficult for me to chime in. The fact that this Realtor made

recommendations indicates that he is trying to sell your home for the highest price possible. If he were simply looking for a quick and easy sale, he would not make any suggestions.

I believe consistent bathroom fixtures add to the aesthetic of the home and can be an inexpensive way to add value. It is a very easy fix for a handyman.

Twenty years ago, a real estate broker I worked for was adamant that we never make any recommendations. If a client wanted a recommendation, she told us to tell them to check the phone book. Having reliable

contacts that we can refer our clients to is a valuable service and trustworthy resource. If your gardener hasn't been properly maintaining your landscape, you should hire another. Curb appeal is very important when selling. It doesn't involve anyone in your home. And it's one of the simplest ways to increase property value.

A good rule of thumb is that if you invest a dollar, it should net you three. Ask yourself if you want to sell for the highest possible price, which requires a bit more effort on both the seller and Realtor's end.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Piano and Oboe on Concert Roster



LEFT: Catherine Del Russo
RIGHT: Mark Robson

On Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed. Complete concert info and links to view the stream will be posted at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Oboist Catherine Del Russo and pianist Mark Robson will perform works by Gordon Jacob, Walter Piston, Carl Nielsen, Benjamin Britten and Jacques Ibert on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

The program includes Gordon Jacob, “Interludes for Oboe & Piano,” Walter Piston, “Suite for

Oboe & Piano,” Carl Nielsen, “2 Fantasies Op.2 pour hautbois & piano,” Benjamin Britten, Two Insect Pieces: “The Grasshopper” and “The Wasp” for oboe & piano and Jacques Ibert, “Escales for Oboe & Piano.”

Oboist Catherine Del Russo received her Bachelor of Music degree and Performance Certificate at the Eastman School of Music where she studied with Robert Sprenkl.

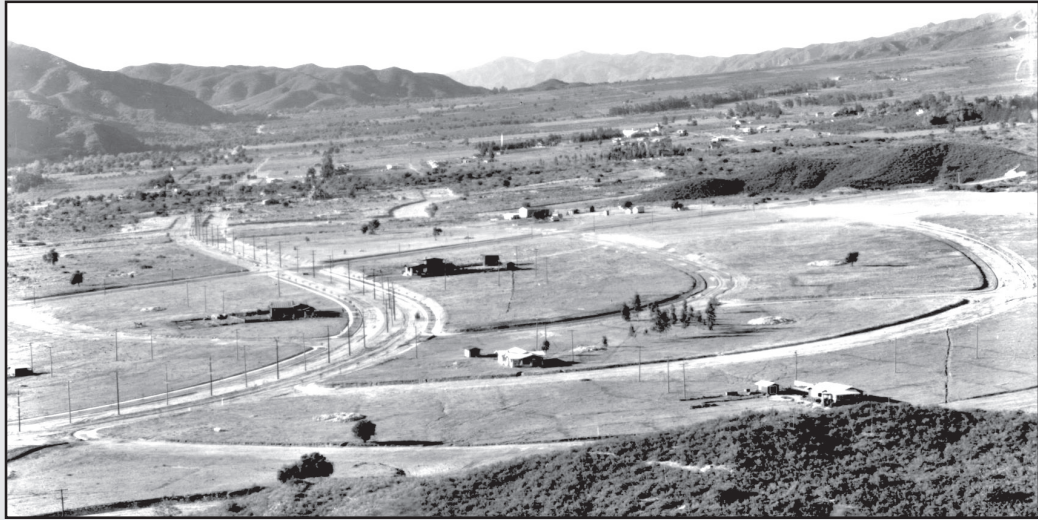
She also received her Masters of Music degree from Ohio University where she studied with John Mack in Cleveland.

Since then, Del Russo has see CONCERTS on page 19

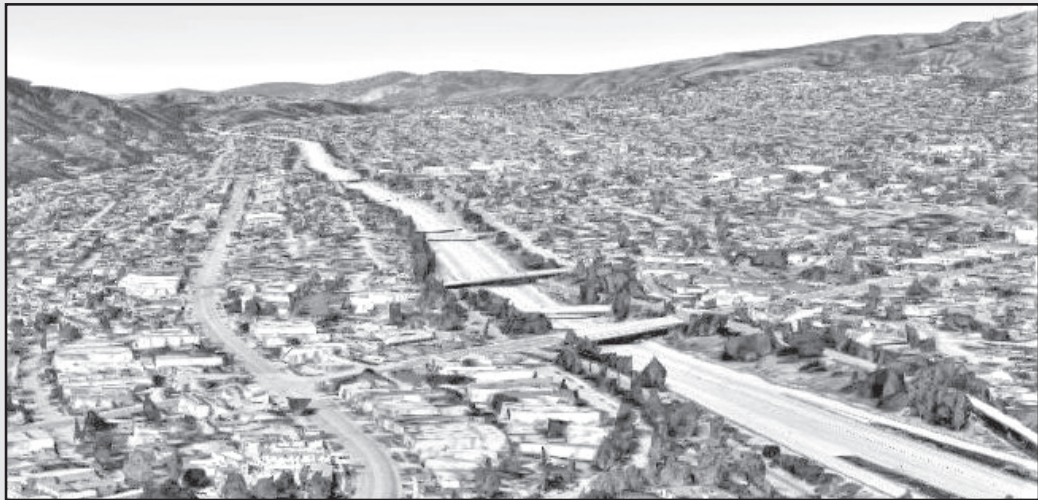
performed around the world, beginning with the Eastman Wind Ensemble to the Far East as principal oboe. After that, she performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic, Orchestra Filharmonica de Caracas, and Orquesta Municipal in Caracas, Venezuela. Del Russo has played with many orchestras in Los Angeles, including the Glendale Symphony Orchestra, the Santa Barbara Symphony, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, the Desert Symphony, Long Beach Symphony, the Los Angeles

THEN & NOW

Montrose Avenue Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » This is the northern portion of Montrose in about 1917 when the Reinhard family moved here, as described in this week’s “Treasures of the Valley” column. Montrose Avenue can be seen curving around and heading northwest. The wide street stops just past Ocean View, interrupted by the wide rocky expanse of Pickens Wash. Beyond that, a vast plain of sagebrush.



Now » The same view today. Montrose Avenue still curves around and heads off northwest. Pickens Wash has completely disappeared. It’s been channelized in a below-ground concrete flume. The dominant feature now is the wide cement 210 Freeway that stretches across our valley. And the vast plain of sagebrush is now a vast plain of houses and buildings.

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Question:

I was raised on a farm near a small mid-western town. A few years ago I inherited the farm where I grew up. Now that I'm retired, I'd like to move back to the farm. The problem is my wife of 45 years (a city girl) doesn't want to live on the farm. I don't plan to farm the land, just live in the house and rent the farmland to someone else. The farm is only four miles from the nearest town and although the town has practically everything we would need – a grocery, two pharmacies, theater, senior center and more – she is not convinced. She has told me to go ahead and move there and we can visit each other. This has really caused a problem in our relationship. What do you think?
~ Farmer at Heart

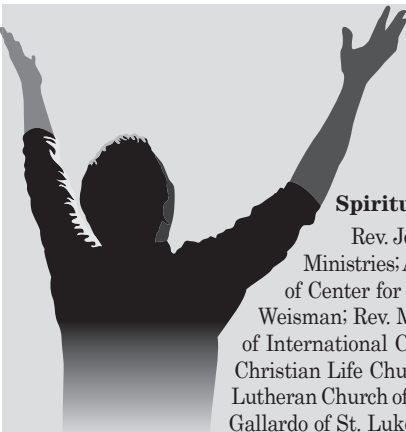
Dear Farmer at Heart,
First of all, congratulations on being married for 45 years! That is a great accomplishment and shows the strength of your relationship, as I am sure it has not always been a walk in the park. And it is also a special gift to receive the place where your formative years were spent in the fields and barns of farm life.
A question I have is: Has your wife visited the farm and surrounding area? It may be the blessings of a quieter and slower pace of life is not something she is familiar with. Maybe spending a week or so visiting the area together may open her eyes to the wonder of a place outside of city life.
I always think of Psalm 19 when I remember back to my growing up in a rural area and going outside after dark and lifting my eyes to the heavens: "The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak;

night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world."
Of course, one of the even more important glories of God is the relationship that you continue to share. If she still does not want to move permanently to the farm, maybe it can become a place of retreat for the two of you. It can become a second home that becomes more special through sharing new memories together. Places that hold dear memories for us are special gifts, but it is the relationship of marriage that must be first for the two of you.
Continue to build and strengthen that relationship and then imagine ways that this new residence may be a blessing rather than something that causes division. Faith, hope, and love abide. But the greatest of these is love.



Pastor Scott Peterson
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Dear Farmer at Heart,
"Green Acres is the place to be. Farm livin' is the life for me. Land spreading out so far and wide. Keep Manhattan; just give me that countryside.
New York is where I'd rather stay. I get allergic to smelling hay. I just adore a penthouse view."
Not to make light of a challenging situation, but that's what comes to mind.
You've got 45 years of a marriage that I am sure has probably endured difficulties throughout your time together. All relationships do because we are humans and have different



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking Participants

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 Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Rev. Dr. Ellen Contente of Global Truth Center; Pastor Scott Peterson of Lutheran Church of the Foothills; Rev. Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church; Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Community Life Church; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church.
Responses are offered from the perspective of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

ideas and goals and opinions. The way to get through these times is good communication, compromise and love. It could be a win-win for both of you.
Let's look at the possibilities. You could suggest to your wife that she come to the farm for a few months to give it a chance. And there is the possibility that once you are there, either she will like it or not ... and there is the possibility that you may not like it. Going to a different environment isn't always what you think it will be. Making a big move is a major change in anyone's life. That's where good communication is important. Listen to each other's point of view – not from right or wrong, but from a place of love and patience and understanding. Love always wins.
It doesn't have to be all or nothing. You have 45 years of experience and time together. This could be an adventure that you both would enjoy if you give it a chance. And one day you may look back on trying out the adventure and find out that you both gained a lot from the experience ... whether or not you move.
Love each other, be grateful for what you've shared together and will continue to share and be open to life's possibilities of adventure and newness.

I wish you luck and many blessings.



Laney Clevenger White, RScP
Emeritus
laneycl@ca.rr.com

Question:

We're the grandparents of two beautiful children, ages 5 and 8, both girls. Our concern is that they're getting very little religious or spiritual education. We raised our daughter in a local Protestant church and her husband also came from a family that attended church regularly. During the summer, the girls stay with us for a month and, when they do, they go to church with us and enjoy Sunday school. They have even told their parents they'd like to go to Sunday school, but our daughter and son-in-law have done nothing about it. Is there a gentle way we can get the message across that this is an important part of a child's life?
~ Stumped Grandparents

Dear Stumped Grandparents,
My intuition is telling me to suggest that you not speak to your daughter and son-in-law about your concern. The reason is many dynamics come into play and one of them is the possibility that ~ they may think ~ you believe they're not good parents, regardless of how gently you approach a conversation with them; however, I'll pray along with you for divine guidance that will bring the love that God has for you into the possibilities of a conversation. You'll know when/if the time is right.
Taking your grandchildren to

church for a month during the summer may not seem like a lot; however, the "spiritual seed has been planted." The children have been exposed to religious/spiritual messages that will carry them through a lifetime.
I'm also reminded of the adage, "The squeaky wheel gets the oil." Your grandchildren's persistence in asking to attend Sunday school may very well bring results.
In the meantime, there are several things you can do including subscribing to age appropriate Highlights for them that is a character building publication. Also, send books home with them to read. A couple of my favorites are "When God Made You" by Matthew Paul Turner and an audio book "I Am Smart, I Am Blessed, I Can Do Anything!" You may also want to read "The Spiritual Growth of Children" by Rick Osborne.
I encourage you to not ruminate about your concern. Your only responsibility is to love your grandchildren and live by example because they observe everything you do and say.



Rev. Dr. Beverly G. Craig
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Dear Stumped Grandparents,
I appreciate your question, and I suppose there are many in our community who might find themselves in a similar situation. One of the greatest challenges of loving others is honoring their autonomy, even when you believe their decisions, or lack thereof, are not the best for them and/or for their family.
As a pastor, I often struggle with a similar tension of
see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING on next page

NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center. On Sunday, July 25 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver the message called "Has Anyone Seen My Plate?"
The service will also be live-streamed at 10 a.m. on the church's YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel after 11 a.m.
Visit the church's website at lcifoothills.org for details on all of the events happening including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve.
The church is collecting non-perishable food and clean, gently used clothing to distribute to local people in need. Please bring

the items to the church office lobby during office hours.
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 via email at office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.
Indoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian
The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for worship services in the church sanctuary every Sunday at 10 a.m.
Come for live music, prayer time and an inspiring message, surrounded by the church's historic stained-glass windows that were beautifully restored last summer.
Sunday services also feature

special programs for children and youth from preschool age to high school.
COVID-safe practices in line with Los Angeles County public health guidelines will be observed.
For those who prefer to worship from home, LCPC's online services are available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.
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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Pie in the Face Highlights VBS Performance

Community Life Church at La Crescenta held a fun-filled vacation Bible School program for neighborhood children ages pre-school through sixth grade. All COVID safety precautions were followed so that everyone could have a safe, and good, time. The high-tech-themed VBS program, called “Press Play,” used music, Bible story time, crafts, missions, games and skits to help the children learn to build confidence in themselves by using God’s love and forgiveness in their future. The children enjoyed a skit about time travel,

invisible cars and how to have confidence in the midst of confusion. The finale of the night was a classic “cream pie in the face” gag that landed in the face of the program leader as the children celebrated raising over \$500 for the charity Compassion International, a non-profit organization whose mission is releasing children from poverty in the name of Jesus and to help children be fully developed and responsible and fulfilled adults. Submitted by Robert THOMAS



Jehovah’s Witnesses Make History a SecondTime

For the second year in a row, Jehovah’s Witnesses have moved their signature annual convention to a streaming platform and will perform thousands of baptisms at private homes, lakes and ponds. The “Powerful by Faith!” convention is translated into over 500 languages in 240 countries worldwide. Baptisms are the highlight of all Jehovah’s Witnesses’ conventions. Typically, baptismal candidates stand in line near a pool, patiently waiting their turn. At the same time, thousands of onlookers view in person or on large video screens. Due to the ongoing concern of COVID-19, this year’s baptisms will be conducted mostly at private homes and, in nearly all cases, performed

at the family level. This rare intimate setting allows families to enjoy this special occasion safely and comfortably on the weekend of July 24-25. “It feels great because my dad got to baptize me and no one else was put at risk,” said 13-year-old Devin Hill in reference to COVID-19. “I’m excited that I got to get baptized finally.” Devin was safely baptized in his backyard swimming pool by his father on Aug. 2, 2020. For those who participated in this momentous event, it was a public expression of their close relationship with God. Baptism is the most important and personal decision in any Christian’s life. It is a lifelong vow to worship God. Fifteen-year-old Sophia Huitron, who was diagnosed

with a rare congenital heart defect at the age of 1, did not allow the pandemic last year to prevent her from taking this important step in her life. “The pandemic didn’t discourage me,” Sophia, who was baptized by her father, said. “One of my spiritual goals was to be baptized. I wanted to show Jehovah that I loved him and didn’t want the pandemic to affect my decision.” Her father baptized her safely in their backyard swimming pool on Aug. 1, 2020. Out of love for their communities and respect for secular authorities, the 2021 “Powerful by Faith!” program was divided into a six-part streaming convention series so that Witnesses and their guests could enjoy the program safely at home. Baptisms will take place during the third session following the encouraging talk, “Exercising Faith Means Everlasting Life.” “Our worship is centered on our mutual love for our God and for each other,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah’s Witnesses. “This year’s convention program underscores the unity of our international family and the joy that people can have against a backdrop of stress and despair.” All are invited to attend the event by going to jw.org, downloading the JW Library app for iOS and Android, or accessing JW Broadcasting from streaming platforms like ROKU TV, Apple TV and others. The program, usually held

Friday through Sunday, will be available in six installments corresponding to morning and afternoon sessions – uniting some 15-20 million people in 240 countries. Sessions were available for streaming or download beginning June 28. The final weekend of this virtual event is scheduled for the weekend of August 21-22. Each year, many who are not Jehovah’s Witnesses attend these annual conventions. There are more than 8.6 million active Witnesses worldwide, yet the peak attendance during the 2020 conventions was over 14 million. With the program available online in over 500 languages, this year’s program may be the most attended convention of Jehovah’s Witnesses to date.

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watching good people living less than what God desires for them, making less than ideal decisions for themselves and for their families. On the same token, genuine love does not need to remain silent because love speaks truth and wisdom with grace and gentleness. Love always wants what is best for the other, for the sake of the other. Following Jesus is a long obedience in the same direction, a faithful pursuit over the long haul. The same applies to our desire for our children, grandchildren and our loved ones – praying for them, giving them faithful nudges, fostering bridge-building conversations, and helping them see God through tiny little redemptive moments. I commend you for investing in the spiritual lives of your grandchildren! I have met so many faithful individuals who have found Christ through the faithful guidance of their grandparents. Your role as grandparents is so pivotal in their lives – and will serve as an anchor for years to come. I would also encourage you to prayerfully consider beginning the “uneasy” conversation about faith and family with your daughter and possibly with your son-in-law. That’s right, I said “son-in-love” and not “son-in-law” because it’s by the displaying of your love for the Lord and your love for him that any walls of defensiveness would come down prior to entering into difficult conversations. It will take courage, wisdom and lots of prayer – but that’s what love does, doesn’t it? Love cannot remain silent – it speaks truth when necessary. Remember, the journey of faith is long, full of tiny little acts of faithfulness, loving others in spite of their decisions, seizing those divinely orchestrated little windows of opportunity to help redirect them toward Jesus! I’ll be praying that you find the courage and wisdom to speaking honestly and openly with your daughter and son-in-law about the spiritual

direction of their children. Who knows? It might even ignite a spark that might encourage your daughter and son-in-law to reevaluate their own spiritual direction. The most important thing in life is not what we do, but who we become. So both of your roles as grandparents are so much greater than you might imagine – you are helping shape “the becoming” of your children and grandchildren, and that is never a task for the fainthearted. But be confident knowing that God never calls us to a task without equipping us with His peace, presence and provision! And the fruits of our labor are never microwaved; they take time, patience and intentionality – with lots of prayer! My best,



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com June 19, 2021 - July 25, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19
You're dancing to an exciting tune, and your well-being looks dramatically improved. Express your feelings. This will help you stay in great form and give you the inner strength to keep infections at bay. Stick with your goal of finding the best way to stay fit. It will pay dividends later. If you've lapsed, restart and don't look back.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20
You're changing from the inside out. That's why it's so important to give your body a regular routine to stay grounded and centered. Don't worry if you feel more tired than usual. This may be something that you have to move through and incorporate. Rest when you need to and enjoy life when you can. Your social life is buzzing. Be good to yourself!

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20
You'll be detoxing naturally on one level or another. It might be a good idea to help the process along by leaving out fatty or sugary foods, drinking more water, and eating more fresh fruits and vegetables. Slow down and try to cut out unnecessary tasks. Focus on the essentials. If you feel under the weather, rest and take things a little easier.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22
Health matters look good now. You may feel on top of the world and ready for anything, but don't overdo it and tip the balance. Many of your health issues are about keeping your body and inner rhythms in balance. Don't feast and then go on a strict diet. Keep your meals moderate and nourishing. It's important not to burn out. Know when to rest!

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22
Health issues lie in your body and deep in the recesses of your subconscious. You'll do best if you make daily forays into your inner self. What you're looking for is a doorway that takes you into your processes without the interference of mental noise. Explore any image or fantasy that comes to you. You can learn to follow the energy behind physical symptoms. They have surprising things to tell you.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
You're being encouraged to listen to your body and take note of what it's trying to tell you. Don't ignore signals of hunger, pain, or fatigue. Ignoring them can work for a short time, but to what end? There needs to be a harmonious integration so you can learn to pinpoint areas of tension and efficiently release them. Listen to your body's natural wisdom!

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
You should be feeling good. You get a chance to develop a strategy to keep your energy level high, but your pessimism may interfere. You can't be bothered at times. Get ready to motivate yourself and get really fit. If you want to achieve good results, you need to alter your mindset and think about the pleasure of feeling really well.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
There isn't too much to worry about. In fact, don't worry at all. Your mind is going to have a significant effect on your body. You may experience highs and lows as far as your overall energy and well-being are concerned. As you're very much aware of your health, this is the perfect time to come up with a few new health goals.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
You may not be eager to try more conventional approaches to health and well-being. You find alternative methods more appealing because they work on holistic and inclusive levels. You may try one of these treatments and find that it really does have something to offer you. You're ready to experiment and discover what works for you.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Your energy level is high, especially when you're passionate about your activities. You can expect some frustration to cause tension or increase your blood pressure now. Your health has everything to do with your state of mind, so it helps not to get mad. If you're going out, let your hair down a bit. It will help you relax.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
An emphasis on your financial zone may coincide with a renewed interest in spending money on your health. You know your weaknesses and strengths, and you want to improve the balance and harmony of your body. It looks as though you're going to discover some fascinating ideas. Choose the ones that resonate most strongly with you.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
Do what you love and enjoy the feelings that result. Your health is associated with your nervous system, ability to breathe deeply, and peace of mind. You may notice that your energy levels fluctuate wildly over the coming days. You could be prone to tension. Take it easy and look after your body.

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ART IN TIMES OF WAR

She Loves Collective, an alliance of female artists who share a strong belief in the power of creating social change through art, present a recap of MY RELIC (three pop-up exhibits displayed in downtown Glendale in the spring) and HER RELIC (an immersive installation currently on display through Aug. 15 at ReflectSpace Gallery located inside the Glendale Central Library). Both exhibits came together in the wake of unprovoked aggressions and destruction waged by Azerbaijan and its closest ally, Turkey, against the Armenian enclave of Artsakh and the Armenian people. In a time of unrest and uncertainty, with the majority of the collective members identifying as Armenian, the female "artists" channeled their trauma, pain and anger through their art.

This event will be broadcast live from the ReflectSpace at Glendale Central Library.

This event is on Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. It is free to attend but RSVP is necessary. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ysrjr6mc>.

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM IS OPEN

At long last, permission to reopen Bolton Hall Museum to visitors has been granted by Los Angeles Recreations and Parks Dept.

Bolton Hall Museum is now open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. and will observe all safety guidelines specified by the LA County Dept. of Public Health as we go along into the weeks and months ahead.

As determinations are made regarding scheduling of future programs and

events, the information will be available on our website: <http://boltonhall.org/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/boltonhallmuseum/>

MOTOR CLASSIC BENEFITS CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Cancer Support Community Pasadena (CSCP) will once again be a beneficiary of proceeds from the San Marino Motor Classic's upcoming Symphony of Cars Gala on Aug. 21.

This year's motor classic has a weekend full of unique events, including an automotive art exhibit and sale, a gala and an exhibit of auto-themed watches, as well as the outstanding automotive exhibit and contest.

For tickets and more info about the San Marino Motor Classic, visit www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com.

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MAKING MUSIC THE SUZUKI WAY

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its "Making Music the Suzuki Way - Every Child Can Learn!" parent information night on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in Encino. All adults are invited to attend. For more information and the exact address

and to RSVP, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org.

The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

The Suzuki Method is renowned for helping children develop musically, especially from a young age, and SMPLA offers music education in violin and guitar. Early musical education significantly enhances a child's brain development, motor coordination and speech, and also increases a child's level of discipline, awareness, and character.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

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

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

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

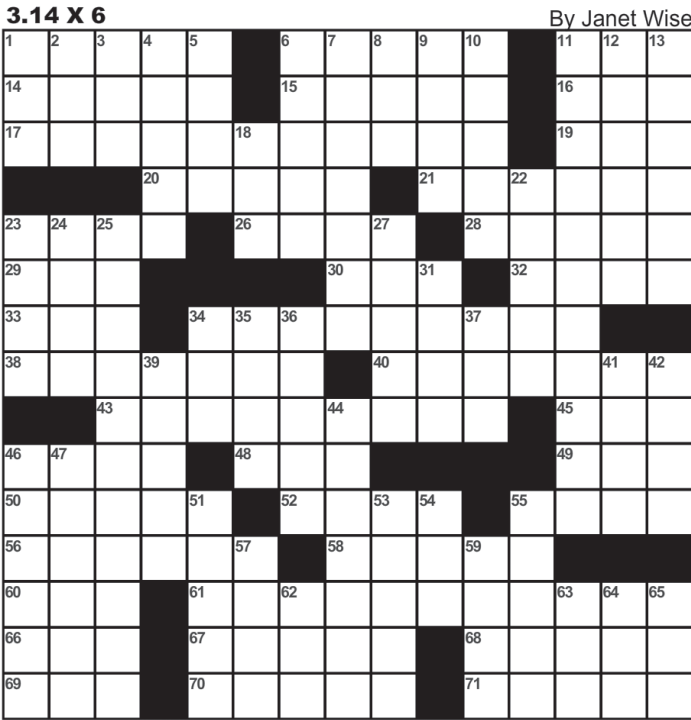
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ACROSS

- 1) Bamboo-eater
- 6) Close call
- 11) Faux ____
- 14) Words following "bend" or "lend"
- 15) Ankle bone
- 16) Tiny terror
- 17) Some glands
- 19) IRS hiree
- 20) Television innovator John
- 21) Engaged in a diatribe
- 23) Weightlifting units
- 26) Need for a new arrival
- 28) "____ welcome!"
- 29) Midafternoon, on a sundial
- 30) Gallery contents
- 32) Bauxite and others
- 33) Dungeons & Dragons monster
- 34) Type of mathematical function
- 38) Meteorite remains
- 40) Slightly tart apple
- 43) Empty shells in the kitchen
- 45) It follows status?
- 46) Fitted with footwear
- 48) Masculine pronoun
- 49) Vessel with a spigot
- 50) Drug-yielding plants
- 52) Difficult to grasp
- 55) Be atop the standings
- 56) Girl's short sock
- 58) A bit eccentric
- 60) Shad-to-be?
- 61) A sorry state
- 66) Increasingly rare PC part
- 67) Bind, as a fowl
- 68) Recycled metal
- 69) Superman's letter
- 70) Taste or smell
- 71) Fraternity letter



DOWN

- 1) Fare for the toothless
- 2) Young Darth Vader's nickname
- 3) Butterfly catcher
- 4) Paints roughly
- 5) Opera highlight
- 6) Drummer Ringo
- 7) Kind of arrest
- 8) Great heavyweight
- 9) Remorseful one
- 10) Certain homework assignment
- 11) Visually attractive
- 12) Unit of electric current
- 13) Bidding card game
- 18) Tiny spasm
- 22) Wild West loop
- 23) Quite a card
- 24) Michael Collins' land
- 25) Some thieves
- 27) Concocts
- 31) Pain in the neck
- 34) Little Jack Horner's dessert
- 35) Seven-year affliction
- 36) Like campfire stories
- 37) The newly-elected
- 39) Kind of basin or wave
- 41) Invisible atmosphere
- 42) Home for some lilies
- 44) Not worth keeping
- 46) Rare
- 47) A-student's classification
- 51) Clan units
- 53) Set free
- 54) "This One's For ____"
- 55) Type of mob
- 57) Michelin product
- 59) Wordless summons
- 62) 252-gallon barrel
- 63) Palindromic preposition
- 64) Took a chair
- 65) Health-and-beauty center

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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: ARMAN GRIGORIAN, Case number 21GDCP00289, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 Glendale Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner ARMAN GRIGORIAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: ARMAN GRIGORIAN to Proposed Name: ARMAN GRIGORYAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: JANUARY 5, 2022 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: D b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021.

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shot at this time,” the federal agencies said. “We continue to review any new data as it becomes available and will keep the public informed. We are prepared for booster doses if and when the science demonstrates that they are needed.”
Dr. Don Diamond, PhD, is an expert on immunology who is developing a new COVID vaccine for City of Hope in Los Angeles. His vaccine, which is currently being considered for approval by the FDA, aims to help protect immuno-compromised patients and others who may not be eligible for the current vaccines.
“At some point, we’re all going to need a booster; that’s just common sense based on what we know about

sub-unit vaccines and childhood vaccinations,” he said in response to a future need for booster shots. “Nobody knows the exact descent of immunity, but we know it is descending; there are people who are becoming infected even though they’ve had the vaccine and it’s becoming more frequent.”
While boosters remain on the horizon for now, data on hospitalizations and deaths since the vaccine rollout points to a combination of vaccine hesitancy and the rise of the much more contagious and transmissible Delta variant of COVID as the primary culprits pushing infections, hospitalizations and deaths upward. According to

the CDC, 1,063 people in the U.S. have died due to COVID after being fully vaccinated. While that may seem like a large number, it is an extremely small percentage of the more than 159 million people who have been vaccinated thus far in the United States, and less than .5% of the more than 214,000 Americans who have died of COVID since the vaccine became available in the U.S.
“The problem is not that there aren’t vaccines, but that people won’t take them,” said Diamond. “If you’re unvaccinated, you’re at terrible risk. The Delta variant is calculated to be about 225% more transmissible than the original Wuhan strain ... People don’t realize how vicious this

Delta variant is compared to prior variants.”
Data from the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health shows that 62% of eligible Los Angeles residents are fully vaccinated, with an additional 8% having received one dose of a two-dose regimen. Unfortunately, that means that more than 2.5 million eligible Angelenos have yet to receive even a single dose. Add to that the nearly 2 million Angelenos who are ineligible to receive the vaccine due to age or preexisting health conditions and that leaves more than four million unvaccinated people, just in Los Angeles County. Even in local communities, only about 75% of La

Crescenta, La Cañada, and Altadena and less than 60% of Glendale, Sunland and Tujunga residents have received even a single dose of the vaccine.
Dr. Diamond said that even people who are vaccinated can help keep communities safe by avoiding large gatherings, gathering outside whenever possible, and wearing a mask when inside.
“Large gatherings don’t need to happen right now,” he said. “Stay outside where the likelihood of becoming infected or transmitting the disease yourself is significantly lower. If you are inside, wear a mask because Delta is more transmissible and more deadly.”

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which makes it even more important that residents know who lives next door.

“You may not know your neighbor is a doctor or another neighbor is elderly and will need help, or another neighbor has small children,” Nersesyan said.

NNO highlights the neighborhood watch program and how it can benefit a community. It is also a way to introduce police officers and firefighters to the community. It is a way for residents to share concerns regarding police and fire protocols,

as well as finding ways all entities can work together.

There are several neighborhoods that have already registered to host a NNO event. These include the 3000 block of Sycamore Avenue, 3000 block of Sierra Vista Avenue, Vickers and Sparr Boulevard, 1500

block of Sheridan Road, 2000 block of Buckingham Place, 2500 block of East Glenmore Boulevard, Moreno Drive and Royal Boulevard, 1300 block of North Isabel Street, 100 block of North Louise Street, 500 block of East Maple Street, 1200 block of Cottage Grove, 501 South

Pacific Avenue, 300 block of East Randolph Street, 1600 block of West Mountain Street, 1300 block of Idlewood Road and 400 block of Davis Avenue.

To find out more about NNO in Glendale, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ptxkn7pv>.

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toughness and ability to run, though, both coaches describe Barnett as a role model for her teammates and a great representation of young people today.

“She is a really caring person, she spends a lot of her free time volunteering at the Dream Center in downtown LA,” said Rob. “She

gets straight As and competes at the highest level, yet when I asked her what she was going to do now that training was done for the season, her first response was her desire to run groups at the center. She wants to be a part of something bigger.”

Mark echoed this sentiment but added that her greatest asset is

her can-do attitude,

“Mia has so many outside activities that she does to contribute to society and she is always looking to do – do better, improve just a little bit,” he said. “She practiced and trained the same way and always came in with an attitude of ‘I’m going to get better every day, I’m just

going to get a little bit better.’ It was down to earth and very hard working.”

When asked what they wanted CV Weekly readers to know about Barnett and her legacy, Rob said it best.

“I want people to know that in our small town we have the best runner in California and one of

the best in the country,” said Rob, “but despite all this [acclaim] she is a great teammate who has tremendous class and humility. She cares about her team and her school and is going to do great things in the future both on and off the track.”

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Mozart Orchestra, Riverside Symphony and more. Currently, she is principal oboe of Opera Santa Barbara, Orchestra Santa Monica, Downey Symphony, and Asia America Orchestra, and solo English horn with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. She has enjoyed playing on films, commercials and television shows. She has been a promoter of chamber music and new music in Los Angeles.

In 2011, she won the Consortium of Southern California Chamber Music Presenter’s with a chamber music trio for oboe, viola and piano. Del Russo is the founding member of Lobo Ensemble, a chamber music group, with oboe, violin and cello, for which she performs recitals regularly. Del Russo is professor of oboe at Westmont College and Occidental College.

Mark Robson has been lauded by the Los Angeles Times on numerous occasions, singled out as a pianist with “one of the great techniques” and “an inquiring mind.” His career has included performance as a keyboard soloist, chamber artist, composer, conductor and vocal coach. He was a regular member of the music staff of the Los Angeles Opera from 1991 to 2013 as an assistant conductor and has worked as a musical assistant at the Salzburg and Spoleto (Italy) festivals. Robson has been on the faculties of USC, Cal State Fullerton, Chapman University and Cal Arts in the capacity of vocal coach and piano teacher. His music has been performed widely, including orchestral works premiered by the Brentwood-Westwood Symphony Orchestra and the Idyllwild Orchestra. Soprano Patricia Prunty has recorded his song cycle “A Child of Air,” which has been performed at the winter Ravinia Festival.

Other compositions include a set of 24 preludes for the left hand, a bassoon trio and “Dances and Dirges” for piano, clarinet and cello.

Robson’s teachers have included Lydia Frumkin, Yvonne Loriod, Alain Motard, John Perry and James Bonn. Two of his large-scale music projects have been the performance of the complete Beethoven sonatas and multiple performances of Messiaen’s great piano cycle “Vingt Regards sur l’Enfant-Jésus.” He can also be heard on occasion in the ensembles the LA Chamber Orchestra and LA Philharmonic.

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only five months out from winning the PAC-12 Championship and Golfer of the Year honors.

As if his humble and humorous commentary at the 18th hole of The Royal St George’s Golf

Club weren’t enough, Morikawa proved his likability once again just 24 hours later as he was spotted disembarking from a commercial flight at the Atlanta International Airport carrying the silver Claret Jug trophy

with him and beaming just as brightly as he had the day before.

Fans can cheer on Morikawa as he seeks his next prize, a gold medal, at the Tokyo Olympics later this month.

Morikawa has never played in the Olympics before and, for the sake of the U.S. Olympics team, let’s hope that his “beginners’ luck” continues straight to the podium.

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