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## First Budget Session Planned by Council

By Roman INGUANZO

On Tuesday at the Glendale City Council Councilmember Ara Najarian was absent due to the passing of his father, Dr. Najarian, on April 15. Council members expressed their condolences to Najarian and his family for their loss.

On Tuesday, April 25, there will be a special city council meeting at 9 a.m. when a presentation will be made on the first budget study session for next year's budget. The regularly scheduled city council meeting will be canceled, and the next regular meeting will be held on May 2.

The council designated April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The proclamation emphasized the importance of education in preventing sexual assault.

Concluding the proclamation, Mayor Brotman said, "With proper education, there is compelling evidence that we can successfully reduce the incidents of this physically and psychologically damaging crime... There is no excuse, and never an invitation, to rape."

April 16 - 24 was designated as National Library Week and April 19 was designated as Library Giving Day. The council encouraged residents to support their local libraries by providing financial contributions to the Glendale Library Arts and Trust. The proclamation emphasized the importance of libraries in preserving democracy.

April 26 was designated as Denim Day.

The council designated April 16 - April 25 as the Week of Remembrance in observance of the Armenian Genocide and urged the community to participate in commemorative and remembrance events.

During the consent items segment of the meeting, the council approved the acceptance of targeted state grant funds for Central Library improvements. The council also voted in favor of purchasing library materials and electronic resources.

During action items several motions were presented that related to professional services agreements for building and safety contract plan check and inspection services, the purchase of library materials and electronic resources, and

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## Hometown Country Fair 2023: Biggest – and Best – One Yet



At the Hometown Country Fair, attendees will enjoy a dog parade, live music including from the CVHS jazz band, plenty of fun activities and dignitaries like Kathryn Barger (shown here with members of the Prom Plus Club).

By Lynn SHER

*The 17th annual Hometown Country Fair includes all the things the local fair is known for.*

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 17th annual Hometown Country Fair on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The

Fair takes place at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave., and admission is free! Fairgoers will find plenty of parking and Steve Pierce of the 2023 Hometown Country Fair planning committee thinks it's going to be the best Hometown Country Fair ever.

"There will be all types of vendors, live music starting as early as 9 a.m. with high-energy rock music and activities all day long," Pierce said. "The Guide Dogs of America and the Pasadena Humane Society

will also be on-site."

Pierce has been involved with the Fair since its beginning when it was held in September.

"We were flooded out the first year and baked by scorching temperatures the next," he said. "Since we've moved it to April we haven't had those issues, though we have had to compete with other community events – but that's what I love about the Crescenta Valley."

While the Fair serves as a fundraiser for the CV Chamber of

Commerce it is also an opportunity to bring the community together while helping local businesses network. Between 4,000 and 5,000 attendees are expected this year.

"The Hometown Country Fair has steadily grown to be a very popular event with this year promising to be bigger and better than ever before," said Chamber President JD Speas. "There will be entertainment for the whole family with music, craft vendors, local community service

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## GLACVCD Offers Advice During Mosquitoes Awareness Week

By Lucian KUGLER

Mosquito Awareness Week in Southern California is a time when residents are reminded about the dangers of mosquitoes and the importance of taking preventive measures. This year, the event takes on added significance due to the increased number of mosquitoes in the region driven by recent rainfall. The mosquitoes can carry epidemic diseases, such as West Nile Virus, which can be deadly.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) within LA County traps and studies mosquitoes. Members monitor the populations and identify potential disease vectors.

"Mosquitoes can breed in standing water – as much as a pond or

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Residents can request a walk-through of their property to locate sources of standing water where mosquito numbers thrive.

Photo courtesy of GLACVCD



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# Warmer Temps Means Time to Get Outside – Part 2

Continuing my theme of looking over our calendar to see what’s happening locally, on Saturday, April 29 it’s a double whammy when the CV Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Hometown Country Fair and the Glendale Kiwanis has its annual Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash.

The Hometown Country Fair is one of the community’s most anticipated events. Thousands are expected show up at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to play games, buy handmade gifts and learn more about local non-profit organizations. There will be live music, dance performances, fair food and more.

Over at Verdugo Park, 1621 Cañada Blvd. in Glendale, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the Glendale Kiwanis will have booths, food, and of course ducks! About 20,000 little yellow rubber guys will make their way down the manmade “lake” earning some of the adopted parents big bucks! This is the biggest fundraiser for the Club. Duck adoptions are only \$5 each with incentives to buy more. I’m part of Team K Potluck Ducks and invite readers to adopt some ducks! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mdnsdasv> to adopt your ducks (that’s my link) or visit [www.duckrace.com](http://www.duckrace.com).

And not to forget, Special Olympics returns to the Crescenta Valley on April 22. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at

CV High School, hundreds of athletes will be participating in the spring games. The entire community is invited to be the “fans in the stands” and cheer on these athletes.

On April 30 is the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce’s Craft Beer Fest. From noon to 4 p.m., ticketholders will have the chance to taste a variety of beers along the 2200 block of Honolulu Avenue. Note that the block will be sectioned off to prevent underage people from entering the area.

To buy tickets and to learn more, visit <https://members.montrosechamber.org/> events.

May isn’t much quieter – and next week I’ll share the happenings planned for the month.

When I started the CV Weekly back in 2009 I didn’t think of it as being a dangerous business. However, after recordings were released this week by the publisher of the independent McCurtain Gazette-News in McCurtain County, Oklahoma I’ve rethought my position. Apparently the recording captured four McCurtain County officials complaining about two of the newspaper’s

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## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

McCoy: This is the probe’s way of saying, “Hello” to the people of Earth.  
Spock: There are other species on Earth. Only human arrogance would assume the signal must be meant for mankind.

“Star Trek” has always been able to make its point with just a few words. The “arrogance” of mankind is one of those lines that Trekkies, like me, quote all the time. The dialogue comes from the 1986 film “Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home,” directed by Leonard Nimoy, who came up with the story with Harve Bennett.

This weekend I watched this film again, for probably the 50th time. Seeing the Enterprise crew come together with the same focus on message with a comic flare is just perfect. “Star Trek” has this way of sharing a great story – well told but then it starts you thinking.

When I was a kid and discovered “Star Trek,” the original series, on reruns, I always ended up at the library researching something from the show that piqued my interest. Later it became a nightlong search on the Internet.

In “Star Trek IV,” humpback whales were extinct so when the probe coming from the whale’s mothership sent out a signal, presumably checking up on their fellow whale species, there was no answer because there were no whales. That is when Capt. James T. Kirk, Mr. Spock and the crew of the Enterprise (on a Klingon ship – watch the film) traveled to Earth’s past to get humpbacks and bring them back to the future.

So of course after “Star Trek VI: The Voyage Home” I began researching extinction. I am extremely lucky to have a paleontologist son, Charly, who can take all

the research I have done and not only explain the parts I don’t understand but bring a real perspective to the subject of extinction.

According to the Center for Biological Diversity, Smithsonian Institution, a sustainable development report from the UN and an article in National Geographic –and Charly – scientists agree that today’s extinction rate is hundreds, or even thousands, of times higher than the natural baseline rate.

Now granted, it is difficult to pinpoint the exact extinction rate because many endangered species have not been identified or studied yet. However, by looking into the past, taking what they know of the present and modeling the future, scientists can come up with a pretty accurate position of how fast across the globe we are losing species to extinction.

In a 2019 report by the chair of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Sir Robert Watson said, “The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.”

Extinctions, even mass extinctions, have happened in the past, like the loss of most of the dinosaurs due to a catastrophic event. This is known as the K-T extinction that was a global extinction event about 66 million years ago responsible for the elimination of about 80% of all species of animals. There are a few theories as to the event that occurred; however, there is a lot of evidence that supports the “asteroid theory” and multiple impacts having occurred after the discovery of a couple of craters buried beneath sediments of the Yucatán Peninsula

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**NEWS FROM THE CVCA**

Due to planned vacations/commitments by three steering committee members, the CVCA has decided to cancel its April meeting and concentrate efforts toward participating in the 17th Annual Hometown Country Fair on April 29. This is a fun community event put on by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce with their sponsors and held at Crescenta Valley Park each year.

The CVCA will be staffing a booth at the fair and sharing information about some of the projects that are in the pipeline for La Crescenta, Montrose and Sunland-Tujunga. Help is needed with shifts available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com if you can volunteer or for further information.

**CV TOWN COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT**

The general meeting of the CV Town Council is tonight, Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. On the agenda are presentations about CERT by Paul Dutton and the future of the CVHS campus by Dr. Chris Coulter.

**HEPATITIS A CASE LINKED TO RECALLED FROZEN STRAWBERRIES SOLD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The Los Angeles County of Dept. of Public Health recently identified a case of hepatitis A virus infection linked to a multi-state outbreak. It has linked the outbreak to frozen organic strawberries imported by a common supplier from certain farms located in Baja California, Mexico. The FDA has recalled several brands of frozen strawberries and different suppliers are taking required actions to remove suspect frozen strawberries from their stores. The frozen organic strawberries were sold to a variety of retailers under multiple brand labels, including Kirkland Signature, Simply Nature, Vital Choice, Made With, PCC Community Markets, and Trader Joe's. As this is a frozen product, residents who may have frozen strawberries purchased from Costco, Trader Joe's or other stores (listed online at [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS)) should review the lot numbers or universal product codes (UPC) on the product to determine whether their strawberries might be implicated.

Symptoms of a hepatitis A virus infection include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and dark urine. Those affected should contact their health care provider if they have symptoms and have eaten strawberries subject to the recall within the last six weeks.

**2023 BRAND ASSOCIATES DANCE SERIES**

The Brand Associates presents four performances in its 2023 Dance Series at the Brand Library & Art Center this spring. This series, curated by choreographer, teacher, and producer Jamie Nichols, features top dance companies from Southern California performing site-specific work in non-traditional performance spaces around Brand Library. Performances begin at 5 p.m. The 2023 Dance Series includes: Megill & Company on Saturday, April 29;

Psychopomp Dance Theater on Saturday, May 6; Kenneth Walker Dance Project (KWDP) on Saturday, May 13; and Bernard Brown/bbmoves on Saturday, May 20.

Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

Wellness Room Opened at Glenoaks Elementary

By Lynn SHER

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Glenoaks Elementary and its newly created “wellness room” took place on March 29. The event held particular significance because while some middle and high schools in the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) have wellness rooms, Glenoaks is the first elementary school to have one.

Wellness rooms have become increasing prevalent in educational institutions across the nation. These spaces are designed to provide a safe space for students where they can relax, read, nap, meditate and have access to wellness resources. Most have licensed therapists available at all times.

Principal Christine Aroyan made general introductions before introducing Nayiri Nahabedian, the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education president. Nahabedian emphasized how concerned GUSD is about the well-being and safety of its students and how it can help them get the most from their time in school.

Dr. Vivian Ekchian, superintendent, GUSD, spoke next, giving a heartfelt and inspirational speech that was very much directed toward the students. She encouraged them to use the wellness room as a place to gather, to focus on their collective strengths and come together as a community.

“You are truly our problem solvers and I believe there is no single problem you cannot solve,” Dr. Ekchian said. She thanked the board of education for prioritizing health and wellness and expressed immense gratitude to the California Credit Union, emphasizing the significance of the relationship built with the credit union over the years. The California Credit Union donated \$10,000 toward the wellness room.

Marco Lundgren, representative for State Senator Anthony Portantino, and Christopher Khachadour, representative for Assembly member Laura Friedman, then offered remarks.

Lundgren expressed how education and mental health concerns were “near and dear” to Portantino’s heart and commended the GUSD and Glenoaks Elementary for implementing a wellness room at the school.

Khachadour offered his congratulations to the GUSD, thanking them for “caring about our students” and read a statement from Laura Friedman, “On behalf of the California State Assembly ... I commend your ongoing efforts to address mental health in our community and your dedication to ensure all students have access to such facilities,” the statement, in part, read.

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Photos by Lynn SHER

ABOVE: The wellness room at Glenoaks Elementary includes several calming and inspirational quotes and strategies.

BELOW: Several members from the Glendale Unified School District, including Dr. Vivian Ekchian (fifth from left) and board of education president Nayiri Nahabedian (third from right) attended the ribbon cutting.





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# Abbreviated Tour Held for Historic Property

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, Friends of Rockhaven held an unusual tour that, though limited, was very informative.

For many years Friends of Rockhaven offered tours of the historic Rockhaven Sanitarium property in the 2700 block of Honolulu Avenue in Montrose. Friends of Rockhaven is a non-profit, grass roots organization that was formed to help support and protect this woman-owned and -operated former sanitarium that is listed in the National and State Historic Registries.

The Rockhaven property was purchased by the City of Glendale in 2008.

Over a decade ago the organization started offering special tours in which docents would take visitors through the buildings, sharing the history of the woman who founded the sanitarium, nurse Agnes Richards, and the stories of many of the women who were cared for at Rockhaven including actress Billie Burke and the mother of actress Marilyn Monroe.

Guests would walk through the buildings; many walls still displayed flowery-wallpaper. Visitors could walk into rooms that still had items left by residents including Mother's Day cards and brush and comb sets. Those taking the tour got a real feel of how Richards cared for her "ladies" (they were never called patients). Richards ran Rockhaven until 1967 when her granddaughter Patricia Traviss took over. The focus

then was on women with dementia. The bottom line is Rockhaven was a place that offered women a safe place to recover from mental health issues and then, once they were healthy, could leave. It also offered a permanent home for others where they felt safe and were cared for with respect. Those early tours were great examples of how this woman-owned and -operated facility used art and nature to help heal women who needed support.

Then the buildings started decaying as regular maintenance, like taking care of roofs during rainfalls, was not performed by its owner, the City of Glendale. There were other maintenance issues as the buildings and the grounds began falling to neglect, according to Friends of Rockhaven.

Members of Friends of Rockhaven then took those on the tour to the outside of the buildings, not the inside. They were still able to walk the grounds and see the artwork displayed and some of the vegetation still in place. Guests would get a sense of the quiet oasis Richards had created.

But that was then and this is now. On Saturday, members of the Friends of Rockhaven – Joanna Linkchorst, president, and Mike Lawler, vice president – were locked out of the entire property.

The reason for the lock-out appears to be the lawsuit the Friends of Rockhaven filed against the City of Glendale concerning the lack of maintenance of Rockhaven.

Both Lawler and Linkchorst said the lawsuit asks the City to repair

the roofs, do mold abatement and other general maintenance.

"We have waited 15 years," Lawler said.

Linkchorst said the lawsuit was the last recourse they had since for all of these years they have asked the City to take care of repairs – and even offered to take care of the repairs themselves – but all requests and offers were ignored or denied.

According to Linkchorst, she received an email from Bradley Calvert, director of Community Development, City of Glendale, stating that as of last week the City had yet to be served with the lawsuit but "All communication to the City, from this point forward, should [be] through the Friends of Rockhaven's legal counsel to the city attorney's office, or to the City's outside counsel when so directed."

The organization received another communication from the City's director of Community Services and Parks Onnig Bulanikian that stated, "We would need to put a pause on all work days and tours moving forward as well. As mentioned below, all communications will need to go to city attorney's office."

Last Saturday's tour, which had been planned, then morphed into a walk around the Rockhaven property on the sidewalk. Linkchorst sent out a notice to all who had reserved a spot on the tour that access to the property had been denied and everyone but one person canceled their reservation. Linkchorst and Lawler showed up

at the tour along with the lone tour participant – and CVW. Linkchorst explained why they had been locked out then began the tour, holding up a photo book of Richards'.

As the walk on Saturday progressed from the front of Rockhaven to the back of the property via the sidewalk, the only way to see the buildings Linkchorst was referring to was by peeking through the gate that surrounds the property. Although the tour was adjusted, the story of Rockhaven

was so rich with women's history, and the history of mental health treatment over the years, the experience was not diminished.

"No money is being asked for [in the lawsuit], just replace the roofs, do the mold abatement, drainage, paint – that sort of thing," Lawler stated on the organization's website.

The lawsuit, however, does ask for an accounting of the \$1 million for Rockhaven that was budgeted by the City over the years.



# A Discussion of Closure of CVHS for Lunch

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) is exploring the idea of closing the Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) campus for lunch. At present CVHS is the only high school within the district that has an open lunch campus, which means students can leave the school during lunch period.

"GUSD and CV leadership are meeting with school and community partners to discuss ways we can improve campus safety, including a conversation about potentially closing CV High School's campus

during lunch beginning next year. No decisions about closing the campus have been made at this time," according to Kristine Nam, spokeswoman, GUSD.

Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian, and other district representatives, has been reaching out to organizations and businesses exploring the idea of the closure. Executive director of Secondary Education Dr. Chris Coulter will speak on the subject at tonight's CV Town Council meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

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# A Divisive GUSD Meeting

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale Unified School District board meeting on Tuesday reflected the division

that can be found throughout the country. Some parents, and community members, attended the meeting because they were concerned about their children

being “indoctrinated” – though it was not clear what they were being indoctrinated into. However, the basis of the concerns of the parents focused on transgender students and the way the district approaches that issue.

The foundation for this eruption of concern came from a previous board meeting when, during public comment, a parent of children who are not yet old enough to attend GUSD schools voiced his concern about a six-year-old video that had been made by Dr. Kelly King, assistant superintendent. The video covered the issues of transgender and gender affirmation, and how the district places the child’s safety at the forefront. The parent who spoke at the previous meeting repeated King’s comments, many taken out of context, that made it appear that parents would not be part of the decision-making process on this issue for their child. The parents who attended Tuesday’s meeting seemed genuinely concerned about their children’s well-being – though the narrative was at times confusing. There was also vitriolic dialogue that was directed at the board, at those who spoke in favor of the district and, specifically, as in the previous meeting, at King.

One parent who spoke said she didn’t know one parent who had sent hateful or threatening emails to King; however, GUSD confirmed that King has received numerous hate-filled and threatening emails – all of which has been shared with the Glendale police who were a visible presence at Tuesday’s

meeting.

Another incident that occurred at the meeting was when a teacher, who identified as gay but spoke against GUSD policy, held up an anti-Semitic symbol. This upset many in the audience but was even more poignant because Tuesday was Yom HaShoah, the International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

At the end of the meeting Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian was obviously affected by the raucous meeting.

“It breaks my heart when I see the audience that I saw earlier today,” she said. “The intent that we have as a community is to bring our kids into an environment where they can learn, without hesitation, without pressure, without the fear of not being accepted for who they are. Many of us, in different settings, have felt not accepted and [that has] not helped us do our best. Our intent has always been to offer an environment where every child can do their best and, as adults, we have an obligation to find ways to work with each other so that the burden is not on our students to feel there is separation or division amongst our community on various topics. I think there are a number of misunderstandings. [I] think there are individuals who take advantage of pieces of information, and then post it widely into the larger world that creates misunderstandings that harm our children. We are [in education] for the sake of our kids so that they can be successful, and I appreciate positive parental involvement.

Having been a parent for a very long time, I understand when parents say ‘Don’t mess with my kids’ – I get it. I have a child, I love my child more than anything else in this world ... But the reality is there are so many misunderstandings, or miscommunication, put out there that divide this community that we have to fight. We have to come together and find a way to really speak the truth, and speak to advocacy for all children, and [clarify] policies that are misunderstood.”

She added that if the district’s leadership decisions are in question parents should go to their principals or to the district.

“Don’t make any assumptions that there is ill intent or that there is any kind of intent to influence children wrongly that you are unaware of,” she said.

She shared that she is grateful to be GUSD’s superintendent but this has been the hardest job she has ever had.

“Part of it is because [of] this super-complicated world right now where trust has been diminished in our community and everything is second guessing and everyone thinks there’s an agenda – some other agenda than protecting our children. So my request for the community and for everyone [who] participates in this dialogue is: let’s please try hard to understand each other for the sake of our students so that we can advocate for their rights; they are minors. We are here as adults and we have an obligation to create a better world.”

## CRIME BLOTTER

**April 16**

5600 block of Pinecone Road in La Crescenta, a resident returned home to find several rooms in his house had been ransacked and a glass door had been shattered. Due to the extent of the ransacked rooms the resident was unable to yet determine if anything was missing.

The residential burglary occurred between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**April 14**

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, while a woman was shopping in the bedding aisle at the location a male adult approached her and asked a question about bedding. She told the man she did not work at the store and directed him to ask a clerk. The woman had placed her purse on the floor as she looked at an item on the lower shelf. Upon picking the purse back up she noticed it was lighter and realized her wallet was missing. The victim then began receiving screen shots of text messages from her daughter that indicated a number of purchases that had been made on her credit cards that she did not make. The theft occurred at 1 p.m.

**April 13**

300 block of Santa Inez Way in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

**April 12**

5100 block of Redwillow Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, catalytic converters were stolen from two vehicles at the location overnight.

400 block of Oliveta Place in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

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A large, light green house with a white roof and a large chimney, surrounded by a large stone patio and lush landscaping. The house has a gabled roof and a prominent chimney. The patio is made of large, irregular stone tiles. There are several trees and bushes around the house, and a large tree trunk is visible in the foreground. A black metal chair is on the patio. A white fence is visible in the background.



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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# Rockhaven Sanitarium – The History of the Lawsuit

Demolition by neglect. That's the only way to describe what the City has been doing to Rockhaven. Leaking roofs, flaking paint, caved in ceilings. The buildings are so wet and moldy that they are in danger of melting into the landscape.

How did things get to this point? Let's go way back, exactly 100 years ago. A middle-aged nurse, Agnes Richards, had worked her entire life in insane asylums. She witnessed the terrible abuse of women patients who were held in prison-like conditions. She felt she could do better, so in 1923 she created Rockhaven Sanitarium. The female patients would be treated with dignity and respect. They would get outside in the sun, communing in the beautifully landscaped grounds. With this new treatment, they would get better.

This was a giant leap of progress

in mental health treatment. Rockhaven was owned and operated by women, in a time when they too were marginalized. It was run by women, for women. It flourished until 2006, when it was put up for sale to developers. The community rose up and the City saved the property, the last intact example of the sanitarium industry that the Crescenta Valley was founded on.

In 2008 when the City purchased the property, hopes were high for the City's stated goal of creating a public park. They hired a firm to assess the buildings and property. The buildings themselves were in good shape. However, the report noted that all the buildings needed work on the roofs and the property needed to have repairs to the walkways that had been lifted by tree roots.

In the 15 years since then, the City has done neither. The roofs

were particularly critical as they began to leak heavily with each rainy season. The City threw on a few plastic tarps, but none of them lasted more than a few months, either blowing off or disintegrating. As well, the peeling paint on the building exteriors created warped and rotting siding, letting in more water. With each instance of deferred maintenance, the repair price grew, basically wasting public funds.

The Friends of Rockhaven formed as a volunteer group to help with maintenance. As each winter produced more caved-in ceilings in the buildings, the Friends of Rockhaven politely reminded the City of the damage being caused by the lack of maintenance. They begged and cajoled, always polite. They tried to be the friendly partner, but they soon realized the partnership was one-sided.

The final straw came this winter.


The buildings went through this year's record rains with no tarps at all. The Friends were told by the City that "black mold" was now growing inside every building, and no one would be allowed inside the buildings. The Friends were further told that the building reserved for a museum would have to be entirely gutted. All the while, the \$8 million grant State Senator Portantino awarded a year and a half ago for Rockhaven's rehabilitation sat untouched. It was pure and simple: demolition by neglect. The Friends felt they had no choice but to push the city hard.

The Friends of Rockhaven filed a lawsuit against the City. It is not for a dollar amount. It is simply to require the City to do the maintenance it should have been doing all these 15 years since its purchase. Maintenance such as new roofs (not another round of tarps), weatherproofing and mold

remediation. The City's reaction? They have banned the Friends from Rockhaven. The Friends will no longer be allowed on the property to clean and weed, or to conduct tours. The Friends are sad and heartbroken. And they're angry as well.

But the Friends are not sorry they filed the lawsuit. When they win, and they will win, the City will be required to repair (using taxpayer money) the damage they have allowed to happen under its watch. The Friends may have sacrificed their ability to serve Rockhaven, to do maintenance and tours, but perhaps ultimately they will have saved Rockhaven from destruction. This is their gift to Rockhaven on its 100th birthday.

*Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.*



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## » LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cell Towers On CVWD Properties ... Again!

At the April 11 board meeting of the Crescenta Valley Water District, board members approved revised policy and procedures to permit cellular site leases, specifically cell towers, on CVWD water tanks. CVWD has immediately begun marketing to telecommunication companies – at least one company has already expressed interest.

Concerned residents will have to keep an eye on CVWD board meeting agendas to see if a potential cellular site lease is up for approval by the board. Since the agenda is normally posted two days prior to a board meeting, this means the community will have only two days to find out about and respond to potential new cell towers in their neighborhood!

CVWD will not be responsible

*Marilyn Tyler  
La Crescenta*

## NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

# To Protect Wildlife It's Time to End the Use of Dangerous Rodenticides

The use of rodenticides to of wild animals and pets control rodents has injured and throughout California. Many of killed hundreds or thousands us have seen the impact first-


hand. While rodenticides are used to target rodents like rats and mice, predatory and scavenging mammals and birds are often secondary victims after consuming dead or dying rodents. Large mammals, like our iconic mountain lions, can encounter the toxins from preying on smaller animals that have consumed the target rodents as well. Even our pets are vulnerable to accidental exposure.

Throughout my time in the Assembly, I've worked to follow the science and end the use of the most dangerous rodenticides. Three years ago, I partnered with my colleagues Assemblymember Richard Bloom of Santa Monica and Senator Henry Stern of Calabasas to pass AB 1788 to minimize unintended poisonings from one subset of particularly dangerous rodenticides – second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) – by placing a moratorium on certain uses until more comprehensive restrictions were developed.

*see FRIEDMAN on page 19*

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RIGHT: Siblings Kellan, Zoya and Kyle Medzoyan

The St. Patrick's Day tradition continued at Lincoln Elementary when Lincoln ASB, with the help of Principal Barbara Faris, brought bagpiper Miles Sweet onto the campus. Sweet greeted students in the morning playing traditional Irish music on the bagpipes as the students entered the schoolyard.

The Lincoln students were dressed in green to show this school spirit on the seventh Spirit Day of the school year. Bagpiper Sweet continued to entertain the Lincoln students on the blacktop until the first bell rang and students followed their teachers to class.

Submitted by Nicolas JAMES

All-Girls Robotics Team Advances to First Tech Challenge World Championships



FIRST Tech Challenge Team 25 Rock N Roll Robots and sister team FTC 5218 Javabots

FIRST Tech Challenge Team 25 Rock N Roll Robots, a Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) all-girls robotics team sponsored by NASA, Raytheon Technologies, and Microsoft, advanced to the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech Challenge (FTC) World Championship that was held on April 18-22 in Houston, Texas. GSGLA sponsored two FTC teams composed of Girl Scouts in grades seven-12 who are mentored by engineers and professionals from Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) and other industry leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). FTC 25 and sister team FTC 5218 Javabots both finished at the top of their local league and advanced to the Southern California Regional Championship where FTC 25 qualified for the FIRST World Championship. Only four teams out of over 170 in Southern California qualified for this championship event.

This year's FTC game, "Power Play," featured game elements such as cones, junctions,

substations and terminals. During the match, teams raced to score cones and create circuits during 30 seconds of autonomous operation followed by two minutes of driver-controlled play.

FTC 25 and FTC 5218 started off the season providing the training to the new members through summer camp, coding workshops and outreach events. Over the last four months, each team member worked countless hours to design, build, and program the robot with dedication and great responsibility.

At the World Championship, Team 25 competed with top teams from across the country and around the globe. They also had the opportunity to attend technical and professional development seminars and observe championship tournaments in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) and FIRST Lego League (FLL) divisions. FTC 25 members include Victoria Barry from Flintridge Preparatory School, Rowan Clark, Rosemont Middle School and Holland Wolpert, La Cañada High School 7/8.

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## SPORTS

# Western Selects Hockey Names for Brick Hockey Team

Western Selects Hockey picks its team to compete at The Invitational Hockey Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta this July.

The Western Selects Brick Team is comprised of elite players from 12 western states – including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Texas and Washington – to compete in high-level birth-year tournaments, comprising of the Boston Showdown, May 23-28, North American Hockey Classic in Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 28-30 and The Brick Invitational in Edmonton, Alberta, July 3-9.

Locally, Bean Dane, #35 from La Cañada, was chosen for the team.

Western Selects Brick Team coaches are Sam Graham as head coach, Shawn Pitcher, assistant coach, and Andrew Cohen, assistant coach and general manager.

For the 2022-2023 season, Graham is also the head coach for the Los Angeles Jr. Kings 12UAAA Quebec team and assistant coach for the 16UAAA team.

The Edmonton Brick tournament, now in its 33rd season, takes place every summer over the July 4th weekend at the West Edmonton Mall in Alberta, Canada, whose unique ice rink is centered in one of the largest shopping facilities in the world. It has



become the most prestigious hockey event for players at the 10 and under age level since the tournament began. All-Star teams from all over North America attend this renowned summer event that offers many young promising hockey players, and their parents, a first opportunity to compete in an international super elite AAA

environment. Many players from this tournament have gone on to play in college, minor league and the NHL.

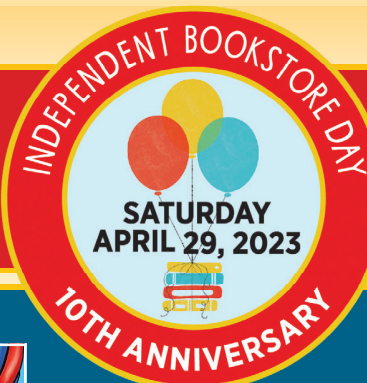
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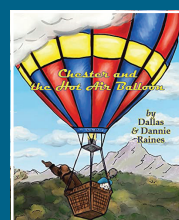
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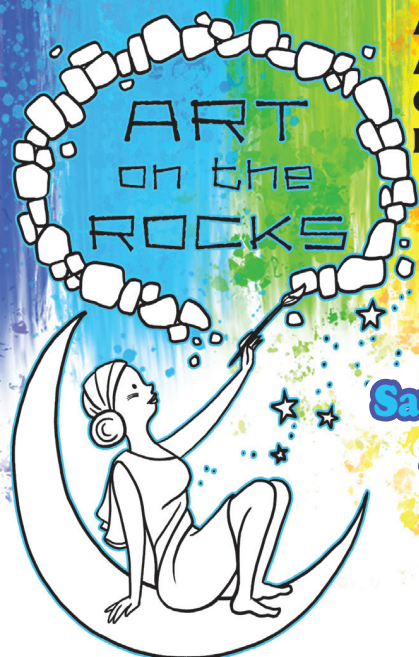


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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Uses Art to Heal

By Ruth SOWBY

What does a “Disney legend” and Oscar-nominated producer of Disney animated films do in his spare time? He paints, of course.

Don Hahn has 25 paintings on exhibit at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. The opening reception of his work, on display over several floors of the hospital, was held on Wednesday, April 5. Hahn, a La Cañada resident, was present. The hospital’s Council Rooms C & D were packed with several dozen art lovers and hospital foundation supporters, many of whom were willing to spend from \$97 (a steal at that price) to \$3,160 for a framed painting of a Hahn original. Hahn is donating 20% of the proceeds to the hospital foundation.

Guests sipped and supped on an array of beverages, appetizers and desserts. Betty Porto contributed her popular fruit tarts and Parisian chocolate cake. After guests were



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

suitably sated Sue Wilder, co-chair of the Healing Arts Committee, introduced her audience to the hospital’s Healing Arts Program. According to Wilder, “Healing art lowers stress.”

Vital to the program is the Art Cart. A cart of art works, featuring nature scenes, is introduced to patients

who choose the piece they want in their hospital rooms. At the end of their hospital stay, they take home the pieces. Artists include Vincent Takas, Cindy Porcell, Carol Lewis and Marijane Hebert. The Art Cart project was made possible by Joan and Billy Mayer and the Sue and Steve Wilder Healing Arts Endowment.

After Sue Wilder’s remarks, guests were free to take self-guided tours of the Hahn exhibit (up until June 22).

According to Hahn, “Trying to capture nature in print on canvas is pure therapy for me. I’m hoping that my work will inspire you to look at the world as a place of constant healing and rejuvenation for mind and body.”

LEFT: Artist and filmmaker Don Hahn poses next to one of his favorite paintings “To Mountain Heights” at the exhibit reception of his work, a part of the Healing Arts Program at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

RIGHT: Gathered around the Art Cart at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital are, from left, hospital CEO Armand Dorian, M.D.; dean of the Keck School of Medicine Carolyn Meltzer, M.D.; and donors Sue and Steve Wilder.

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Hollywood Honors Its  
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Actor Ed Begley Jr. ("Young Sheldon," "St. Elsewhere") and singer/actress Kassandra Carroll are shown at the Hollywood Museum on April 6 for "Acting Animals," a tribute exhibit honoring Lassie, Flipper, Cheeta, Rin Tin Tin, Gentle Ben and more. The event included a book signing for "In Good Company (Notable People with their Pets)" featuring celebrity personalities with their furry loved ones. The event came just ahead of National Pet Day on April 11.

The Hollywood Museum is located in the historic Max Factor Building, 1660 N. Highland Ave. in Hollywood.

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# Elks Members/Elks Riders

In 2017, Elks member Bill Connor started the Elks Riders with several Elks members who had already been enjoying motorcycling for several years. The Elks Riders is an affiliate group of the Tujunga Elks Lodge. The group began generating poker runs to help veterans, and hosting breakfasts and dinner/dances. On St. Patrick's Day 2023, Elks Riders showed

their appreciation by honoring Sunland-Tujunga Fire Station #74, delivering 10 Patrick's dinners to them. The Elks Riders host five events a year to help the Lodge, recently hosting the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 18 with all proceeds going to repair the Elks Lodge roof. The next poker run is scheduled for June 4 from 9 a.m.

to 6 p.m., starting and ending at the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge and in addition to a great ride, ticket purchasers will enjoy a continental breakfast and, upon return, a barbecue lunch with live music. Tickets are \$35 per rider, \$25 per passenger, \$25 for non-participants. The proceeds from the Elks Riders Annual Poker Run fund the July 15 barbecue and live music

picnic for the vets once provided by the Lodge. When the Lodge was no longer able to fund the picnic, the Elks Riders came up with annual poker run to create the needed funds. Anyone wishing to join the Elks Lodge and/or Elks Riders can obtain an application from any of the events or the Elbow Room, open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday through

Monday, with plans to open on Wednesdays in late April. The Elbow Room is located in the rear of the Elks Lodge. Push the button on the upper right of the door to gain entry. Elks members Amber Ardizzone, Diane Gomula and Donna Higgins provided information on the Elks and Elks Riders. Submitted by Katie O'BRIEN



Photo provided by Katie O'BRIEN  
Bruce Troe (left), veteran representative with the Van Nuys Reseda Lodge for the Elks, with Travis Miller (kneeling, left), vet in charge of Veterans Care Facility, receive a donation. Elks Members/Elks Riders Diana Gomula (standing, top right) and Mark Streeter (bottom right) attended the check presentation. The \$1500 check was delivered March 29 and pays for a gazebo, clothes and garden tools for the Veterans Care Facility.

## Local Women Honored for Community Work

Two Glendale women, Carolyn Beaton and Patsy Dewey, were recently honored by Oakmont League of Glendale. Both have been members since the 1970s and both were actively involved with the League's fashion shows that, for many years, funded an ongoing scholarship program. According to League president Pam Sorem, scholarships are annually awarded to a deserving student at Crescenta Valley High School and at Glendale's other high schools, as well as to a Glendale Community College student transferring to a four-year institution. The awards were presented at a gala event at Oakmont Country Club co-chaired by Lydia Brown Trout and Kim Klosterman. Beaton was a student at Glendale College when she was named as a finalist in the Miss Glendale competition. She soon began working for TV Guide magazine in Hollywood. There she met, and later married, Ron Beaton, a veteran of both the Marine Reserves and the U.S. Army. A designer model for Catalina swimsuits, Beaton also modeled at the 1960 Democratic Convention in Los Angeles. As a member since 1976, Beaton said her involvement has been very important. "So many special women were members of this wonderful group," said Beaton. "We all had

an interest in giving back to our community." Dewey, a University of Southern California alumnus, began teaching at Third Street School in Los Angeles after graduation. She married fellow USC student and Marine Corps veteran Steven Dewey. When her children were young, Dewey worked as a model for designers in the garment district. Later, she taught English as a Second Language at Glendale

College to newly arrived Cuban refugees. A member since 1972, Dewey quickly became involved in the annual fashion shows. She also focused on the group's philanthropic outreach programs. The League has been an important part of her life. "I've made the most wonderful friends," she said. "I'm deeply honored by this recognition."

BELOW: Carolyn Beaton and Patsy Dewey





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TRAVEL & LEISURE

# Rousing Good Time at Renaissance Pleasure Faire 2023



Photos by Charly SHELTON



By Charly SHELTON

The Renaissance Pleasure Faire has pulled into town again, as it does every April, in the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area of Irwindale. The turkey legs, ale and jousting are the heralds of spring for SoCal and, with the relatively cool temperatures we’re having right now, it’s an even more pleasant experience than usual.

For some guests, it’s all about the shows – like Willy Nilly’s one-man Shakespeare productions or the feats of acrobatic skill from Aaron Bonk, the fire-whip master. For some, it’s the many booths selling “fyne wares of olde” from corsets and codpieces to swords, replica guns and wizard staves. Still others, like this reporter, are drawn to the Faire for the food and drink – sausage rolls, Welsh tea cakes, steak on a stake, turkey legs, barbecue beef ribs, chimney cakes stuffed with berries

and cream, beer from around the country and even a selection of meads from B. Nektar Meadery. And, personally, that’s just my menu for a day.

This year, I found a new favorite adventure from The Apple Tree: I took on The Kraken – a monster of a dessert meant for one brave soul with an appetite as big as the sea – featuring two large apples, sliced and drizzled with caramel, hot fudge, chopped nuts, toffee, granola, whipped cream, marshmallows, graham crackers, Oreos, pretzels and potato chips, garnished with an entire Twinkie. It was a struggle to be sure, but I was able to defeat the beast, dining to a symphony of adulation from everyone but my embarrassed wife.

Whether it’s the costumes or the shopping or the way-too-much-food, there’s something for everyone at the Faire. One thing of note is

see REN FAIRE on page 15

# A Powerful – and Important – Exhibit

*The Ronald Reagan Library exhibit “Auschwitz: Not far away. Not long ago.” is something everyone should experience.*



Photos by Mary O’KEEFE



By Mary O’KEEFE

According to the Reagan Foundation website the exhibit “Auschwitz: Not far away. Not long ago.” brings together over “700 original objects of great historic and human value: objects which were direct witnesses of

the horrors of Auschwitz and the Holocaust.” Auschwitz was the largest compound of its kind and was essential to carrying out the Nazi plan of the “final solution.” More than 1.1 million people died at Auschwitz, and an estimated 6 million Jews died during the

see REAGAN MUSEUM on page 15

## THEN & NOW



**THEN »** This photo was taken in 2011 just three years after the City of Glendale purchased the property. Oak trees shade beautiful arched entryways to exterior hallways. At that time, the roofs needed work and were just beginning to leak.

## Rockhaven Roofs

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**NOW »** As the roofs began to leak more, tarps were draped over the roofs. These were largely ineffective as they blew off in the wind, as seen here. The tarps then disintegrated leaving pieces of the tarps all over the property. The Friends of Rockhaven were left to clean up the mess.



REN FAIRE from page 14

that although many of the restrictions and limitations from the Great Plague of 2020 have fallen away the bars remain reduced from what they were before. Previously, bawdy bar maids would pour ale from a tap and then refill the flagon with port as it was drained by the patron atop the bar. It was the highlight of any visit to the Faire. But ever since the plague, the draught beers haven't returned and the activity that went along with them is similarly decreased. And the selection of beverages remains slim as

well. All in cans, the options are usually Modelos, Buds, Kona and the like, with an occasional IPA or stout. And for the elevated price of each can (\$16) these left me wanting. But despite the lack of beverages, the Renaissance Pleasure Faire is a fantastic time and something many across SoCal look forward to every year. Dig out that old cloak and put your elf ears on – it's time to hit the Faire. Open weekends now through May 21. Visit [renfaire.com/socal](http://renfaire.com/socal) for more information.



REAGAN MUSEUM from page 14

Holocaust. With historical guidance the exhibit takes ticketholders through the prejudice that was in place worldwide prior to the 1930s when Hitler and the twisted logic of the Nazis focused on ridding the world of all Jews.

This exhibit challenges not only what we think we know about the Holocaust but challenges us to face what humans can actually do to other human beings.

The exhibit pieces come from a private collector and are stirring. For example, it is one thing to see photos of the cement and barbed wire fence that surrounded the Auschwitz camp but it is another thing to see an actual part of the fence.

Around every corner of the exhibit is another artifact that takes one's breath away: The blue and white, and gray and white, striped prisoner's jacket and pants from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, 1941. The photo of thousands of shoes that were left behind by those deported to Auschwitz, and then one single red shoe enclosed in glass in front of that photo.

There are also emotional recordings from survivors that remind us this evil could happen again.

The museum requires those who attend the exhibit to rent an audio tour, which is completely worth the cost. In one of the videos taken by a Nazi officer showing men being taken to a trench to be shot, a crowd of people is shown that consists of residents of all ages; most notable were several boys who were pushing each other for a better view. The recorded voice explained what the audience is seeing and then said that these are not strangers these people are watching die. These are their butcher, their pharmacists, their



teachers. Those in the crowd were not brainwashed; "They chose to be there."

With the increase of antisemitism throughout the nation, and the world, it is hopeful this history will educate those who wish to learn, and will also be a lesson that hate can be contagious. Hate can cause people who would never think to harm another to quietly watch injustice and to say nothing.

And that just because it happened once that does not mean it cannot happen again.

The exhibit runs through Aug. 13. Tickets are timed and limited; the time purchased is specifically for the Auschwitz exhibition and not for the main Reagan Museum and Air Force One Pavilion.

Admission includes access to tour the main Reagan Museum and Air Force One Pavilion before or after the Auschwitz experience depending upon time of entry and arrival.

The museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Active military with ID and children 2 and under have free admission and do not require a reservation. Ticket costs are: Adult \$32.95, seniors (62 years and older) are \$29.95. Children 3 to 10 years old are \$22.95 and from 11 to 17 are \$25.95. Tickets include the price of the audio tour recorders.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum is located at 40 Presidential Drive in Simi Valley.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The next speaker, on April 21, is Andrew Sisolak of the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America. He will be sharing information on the agency.

The cost to attend, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, April 20, at 10 .m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The guest speaker will be Leonard Re, president of the Southern California Council of AVSA and a master judge. Re will present the program "Growing African Violets in Southern California." A discussion will follow with questions and answers.

B.A.VS. will also be celebrating it 37th anniversary at this meeting. There will be raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships made. Guests are always welcome.

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

ASCENCIA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL GALA

Sponsorships and tickets are now available for the April 22 Ascencia gala We Rise Together. Held at the City Club LA from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the event will raise funds for the Ascencia programs.

For more information, visit https://one.bidpal.net/ascenciagala2023/welcome.

TASTE OF THE GRAPE NORTHWEST FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser supporting Los Altos Auxiliary of Sycamores is having its 12th annual wine tasting event – Taste of the Grape Northwest – on Sunday, April 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Thursday Club outdoor patio, 4400 Woodleigh Lane in La Cañada.

Tickets include the tasting of food catered by Porta Via and samples of seven curated wines from the Pacific Northwest.

Tickets are \$100 each; sponsorships are available. There will also be a wine pull, fund-a-need opportunities and a select in-person silent auction.

The Los Altos Auxiliary works with Sycamores to provide care, compassion and hope at the El Nido campus for youth who are from extremely vulnerable situations.

Visit https://wdgnsdswfm.formstack.com/forms/wine\_tasting for tickets and donations payments by credit card; visit

https://tinyurl.com/2p8ms9uj for sponsorship information and payments by credit card; visit tinyurl.com/5cafcwb7 for tickets, donations or sponsorship payments by check.

THE SCULPTURES OF FOREST LAWN

The Glendale Historical Society in partnership with Forest Lawn-Glendale presents on April 27 at 7 p.m. a lecture by Dr. James Fishburne, director of the Museum, about the background and history of the vast collection of statuary on display and in the archives of Forest Lawn. The lecture will be held at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather at Forest Lawn-Glendale.

Then, on April 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., guests will take part in a private tour of the Great Mausoleum as docents from Forest Lawn and The Glendale Historical Society explore areas of the structure that are no longer open to the general public on a daily basis. Guests will see some of the examples of statuary and experience first-hand the exquisite beauty of this art form. Following the tour there will be a reception with appetizers and wine in the Memorial Court of Honor below the beautiful stained glass replica of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

Free parking is available on the street in front of Wee Kirk o' the Heather and on streets near the entrance to the Great Mausoleum at Forest Lawn Glendale.

Tickets for the event package are \$50 for non-TGHS members, \$40 for TGHS members. To purchase, visit https://glendalehistorical.org/forest-lawn-2023.

BENITA BIKE'S DANCE ART

Benita Bike's DanceArt, LA's chamber modern dance company, performs at the La Crescenta Library on Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. The La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

This is a free performance and reservations are not required. This performance is supported in part by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Dept. of Arts and Culture. Call (818) 470-5734 for further information.

On April 29, Benita Bike's DanceArt will not only perform several beautifully performed dances, but the community will also be invited to ask questions and make comments about the work seen.

The La Crescenta Library show will feature "Schoenfield Dances," "Plugged," and a surprise dance offering. "Schoenfield Dances" melds early 20th century popular dance styles with a classical movement sensibility. "Plugged" explores our relationships to machines and how they affect our sensitivity to nature, quiet, and the earth. Rounding out the program is just a taste of our new dance work.

see CALENDAR THIS on next page

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

My American Tourister luggage is defective. How do I get it fixed?

One of John Edmunds' new American Tourister bags is defective. Does he have to ship it to Texas at his expense or can he get an exchange?

Q: Last summer, I bought two pieces of American Tourister luggage: a 24-inch and a 28-inch Pirouette NXT.

On the second trip with the luggage, the stitching that holds the zipper mechanism to the luggage frame started pulling loose on the 24-inch piece of luggage. Suspecting this was a manufacturing defect, I went to the American Tourister website for a resolution.

Apparently, my only option is to ship the luggage to San Antonio, Texas, the nearest repair facility, at my cost.

I've checked with UPS and FedEx and it will be over \$50 to ship the luggage to San Antonio, mainly due to the size. I feel like I should not have to pay this exorbitant cost to have a manufacturing defect repaired.

I've tried to contact American Tourister via its website to pursue a solution, with no success. Can you help me get this luggage defect repaired?

– John Edmunds, Oklahoma City

A: The Pirouette is a well-reviewed softside spinner that should have lasted more than two trips. I can't find any reports of a similar problem on this model, but you may have received a defective bag.

The best way to avoid this problem is to carefully inspect the bag before you buy it (if you buy it in a store). Take a look at the stitches, the wheels and the handle. Make sure everything looks normal.

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ACROSS

- 1) Hindu wise man
- 6) Jerseys, e.g.
- 10) Lad's partner
- 14) Dress designer Donna
- 15) Cookie since 1912
- 16) Camp Swampy pooch
- 17) Hard to combine
- 18) Don't raise
- 19) Curling implement
- 20) Researcher's task
- 23) Its product names may contain umlauts
- 24) Intoxicating, as a brew
- 25) Orville Redenbacher's unit
- 28) Less hampered
- 31) Skin lotion additive
- 32) Holey utensil
- 33) Easily fooled sort
- 36) Allied summit of February 1945
- 40) Futbol fan's cheer
- 41) Partners of hills
- 42) Like unassisted triple plays
- 43) Malta money
- 44) Chris Kyle, notably
- 46) Place to cyber-shop
- 49) In vogue
- 50) South American capital
- 56) TV serial, perhaps
- 57) Basalt source
- 58) Cookie trayful
- 60) Russian-born Deco designer
- 61) Word of agreement
- 62) Wed, say
- 63) Basic requirement
- 64) Karaoke delivery
- 65) Smart-alecky

TEX-MEX CONTAINERS

By Fred Piscop

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DOWN

- 1) Snowmobile part
- 2) Harry Potter accessory
- 3) Part of BART
- 4) Taskmaster
- 5) What's consumed
- 6) Apres-ski treat
- 7) Paperless, in a way
- 8) Drawing place
- 9) \_\_ amandine
- 10) Hang around
- 11) Skylit areas
- 12) Awaited the anthem
- 13) The hotheaded Corleone
- 21) Animated film unit
- 22) Pep rally sound
- 25) Fight ender, informally
- 26) Carrier whose name means "skyward"
- 27) Thespian's resume item
- 28) Kangaroo court penalties
- 29) Sports officials, briefly
- 30) Poetic time
- 32) Like some home runs
- 33) Start of a grid play
- 34) Ranch unit
- 35) Use a spyglass
- 37) Imago, in the insect world
- 38) Caboose, for one
- 39) "Hulk" star
- 43) Split to 62-Across
- 44) HBO alternative
- 45) Rain cloud
- 46) Clampett player
- 47) "Sicko" director
- 48) Shooting marble
- 49) Trolley sound
- 51) "A pity!"
- 52) 44-Across garb, for short
- 53) Place to use a mitt
- 54) Answer to "That so?"
- 55) Performs a 27-Down
- 59) "You there!"

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ROBIN from page 2

journalists and “knowing hit men” and “where two holes are dug.” Apparently there were also racist remarks made about Black people.

Then Mary O’Keefe attended a volatile GUSD board meeting on Tuesday night that included the display of anti-Semitism by a teacher.

While I have always understood that journalism can be a dangerous job and that passions can run high when differing opinions are presented, I never thought that this type of ignorance would capture center stage whether in the council room or at a board meeting.

These are shameful examples of how the uninformed can push their agendas – but hopefully there will always be strong people to confront them and push them back.

WEATHER from page 2

and Boltysk, Ukraine.

Another mass extinction happened at the end of the last Ice Age, 10,000 years ago; however, this is one in which humans played a role. It was not just due to the changing climate; it was also due to an incredible amount of overhunting. This is known as an anthropocene extinction, which is an ongoing current event in which a large number of living species are threatened with extinction or are going extinct because of environmentally destructive human activities, according to AccessScience.

Bees may be an unfortunate example of anthropocene extinction. The human use of

insecticide and herbicide, along with the warming of the planet, have caused all types of bees to decline worldwide. It has been estimated that globally one in six bee species is regionally extinct and more than 40% are vulnerable to extinction.

Bees are vital pollinators and without them plants that provide fresh produce would decline substantially. If they continue to decline or fall to extinction other plants would die off.

So apparently the Earth of “Star Trek IV” ignored the whale hunting resulting in the extinction of humpback whales so when the whale mothership came from another galaxy to check up on

their fellow whales on Earth there was no answer to their signal. The signal that had to be answered began destroying the planet.

There have been other films about extinction and reverse extinction, like the “Jurassic Park” series; however, the one common theme running throughout is that extinction has disastrous consequences.

The human use of insecticide and herbicide along with the warming of the planet has caused all types of bees to decline worldwide. It has been estimated that globally, one in six bee species is regionally extinct and more than 40% are vulnerable to extinction.

And we never know; maybe a probe from another galaxy could show up sending a buzzing sound and waiting for a response, which cannot be given. “Star Trek,” as always, has a lesson we must learn – that human arrogance can easily be our downfall.

Temperatures will continue to rise with today’s high at 77 degrees Fahrenheit. Friday and Saturday will see temperatures in the mid 80s. It will cool down a little, to the upper to mid 70s, Sunday through Tuesday. There is no rain in sight for the area but winds will be from 10 to 15 miles per hour with gusts to 20 mph today through Friday.



FRIEDMAN from page 8

The passage of the bill was remarkable for a couple of reasons. First, it took years and a lot of effort from policymakers and advocates alike to get the bill across the finish line, even though we’ve long known about the harmful effects of rodenticides like SGARs. Second, banning the use of the rodenticides hasn’t been enough to stop the devastation.

Recent evidence from the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) suggests there is still widespread exposure and death to wildlife from SGARs and other rodenticides. In fact, a 2022 CDFW study found that 70% of the tested animals had exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides, including SGARs, as well as another subset of rodenticides: first generation anticoagulant rodenticides (FGARs).

Ironically, rodenticides can also be counterproductive to rodent control by poisoning and killing natural predators that help regulate rodent populations throughout California. One of the poisons developed as an FGAR is diphacinone, which is the most frequently detected FGAR in nontarget wildlife. For example, in a 16-year study of urban bobcats in Los Angeles, diphacinone was detected in approximately 30% of the blood samples tested. Exposure to diphacinone can result in both lethal and sublethal effects on nontarget wildlife, including severe skin diseases and decreased immune system response.

Numerous safer alternatives to SGARs and diphacinone are available. Exclusion, sanitation and physical controls are the most sustainable long-term rodent control solutions. Fertility control products have also proved effective and are now widely available. As of 2019, there were over 125 different rodenticide products registered for use in California that were not diphacinone or SGARs.

Given the ample evidence of harm caused by rodenticides like diphacinone, and the availability of effective alternatives, earlier this year I introduced AB 1322. The bill adds diphacinone to the existing rodenticide moratorium from AB 1788 to better protect wildlife from unintentional rodenticide poisoning while maintaining exceptions for its use to protect public health, water supplies and agriculture. It also requires that the Dept. of Pesticide Regulation enact stronger, permanent restrictions on SGARs and diphacinone to limit unintended wildlife poisonings.

California is one of the world’s 36 global biodiversity hotspots, due both to our wide variety of native plants and animals and high threat levels to that biodiversity. Rodenticides like FGARs and SGARs are among those threats and, thankfully, we can take action to limit their impact. That’s why passing AB 1322 is so important.

How do you feel about AB 1322? Please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

GLENOAKS from page 3

Principal Aroyan then thanked everyone on stage for making this “truly personal dream” of hers into a reality.

“If our basic needs are not met we cannot learn,” she said. “If students don’t feel supported, loved and cared for academic achievement is difficult.”

She expressed the importance of understanding the mental health needs for students at Glenoaks and how essential it is for educators to support their students properly. Students Amelia Heidecker and Saulbi Nazarian then shared their thoughts and feelings about the wellness room with speeches they prepared and wrote in less than 24 hours.

Amelia began by saying how grateful she and her classmates were to have the wellness room, that being stressed isn’t healthy and they are so lucky to have a place to go to decompress.

Saulbi concurred. “We all need a safe space,” she said.

“Why not have one in school?”

She also expressed her hope that their school might have a positive influence on other elementary schools in Los Angeles inspiring them to build wellness rooms of their own. Guests then relocated to just outside the Wellness Room where the ribbon cutting took place. After the ribbon cutting they filed in as soothing music quietly played in the background.

The room was divided up into different sections. Tables were spaced throughout, each with different themes – some had puzzles and games like Jenga, another held art supplies. The most popular, though, was a table where kids could play with something called kinetic sand. Kinetic sand is a substance that feels like a like mixture of clay and sand and students loved digging their hands into it. Toward the back was an inviting reading area in the shape of a circle, made

of small soft gray couches. On nearby shelves were books written for children on various self-care subjects. Posters on the wall encouraged children to get in touch with their feelings while simultaneously helping them determine what they are feeling. Other sections of the room included a teepee and a beanbag chair where students could meditate or nap.

But perhaps the most exciting feature of the wellness room is the weekly visits expected by therapy dog Maya, a supersweet Belgian Tervuren. Additionally, licensed therapist Syeda Rab will be available on a daily basis.

The morning was full of hope and celebration in which the older generation bestowed on the younger tools for life, education and wellness.

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the designation of a voting delegate and alternate for the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Conference and General Assembly. The council voted in favor of these motions; council member Elen Asatryan was nominated by the council as the delegate.

Lastly, the city attorney led a discussion on council districts and a directly elected mayor. The council approved a resolution to initiate procedures for a transition from at-large to district-based council member elections and approved a tentative timeline for conducting public hearings and presenting a draft ordinance to the council for decision.

The meeting included discussions on various issues and the council made several decisions regarding the city’s future.

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