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Councilmember Reports on a 'Free Ride'

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council started its Tuesday meeting with a commendation for Steven Small and the Glendale Association of Realtors for their generosity in helping solve a problem that was raised at last week's meeting.

The last caller of that evening, Teresa Romo, told the Council that she was a retired teacher and COVID-19 survivor at the Glendale Post Acute Center and that the residents there were desperately in need of devices to communicate with their families and to stay occupied during these tough times.

Small contacted Councilmember Paula Devine and the two proudly announced the donation of 50 iPads to the facility.

"We're committed to doing everything we can do to help make Glendale the best it can be, and we hope this inspires a movement [of helpfulness]," Small told the Council.

Romo called on Tuesday night to thank the Council and the realtors, noting that there are other facilities in similar need.

Councilmember Ara Najarian reported on Metro activities, encouraging the use of public transportation (Najarian represents the northern Los Angeles County cities on the Metro board). He also provided information on a commissioned study offering free fares on all the system's transit lines.

"It's not as totally a far-fetched idea as it might sound," he explained. Only 20% of the agency's billions dollar budget comes from fares paid. He mentioned but did not actively pursue future consideration of "looking at reduced or free fares on Glendale's Bee Line."

"We don't have the same financial resources as Metro, but the point is to get people out of their cars and onto public transportation and we should look at everything that might help," he said.

He finished with an update about a new Metrolink program: on weekends, children (under 17, up to three children per adult) can ride the trains for free. Adult fares "anywhere Metrolink goes" are also reduced on weekends to \$10.

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The Uncertain Future of the Rockhaven Property

By Charly SHELTON

The historic property began as a vibrant haven for troubled women but is now in a state of disrepair.

Rockhaven. No property in the Crescenta Valley sparks more discussion or controversy over its proper use. This week, we begin a two-part series looking deeply into Rockhaven Sanitarium – its history, what is the current status and what the future may hold.

For those unfamiliar, Rockhaven Sanitarium is a historic property in Montrose. Set far back behind wrought iron gates and high brick walls along Honolulu Avenue stands a collection of buildings, mature oaks and manicured gardens. These 3.5 acres housed Rockhaven Sanitarium, the hideaway in the hills for women, run by women. Registered nurse Agnes Richards founded Rockhaven in 1923 as a safe space for women to recuper-



File photo
Rotting roofs are one sign of the deterioration of the Rockhaven property.

ate from a variety of maladies. Just three years after women won the right to vote, times were challenging for businesswomen in a man's world.

Wives were sometimes committed to asylums by their husbands

for any reason, their "illness" often listed as "hysteria." These women were many times subjected to abuse by the staff at largely male-run sanitariums. Richards founded the sanitarium for women so they could get the help they needed without

many of the downsides found elsewhere. And with an all-female staff, career opportunities were open to women.

The sanitarium served many Hollywood notables such as Gladys

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SuperScoopers are Here and Just in Time

By Mary O'KEEFE

The SuperScoopers are officially on the job in Los Angeles County as of Tuesday. For 27 years SuperScoopers have arrived from Quebec to help LA County firefighters during the state's busy wildfire season.

Los Angeles County Supervisor – Fifth District Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Fire Dept. Chief Daryl Osby and Anne-Catherine Briand-Fortin, director of public affairs and government relations of Quebec in Los Angeles, presented the SuperScoopers to the press on Wednesday.

"It is truly an honor for us to welcome, for the 27th year, the SuperScoopers to Los Angeles County," Barger said. "Just a few weeks ago in Los Angeles



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
Supervisor Kathryn Barger addresses the media during the presentation of the SuperScoopers.

County firefighters partnering with the National Forest Service were battling a 31,000-acre blaze

in the Angeles National Forest. [The fire] swept through the Lake Hughes community quickly

and aggressively. The Lake Fire wreaked havoc with extreme heat

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Happy Anniversary and Helping Non-profits

For those who keep track, this week marks the 11-year anniversary of CV Weekly! It was 11 years ago on Sept. 4 that the first issue of the CV Weekly was distributed to foothill neighborhoods. You may remember that Sept. 4, 2009 was a Friday; it was the only Friday on which the newspaper was delivered. The reason was the Station Fire, which closed many of our neighborhoods due to evacuations and safety concerns. Since then, we have faithfully delivered the paper – even during a pandemic!

So to all those who have supported us these past 11 years, as publisher I sincerely say “thank you.”

And speaking of the pandemic, there is a lot of light shown on the many businesses that are suffering losses due to COVID-19. But not as much information has been shared regarding the losses that our non-profits are experiencing ... and the creativity they’ve come up with in order to raise funds and the visibility of their organizations.

For example, the La Crescenta Woman’s Club is hosting an online auction for a variety of gift baskets. As soon as I got the notice, I went online and bid on three different baskets (one includes a See’s Candies gift certificate and another a couple of bottles of red wine – crossing my fingers for those!). Place your bid by Sept. 23 by visiting <https://lacrescentawomansclub.org/auctions/>.

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale is having one of its primary fundraisers, the annual Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash – KIDS – virtually this year on Oct. 24. Typically held at Verdugo Park, the KIDS includes “races” of thousands of little yellow ducks with cash prizes (up to \$10,000) for the winners of the

various heats. Due to COVID-19, the organization – which is a proponent of kid-related programs – is having a virtual KIDS event. One thing that is not virtual, though, are the banners that you’ll soon see flying proudly along Glendale streets. Consider supporting this event by adopting ducks and/or funding a banner! You can learn more by going to page 15 of this week’s paper or visiting <https://www.duckrace.com/Glendale>. Remember: It’s for the kids.

Prom Plus held a dine-out last Thursday during the back-to-school night at CV High School. Prom Plus usually hosts a back-to-school night on-campus barbecue but, thank you novel coronavirus, there was no on-campus event this year. Thankfully, Kooby’s Kabob and Grill at 2901 Honolulu Ave. saved us by hosting a dine-out benefiting Prom Plus. The owners, Fred and Ashley, are giving to Prom Plus 20% of the sales of those who identified themselves as Prom Plus supporters. So, thank you Fred and Ashley and those many people who stopped by Kooby’s. Not only did you support Prom Plus but you also enjoyed some yummy food. My family has enjoyed everything from steak platters to hamburgers and hasn’t been disappointed yet.

So keep in mind our local non-profits. Most are helping out local people and are trying to maintain that role – they just need some help themselves.

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Weather in the Foothills

“The morning had dawned clear and cold, with a crispness that hinted at the end of summer.”

~ George R.R. Martin, American novelist

Once again this summer, a heat wave hovers over much of Southern California. Was it just a dream of cooler days or did I actually need a sweater and light blanket at the beginning of the week? Nope, evening and nighttime temperatures honestly dropped down into the 60s. It was a nice reprieve ... while it lasted. Even though it’s now September and the arrival of autumn is fast approaching, summer-like weather normally hangs around through October. The forecast for the next few days gives proof.

As the heat continues, the energizing fun of spring gardening has become a tiresome chore. Flowers have bloomed and faded, most vegetables and fruit have finished bearing and the remaining foliage is dry and bedraggled. It’s the time of year when trees and plants desperately need our TLC, but I’m so tired of watering and watching plants turn brown. The following are a few suggestions to help plants (and us!) make it through these final days.

We’re no rookies when it comes to hot weather. Follow the guidelines set forth by the fire department and health departments to keep your family safe. Don’t forget the furry family members as well. After people and pets are cared for you may want to consider the yard. Did you know what a large shade tree is worth? Shade and aesthetics are a given, but property value? The Coastal live oak or Deodar cedar trees seen throughout La Crescenta come with a real estate tag of \$15,000 or more. To me, they are priceless.

So where and in what order do you place your time, energy and money? Let’s see, will it be a 100-plus-year-old tree, a \$10 shrub or a \$2.99 pony pack of flowers? Hmmm...

Get a jump on the upcoming 100-plus degree temps. Tonight after sunset give your yard a good long drink. Give special attention to those most treasured. Place a soaker hose or let a regular hose drip around the dripline (the outermost reach of the branches) of your trees. Don’t forget folks and fidos need water too!

According to the National Weather Service, today Mother Nature is turning up the oven and leaving the door open. An extraordinarily large area of high pressure is hovering over “the west.” Meteorologists are monitoring closely as fire and health concerns are heightened. Keep cool and enjoy Labor Day.

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CV WEEKLY OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The offices of CV Weekly at 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Sept. 5. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

LA County guidelines are being followed so visitors are required to wear masks and observe social distancing practices.

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 planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

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

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

PATRIOT DAY MOTORCADE

In recognition of Patriot Day on Sept. 11, members of the community will join the Early Rodders to drive through the Crescenta Valley and Glendale areas. As in years past they will honor first responders by having the remembrance motorcade pass the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station and the Montrose Community Station of the Glendale Police Dept. as well as all local fire stations.

This year 40 classic cars and hotrods will participate in the motorcade that will also pay tribute to the frontline workers at hospitals including USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and Adventist Health Glendale. The motorcade will begin at 9 a.m. at the Ralphs Marketplace parking lot 2675 Foothill Blvd.

BARBER SHOPS AND HAIR SALONS TO RE-OPEN ... AGAIN

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health (Public Health), in consultation with the board of supervisors, has revised the Health Officer Order to allow for limited, on-campus operation for schools in LA County, as well as limited indoor operations of hair salons and barbershops.

Hair salons and barbershops can re-open for indoor services at 25% occupancy provided they are in full compliance with the Health Officer's protocols. The Order encourages these businesses to continue outdoor operations when possible, and to offer indoor operations for those services that cannot be provided outdoors. This Order went into effect yesterday, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

All other current restrictions remain unchanged at this time.

CVHS Senior Finds a Way, Completes Eagle Scout Project Despite Pandemic

By Michael LEVITSKY

Trevor Hall relied on the Boy Scout motto of "Always be prepared" to identify and complete his Eagle Scout project.

The year of COVID-19 has forced nearly everyone to adjust some aspect of their lives, from altering daily routines to achieving lasting accomplishments. So when Trevor Hall was planning out his Eagle Scout service project but then shutdowns were enforced due to the pandemic, he had no choice but to adapt.

Hall saw the adjustment as an opportunity to do his part to help his community during a global pandemic. He, along with a group of 12 volunteers, sewed and delivered 269 reusable masks and donated nearly \$700 worth of supplies to Crescenta Valley High School where Hall is a senior. The supplies included gloves and face shields, and sanitizing products such as cleaning wipes and hand sanitizer.

"I saw how people were doing this for hospitals and police and all sorts of different places, and I didn't really see anything helping out our schools," Hall said.

The project was completed in just three weeks allowing Hall to deliver them to CVHS by Aug. 7, in time for the school's textbook pickup event for the upcoming year, which is now in session.

The Eagle Scout rank can only be achieved if all its requirements are met before the scout's 18th birthday, which for Trevor was Sept. 2. The then-17-year-old, now 18, was aiming to beat not one deadline, but two.

Staying as cautious as possible, Hall never met with all 12 of his volunteers at the same time. With less face-to-face interaction, he was reduced to conducting his business the way most Americans have done since the pandemic: via phone calls, emails and numerous Zoom sessions.

Wanting to limit contact and ensure cleanliness, the CVHS senior carried out his own precautions to ensure he was following all safety protocols.

"It made the way that I did [this project] much different," Hall said, referring to the



Photo provided by Trevor HALL. Trevor Hall collected hand made masks from the porch of one of his 12 volunteers.

extra precautions he set for himself. "Can you put them in a Ziploc baggie and leave [the supplies] on your porch and I'll come pick them up?" was the conversation he had with each of his volunteers.

His donations were received enthusiastically by CVHS administrators, Hall said, and by one of the school's custodians as well – to the student's surprise. The custodian claimed he had been trying to get a batch of supplies such as the ones donated "for a while."

Hall will appear before a board of review later this month to complete the final steps of his process before receiving the prestigious

honor. Although he has already turned 18, this is allowed by the Boy Scouts of America, as long as the physical aspect of the project was completed prior to the 18th birthday.

The soon-to-be-Eagle Scout also hopes his project will ensure the school can have extra cleaning products and masks for students in the event someone loses a mask or forgets it at home when in-person learning resumes.

"My hope was that this project can help us get back to school safely," said Hall, adding that it is his desire for his classmates, especially seniors, to be able to enjoy a somewhat regular in-person school year.

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Community Voices Displeasure with Motel Property at CVCA Meeting

By Brandon HENSLEY

Information on the La Crescenta Motel has been hard to come by this year, and it appears tangible updates on the property won't come until the owners pass tests regarding water and sewer flow, as well as traffic and fire lane inspection.

These updates on the two-parcel property, on which the owners want to erect buildings at four and five stories each, were given at the Aug. 27 Crescenta Valley Community Association meeting via Zoom. Both parcels, which sit at 4521 Briggs Ave. and 2413 Foothill Blvd., have long been at-risk for razing the longstanding motel for affordable housing.

CVCA founding member Sharon Raghavachary, who led the meeting, said earlier this week that a sticking point with the community is the blueprints' call for the buildings to be higher than what the Community Standards Design allows. If LA County ever approves the owners' plans, it would not be in line thematically with the size and look of architecture in La

Crescenta.

"The consensus is that it's too big, too tall. I don't know if that's something we can agree [on]," Raghavachary said regarding compromising with the owners. The owners are working with Glendale planner Rodney Kahn.

The city's density bonus states that if the building can provide affordable housing, it can be allowed more height, so while that may not be something Land Use Committee can affect, Raghavachary said the owners must pass a sewer test that could be costly if they don't pass. Water flow must also be up to standards for the CV Water District.

Raghavachary said the updates on these tests have been known since late January/early February, and the lack of updates could be beneficial to opponents of project.

"The longer it drags on, my instinct would be [the developer] is having difficulty," she said. "No news is good news."

The comments section on Zoom from the attendees was critical of the project.

"I'm extremely worried we would be setting a precedent by allowing five stories on Foothill Boulevard. We have never had five stories on Foothill," one person wrote. "Not to mention, we are a mountain view community and all should be done to preserve them. I know I'm preaching to the choir, but the builder needs to be sensitive to the community's concerns and desires."

"This building is way too big for our community and will cause major traffic issues where the residents will be parking on Briggs and Foothill," said another commenter.

Raghavachary said preserving the motel isn't the "be all, end all." She said most people understand that isn't economically feasible in the long-term. This proposed project, however, isn't what the community wants.

"It's more about something that fits," she said. "We want something that says La Crescenta, not a five-story [or] four-story building that fits on less than an acre."



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» ELECTIONS 2020

Drop Boxes Installed for Vote-By-Mail

Vote-by-mail ballot drop boxes are appearing throughout Los Angeles County. One can be found in front of the Montrose Library at 2465 Honolulu Ave.

The drop boxes are for voters to deposit ballots for the presidential general election. There will be over 300 secure drop boxes placed throughout the County. Vote-by-mail ballots will be sent out to every registered voter. There will also be in-person voting offered as well.

Before returning a vote-by-mail ballot, the County provides a checklist that voters should

review:

- 1) Place your voted ballot card[s] inside the official return envelope
- 2) Securely seal the official return envelope
- 3) Sign and date the back of the official return envelope

Voters can confirm that their ballot has been received and counted by using the vote-by-mail status tool at https://www.lavote.net/av_inquiry.

The tool will be available 30 days prior to the Nov. 3 election.

Ex-Company Controller Sentenced to Over 7 Years in Prison

A former controller for a Burbank-based commercial printing company was sentenced earlier this week to 87 months in federal prison for embezzling \$2.8 million from his employer and failing to report the stolen funds as income to the IRS.

Sean Edin Talae, 63, of Glendale was sentenced by United States District Judge Otis D. Wright II, who also ordered him to pay \$2,933,585 in restitution. Talae pleaded guilty in May 2019 to one count of mail fraud and one count of subscribing to a false income tax return.

From October 2015 to June 2018, Talae worked as the controller overseeing the accounting and tax payments of Printograph, Inc., a commercial printing company that does business as GotPrint.com. During this time period, Printograph made a series of periodic estimated tax payments based on the company's expected gross income, deductions,

and credits for each year. Talae enabled these estimated tax payments by bringing company checks to Printograph's president and sole owner – who had signing authority for the company's bank account – for her signature prior to their submission to the IRS.

On at least eight separate occasions, Talae obtained company checks from Printograph's president but instead inserted his own taxpayer information when filling out the IRS voucher forms that accompanied the estimated tax payments. By using his own information – and not the company's – Talae was able to claim the estimated tax payments for himself and caused the IRS to credit the payments to his own personal account, thereby embezzling the funds from Printograph and effectively laundering the embezzled proceeds through the IRS.

During the course of the scheme, Talae

embezzled \$2.8 million from his employer and falsely claimed estimated tax payments in that amount for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. These estimated tax payments allowed Talae to receive a total of \$2,778,994 in fraudulent tax refunds for these years, court papers state. Talae failed to report the embezzled money as income for these tax years, causing a total tax loss of \$740,085.

"(Talae) embezzled a

significant amount of money from Printograph and exposed the company – and its owner personally – to potential tax liability stemming from his theft of the company's tax payments," prosecutors wrote in their sentencing memorandum. "He did so repeatedly over the course of two years for his own personal gain."

IRS Criminal Investigation and the FBI investigated this matter.



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A Family's Search for Answers



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Monday afternoon there was a sea of orange in front of the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA on Foothill Boulevard. Supporters of Colin Jacobs were dressed in orange shirts with the words "Justice for Colin" written on them. They lined both sides of the boulevard waving signs and receiving honks of support from many of those driving by.

On July 1, Colin, who was only a few days from turning 20 years old, drowned in the YMCA pool at the La Crescenta YMCA facility. Colin had a long history with the YMCA of the Foothills and was working as a camp counselor at the time of his death.

The protest, according to Colin's father Philip, is a way to draw attention to his son's death and hopefully a way to get more answers as to how he died.

"We want answers and we want awareness and we want justice for Colin," Philip said.

The family's quest for answers resulted from what they feel is a lack of direct communication from the Y after Colin's drowning.

"The first call we got was from VHH [USC Verdugo Hills Hospital] telling us to hurry down

there because our son was in big trouble," Philip said.

But Colin had already died when they arrived. Philip said his son was dead when he was pulled from the pool, or at least that is what he was told when he and his family interviewed some of the witnesses who were at the pool at the time.

"We received an email a few days after [Colin's death] from the Y with their condolences and asking if we needed help," he said. "I am not sure what is going on as far as the YMCA. They asked us to communicate through their attorney. So we hired an attorney and he was communicating with the Y for a while."

Colin had been involved with the Y for years. He was working as a camp counselor on the day he drowned. Most of the information about that day came from witnesses who the family talked to. Philip said the witnesses he spoke with all told the same story that kids from the camp jumped into the pool along with the camp counselors. They were playing and, according to what one witness told the family, Colin was there one minute and the next was gone. The witness said he assumed Colin had gotten out

of the pool; apparently that was not the case.

Colin had a history of seizures. According to the Los Angeles County Coroner's report Colin's "manner" of death was found to be an accident with "other significant conditions – epilepsy."

The family does not dispute that Colin had seizures and that they could have played a role in his drowning; however, they want to know how long it took to discover Colin was in trouble.

According to an email sent to Y members on July 2, the Y shared the loss of "one of our beloved employees who passed away after an incident during our summer day camp." Out of respect for the family Y officials at the time did not release Colin's name. In the email they added, "Despite the attention and efforts of the lifeguards, summer camp staff, EMTs and USC Verdugo Hills Hospital personnel, the counselor passed away."

In a statement the Y said that families and campers were at the pool during the "incident" and offered counseling, which seemed to coincide with what the Jacobs' family had heard from witnesses. Family members would like to speak to someone other than the

Y's lawyer to confirm details.

In email responses with CVW since the news of the drowning occurred the Y's CEO Vincent Iuculano wrote the Y's family continues to "mourn the loss of their beloved employee and is heartbroken for the family, his fellow staff, friends and the community who knew him."

The family does not have ill will toward Iuculano, who had only recently stepped into the position of CEO at the YMCA of the Foothills, Philip added.

During Monday's demonstration a man stopped by to show support to the Jacobses. The man told the family he had lost his daughter to a drowning a year earlier.

"His situation was very similar to [Colin's]," Philip said.

According to Philip, the man shared that he, too, had a difficult time getting information, especially about the lifeguards on duty.

For the Y's part, officials are declining to share any details of the drowning stating in an email to CVW "...we are currently collecting information in addition to working with the authorities."

The investigation is completed as the coroner has determined the death to be accidental,

said Glendale Police Detective Bateman.

In a response to CVW's questions concerning the death investigation the Y stated: "Colin Jacobs was a beloved member of our YMCA family for more than 10 years. Everyone at the YMCA of the Foothills is devastated by his passing, and our hearts remain with his family, friends and all those who were touched by his kind and generous spirit."

"We are fully supporting the ICW Group and Occupational Safety and Health Administration's investigations into the incident, and all report findings will be shared upon conclusion."

"Respecting that the family now has legal counsel, we are, unfortunately, legally and ethically prevented from direct contact with the family and must only communicate through legal counsel."

For Colin's family, they continue to search for answers and to grieve his death. Through all of this the Jacobses have discovered how many friends their son had and how many lives, including through the Y, he had touched over the years.

"We are finding Colin had such a big reach," Philip said.

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Plans to Support Children with Special Needs

By Mary O'KEEFE

There has been no doubt that remote learning has been challenging for students, parents, teachers and staff of the Glendale Unified School District. Students and teachers are adjusting to this new normal but for some the adjustment has been especially difficult.

Since COVID-19 has forced the closure of schools and made remote learning part of everyday life, parents of children with special needs have voiced their unique concerns of how their children are coping with learning from home – not only in the present but how they will be affected in the future.

“What we are finding is a mix,” said Dr. Deb Rinder, executive director of the Special Education Office. “We have some kids who we thought wouldn’t do well with [remote learning] who are doing well and some who we thought

would do well are not.”

She added that most kids and adults are struggling with this new normal and echo what parents of special needs children are saying about the unique needs of their children.

“To say [remote learning] is impacting kids most significantly with special needs is an understatement,” Rinder said.

There are 45 students with special needs in the district’s pod program attending in-person school. Due to LA County Public Health guidelines there is a limited number of students allowed in the classrooms and there is limited staff available to assist.

In mid-August, the Dept. of Public Health released guidelines that may potentially allow districts to provide in person student Individual Education Program assessments.

“I hope they will allow us to provide related in-person services,” Rinder said. “There has been a lot of discussion on cohorts.”

On Wednesday, LA County announced a planned reopening that would include cohorts.

The Cohort Guidance announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom in August would require students to stay in separate cohorts with a maximum of 14 children per two supervising adults. Rinder said the guidance lists 14

children but it is more likely to be only 12 children in these cohorts, and that the adult numbers would be determined as related to the needs of the child.

“The hardest part of all of these [guidelines] is that it changes so frequently,” Rinder said on Tuesday. On Wednesday LA County Public Health announced cohorts would be allowed.

“On Sept. 14, Los Angeles County will allow schools to offer on campus services for small, stable, cohorts of K-12 students who need learning support, including children with special needs that have an Individualized Education Plan and are English learners. Waivers for this are not required, but schools must submit to the Dept. of Public Health an operational plan and they must comply with Health Officer Order guidance and protocols in order to serve students. Those receiving services are required to maintain small group cohorts of no more than 12 students and two supervisors and it will be a stable group of people to maintain safety for both students and teachers,” according to a statement from LA County.

When requirements are created allowing the reopening of sectors, like education, it is not always a quick fix for school districts. Once decisions are made the district must negotiate with teachers and staff to prepare for whatever the new

normal will look like.

The district cannot bring children back to any type of in-person learning without approval of Public Health.

“But ultimately the decision to bring a child back [to the classroom] is a family decision. We will offer, when it is the appropriate time, the opportunity for [in-person classes] and the parent can choose if they still want [remote] learning,” Rinder said.

She is hopeful physical therapy and occupational therapy will be offered soon. Again, that would require more negotiations.

Rinder said she does hear the issues parents with special needs students are dealing with including struggles to keep their child focused on a computer screen and the concern they are losing any positive academic ground they have made over the years. Many children with special needs thrive with structure and, by taking that classroom routine away, the child sometimes suffers setbacks. Parents want to know what they can do to help their child stay on track.

“I answer that question multiple times a day. I try to encourage [parents] and let them know they are doing the best they can and that help is on the way,” she said.

Rinder said the pandemic has brought more attention to the needs of special education and that hopefully educators will

learn from the success of learning pods and cohorts. She also sees how teachers and parents are working together.

“I think that parents have an appreciation for teachers and that teachers and staff have an exceptional appreciation for parents. It has been a collaborative coordination with a ton of communication to make this work,” Rinder said.

One of the points she makes when talking to parents who contact her and are at their “wits’ end” is to give them permission to make adjustments throughout the day. If putting a student in a Zoom class leads to a severe negative reaction then it is important for parents to adjust and to get support from teachers and the district.

“During this pandemic I look at every household as an individual education plan,” she said. “I wear multiple hats. I am myself a parent and I hear [parents]. I get it. I don’t say that to placate parents; I know this is the hardest time we have all had to face in our lives.”

There is a 24/7 GUSD special education hotline for parents at (818) 471-4091. Rinder personally responds to any questions related to special education. There is also a GUSD hotline for technical questions for all students at (818) 478-2664.

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According to Standard & Poor, “Credit ratings are forward-looking opinions about the ability and willingness of debt issuers, like corporations or governments, to meet their financial obligations on time and in full.”

The credit rating process with S&P is a key step in the bond financing process that is currently underway at CVWD. A higher rating translates into lower interest rates, just like buying a car or a home. Providing a safe and reliable supply of drinking water is CVWD’s highest priority. This credit rating supports CVWD’s strategy of investing in critical infrastructure to provide a reliable water supply for many years to come and will afford CVWD more reliable infrastructure for less money.

The AA- rating represents a jump of two positions on the S&P rating scale since the District was last rated in 2012. This jump is especially notable during this difficult time with the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic pressures, when many agencies are being downgraded.

The AA- rating places CVWD in the same category as some larger, established nearby agencies such as Los Angeles County Sanitation District and the City of Glendale.

Standard & Poor’s highlighted several areas that contributed to the favorable rating:

- CVWD’s 2020 Strategic Plan demonstrates the District’s forward-thinking and progressive actions to meet the District’s mission of providing safe and reliable water, and reaching a vision of operational and financial sustainability;
- The board of directors’ commitment to infrastructure reliability through capital investments and policies that promote financial stability and sound fiscal practice;
- Staff’s nimble and proactive response to COVID-19 including implementing

flexible work schedules; changing business practices to eliminate in-person transactions; managing construction projects in a virtual environment; and establishing safety policies and protocols that minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Other observations noted by S&P include operational changes that improved efficiency; cross-training that improved reliability; permanent staff reductions that provided long-term savings; strong track-record of projects that promote water supply resiliency and infrastructure reliability; ability to implement creative cost-saving measures; and a growing support from the community through improved public outreach.

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LA County Releases Updated COVID-19 Numbers

On Wednesday, Los Angeles County Public Health announced 50 new deaths in LA County, excluding Long Beach and Pasadena, due to COVID-19. There were 1,457 new cases of COVID-19 reported.

The total number of positive cases of COVID-19 in LA

County including Long Beach and Pasadena is 243,935.

As of Aug. 31, Glendale reported 3,131 positive cases of COVID-19 and 162 deaths; La Cañada reported 164 positive cases and seven deaths; Eagle Rock reported 608 cases and 19 deaths; Shadow Hills reported 56 cases and no deaths;

Sunland reported 409 cases and 27 deaths; and Tujunga reported 426 cases and 14 deaths.

In the areas of unincorporated LA County, Altadena reported 628 positive cases of COVID-19 and 13 deaths, and La Crescenta-Montrose reported 163 cases and two deaths.

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ROCKHAVEN from Cover

Pearl Eley Baker, the mother of Marilyn Monroe, Billie Burke, known for playing Glinda the Good Witch in “The Wizard of Oz,” Josephine Dillon, famed acting teacher and ex-wife of Clark Gable, and more. Richards operated the sanitarium from 1923 until 1967 when she passed it on to her granddaughter, Patricia Traviss. Traviss operated Rockhaven from 1967 until 2001, selling it to a large hospital corporation, The Ararat Company. In 2006, Rockhaven was closed due to lack of profitability, with the intent of demolishing the buildings to build a more modern structure.

The City of Glendale purchased Rockhaven in April 2008.

“The City acquired it to protect the historic nature of the site, and preserve the site, or portions of it, as public community space,” said Eliza Papazian, public information officer for the City of Glendale. “The drain on economic resources since the City’s acquisition of the site coupled with the state’s elimination of redevelopment made eventual development of the Rockhaven site challenging. The City’s ability to wholly finance development of the site as a capital improvement project has been severely curtailed.”

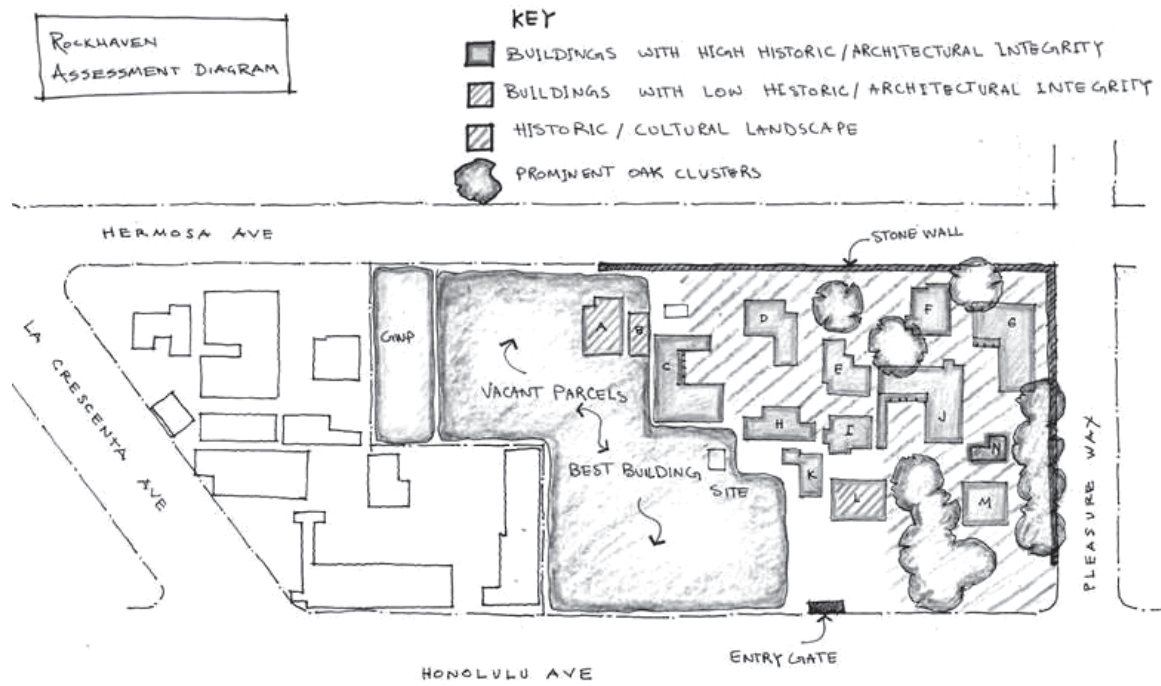
Under the City’s tenure, and with help from organizations like Friends of Rockhaven, the site has been relatively untouched ever since. That is both a good

and a bad thing, in that the site has not been touched for development but it also has not been touched for upkeep, other than the limited upkeep that is provided by volunteers.

Reports flood in from concerned community members about the deterioration being observed from the outside of the facility and reported by those who visit the inside. CV Weekly has published numerous stories on the lack of maintenance at Rockhaven, some as recently as February of this year, and they can be found on the newspaper’s website.

“The City has generally maintained the site improvements by hand watering and pruning vegetation, cleaning debris, trimming trees, inspecting for termites, tarping roofs, improving perimeter security fencing, installing a backflow prevention device and above-ground irrigation pipes, and upgrading some electrical,” Papazian said. “The City has also made some renovations to the caretaker’s house.”

This is true in that the gardens do look maintained, no major vegetation is left dead and lying around, and it hasn’t flooded from burst pipes. These issues are not the ones being cited as problematic, though. What is troublesome to passersby is that the fence is falling down on one side of the property and is not being repaired,



The “Rockhaven Assessment Diagram” provided by the City of Glendale indicates the portions of the site considered as the “historic campus” and those that do not contain any significant buildings or landscaping.

only patched with plywood, which causes more damage. The roof is in shambles with shingles sliding apart and allowing water inside the structures, making the ceilings peel and fall in places. In some places, plywood is blocking doors and shutting off entire rooms.

Joanna Linkhorst is the president of Friends of Rockhaven and a major proponent of restoring Rockhaven. She has been working to catalogue some of the artifacts left within the buildings and wants them properly preserved. She would go in and work with the artifacts when nobody else was using the property. One day after

a program training, Linkhorst said, police dogs had left hair and trash in a room with artifacts. She told the City that it’s not good for the buildings to leave trash and hair, and maybe the dogs should train outside the buildings. The City reportedly agreed and said nobody would go in the buildings again ... including Linkhorst. Then later a distinction was made to her that it was unsafe to enter this particular building.

“I have a feeling that, four years ago, somebody said, ‘You’re not allowed up there’ and somebody translated that into ‘It’s not safe,’ which isn’t true,” Linkhorst said.

“So the lower half of that door is boarded up [with plywood] and now they think it’s unsafe.”

Regardless, Rockhaven cannot sit with falling ceilings and unsafe rooms boarded up. Rockhaven has the distinction of being placed on the National Register of Historic Places at the state level as a Historic District, which grants certain protections to it and requires the owner to maintain it in certain ways.

Next week, we will unpack what all that means, how it is supposed to be maintained and where Rockhaven is headed.

SUPER SCOOPERS from Cover

of temperatures as high as 111 degrees [Fahrenheit] on extra dry terrain from the result of little rain this winter.”

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“[The SuperScoopers] bring extra muscle when we need it most,” Barger added.

The Canadair CL-415 SuperScoopers have a maximum capacity of 1,600 gallons of water and they can also do foam drops. There are two pilots and the helicopters have a five-minute start-up to lift-off time.

The cost to lease the SuperScoopers is \$3 million; LA County has given the LACoFD

a budget of \$4 million. If the helicopters are needed beyond December 2020 and the lease goes over budget the LA County Board of Supervisors will have to approve that expenditure, Osby said.

He added firefighters have seen several major fires already this year.

“We have hundreds of firefighters in northern California,” he added.

There are several fires burning presently in northern California, primarily due to lightning strikes igniting dry vegetation.

“Sixty firefighters left Quebec to [go to] northern California to fight active fires,” Briand-Fortin said. “It is already,

unfortunately, a devastating fire season here in California.”

“We are coming to the end of a hot dry summer and we are expecting another heat wave this weekend with triple digit temperatures,” Osby said. “Unfortunately we do a long term forecasting [that shows] now through December, our projections are that temperatures will be above normal, the precipitation will be dryer than normal from October through December and we are predicting we will have more windy days.”

As of Wednesday, there is an Excessive Heat Warning for Los Angeles County from Friday to Monday.

“We will see record-breaking heat,” said Todd Hall, meteorologist at NOAA [National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration] in Oxnard.

The high heat is expected to bring triple digits to the Crescenta Valley and Glendale over the weekend. There does not seem to be relief from the heat even at the beaches where temperatures are predicted in the mid 90s.

“Anytime there is a heat wave it elevates fire potential,” he said.

It is important to prepare for

and prevent wildfires. Osby shared three tips:

- Download Ready.Set.Go. The wildfire action plan that can be found at fire.lacounty.gov
- Perform proper brush clearance to allow defensible space.
- Do not fly drones around wildfires. They impact LACoFD’s ability to fly.

He also advised residents to evacuate when they are told to evacuate by law enforcement during wildfires.

CRIME BLOTTER

Aug. 28

3000 block of Highridge Road in La Crescenta, a man parked his Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] patrol vehicle on the street at the location. He locked the vehicle and, when he returned, he found his vehicle was unlocked and a handheld radio and binoculars had been stolen between Aug. 28-31.

Aug. 24

700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, as a woman was walking eastbound on the north sidewalk of Foothill Boulevard a black newer model four-door Honda Civic passed her heading westbound. As the vehicle passed someone in the car apparently threw an egg hitting her in the hip.

The car continued westbound at 9:25 p.m.

Aug. 20

1600 block of Orange Tree Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, as a woman was driving northbound on California State Route 2 near the Ventura [134] freeway, she merged her vehicle into the lane to her

right. Another black Lexus in that lane behind her began flashing its headlights and honking its horn. The Lexus drove next to her and the two male occupants, described as White, about 20 years old, 5’10” tall and weighing 180 lbs., gave the woman the middle finger then the driver of the Lexus quickly merged into the lane the woman was driving in, causing her to press on her brakes to slow down. The woman then attempted to merge into the other northbound lanes; however, the suspects continued to follow her closely. She exited SR-2 onto Foothill Boulevard to try to avoid the Lexus but the car continued to follow. When she stopped at the end of a cul-de-sac the passenger of the Lexus exited the vehicle and tore off the rear windshield wiper blade of the woman’s car. The passenger then returned to the Lexus.

The incident occurred at 8 p.m.

Aug. 17

4300 block of Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, a package was stolen from a mailbox overnight.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

1917 Murder: Robbery or Ill-fated Love Triangle? – Part 2

Last week we read about the murder of Albert De Marcus, a 25-year-old driver of a “jitney” (an unlicensed taxi, equivalent to today’s Uber or Lyft). He had picked up a fare after dark in Glendale and was found dead the next morning behind the wheel of his car on Foothill Boulevard between La Crescenta and La Cañada. He had been shot twice in the back of the head. His pockets had been turned out, so it appeared robbery was the motive. That is until detectives discovered a trove of complicated love letters in Albert’s room, some of them from married women. Suddenly a new motive was looked at: murder by a jealous husband or jilted lover.

Once the newspapers got wind of a story involving murder and sex, it was front page news. Headlines read: “Letters Show Jitney Driver Had Thousand Loves,” “Love Code May Cloak Slayer,” “Seek ‘Madame X’ To Find Slayer of Lothario De

Marcus,” “Impassioned Notes Received by Glendale Beau Brummel” and “Shot Fired By Angry Husband or Slighted Woman?”

The detectives investigating the murder had gone to the room that Albert rented in Glendale to look for clues. There they discovered a box of love letters – according to the paper, “hundreds of scented letters” – all written in the last year, and all professing their love for Albert. There was one from a young girl in Los Angeles who said she loved him and would marry him “as soon as her education was completed.” There was the letter from a wealthy Glendale woman who had given Albert money, two diamond rings and her heart. Another letter was from a waitress who claimed she loved Albert and didn’t believe the stories about him and other women. Yet another sent Albert a key to her house, despite knowing about the affair with the wealthy woman. One

was from a married woman in Glendale, another from a married woman in Hollywood. Letters from three other women described how happy they would be once they were married to Albert.

Besides the trove of passionate notes, the detectives discovered that they weren’t the first to enter Albert’s room after the murder. Witnesses told them that one woman, maybe two, had let herself into Albert’s room the morning after the murder using her own keys. One of the women was located and said that she had merely gone into Albert’s room to try and find addresses of next-of-kin. That story was complicated further by the discovery in a nearby vacant lot of a torn-up letter. When pieced back together the letter was an apology to Albert. The woman writing the letter had doubted Albert’s word; Albert had gotten angry and now she was sorry. The letter signed off “I remain always yours.”

Rumors surfaced as well. An acquaintance of Albert’s had shown him another letter from a lover who urged more discreet meetings as her husband was capable of murder. Another person said that he had overheard a conversation between Albert and a woman. The woman said her husband suspected Albert and might shoot him. In both cases the tale-bearers couldn’t provide any identities.

The newspapers of that era were flagrant in their disregard for the privacy of those being investigated. Besides seeming to have access to and printing the contents of the love letters, they printed the names and addresses of two married women, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Burlingame, who had been called in for questioning. That must have been awkward.

Despite all the leads and possible motives the detectives had come across none of them ever panned out. There was

never a leading suspect to zero in on, and no one ever confessed. The case was put aside as fresh cases took its place. There were a couple of murders of jitney drivers north of Los Angeles in the next year and, for both of those murders, Albert De Marcus’s name was brought up. Perhaps this was Albert’s murderer? But no, the murder of Albert De Marcus was never solved, a Crescenta Valley cold case for over 100 years now.



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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Won’t You Be My Neighbor?

I have lived on only six streets in my lifetime – five of them were in the foothill communities that lie between the San Gabriel mountains and the Verdugo hills. These small towns within the big city are so special and I can’t imagine living anywhere else. I truly care about what happens here and am willing to work hard to ensure that our traditions, history and quality-of-life remain.

With every place I called home and every street that I moved to I found that neighbors were key to the overall happiness in my daily life. From the 40 kids who lived on the street where

I grew up to all the adults who lived near me, everyone had a role in shaping who I am now. After my parents divorced and I was a struggling college student, it was the neighbors who offered me a job so I could pay my own way. As a young professional, I lived alone in a back house with a fence that afforded me some security but my neighbors kept a watchful eye so I would be safe coming home. As a new stay-at-home mom, the hours I spent with the other moms on the block gave me confidence in my parenting capabilities and prepared me for going back to work. In all those places, it was

so great to hang out together and to have that kind of community support.

I do have to admit that in the 24 years that we have lived in our current neighborhood, I don’t know everybody who lives on our street. Families come and go and we are all so busy. However, I am always so uplifted by the quick, “Hello, good morning” or “Have a nice day” I get while working in the garden or during a walk with our pups. That small bit of kindness goes a long way. When we have time, I love to stop and shoot the breeze with the neighbors, catching up on all the latest news. Our neighbors have been especially caring and supportive during our struggles this year.

Your relationship with your neighbors can really make or break how you feel about your home life. Conflicts can

sometimes make it unbearable. Loud parties, reckless behavior, speeding and parking problems can all lead to disputes. We have had a few of those situations. It’s always best if the affected person raises their concern directly before calling the police or code enforcement on the neighbor, giving them the chance to correct or explain a situation. In most cases, the problem usually dissolves within a short time and everything goes back to normal.

I am sort of the “Gladys Kravitz” character in the neighborhood, the nosy neighbor from the 1960s television show “Bewitched” who gets involved if activity on the street doesn’t seem quite right. My neighbors appreciate it, though, if I tell them that some stranger went into their backyards or if a package was delivered that they didn’t realize

was there. In turn our neighbors will let us know if they saw a coyote nearby, will give us a jump for a dead battery or check on us during an emergency. I know my neighbors will move trashcans or pick up mail when someone is out of town and mow the lawn for another who is in the hospital. Another happily shares his abundance of fish from his fishing trips. We are always looking out for each other; that is what neighbors do. These relationships are now more important than ever.

Good neighbors are so vital. They make you feel blessed to live in such a great neighborhood. And, those friendships forged can last a lifetime. Mr. Rogers had the right idea. It’s a beautiful day to be neighborly.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not the ‘New Normal’

Who are we kidding? There is nothing normal about remote learning. The photos and accompanying stories in CV Weekly (Aug. 20) about our youth stuck at home and isolated on a computer are downright depressing.

Although Governor Newsom claims that he is “following the science” by keeping the school closed, there is plenty of real science and real data showing his actions are harmful and wrong. We are all clear that COVID-19 causes a minimal illness in children. There are zero reported deaths in LA County from COVID-19 in children under the age of 18. There are zero cases worldwide of documented student to teacher transmission. There is CDC released data showing soaring rates of depression, anxiety and substance abuse in our youth since COVID lockdowns and school closures were implemented.

Let’s not kid ourselves that Mr. Newsom is actually following the science or that remote

learning is in anyway a “new normal.” It is clearly not and never will be a substitute for going to school. It seems to me that sadly Mr. Newsom is choosing to follow the teachers union and his own politics instead of following science and data.

Bruce Stark
La Crescenta

Preserve Rockhaven

Such a historic site, such as [Rockhaven – highlighted in the Aug. 27 issue of CV Weekly], should be saved and protected. It is truly sad that the City of Glendale can’t develop the property as city development. Maybe the city can restore it and turn it into city offices or rent/lease them to private offices. I think it would be perfect for CV Weekly offices. The longer this beautiful property languishes it will be unsalvageable.

Paul Liu
Glendale

YOUTH

Parade Pickup Includes Meet and Greet



Monte Vista Elementary School held a “parade pickup party” on Aug. 20 when parents and students drove through the school’s Monty Lane to

receive scholarship materials and supplies. It was a great event with teachers meeting their new students and greeting former students, albeit masked and distanced!

Music played as parents drove up and saw the school’s fence lined with balloons. A step-and-repeat was erected and available for parents to take a picture. It was affirming and

heart-warming to have a moment of connection between staff and students. Hundreds of bags were distributed with consumables, crayons, pencils, markers, glue

sticks and whiteboards. Many parents graciously brought staff cold water, ice tea and Starbucks to beat the heat.

Submitted by Suzanne RISSE

‘Water Is Life’ Student Art Contest Winners Selected

Foothill Municipal Water District (Foothill) recently concluded its ninth annual “Water Is Life” student art competition.

The contest was open to all students in grades K-12 who attend a school located within the service area of a member water agency that Foothill serves. This includes schools primarily located within La Crescenta-Montrose, La Cañada Flintridge and Altadena.

Foothill narrowed down submissions to the top 10 entries, which will be submitted to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for further consideration to be included in the 2021 “Water Is Life” student art calendar. Winners will be selected in the fall and honored at a student art exhibit and recognition event sponsored by MWD. Criteria

for judging the art pieces consisted of addressing the theme of the contest, originality of the piece and slogan, and degree of visual and word clarity.

In August the top entries were recognized during a Foothill board of directors meeting. Students will receive prizes including gift certificates for their accomplishments. The top 10 entries are as follows:

- Kindergarten - Third Grade
- Jake Candler – First Place – La Cañada Elementary
- Fourth Grade – Sixth Grade
- Lauren Park – First Place – Palm Crest Elementary
- Olivia Hur – Second Place – Rosemont Middle
- Henry Vartanian – Honorable Mention – Crestview Prep
- Brianna Zhu – Honorable Mention – Monte Vista Elementary

Seventh – 12th Grade

- Taili Sherwood Kong – First Place – Crescenta Valley HS
- Heidy Hur – Second Place – Crescenta Valley HS
- Sinead Augilar – Honorable Mention – Crescenta Valley HS
- Katie Thibault – Honorable Mention – Crescenta Valley HS
- Valery Alvarez – Honorable Mention – Rosemont Middle School

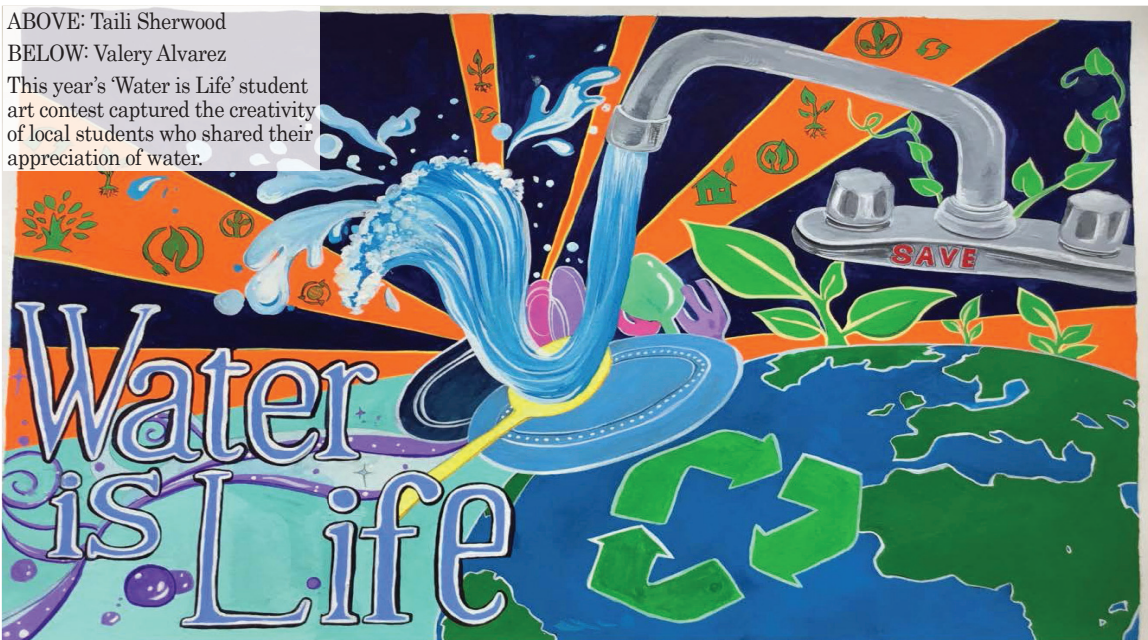
Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Liberty Utilities (formerly Mesa Crest Water company), Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.



ABOVE: Taili Sherwood

BELOW: Valery Alvarez

This year’s ‘Water is Life’ student art contest captured the creativity of local students who shared their appreciation of water.



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RIGHT: Jason Winicki of Compass Realty, event sponsor.

Glenwood Oaks' neighbors, observing COVID-19 protocols, gathered on Saturday morning, Aug. 29, for a celebration and unveiling of an updated and refreshed front entrance sign to their neighborhood.

Glenwood Oaks, whose entrance is at the southern end of Boston Avenue in La Crescenta/ Glendale, has a rich history in

the area. It was developed by the Anderson Brothers in 1954. The City of Glendale asked that the developers preserve the oak trees when the subdivision was first developed. It later won a commendation award for the oak tree preservation.

Longtime neighbors Donnie Ball and his son Joey removed the signs, power-washed and sealed the bricks, painted

the lights above the signs, and replaced the glass in the lights. Neighbor Ron Rendina, who organized the restoration project, repaired the signs, sanded them and prepared them for neighbor Robin Torres, a local artist and art teacher, to paint them with great care. Rendina then varnished the signs to ensure longevity. The signs were ready to be reinstalled back onto the brick

entrance columns by the team. Neighbor and local real estate broker Jason Winicki of Compass Real Estate sponsored the event and provided coffee, water bottles and a generous donation to support the overall effort. The work was a collaborative event symbolic of the well-connected neighborhood.

In Glenwood Oaks it is common to see neighbors walking, talking

and gathering with each other. Children often ride bikes in the neighborhood and on Friday nights neighbors will often be seen gathering in front yards and chatting, though these days wearing masks. The special neighborhood embraces the definition of community and is a hidden gem in La Crescenta.

Submitted by Susan RENDINA

Grant Applications Now Available

Grant Applications Now Available for Educational Programs Serving Children, Adults and Seniors in the Crescenta-Cañada Valley.

The Community Foundation of the Verdugos and the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce announced

that the Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations to support educational programs and projects. Organizations may apply for grants from \$500 to \$5,000 to

enhance ongoing or initiate new programs and request equipment, technology, facilities, modernization or upgrades.

This year, the Education Fund recognizes that community organizations have many new

concerns and challenges associated with COVID-19. A priority is placed on helping meet educational needs associated with virtual learning, understanding and applying current scientific findings for healthy living, and maintaining supportive community connections despite restricted social gatherings and interaction.

"Our goal is to spark innovative thinking as well as provide support

for educational programs that help our community stay strong despite the threat of COVID-19," said Chris Waldheim, member of the Fund's board of advisors. "Educational innovation and support seems more important than ever."

Applications must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 2 via email only and are available online at www.cfverdugos.org and

see GRANTS on page 19



Adventist Health Glendale Receives Rating Among 'Best Hospitals'

Adventist Health Glendale has (once again) been independently verified as one of 2020's "Best Hospitals" by U.S. News & World Report, ranking in overall hospital quality 12th among the 132 hospitals in the Los Angeles area and 20th in California from among 424 hospitals.

These rankings place the hospital in the top 5% of hospitals statewide and the top 10% of Los Angeles-area hospitals and further validate its standing as the No. 1 destination in Glendale and the adjacent area. U.S. News & World Report also ranked us high performing in:

- Colon cancer surgery
- COPD
- Diabetes and endocrinology
- Geriatrics
- Heart failure
- Neurology and neurosurgery
- Orthopedics
- Pulmonology and lung surgery
- Urology

According to the hospital, recognitions such as this, the 5-star rating from CMS and the 11th consecutive 'A' grade from The Leapfrog Group have come as a result of the hospital's commitment to providing safe, quality outcomes for its patients.



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

LA Zoo Reopens



By Charly SHELTON

COVID-19 is still widespread across the state, but it is declining in impact every day. Currently, the state has 10.9 new COVID-19 positive cases per day per 100,000 people and the statewide positivity rate sits at 6%. In Los Angeles County, there are 13.1 new positive cases per day, per 100,000 people, and a 5% positivity rate across the County. This puts us in the widespread, or purple, tier of the new California metrics on reopening. Under the purple tier, some outdoor activities can reopen with adjustments in operations. This includes zoos and outdoor museums.

After more than five months behind closed gates, the Los Angeles Zoo has finally reopened to the public. With temperature screening, mandatory face coverings, social distancing and the closure of high-touch activities and indoor facilities, guests are finally welcomed back to see the animals.

“We are so excited to finally open our gates up to welcome our members and our guests back to the Zoo. We have been closed for a historic 166 days due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Denise M. Verret, CEO and director of the LA Zoo at a press conference for the reopening. “When we first closed on March 13th it was quite numbing to be in a zoo that would normally be filled with 10,000 guests on

our busy weekends and holidays to being completely empty. But that did not stop our work. That did not stop what we know is important and that is being committed to the care of the animals, continuing our conservation efforts, maintaining the facility and the landscape. Many of our employees actually were working as disaster service workers throughout the city, working over 880 shifts to support those most in need in the community. So while we were closed, we were still doing very purposeful work.”

The Zoo has implemented the aforementioned safety measures and a few additional practices for the safety of both the humans and the animals. Some enclosures that are closer to humans, like the prairie dog habitat, have added distance from the railing. Signs scattered around the Zoo tell guests to keep “one zebra apart,” “one Komodo dragon apart,” “one hippo apart” or “three flamingos apart” as a way of judging how far six feet is while watching the respective animals. And any pathway that is less than eight feet wide has also been turned into a one-way traffic pedestrian lane with a defined entrance and exit.

This is how guests traveled when meeting the gorillas. And this habitat is of particular importance because of one special little girl.

Angela the baby gorilla was born back in January and was not yet three months



old when the Zoo shut down. She has done quite a bit of growing since then and although she is familiar with her handlers and other zoo staff she is now fascinated to see the large groups of people coming to stare at her. This comes much to the chagrin of her parents, mother N'djia and father Kelly, who just want her to eat her breakfast and stop squirming closer to the glass.

Guests can now come visit Angela and all the other animals at the LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens. Timed tickets are available online for openings every

day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last entry slot at 3:45 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for children ages 2 to 12, and \$22 for everyone 13 and over; under 2 is free. These tickets do sell out so guests should plan ahead to secure their time.

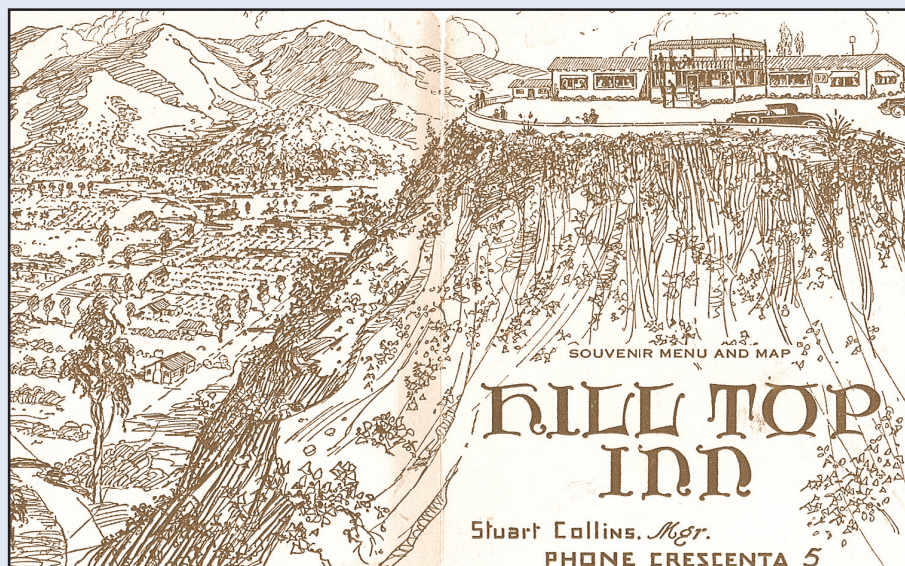
Photos by Charly SHELTON

LEFT: Angela the baby gorilla is as enthralled to see Zoo guests as they are at seeing her.

RIGHT: Denise M. Verret, CEO and director of the LA Zoo, welcomed the media to the reopening of the Zoo.

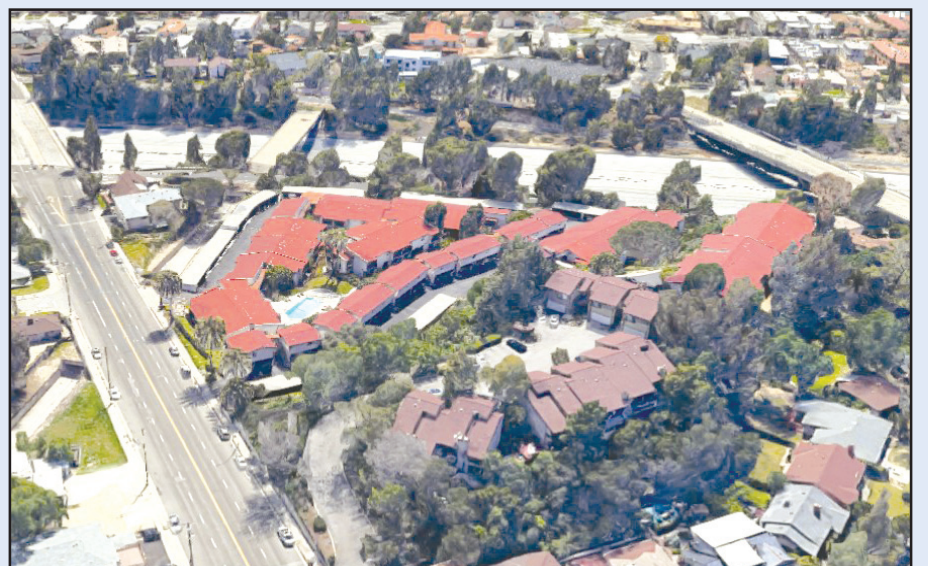
ABOVE: Animal signs indicated how far apart guests should stand.

THEN & NOW | Hilltop Inn



Then » Collins Hill, a little hill in the otherwise flat Crescenta Valley floor, became the site of the Hilltop Inn in the '20s. The hill, just west of Ocean View Boulevard and a few blocks below Foothill Boulevard, was owned by and named for Mark Collins, an early developer. This fanciful illustration was on the cover of Hilltop Inn's menu. It depicts the hill much higher than in reality, but the restaurant is accurate, long and low with many windows and a rooftop patio for the spectacular view.

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » We don't know exactly when the restaurant closed but it was replaced at some point by a cluster of tiny rental houses. Maybe around 1980 the hilltop was cleared, shortened somewhat, and covered with a thick cluster of apartment buildings. In this aerial view looking south, we see the apartments in the center, the hillside of Collins Hill obscured by trees. Ocean View runs vertically on the left side of the photo and the 210 Freeway runs horizontally at the top of the photo.

» BOOK REVIEW

Have Fun, But Be Careful Reading ... 'What You Wish For'

By Brandon HENSLEY

You'd be hard pressed to find someone who doesn't love a crime thriller with a bunch of moving parts to keep you guessing until the story's climax. While James Patric's self-published novel "What You Wish For" may be a little convoluted with one too many characters, it offers excitement with enough action and a plot that will keep readers guessing who the real bad guys are until the final act.

Scott Milner's marriage is falling apart and there's trouble at work. His company, which produces children's educational products, is going through

a buyout, which means he might not have a job soon. He and Julie Wilson, a new office partner, scheme a fake sexual harassment claim to bilk his bosses out of enough money to spend a new life together. But Scott's not a lucky man in this story; virtually everyone he knows or comes to know in the novel has something up their sleeves and the only relationship he can count on is with his teenage daughter Amy.

Things really get going halfway through the novel when insurance investigator Maxwell Moon, who has the background and the name alliteration made for the Marvel character, is introduced. Max sort of

becomes the new guy who the reader cheers for because, even though we feel pity for Scott, his deficiencies as a person make it hard to root for him.

Opinions on him may be cleared up by the resolution. We come back to rooting for Scott after certain people die and others show their true colors. It's a test of patience for readers to not get ahead of themselves as they turn the page.

Patric writes his scenes at a brisk pace; characters are never in one place for long, which makes following the story fun. At the same time, characters will often vomit out expository dialogue that lets readers know information pertaining to all

sorts of things: guns, insurance fraud, police work, drug deals and sexual affairs. Patric, who served in the Navy during Vietnam and worked in human resources later on, has banked on his real life experiences to help immerse readers in this fictional tale. But it's up to the audience to decide if all of that informational dialogue is tedious and takes away from the pacing, or is necessary to fully engage with the novel.

There are some nice character moments, specifically between Scott and Amy, and police detectives Gene Perkins and Linda Garcia. Witty banter between parents/kids and work partners is always welcome, and

this gives the story some levity that eases the tension from the scenes involving acts not intended for younger audiences.

Patric's novel, which is set in Glendale and namechecks other places like Pasadena, certain freeways, Brand Boulevard and even an Italian restaurant in Montrose, isn't hard to follow per se, but it doesn't move in and out of perspective, which can be a bit unsettling.

It begins in media res, from the viewpoint of police, where a dead body is found in a motel room. Then the story picks up months earlier when most of the story is told from Scott's perspective in third person, except when it changes to small paragraphs or chapters involving other players caught up in this messy scheme.

"What You Wish For" is sure to keep readers on edge while providing a great guessing game into how Scott fits into the crazy game he got himself into. The novel is 291 pages and is intended for adult audiences.

Community Info

APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 GRANTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Since its inception over three decades ago, the Mary Pinola & Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund has awarded approximately \$280,000 in grants to educational programs and capital projects in the Crescenta-Canada Valley. This funding has touched children, adults and seniors through the enhancement of on-going programs; the initiation of new programs; or has enabled the purchase of equipment, technology, facilities, modernization or upgrades by schools, nonprofit organizations, and healthcare institutions.

The Fund was the result of creative thinking by a group of active community members affiliated with the Crescenta Valley Chamber who wanted to provide funding assistance for relevant needs with an educational focus that could make a difference. The Fund's resulting mission: *To enrich the lives of Crescenta-Canada Valley residents by supporting exceptional educational programs.*

This "back-bone" of volunteers, headed by Mary Pinola with guidance from Chip Stone, started small but mighty – selling brownies, cookies, and hand-knitted scarves! Eventually the Education Fund rose to be affiliated with its signature event, the Smart-a-Thon at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. This annual competition of wit and quick trivia expertise developed into a true community gathering of nonprofit teams, school teams, business teams, civic teams and even teams from the offices of local elected officials. The fundraiser, along with Mary Pinola's annual "Walk the LA Marathon" campaign, has seen the Fund's balance grow to almost a half-million dollars.

As a long-term benefit to the community in which support for educational needs in the Foothills is here to stay, the Fund was endowed with the Community Foundation of the Verdugos shortly after its inception in 1990. Under the Foundation's management, the Education Fund's Advisory Board has worked to diligently raise funds in order to provide grants back to the Crescenta-Canada Valley for impactful needs. In 2020, the Education Fund awarded \$20,786 in grants to the following:



- Ahead with Horses \$2,500 – Allan F. Daily High School \$700**
- Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music Program \$2,950**
- Door of Hope \$1,000**
- Dunsmore Elementary School \$2,938 – Glendale Clean & Beautiful \$1,033**
- Monte Vista Elementary School \$1,500 – Mountain Avenue Elementary School \$1,000**
- Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in Partnership with Glendale Community College \$4,000**
- USC Verdugo Hills Hospital \$1,000**



These grants provide a glimpse of the wide range of support that the Education Fund provides under the leadership of its current Advisory Board members: Rick Dinger, Jo Loomis, Jean Maluccio, Roberta Parker, Mary Pinola, Julia Rabago, Teri Rice, Renee Riendeau, Patty Steur, Eleanor Wacker, and Chris Waldheim.

The Education Fund's application process runs from September 1 through October 2. Applications and supporting information are online at www.crescentavalleychamber.org or www.cfverdugos.org. This year, the Education Fund recognizes that community organizations have many new concerns and challenges associated with Covid-19. A priority is placed on helping meet educational needs associated with virtual learning, understanding and applying current scientific findings for healthy living, and maintaining supportive community connections despite restricted social gatherings and interaction.

To apply for a grant or to make a donation to the educational fund, please contact Jean Maluccio of the Crescenta Valley Chamber at 818-248-4957 or Edna Karinski with the Community Foundation of the Verdugos at edna@cfverdugos.org.



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Scene In LA: September 2020

Although the governor has established a new “tier” rating system for counties, Los Angeles County continues to be in the purple tier, which means that theaters are still not allowed to operate yet with live performances. Unfortunately this has taken its toll on some smaller venues, which may not be able to reopen at all.

However, The Rubicon Theatre in Ventura is continuing its workaroud for the situation with its Safe Distance Drive-In Concert Series featuring live shows in its “Rubicon Goes Retro” series presented at the Ventura County

Fairgrounds in Ventura where patrons stay in their cars for the performance and listen to the show on their car radios! Here is more information on the upcoming shows it is offering:

September 7-9: “Music Of The Knights: The Songs Of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John and Paul McCartney” The Phantom of the Operaphenoms’ Teri Bibb and Davis Gaines are slated to appear, as well as two-time Golden Globe nominee Ted Neeley of “Jesus Christ Superstar” who brings his rock wail to “Gethsemane” and other songs.

Tickets are going fast and

early reservations are highly recommended. A 15% series discount is available through Rubicon Guest Services. For tickets, go to

www.rubicontheatre.org or call (805) 667-2900.

Of course, other theaters are continuing to offer online events instead. These online events are often available one time only, and are frequently not announced very far ahead of the event, so you will have to visit the venue’s website to see what is available. Most are free to watch, some are charging a small fee. Here is a list of the websites to check to see what they are offering:

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

A Noise Within
<https://www.anoisewithin.org/>

Boston Court Pasadena
<https://bostoncourtpasadena.org/>

Echo Theater Company
<https://www.echotheatercompany.com/>

Laguna Playhouse
<https://lagunaplayhouse.com/>

L.A. Theatre Works (fee & free)
<https://www.latw.org/broadcasts>
<https://latw.org/black-voices>
<https://latw.org/setting-stage-learning>

Latino Theater Company
<https://www.thelatc.org/>

Long Beach Opera
<https://www.longbeachopera.org/>

Morgan-Wixson Theatre
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC15-mNl7vwkjJ8H1TyOIHw>

Pasadena Playhouse
<https://www.pasadenaplayhouse.org/>

Robey Theatre Company
<https://www.robeytheatrecompany.org/>

Rogue Artists Ensemble
<https://www.rogueartists.org/rogue-lab>

Sacred Fools
<http://www.sacredfools.org/>

Santa Monica Playhouse
<https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/hebrewhillbilly>

Sierra Madre Playhouse
<https://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org/>

South Coast Repertory
<https://www.scr.org/>

Theatre 68
<https://youtube.com/68centcrewtheatre>

The Blank Theatre (fee)
The Blank Theatre (free)
<https://www.patreon.com/TheBlankTheatre>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheBlankTheatreCo>

The Broad Stage
<https://www.thebroadstage.org/>

The Geffen Playhouse (fee)
<https://www.geffenplayhouse.org/>

The Matrix Theatre “Scraps”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLdXs4A7NBw&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLdXs4A7NBw&feature=youtu.be>

The Road Theatre Company
<https://www.roadtheatre.org/>

The Soraya
<https://www.thesoraya.org>

The Wallis
The Wallis Studio Ensemble
<https://thewallis.org/>
<https://thewallis.org/streaming>
https://www.instagram.com/wallis_studio_ensemble/

West Coast Jewish Theatre
<https://youtu.be/R-xUdVDqZCk>

Until we emerge from these trying times, we encourage everyone to stay safe by wearing a facemask and practicing proper social distancing at all times when outside in public. Our warmest wishes go out to all of you during this crisis!

Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers. You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

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Banners are available to promote the duck splash, local residents and businesses. For more information, visit www.cvweekly.com or www.ducks4kids.org.

TWO ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

A program discussing the benefits of an east/west approach to cancer therapies will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from noon to 1.30 p.m.

Dr. Katie Hu, of UCLA, will discuss complementary and alternative therapies and will also cover lifestyle management with its role in the healing environment.

Also on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dr. Evangelia Kirimis of UCLA will give an update on breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. She will touch on the history of breast cancer treatments and will show how patients with even advanced disease can live well with chronic medical therapy.

Both programs are online.

The Cancer Support Community-Pasadena is located at 76 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215 in Pasadena. For more information, call (626) 796-1083 or visit www.cscpasadena.org for more information.

VIRTUAL DOC TALK LECTURE

The next presentation of the free USC Verdugo Hills Hospital lectures, in partnership with YMCA of the Foothills, is titled “10 Things to Know Before a Visit to the ER” on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This lecture series presents a variety of health-related topics to community members throughout the year. In compliance with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, lectures are presented via Zoom teleconference.

Note: RSVP is required. Please provide an email address when RSVPing to receive the Zoom teleconference link. Use the online form or call (818) 952-2228 to register or visit uscvh.org/doc-talks.

PFAR HOSTS SAFETY AND FINANCIAL CRIMES TOWN HALL

The Pasadena-Foothills Association of REALTORS is hosting an upcoming Safety and Financial Crimes Town Hall event that will feature Lisa Derderian of the Pasadena Fire Department and Business and Technology Consultant Tom Lenzo. The event is set to take place on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and will be moderated by PFAR President Eddie Ramirez.

Admission is free for PFAR members and \$10 for non-members.

Register at <https://PFAR.org/Safety>, call (626) 795-2455 or email events@PFAR.org. Note that registration for the event is required.

MAKING MUSIC THE SUZUKI WAY – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its “Making Music the Suzuki Way – Every Child Can Learn!” parent information night on Monday, Sept. 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. All adults are invited to attend. For more information about the

organization, visit the website www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org. To receive the Zoom meeting ID, and to RSVP, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org/contact and send an email request. The Suzuki Music education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

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

LA CANCER CHALLENGE 5K WALK/RUN

Registration for the 23rd LA Cancer Challenge 5K Walk/Run on Oct. 25 is open. The goal is to unite generations, young and old, through physical fitness to create public awareness and raise much-needed funds for pancreatic cancer research. Pancreatic cancer patients continue being diagnosed every day.

When participants register as a LACC virtual walker/runner, they’ll be participating in a nationwide awareness event that can be completed any place and at any pace of their choosing.

Adult virtual registration is \$40 and includes a long sleeve event T-shirt, “Never Give Up” facemask, downloadable running bib and finishers medal. Youth (11 and under) virtual registration is \$25 and includes a kids event T-shirt, downloadable running bib and finishers medal.

See more at www.LACancerChallenge.com.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Learn to be more playful as a way to enjoy better health. You may be an artist or lawyer, actress or shop owner, and indulging in your favorite pastime could work out very well for your health. This is because you’re doing what you love. It helps all your bodily processes work more efficiently. The prescription is to enjoy yourself!

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Relationships may affect your well-being. If you get along fine with your partner, this will be reflected in the way you feel. You’ll have a lot more energy and be ready to meet any challenge. If you’re having problems, the stress could have the opposite effect, causing you to feel less well. Take action to resolve outstanding issues. It will help you feel fantastic.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You may want to get into shape because there’s someone you’d like to know better. Love and romance are motivating you to look good. For the time being, it seems this strategy may work. You’ll be eager to go to the gym because you can envision the admiring glances you’ll get when you reach your goal.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Figure out how much money you can spend on your health goals and act accordingly. Don’t let your financial situation keep you from sticking to a healthy routine and getting regular exercise. You don’t have to join a gym to look good. You can take a walk or jog. Do what you enjoy and can afford.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Set clear goals to guide you toward a state of health that will enable you to enjoy life. If you aren’t sure what you want to achieve, and you don’t know how you’re going to get there, then nothing will change. A few simple routines are enough to kick-start your journey toward a healthy, vibrant future.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You feel uncomfortable when you aren’t happy in your body. You take pride in the way you look. Try a few home remedies to give your skin and hair a special glow. Look online for ideas using ingredients you have around the home, like lemons, oatmeal, and avocados. The results can be as good as anything you buy.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It’s time to purchase some new clothes for exercising. There’s a chance you’ll meet that special someone while shopping. You could also meet your match while trying exercise equipment and testing different products. Keeping fit isn’t always fun, but it’s going to get much better!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You have a powerful desire to get your health back on track. Yet issues associated with your career may thwart your attempts to get fit. Don’t let this moment pass. Make a list of health goals and find ways to make them happen. If it means changing your work schedule so you have more time to relax, so be it!

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don’t sabotage your attempts to get fit and stay well. Although you want to look and feel great, you may be creating situations in which you undermine the results you’re trying to achieve. Once you’re aware of the situation, you can stop it. Watch yourself in action and focus on total health, not total failure.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Friends and groups could have a powerful influence on your ability to get in shape and keep fit. This can work either for or against you. If you associate with people who love to be healthy and enjoy a positive lifestyle, you’ll tend to adopt their habits. However, if your friends lean toward a less healthy lifestyle, you may pick this up.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The cosmos is encouraging you to see your health from an internal perspective. You may realize how certain thoughts and feelings contribute to your overall well-being. It will help you to be aware of your dominant emotions and learn how to change them if they grow too negative. It will make a difference!

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It helps to be practical about your health. Don’t simply hope for the best. Don’t be pessimistic, either. You’re usually down to earth, but you may be following a health routine that has no real practical application to your needs. It may be time to reflect on your progress. If you aren’t getting anywhere, try something different.

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ACROSS

- "Slippery" trees
- Talk online
- Western movie star?
- He worked with pairs
- Corker
- Novelist's needs
- Kind of starch or pudding
- Gelatin made from seaweed
- Feels apprehension
- "Please consider it"
- Smallest in magnitude
- Set the tempo
- Track record?
- Be in the wrong
- Desk drawer item
- Like the desert of Sinai
- Buddy
- "___ de lune" (Debussy)
- When to join an opponent?
- Modem units
- Having debts
- Tart role for Shirley MacLaine
- Extensions
- IRS form expert
- Yankee Clipper's brother
- Samuel figure
- Leading man in the theater?
- When to expect good results
- Alaskan native
- Masquerade-ball mask
- Poker money
- Painter's plaster
- Nasty boss
- One between 12 and 20
- All finished, as dinner
- Front part of a plane
- ___ Park (FDR home site)

DOWN

- Store on a farm
- Idler
- Hungarian
- Discourages flies
- Hardly nude
- "Les Miserables" author
- McLean and Loretta's sitcom co-star
- Dr. Seuss' Yertle, say
- Having two equal lobes
- Yemen coastal city
- Freeloader
- Long-snouted fish
- Lion's suffix
- Prenatal cradle
- Mediterranean, e.g.
- Lake or canal
- Stretch in a seat
- Charles Dutton title character
- What Hester Prynne wore
- Council
- Industrial waste
- End of a musical composition
- Big count
- Footnote abbr.
- Vegas card game
- Most pleasing to the palate
- Even number
- Coal site
- The whole nine yards
- Arness TV role
- Bush veep
- Threw things at
- Garfield's girlfriend
- Noted stationer
- Mower's path
- Firecracker feature
- Type of '60s dancer
- Relative of mine?
- Tapered weapon
- What candles may signify
- ___ & Perrins (steak sauce)

POSSIBILITIES By Bill Bobb

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RELIGION

Question:

I was just getting ready to begin online college classes when my cousin, Aaron, who was my best friend, lost his life in a motorcycle accident. I'm devastated! We did so many things together like gardening and hiking. We were both concerned about Mother Earth, and I still am. I want to take a year off from college to do something in his memory, like work in a community garden and give the vegetables to those in need. My parents want me to stay in college. They don't seem to understand how upset I am at Aaron's death even though I've told them many times. I cry myself to sleep every night.

He was only 23. I'm also 23 and can make my own decisions and, at the same time, I don't want my parents to be unhappy with me. I would be sitting out my senior year. What can I tell my parents to help them understand how important this is to me?

~ Brokenhearted Cousin

Dear Brokenhearted Cousin,

I cannot imagine the pain of the loss of your cousin. My own cousin is my best friend so my heart and prayers are with you as you mourn Aaron. It seems like even in your far-too-short time together that you have made a lifetime's worth of memories. But to get to your question.

It is difficult to wrestle through times when what we think is best and what our parents believe is best come into conflict. I believe the Bible says enough to give us wisdom but does not say enough to give us a command in this particular area.

In the second book of the Bible, Exodus, it says that we are to "honor our father and mother," which when we are children it almost always means to obey them. However, as we grow into adulthood, honoring them does not look the same because we do not need to always obey them. But it still does mean that helping them understand why you are deciding to do what you are doing is important. I can tell in your question that you see that.

As far as helping them understand the importance of honoring your cousin, I believe that the best first step is to let them know of your plans for college. They probably see this time as you sacrificing the long-term goals of your life for (what they see as) a short-term ideal. I am hopeful that the reason they are so hesitant to let you do this is because they honestly want what is best for you. If you can help them see that this way of honoring your cousin is not being decided without a plan on how to still accomplish what you had set out to do, that may go a long way in putting their concerns at ease.



Rev. Jeff Blanton
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Dear Brokenhearted Cousin,
Your parents may not remember what it was like to be 23 and lose someone so close.

When 23, thankfully, most of us are not accustomed to losing people, especially a young person who is your best friend and also a cousin. He was someone you expected to go through life with. He was someone you actually were going through life with on a daily basis.

You are grieving. His death was sudden and unexpected. You are not in a normal state. If he had died of an illness you would have grieved and had a chance to at least try to prepare your self for this loss.

When a person loses someone close, at any age, if they are asking me as a rabbi how to navigate this devastating and often lonely 'place,' I share with them the notion that big decisions are not a good idea at this time. Big decisions are what call you because you are hurting deeply and want to change that as much and as quickly as you can. You want to heal. You want to fix the large hole in your spiritual heart.

Healing takes time. The pain won't be over all at once. More likely, it will come and go, sometimes sharp and unmistakable, sometimes emerging when least expected as a dull ache that might overtake you without your realizing it until you look back with the benefit of hindsight.

Of course you cannot go on with your life as though nothing happened.

We live in a world of dualities. How about this? You continue your studies but at a slower rate that would leave you time to contribute to saving the planet, ideally with others of the same goal, and participating in a community garden as well. This would honor Aaron and enlarge his memory. Continuing your classes would give you a through line to the future and your parents' hope that you will complete your studies. If you stretch out your college, perhaps you will have the opportunity to have some classes in person in the future and get to know other students. You might have the chance to have a more complete college experience thereby enriching your life overall!

I wish for you a complete healing over time. Keep making your world bigger and more inclusive. Realize that in time you will be able to construct a good life for yourself and in the meantime you are going through this loss that weighs on your heart, but won't keep you down for long.

I am sending love to your tender heart.



Rabbi Janet Bieber
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Question:

When I was a child, family relationships were not a problem. My mom got along great with my dad's parents and my dad got along great with my mom's parents. We



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were one big happy family! My current situation is very different. Now I'm married to a man whose mother does not like me.

A little history: my husband dated a woman for two years before I met him. His mom really liked the woman. We were married six months after we met and we've now been married three years. Our interests are practically identical. I've done everything I can to get my mother-in-law to like me, but it's not working. She's civil to me at family gatherings, and I'm grateful for that, but I don't know what else I can do. My husband has talked to her about this and she always tells him she wishes he had married the other woman.

Any ideas to win her over or shall I just give up?

~ Unhappy Daughter-in-Law

Dear Unhappy Daughter-in-Law,

First, how blessed you are to have had such a loving upbringing within your extended family. It certainly laid the foundation for how you expected your future in-law relationships to be ... which is why what you are experiencing

now is painful and disappointing.

I had a very similar experience in that my father didn't accept my choice for a husband and refused to attend our wedding. We too had only been together for a short period of time before we married. It was my mother, who had actually really preferred my first husband, who convinced my father to attend the wedding. He did his best to be cordial and my mother did her best with acceptance. While my dad never fully embraced my husband, like your mother-in-law, he was always civil and respectful. My husband chose not to let it bother him and treated them as family, calling them "Mom and Dad" and giving them both respect. Eventually my mother came around and they became very close.

I share my own story because I can understand how you're feeling. You can't make someone accept you. You can't make someone love you or even like you. But you can be true to yourself. What your mother-in-law may be experiencing may actually have nothing to do with you directly. She may still be feeling grief and the

loss of someone she misses. Every relationship ends at some point and that loss can be very painful. We may not take into consideration the effect it has on those around us. Everyone grieves differently and she may not be ready to embrace someone new yet.

Instead of trying harder to win her over, open your heart to compassion and forgiveness. Meet her where she is with understanding and love. She may not accept you now, or ever, but that is her decision. And you can decide to have a happy family now. Focus on all the good you do have: a loving husband, lots of interests in common, and a life that you're building together. And I would say you could "give up!" Give it up to God and allow things to unfold in the most loving way!



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Dear Unhappy Daughter-in-Law,

Thank you for reaching outside yourself to seek fresh perspective and advice. Some of my most difficult relational hurdles in life have been guided by the advice and wisdom of others – it's so much better than navigating alone.

You seem like a person who values harmony within healthy relationships – especially in the context of family – which is probably why this invisible strain has created some sort of internal disruption within your heart. It has created an uncomfortable relational gap that has left you waiting, wondering, wrestling and whizzing through the relational hamster-wheel to win

and earn your mother-in-law's affections and approval. God has designed us and hardwired us for healthy life-giving relationships! That is why we feel less-than-whole when crucial relationships are dysfunctional (don't function correctly).

How taxing! I cannot imagine how tired and exhausted you must feel. Human performance – your performance – certainly has its limits. And only you know when you've reached that deflated limit. Performance in relationships over time creates power struggles, leaving us tired and unsatisfied.

You don't have a choice about whether or not others (including your mother-in-law) have power in your life. They do, she does

... but you do have a choice as to what kind of power she and others are going to have. How you manage this power makes all the difference between just surviving or thriving in your relationship. No matter what you do you cannot have mastery over your dear mother-in-law's affections, but you can become a master at choosing how you deal with and define this particular relationship – continuing to love her, yet not allowing her lack of affection to dictate your internal world as well as the relational atmosphere. It's super important to remember that you can still love her without expecting to be loved by her.

Someone wise once told me “disappointment is the gap between expectation and reality.” Living and operating in the disappointment gap can sometimes cause us to throw the baby out with the bathwater. What do I mean by that? You asked “Any ideas to win her over or shall I just give up?” What if it's neither? What you can [do is] readjust your expectations of her and yet still continue to love her,

to pray for her, to show kindness at every family gathering and to eventually overwhelm her own “disappointment gap” with a particular kind of grace that no longer expects her to respond in the way you'd like, but ultimately puts the burden of transformation on God's shoulders. Ideally, these two realities can simultaneously exist: how things are in this moment and how you would like them to be. But it's all in what you expect and how you define the outcomes. It's important to remember that she too is also living in the “disappointment gap,” battling with her own unmet expectations that have resulted in this relational disruption between you both. But it doesn't have to stay this way for you – no matter what decisions she chooses to make.

I don't want to assume what you have and have not tried in order to connect with your mother-in-law but how about calling her and asking to see her by yourself – with no involvement from her son (your hubby)? Taking her favorite coffee or tea with some

delicious pastries over her place and talking lovingly but openly with her. Again – approaching her with hope yet leaving the outcome to God and time ... maybe sending her flowers on her birthday or on Mother's Day. There are so many creative ways to show love without going back into that vicious performance cycle of changing her.

I am sure that over time love will win her heart over. Transformational change takes more time for some than others. Keep pursuing love, continually handing the burden over to God, and reflecting the love that is within your heart.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Emanuel David
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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

“Couch Church, Fellowship and Prayers” continues for the foreseeable future at Lutheran Church of the Foothills. Worship services stream on the church's Facebook page and YouTube Channel at 10 a.m. on Sundays then videos are available on the church's website at www.lcifoothills.org, Facebook page at facebook.com/Lcifoothills/videos and on the church's YouTube Channel.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott will lead a time of prayer and Scripture on Zoom.

The knitting group, Knit Together, meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Details for all of these events (and more) are available by contacting the church office.

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Lutheran Church in the Foothills, the “touchdown church,” is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. For more information, call (818) 790-1951 or visit www.lcifoothills.org.

CV Together Offers Assistance During COVID-19 Era

CV Together, a community outreach of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, is available to help Crescenta Valley residents weather the COVID-19 crisis.

Help is available at no charge to residents needing assistance paying a bill, getting groceries or other necessities, connecting with a counselor to discuss personal or financial concerns, or other services. For more information, contact the CV Together coordinator, Kristy Hicks, at kristyh412@gmail.com or visit lcpc.net/ministries/cv-together-a-community-care-ministry.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church also offers outdoor worship services featuring live instrumental music every Sunday evening from 6:30

p.m. to 7:20 p.m. COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed.

For those who prefer to worship online, services are also available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information about the policies to protect the health and safety of the congregation, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

Walk and Word

Walk and Word on Sunday mornings, a time to discover Scripture while hiking Deukmejian Park, is on hiatus until further notice.

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

Catholics Invited

ICF, the Italian Catholic Federation, is looking for members. ICF is a family-oriented, non-profit fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build faith and family spirit and bring men, women and children of all ages together. The branch members extend an invitation to La Crescenta, Tujunga and Sunland Catholics to join the local ICF branch and share your culture, heritage and religious beliefs. The only prerequisite for joining is being Catholic. Our members are from many ethnic groups.

ICF is active in various cultural events throughout the state, supports local parishes, and provides various charities with financial and other support. ICF members believe in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through community and spiritual actions, activities and camaraderie.

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A Day of Remembrance

Sept. 11, 2001 ... a day forever etched in our memory. The CV Chamber of Commerce continues the tradition of sponsoring the annual 9-11 Remember, Honor, and Respect motorcade honoring each of the first responders who sacrificed their lives that day to save others during the early morning terrorist attacks on our country.

This year will be no different ... except it will be different. Due to the pandemic we will not be passing by our schools with students outside waving American flags and there will be no evening ceremony at Bob Smith Toyota. But we will be honoring those who continue to watch over and protect us ... the firefighters at five of our city/county fire stations, and doctors, nurses and staff members at both USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and Adventist Health Glendale. We are grateful and thankful for their dedication and service.

Our route time will be published in the CV Weekly on Sept. 10, so please join in the cheering as we pass through the Crescenta Valley and surrounding communities. Though we are passing by with fewer Early Rodder classic cars and less ceremony, our hearts will continue to be heavy as we Remember, Honor, and Respect those we lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

Chamber Notes:

While most community events have been postponed for the remainder of 2020, our Chamber continues to work on the possibility this year for our

annual golf tournament, poker night, and bingo night. We will keep you posted. And looking past this year, "save the date" of Saturday, April 17, 2021 for our Hometown Country Fair event at CV Park. It's one of the best family events of the year and always fun.

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"The trains are sanitized continuously. And they go to the beach," Najarian added before offering Metrolink's website: <https://metrolinktrains.com/>.

Councilmember Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian raised several issues for future consideration: first he proposed the study of public Wi-Fi in light of the challenges of distance learning, terming it a "21st century public utility issue. It's important that the city take steps."

Kassakhian additionally requested the Council study public financing for local elections and proposed renaming the police community room for former GPD officer Rick Reyes.

"[Rick] served in our police department as an officer and helped start the school resource officer program, served as the only police officer ever on the city council and served as mayor during the mid-'90s," Kassakhian said. "Given his breadth of service to the city, I can't think of a more deserving person to name that room for."

Next, staff updated the Council on two relevant pieces of legislation passed by the state legislature: SB 793 bans the sale statewide (and possession with intent to sell) of tobacco and nicotine products in flavors other than tobacco effective Jan. 1, 2021; and AB 3033, which protects renters from COVID-19-related evictions.

Under the legislation, no tenant can be evicted before Feb. 1, 2021 as a result of rent owed due to a COVID-19-related hardship accrued between March 4 and Aug. 31, 2020 if the tenant provides a declaration of hardship according to the legislation's criteria. For a COVID-19-related hardship that accrues between Sept. 1, 2020 and Jan. 31, 2021, tenants

must also pay at least 25% of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to landlords, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction. Landlords may begin to recover this debt on March 1, 2021, and small claims court jurisdiction is temporarily expanded to allow landlords to recover these amounts. Landlords who do not follow the court evictions process will face increased penalties under the Act.

The legislation includes additional protections:

- Extending the notice period for nonpayment of rent from three to 15 days to provide a tenant additional time to respond to a landlord's notice to pay rent or quit.
- Requiring landlords to provide hardship declaration forms in a different language if the rental agreement was negotiated in a different language.
- Providing tenants a backstop if they have a good reason for failing to return the hardship declaration within 15 days.
- Requiring landlords to provide tenants a notice detailing their rights under the Act.
- Limiting public disclosure of eviction cases involving nonpayment of rent between March 4, 2020 and Jan. 31, 2021.
- Protecting tenants against being evicted for "just cause" if the landlord is shown to be really evicting the tenant for COVID-19-related nonpayment of rent.

City staff introduced the newly hired

sustainability officer, the first ever hired by the city, and he led the council through a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed Sustainability Commission. David Jones joins the City of Glendale from the City of Lancaster where he served as the city's environmental compliance manager. Educated in the U.K., Jones also spent nearly 10 years managing the University of North Carolina's Office of Sustainability in Charlotte.

The Council approved the general overview and outreach plan.

Finally, the Council debated the purchase of new Tasers. Councilmembers expressed concerns regarding emails they had received opposing the proposed contract to replace existing Tasers using up to \$595,315 in funding budgeted from asset forfeiture funds. Police Chief Carl Povilaitis explained that the Tasers would replace the department's existing Tasers, which utilize outdated technology and cost approximately \$100,000 per year to maintain.

Todd Leonard from the Glendale City Church wrote to the council, "I am writing to ask the Council to table the police department's request to enter into a five-year agreement to purchase Tasers for its officers. There are number of reasons, but I'll focus on the most important one.

"In a moment when our city's people of color, Black and Brown, are pleading for police reform, this action of adding more tools to enforce law and order will communicate that Glendale is still Glendale. The symbolism is clear.

"I ask you as our city's leaders to not approve another item that is used to keep people in line until the police department,

city manager's office and concerned citizens, like those on the Coalition for an Anti-Racist Glendale, start discussing ways to improve community care, which will not only reduce violence but increase citizen happiness.

"If, after initiating new approaches to community peace and well-being, the use of Tasers needs to be explored again, that will be the time to do so.

"Thanks you for prioritizing a forward-thinking approach to governance and law enforcement."

The Council approved the request, acknowledging the issues raised, noting the need to maximize non-lethal tools available to law enforcement and expressing confidence in the Glendale Police Department's record and approach.

Councilmember Dan Brotman teased out the concerns in a back-and-forth with the police chief.

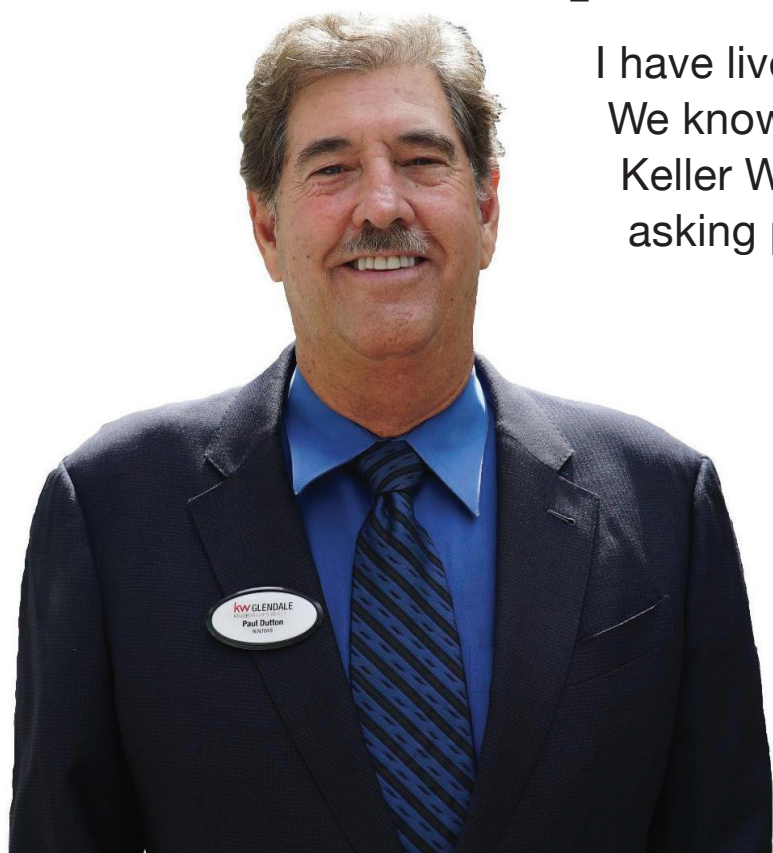
"So this contract actually represents a wash considering the repairs, training, cartridges and, if we don't do this, it'd cost \$129,000 to repair the units we have now, then \$80-\$100 ongoing?" he asked.

Chief Povilaitis responded that the improved technology would be more effective and safer and is already in the budget.

Brotman clarified, "If we don't do this, we're not taking away the police department's Tasers. I'm concerned about this narrative being out there and I want that to be clear. From my point of view, I want to keep our police officers safe and to reduce the need for deadly force. I want to be frugal with resources and I want to be sensitive to the community on these issues."

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