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## Glendale Arts Ousted in Favor of SAS

By Julie BUTCHER

“Talk is cheap. You get what you pay for,” commented Glendale City Councilmember Dan Brotman who advocated for the city to bargain exclusively with Glendale Arts to manage the historic Alex Theatre during an afternoon meeting of the Glendale City Council on Tuesday. “We hired a consultant to study the operations of the Alex Theatre, spent \$35,000. If they had come back and told us there were problems, I’d be urging change. But they didn’t. They said that Glendale Arts has strong operational functions that have improved in recent years, a solid financial competency, unusually low staff turnover, and good management/board relations. Here we have a solid organization totally focused on the Alex – SAS would not be; it’d be one of the venues they manage.”

Miles Williams of SAS Entertainment said that the Alex theatre “has been underutilized.”

“We do see imminent possibilities of engagement with the larger music industry and performing arts industry and, if that’s what you want, that’s what we’ll do,” Williams said. “If that’s not what you want, then we’re probably not the right choice because that’s all we really know how to do – we take venues, the Orpheum when it started, there was nothing downtown. The renaissance down there began in the historic core with the Orpheum Theatre.”

SAS Entertainment was vying for the management contract of the Alex Theatre.

“It really isn’t that exciting,” Williams said of the current operations of the Alex. “They’re not putting audiences in the seats. Thirty-five percent capacity is an astounding number. It’s not a grand success story. If you want change, that’s what we represent.”

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## Waiting for New Outdoor Dining Designs

By Mary O’KEEFE

*Removal of the parklets in Montrose will begin in just over a week.*

The landscape of Honolulu Avenue in the Montrose Shopping Park will change – again – with the removal of K-rails that were installed during the pandemic to increase dining options.

According to Bradley Calvert, assistant director of Community Development, City of Glendale, removal of the existing installations will begin on Oct. 11 and continue through Oct. 18. The city plans to start with the installations that are no longer desired by the businesses, which will give more time to those restaurants that are utilizing them the most.

A task force, which includes members of the board of directors of the Montrose Shopping Park Association, a restaurant owner and city representatives, has been created that will discuss design ideas for continuing outdoor dining. Calvert said he is anticipating sharing the designs for the new outdoor dining options with the MSPA and the task force within a week.

“We plan to go to [City] Council on [Oct. 19] to ask for approval on the design, and to enter into the installation contract for the new parklets,” Calvert said.

Gigi Garcia, MSPA vice president and task force member, said they are awaiting the designs



File photo  
A redesign option of parklets, installed in 2020 that provided outdoor dining options for local restaurants, is expected within the next week.

and hoping to have more information next week.

It has been a long and winding road to the removal and revamped design of the parklets. The saga began in early summer 2020. COVID-19 had forced restaurants and other businesses to close their doors. Then restaurants could reopen, but only for pickup orders. This was devastating for the restaurants and employees. Finally, in late June 2020, the Al Fresco Glendale program was

established by the City of Glendale to create small outside dining areas for restaurants. The dining areas were in the parking spaces in front of restaurants and bordered by cement K-rails.

“The City of Glendale, from the time it started talking to us to the time [the K-rails were] installed, was quick and easy,” Corey Grijalva, owner of Joselito’s, said at the time. “It wanted

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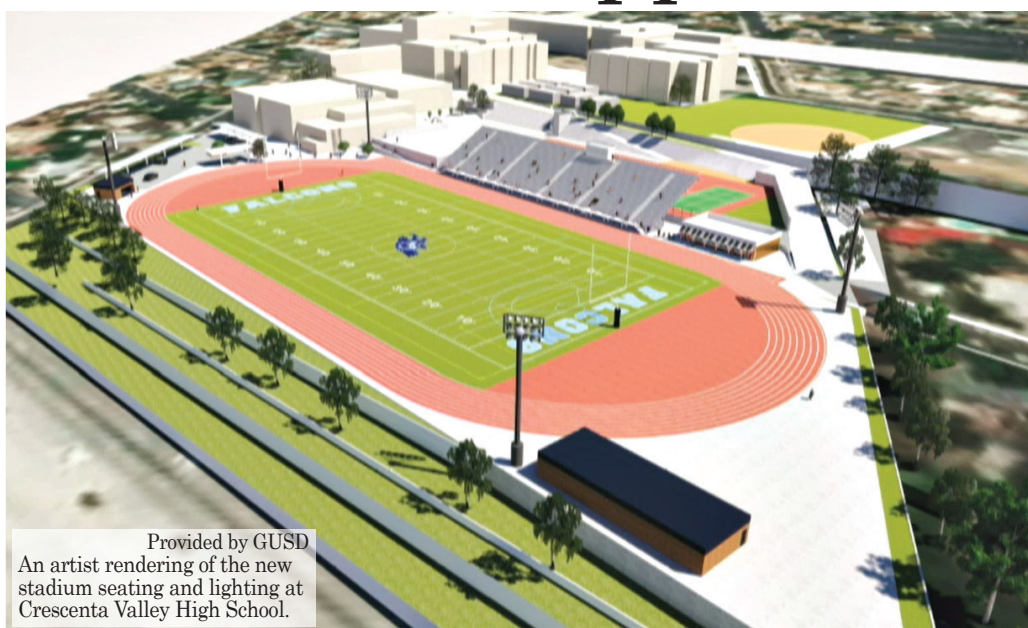
## CV High Stadium Project Moves Forward with GUSD Approval

By Justin HAGER

Sixty years after first hearing the promise of permanent bleachers and lighting for Crescenta Valley High School, and another four years after real planning began, the board of education of the Glendale Unified School District unanimously voted on Tuesday to accept the environmental impact report (EIR) and approve funding for improvements to the Crescenta Valley High School athletic field complex.

The vote authorized \$8.56 million in funding for a 1,714-person capacity bleacher stand and upgrades to the field lighting and public address system. Approval had been previously delayed as the board awaited the final EIR, which began back in February 2020, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was sweeping across the United States.

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An artist rendering of the new stadium seating and lighting at Crescenta Valley High School.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

It's A ...

This past weekend was one that brought great joy to the Goldsworthy family.

If you remember, son Danny was married in May 2019 (pre-pandemic – praise the Lord!). Not long after, Danny, who is in the Air Force and was living with his wife Tricia in Georgia, was deployed to Afghanistan. This was in January 2020 just before COVID hit.

Getting Danny home to the states after the pandemic swept the globe proved to be challenging at best. Not only was he in a dangerous place but he also was there longer than he was supposed to be. So while we were here at home coping with the constant changes and challenges that COVID brought my boy was far from home dealing with who knows what. In Georgia, his wife Tricia got some relief from her worry when her mom would come to visit.

Thankfully Danny was able to make it home the following summer. This past June he and Tricia packed up a U-Haul and, with their dog Beau, headed west to return to La Crescenta.

Not long after they settled in did they share the exciting news that a little Goldsworthy was coming our way in February. Yes, Danny and Tricia were pregnant!

But were we having a granddaughter or grandson? Even they didn't know; instead of asking the doctor to "deliver" the good news, the couple gave the results of the ultrasound to a good friend of Tricia's who was "keeper of the gender." The goal was to have a gender reveal celebration that included friends and family – and the parents.

The planning of the reveal was detailed; Tricia and her mom attended to every detail making sure everything was perfect. On Sunday, friends and family members gathered at Deukmejian Park for an afternoon of reconnecting, reminiscing and anticipation. Danny, an avid basketball

player, had brought a free-standing basketball hoop to the park and, at the appointed time, was tossed a smallish basketball by Tricia. He then took the ball and slammed it into the backboard, releasing ... pink powder.

Yes, Grandma and Grandpa Goldsworthy are expecting our granddaughter Aubrey to arrive around Feb. 3.

The news of a baby girl brought shouts of glee from everyone. I overheard, more than once, that Aubrey is the first baby from their group of immediate friends; finding babysitters would not be hard. Also, one friend shared, they all had good jobs – and credit cards.

Apparently this baby will want for nothing.



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Weather in the Foothills

“Air, I should explain, becomes wind when it is agitated.”  
~ Lucretius, ‘On the Nature of Things,’ (99 – c. 55 BC)  
Roman poet and philosopher

Wind ... It does not have much substance – you cannot see it or hold it – but you can witness its force. It can dry your clothes in summer and chill you to the bone in winter. It is strong enough to carry sailing ships across the ocean and rip huge trees from the ground. It can transport and present the effects of a wildland fire burning 300 miles away. And one more thing – it can turn up and turn down the volume of freeway traffic.

One morning last week, we awakened to thickly filled smoky skies. The landscape took on an eerie orangish hue. Creepier yet, as the sun set it appeared as a red-orange orb. When dark, a scarlet full moon rose in the eastern skies. At first, I thought there was a fire in the nearby Angeles Forest. No; strong winds had blown smoke from faraway Sequoia National Park. On that day, in particular, erratic wind patterns blew from different directions at many levels in the atmosphere. The ever-changing wind maps kept the NWS meteorologists hopping, I'm sure!

You may also have noticed that sound levels are lower during the day than at night even though there may be more traffic traveling during the day. This occurs in areas where a nighttime temperature inversion occurs. An inversion causes temperatures of the atmosphere to increase with altitude in contrast to the normal decrease with altitude.

We live in a prime location for this to occur. Wind-blown fog, off the relatively nearby ocean, moves inland during the evening and early morning hours and collides with the San Gabriel Mountains. To make simple of the scientific: Sound is magnified when it becomes trapped under the fog layer. The direction of the wind also influences sound levels. I use the 210 Freeway as my example.

When the wind is blowing from the freeway toward you (downwind) sound level is higher. Conversely, you might notice that sound levels are lower when the wind is blowing away (upwind) from you and toward the freeway.

Shifting wind directions dictate the upcoming forecast. Weak to semi-moderate offshore winds will make for warm and dry weather over the weekend. With a shift in the winds – now onshore – a cooling trend is expected to usher in the first week of October.

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K-RAIL from Cover

our input when everything came in; [the City] was just super helpful. The plants had to be in a certain way to create barriers for [control of alcohol beverages] and the City helped me out on that. It was really good with it.”

Many restaurant owners decorated their K-rails by painting them and adding plants. Owners purchased or rented tents, heaters and fans – anything that would enhance the outdoor dining experience.

Like many other cities that created outdoor dining areas, most of the public loved the additional seating and the al fresco program became very popular.

As indoor seating opened up the push to end the K-rail program came from some business owners who reportedly wanted parking spaces back for their customers.

City of Glendale officials began exploring whether to remove the parklets altogether or to install more permanent structures that included additional amenities, such as weather protection and better aesthetics, than what was provided by the concrete and plastic K-rails.

In May 2021, City officials surveyed residents and business owners to ask about their al fresco experiences and their thoughts of making the parklets a long-term feature. The survey received responses from 1,145 respondents with 51% of those coming from La Crescenta and Montrose and 14% of the responses from business owners – 32 were restaurant owners. With more than 75% of business respondents being retail merchants, officials were surprised to find that more than 74% of business respondents, including more than half of the all retail merchants, supported making the parklets a long-term fixture. They were joined by 82% of residents, an overwhelming majority, who wanted to see the program continue.

The City had originally planned for parklets in



NEWS

IN BRIEF

MILKWEED PLANTING AND GIVE AWAY

Friends and supporters of the Rosemont Preserve are launching the Monarch Recovery Project on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed for the planting and giving away of milkweed plants.

The Western monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), which once migrated across California in the millions, is on the verge of extinction: dramatic loss of habitat and the impacts of climate change have combined to push them to the brink. The most critical action that can be taken now to save these butterflies is to plant and restore native butterfly habitat – and more specifically, native milkweed – across the San Gabriel foothill communities.

Sign up to adopt milkweed at any events on the website <https://arroyosfoothills.org/monarch-recovery-project/>.

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

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

BIG STRIKE AUCTION

The Verdugo Hills Council is inviting the community to Celebrate the Roaring '20s at the 46th Annual Big Strike Auction on Oct. 8. This event is an elegant evening of fellowship that begins at 6 p.m. with an outdoor gathering reception that features craft cocktails, wine, close-in magic and hors d' oeuvres. Guests will then move indoors for a plated dinner and live entertainment from Dave Stuckey & the Hothouse Gang, have a chance to bid on silent auction items and enjoy a live auction run by "Shotgun Tom" Kelly. Participants in the Big Strike Auction will follow all Health Dept. orders and guidelines during the event.

Those who aren't able to join in person can register to attend virtually to still help support local Scouting.

Now, perhaps more than ever, the Scouts and Families of the Verdugo Hills Council need support and philanthropy. Sponsorships are needed as are tributes for the event journal, and additional silent auction items.

Register at [www.thebigstrikeauction.com](http://www.thebigstrikeauction.com).

COMMUNITY BINGO NIGHT & FOOD DRIVE

Glendale Moose Lodge No. 641 is hosting its inaugural community bingo night and food drive on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall. Food and check-in is at 5 p.m. with the first game at 6 p.m. All bingo games pay \$100 or more! Entrance fee is \$20, which includes 10 games. For each bag or box of food donated patrons will receive one big chip.

To reserve tickets, call (818) 957-7133 or email [lodge641@gmail.com](mailto:lodge641@gmail.com).

Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta across the street from the La Crescenta Woman's Club.

Playing for Empowerment



ABOVE: This year's players in the TNT Softball Classic Tournament to Strike Out Breast Cancer.  
BELOW: Players from across the country come to Crystal Lake to participate in the TNT Softball Classic Tournament to Strike Out Breast Cancer.

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Athletes traveled from all over the country, including California, to a unique softball game that is not only inspiring but also empowering.*

Recently in a small town in Illinois called Crystal Lake women from several states brought their best game to the TNT Softball Classic Tournament to Strike Out Breast Cancer.

"We have this incredible tournament, inspired by Cheri [Dvorchak]," said Justin Hager, CVW reporter and the tournament's director.

Dvorchak started this tournament to share her experience with breast cancer with others and to bring some good to the struggle she went through.

"It was a normal afternoon at work until the call came in. 'I'm sorry to have to tell you...' The only word you hear is cancer," Dvorchak stated on the TNT Softball Classic website.

She shared how cancer had cast a long shadow on her family and how the diagnosis makes a woman feel powerless and out of control.

"I am a cancer survivor," Dvorchak said. "I was diagnosed in 2013."

She has played softball for many years with a team of women and loved the sport but in 2013 she thought this "may be my last year."

"But I kept playing," she said.

It was not easy; it took her a long time to get "out of my situation" with surgery and radiation, she said.

Then in 2017 a team member lost a loved one to cancer then another member of the team had a recurrence with her cancer fight.

Dvorchak realized how a cancer diagnosis affects not only the individual but also layers of friends and loved ones. So she decided to create a space where women could join in the great American pasttime of softball, raise money for breast cancer care and research, build a sisterhood of support and have a great time.

"We wanted it to center on softball," she said.

So the tournament was born. It has grown in number of players and interest by communities. COVID-19 did affect the tournament in 2020 – it was postponed due to the pandemic – but this year it returned stronger than ever.

The unique aspect of this softball competition is how teams are chosen.

"You don't sign up as a team but as an individual. We pull names out of a hat and make the teams on the spot," Hager said. "You might end up with a [teammate] who was your competition [in the past]."

He added this changed the emotion of the tournament, not only for the women teammates but also of those who support them.

"Women of all ages, abilities and backgrounds come together to set aside old rivalries and support each other," said Hager. "Men have asked to participate or for a separate men's tournament, and I simply tell them that TNT isn't about us [men]. At this event it's our job to serve and support these amazing and inspirational women."

In addition to getting more women to sign up to play they were able to raise more funds this year, nearly \$7,000. Their long-term goal is to raise \$25,000 annually for cancer support.

Some of the teammates are cancer survivors, some are still "warriors" and others are playing for loved ones.

"A woman from California flies to Illinois every year and plays in her mother's name," Dvorchak said.

Dvorchak described her feeling of weakness and helplessness when she was first diagnosed.

"In those first days after diagnosis, everything changes. You don't know if you're going to live or die, see your kids get married or your grandkids grow up," she stated.

She started the tournament as a way to fight back, as a personal power play against the



disease, but it has come to mean so much more to so many. Her empowerment has created a bond with a sisterhood of warriors who will not let cancer stop their competitive spirit.

"My mom raised me to be a strong independent woman," Dvorchak stated. "I am not a victim. I am a warrior. I am a survivor."

To donate to TNT Softball Classic to Strike Out Breast Cancer, or to learn more about playing or volunteering, visit the website

at [tntsoftballclassic.com](http://tntsoftballclassic.com). The proceeds are donated to the Northwestern Memorial Foundation.

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# Governor Signs Portantino’s SB 381, Gets Caltrans Out of Housing in South Pasadena

As a follow-up to his negotiation to end the threat of the 710 Freeway and enact protections for non-profits operating in the 710 corridor, Senator Anthony J. Portantino worked closely with the City of South Pasadena to accelerate the transition of Caltrans owned homes out of the state’s hands. The collaboration led to the drafting of Senate Bill 381.

Senator Portantino joined Gov. Newsom in Oakland this week as he signed into law 27 housing bills. SB 381 provides protections for existing tenants, includes a strategy to protect historic homes and gives flexibility to the City of South Pasadena to create more affordable housing.

“I want to thank the Governor for signing SB 381 and providing South Pasadena an opportunity to protect our historic homes and expand affordable housing options,” said Portantino. “Since the SR 710 Freeway gap can no longer be built, South Pasadena expressed a need for legislative changes to the current sales process and existing tenants needed protections. With SB 381,

we were able to achieve all these goals while offering the City the opportunity to control the process going forward.”

Early in 2017, Caltrans began dispensing properties as required by SB 416 and the Roberti Act. SB 416 and the Roberti Act govern the sale of surplus property and outline the priority order of who can purchase. In 2019, the governor signed Portantino’s SB 7, which ended the SR 710 extension project. To date, Caltrans has sold less than 15 properties and will be looking to move forward with the disposition of the remaining 445 properties this year.

Current statue allows cities to purchase only occupied and unoccupied multi-family units, but cities must still compete with other Housing Related Entities (HREs) to win the bid. Additionally, current statute sets the sales price for cities at a “reasonable price” determined by various factors. However, a substantial number of these homes need significant repairs and at the same time must be rented or sold at amounts based upon affordable income criteria.

In order to bring more clarity and local flexibility, the South Pasadena City Council asked Senator Portantino to help. After the initial conversation, the city, community and historical society conducted a series of community meetings and City Council dialogues that resulted in SB 381.

SB 381 gives current tenants of single-family and multi-family residences new opportunities to purchase properties. The City of South Pasadena will be able to sell historical homes at fair market value and use the funds generated to reinvest in affordable housing. The measure requires that for every historical home that is sold, the City must create three affordable housing units. In addition, the bill provides that Caltrans must start to sell unoccupied units by June 30, 2022 and allows the City of South Pasadena to buy properties at acquisition price, which must be used for affordable rentals for 55 years and affordable home ownership for 45 years. Construction or acquisition must begin by Dec 31, 2025 as outlined in the SB 381. All tenants who

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# CA Housing Bills: 48 Hours After Recall, Newsom Risks Alienating Middle-Class Voters ... Once Again

By Justin HAGER

Less than 48 hours after surviving a recall that was spurred by complaints that he is out of touch with struggling lower- and middle-class Californians, Gov. Gavin Newsom used two swift strokes of his pen to sign SB 9 and SB 10 and potentially alienate middle-class homeowners by all but eliminating local single family zoning ordinances.

As discussed in previous CV Weekly articles, SB 9 effectively guarantees approval of existing single-family lots to be subdivided

into smaller lots, with the potential for up to four housing units on each current single-family lot. SB 10 allows cities and developers to bypass CEQA review and build up to 10 units on certain urban lots that have access to high quality transit and other infrastructure.

The bills are intended to address Californians skyrocketing housing prices, its lack of affordable housing and stubborn homelessness rates and garnered support from some of California’s biggest political names including Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins.

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The imbalance between supply and demand has driven California housing costs to be the highest in the nation, with an average median home price now 2.5 times the U.S. median. These high prices have prohibited occupations like teachers, nurses,

public safety officers and younger professionals the ability to afford owning a home. SB 381 will make it economically viable for the City of South Pasadena to purchase, substantially rehabilitate, maintain, and administer an affordable housing program to the benefit of the community.



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# Two Strike Park Ramp – Part Two

By Mary O'KEEFE

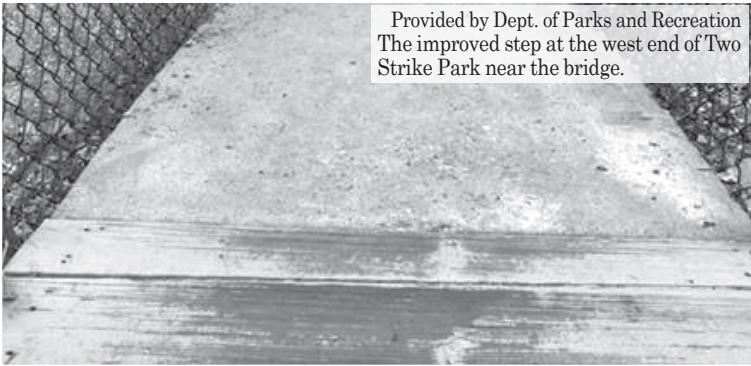
In a follow-up to the Sept. 16 CVW article “New Ramp Not Useful for Everyone,” Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation and Flood Control/Public Works have been looking into which agency exactly is responsible for this small but imperative portion of a ramp that was constructed at Two Strike Park.

As reported earlier, the ramp is part of a decades long walking path project for the park. A wide sidewalk now winds its way through the park leading from the parking lot on the east side to Henrietta Avenue on the west. The project included a ramp to make it easier to enter and exit the park for those who are in wheelchairs as well as those who use strollers and walkers and those who have difficulty traversing stairs. The problem is the far west end of the ramp where those leaving or entering the park must traverse dirt paths, an uneven wooden bridge that crosses the Eagle Canyon Channel and a broken curb.

CVW contacted Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation and Flood Control/Public Works to find out what could be done to make the ramp accessible for everyone.

Surprisingly, the first challenge was finding out which agency was responsible for that area.

Many locations within LA County are overseen by different agencies. To determine which agency was responsible for the Two Strike Park ramp, representatives from the County of LA Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the Dept. of Public Works, LA County, which is the



agency the Flood Control District falls under, looked into the issue to determine which was responsible.

Both agencies acted quickly and sent out representatives to review the area that included the ramp, bridge and path on the west end of the park.

“That investigation confirmed that the park, the pedestrian pathway and the bridge all belong to Parks and Recreation, which is responsible for their maintenance. The bridge over the LA County Flood Control District’s Eagle Canyon Channel was permitted to Parks as early as 1950 and was built by Parks on the site on June 14, 1961. Because the recreational trail has no nexus with the channel’s flood control function, the Flood Control District (managed by Public Works) would not have a role with the trail or Parks’ pedestrian bridge,” according to Steve Frasher, Public Works spokesman.

This was confirmed by Chester Kano, architect/chief of Development Division, Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

A Parks and Recreation representative went to the site and noticed that at the end of the bridge

on the Henrietta Avenue side of the park (west side) there was a dip of about an inch. That dip was fixed immediately to “enable a smooth transition.”

Kano concluded a meeting with Public Works Road Division and it was confirmed that full ADA compliance is not possible due to the existing slope and lack of pedestrian sidewalk at Henrietta Avenue.

Public Works Road Division will perform a maintenance project to add new asphalt paving from the end of the bridge to the edge of Henrietta Avenue, including a new asphalt rolled curb to replace the existing, cracked asphalt curbing. While this won’t change the slope, this will eliminate the dirt and loose gravel in that area making it more stable for walkers. Also, the new rolled curb should be smooth and easier to traverse with strollers and other wheeled accessories, according to Kano.

In addition, the Crescenta Valley Town Council has asked LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger to support making Crescenta Valley Park more accessible for all, said CVTC President Harry Leon.

# Cops Look to Curb Speeding

By Mary O'KEEFE

Traffic has always been a problem in Southern California including in the Crescenta Valley and the City of Glendale. Street racing and reckless driving have become issues that have residents worried about the roadways.

“We have had more reckless [driving] than racing on our streets,” said Sgt. Ben Bateman, Glendale Police Dept. “Our street racing [that we do have] isn’t organized like the illegal [organized] racing in other areas. This is more of two cars pulling up to a red light, revving their engines, both punching it and taking off.”

Sometimes the drivers know each other and sometimes they are just two drivers who take the opportunity to race.

A fatal example of racing and driving too fast was seen in August, which ended in a high speed crash in Burbank. According to reports, three vehicles were involved in a traffic collision at the intersection of Glenoaks Boulevard and Andover Drive.

According to witness accounts and a police investigation, it appeared that the drivers of a Kia and Mercedes-Benz were racing, driving at an accelerated rate of speed. A Volkswagen with three occupants was attempting to turn

left when it was struck.

The driver and two of the three passengers in the Volkswagen died; they ranged in age from 19 to 21. The 19-year-old male driver of the Kia and 17-year-old Mercedes-Benz driver were arrested and each charged with three counts of murder and one count of reckless driving.

There are other times when drivers are not racing against others but are just driving well above the posted speed limit ... and not with the flow of the traffic.

“We had a young man in our [Glendale] neighborhood of Pacific Avenue and Stocker Street [who] lost control of [his vehicle], hit a car, then [drove] through a bus bench and hit a building,” Bateman said.

There were people at the bus bench at the time but luckily they were not injured; in fact there were only minor injuries reported relating to the accident.

Although there are impaired drivers on the road, the majority appears to be just driving fast with little regard for others, according to Bateman.

“We have been receiving a lot of complaints from residents in neighborhoods about modified exhaust [on vehicles] with [drivers who have] no regard for stop signs and drive too fast,” he said.

An increase in modified exhaust

on vehicles seems to be a common issue borne of pandemic isolation. Perhaps because people had more time on their hands to modify their cars or, due to the increased costs of buying a new or used car, people returned to work on the vehicle they already owned. For whatever reason, several cities began looking at writing new noise ordinances to curb this trend.

Bateman said these loud cars affect entire neighborhoods, and are not just “hot rods” but modified exhausts found on BMWs and Mercedes-Benzes.

Although there are many complaints of loud cars, speeding is still the issue that concerns most residents.

GPD patrol and traffic units are working on this issue every day but officers cannot be everywhere and now, with school back in session, they are focused on issues near schools as well, Bateman said.

He added officers have witnessed a lot of traffic violations at schools and, in addition to handing out citations, they use this time as a way to educate drivers on traffic laws.

“Parents have to get back into the rhythm of being back at school,” he said.

In the meantime, GPD officers will continue to patrol, cite and “educate” drivers.

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**Sept. 24**  
5100 block of Hayman Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, someone entered an unlocked vehicle and used the vehicle key that was left inside the cab to steal the vehicle at 5:15 a.m.

**Sept. 17**  
4800 block of Vineta Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, gardening tools were stolen from a vehicle between 10:20 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Sept. 14**  
300 block of Georgian Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that the rear driver's side window was shattered on her vehicle. Nothing was reported stolen. The incident occurred between 3:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

**Sept. 13**  
900 block of Coral Way in La Cañada Flintridge, the front passenger window was shattered on a vehicle, the interior was ransacked and several power tools were stolen from the trunk of the car overnight.

**July 23**  
4800 block of Sunset Avenue in La Crescenta, after an ex-girlfriend left a man's home he discovered jewelry was missing from his safe. The incident occurred between July 23 and Sept. 23.

**July 20**  
2800 block of Henrietta Avenue in La Crescenta, someone stole the registration tab from the license plate on a vehicle between July 20 and Sept. 24.

**Sept. 13**  
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## Memorial Service for Dr. Ronald S. Wu

A service of remembrance for Ronald S. Wu, M.D. will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Vallejo Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church, 300 Vallejo Drive in Glendale.

Dr. Wu passed away in his home on Sept. 8, 2020 following a long, heroic battle against lung cancer. He is interred at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, Glendale.

A public memorial service was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Wu was born in 1941 on the island of Gulangyu, near the coastal city of Xiamen, China. He graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, California, in 1968.

For nearly half-a-century, until his retirement in June 2017, Dr. Wu helped deliver more than 20,000 babies at Adventist Health Glendale. A highly-respected specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, he dedicated his practice to helping women with difficult pregnancies and deliveries.

Dr. Wu is survived by his wife of 52 years, Georgiana; daughters Roxanne Wu and Crystal (Bryan) Simpson; granddaughter Eryn Wu Simpson; brother Gary Seng Hock Wu; and many other relatives.

Due to current pandemic conditions, CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed at the service, which will also be live-streamed on [www.graceunconditional.com/ronaldwu](http://www.graceunconditional.com/ronaldwu).

# GPD REPORTS

**Four Ex-Felons Arrested on Numerous Charges After Officers Locate Three Firearms in Vehicle**  
On Sept. 21 at approximately 11:30 p.m., Glendale police officers on patrol noticed a vehicle parked on the 3800 block of San Fernando Road in a handicap parking space without a handicap placard. The officers approached the parking lot and noticed the vehicle was occupied by two passengers, 38-year-old Priscilla Flores of West Covina and 33-year-old Roger Mendoza (transient). A male, later identified as 28-year-old Michael Carrillo (transient), and female, 33-year-old Hilary Sullivan of Phillips Ranch, were seen walking away from a nearby ATM machine toward the vehicle. While the officers were speaking with Carrillo (who initially provided false names), they noticed he had a pocket knife clipped to his pants. A search of Carrillo produced an access card and the key to the illegally parked vehicle. Sullivan also initially provided officers with a false name. Assisting officers arrived. On the rear passenger seat, in plain view, officers located a loaded ghost gun. A subsequent search of the vehicle produced two more loaded firearms, a firearm silencer, a high capacity magazine, a box of ammunition, over 70 blank access cards, one re-encoded access card, two methamphetamine pipes, one jar of cannabis, one baggie of methamphetamine, and several items of stolen mail. Mendoza was found to be in possession of a window punch. During the investigation it was discovered that all four individuals had previously been convicted of a felony. Officers learned that Carrillo was on active probation and had multiple warrants out for his arrest and Sullivan was on active parole. Carrillo, Sullivan, Flores and Mendoza were all arrested and booked on numerous charges including carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle with a prior felony, being an ex-felon with a firearm, identity theft, possessing controlled substances while armed and owning ammunition when prohibited.

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

## Correction

In the Sept. 23 article, "Election Protocols Questioned at CVTC Meeting," the photo misidentified one of the councilmembers as Sophal Ear. The photo actually included Daniel Kim.

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La Cañada’s ‘Mexican Quarter’

From the 1880s through the ’20s, La Cañada had a neighborhood of poor laborers, mostly people of color. Most people don’t realize that La Cañada, now one of the highest income suburbs of Los Angeles, started out as a largely rural and working-class community. It was mostly small farms and ranches and as such had a need for cheap labor. The labor force was made up of a wide variety of races and ethnicities: Spanish-speaking Californios (descendants of the original Spanish settlers), Native Americans, immigrants from Mexico, African Americans, plus a wide variety of immigrants from Asia and Europe. But to the Anglo ranchers of La Cañada this cheap labor force was simply and wrongly lumped under the broad term of “Mexicans.”

The life of these laborers was hard and brutal. The economics of American rule kept them in degradation and poverty. Their status excluded them from any other jobs. The Anglo population generally looked down on them. They worked 16-hour days in the hot sun, and lived in shacks and hovels. From the 1880s until the Great Depression there was a sizable population of these poor laborers in La Cañada. Their stories are for the most part lost to us today, save for a few news accounts of their crimes and one or two oral histories that describe them. These are invariably in unfavorable terms, reflecting the prejudices and ignorance of that era. Please bear with me.

The 1893 Los Angeles Herald carries two examples of crimes attributed to the laborers in La Cañada. The first details a shooting by one of the laborers who was drunk. He and another man were drinking wine at Tom Hall’s winery, which was located in what is today the upper Alta Canyada neighborhood. A 17-year-old boy Mitchell Pettit passed by the two men. Words were exchanged and one of the drunk laborers raised a shotgun and fired both barrels into the boy’s face. As it was birdshot, the boy was severely injured, but not killed.

In another case, the sheriff was summoned to La Cañada because of a knife fight between three men. One of the men was badly cut up, and was judged the victim of the other two. The results of the trial were reported under the headline of “A Mexican Row.” When the victim declined to testify against his attackers, the newspaper declared that he was “naturally too stupid to do so.” The paper finished by proclaiming, “The people of La Cañada complain of a crowd of Mexicans and Indians who hang around camping in huts and tents.” In other words, they were complaining about their own labor force.

Another insulting account of La Cañada’s “Mexican Quarter” comes from an oral history from one of the pioneers of La Cañada, speaking about that community in the 1920s. His words reflect the prejudices of that era.

“They did all kinds of manual labor. There was quite a group of them living here at that time. After we got here they were pretty well concentrated just south of Huntington Iron Works, from Union Street to Alta Canyada Road.” (This would have been the area just below Magpie’s Grill, an area largely taken by the 210 Freeway.)

“In the early ’20s there must have been 20 or 30 families in there. The community was really quite concerned about it because they didn’t try to keep their places looking like anything. They didn’t even care if the house leaks on them or not, I guess. That situation was quite bad in the ’20s. We thought it was bad with all those Mexicans there, although they didn’t hurt anyone really. They had a lot of fights among themselves. They’d get drunk and knife each other up and all that sort of thing. But they stayed to themselves and didn’t cause any trouble in the community. But anyway, they gradually drifted away.”

With the hard times of the Depression, this mixed ethnic work force left the valley, and the freeway construction erased any trace of that lost and forgotten community.



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NEWS FROM CVWD

CV Water District 2021 Drought Update

In mid-August, the federal government declared a water shortage on the Colorado River due to the ongoing drought. This is the first declaration of this type and will trigger mandatory water consumption cuts for states in the southwest. Lake Mead is the largest reservoir in the U.S. by volume. This Colorado River reservoir is at its lowest since the lake was filled after the Hoover Dam was completed in the 1930s. Lake Powell, which is also fed by the Colorado River and is the country’s second-largest reservoir, recently sank to a record low of 32% capacity.

Earlier this summer, Gov. Gavin Newsom asked Californians to voluntarily cut water consumption by 15% compared to 2020 levels, as the state’s drought worsens.

Currently, there is no penalty from the state for not making the water usage reduction as the 15% conservation target is voluntary in Southern California. This is because Southern California wholesalers such as Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), the primary source of CVWD’s imported water purchases, developed up to several years of water storage since the last drought to help get through subsequent droughts.

However, it is expected that Southern California agencies, including CVWD, will collectively support the broader southwest region effort by asking customers to save water and restrict outdoor water use. Currently, CVWD is in an increased water conservation alert status, which limits outdoor irrigation to odd or even days, based on the ending number of a customer’s address. The water conservation alert levels will continue to increase if drought conditions persist. Please visit [www.CVWD.com](http://www.CVWD.com) for more information regarding local conservation efforts.

This is certainly not the first drought for our local community. As MWD’s messaging says, “This is not your first rodeo; Southern Californians know what to do in a drought.”

Crescenta Valley residents have always done a wonderful job during previous droughts by reducing indoor and outdoor water use to meet conservation targets as necessary.

Best Practices for Watering Trees

A common question during droughts and their associated outdoor watering restrictions is what to do about trees that need to be watered. Water restrictions do not prohibit the hand watering of trees. Trees offer more benefits than just being beautiful: they reduce pollution, conserve water, prevent erosion and can even help save energy.

Since young trees are still forming root systems, they need additional water to establish deeper roots at the base. Mature trees require deeper and slower watering at the edge of the tree canopy. Keep in mind that trees located near heat traps like driveways or house foundations will require more water.

One of the primary causes of water loss is evaporation. Instead of watering during the day when the weather is at its hottest, water in the morning or evening to allow your tree to fully absorb the water.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Applauds Hager’s CVWD Coverage

Reporter Justin Hager’s coverage of CVWD’s public hearing on proposed rate increases (Sept. 23) is an excellent example of good journalism – thorough and fair, yet demonstrating critical analysis as well.

Reporter Hager did not just take the superficially rosy picture that CVWD presented of water rates only increasing from 1 cent/gallon to 1.2 cents/gallon, Hager used CVWD’s rate calculator to show “...[average] users would see their water bill go up by about 26% over three years from around \$\$238 dollars per year to [?bi-monthly?] about \$300.”

And whereas CVWD presented a chart, which appeared to show that CVWD’s rates are in the middle of peer water districts, reporter Hager dug deeper into this chart and showed that actually CVWD skews to the higher end.

CVWD does not help its case when it attempts to sugar-coat the bitter pill it is asking Crescenta Valley residents to swallow. Aging infrastructure is a real and difficult problem, but a 26% rate increase is a real and difficult problem as well. CVWD needs to honestly acknowledge this, so that CVWD and the Crescenta Valley community can work together in addressing both problems.

Marilyn Tyler  
La Crescenta



# YOUTH

## Local Boys Attain Eagle Rank

Ten La Crescenta boys were recognized on Sept. 4 in a Court of Honor for achieving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Charlie and William Allen, Chase and Ryan Becker, Lukas Elze, Ben Hart, Hayden, Nelson and Quincy Lunt, and Grant Smith are all members of Boy Scout Troop 391 and students at Crescenta Valley High School. Scoutmasters Adam Becker, Greg Lunt and Jon Allen presented the awards. Each of the Scouts conceived, planned and led a project. An Eagle Scout project requires Scouts to demonstrate leadership as they provide a significant contribution to the community, and is also a way for them to demonstrate skills that they acquired in a years-long trail to Eagle.

Charlie Allen is a freshman at CVHS.

“For my Eagle project I organized the painting of a mural at Dunsmore Elementary School. It was all about bringing color to a colorless area in the school while also teaching kids good values and to have fun while doing so. I did this by painting a colorful ocean scape. This cheery idea was inspired by local artist Suzie Reil.

“Mixed in with the fish were the words ‘Be Silly, Be honest, Be Kind.’ I worked on this project in June over the space of a week every day for over six hours. I didn’t do it alone though; I recruited around 40 volunteers to help me in the process.”

William Allen is a junior. His Eagle Scout project benefitted his elementary school, Dunsmore Elementary. The school needed new classroom signs so he designed, created and installed painted wooden signs. Two signs were hung outside each classroom: a colorful crayon shaped sign with the room number on it and another with the teacher’s name. He also facilitated the creation of custom, hand-painted signs for the front of the school and other places such as the teachers’ lounge, library and janitors’ room. His practical contribution



made the hallways cheerful for the kids and families.

Senior Chase Becker said that Boy Scouting taught him to appreciate the outdoors and nature and making friends. His Eagle Scout project was based on family genealogy or family history work. He identified the graves of those laid to rest at Grand View Cemetery. He then used the Billion Graves app, which allows people to take pictures of the headstones at cemeteries. The images were uploaded onto a server that anyone can access for free and index the graves with their lifetime and name. He was able to photograph and record the entire cemetery. It was a great way to do family history, as well as get out in the world and do some service.

Ryan Becker is a sophomore at CVHS. For his Eagle project, Becker made handmade blankets for a charity. The charity then distributed them to kids around the world. The children receiving blankets were orphans or had a history

of being abused or trafficked. The blankets gave the kids something to own for themselves and a sense of warmth and comfort.

Junior Lukas Elze painted a memorial mural at College View School for his Eagle Scout project. The project consisted of creating and painting a colorful mural on the playground memorializing the special students who attended College View during 2019-20. The theme “Ohana Means Family” was represented in the mural along with the handprints of each student attending the College View. Interacting with the students was the highlight of the project.

For his Eagle Scout project, sophomore Benjamin Hart wanted to do something to improve the playground at his elementary school, Dunsmore. He and his team of volunteers relined four basketball courts that had faded and created a blacktop kickball court and soccer field, providing more play areas for recess and P.E.

Additionally, he created four square courts, painted some directional arrows to help with traffic flow on campus and cleaned up some garden beds that his older brother had created for his Eagle project.

Scouting taught senior Hayden Lunt to take care of the environment and his community. For his Eagle project he painted a colorful mural on a shed at College View School, and also built a movable bike cover for the bikes at College View School.

For his Eagle Project, sophomore Nelson Lunt organized volunteers to make fleece and flannel blankets for the Huntington Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) where he, as a baby, was a preemie.

Quincy Lunt, a sophomore,

combined his love of computers and hiking in his Eagle project. He created YouTube videos of his favorite hikes in La Crescenta. He sent groups of hikers out on different trails and then created videos of not-to-miss trailheads, crossroads, mileage, elevation and sites.

Freshman Grant Smith painted colorful learning stencils on the Valley View Elementary playgrounds for his Eagle project as well as cleaning up areas around the front of the school and adding rock covering to beautify the area. He also collected school supplies and made 18 back-to-school backpacks and donated a box of school supplies to the LA County foster program.

Submitted by Wendy HART

## LA Kings Partners with Local YMCA to Bring Hockey to Youth

The Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA has partnered with the Los Angeles Kings Ball Hockey Program and is offering a free clinic on Friday, Oct. 8 at CCY.

Two 45-minute sessions will be offered: the first from 5:30 to 6:15

p.m. and the second from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Each player will receive a free hockey stick and ball. The free clinic introduces the fundamentals of hockey to boys and girls, ages 7-12.

To register for the free clinic,

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Crowds Flock to Country Fair



Photo by Mary O'Keefe  
TOP LEFT: Families eager to have some fun came to Crescenta Valley Park for the Hometown Country Fair on Sept. 18.

Photo by Ruth SOWBY  
ABOVE: La Crescenta residents Olive Rendell, 5, and brother Maxwell, 2, got a lesson in fire truck driving from Fire Engineer Ara Zakarian.

Photos by Mary O'Keefe  
TOP RIGHT: Declan Floyd of Senator Portantino's office presents a certificate to CV Chamber President Mike Riley.  
LEFT: Merchants offered handcrafted items for sale.  
RIGHT: Pie-eating contestants enthusiastically dig in.

The 15th annual Hometown Country Fair returned to CV Park on Sept. 18 after being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hosted by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, the fair had an estimated 4,000-5,000 attendees, according to the LA County Parks Dept.

“The Fair crowd seemed consistent throughout the day. Normally you get highs and lows but this seemed more consistent,” said chamber executive director Steve Pierce. “I believe the reason was the nice weather, not too hot or windy, and everyone wanting to finally get outside and do something as a family.”

And the Fair offered plenty of things to do. A

petting zoo, food trucks, vendors, inflatables for kids, dog parade and even a pie-eating contest made for a full day. The crowd was generous, too; most of the vendors selling goods commented that sales were “better than expected.”

Live music and emcee Rik Middleton kept the information flowing.

A popular attraction was the Early Rodders car show that featured dozens of classic cars. Car owners were near their cars, eager to share with guests the history of their vehicle.

Representatives from various safety personnel agencies rounded out a day that was, according to Pierce, “possibly the most successful Fair yet.”

*Photos by Mary O'KEEFE*

### Veterans Corner

September 2021

## Veterans, Gold Star Families Get Free Entrance to National Parks, Refuges, Other Public Lands

Entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sites are waived for current military service-members and their dependents, veterans and Gold Star Families. They now have free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, which host activities to fit any lifestyle, from serene to high octane, including hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing, camping and much more.

*Are you eligible?* For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of valid (unexpired) identification:

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- Veteran ID Card
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Gold Star Families are next-of-kin of a member

of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a “qualifying situation,” such as a war, an international terrorist attack or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces.

The America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass (Interagency Pass) Program The Interagency Pass Program already includes a free annual pass for active duty members of the U.S. military and their dependents. Current military service members must show a valid (unexpired) Dept. of Defense ID. Dependents of current service members must show a valid (unexpired) DD Form 1173 AD or DEC.

*The annual military pass has been expanded to include veterans and Gold Star Family members.* Other free or discounted passes, including some lifetime passes, are available for persons with permanent disabilities, fourth grade students, volunteers and senior citizens age 62 years or older.

For more information about eligibility and passes, visit Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and Gold Star Families (U.S. National Park Service) at nps.gov.

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# People Making News

Emmanuel College has named Olivia Garland of La Cañada Flintridge to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the dean's list, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business,

nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

Hofstra University congratulates Aidan Holland and Aidan Milanese, both from Glendale, who were among those named to the spring 2021 dean's list for their outstanding academic achievement at Hofstra University. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the dean's list.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, New York that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). The campus is a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and

professional opportunities. Hofstra offers small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services.

Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from

around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

Bellarmino University has named La Cañada resident Leila McNicoll to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. McNicoll is a senior nursing, accel major.

Bellarmino's dean's list recognizes students who receive a grade point

average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Bellarmino University is an independent Catholic university in Louisville, Kentucky, preparing students for lives of leadership and service to others. Bellarmino offers more than 60 majors, as well as graduate and doctoral degrees. Forbes Magazine, the Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report rank Bellarmino among the nation's best colleges.

## CV Weekly On The Move!!



Intrepid archeologist, photographer and antiquities conservationist (and CV Weekly reporter) Charly Shelton always carries the good news and information that the CV Weekly provides, even on the top of the Tribeca building in New York City while curating and displaying a time capsule filled and sealed 87 years ago by Helen Keller and other founding members of the American Foundation for the Blind that was opened at the recent 100-year anniversary gala.

**CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.**

### » USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL

## Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines



Many women have read or were given conflicting information about the best age to begin breast cancer screenings as well as when to stop having them.

The team of radiologists at Keck Medicine of USC takes a more personalized approach based on a woman's overall health and unique risk factors for developing breast cancer. Mary Yamashita, MD, a breast imaging specialist and the lead interpreting physician at the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital breast center, recommends women have a breast cancer risk assessment performed at age 30, which helps determine when to start screening.

This assessment helps women understand whether they are at high or average risk for developing breast cancer in their lifetime. Women at average risk should begin screening for breast cancer at 40 with mammograms, and women at high risk should begin at 30. Yamashita said the team suggests these high-risk women should have a mammogram and a breast MRI every year, at six-month intervals.

"We can't ignore the fact that young women get breast cancer," said Yamashita, adding that one in six breast cancers are found in women between ages

40 and 49. "Our goal is to find breast cancer early when there are more treatment options and better prognosis, which is why screening is so important."

Likewise, for older women Yamashita said there is no specific age at which they should stop having mammograms. Instead, screening for breast cancer should continue as long as a woman is healthy and has a life expectancy of at least 10 years.

"We look at a patient's overall health, not their age," said Yamashita, noting that she has patients over 80 who still have annual mammograms because they are in excellent health.

The team at Keck Medicine also recommends women be screened every year, even though some doctors and organizations recommend less frequent screenings.

"Ever since we started screening, breast cancer death rates have dropped by 40%, so we know it works," said Yamashita.

In recognition of breast cancer awareness month, USC-VHH is offering screening mammograms for \$99 in October. Call (818) 952-3557 to schedule. It has also scheduled a virtual talk on breast health on Oct. 13 as part of its ongoing Doc Talk Lecture series. See [Uscvhh.org/doc-talks](http://Uscvhh.org/doc-talks) for more information.

## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis! How To Find The Listing Agent?

Dear Phyllis,  
I have been reading your real estate questions since the Glendale News Press and am so glad you continue to write for our CV Weekly. I am the trustee of my mother's estate and have her home listed with my cousin who is a Realtor in a nearby city.

Because the real estate market is so hot, my siblings and I had hoped for more action the first week. As trustee, I tried to figure out why there were not more showings. I went on Zillow and looked up the listing, thinking perhaps my cousin didn't have the correct information. The photos and description all seem adequate.

She has small children and I know she is busy. I decided to click on the "Contact Agent" thinking maybe people were inquiring and she wasn't responding quickly. I clicked on "Contact Agent" believing the email would be sent to my Realtor, the listing agent. But a different Realtor - not my agent phoned me. This agent had not even seen my mother's home.

The other option I found was "Take a Tour". This time it did inform me "We'll connect

you with a local agent who can give you a personalized tour of the home in-person or via video chat". I don't know if my cousin is doing something wrong, because it only seems logical that if you contact the agent, it should be the agent the seller hired. Can you give me some insight on how best to approach this with her?

Dilemma

Dear Dilemma,  
Unfortunately, most of these real estate sites were not designed for the consumer's benefit, but for lead generation. These leads are sold to Realtors who typically purchase a zip code. Your cousin is not doing anything wrong. I agree that most of these listing searches are confusing. When looking at them it's nearly impossible to determine how to find the actual listing agent. The only other option your cousin has is to opt the listing out of data submission to the internet. But then this would prevent it from being seen anywhere but the MLS.

Best of luck to you on a successful sale!



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Ken Aiso and Valeria Morgovskaya Perform for Glendale Noon Concerts

The Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts will be streaming the Wednesday, Oct. 6 program without an audience at 12:10 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Violinist Ken Aiso and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya will perform the “Three Romances for Violin and Piano, Op.22” by Clara Schumann and Robert Schumann’s “Violin Sonata No.1 in A minor, Op.105.” Complete concert information and links to the stream will be posted at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Internationally acclaimed violinist/violist Ken Aiso has performed worldwide as soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. Aiso graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London studying with Erich Gruenberg.

He has been invited to renowned music festivals in UK, France, Sweden, Switzerland, India, Georgia, Bolivia and Kazakhstan, and has taught at Montecito Summer Music Festival since 2008. Aiso is a laureate of Long-Thibaud International Competition in Paris and International Music Competition of Japan, and was elected Associate of Royal Academy of Music in London. He received Shimousa Kan-ichi Music Award in his native Japan in 2018. Since moving to Los Angeles in 2015, Aiso has been serving as faculty at



Loyola Marymount and La Sierra Universities, and performs with Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Valeria Morgovskaya, pianist, graduated from the Kiev State Conservatory. Since her immigration to the U.S. in 1990, Morgovskaya has been in high demand as accompanist for singers and all orchestral instrumentalists. She has been an official accompanist to festivals and courses such as Piatigorsky Cello Seminar and Beverly Hills Music Festival, and has performed throughout the U.S., Germany and Japan, as well as on numerous radio broadcast. She has provided accompaniment for many national and international competitions, and was an official accompanist at

Schoenfeld International String Competition in Hong Kong (2013) and Harbin (2014). Morgovskaya is currently staff accompanist at Loyola Marymount University and UCLA, and is often engaged in that capacity at USC, Cal State Long Beach, Colburn School, Montecito International Music Festival, Academy of the West and Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 14th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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**THEN & NOW**

**La Cañada House**  
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**Then »** The Treasures of the Valley column describes the crude housing that laborers occupied in La Cañada's turn-of-the-century "Mexican quarter." Although this reed-shack was photographed in Verdugo Canyon in 1900, this was typical of the dwellings in La Cañada as well— one room with dirt floors.

**Now »** The tiny shacks the workers in La Cañada occupied from the 1880s through the '20s are all gone. La Cañada today is one of the priciest communities in Los Angeles. This house on Commonwealth is almost 13,000 square feet and is valued at about \$9 million.



# JUST FOR FUN

## CALENDAR this

### TGHS PRESENTS ‘HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT WITH MONA’

Tonight, Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m., MONA (Museum of Neon Art) Executive Director Corrie Siegel will make a presentation for Glendale Historical Society. She 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>.

### ‘A BETTER LIFE’ AT UUCVH

The Academy Award nominated film “A Better Life” is being screened at the Unitarian Universalist Church of The Verdugo Hills on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.

Actor Demián Bichir gave one of the most heartfelt performances of 2011 with a fitting musical background score. This timely film about the life of an immigrant gardener brims with high hope and deep tension.

Vaccinated guests only. COVID precautions observed; masks required. Refreshments!

Donation is \$; doors open 6:45 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of The Verdugo Hills, 4451 Dunsmore Ave, La Crescenta

**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](http://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](mailto:gailm@flintridgebooks.com).

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

### BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Oct. 7 at the Little White Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Julie “Jamie” Uyehara, recently appointed Angeles National Forest resource officer, will be speaking. She has been with the Forest Service for 11 years and has had extensive experience in programs such as managing reforestation, reducing invasive weeds and hydrological/water-cycle issues. She has also worked as an environmental scientist at Vandenberg Air Force Base, and a wildlife biologist and manager

for the Angeles, Los Padres, Cleveland and San Bernardino national forests. She has a bachelor's degree in animal science from UC Davis and a doctorate in behavioral ecology from UCLA.

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club participates in a reforestation program called Penny Pines. Many members donate the loose change in their pockets, which allows the Garden Club to make periodic \$68 donations to this program. The donation allows the National Forest Service to create a plantation of trees.

Uyehara will explain more about this program and how the Penny Pine donations are used.

Masks are required and, in the event that indoor gatherings are prohibited, the meeting will take place on Zoom. Those with questions can contact Anne White at (818) 434-3616 or via email at [annewhite1@aol.com](mailto:annewhite1@aol.com).

### YVONNE SAVIO SPEAKER AT AAUW

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Those who would like to receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting may contact Laura Guillory [lguillory1430@gmail.com](mailto:lguillory1430@gmail.com) and provide your name and email address. The conference administrator will send out the Zoom link. Contact Laura by Tuesday, Oct. 5 to receive the link.

The speaker on Oct. 9 will be Yvonne Savio, master gardener and consultant to the University of California. She revitalized the Los Angeles County Master Gardener Volunteer Program, teaching 1150 master gardeners who have served 1.3 county residents. Her topic will be “Container Gardening.”

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

### WALK BENEFITS AHA

The American Heart Association invites the Southland community to join the Heart & Stroke Walk on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Heart & Stroke Walk celebrates the survivors of heart disease and stroke, raises lifesaving funds and encourages physical activity.

This year's theme, Heart Walk Here, invites participants to start their walk from various pop-up start lines set up in Glendale, Santa Monica, Simi Valley or Torrance, or create a path of their own. Participants are encouraged to Heart Walk at any location that inspires their heart health. Details about the pop-up start lines and to register, visit [SouthlandHeartWalk.org](http://SouthlandHeartWalk.org). Download the “how to” kit to map out a Heart & Stroke Walk.

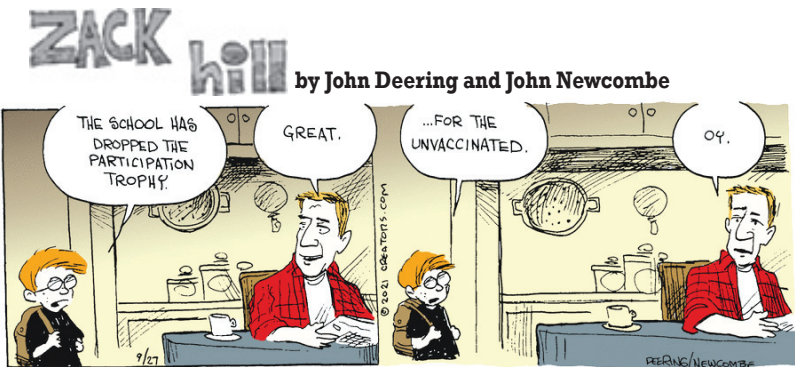
### LITTLE LANDERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS ‘NEON – A LIGHT HISTORY’

Little Landers Historical Society announces the resumption of Bolton Hall Museum's monthly second Saturday historical and educational programs. Following the long pandemic closure, Bolton Hall is now open to visitors and Little Landers Historical Society extends an invitation for 1 p.m. on Oct. 9 for a look at the history of neon lighting from the early 1890s to the artistic creations of today.

After more than a decade of research using Los Angeles as a focal point, speakers Dydia DeLyser, PhD, and Paul Greenspan show how neon signs influenced urban change and will continue to light the future.

This event is free and open to

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com)  
September 27, 2018 - October 3, 2018

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Now it's important to be sure of your own value as a person. Do your best to find happiness in ordinary responsibilities. Do your best to stay calm and focused on your job. When you're centered within yourself, it's easier to lead others. You might feel lazy and self-indulgent. If possible, take a break. Taking an interest in co-workers builds morale. Network to improve your career prospects.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You have a strong work ethic, but you can sometimes put your own needs second. What can you do to create a better balance of work and play? This is a lucky time to network with others to improve your situation. Focus on excellent customer service. Do research to help yourself or others. You can shine as a wise leader with a generous heart. Assume you know your job and that people appreciate you.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This can be a very social period. It's excellent for teaching or learning opportunities. Others will turn to you for good ideas and advice. Plan to have a good time, even at ordinary events. Be generous, with no expectation of special recognition. This is an ideal period for any group effort or leading a team. Creative interests will be especially satisfying. Some events can see you feeling resentful. Avoid reacting with injured pride.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're in a powerful position now. Step up and take action to get what you want. You can be a catalyst for change simply by being who you are. Be diplomatic as emotions could be running high. Making others do what you want without considering their feelings won't bring the best results. Even if you know you're right, resist the desire to give orders. Be simple, direct, and honest.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This is generally a positive period. Problems can be corrected if you take a slow and careful approach. It's possible to have too much confidence or be too opinionated. Be sure you're on the same page as everyone else. Events can bring a situation that seems to be working out but still isn't complete. Someone could be hiding or not facing important facts. This period is good for researching job prospects.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

There may not be enough value placed on positive relationships or the communication of feelings in the workplace. You have an opportunity to improve morale if you can get people talking. A fortunate energy promises success with technical issues. Problems come if you cling to the past. This period has the potential for making a significant, positive change. Your desire for success or to make a good impression could mean overtime.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Those who like to move in progressive directions can get stressed by a workplace that insists things stay as they are. Structures that no longer feed your heart can change radically with little or no warning. This is a real opportunity to follow your heart. Network with friends and online to improve your prospects. This is a good time to work alone. This period is fortunate for teamwork and meeting co-workers away from the job.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may feel very moody or emotionally vulnerable now. Jealousy or feelings of insecurity can create unnecessary problems. Do your best to be confident. Events will bring improving relationships with co-workers. You might be surprised to discover you have the same perspective or long-term goals. It's a positive time for team projects. An unsettled situation on the job can undermine your hopes. It isn't your responsibility to fix it.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It might be time to break with tradition now. How do other people's expectations stand in the way of your career ambitions? Even if you have a job you like, this is an excellent time to think about upgrading or changing your current position. Do your best to make a good impression. Be especially careful about your clothing. Surrender old patterns and be open to trying things in new ways. Dare to reinvent yourself.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Trust your inner voice. No matter what your situation, behave as if all will be well. Optimism and excitement are important generators of interest for anything you do. Finish all you can before you start anything new. Do your best to have good relationships with superiors. This is a positive time to improve your current position or find something better. Magical coincidences are possible now.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You'll need willpower to stay focused early now. It's important to do what is expected and not become distracted. If stressed, do your best not to lapse into worry or anxiety. Talk to the supportive people around you. This is a good time for a careful review of any detailed work. Ask for help if you're just learning. It's important to communicate your needs. Be sure everyone understands what is expected.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It's important to be a good listener. Ask careful questions if you have any doubts. Superiors, co-workers, and customers will appreciate your interest. You can help build morale by bringing in a snack or going out to eat with co-workers. You could feel moody. Try not to take thoughtless remarks personally. Be receptive and open. This isn't the time to aggressively take the lead. Consider upgrading your wardrobe.

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RELIGION

Question:

We have a neighbor in his late 70s who is constantly complaining about something. Sometimes it's his health and other times politics. Many of us in the neighborhood volunteer in various capacities in our community. We don't have time to complain because we're too busy. We've suggested to our complaining neighbor that he could volunteer as well and we'd help him find a place that would keep him busy and happy, but he hasn't taken us up on our offer.

Is there a way we can convince him to be a volunteer?

~ Happy Volunteers

Dear Happy Volunteers,

First, thank you for helping the community by volunteering. I share your enthusiasm for action rather than apathy. I'm in my mid 70s and retired at 55. I've had wonderful experiences volunteering with many organizations and public agencies since then. The pandemic has curtailed many opportunities and raised increased health concerns so my husband and I choose our actions carefully now. We are limiting our activities to outdoor events.

I confess to having limited success over the years recruiting more volunteers. I've come to think people respond to a negative appeal more fervently than a positive one. However, as a secular humanist, I believe in the basic goodness of people and continue to try to appeal to their better nature.

Someone your neighbor's age may have health problems and/

or be missing family and old friends who have recently died. His complaints may come from physical pain, sadness at loss of vitality and grief. Current events around the world are pretty grim these days; the level of general anger, anxiety and fear is high. He may just need a sympathetic ear for a while and listening carefully might give you clues to help you match a volunteer opportunity to fixing a complaint of his.

Have you asked him to join you in some specific activity that uses his particular skills and experience? People like to be needed and valued. Or maybe he would engage in some project that reviews history so he can balance the present with good happy memories. I've found that reflection on my great fortune to have been able to attend many pleasant past events balances my dismay.

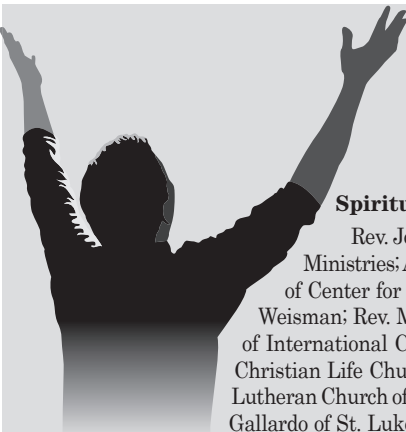
I urge your group to keep your spirits up and hope your neighbor follows your example.



Sharon Weisman  
sharon@jetcafe.org

Dear Happy Volunteers,

First of all, thank you for doing your part to assist and be of service to others. You are right that helping others is an effective antidote to feelings of being worthless or valueless, and the accompanying feelings of both anger and depression that



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking Participants

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson, RScP; Laney Clevenger-White, RScP and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Rev. Dr. Ellen Contente of Global Truth Center; Pastor Scott Peterson of Lutheran Church of the Foothills; Rev. Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church; Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Community Life Church; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church.

Responses are offered from the perspective of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

accompany such thoughts. Indeed, psychological studies have found that people who get involved in helping others are in general much happier. Certainly, your own experience seems to confirm this as well.

If you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to invite him to see you volunteer. You can make the invitation non-threatening by suggesting he can leave whenever he wishes (if he has his own transportation); and make it appear a little more of a fun day by maybe going to breakfast or lunch together as well as seeing what it is like to volunteer. Sometimes seeing your experience may be more of a door opener and incentive for him to follow your example than just talking "over the fence" about it.

Ultimately, it is his choice and whatever he chooses should be respected. It may turn out it just isn't his thing. But it is certainly worth the try based on your concern for him.

There is another approach I

would encourage you to take as well. Let it go hand-in-hand with your invitation. Mentally see him as wanting this and being open to it. Ernest Holmes, founder of the Science of Mind, once pointed out that we live in a spiritual universe, that what we mentally think reflects or manifests in the outer or physical world. That even holds true for what we think about other people. Rev. Ike once said that the way we think about others can keep them locked into negative behaviors and situations. For example, if you see or say someone is the devil, don't be surprised when they act like it. Because what we see inside ourselves in our imagination, beliefs and thoughts (even about others) is reflected into our experience in the outer world.

So you can actually further help your neighbor by changing your mind about him. Instead of seeing a man who only complains about his health and politics, see him renewed in your mind. As St. Paul said in Romans 12:2: "Be ye transformed by the renewal of your mind." See him actively engaged in service to others and of being of great good and benefit to them. See him as happy and as useful as yourself. How to do that? You can use a simple affirmative prayer to help you change your own idea of your neighbor and the limitations you see in him. Here is an example of an affirmative prayer you can use. It will work miracles. I would encourage you to print it out or memorize it and say it everyday in the morning, or whenever you begin to see him as being his limited "old self."

"My neighbor is a wonderful human being who is happy, healthy, forgiving and caring. He is blessed with goodness and peace of mind in all things. He raises and blesses others, and himself, with his wonderful and uplifting sacred service to humanity. Thank you, Beloved Father, for this revelation and for this new understanding of my neighbor, and so it is. Amen."

Question:

We recently had to put down our 12-year-old dog Sassy because she had cancer and was suffering. We asked our daughter, who is 8, and our son, who is 10, to help us make that decision. We explained helping her this way would take away the suffering.

Now, our 8-year-old is inconsolable and is asking questions like, "Will Sassy go to heaven and will we see her again?" We told her we'd ask someone who would probably be able to ask that question. We didn't want to give her false hopes by making up answers.

What would you tell your child in these same circumstances?

~ Stumped Parents

Dear Stumped Parents,

Sometimes the hardest part of being a parent is the tension that lies in our mature understanding of the world that often strips us of wonder in favor of rational answers. A child's questions are often of the heart rather than of the head. And the heart's longing for the afterlife, and the place of loved ones within it, requires a heart-based answer.

Now some will argue that what makes us human is the presence of an eternal soul and therefore the only earthbound beings who make it to eternity are us. Going further, some doctrine states that only those who follow certain tenets of certain faiths find heaven in the end. However, these answers are for the mind that seeks to divide the world into the manageable, the concrete, the predictable. Thankfully, children and those possessed of such wonder do not trifle with such seriousness.

Instead, I find comfort in the writings of the prophets who imagine eternity in which a lion lays down with a lamb, when the wonders of the Garden are restored, when all of creation's life finds its yearning for salvation to be complete. These images of heaven are less clouds and harps and angelic wings and more grass and laughter and wholeness throughout creation.

The joys of this life are only a shadow of the joy we will find in an eternity defined by love. Of course dogs will be in heaven! The fleeting happiness we experience

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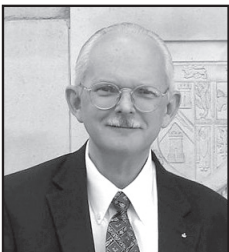
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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING *from previous page*

now are the moments when heaven and earth overlap – imagine when, as prophets imagine, all of creation and all of heaven are one! Our loss and sorrow and grief will be wiped away, redeemed by God’s love for us and for all that God has created.  
So give your daughter this wonderful hope and I hope such hope would endure throughout her life.



Rev. Kyle Sears  
kylesears@lacanadachurch.org

Dear Stumped Parents,  
It is one thing to explain to children about end-of-life issues and lead them through the experiences the best we can. It is entirely another thing to have them participate in making such a decision. I wouldn’t recommend that. By choosing to make them part of the decision to put the dog down, your 8-year-old daughter became overly powerful for her tender time in life. I am not saying that she wouldn’t have come to this existential crisis anyway; however, it certainly brought it to flower sooner and more intensely than it might have been.  
Yes, the choice to put your dog down to stop her suffering was correct. However, I fear you involved your children not to make the decision more acceptable to them or easier for them. It seems to be more to take the responsibility off yourselves and,

therefore, perhaps unwittingly you put the burden of the decision partly on them. It is hard enough for adults with so much more life experience to face such things.  
We love our pets in very deep ways that go beyond words and explanations. We come to know them intimately, their likes and dislikes, their habits, their emotions. They look into our eyes and know us, too. In some cases more than our human companions, certainly differently and more elementally. When we are sad they know it. We see it in their body language and degree of attentiveness. When we are sick, they watch over us until we are well again.  
Tell your daughter that our life here is only part of our experience. We love to be on earth to eat good food, run and play, create things that make life more pleasurable and convenient, love one another and grow as human beings individually and collectively; the list goes on and on.  
Have you talked about “heaven” before? However you have described that about human beings I suggest you extend to dogs for her. Of course we do not know exactly what there is but for now if you simply extend what you have given your children in the past I think that will be comforting and helpful to calm your daughter’s crisis.



Rabbi Janet Bieber  
jbieber1155@aol.com

NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church’s Worship Center. On Sunday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. guest Pastor Deborah Andersen will lead worship with a message titled “Lessons Learned and Spiritual Truths. What Are Things We Tend to Forget?” 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 later in the week.  
Sunday school for grades one through four begins Oct. 10. Kids will meet in the Worship Center at 10 a.m. then head to the Youth Room for a time of play and study.  
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.  
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 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 Classes at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to La Crescenta Presbyterian Church’s weekly Praise and Education for Adults and Kids (PEAK) series. Bring the family every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. for a delicious low-cost meal. Then from 6:30-7:30 p.m., choose from a variety of classes for adults and children.  
This fall’s adult classes include “Gracious Conversations About God, Ethnicity and the Church,” “The Letter to the Hebrews” and two small groups, one focusing on marriage

and the other on parenting.  
For more information about the church’s PEAK programming, contact the church at (818) 249-6137.  
La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.  
**Grief Recovery Seminar**  
The Rev. Dr. Peter 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.  
**24-Hour Prayer Event**  
Lift Up Crescenta Valley is holding its 24-hour prayer event on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 6 a.m. to Nov. 5 at 6 a.m. (note new date). It will be held at St. Luke’s Anglican Church, 2416 Montrose Ave. in Montrose.  
There will be sign-ups online, but its not yet ready so anyone who wants to participate can commit by emailing Lift Up Crescenta Valley and names will be added manually until the online sign-up sheet is ready.  
The theme this year is the Unity of the Church and the land  
Scripture reference is Ephesians 2:13-16.  
Moderators are also needed. Moderators need to commit to a minimum of one hour and Lift Up Crescenta Valley will provide a simple guide outlining what to do. The first column of the sign-up sheet is for the moderators only.

In compliance with the LA County indoor masking requirement, all who are not vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Those who are vaccinated are encouraged to mask, but are welcome to use their own discretion. Social distancing is encouraged.  
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LEGALS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE all interested persons are invited to attend and provide written and oral comment. Dated: October 18, 2021 Nina Jazmadarian, Secretary.

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GCC from Cover

Rick Lemmo, president of the Downtown Glendale Business Association, called in to the meeting to support resuming exclusive negotiations with Glendale Arts.

“We have a wonderfully professional relationship with Glendale Arts and it will be many years before we’ll be able to support a third-party money-maker,” said Lemmo. “The city can get what they need from Glendale Arts.”

Gilles Chiasson detailed the benefits of choosing his company, General Admission Venue & Production Management.

“We’re your best bet. We understand the city wants a community-driven theater and a financially profitable venue and we will deliver on both fronts,” he said. “Our sole focus would be the Alex, working to increase attendance and the number of events, working to reestablish the theater in the Los Angeles landscape. We want the city to be a vibrant hub. The history was grand – but the focus needs to be not on the last hundred years but on the next hundred years.”

Glendale Arts CEO Nina Crowe advised the council that the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra has moved all but one of its planned dates to the Ambassador in Pasadena based on the “Alex’s uncertain future,” taking 3,300 ticket-buyers and \$50,000 in estimated economic impact.

“We have extensive knowledge and experience in both Glendale and the greater LA area. Choosing another operator to manage the Alex Theatre puts an end to a small business success story,” Crowe said.

It also endangers \$1.2 million in secured grant funds, the ability to take advantage of the organization’s non-profit status, institutional knowledge, donor and ticket-buyer data and liquor license, Crowe added.

“It is an unnecessary waste of taxpayer dollars to have to rebuild the Alex’s business and reputation from scratch,” she said.

Escott Norton called to comment as a “former resident, lifelong Alex patron, and historic theater consultant.”

“As the former executive director of the Los Angeles Historic Theatre Foundation, I interacted with Glendale Arts frequently and am intimately familiar with all the other historic theaters in Los Angeles County – there is no comparison. There is not another venue management equal to what Glendale Arts has created,” he said.

“Glendale Arts built the Alex into what it is today, a nationally-known and respected home to the arts. They have managed the restoration of this historic venue and have maintained it impeccably – in the hundreds of theaters I’ve visited, the Alex is one of the cleanest and best organized both backstage and in front of the curtain. Managing an historic theater like the Alex is more than just booking shows and running the technical aspects. The constant care needed for a century-old building is a unique responsibility and one that Glendale Arts have proven they can take on.”

“Glendale Arts has done everything we’ve asked – we need to look inward and be clear what we want,” Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian added. “My preference is to support a local non-profit.”

Speaking as a businessperson and the leader of various

community groups, Councilmember Vrej Agajanian shared his experiences booking the Alex: “It was very difficult to rent the place.”

“We have spent millions on this theater and, when I first became a councilman, it was \$450 – \$500K a year and we’ve been wanting the theater to be self-sufficient. Glendaleans were paying every year. It’s time to do something different, to see what’s out there,” Agajanian said, moving to bargain exclusively with SAS.

Councilmember Ara Najarian agreed. “For years – as long as I’ve been on the council – we’ve been urging a smaller management fee. The Alex is not an exciting venue; it’s not bringing in exciting acts – then we heard some complaints that organizations were not able to get stage time, so we put it out for RFP.”

The top priority was to stabilize finances to reduce the theater’s reliance on financial support from the city, Najarian continued.

“I think they’re tone deaf. We were clear we wanted to reduce the management fee and here they come and propose \$250K a year. SAS is doing it for zero. What does

that mean? It gives them the incentive to get out there and book the acts.”

“It’s time for a change,” Najarian asserted.

“Our goal is to maintain the sustainability and stability of the Alex,” Mayor Paula Devine weighed in. “Change is difficult. As leaders, we need to be creative. Progress is made by people who think outside the lines.

“When we talk about the Americana and the library, our theater is not a destination. I understand the passion and how hard it is to change, especially for those people who are involved, but I have to look at what’s best for the theater, best for our residents. I think I’m going to think outside the box today – and this is taking, if I may say, some courage – I’m going to cast my vote for SAS to take over the Alex Theatre to move it in another direction.”

With that, Mayor Devine cast the deciding vote in favor of SAS, ending the city’s relationship with Glendale Arts at the conclusion of negotiations. Councilmembers Brotman and Kassakhian voted no.

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downtown Glendale and Montrose to be removed in mid-October; however, at its June meeting the Montrose Shopping Park Association board members requested the Montrose parklets to be taken out by Labor Day. The board discussed notifying the restaurants that the end of outdoor dining was coming earlier than originally anticipated.

This news was not welcomed by restaurant owners and patrons who also approached the City with their concerns. MSPA board members and restaurant owners worked with the City to create other options.

Thus the creation of the task force and the designs for outdoor dining.

According to Calvert, a minimal amount of time will be needed from the shutdown of outdoor dining for K-rail removal to the implementation of the new design estimating that the revamp will take just a few weeks. This is good news for restaurant owners who are worried they will once again need to lay off employees or reduce their hours while they wait for outdoor dining to resume.

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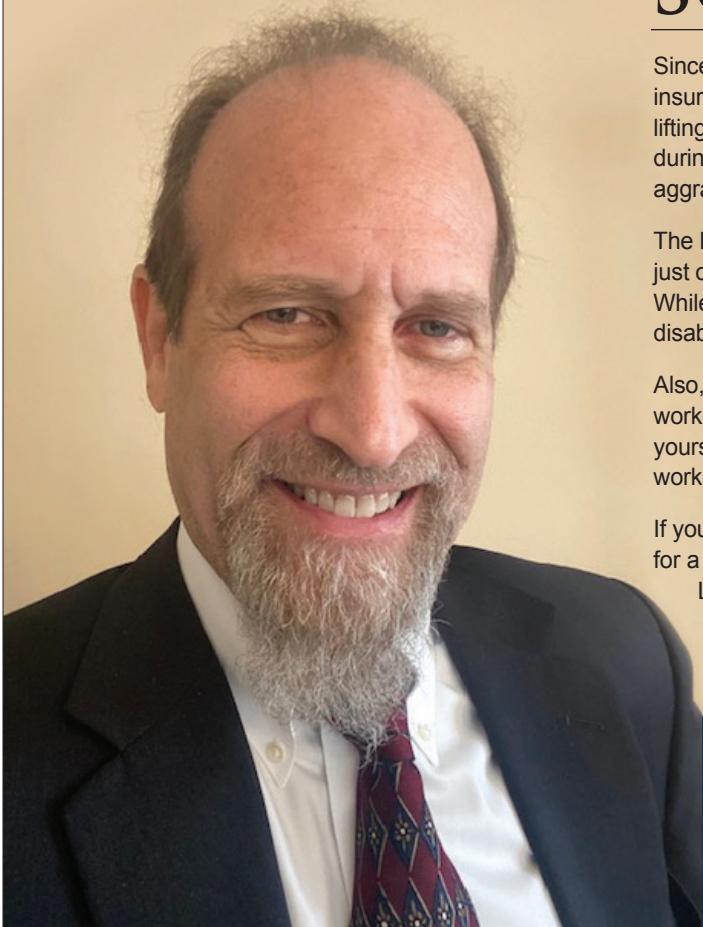
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