



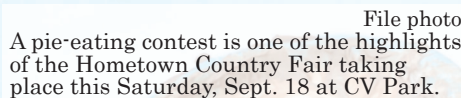
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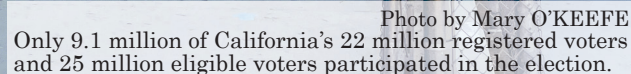


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There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.


This meeting will be by Teleconference Only

Any CVWD customer or property owner within the CVWD water or wastewater service area may file a written protest of the proposed rate changes by sending a letter or dropping off a letter to: CVWD’s main office, 2700 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta, CA 91214. Please make sure to sign your protest letter.

For your convenience, there is a protest form available at www.cvwd.com Please read all of the information on how to submit your form.

As a public agency, the District cannot earn a profit from the services it provides. The District must charge no more than the actual costs associated with providing services to its customers.

To get detailed information including how to submit a protest letter or to use the online bill calculator, go to www.CVWD.com



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Something to Look Forward

The fair takes place at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To see a complete schedule of the day’s planned events, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.


This week was the recall election of Gov. Gavin Newsom. While the governor has held firmly onto his seat I do hope that he will not ignore that a sufficient number of people were angry enough to organize the recall. Claims that he has an elitist attitude should not be dismissed, either.

I am bothered, too, by claims that a “Trumpist Republican” was the only viable option on the ticket. As a voter, I saw plenty of other choices though, let’s face it, candidate Larry Elder far exceeded them in the number of votes garnered and many of his views mirror that of our former President.

There is little argument that California, the state where I was born and raised, can be better but exactly how is in question. I hope the governor and our elected officials have the wisdom to guide us to being that better state.

Robin Goldsworthy is the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She can be reached at robin@cvweekly.com or (818) 248-2740.

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Weather in the Foothills

“Dawn and dusk are mutual friends of the sun; one opens the door for him to a brand new day and the other one has to shut it to embrace the darkness of night.”
~ Author Munia Khan

It’s that that time of year ... The sun is setting earlier and darkness falls shortly after 7 p.m. There’s a name given to the brief time in-between ... twilight. Twilight is an Old English word that literally means half-light (between day and night). It’s a magical time when soft glowing watercolors light the sky as the sun sinks below the horizon. Following the heat of a summer day, it marks a time of cooling and beauty.

Summer evenings are maybe my favorite time of year. Sorry, Santa...

As with most earthly happenings there’s a scientific explanation. Why does it remain so light after the sun has set? Simply, it’s all due to the sun’s angle. The light remaining in the sky after the sun has set is called twilight. But do you know there are several types of twilight? They are civil, nautical and astronomical twilight.

Astronomers define the three stages of twilight based on how far the sun is below the horizon. Civil twilight, the brightest of the three stages, is when the sun has just set. In astronomical twilight, the sky is completely dark and the stars and planets are visible. The “not quite dark” is called nautical twilight.

The length of twilight depends on the latitude. The lower latitudes, those close to equator, have a shorter twilight than at the higher latitudes closer to the pole. For example, in Brazil darkness falls almost instantly after sunset. In the most northern parts of Canada, the sun never sets entirely: twilight can last 24 hours in the summer months.

A few days ahead of schedule, autumn weather arrives. There’s a bit of discrepancy among the NWS forecasters in Oxnard. What I gather is cooler and cloudier conditions are the more-than-likely forecast. Depending on the marine influence and strength and movement of an overhead area of low pressure, there’s a possibility of drizzle.

As with the dwindling daylight hours, the weather tells of season’s change.

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

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

CVTC GENERAL MEETING

The monthly general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. In addition to updates from various community organizations, LA County Public Works will make a presentation on proposed bulb-outs in the community.

To join the meeting, dial (877) 853-5257; meeting ID is 956 9812 8070 and the password is 750226.

11TH ANNUAL Y BIKE-A-THON

During the Crescenta Valley Hometown Country Fair on Saturday, Sept. 18, the YMCA is hosting its annual bike-a-thon. It will be held on indoor Schwinn cycles from 9 a.m. to noon and offer a 20-minute stretch after the ride.

Participants can ask friends and family members to sponsor them for this fundraiser. Ride outdoors with friends and fellow YMCA members to help support the Y's fund for camp, program and membership scholarships.

The rider with the most money raised will win a three-month complimentary membership. The YMCA of the Foothills is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Donation to participate is \$250 per stationary bike. To sign up, email rosanne@ymcafoothills.org.

Crescenta Valley Hometown Country Fair is taking place at CV Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

PORTANTINO SECURES ADDITIONAL MUSEUM FUNDING

Senator Anthony J. Portantino announced this week that his request for \$1.8 million for the Armenian American Museum was approved by the legislature. The highly anticipated landmark, which commenced construction in July, is set to be the first cultural center of its kind in California.

Earlier this year, over 1,000 guests attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Museum marking the beginning of construction. Senator Portantino provided remarks during the event.

An initial \$1 million grant for the project was approved as part of the 2016-17 state budget. In his first term, Portantino successfully secured \$3 million for the museum, which was approved in the 2017-18 budget. The additional funds in this year's budget bring the total state investment in the Museum to \$9.8 million.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Sept. 19. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource. The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES ANNIE BRUNDIGE

Girl Scout Annie Brundige will be speaking at the Monday, Sept. 20 meeting of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley. She will make a presentation on the history and contributions of Girl Scouts in the Crescenta Valley.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. (at the corner of Santa Carlotta Avenue). It is free to attend.

CVCA MEETING

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23 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.

New Farmers Market in Glendale: Artsakh Gardens

By Lori BODNAR

A new farmers market is available locally. Located in the heart of Glendale, a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Artsakh Gardens Farmers Market was held on Sunday, Sept. 12. The occasion was celebrated with live music, distinguished guest speakers and even a beer garden. Local Armenian musician Yeva Music provided live entertainment at the farmers market, singing in both English and Armenian.

Hundreds of patrons supported the new farmers market and enjoyed bread, charcuterie boards, carrot cake, sweets, coffee, pastries, organic fruit, quail eggs and honey. Shoppers could also find unique goods and handmade arts and crafts items such as candles, soap, clothing, scarves, organic flowers, jewelry, art, and health and beauty products, among others.

The farmers market will be held for three months weekly on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Glendale Central Library at 222 E. Harvard St. in Glendale.

Artsakh Gardens is a philanthropic-based farmers market with vendors who aspire to create a sustainable future for Armenia. The two organizations that are supported by the farmers market are Aid Beyond Borders (<https://www.aidbeyondborders.org/>) and Eternal Nation (<https://eternalnation.com/>).

Dr. Armen Hagopianian from Eternal Nation attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening. Hagopianian works directly with wounded Armenian soldiers and civilians injured in the recent war. On grand opening day, over \$1,000 in proceeds from the beer garden were donated to Eternal Nation.

Thirty small business vendors were at the grand opening, and six more vendors are expected to join the market next week. The youngest vendor is 16 years old and sells homemade carrot cakes.

An unexpectedly large turnout at the farmers market resulted in many of the food and other items selling out. But for those looking to venture to Glendale, don't worry: vendors plan to restock.

Hilda Avanesian and Lilit Barsegyan organized the Artsakh Gardens Farmers Market. They came up with the idea 10 months ago during the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh war between Azerbaijan and Artsakh.

Avanesian and Barsegyan wanted to support businesses that donated to charities that help Armenia. They found themselves traveling all over town to support small business owners selling supplies and donating to the Armenian cause. In creating the farmers market, these vendors are in one place. Shoppers can support small local businesses that give back a portion of their proceeds to help those impacted by the Armenian conflict.

"Our vision is to create an opportunity for local artisans and small business owners to support the people of Artsakh by donating a percentage of their sales to help wounded soldiers and displaced families while allowing the local community to shop for a cause and participate in this benevolent endeavor," Avanesian said. "The Artsakh Gardens Farmers Market provides recognition to Armenian culture and brings people from all over California plus brings attention to Glendale city and businesses."

see FARMERS MARKET on page 8



Photo courtesy of Liana GRIGORYAN

ABOVE: Organizers Lilit Barsegyan (left) and Hilda Avanesian.

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BELOW: The youngest vendor, who sells carrot cake, is just 16 years old.



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Bill of Rights for Those Fighting Cancer

By Mary O'KEEFE

Treating cancer is different. That statement is the foundation of what powered the recent passage of the Cancer Patient Bill of Rights, a resolution that was adopted by both the California State Senate and Assembly.

The Cancer Bill of Rights adopted in California is the first resolution in the nation that highlights six rights that every California cancer patient should have from first diagnosis onward.

“Doctors witness when patients don’t receive optimal care,” said Dr. Harlan Levine, president of strategy and business ventures at City of Hope.

The Bill of Rights states:

- Cancer patients have a right to understand fully their diagnoses and be informed about treatment options in culturally appropriate and understandable languages.
- Cancer patients have a right to transparent and timely processes that ensure access to contracting oncology specialists, diagnostic testing and accurate interpretations of those tests.
- Cancer patients have a right to contracting cancer subspecialists who have expertise in the treatment of their subtypes of cancers when complex decisions are needed.
- Cancer patients have a right to medical treatments for pain management and other services that support their overall health.
- Cancer patients have a right to contracting National Cancer Institute-designated

comprehensive cancer centers and leading academic medical centers for the management of complex cancers that require multiple experts or high-risk or emerging therapies.

- Cancer patients have a right to relevant clinical trials, medical research and cutting-edge innovation, including evidence-supported precision medicine.

Cancer is Different is a coalition led by City of Hope and includes partners California Chronic Care Coalition, American Cancer

lack of insurance.

“The goal of this resolution is to make a statement of what we stand for as a society,” he added. “The focus is on the patient and the family [and] anything that helps patients get to the right level of care.”

The resolution was the result of years of taking care of patients with cancer.

“We have heard from countless patients of how hard their cancer journey is,” Levine said.

Levine said he cannot do justice to the number of stories he has heard on a regular basis about the challenges faced by those coping with cancer; however, hearing those stories of people not getting the treatment needed or not being told what their planned treatment will be is something that had to change and what sparked the creation of the Cancer is Different coalition.

The resolution also gives patients the right to gain access to clinical trials, which often are not even mentioned to patients.

“The Cancer Patients Bill of Rights is a statement of values in regard to cancer patients and treatment,”

stated State Senator Anthony Portantino. “With significant advancements in cancer treatment, it was important for [me] to go on record in support of patient rights and to increase awareness about available information. Increasing communication and transparency will lead to greater care.”

“We want to reimagine the cancer care experience,” Levine said. “Patients with cancer have enough to worry about.”



Society, Cancer Action Network and International Myeloma Foundation. All worked to get this bill of rights adopted including numerous members in the state Senate and Assembly.

“The bill of rights starts with the diagnosis,” Levine said. “I would say there are groups of the population that [were] left behind by the current systems.”

Some patients are treated differently from others depending on where they get medical help, their insurance plan and/or their

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CRIME BLOTTER

Sept. 7

3200 block of Big Tujunga Canyon Road in Angeles National Forest, a man reported that he left his trash-hauling trailer parked on a dirt lot at the location across the street from his residence. He secured the dirt lot with a metal gate and locked it with a padlock. The resident wife drove past the gate later and notice the gate was open and the trailer was gone. The theft occurred overnight.

Oak Grove Drive and Berkshire Place in La Cañada Flintridge, a deputy reported that while parked at the location s/he observed two vehicles traveling eastbound on Oak Grove Drive passing Berkshire Place, rapidly accelerating, screeching their tires and maintaining positions side-by-side in the number one and two lanes. It appeared the vehicles were engaged in a “speed contest on a public highway.” The deputy was able to stop the lead vehicle and contacted the driver,

the only occupant of the vehicle. It was discovered the driver did not have, nor had he ever been issued, a driver’s license. The vehicle did not have a mounted front license plate. He allegedly told the deputy he was not racing and would not say anything until he spoke to his lawyer.

The driver was arrested and his vehicle was impounded at 5:23 p.m.

Sept. 3
3400 block of Big Tujunga Canyon Road in Angeles National Forest (ANF), a man reported he began receiving harassing and threatening phone calls to his business line from an unknown person, apparently an adult male. The male refused to identify himself but apparently did not like events the victim was hosting. The caller also said he was associated with the forestry and smelled fire and was calling sheriffs. Deputies came to the location and asked the victim to put out two

campfires he had on his property due to of ANF fire restrictions. The threatening calls from the unknown male continued, which were allowed to go to voicemail and were then recorded. At one point, a statement included that he was going to “start shooting people.” The messages also had other threatening, random statements.

The deputies listened to the recordings and identified the person due to having prior interactions with him. They attempted to make contact but were unsuccessful.

The calls and threats occurred overnight.

Aug. 31
4300 block of Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, a woman reported a domestic violence act against her and her child by her husband. The woman was treated by LA County Fire at the scene for injuries.

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Obituary
Susan (Pehar) McGowan



Dec. 28, 1962 – Aug. 12, 2021

Susan (Pehar) McGowan passed away on Aug. 12 in Scottsdale, Arizona following a brief but courageous battle with cancer. She was 59. A celebration of Susan's life, with family and friends, took place in Scottsdale on Sept. 4. Susan was born in Glendale on Dec. 28, 1962 to parents Frances and Stephen Pehar. Susan grew up in La Crescenta attending La Crescenta Elementary and Rosemont Junior HS, and graduated from Crescenta Valley High School in 1980. She moved to

San Diego to begin her longtime career in the insurance surety bond industry. Living in San Diego, she met her future husband, Michael B. McGowan. Sue and Mike were married in 1986 and moved to Mike's hometown in Marin County where they eventually started their own surety bonding company, M.B. McGowan & Associates. Together they ran the successful business with Mike as president and Susan as CFO, all while raising their two children Michael and Stephen. Susan for many years was part of

the Marin Show Case Home events raising money for OKIZU, supporting families with childhood cancer. Susan and Mike sold their company in 2019 and split their time between their Novato and Scottsdale homes. The plan was to eventually retire full-time in Hidden Hills in Scottsdale in 2023. Susan was looking forward to becoming a grandmother at the end of this year. Susan was preceded in death by her husband Michael B. McGowan (Dec. 4, 2019), her mother Frances

(2011) and father Stephen Pehar (2015). Susan is survived by her two sons Michael McGowan (Sarah) and Stephen McGowan (Hunter); sister Laurie (Pehar) Borsh (Mike), brother John Pehar (Christine), and five nephews and three nieces. For those who wish to donate to a charitable organization in the memory of Susan McGowan, Michael and Stephen wish that donations be sent to the American Cancer Society and/or Faith Hospice, 426 N. 44th St. Suite 405, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

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Obituary
Mary Terese Bogust



Feb. 4, 1930 – Aug. 29, 2021

Mary Terese Bogust (or Mean Old Mary-M.O.M. to those who love her) was born Feb. 4, 1930 to Francis and Elizabeth Bechely in Los Angeles. She was the youngest of four children: Francis, Joseph and Ellen. Mary was driven and tireless but never let those pursuits get in the way of having a laugh or finding the joy and beauty in life.

She was unsuspectingly funny, unpretentious and intolerant of those who were, selfless and dismissive of the selfish, energetic, fearless, smart and understanding. She loved to travel, cook, read and garden – although she claimed she was born with a “brown thumb.” She had a magnificent memory – the kind that could recite dozens of simultaneous school and sports schedules but also that could recall in her 90s the name of that girl you dated in seventh grade “with straw for brains.” It was all in good fun.

She was a natural nurturer, looking after not only her larger family but also feeding, consoling and cleaning up after a neighborhood of kids ... and stealing their pets if they were not given the proper attention.

Mary was the rare combination of wholesome and irrepressible. Her free spirit first shined through when, at the tender age of 4, she was cajoled by her older siblings into throwing a rock at a police car, breaking its window. A devout Catholic, she pursued the cop car, admitted her crime and offered the rock to the officer.

She often shared that her mother was one of 10 children. Mary, herself, grew up next door to an obscenely large family of nine children so, after years of enduring that mayhem, she decided she too would have a large family. She only needed to find the right gentleman to build it with.

She graduated from John Marshall High School and then enrolled at LA State (now Cal State LA) and began working on her degree in education, following after her mother who was also a teacher. There she met Henry J.

“Bud” Bogust, the love of her life, in the fall of 1951 at a fraternity and sorority mixer. The two were married a year later on Nov. 27, 1952. Mary earned her teaching credential and began teaching in the Whittier School District, supporting Bud while he attended Loyola Law School.

When Bud finished law school, Loyola Law awarded her one of her most valued accomplishments – a PHT – Putting Hubby Through. Our dad usually leaned in to give her a kiss every time she brought up her PHT, which was a couple of times a year over the next 67 years.

In those 67 years, we never witnessed one argument. They supported each other devoutly. Despite her mastery of the institution, she never offered marriage advice. However, under duress, she reluctantly issued one piece of typically disarming guidance: “Learn when to keep your mouth shut.” Most of us haven’t.

Together Bud and Mary raised 14 children – three girls and 11 boys, all in a 20-year span with no twins and two sets of “Irish twins.” She valued education immensely, committing to her children that she would send them to any school that they got into – and she did. Despite having a small army to take care of Mary was the head of multiple PTAs, served as countless class moms and dozens of team moms. She substitute taught for months at a time at the kids’ schools – she planned and led field trips, bake sales, school carnivals, school auctions and jog-a-thons.

Likely exploiting a gap in the time-space continuum, she managed to make breakfast, lunch and dinner, shopped for the family, ran errands for Bud and the kids, drove the kids to and from school, attended multiple sporting events, helped with homework, put the kids to bed, cleaned the house and spent time with our dad. At one point, she was driving kids to five different schools. She never stopped and never asked for a pat on the back.

But the food was slop, right? She must have made a lot of casseroles. Fortunately no. She loved to cook and could make hundreds of recipes from memory with enough to feed an army. Friends usually started out unsure of whether they wanted to try chicken fried steak, pineapple upside down cake, egg flour soup or chocolate pie with French meringue, but it was a curse once they did. They were soon coming over conveniently around dinnertime or returning in

the evening for leftovers. What was rarely known by outsiders was the way that mom made every child feel special. She somehow found a moment every few weeks to pull each child aside and spend time with them, asking about their lives, acknowledging their growth, letting them know that they were precious to her, that they were heard and that they had something unique to offer our family and the world. We all individually treasured these talks and knew how much we mattered to our parents and our family – and how blessed we were to have her as our mother.

Bud and Mary had a shared fearlessness. They travelled the world together – taking time away from their adult kids to visit over 100 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. They always returned home thankful for the freedom and prosperity of America and eager to spend time with their family in La Crescenta, where they lived for 62 years.

Mary’s and Bud’s bonds to each other were built on a devotion to their Catholic faith. The have been loyal parishioners of St. James the Less Catholic Church for 62 years while supporting other neighboring parishes in their elder years. When in good health, they never missed a Sunday mass in their 67 years – without internet, they sought out and attended services in the U.S.S.R., China and the jungles of Africa.

As our sister, Torrey, has said, “They were always a two-for-one deal.” Mary has rejoined her greatest love, Bud, in heaven where they can continue to teach us all a lesson in kindness, generosity and love.

Bud and Mary are survived by their children: Chris, Torrey, Greg, Gigi (Bridget), Katey, Matt, Judd, Colby, Britt, Jason and Bart and their respective spouses, and grandchildren: Sam, Pam, Nick, Jack, Matt, Lauren, Makayla, Morgan, Van, Maddie, Josh, Cronin, Keaton and Reeves. She will be joining Bud and their predeceased sons Brad, Josh and Jeff in heaven. Her family and many friends will miss her warmth, sincerity and vivid recollections of family hijinks.

Services will be private for immediate family. In lieu of flowers, donations supporting America’s veterans can be sent to American Legion Post 288 (P.O. Box 223, Montrose, CA 91021).

An interactive online tribute page for Mary can be found online at <http://www.crippenmortuary.com>.

Ride to Remember – 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade

By Lori BODNAR

“Remember-Honor-Respect” is the motto of the Patriot Day Remembrance Motorcade, which honors the fallen first responders and others who lost their lives due to terrorist attacks 20 years ago on Sept. 11, 2001.

This year, the motorcade was held on Friday, Sept. 10 so that local schools could take part in the observance. In addition to 13 schools, the motorcade passed by five fire stations, the CV Sheriff’s Station,

La Crescenta Library, CV Chamber of Commerce, American Legion/Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Hall, the La Crescenta Woman’s Club, the Vietnam Memorial, a hospital, three convalescent homes and several grocery stores before ending at the YMCA.

Over 8,500 students observed the Patriot Day Remembrance Motorcade. Students were outdoors in their class groups, wearing masks. Since 20 years have passed since 9/11, the students did not have their own memories from that day.

The motorcade is an opportunity for them to remember the nation-changing event.

The bells of St. Luke’s of the Mountains Church rang out when the motorcade procession began from the Ralph’s Market parking lot at 8:46 a.m., the time that the first hijacked commercial plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The 50 cars in the motorcade then proceeded along a planned route, with California Highway motorcycle patrol units securing traffic safety. The motorcade included antique cars as well as police, fire, military and search and rescue vehicles.

This was the seventh year that Rick Liss rode in the motorcade, this year with his son Sawyer.

“I participate in the motorcade to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11 and remember how great our country is,” he said.

Lisa Foster has been in the motorcade for three years.

“I participate in the motorcade for the community and to see the kids’ faces,” she said. “I am thankful to Dwight Sityar for arranging the remembrance motorcade.”

One participant shared that 9/11 is his birthday. He said that the motorcade brings together friends and the community, a reunion of people honoring first responders.

Members of the American Legion

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Public Works Presentation Tonight at CV Town Council

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works (DWP) will make a presentation at the CV Town Council meeting tonight, Thursday, Sept. 16 regarding the proposed curb-extensions (also known as bulb-outs or neck-downs) on La Crescenta Avenue. Still in the concept phase (meaning the county is still soliciting public feedback and has not yet finalized the proposal), the bulb-outs were first discussed at a public meeting in May when DWP discussed pavement resurfacing, bikeway improvements, drywell structures and the bulb-outs, which have been proposed along La Crescenta Avenue at Mountain Pine Drive, Orange Avenue and El Caminito. While no members of the public raised concerns or questions at that meeting, growing public opposition has arisen at Crescenta Valley Town Council meetings, leading the council to request a presentation on the topic.

Bulb-outs are raised curb extensions that resemble concrete elephant ears extending into the street and narrowing the travel lane at intersections or midblock locations to reduce pedestrian crossing distance, slow traffic speeds and create protected on-street parking bays. According to the National Association of City Transportation Officials, “Curb extensions visually and physically narrow the roadway, creating safer and shorter crossings for pedestrians while increasing the available space for street furniture, benches, plantings and street trees.” The Sacramento County Dept. of Transportation Neighborhood Traffic Management Program found that bulb-outs achieve a 7% average reduction in speed while reducing pedestrian exposure to vehicles and making through and left-turn movements more easily negotiable for large vehicles such as buses.

Despite these advantages, Sacramento County also found that bulb-outs have the potential to diminish on-street parking availability, slow right-turning emergency vehicles and potentially endanger cyclists who may be required to briefly merge with forward-moving traffic.

Damian Kevitt, executive director of the street safety organization Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE), said that while the decision to install bulb-outs needed to be an intentional decision that aligned with the traffic patterns and design

of each intersection, bulb-outs are generally one of the most effective and cost-efficient ways to increase street safety.

“Bulb-outs are one of the simplest and most effective means of reducing pedestrian and traffic fatalities and have been well received in almost every community they have been installed in,” he said. “When implemented correctly, they increase the visibility of pedestrians and reduce pedestrian interactions with traffic without reducing capacity or causing traffic backups.”

In addition to the bulb-outs, DWP is expected to present information at tonight’s meeting on proposed pavement resurfacing on La Crescenta Avenue, Orange Avenue, Ocean View Boulevard, Montrose Avenue and Mira Vista Avenue; as well as bikeway improvements/ installation on Montrose Avenue, Ocean View, Orange, and La Crescenta; and drywell stormwater capture systems on Prospect and Mira Vista avenues.

Members of the public wishing to view or participate in the meeting can join via Zoom® using the meeting ID 956 9812 8070 and password 750226 or via telephone at (877) 853-5257 using the same login-information. More information and an agenda for the CV Town Council meeting can be found at <https://thecvcouncil.com/>.

Bulb-outs Explained

Bulb-outs extend the curb across the parking lane and into the travel lane, narrowing the travel lane to make pedestrians and traffic signs more visible, reduce pedestrian crossing distances, and reduce traffic speeds.



CVW mascot Indiana Jones watches over a ballot box.

and grateful to the millions and millions of Californians [who] exercised their fundamental right to vote and express themselves so overwhelmingly by rejecting the division, by rejecting the cynicism, rejecting so much of the negativity that's defined our politics in this country over the course of so many years."

Had he been recalled, Larry Elder, the conservative talk radio host, garnered the highest number of votes and would have replaced Newsom. He received the plurality of votes in every county in the state except for San Francisco County, which selected Democratic YouTube celebrity Kevin Paffrath with a 21% plurality. Despite early indications that his campaign might challenge the results of the election, including a campaign website pre-emptively declaring the election to be fraudulent, Elder conceded on Tuesday night and implied that this may not be his last run at the governor's desk.

"I can't think of anything that this man has done in the last two years that suggests he deserves another day in office," Elder said, referring to Newsom. "Let's be gracious in defeat ... We may have lost the battle, but we are going to win the war."

Newsom will serve the remainder of his term until the next gubernatorial election in 2022.

FARMERS MARKET *from page 3*

"Downtown Glendale hasn't had a farmers market for a few years," added Barseganyan. "This farmers market benefits the community by having one place where people can support local businesses and Armenia. The vendors were shocked that they made more money than they anticipated because of the huge turnout and community support."

California Senator Anthony Portantino and City of Glendale Councilman Ardy Kassakhian participated in the ribbon cutting grand opening.

"Even though we have a successful farmers market in Montrose, it is great to have one in downtown Glendale so people near downtown can visit and purchase unique produce and goods while supporting Armenia," said Kassakhian. "The Artsakh Gardens Farmers Market brings foot traffic to the local businesses and invigorates the economy in the surrounding areas. The grand opening was well attended. There were people from all ages and ethnicities and from all walks of life. My son enjoyed the pastries and said that we need to go back for more. There were fresh organic flowers at the market, which was wonderful because last weekend was Grandparents' Day so we bought flowers for them."

Measures were taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at the farmers market. Food was packaged in closed containers. Many people wore masks and face shields. Vendors had hand sanitizer available.

The Artsakh Gardens Farmers Market offers a way for local small businesses to flourish while supporting charities that help the injured and displaced people in Armenia. The market is multicultural and open to vendors and patrons from all walks of life who would like to support Armenia.

Vendors who want to participate in the farmers market can apply by reaching out to organizers Hilda Avanesian at (818) 823-5863 or Lilit Barseganyan at (818) 624-9631 or emailing artsakhgardens@gmail.com. The sponsors of the farmers market included Hye Rollers Motorcycle Club, NASA Waste Management Services and Neptune Production.

GPD Reports

Two Traffic Stops Lead to Two Guns Seized

On Sept. 9 just after 9:30 a.m., an officer assigned to Glendale Police Dept.'s patrol bureau was near the intersection of Colorado Street and Pacific Avenue when they noticed a vehicle travelling with no lights on. The officer conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver, 29-year-old Jovany Conde of Los Angeles. During the contact, the officer saw a firearm receipt in the vehicle. Assisting officers arrived and a search of the vehicle produced a firearm inside of a bag with a loaded magazine in the backseat. Conde was subsequently arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in public. Due to LA County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail order, Conde was released from custody with a notice to appear in court at a later date.

On Sept. 12 just before 2 a.m., an officer on patrol observed a vehicle travelling southbound on Lowell Avenue near Foothill Boulevard that was missing a front license plate and had a dark front window tint. The officer conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Honolulu and Lowell avenues and contacted the driver, 24-year-old Tonik Hakobyan of Glendale. During the contact, the officer learned that Hakobyan's driver's license was suspended.

While searching Hakobyan, a firearm fell out of his waistband. The firearm was found to be unregistered. Hakobyan was subsequently arrested and booked for carrying a loaded firearm in public and for driving with a suspended license.

Due to LA County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail order, Hakobyan was released from custody with a notice to appear in court at a later date.

Male Arrested Three Times within Five Months for Narcotics Sales

On May 26 at approximately 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Orange Grove Avenue regarding a traffic collision where a vehicle had collided into a block wall in an alleyway. Upon arrival, officers located 24-year-old Edvin Babakhanyan of Glendale stumbling near the vehicle holding multiple cellphones. A search of the vehicle revealed two large bags of marijuana, 14 bags containing heroin, 13 bags of methamphetamine, six bags containing several Xanax pills, numerous packets of Suboxone, a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue, a digital scale and a large amount of cash. A search warrant was executed for Babakhanyan's residence where officers located a loaded ghost gun, a bag of ammunition, hundreds of prescription pills and a large amount of cash. Babakhanyan


was arrested and booked for possessing narcotics and controlled substances for sale, transporting narcotics and controlled substances, possessing marijuana for sale, selling marijuana, and for driving under the influence. Due to LA County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail order, Babakhanyan was released early the next morning from custody with a notice to appear in court on a later date.

On Aug. 20 at approximately 8:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Thompson Avenue regarding a vehicle blocking a driveway. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle with the engine running but parked with a male slumped over the steering wheel. The officers contacted the male, identified as Babakhanyan, and discovered cocaine on the center console of the vehicle. A further search revealed large quantities of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin, 61 individually packaged Suboxone films, several prescription pills, a digital scale, a large amount of cash and two cellphones. Babakhanyan was arrested and booked for possessing narcotics for sale and for possessing controlled substances for sale. Due to LA County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail order, after just over an hour after being booked into custody, Babakhanyan was again released from custody with a notice to appear in court on a later date.

On Sept. 1, at approximately 4 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale Police Dept.'s Vice/Narcotics bureau were in a parking lot on the 1600 block of West Glenoaks Boulevard when they observed a male in the driver's seat of a vehicle smoke out of a glass pipe with a bulbous end. The officers approached the male in the vehicle, later identified as 24-year-old Edvin Babakhanyan of Glendale, and in plain view observed two glass pipes with bulbous end containing fentanyl. A subsequent search of the vehicle produced a bag and another container containing fentanyl, a balloon and seven bags containing heroin, four bags containing methamphetamine, a bag containing 61 Oxycodone pills, a pill container with 70 Alprazolam pills inside, one strip of Suboxone, two cellphones, a large amount of cash in various denominations, and other containers of narcotics. Babakhanyan was arrested and booked for possessing narcotics for sale, transporting/selling narcotics, possessing controlled substances, and transporting controlled substances. Due to the repeated offenses, officers were able to submit a request for bail deviation to a judge, who approved the request and a \$30,000 bail hold was obtained.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Who Burned Down The La Cañada Schoolhouse? – Part 2

Fifteen-year-old Lemuel Veilex was in a lot of trouble. If you remember last week, the mysterious arson fire on the evening of March 16, 1893 had burned down the La Cañada schoolhouse. A reward was offered and a young LA transient, O.M. Clement, figured he could either solve the crime or at least pin it on someone and thus pocket the reward. He befriended Lemuel and baited him with made-up stories of criminal adventure. Lemuel, wanting to appear tough, boasted it was he who had burned the schoolhouse, resulting in his arrest.

Fortunately for the Veilex family, their neighbor was Will Gould, an accomplished LA lawyer, who had a ranch in La Cañada (Gould Avenue is named for him). He was hired to defend Lemuel's case in court.

The newspapers had a field day with this juicy story. They initially portrayed the accuser, O.M. Clement, as a "junior detective." The LA Herald gushed: "The young detective, with a brightness which

seemed remarkable in such a boyish fellow, formed a complete net work about the defendant." That portrayal cooled as the trial proceeded and a more complete picture formed of both the accused and the accuser.

The defense started off the trial with the testimony of CV pioneer Theodor Pickens. He was living in a house at the top of what is today the straight portion of Angeles Crest Highway before it climbs into the mountains. He testified that on the evening of the fire he was playing cards with friends. He heard his dogs barking ferociously and about 15 minutes later barking again. In Pickens' reckoning someone had walked past his house toward the schoolhouse, then walked back again toward the mountains. The school burned immediately after that. And this would not have been the route Lemuel Veilex would have taken.

When cross-examined about how he knew his dogs were barking at a person, Pickens replied that he could tell by the "expression" of

their barks. The newspapers loved Pickens' testimony, and the headlines read: "All In Their Bark. How A Man Knew What His Dogs Saw."

This was followed by a string of Valley residents who testified to the goodness of Lemuel. Several surmised the fire was the work of some local Chinese laborers who had disappeared immediately after the fire. Next Lemuel's brother testified that the night of the fire they were together all evening.

Lemuel was brought to the stand and told how he had made up the story of burning down the school simply to appear tough and to impress his new "friend" Clement. He said Clement had offered adventure and ill-gotten loot to Lemuel if he could prove himself hard and rugged enough. As to the key to the schoolhouse Lemuel had in his possession, he testified that he'd found it by the school's wreckage.

The prosecution told how Clement

had gotten two locals to hide and listen while he got Lemuel to talk about setting the fire. The two men who had heard Lemuel's confession testified they had heard that.

But when Clement was brought up to the bench, the experienced attorney Gould tore him up. Gould, seeming almost amused, inquired minutely into Clement's background and reasons for going after Lemuel, exposing some inconsistencies. He even got Clement to admit that he had visited Lemuel's father before the trial started. Clement had tried to get Lemuel's dad not to accept help from Will Gould. Clement had tried to scare him, telling him that if Mr. Gould got involved in the case, Gould would end up owning the Veilex's ranch.

The district attorney saw the writing on the wall and, rather than continue the trial, he dropped the charges and Lemuel Veilex was released.

We don't know whatever happened to the accuser Clement. Presumably he made himself scarce in the Valley. Young Lemuel, having learned a hard lesson about pretending to be tough, went on to a successful career in mining, manufacturing and the true "ill-gotten loot" of California: real estate.

Who burned down the schoolhouse? I guess we'll never know.



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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

The Debate Around High-Speed Rail

Debate and negotiations are at the very core of our democracy and certainly my work in Sacramento. We live in a big state, with tens of millions of people all holding a wide range of perspectives, backgrounds and ideals. We do not need to look much further than our own neighborhoods to know how differently each person thinks about a particular issue. So when a matter comes before me that has a particularly significant impact on the lives of our citizens, I feel it is my duty to ensure a thorough debate is actually had. One such topic came up this year, and it's a topic that has rarely been without debate. That topic is, of course, high-speed rail.

Since its very inception in 1996, the high-speed rail project has been the center of one of our state's greatest of debates, especially as time has gone by. With tens of billions of dollars on the line and with tracks running through 800-plus miles of our culturally, economically and geographically diverse state, there are a lot of voices, needs and perspectives this project has to address. In 2008, California voters passed Proposition 1A, which allocated \$40 billion dollars to the project in order to fund its mission to connect Los Angeles to San Francisco with a 200 mph train.

I'll be frank – the plan and progress we're seeing right now is not the high-speed rail we voted for nor is it anywhere close to serving our state's major population centers within the amount of time we were promised. So when the California High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) came to the legislature earlier this year requesting over \$4 billion in additional funding, I had to do my part to focus the conversation on accountability and achievable results.

As the chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation, I've been consistent and clear with my concern that, if the HSRA continues with its current business plan, we could end up with a stranded asset that does not fulfill its promise to voters.

At this time, the HSRA is taking a big gamble. It is betting that the section of track running from Bakersfield to Merced will be so impressive in its speed and engineering that voters and legislators will be willing to commit tens of billions dollars more to continue the project.

I'm not as convinced. I believe the project's success comes down to ridership. My fear remains that the ridership on that section of track will not be large enough to convince Californians that this is a project worth sticking to. I've been consistent in arguing that the success of this project depends as much on developing train riders as it does on developing track. We cannot be prepared to sacrifice the promise high-speed rail made to voters for plans to complete the section of the project with the lowest ridership potential without having a real, hard and honest look at alternatives.

As the chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, I'm asking that we meaningfully explore alternative plans that would help start moving people more quickly in the Central Valley on a clean train by running an interim service between Merced and Bakersfield during the period when other sections of track are under construction. This would enable us to build electrified high-speed rail

into the Bay Area once we have the necessary funding, while giving voters the near-term benefits sooner. I continue to believe that if people are riding a system seamlessly from the Central Valley to the Bay Area we will get a lot more support than having an isolated demonstration high-speed rail train that does not provide a workable connection for the 100,000-plus commuters in the Central Valley and their jobs. That is the crux of the debate and I think it's worth discussing the pros and cons of both approaches.

I will continue to push us to evaluate paths that can demonstrate enough value to California voters to ensure their continued support of the project. Ultimately, even under the rosiest of economic forecasts, funding from state and federal resources likely won't be enough to bridge a deficit of \$60 billion or more and the support of voters needed to complete the system.

I'm interested in high-speed rail and the positive impacts it could have on millions of Californians' lives but I also believe we need to show Californians, who have footed a massive bill for this project, something that can directly benefit them in their lifetimes. Thus, we need to keep up the conversation in Sacramento, even if it gets heated.

This is what oversight looks like and, yes, oversight is difficult.

What do you think about this debate, high-speed rail, and transportation projects in general? As always, please reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tribute to Harriet Hammons

It has been a little over a year since the passing of our friend, civic volunteer and community booster, Harriet Hammons. She selflessly did so much for the foothill communities, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association, not to mention serving her church in various capacities. Harriet was like the sister I never had and my life is richer because of her. Our valley will never be quite the same but we enjoy stronger and better lives because of her sacrifices and those like her who make our days that much better.

Valerie Andrew
Glendale

SPORTS

Cross Country Opens Season On Top



Photos by Justin HAGER
LEFT: Sophomore Paloma Elfassi digs deep to finish in 12th, just 1 second out of the top-10 at the Cool Breeze Invitational.
RIGHT: Junior Josh Santiago earned a medal for his 19th place, sub-18-minute run at the Cool Breeze Invitational.

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By Justin HAGER

The Crescenta Valley High School boys cross country team held onto its preseason No. 6 spot in the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 rankings after an impressive showing last week at the Cool Breeze Invitational at Brookside Country Club at the Rose Bowl. The Falcon boys' varsity team finished third overall with juniors Harrison Connors and Luke Cheney and senior Max Ruiz all finishing their three-mile run in under 16 minutes and in the top-20 finishers. The ranking marks the boys' fifth consecutive year appearing in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 Top Ten poll and bodes well for a return trip to the state meet.

The future of the boys' program also appears set up for success as the sophomore runners took No. 1 top honors with Eddie

Sion finishing fifth and just seven seconds shy of a sub-17 minute run, and Cameron Cheney, Arlo Gagnon, Ater Prather, Nathan Lee and Joshua Chambers all running sub 19 minutes and finishing in the top 30. Other impressive runs from the boys' team include junior Josh Santiago's 19th place sub-18-minute run in the boys' JV race and freshman Liam Zadoorian's 17th place sub-19-minute run in the freshman three-mile race.

The girls' cross-country squad also had a highly successful day but despite knocking on the door of top three, it fell just short of podium honors enjoyed by the boys.

The girls sophomore squad looked poised to finish in the top three after Paloma Elfassi ran an impressive 21:39.9 and finished 12th, just a few seconds off the third place pace. The girls' varsity team finished seventh with Rebecca Doherty

placing in the top 25. She was joined by Emma Haworth and Annabelle Tanner in running sub-20-minute times. The girls' JV squad finished 14th, led by Eliana Chong's 24-minute run. And the freshman team finished 11th, but with tremendous optimism moving forward as both Kaitlin Kenney and Emilia Greenway were just seconds off of sub-21-minute runs.

The Cool Breeze invitational is a massive event with more than 130 high schools participating. For many of those teams, including Crescenta Valley, it was the first race back from COVID.

"There are no disappointing results today," said CVHS Cross Country Coach Rob Evans. "Half of the kids have never run a race before, so they are excited, nervous, and happy to be able to race and run."

Falcon Water Polo Makes Waves as National Contender

By Justin HAGER

The disappointment on the faces of the CVHS boys water polo team was palpable two weeks ago when, just minutes before game time and both teams already in the pool, the match against San Marino was canceled due to the possibility of exposure to COVID-19. The disappointment was only amplified when it was discovered that the exposure had never occurred. But while disappointment and frustration may have ruled the day, it also seems to have lit a fire in the Falcons.

When the team returned to the pool a week later, it was with a clear intensity and determination. Three-and-one San Marino had come to play as well. The team was already four games into its season, held first place in the Rio Hondo League, and was ready to take down one of its toughest opponents of the season. Fortunately, 28 minutes into the game, Crescenta Valley exited the pool as the victor, defeating the San Marino Titans 17-10 in a hard-fought non-conference match.

For the Falcons, the victory would mark the first of four

consecutive wins in only three calendar days.

Less than 24 hours after their first match, the varsity boys were on a bus headed to Chino Hills to compete in the "Thrills in the Hills" tournament. In their first tournament play match they defeated a woefully underpowered but tenacious Sunny Hills Lancers team 18-10. Next up was the 8-2 Los Altos Conquerors, which was coming off a neck-and-neck 16-13 victory over the national top-100 ranked Upland Highlanders. The match started in a dead heat with both teams tied at 3 at the end of the first quarter. But as Crescenta Valley got loose and hit its stride, the team found itself outscoring its opponent by a combined 13-1 in the second and third quarters, eventually leading to a 17-6 rout.

Saturday morning, less than 48 hours and three full matches after its season began, the Falcons faced the Etiwanda Eagles, which boast one of the best defenses in the state and had outscored its opponents by a ratio of nearly 4-1 in its four previous matches. The Eagles defense proved a true challenge for CV, but the Falcons' defense proved to be just as good (and the offense perhaps even a bit better) leading CV to a 6-5 nail-

biting victory. Saturday night, as the tournament wound to a close, CV faced its biggest threat. In its final match of the weekend it faced off against the Clovis Cougars, which are currently MaxPreps' No. 38 ranked team in the country. Unfortunately for the Falcons, cats enjoy hunting birds and the Cougars defeated CV 18-3.

Despite the loss, CVHS has made waves as a water polo powerhouse. MaxPreps currently ranks the Falcons as the No. 35 team in the United States and in the top 20 in California's stacked Southern Section. A Wednesday afternoon showdown with the national No. 25 ranked Crespi Celts gave a glimpse of whether these Falcons are for real, but unfortunately the match will not be concluded until after press time.

CV water polo concludes its non-league play over the next week with matches against St. Francis today, Sept. 16 and La Cañada on Sept. 23. League play begins on Sept. 28 against Glendale.

Do you have photos of CVHS water polo or other CVHS sports? If so, we want to see them and share them. Please share your CVHS sports photos and stories by emailing Justin@CVWeekly.com.

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LCPC Parent Education Starts 43rd Year with Welcome Tea

La Cañada Presbyterian Church's (LCPC) Parent Education Program kicked off its 43rd year this past week with classes beginning Sept. 14 - 16. The program continues its legacy of quality education with reputable staff for parents (and grandparents) of children 0-18 years old by offering 16 weekly classes from September to May along with its evening Parent Express program that offers month long classes for parents who cannot attend during the day.

In preparation for the new year, a welcome tea for all staff, board and ministry support team members was held on Sept. 2. This year's Parent Education team includes well respected staff members Anne Bierling (director), Amanda Baughman, Nanette Brown, Paula Giboney, Jina Khachik, Daniela Kim, Sarah Montes, Vicki Rekedal,



Katy Riddell, Jan Roberts, Sandy Lee Schaupp, Jana Van Dyck and Sloan Walsh. They are supported

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Parent Ed offers 16 daytime classes and a growing slate of evening classes for parents (and grandparents) of children 0-18 years old that provide education, friendship and sustenance. Classes fill up quickly, so register ASAP! Visit www.lacanadapc.org/parented for class listings, staff bios and online registration. Scholarships and payment plans are available online. Affordable childcare is offered during all

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Submitted by Nancy GUYER

Photo by Daniel de la Rosa
Back row, from left, are Daniela Kim, Debbie Barsom, Stephanie Ferguson, Grace Lee, Jan Roberts, Paula Giboney, Carrie Kingston, Charlotte Miller, Sloan Walsh, Teresa Chiu, Vicki Rekedal, Jana Van Dyck, Sandy Schaupp. Front row from left are Cristina Kelly, Anne Bierling, Amanda Baughman, Katrina Harbers, Jina Khachik.

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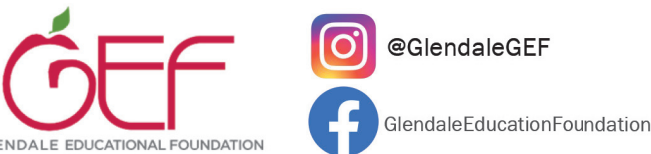
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Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Seller Rent Backs – Should There Be A Security Deposit?

Dear Phyllis,
I think you previously addressed a situation where the seller rented back. My son is in escrow on a La Crescenta home. Not surprisingly there were more than 10 offers and he had to agree to allow the seller to remain in the home and rent it back from my son. The seller will pay his mortgage payment as rent. My son is closing in two weeks, and I am concerned that there is not a refundable security deposit. He will be a landlord and it seems that there should be a deposit. The seller/tenant might damage walls or flooring when moving. The seller refused to offer a security deposit. Can you weigh in?

Mama Bear

Dear Mama,
In today's competitive real estate climate, seller rent-backs are becoming much more common. It's often difficult for sellers to get the timing right between the sale of their current home and their next move. A common solution is for the seller to request a rent-back. This allows the seller to remain and rent the property from the buyer after closing.

This should have been agreed to and addressed in writing at the time the offer was negotiated. So I can understand the seller's reluctance to renegotiate now. In many real estate transactions allowing the seller a few extra days to move without a security

deposit is common. There is always the possibility of the seller damaging walls or flooring whenever they move, be it a few days or several months.

If the seller shows pride of ownership in their home, I don't foresee any reason they would cause damage during a rent-back. And, if they did, you could perhaps seek redress in small claims court.

One piece of advice for your son is check with his insurance agent to be certain that the home is properly insured during the rental period. The seller should also convert their policy to a renter's policy which will insure their personal property.



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Halloween Horror Nights Rises from the Dead



Photos by Charly SHELTON
LEFT: “The Bride of Frankenstein” maze should be at the top of the list of every attendee.
ABOVE: The Bride’s storyline puts her front-and-center as the mad scientist.

By Charly SHELTON

Last year there wasn’t a Halloween. The world was actually scary enough and it didn’t allow for the fake, fun scary that is found in the annual theme park haunt events. Although I understand and vehemently agree with the shutdown procedures, I still missed having these events. But this year’s haunts have risen from the grave – with a vengeance – and I am super excited they have. Universal Studios Hollywood just opened its Halloween Horror Nights event and, although expectations were high going in, they were surpassed by the quality found at year’s outing.


Though there were relatively fewer and smaller mazes than in recent years, the event felt just as robust as always. The biggest difference was the crowd levels. In years past, it was not uncommon to see wait times in the hundreds of minutes. But this year’s wait times were considerably shorter, topping out at about 50 minutes with occasional spikes to 75 minutes, then quickly coming back down. Overall, most mazes held between a five-minute and 30-minute wait for most of the night. Whether this is due to a more limited number of tickets being available, guest hesitancy to come out to the event, or better management of lines and crowd flow, it was a much more pleasant experience crowd-wise than in most recent years.

The mazes were a mix of new houses and returning properties, refreshed for this year’s outing. Old standbys like “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre” and “The Walking Dead” were trotted out again and were relatively unchanged. New entries – “The Haunting of Hill House” and “Universal Monsters: The Bride of Frankenstein Lives” – entered the fray with original takes on the Netflix series “The Haunting of Hill House” and a reinvention of the classic monster storyline. “The Exorcist” was a property that debuted several years ago to disappointed guests; this year some of the problems were fixed and presented for a second try that (almost) made up for the original. “Terror Tram: The Ultimate Purge” and “Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers” are mazes that, much like the films they are based on, are virtually indistinguishable from previous iterations in their respective series, with minor changes of costume or decoration to become a “new” maze. Not that anything is necessarily wrong with that, but for those looking to duck out early and can’t hit all the mazes at the event, these would be the ones to skip.


“The Bride of Frankenstein” maze should be at the top of the list of every attendee. This is hands-down, far and away, one of the best mazes Universal has ever done, putting it high in the running for one of the greatest mazes of all time. This original take on the Bride’s storyline puts her front-and-center as the mad scientist. Finding the mangled body of her husband in the wreckage beneath a collapsed windmill (as seen in the finale of the classic 1931 Universal Studios film), she does what she must to bring him back to life ... again. When she finds that vampire blood is the secret to eternal life, she must go up against a horde of the undead to get enough of their blood to resurrect her hubby for good. With plenty of inventive twists and turns, great scares and some incredible mad scientist lab set pieces, this is one for the ages. The “Silver Scream Queenz” scare zone at the exit of the maze features the classic lady monsters from Universal properties including Anck-su-namun from “The Mummy,” Dracula’s daughters, the She-Wolf of London and more. It is one of the rare pieces of media anywhere that handles female representation well by making the Bride a character of her own, more than just the Monster plus one. In my limited male viewpoint, I can only speak to the subject of female representation in a purely academic sense seen through the lens of media. That being said, I think this maze does what many other female representation efforts have not – fleshed out a character in her own right, rather than her existence being predicated on the loneliness of a male monster and in doing so is neither patronizing nor slapdash. To me, too often representation is just getting all the lady characters to go against the lady villain, i.e. “Avengers: Infinity War.” This maze puts the female monster as the lead and the creative team deserves much more credit for a job well done than they will likely get.

Universal Studios Hollywood’s Halloween Horror Nights is on now with select nights through Halloween.

THEN & NOW I



Then » As mentioned in the “Who Burned Down The La Cañada Schoolhouse?” Treasures of the Valley column this week (in Viewpoints), this would be the house that Theodor Pickens lived in in 1893. This is where he heard his dogs bark the night of the fire as someone passed by.



Now » Of course the house is long gone, but this is probably near the actual location. This is the top of the straight portion of Angeles Crest Highway where it begins to curve up toward the mountains. The house would have been located to the left in the photo.

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Alex Theatre Welcomes Theatre Lovers to Open House



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ABOVE: Saturday's open house celebrated the 96th birthday of the Alex Theatre.

BELOW: Alex Theatre was standing room only. At least it was for those waiting in line for a free ticket to an Alex show. Dozens lined up before the noon opening. Once the patio gates opened, theatre lovers ran to the ticket vouchers booth.

The free event touring the theatre coincides with the Alex's reopening to the public after being temporarily shuttered during the COVID crisis and the launch of the 2021-22 season.

The iconic Alex Theatre in Glendale celebrated its 96th birthday this past weekend with a "Happy Birthday Open House" attended by about 150 people. According to chief executive officer Nina Crowe, she was repeatedly told how important the Alex Theatre was to community members.

"It's a community asset and a community resource and, as a local success story, Glendale Arts understands how important this is," Crowe was reportedly told by attendees.

Glendale Arts is responsible for the Alex Theatre. According to its website, the mission of Glendale Arts is "to integrate the arts into the identity, growth and economic vitality of the City of Glendale by presenting programming and creating partnerships that benefit youth, patrons, artists, organizations and businesses in the community and at the Alex Theatre."

To this end, patrons and supporters are asked to financially support the theatre by making a donation that will help sustain those things that the theatre is known for: top-tier performing arts and entertainment, historic preservation, economic strength, world-class appeal and regional pride. As of press time, the event raised \$14,351.

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crisis and the launch of its 2021-22 season.

During the self-paced celebration, guests had the opportunity to roam the historic theatre grounds including the stage, dressing rooms and VIP spaces frequented by many top performers over the past 96 years. There were opportunities to visit the projection booth, see the digital media set up, watch

two classic film shorts and check out where all the backstage action takes place.

A highlight of the event was the distribution of a voucher for a free ticket to an upcoming performance given to the first 96 attendees who visited the box office.

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RELIGION

Question:

We have two beautiful grandchildren, a boy, 8, and a girl, 6. Our concern is their parents don't take them to church. From the time our daughter was a baby we took her to church. Her husband's family didn't go to church. We believe a spiritual education is part of life and we don't know what to do without offending our daughter or son-in-law.

When the kids stay with us, which is often, we read the kid's Bible to them and other spiritually inspiring stories. When they are with us on Sundays, we take them to our church and they go to Sunday school. Our daughter and her hubby are okay that we do this. We still would like to have the kids have a more consistent religious education.

Is there anything more we should be doing?

~ Grandparents in a Quandary

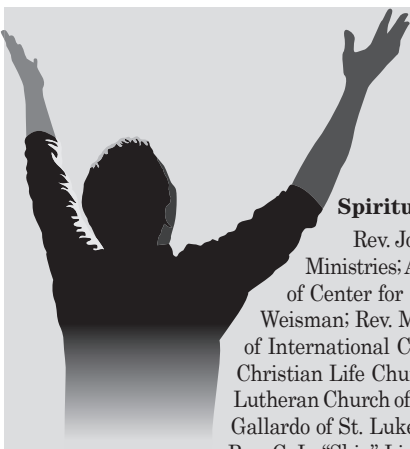
Dear Grandparents in a Quandary,

Your concern is understandable; however, what you're doing is

commendable even though your grandchildren do not have what you think should be a more consistent religious education. And, you're fortunate that there are no disagreements about the many things you're doing for them.

Attending church weekly with my family when our children were young was an important part of our lives. I'm thinking you could make Sunday a family affair and ask your daughter and son-in-law to attend church with you. After the service have a special meal together, either at a restaurant or take turns having lunch in one of your homes. You can also provide spiritual books for the children to read during the week. A couple of my favorites are "Kindness is My Super Power" by Alicia Ortego and "When God Made You" by Matthew Paul Turner.

Another suggestion is to send the children to church camps that are mostly held during the summer and in the winter when school breaks for the holidays. For many years, I facilitated camps and gatherings for children of all ages. What I happily discovered is that the kids forged relationships



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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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.

that lasted for years and, even though they were from all over the country and sometimes even other countries, they stayed in touch over the years. These relationships serve to remind children of their spiritual roots.

My final suggestion to you is please do not ruminate about what more you could possibly be doing when you're already doing so much!



Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig
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to listen to each other and strengthen the relationship you have that shows the love of God in your care for one another. Listen. Care. Love.

Blessings,



Pastor Scott Peterson
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Question:

A good friend and I go to dinner once a week. She's

the one who really wants to go and always reminds me. I enjoy being with her except for one thing – she frequently takes out her cellphone and checks for messages. To me this is rude, but I don't know what to say or how to say it. I have my phone as well and keep it turned off during dinner. I have other friends who have said they have the same problem.

Do you have any ideas about having a conversation with my friend without burning bridges?

~ A Little Irritated

Dear A Little Irritated,

This is not an uncommon situation in today's world. And I can appreciate your feelings because I have been on both sides of the coin.

First off, consider this a great opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with your friend. True friends can openly and honestly discuss problems with each other. Maybe she doesn't realize how much her phone habit bothers you. Why don't you write out a possible conversation with her, telling her how much you value your time together and her being with her phone takes valuable time away from the two of you sharing your lives. That might give her reevaluation of the effect her being a "slave" to her phone has on you. Practicing your thoughts by writing them gives you a chance to be prepared when you do meet in person.

You also could suggest a timeout from the phone while you are together ... or make it a game of sorts to turn the phone off ... a

light-hearted approach.

If you keep your language away from attacking, she won't be defensive. Visualize it as a win-win where it is God talking to God with love, compassion and understanding. I'm betting you will have an enjoyable, fun, loving lunch and be friends for a long time.

Enjoy.

Best wishes,



Laney Clevenger White,
RScP Emeritus
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Dear A Little Irritated,

I appreciate you reaching out for advice! Often it is the pesky little pebbles in relationships compounded over time that create unmet expectations and gaps in the area of trust and safety. So, I'm pleased that you care enough for the friendship to want to do something about it early on – but the answer might be less about what to do and more about how to do it in my opinion.

Relationships are easy to start but a whole lot harder to maintain and grow! Fostering authentic relationships where honesty and trust are the currency require three things: the first requires safety; the second requires continually offering the benefit of the doubt; the third is much more challenging as it requires the discipline to resist offense. Why? Because offense is like trying to kill a rat with rat poison, but you're the one taking the poison – metaphorically speaking! Plus, who enjoys confronting an individual who gets offended quickly? No one, right? Before addressing what may seem like the elephant in the room – at least for you – I would start with heart. Here's what I mean: start with heart is another way to examine your motive, attitude and offense barometer prior to addressing something about the other. Start with heart is a great way to ensure that you act in what's in the best interest of the other and the relationship, no matter how big or small the error. It also helps clarify what your

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“bull’s eye” or end goal is. Is it to address and correct rude behavior? Or is it to create better habits to flourish your friendship? What’s your bull’s eye?

Now on to a practical way of addressing the issue after you’ve started with heart and have checked your bull’s eye: You can nonchalantly open the conversation during a time when her phone isn’t pulled out by sharing with her an idea you have for maximizing each other’s time together by being more present in the moment. That way the burden moves from “you” to “we,” moving away from singling out her bad habit while inviting the both of you into a new healthy relational habit together. Again, “we” is always less threatening than “you.” You can even infuse some cheeky lighthearted humor

by saying, “The first one to pull their phone pays for the bill.” Truth-be-told, busyness and hurriedness are the curses of our age, often leading toward superficialities in our relationships and everything else we value.

I pray that your next lunch date is the one to set your friendship on a healthy path towards presence, intentionality and openness.

Let us know how things go.



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Yom Kippur Services Held by Chabad of the CV

By Mary O’KEEFE

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is considered the most important holiday in the Jewish faith.

“Yom Kippur is celebrated on the 10th day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei,” said Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum of the Chabad of the Crescenta Valley.

Yom Kippur is a time when Jews atone for their sins over the past year.

“That is what God said to do,” Grossbaum said.

The history of Yom Kippur traces back to Moses and the worshiping of the Golden Calf, he added.

After the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt and after traveling through the desert they eventually arrived at Mt. Sinai. Moses ascended the mountain and was given the Ten Commandments by God. Moses

was on the mountain for 40 days and when he returned he found his people worshipping the Golden Calf – a false god. God gave the Israelites 10 days to atone for this sin and then forgave them. The 10 days are now recognized between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Grossbaum said that now more than ever it is time for Jews to atone and to “pray for confidence” in their faith and their Jewish roots.

“This year has not been easy for [Jewish people],” he said citing incidents of anti-Semitism.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, there was a 75% increase in incidents of anti-Semitism reported in the U.S. this year after fighting began in May between Israel and Palestine. Grossbaum added hate crimes can cause people to lose their confidence

in who they are. He wants this Yom Kippur to be a time for people to return to their foundation.

Local Yom Kippur services began yesterday and continue today. Services will be held at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive by the Chabad of the Crescenta Valley.

Today, Sept. 16 – Full Yom Kippur day services from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Main Room “Yizkor” service about noon in the Main Room

“Ne’ilah” and break-fast about 6:30 p.m. in the Creative Arts Room

Children’s program will be taking place at 11 a.m. and will end at noon.

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Grief Recovery Seminar

“Grieving is not a weakness, for it is normal,” said the Rev. Dr. Peter Hintzoglou. “And there is no timing that one can set when grief may be over; often, we don’t get over it, we learn to manage it.”

The Rev. Dr. Hintzoglou is leading a six-week seminar on coping with grief. The series began on Sept. 15 and is held Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at Community Life Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

It is free and open to all.

Anyone with questions can call (818) 249-5832.

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church’s Worship Center. On Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will lead worship with a message titled “Living It Right” from his sermon series on “Right-eousness.” 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.

Fall Kickoff Events at La Crescenta Presbyterian

On Sunday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the community is invited to give the gift of life at a Red Cross Blood Drive on the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church campus. Every donation of blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries.

For more information on any of these events and service

opportunities, contact the church at (818) 249-6137. La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

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Seasons of Life Bible Study offers two classes to choose from: Joy of Living will be studying the books of Isaiah and 2 Corinthians. Women of Faith will be doing book studies, “Life Lessons from 1, 2, & 3 John and Jude” by Max Lucado and “The Power of Transforming Prayer” by Oswald Sanders on Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 23 through April 14 at the Community Life/First Baptist Church of La Crescenta, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

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All are invited to learn America's heritage folk dance – square dancing. A new beginner class is starting at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Sept. 16 at St. George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. The first two classes are free.

Meet new people while getting some exercise. Proof of vaccination and masks required at the present time. For more information contact Ileana at (818) 952-3349 or email illi313@yahoo.com or visit www.setsinstep.org.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting today, Thursday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be “Transplanting Your African Violets – Techniques for Success.” This will be a hands-on workshop led by club member Gay Wilson.

There is a raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings.

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

HOOTENANY (HUUT) RETURNS

The first back to in-person Hootenany (HUUT) is planned for Saturday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

The Verdugo HUUT! (Hootenany) returns to live performance (in a distanced and vaccine-mandated fashion) with its second installment of “Bowie on the Moon.” What better way to celebrate the grand return than with an acknowledgment that things don't seem to be of this earth lately, and who better than the Starman himself? Music, comedy and more.

“Bowie on the Moon 2” will be

performed at Unitarian Universalist Church of The Verdugo Hills, 4451 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta. Strict COVID precautions observed; masks required. Vaccinated guests only.

Those who have symptoms are asked not to attend.

Tickets are \$10. Email arpeggiata@yahoo.com for more info.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for at 7 p.m. show.

WILDERNESS WORKDAY

A wilderness workday at Deukmejian Wilderness Park is planned for Saturday, Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will help water the bigcone Douglas firs and coast live oaks, assist with trail repairs and remove invasive species from the park. This program is perfect for students who need community service hours. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and protective clothing. Drinks and snacks will be provided. In case of rain, this event will be canceled.

RSVP and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ryr78h9b>.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta/Glendale

DEMOCRATIC CLUB TO DISCUSS RECALL AND REDISTRICTING

Redistricting experts will speak Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Zoom meeting of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club. They will follow a presentation by State Senator Anthony Portantino with his analysis of the recall election and a legislative overview now that the state senate has adjourned for the year.

Login info for the 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. meeting is found on the Club's website ccdemclub.org.

The Club, which opposed the recall of Gov. Newsom, will salute members who campaigned against the recall.

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta Valley and Sunland-Tujunga. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge.

For more information, the Club's website is ccdemclub.org.

GHS PRESENTS 'HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT WITH MONA'

MONA (Museum of Neon Art) Executive Director Corrie Siegel will use neon art from Glendale and surrounding areas as a model to consider what is saved and built from as the past and present are rewritten. MONA was founded by artists who saw value in historic signage and is now run by artists who recognize the aesthetic and cultural value of neon and its ability to serve as a cipher in the landscape. The Museum is dedicated to sharing stories of communities, families and individuals who lit up the dark. Due to its unlikely founding and democratic collecting practices, MONA's collection is reflective of the multifaceted and diverse cultural landscape of Los Angeles County.

The event is complimentary but advance RSVP is required. To RSVP, and for more information, visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/mona-2>.

AUTHOR APPEARANCE AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

On Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore welcomes meteorologist Dallas Raines, his wife and journalist Dannie Raines, and their beloved pup Chester for the launch of their children's book “Chester and the Hot Air Balloon.” This weather-based tale, illustrated by Brittany Doheny, is for ages 5-12. The reading will take place outside the back of the store, and the signing will be inside. COVID protocols will be observed.

Dannie Raines has a journalism and communications degree from University of California, Los Angeles. She is a former writer at CNN. Dallas Raines is chief meteorologist of KABC and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University where he studied broadcast journalism and earth science with an emphasis on

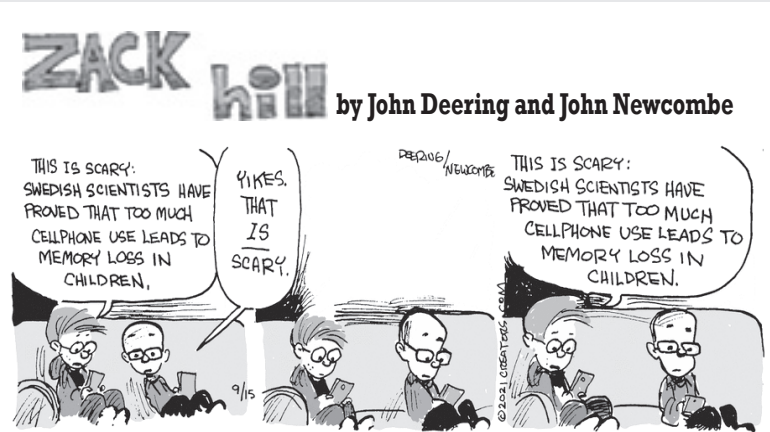
meteorology.

Pre-order the book by stopping in or calling the store, or going to the website www.flintridgebooks.com and clicking on the Shop Featured and Local Authors link.

For more information about this

event, contact Gail Mishkin at gailm@flintridgebooks.com.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Beulah Drive.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com September 13, 2021 - September 19, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You might read something that inspires you to aim for a new level of health. An idea will form that really gets you going. It might even be a special vacation that motivates you to look your best. The main point is that you get back on track and give your all to your journey to total wellness. The promise of a trip will get you back on track.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Think about going on a short detox. Remove all the junk food and have fresh juices, vegetables, and salads. After a couple days you'll feel more energized and refreshed. Remember that dark emotions can have a powerful effect on your body, too. Make a regular effort to release past issues that can drain your energy. Your health will improve.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You'll be pleased to know that your life should be easier now. You have a chance to relax and recuperate after a period of stress. The only slight issue may be minor problems just when you want to make the most of a certain opportunity or situation. Go with the flow. There could be better openings on the horizon. Your symptoms could have a deeper message for you. Be alert.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your health situation looks a lot better. You seem full of energy and you love life. Your well-being is very much under your control, so pave the way for future success by starting out as you mean to carry on. If you have a reputation as a couch potato, it's time to show the world that you can be athletic, too. Aspects might coincide with a few doubts about your body, but don't give in to those.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This is a much easier time concerning your overall health and well-being. Take advantage of a stress-free situation to get back on track. The only slight problem may be more susceptibility to minor infections, so guard against them by boosting your intake of vitamins and minerals. You could be slightly nervous, too, so cut back on the caffeine if you can. Most important of all is not to get worked up over nothing.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You should begin to thrive now. If you can apply yourself, you'll see how valuable it can be to stick with your health routine. Good health is the best gift you can give yourself and the main ingredient in all levels of success. A slight touch of nerves could bring mild headaches, but chamomile tea may help. Look after your feet, too.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

If you've been working hard and not getting enough rest, you could be more susceptible to infections. There seems to be a direct connection between overdoing it and not being able to fend off colds. Don't attempt to do too much right now. It's time to take a real break at a time when there are no major challenges to deal with.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You might be feeling emotional, oversensitive, more tired than usual, and not quite up to par. Rest and relax when you can, and pamper yourself if you feel under the weather. You'll be back in shape soon enough. Letting go of past emotional issues will help you feel better, too. If feelings come to the surface, find a way to release them.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You might be going to some parties. Take care, as there's a possibility of a minor accident. The cosmos could bring a lot of emotions to the surface. Don't be tempted to binge in order to control powerful feelings. Try exercising outdoors to feel better. Or soak in a hot bath and listen to soothing music.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

The cosmos might bring certain health issues to the fore. Don't just hope they'll disappear. See a health professional for peace of mind. If you notice that your energy isn't great, lighten your schedule and relax. A massage would ease muscle tension and do wonders for your mindset. You're more tense than usual, and you don't want to burn out.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You might be eager to try a new form of exercise. If you're getting bored with your current workout, perhaps martial arts would appeal. You'll revel in the mystique associated with these movements, as well as enjoy an increase in energy. Yoga is another possible way to keep fit. Vary your routine for great results, and incorporate spiritual philosophies into your strategy.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Is there a hint of excitement in the air? If you're going to be out and doing the professional or social rounds, make sure to drink plenty of water and get enough sleep. Social gatherings are wonderful, but they can wear on the system. Get into the fresh air now and then. Don't forget to take care of your body.

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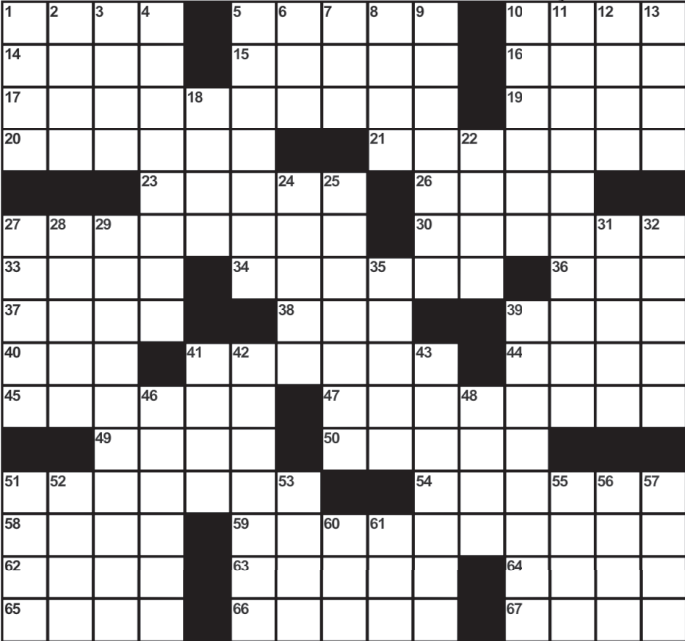
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| 1) They give a hoot | 39) Desertlike |
| 5) Put in the fridge | 40) Hept- plus one |
| 10) Not a nice film | 41) Saint Francis' home |
| 14) Pullman track | 44) Warm, on a hunt |
| 15) Flood embankment | 45) Life force |
| 16) Middle word of Descartes' conclusion | 47) Pours down |
| 17) Uneasy, eerie sensation | 49) The end, musically |
| 19) Frigid | 50) Catch for a Florida fisherman |
| 20) From the mountains of Peru | 51) Periodic payment |
| 21) Dustin Hoffman movie | 54) Chicken part |
| 23) Defeated king of Troy | 58) Be a good couch potato |
| 26) They're "company" | 59) Orchard grumpus? |
| 27) Completely surround | 62) Tablet company |
| 30) Like some teas | 63) Mitigator |
| 33) Empty truck's weight | 64) Small amount of Greek? |
| 34) Causes to attack | 65) Fancy dressers of 1960s London |
| 36) Feel remorse over | 66) Wanda of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" |
| 37) Small margin of victory | 67) Sign of sorrow |
| 38) Grand ____ (wine phrase) | |

CR-UNCH TIME

By Janet Wise



DOWN

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| 1) Ocean predator |
| 2) Alert of danger |
| 3) Emulated Pinocchio |
| 4) More heavy-eyed |
| 5) Places for nonresident patients |
| 6) Lobster's mother |
| 7) "So ____ heard!" |
| 8) "____ We Forget" |
| 9) Basutoland, today |
| 10) Military zone |
| 11) Mix, as dogs |
| 12) Jamaican tangelo |
| 13) A la ____ (with ice cream) |
| 18) A wife of Henry VIII |
| 22) Wilson of "The Grand Budapest Hotel" |
| 24) Baldwin and Templeton |
| 25) Art of writing verse |
| 27) Guiding beliefs of a group |
| 28) Racial equality org. |
| 29) Found fault with |
| 31) Enveloping qualities |
| 32) Impolite glances |
| 35) Emmy winner Lucci |
| 39) Trouble spot for Indiana Jones |
| 41) Prime minister's assistant |
| 42) Batting coach's concerns |
| 43) Weather map lines |
| 46) Lasso wielders |
| 48) Part of BBC (Abbr.) |
| 51) Grand ____ home run |
| 52) Shell food? |
| 53) Heavy low cart |
| 55) Shower gel ingredient, often |
| 56) ____ record (make history) |
| 57) Ivan the Terrible's title (Var.) |
| 60) Seek answers |
| 61) Royal jelly producer |

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CV WEEKLY IS ONLINE!

GCC from Cover accessories” – plasticware items.

“In 2016, 561 billion plastic utensils were used in the U.S.,” David Jones, city sustainability officer, said detailing the history of the legislation and the outstanding details of implementation, including an introductory phase-in period during which there will be educational materials and opportunities provided to restaurant and business owners.

One resident called in to support the measure.

“It’s not just landfills; our oceans are in really bad shape [containing] plastic by the millions of tons, so anything we can possibly do [is important]. I listened to the LA council meeting and they’re using plastic for repaving streets. LA doesn’t do very

HCF from Cover

zoo because it’ll make my little guy so happy,” CV resident Linda Gilson said. Gilson has lived in the area for 30 years and has never missed a fair. After her son was born six years ago, she and her husband started bringing him along.

“We were really sad about it not happening last year,” Gilson said. “He loves goats and he finally gets to see one in person for the first time ever, which is really exciting stuff after being cooped up for so long.”

Gilson said she’s looking forward to a refreshing sense of normalcy, too.

There will be several food options with on-site vendors offering a variety of food including Thai, Mexican and barbecue cuisines. For those in need of a sweet treat, there will also be two dessert vendors from which to choose.

While enjoying the fresh food and soaking up the sunshine, guests can be entertained by watching the dog parade, scheduled for noon, or listening to live music beginning as early as 9 a.m. and closing with a performance by Mike Perry’s band “Title Wave.”

To see a full schedule of events, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

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waited for the motorcade by the Vietnam Memorial in Montrose with the American flag. Mike Baldwin served in the 19th Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1967-68. Baldwin said, “My memory of 9/11 is waking up when the second plane hit. There was no doubt of what was happening.”

Lynn McGinnis from the American Legion served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. “My memory of 9/11 was watching it on TV before leaving home to teach at Rosemont Middle School,” said McGinnis. “God bless America and never forget.”

Bianca Serratos if a fifth grader who viewed the motorcade at Mountain Avenue Elementary School.

“I liked the motorcade, including the cars, especially the big army camouflage truck, and how we all waved at each other,” said Bianca. “It’s important that we come together as a community to remember first responders who helped and sacrificed for our country. We need to show our love and respect for them. 9/11 reminds us of the power of community, love and unity.”

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much correctly but that’s a positive. There needs to be more inroads into removing plastics – all single-use plastic, the bags, all of it. We have to come up with solutions that work. Otherwise, we’re not going to be around.”

Craig Cadwallader called in as an active member of the Surfrider Foundation to urge support.

“Many people give positive reviews to restaurants that do things to protect the environment – there was a report from UCLA: not only do businesses save money, but also see increased good will from their customers. This is good for business, good for consumers, and good for the environment,” Cadwallader told the Council. “Syncing with LA’s ‘Skip the Stuff’ ordinance makes sense to avoid confusion.”

“These packets of plasticware cost about 15 cents each,” said Councilmember Dan Brotman holding up an example from the Council’s Tuesday night food delivery. “That adds up.”

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian

indicated that he supports getting rid of single-use plastics but that he does not want to harm business, especially small family businesses.

Responding to a request from Council, city transit manager Martha D’Andrea reported on the status of shade at the city’s bus stops. D’Andrea called it a “quality of life investment” and cited two reasons to install shade at bus stops: first to address global warming as the increase in temperature makes it more uncomfortable for passengers to sit in the sun waiting for a bus and, secondly, to add transit amenities to help attract transit riders that can encourage new riders by providing a comfortable place to wait.

As of 2017, Glendale had 467 bus stops. Of those, 116 had bus shelters; 351 did not. Of the 351 that did not have shelters, 234 were not able to accommodate a standard shelter.

D’Andrea shared pictures of devices being used and tested that reportedly provide shade via a pole

with a device that moves with the sun; one was called a sunshade blade model. She also noted that it might be possible to include other transit amenities, such as static or real-time bus arrival information, lighting and charging stations, as examples.

“The action here is to seek and find funding and prioritize locations and research the best designs – I do support this,” Councilmember Ara Najarian spoke in support of exploring next steps. “There’s going to be a lot more people riding transit in the future; we want to make it as comfortable and inviting as possible.”

Brotman expressed concern about the number of stops with high boarding numbers: “These are heavily used bus stops.”

“It highlights a real problem that for many, many years we’ve prioritized moving cars over the safety and convenience of pedestrians and transit riders,” he said, “so we have these narrow streets.”

He suggested that trees might be part of the solution to adding shade. The Council expects to hear an update on the state of the community forest next week.

The Council heard an update on making the “slow streets” pilot permanent and approved spending on up to 300 signs. Principal traffic engineer Pastor Casanova assured the council the signs would be updated and their placement would be “equitable” throughout the city.

“They tended to end up in North Glendale where people are more likely to speak up,” Brotman said. “It’s an issue of equity.”

Najarian asked city staff to research additional penalties for “whacking” a “slow streets” sign, either negligently or inadvertently.

The council adjourned in memory of Art Devine, Glendale community member and husband of Glendale mayor Paula Devine.

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