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**Alex Theatre Management Debated**

By Julie BUTCHER

At the conclusion of a small protest gathered outside Glendale City Hall on Tuesday afternoon in advance of a special meeting of the Glendale City Council to debate the future management of the Alex Theatre, Nina Crowe of Glendale Arts, the non-profit organization that has managed the theater since 2008, urged the council to sit back down at the bargaining table with Glendale Arts.

"We survived the toughest year we'll ever have," Crowe said. "We survived layoffs and shutdowns."

Crowe replaces Elissa Glickman as Glendale Arts' CEO on Aug. 1. She has worked for the organization for 12 years. She called into the meeting to address the councilmembers.

"Last year was a difficult year. One bright spot was winning the RFP [request for proposals issued by the city]. We were gratified to have won the city's confidence and were looking forward to negotiating the details. And then things changed. We didn't know the Council had set a \$250,000 threshold. If this is a threshold, that was never communicated to us.

"We propose to restart the conversations with us exclusively so that we can have discussions in earnest about our management agreement, starting with our most recent proposal as a starting point in which we reduced the management fee to \$250,000. Authorize city staff to report out from the closed session, as is considered best practice.

"I think we can agree that the Alex deserves preservation, a balanced program of local and commercial attractions, and an organization uniquely qualified to do both. This does not need to be complicated; it only needs to be communicated. If communication is what you want, we are ready to sit at the table with you. Please reverse your votes from your closed session," Crowe concluded.

Mayor Paula Devine addressed the outpouring from the community at the beginning of the special council meeting.

"I want to assure everyone that it is of utmost concern that the Alex Theatre continues to thrive," said Devine. "We have no intention of harming it or disbanding it or shutting its doors. We want it to be a community theater as it has been in the past."

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/NEWS](http://CVWeekly.com/NEWS).

**Senator Portantino Secures Funding to Help Save Rockhaven**

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Millions of dollars earmarked for the property.*

After years in limbo Rockhaven's future once again looks bright courtesy of an \$8 million boost.

On Tuesday the sound of relief could be heard throughout Crescenta Valley as State Senator Anthony Portantino announced he had secured \$8 million to preserve Rockhaven Sanitarium.

"He got it done," said Joanna Linkhorst, president of Friends of Rockhaven. "He came on the grounds [of Rockhaven] and fell in love with it."

"Years ago I went on one of the Friends of Rockhaven tours and met Joanna. She took me on a tour [of the former sanitarium] and I was blown away," Portantino said.

To understand the significance of the historical property and the emotional weight that has been lifted from the shoulders of community members, it is important to know its history.

Agnes Richards was a nurse who had spent the majority of her career working in asylums. These institutions could be harsh places, especially



File photo

Funds acquired by State Senator Portantino are hoped to keep the beauty of Rockhaven preserved with fewer tarps on the roofs and repairs made to other areas of the property.

for women. Richards wanted to offer a peaceful place where women would feel safe as they dealt with their mental illness. In 1923 she founded Rockhaven and created

that sanctuary where women could heal with respect and kindness. She had saved \$1,000 and was able to purchase a small home in what was then Verdugo City, now is part

of the City of Glendale, located in the 2700 block of Honolulu Avenue. Richards never called the women at Rockhaven patients; they were  
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**Southern California Looking at a Dangerous, and Early, Fire Season**

By Mary O'KEEFE

Members of the Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division Region 1 held a press conference to talk about the 2021 fire season. California is divided into six different regions. These regions' various firefighters meet on a regular basis and are ready to offer mutual aid when necessary.

Region 1 consists of Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Orange counties. The conference was hosted by LA County Fire Chief Daryl Osby and the message was clear: Be prepared for the worst fire season in recent memory.

"This morning we had a robust conversation with Region 1 [members]," Osby said. The conversation also included Cal Fire and U.S. Forest Service. "There's no surprise we have a year-round fire season."

Osby mentioned the Pacific Palisades Fire, which began in May and was determined to be arson caused. The fire spread very quickly. Osby said this type of fast-moving fire in the past typically occurred in the fall months but now this kind of event is the "new norm."

Another reason that a particularly harsh fire season is expected is lack of precipitation.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Members of several fire agencies throughout Region 1 held a press conference urging the public to be aware of the heightened fire danger.

"This year we only received 40% of the expected rainfall," Osby said. He added that firefighters are getting ready for their first "real test" of the early fire season: the 4th of July weekend. The 4th of July weekend has traditionally been the busiest weekend for firefighters.

Osby asked the public to be careful this weekend, especially when it comes to personal fireworks.

"Our primary goal is to prevent fires," said Angeles National Forest (ANF) Chief Robert Garcia. "Ninety percent of our fires are human caused."

He reminded the public that fireworks in the ANF are prohibited and that there are restrictions in the forest. The fire level is at "very high" (restrictions can be found at [fs.usda.gov](http://fs.usda.gov)). Areas within the forest may be closed so it is advised to  
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Defecate Etiquette – Part 2

A couple of years ago I wrote a column regarding the proper etiquette when dogs defecate during a walk. The advice shared, including always picking up after your pooch, was invaluable and I appreciate those who took the time to offer their advice.

I now have another question I'd like some help with.

I typically walk my dogs early in the morning, before work. Usually I take one at a time because they have different attitudes when seeing another dog being walked. One generally couldn't care less and barely lifts his head when another dog passes by. Our German shepherd, though, thinks every other animal either wants to play with her or is going to attack us. Consequently, if I see another dog being walked, I'll either redirect her attention or dawdle next to a parked vehicle so her view of the other dog is blocked. This usually works and allows me to continue our walk with a minimum of aggravation.

Circling back to my column of a few years ago, I understand and agree with the directive to always pick up after your pooch; not doing so is disgusting at the least. But as a follow up I pose this question: What do you do with the filled doggie bag?

I don't like to hold onto the bag; I find it gross, though I've done it. Recently I've come to the decision that it's okay to throw the used bag into a neighborhood trashcan. I do have some rules, though; the trashcan must be on the curb or street. This is especially helpful when I have a bag to dispose of on trash pickup day; there are trashcans aplenty. I wouldn't con-

sider entering someone's property (usually the driveway) to get to a trashcan even if that means I have to carry the bag with me all the way home. I just think that going onto someone's property, even to just get to a trashcan, is out of line. But I don't think that it is wrong to access a trashcan that is on the curb or street and opening up the lid to drop in a used bag.

Am I wrong?

I asked my best friend Amy what her thoughts were on the subject and, after pondering the situation for a minute or two, she said that she a) agreed that going onto someone's property was inappropriate no matter the circumstance and b) thought that depositing the used doggie bag inside a trashcan that was already filled with debris was fine. She, however, thought that depositing a bag into an empty trashcan was inappropriate. In other words, if the trashcan had been christened with other trash and was on the curb or street, that was okay; if the trash collector had come by and the can was empty, then I should keep moving.

So I'm curious; what is the proper etiquette when dealing with a dog's poop?

As CV Weekly prepares for its annual Pet Appreciation issue next week, I hope to gather your opinions so I can share them in next week's paper.

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# Weather in the Foothills

"It's a grave error to assume that ice cream consumption requires hot weather."  
~ Anne Fadiman, American essayist

In past years, there was no guarantee of warm, clear weather on the 4th of July. Early morning fog often lingered until noon and later – sometimes even into the evening hours. Nowadays it's just plain ole hot. Most of us in the Southwest find relief with air conditioning, unlike those suffering from the unprecedented heatwave in the Northwest. What about those long ago days before folks even dreamed of man-made cold air? History reveals a common hot weather comestible, one enjoyed cross-culturally and dating back thousands of years. As you may have guessed it's ice cream.

For most Americans, ice cream conjures up memories of warm summer days. It goes beyond U.S. shores. In India, there's kulfi. In Italy, gelato. In Japan, mochi. This sweet stuff gets around! So where exactly did it come from?

There are several myths about the origin of ice cream. Tang Dynasty Emperors (618-907 AD) possibly were the first to eat a confection made from goat or buffalo milk. Some say Marco Polo brought it back from his 11th Century travels to China. No mention is made as to how he kept it from melting. Biblical passages refer to King Solomon partaking in iced drinks during harvest season. Alexander the Great of ancient Greece indulged in icy drinks flavored with nectar, honey or wine. Ice was collected from nearby mountains and kept in ice houses – deep pits covered with straw. In medieval times, Arabs drank sharbat – a chilled drink flavored with cherry, pomegranate or quince. European aristocracy followed suit, as did Italians with the French following suit shortly after.

The first ice cream parlor opened in New York in 1790, the same year George Washington spent \$200 to satisfy his craving. His Mt. Vernon home included several ice cream pots made from tin and pewter. Thomas Jefferson had several ice houses, which held 62 wagonloads of ice and copious amounts of ice cream. Even the Lincolns had a taste for the cold stuff. Mary Todd held strawberry parties to celebrate berry season. Strawberries, cake and ice cream were served.

With the 1800s came ice cream sodas. Restricted (not sure why) on Sundays; the ice cream sundae was created. By the 1900s ice cream's popularity made it an American symbol; so much so that during WWII Mussolini banned it in Italy. Serving ice cream to the troops, the U.S. Armed Forces became the world's largest ice cream consumers. What's more American than apple pie? Adding a scoop of ice cream!

Ice cream weather continues with above normal temperatures. Onshore winds and monsoonal moisture are joining the 4th of July forecast.

Happy Birthday, America!

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### CONSERVATION URGED BY FMWD

For the last two hydrological years, California have been experiencing dry weather with below average precipitation. The Northern Sierra snowpack is at 72% of normal condition and reservoirs throughout the state have been receiving lower than expected run-off. As a result of the current conditions, the California Dept. of Water Resources reduced the State Water Project allocation from 10% to 5%.

In order to reduce the impact of dry years and plan for the future, Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) is asking customers in the District's service area to practice water use efficiency by following the guidelines set forth in FMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Stage 1. These can be found at the FMWD website and also at [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS).

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, morning, July 3. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

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

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

### PUBLIC HEARING PLANNED

The City of Glendale is having a public hearing regarding development of 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta/Glendale. The hearing is being held virtually on Thursday, July 8 at 5 p.m. It can be viewed on Charter Cable channel 6 or online at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/management-services/gtv6/live-video-stream>. Those who would like to make comments or ask questions during the meeting can call in (818) 937-8100. Written comments can be submitted beforehand to Roger Kiesel at [rkiesel@glendaleca.gov](mailto:rkiesel@glendaleca.gov).

### GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Glendale Community College has become a partner in the Pulitzer Center Campus Consortium. Starting in the fall semester, the Pulitzer Center will work with the journalism and history departments at GCC to facilitate an educational program to support students reporting specifically on gender issues. GCC is the only community college in the State of California offering this opportunity to students, and is one of the only campuses nationwide that will be focusing on reporting on gender.

The program will be coordinated by GCC history instructor Michelle Stonis and journalism instructor Dr. Reut Cohen Schorr.

The Pulitzer Center will bring award-winning journalists to campus for public programs. The Pulitzer Center will offer a reporting fellowship to one outstanding student who can report on any topic involving gender from a location of their choice. As a Campus Consortium partner, GCC students will have the benefit of professional development opportunities and mentorship from seasoned journalists.

The Campus Consortium is a network of partnerships between the Pulitzer Center and colleges and universities to engage with students and faculty on critical global issues.

For information on the program and how to enroll contact the GCC Social Sciences Division at [socialsciences@glendale.edu](mailto:socialsciences@glendale.edu).

# Local Teacher Brings New School to the Philippines

By Mary O'KEEFE

For many people being a teacher is not something that can be turned on while in the classroom and then turned off when traveling in the outside world. Being a teacher to some is the ability to always see children's needs and help find solutions.

For Pia Hugo that has been her calling.

"I started in business," Hugo said. "I thought I would be in the [business world] for the rest of my life."

But everyone around her, especially those at her church, saw how good she was with children, how even though she didn't yet have her teaching credentials she was a teacher. She knew it, too. She felt she could contribute more as an educator so in 1997 she earned her teaching credentials.

"I became an econ [social studies] teacher," she said, which seemed a great way to use her background in business in the classroom.

For about 20 years that had been her life, until this last year when she retired from Crescenta Valley High School. For Hugo retirement just meant another journey as an educator.

For years she has been traveling to the Philippines, where she is from originally. About seven years ago Hugo traveled to the southern part of the Philippines and discovered Dalipuga Central School. The school was in an impoverished area and was struggling with dilapidated classrooms that included ceilings falling down, which allowed water into the classrooms during the rainy season. She was able to collect some athletic equipment for the students and provide basic supplies but wanted to do more. There was a fundraiser held locally and churches, CVHS students, teachers and the CV community helped through their generous support.

But Hugo wants to return and do more. During one of her prior visits and after speaking with the Dalipuga principal, who is also set to retire, they decided to open a school of their own. In 2007 she got her Masters in School Leadership and Administration in preparation for opening a school ... one day.

"I have always wanted to start a private school," Hugo said. But a visit a few years ago made starting the school even more important and more timely.

"In May 2017, I was visiting my father in Mindanao, Philippines when a war broke out between Christians and Muslims," she said.

The conflict was known as the Battle of Marawi when the Philippine military was pitted against militants allied with the armed group Islamic State (IS), according to a report by Amnesty International.

There was fierce fighting for several months between the Philippine military and the IS terrorist groups until IS was finally forced to surrender.

Hugo was concerned how the IS group had recruited child soldiers and how many in the Muslim community were forced into refugee-type camps, and are now struggling.

It was perfect timing to bring both Christians and Muslims together and offer them an equitable education. Hugo said there is a great deal of discrimination against Muslims and she hopes her school will offer a safe place where kids can learn to live together.

The drive to do this and help be a bridge of peace has been something Hugo has felt compelled to do for a very long time. Recently she discovered what might be the driving force behind her goals: the legacy of her grandfather.

"I had always known that my grandfather had been murdered by Muslim [fighters]," she said.

Her mother had shared that with her and when Hugo began doing research she found out much more about her grandfather.



Photos provided by Pia HUGO  
Children who live in and near Dalipuga in the Philippines show their gratitude that they were not forgotten by Pia Hugo and her husband. Pia is preparing to return to begin a school for children in the area.

"In 1932 my grandfather led a peace-keeping mission to this part of the island that had lots of hostile Muslim tribes," she said.

Her grandfather and the men who were with him came upon one of the most fearsome of these tribes.

"They told him if he and his [men] laid down their guns, they would lay down their spears," Hugo said.

Her grandfather agreed but when they laid down their weapons they were attacked and murdered by the tribe "in a most vicious way."

Hugo's grandfather is a decorated hero in the Philippines for his peace-keeping efforts, and for his death. For her, finding the truth about her grandfather gave her an understanding why helping the children there is so important to her. She is carrying on the peace-keeping work her grandfather did so many years ago.

The school will be on land left to her by her mother and she has already started working with an architect and is starting to build. She was told by the former principal there is already a waiting list of students. Hugo will start with two classes of kids, ages 3 to 5, with the plan to expand each year. The name of the school is Lighthouse Leadership Academy.

Hugo is fundraising this weekend, Saturday, July 3, and next Saturday, July 10, by having a yard sale at her home at 3760 Altura Ave. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For those who would like to donate please visit [www.radianceinternational.org](http://www.radianceinternational.org). The funds will be going through her church Radiance International.

For more information on the school, please visit [www.lighthouseleadershipacademy.org](http://www.lighthouseleadershipacademy.org).

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“ladies.” In addition to that first home, she was able to purchase nearby homes as Rockhaven grew.

Today, Richards is viewed as a feminist but, according to those who knew her, this is not what she thought of herself. She was a woman who saw the need to help other women and was a determined businesswoman. And she accomplished this at a time when women were often “seen and not heard.”

Richards’ story is one of a powerful woman who quietly fought a system that threatened other women. This is a story that needs to be taught and remembered. That is the mission of the Friends of Rockhaven.

“Agnes was a hundred years ahead of her time,” Portantino said.

He praised how the community had rallied to save this historical place.

Richards ran the sanitarium until 1967 then passed the

care over to her granddaughter Patricia Traviss. Rockhaven then was a place for women with dementia.

Rockhaven was sold in 2001 to a large medical corporation but in 2006 it found it could not keep the sanitarium going and sold it to developers. The plan was to knock down the buildings to create condos.

In 2008, then-Councilmember John Drayman proposed that the City of Glendale purchase Rockhaven. The original proposal was to have this location be the site for a new Montrose Library, and the present library site remodeled to add square footage to the adjoining Glendale Fire Station 29. The City had just leased property owned by them to Trader Joe’s Market. It was proposed the money to pay for Rockhaven, the library and fire station would come from the revenue from that lease.

Then, almost immediately after Rockhaven was

purchased, the economy crashed and everything was put on hold. Since then, the Friends of Rockhaven has kept alive the memory of what Richards did and the history of the Rockhaven property. The members were able to get several of buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The fate of Rockhaven has been in question since 2008. Twice developers had planned to build on the location; one option was championed by the Friends of Rockhaven and one would turn the location into a boutique hotel – both of those proposals failed. And so Rockhaven was left unattended as the roofs began to crumble. Recently, though, the Glendale City Council approved new roofing and other repairs for the property.

Linkhorst said that attention was a positive sign but she did not get her hopes up that

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## NOTES & NODS

### This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church’s Worship Center. On Sunday, July 4 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver the message titled “Called and Sent.”

The service will also be live-streamed at 10 a.m. on the church’s YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel after 11 a.m.

Visit the church’s website at lcifoothills.org for details on all of the events happening including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve.

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office via email at office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

### Prayers in the Park

All are encouraged to pray with members of Lift Up La Crescenta at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta on Saturday, July 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The goal of the group is to come together regularly in the name of Jesus and in the name of love and in the name of unity of the body of Christ to pray for the healing of our land.

Meet in the bleachers just east of the parking lot. Try to get there early as parking can be very limited.

Bring masks and social distancing is observed.

Those who have a fever, cough, congestion or difficulty breathing should not attend.

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Sunday services also feature special programs for children and youth from preschool age to high school.

COVID-safe practices in line with Los Angeles County public health guidelines will be observed.

For those who prefer to worship from home, LCPC’s online services are available at lpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

### Walk and Word

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

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



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# Policy Makers Spur Controversy in Attempts to Solve State Housing Crisis

By Justin HAGER

The limited availability of housing in California has reached epidemic proportions, with a survey conducted by the state Department of Housing and Community Development estimating that California will require 180,000 new homes to be constructed each year from now until the end of 2025 in order to meet demand. Currently estimates place the annual supply at approximately 80,000 homes per year, or less than half of what is needed. Unfortunately, for young professionals, newlywed couples looking to start a family, and senior citizens looking to relocate to California's mild climate, home ownership is largely out of reach. For communities of color, where parents and grandparents were prohibited from home ownership by policies like red lining, the stakes are even higher. California's Institute for Local Government estimates that equalizing home ownership rates would decrease the wealth gap between Black and White residents by as much as 16% and between Latino and White communities by as much as 41%. Most Californians agree that something needs to be done but

exactly what is a matter of fierce of debate both in Sacramento and more locally.

On May 6, the CV Weekly published a story about SB-9 and SB-10, two bills moving through the legislature that would allow single-family lots to be rezoned for up to four, or 10 units, respectively. At the time, the bills were headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by local politician State Senator Anthony Portantino. When the bills were heard in Appropriations on May 20, Senator Portantino voted to pass both bills through to the Senate Floor. Over the next 10 days, he also voted to pass SB-9 from the Senate to the Assembly but voted against passing SB-10.

One month later, both bills are still alive and moving through the legislature. SB-9 has already passed both the Assembly Local Government and Housing and Community Development committees and has only to clear the Appropriations committee before a final vote is taken on the Assembly Floor. SB-10 passed the latter last week and is now headed to Local Government. Assemblymember Laura Friedman has not yet had an opportunity to cast a vote on either

bill, but a separate bill authored by Friedman seems to indicate her support.

AB-1401 (Friedman) promotes both residential and commercial development by eliminating parking requirements for new developments and remodeling projects located within one-half mile of a high-quality transit corridor or major transit stop.

"For decades we have prioritized space to park cars over space to house people," said Friedman in a statement released in April. "There are plenty of communities in our state that have access to high-quality transit, or where cars are underutilized, that need housing far more than they need parking."

The bill would have limited direct impact on Crescenta Valley due to the way that "high-quality transit corridor" and "major transit stop" are defined but would have a significant impact on development in Sunland-Tujunga and Glendale. AB-1401 passed the Assembly at the beginning of June and is currently awaiting a hearing in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

Members of local civic groups, like the CV Community Association and

see HOUSING on page 7

# One Soldier's Experience with PTSD – Part 2

Submitted by Joseph Reagan

Every loss is painful. As I mentioned, I was lucky; I had amazing NCOs and soldiers – they are truly exceptional and many continue to serve our great nation. During our deployment in 2006 I honestly lost count of how many times we came into contact with the enemy; the suicide bomber was the worst, but not the only attack. We were lucky – we lost friends while we were out on mission but when those wheels touched U.S. soil, we had all made it back.

June 16, 2019 was Father's Day and I was up early, partially because I don't sleep well and partially because I enjoy the peace of the early morning. I learned through Facebook that I had failed. That night one of my soldiers had taken his own life. This was not my first, second or 10th time dealing with suicide, but it was by far the most personal.

There is a certain power and resolve that comes with acceptance of a great loss. After that day it became clear that, while I couldn't change the past, we could do more moving forward. We have a running Facebook message – which is mostly filled with the type of dark and profane humor that only an infantry soldier would understand –but it connects

us, a constant reminder that there's always someone there who "gets it." In the Ranger's Creed there is a line: "I will always shoulder more than my fair share of the task, whatever it may be;" with every loss, whether by combat or suicide, it's our responsibility to shoulder their load and to carry the memory of them forward.

On any given day there are around 19 million veterans living and thriving in communities across the country. Approximately 22 veterans take their own life, every day. This is nothing less than a national tragedy and we've dedicated an enormous amount of resource to trying to solve this issue. A recent survey found that almost 70% of Americans believe that most veterans struggle with PTSD, while 25% of Americans believe PTSD is untreatable, and those with PTSD are violent and dangerous. The truth: PTSD is treatable, and many of those who carry a PTSD diagnosis are able to thrive in their post-service life with minimal, if any, clinical intervention. The biggest threat to our veterans is the stigma we attach to mental health issues like PTSD as it prevents us from seeking help.

As a society, and as veterans,

we must do better. This same survey showed the misperceptions about PTSD were even more prevalent amount the veteran community than our civilian counterparts. Steven Ambrose once said that veterans gave the best years of their lives in the defense of our country; when they leave the service there is a strong desire to make up for lost time. Veterans thrive in civilian life when they are able to find their why, their new purpose. By having these candid conversations, we can break the stigma associated with mental health and make it easier for a veteran to seek help when they stop being themselves.

*Joseph Reagan is the director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has over 10 years experience working with leaders within government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans Health. He served 8 years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is a graduate of Norwich University, the oldest private military college in the country.*

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*Obituary*  
**Johannes Steur**



April 21, 1946 - June 18, 2021

Johannes "Joe" Steur left us on June 18, 2021. He was born in Amsterdam, Holland. In 1956, he emigrated with his family to Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1960, the family moved to Glendale.

Joe graduated from Herbert Hoover High in 1965. Joe was an excellent hairstylist. He started his hair salon, "Steur Salon for Hair," on Brand Boulevard in Glendale. The salon moved to Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose in 1990. The love of his life was Susan Lehman.

Joe and Susan were married on Feb. 14, 1987, made their home in La Cañada, and raised their daughter Amy Steur Fonder.

Joe's life was centered on his family and friends. He worked with his brother Peter Jr., his father Peter Sr., and his wife Susan. He performed at hair shows with his brother Robert and nephew Eric. He was close to his mother Cory and mother-in-law Julie. He had a particularly close bond with his nephews Chad and Peter III.

Joe and Susan had many wonderful clients who they also counted as friends. If you ever spent any time with Joe and Susan, they often spoke fondly of their friends David and Stephanie Banta, Jane Leggett, and Lucio and Rosa.

Joe is survived by his spouse Susan, his brothers Robert and Peter Jr., his daughter Amy Steur Fonder, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Joe loved life. He was a doer. His energy was infectious and his outlook on life positive. He was generous to a fault. If you needed anything, Joe had your back. He was always thinking of others, and making those in his life feel special. In truth, Joe was the special one.

There is a sign at their beach house that reads, "If you're lucky enough to be at the beach, you're lucky enough." If you were lucky enough to have Joe in your life, you were truly blessed. He will be missed.

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**GPD REPORTS**

**Male Arrested for Vehicle Theft**

On June 11 at approximately 10 p.m., a patrol officer located a stolen vehicle driving in the area of San Fernando Road and Harvard Street. Once additional patrol officers arrived in the area to assist, a traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle.

The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, identified as 36-year-old Francisco Ruiz (transient), was detained without incident. A search of Ruiz revealed he was in possession of methamphetamine, a methamphetamine pipe and a pair of pliers that had been filed down. Officers discovered that there was no key for the vehicle and that they could start the vehicle using the filed down pair of pliers that were recovered from Ruiz.

Ruiz stated he had borrowed the vehicle from his friend but could not provide a phone number or any way of contacting this friend. Ruiz was arrested and booked for possession of illegal drugs, vehicle theft and possession of burglary tools. Ruiz was also found to have two separate outstanding warrants for vehicle theft along with a warrant for grand theft.

**Pair Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales, Identity Theft and Possession of a Loaded Firearm**

On June 11 at approximately 7:20 p.m., officers from the Glendale Police Department's Special Enforcement Detail were patrolling the parking

lot of a motel located on the 1300 block of West Glenoaks Boulevard when they observed a male seated in a vehicle and a large dog walking near the vehicle that was not restrained, a violation of the Glendale Municipal Code.

The male, later identified as 46-year-old Joseph Dagan of Agoura Hills, was contacted regarding the violation. A records check of Dagan revealed he had an outstanding arrest warrant. During a search of Dagan, officers located heroin, a methamphetamine pipe and approximately \$1,400 in cash. While speaking with Dagan, a female, later identified as 27-year-old Maria Delatorre of Van Nuys, came out of the motel and went to a vehicle parked next to Dagan's vehicle. It was discovered that Delatorre had been staying at the motel with Dagan for over a week. Upon contacting Delatorre, she provided officers with a fake ID card. It was discovered that Delatorre had multiple outstanding warrants for her arrest.

During a consent search of Dagan's vehicle, officers located multiple ID cards and bank cards belonging to other people. During a consent search of Delatorre's vehicle, officers located methamphetamine along with an ID card, ATM cards, DMV paperwork, fraudulent checks and a social security card belonging to other people.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/NEWS](http://CVWeekly.com/NEWS)

**CRIME BLOTTER**

**June 25**

4300 block Rosemont Avenue in La Crescenta, several items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Surveillance footage shows a male suspect entering the vehicle and then, about three minutes later, exiting the vehicle. He walked westbound on Altura Avenue and out of sight at 3:28 a.m.

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the front door of a restaurant was shattered and a cash register was stolen between 2:18 a.m. and 2:21 a.m.

**June 23**

4400 block of Rockland Place in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear window was smashed and several items were stolen from a vehicle between 7 a.m. on June 23 and 7 a.m. on June 24.

5800 Angeles Crest Highway in La Cañada Flintridge, the front passenger window was smashed and personal items were stolen from a vehicle between 11:08 a.m. and 1:43 p.m.

2100 block of La Cañada Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, several items were stolen from a locked vehicle overnight.

**June 22**

1200 block of Lanterman Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, gardening equipment was stolen from an unlocked van. Surveillance footage showed two suspects. The first suspect, an adult male, took the equipment from the van and handed it to a second suspect, a male adult. The stolen items were put into the backseat of a silver/gray 2012 Infiniti G37 4-door sedan. The suspects' vehicle did not have a front license plate; the rear license plate was a black paper plate with small illegible red writing and "HOUSE" written in white letters. The vehicle had a sunroof and the "Infiniti" emblem was removed from the trunk.

The theft occurred at 11:12 a.m.

**June 21**

1900 block of Tulip Tree Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a package was stolen from a front porch between 1:17 p.m. and 5 p.m.

**June 8**

100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, person(s) unknown spray-painted graffiti on a fence and tarp at the location. The graffiti was reported at 6 p.m.

# CV Fireworks Celebrates the Fourth

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Fireworks will be held on July 4th with the show originating at Crescenta Valley High School, the traditional location; however, there will not be anyone allowed on the field to watch the show.

The CV Fireworks has been a tradition for many throughout the foothills and Glendale but this year the CV Fireworks Association was concerned the show might not go on due to lack of funding.

"The community has really come together," said Mike Shaar, president of CV Fireworks Association.

It was touch and go for a while but Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger joined the community in financially supporting the display. The fireworks show will be the biggest show CV has done.

"There are going to be over a thousand

shells," Shaar said. "It should be quite impressive."

This is about 300 more fireworks shells than in previous displays. The fireworks will be shot higher in the sky this year, too, allowing people farther away to view them.

Although there will not be the traditional show at the Crescenta Valley High School track and field there will still be a way for people to come together to view the fireworks. There will be a 4th of July celebration at Community Life Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave.

"We will have food trucks and live music," said Emanuel David, pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation at the church.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. but people can arrive earlier to reserve a space. Fireworks start at 9 p.m. There will be no charge to park or an entrance fee at the Community Life Church.

There will be an opportunity to donate to the CV Fireworks Association to ensure an in-person fireworks show in 2022.

Prom Plus will be offering parking at the CVHS teachers parking lot beginning at 6 p.m. (located on the east side of Ramsdell Avenue just north of Community Avenue). The parking spaces will be \$5, and goody bags with soda or water and candy can be purchased for \$2. The funds go directly to the non-profit Prom Plus. For information on Prom Plus visit [promplus.org](http://promplus.org)

It is advised to show up early to get a spot to park at either location.

Those who are watching the fireworks can enjoy synched music by visiting [cvweekly.com](http://cvweekly.com) and clicking on the Videos tab and click on the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Stream Along Music 2021 title, which will be live on the 4th of July.

## HOUSING from page 5

CV Town Council, have expressed concern that both the proposed legislation and proposed development projects, including the one being considered by the Glendale Design Review Board (DRB) next week, will dramatically change the character of the community. A new four- and five-story mixed-use development on the 3400 block of Foothill Boulevard on the site currently occupied by the

Dollar King is being considered by the Glendale Design Review Board (DRB) on Thursday, July 8 at 5 p.m. The project would include 17,200 square feet of commercial space, 78 multi-family residential units, and 208 parking spaces. The project is only in its preliminary review stage, meaning that it has yet to undergo an environmental determination or density bonus review, but residents of

the area are encouraged to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting or submit a written public comment because preliminary DRB direction and commentary can often set the stage for the future limitations and expectations as projects move forward. Written comments regarding the project may be directed to case planner Roger Kiesel at [rkiesel@glendale.ca.gov](mailto:rkiesel@glendale.ca.gov).

## FIRE DANGER from Cover

check the website before traveling to the ANF.

Assistant Region Chief Glenn Barley then addressed the crowd, asking the public to be proactive in preparing for the heightened fire season.

"We are already at peak staffing thanks to Governor [Gavin] Newsom and the [California state] legislation that provided us resources," said Barley, "and we were able to get to peak staffing earlier this year."

He added that last year was the worst fire season he had ever seen in California.

"At this point this year we are ahead of those numbers from last year ... in terms of the number of fires and number of acres burned," he said.

However, despite the numbers, Barley said it was possible for California to prevent future fires by doing simple things like making sure

homes have defensible space, for everyone to practice caution when they are in outside spaces and to have a plan to evacuate if and when needed.

Brian Fennessy, fire chief of the Orange County Fire Authority, has worked in several regions but said Region 1 is "very different" because of the large population that surrounds the area.

"Within an hour or two [fire] can move from the inland to the coast very quickly," he said. "It's not just wind that can carry [a fire]."

The topography of the area is unique and can drive a fire to spread. Fennessy agreed with the others that this fire season is bad and that everyone needs to be prepared.

"We are in for a long-haul, I fear," he said.

Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenz reminded residents to make certain they have defensible space

around their homes, which includes making certain dry vegetation is not close to their home, and that rain gutters are clean.

The leaders of the fire services each spoke of the mutual aid program in place in the state and specifically in Southern California.

"We have a saying in California that 'No one stands alone' and that is a true statement. We all collaborate; there are many colors of fire trucks, different colored patches, and it is all managed with the fire and rescue mutual aid system," said Brian Marshall, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). "We coordinate, we collaborate, we communicate."

He added the mutual aid does not have jurisdictional boundaries.

"I cannot stress enough: no one stands alone in the State of California. We are here to support."



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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Pioneer Memories: Leona Thornton

Continuing with the collected memories of several pioneers that were printed in a 1938 newspaper, this one is from Leona Thornton who came to the valley at the turn of the century. I quote the article and my inserted comments are in brackets.

Col. Thomas Thornton and his wife Leona were transplanted Southerners. Col. Thornton was a successful LA lawyer and a big deal in LA politics. In 1917, the Thorntons built a grand southern-style mansion near Briggs Avenue, high up in the sagebrush above Foothill.

The interview with Leona Thornton is paraphrased in the article: "She remembers driving here in 1900 with horse and carriage from Pasadena and stopping under a huge cypress tree on Briggs Avenue. She looked about and beheld the beauties of the valley with the wonderful view below. She remarked on the atmosphere of the place and decided to have a home here. At that time Miss Drennan and

Miss Gordon were dispensing a gracious hospitality at Fairmont Hotel. [The Fairmont Hotel was a resort hotel on what is today Fairmont Avenue near the CV Sheriff's Station.] The cuisine of their table was becoming known the length and breadth of the land, and there her mother [Leona's mother] stayed for a time."

The Thorntons initially bought an existing house near the Fairmont Hotel above Foothill, but a few years later began construction of their own home nearby.

"Later, upon their return from South America, [they] began the construction of 'The Poplars,' modeled after her childhood home in Tennessee."

The house was indeed a mansion in the classic southern style. White with three stories with grand columns in front, it sat on five landscaped acres. A long straight drive issued from huge iron gates on Mountain Avenue. Anecdotally we hear that Col. Thornton tied the

mansion to the ground with hidden steel cables, because of the destructive Santa Ana winds that had flattened several valley homes at the turn of the century.

"These two homes [one they bought and one they built] were the only ones in the 80 acres east of Briggs Avenue, with the exception of the small rock house belonging to Mr. Escalle who later went to France."

Indeed, in old photos of the valley the Thornton estate is conspicuous rising above the desert-like sagebrush landscape above Foothill.

A word about Mr. Escalle: She was referring to Gustave Escalle. Gustave and his brother Pierre came to the valley very early, in 1887, from Grenoble, France. They came from a five-generation family of stonemasons, and naturally applied their talents to the rocky valley, building many of the stone structures that still stand here. After WWI, Gustave returned to France. But he was badly affected some years later

by the devastation of WWII and, in the late '40s, the Crescenta Valley community banded together to send aid to Gustave Escalle.

Leona Thornton finishes her memories by talking about a most important subject: water.

"Their [Thorntons'] water supply came from Castle Springs in Pickens Canyon near Castle del Crescenta. [Castle Springs still flows! At the end of Canalda Avenue, off Ocean View, a trail crosses a pipe through which the water can be heard flowing. Just above Canalda was the old Gould Castle, sometimes called Castle del Crescenta.] There was a water share for each acre and it proved ample until other homes were built in the vicinity. Then there was a severe shortage. Six or seven years ago the Thorntons joined the Mountain Water Company and turned their water shares into that company." If you wanted water back then you had to buy shares in one of several local water companies, private organizations that "owned" and

sold the water coming from springs in the mountains.

The Thorntons later moved and their mansion was then owned by Dwayne Esper, a maker and distributor of porn and exploitation films in the '30s and '40s. After that it was owned by the Bishop family. In the 1960s the Bishops fought tooth and nail to prevent their home from being seized by eminent domain by the school district. They lost the battle, and Mountain Avenue School was built.



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## A Way Forward: Crescenta Valley Residents Provide Valuable Input On Water Reliability Issues

As a local water supplier, Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) values the input of our customers and is committed to involving them in all aspects of our operations.

In early 2020, CVWD staff formed a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to gather input on funding for capital improvement programs, specifically pipeline replacements. Committee members applied for the role and were selected based on their familiarity with the issues and

their interest.

Most recently, staff and the Board heard comments from the CAC regarding whether raising bonds or raising rates is the preferred method for a long-term funding strategy to address aging infrastructure and ensure future reliability. Another question was an assessment of the extent to which system maintenance and improvements have been deferred.

With the feedback from the CAC and considering many other factors the Board decided

to move forward with utilizing rates to generate revenue to fund much-needed capital improvements. The feedback provided by the CAC on this broad policy topic was extremely helpful in this decision-making process, and staff felt it was important for the Board to hear it before taking action. Soliciting feedback is consistent with our commitment to transparency, and the District acts in accordance with laws governing transparency with the public.

While the CAC's formal contribution on this issue has been satisfied, individual members are encouraged to continue attending committee meetings and Board meetings to stay informed and comment on agenda items. Staff is also available to answer specific questions regarding our operations and planning efforts.

Currently, the District is conducting a cost-of-service study to ensure we are meeting our commitment to provide safe and dependable service at the lowest possible cost. Lately, there has been some confusion about that process and our effort to gather public input on policy issues that will help ensure long-term reliability of our water supply.

As is best industry practice, rates are evaluated every

five years by an independent financial expert to ensure we are covering the cost of operations, including capital projects and maintenance of the wells, pipelines and equipment in the delivery system. The cost-of-service study determines how rates are allocated between various customer classes.

The cost-of-service study will be presented by the consultant to the Finance Committee in the coming weeks, and the District invites continued participation from the community. The study will be presented to the Board and adopted before a formal notice is sent to customers in late July/early August in accordance with Proposition 218 requirements.

Water rates are based directly on the cost of providing service for our single-family, multi-family and commercial customers. In other words, customers pay for their appropriate share of the burden they place on the system and infrastructure. CVWD uses a tiered rate structure for single-family customers, which represents the vast majority of customers. Tiered rates incorporate considerations for "peaking" – periods when water use surges across the entire service area, which drives up the cost to meet demand – for example, early mornings when

sprinklers are running is a peak time of use. Additionally, because single-family homes typically use more water for irrigation, which is beyond what is considered water "for essential use," they also use more water during peak times, and the tiered rate structure reflects this cost.

For commercial and multi-family customers, most water use is indoors, and they are subject to lower peaking factors. In other words, the system does not need to be sized to meet what are typically lower peaks from these customers. Also, new or converted multi-family units are now required to have individual meters and are billed on the same tiered rate structure as single-family customers.

Producing and delivering clean, reliable water is our mission, and it is a complicated business. In the interest of transparency and accountability, we encourage our customers to attend our upcoming Board and Committee meetings and ask questions about our operations. Meeting dates and times will be available on our website, www.cvwd.com, and you can sign up for automatic meeting notifications.

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# We Need Another Win

As community activists, we hardly ever win ... but sometimes we do.

A Los Angeles County Superior Court decision last week was applauded by those of us who have been fighting a 215-unit housing development at 6433 La Tuna Canyon Road, the site of the former Verdugo Hills Golf Course. The court ruled that owner/petitioner, Snowball West Investments, LP, did not demonstrate zoning inconsistency in the City of Los Angeles general plan and that the Housing Accountability Act "anti-NIMBY" law did not apply. It further determined that approval of a vesting zone change to RD-5, a higher density than currently exists, posed a fire safety risk to the community. Consequently, the petition was denied, the zoning remains as is and only 19 units can be built on the 58 acres. Stay tuned for further "developments."

The Crescenta Valley community had another smaller success years ago when a century-old Moreton Bay fig tree was threatened by a commercial development. The tree sat on the property line between 2620 and 2636 Foothill Blvd. Between the large-scale excavation for the new building project that removed dirt from its roots and a hard trim by the other property owner, the historic tree was in danger of dying. A group of concerned citizens came out on a rainy day to bring attention to the matter and the "save the tree" movement was born. Because of our efforts, both owners realized its importance to the community and took steps to protect it. The tree still stands today, albeit smaller than it once was. Look for it across the street from Togo's restaurant.

Not all projects have had such a positive outcome. In 2008, the community overwhelmingly supported a proposal by the City of Glendale to purchase the Rockhaven sanitarium property located at 2713 Honolulu Ave. After the business closed, Glendale acknowledged the historic value of the 3.5 acres of land with buildings, representing the last surviving sanitarium in the area. Its original plan was to rehabilitate the buildings and to transform the space into a community park, using funds from the proposed Trader Joe's land lease/taxes. A new Montrose library would be built on the vacant land with the fire station expanding into the old library space. See the video produced by the City of Glendale in 2010, outlining its vision for Rockhaven <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88-u9JENth0>. During the years since, the masterplan for Rockhaven has changed several times but not a single proposal has moved forward; nothing has been updated and it sits unused. The site is listed on both the State and National Registries of Historic Places but that alone may not be enough to save it. Friends of Rockhaven are determined to try. In a twist

of fate this week, on Tuesday State Senator Anthony Portantino secured funding so the dilapidated property can be revitalized (see this week's cover story).

With the improved economy has come a renewed concern for the residents of the Crescenta Valley. Developers who had previously focused their sights on downtown Glendale are now eyeing the foothills for their multi-storied housing projects. Almost overnight, we have seen nearly a dozen proposals for apartments and condos along our main arterials. Some have already been approved and will be built. The latest out-of-scale project is located at 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd., ironically the site of the previous Trader Joe's in La Crescenta. The 78 units in three separate buildings would be the tallest buildings anywhere on Foothill Boulevard and will substantially overshadow New York Park. The modern design would stick out like the proverbial sore thumb.

Clearly, this is not what was envisioned in the North Glendale Community Plan.

How do you feel about it? The Glendale Design Review Board will meet virtually on Thursday, July 8 at 5 p.m. to discuss it along with other rescheduled projects. The meeting is certain to run long. Let your voice be heard by calling in to (818) 937-8100 and/or by sending your comment letter to Glendale Planner Roger Kiesel at [rkiesel@glendaleca.gov](mailto:rkiesel@glendaleca.gov). More at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/62687/637589242146870000>.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Stick to the Standards

The Community Input letter by the Crescenta Highlands Association (Letters to the Editor, June 24) regarding the proposed development on the old Trader Joe's property was well worded. We also support development, but do not understand why projects that exceed our Community Standards are even given "air time" by our elected officials. Such projects should never even be considered or actually proposed. Foothill Boulevard will become nothing more than a concrete and stucco tunnel, completely ruining the beauty of our beloved valley.

Build to the code, including approved and accepted standards, or go home!

Jim Lumsden  
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## 4th of July FIREWORKS



The Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association is very happy to announce that we will be hosting our annual fireworks show on Sunday, July 4th, 2021.

**Due to COVID restrictions in place at this time and due to the timing for securing the proper permits, we will NOT be able to have any spectators on the field this year.**

There will be many great places to watch the show from outside the school and around the valley. We plan on getting all our loyal fans back on the field in 2022. This year's event will be primarily high up in the air to allow residents across the Crescenta Valley to enjoy the show.

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# YOUTH

## CV High School Band Shines in Competitions



Daniel Duaybis



Hanon Nakamura



Joshua Lee



Thalia Miller

The Crescenta Valley High School marching band and color guard competed in competitions earlier this year that showcased the strengths of each participant.

The Winter Guard Association of Southern California held virtual portions of its competition in which one solo and one small ensemble piece was presented each month between February and May. One of the submitted pieces was a presentation for the final championship solo competition by junior Thalia Miller.

"She worked for several weeks, learning and detailing the solo piece," said Joey Leon, color guard coach. "Between working on basics and training with the rest of the team, we had limited time to work on the solo."

There were 66 total entries for the solo championship competition; this was Miller's one and only submission.

"She received lots of positive feedback from the judge and was commended on a beautiful solo performance," said Leon.

Miller placed second in the competition.

The Peacocks American Drum Major Competitions (ADMC) is a non-profit organization that strives to provide a unique competitive setting for drum

majors from all across California, namely in parade and field conducting. CVHS student Kimberly Blood trained all the drum majors during this past school year in preparation for the ADMC competition.

"I am extremely proud of her since she couldn't participate in the 'traditional' drum major activities due to COVID-19," said Mathew Schick, director, CVHS Instrumental Music Dept. "She could have easily sat this year out and hid, but she stepped it up and performed her role amazingly well."

Schick went on to say that Blood met with the prospective drum majors virtually and later in person at least two times a month during the spring semester training them in all areas of what it takes to be a drum major (conducting, spinning and leadership).

"At a normal competition, the competitor shows off their skills while the judges walk around them and speak into a tape recorder about what they liked or what the competitor could improve on," said Joshua Lee who will take over the reins from Blood, who recently graduated. "The competitors are scored based on categories (for example, showmanship, uniform appearance, cleanliness, and

creativity) adding up to a score out of 100. Finally, the competitors are ranked by scores in divisions, and awarded with trophies based on placements. Competitors are also given the opportunity to meet drum majors from other schools, connect, and learn new things from each other."

Since the last two seasons were virtual due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the competitors were asked to send in individual videos to ADMC to be judged the next day. Filming had to be done on a certain day to verify that competitors would be participating in specific competitions.

"The judges would play our videos on speakers while commenting, so we could hear at which points in the video they made specific comments," Lee said. "After scoring and ranking competitors in each division, an email would be sent out announcing placements and scores."

This year, there were five drum majors from Crescenta Valley High School competing. They were Lucy Kiefer, Chloe Roh, Daniel Duaybis, Hanon Nakamura and Lee. Three of the five competed in every competition offered. Duaybis, Nakamura and Lee each won state championship

awards in May (parade majors and apprentice, and field conducting majors and apprentice). Duaybis placed second in apprentice parade, Lee placed first in majors parade and field conducting and Nakamura placed first in apprentice field conducting.

"Having multiple drum majors from the same school is an unusual occurrence," Lee said. "We are slowly making CV a widely known and respected name in the drum major community."

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### JULY

- Presentation of the Rate Study to the Finance Committee
- Submittal of the Rate Study to the Board
- Submittal of the Proposition 218 Notice to the Board

### AUGUST

- Proposition 218 Notice will be mailed to customers

### END OF SEPTEMBER

- Public Hearing – Proposition 218 Notice
- Board will vote on proposed rate adjustments

Meeting dates and times will be available on our website. You can sign up for automatic meeting notifications too! Visit [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com).

All CVWD Board meetings are open to the public, and we encourage the community to participate. Agendas are available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting at [www.cvwd.com/board-agendas-information](http://www.cvwd.com/board-agendas-information).

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Locals Receive CV Chamber Scholarships



By Lori BODNAR, intern

On June 15, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted an outdoors in-person scholarship ceremony for 11 high school seniors and their families at the Chevy Chase Country Club. The outdoor setting was inviting and individual tables for each family were nestled under shady oak trees with a few rows of grape vines growing along the green.

The students were each awarded \$200 scholarships for college by the Chamber. They were chosen in part for service to their school and community. Recipients were Kimberly Blood, Lorianne Bodnar, Cadie Carlson, Connor Harvey, Kyeongseo Jung,

Solmih Kim, Bet-sua Joza Perez Marcial, Alden Marriott, Juliana Merida, Brendon Pehar and Sarah Ricci.

Family members were on hand to take photos of their students when the Chamber called up each student individually, recognized their accomplishments and presented them with certificates and award checks.

Steve Pierce, director of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, said, "Every student who received a scholarship was a phenomenal student."

Normally the Chamber awards around four scholarships annually, but this year it was able to award 11 scholarships, thanks to generous donors and businesses within the

community, including the owners of Ocean View Bar & Grill.

Ken Biermann is a former principal at Crescenta Valley High School and a director of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"I am proud to be a CVHS Falcon alumnus and that I can honor the students, especially with all of the challenges they had to overcome this school year," he said. "It was quite a hill to climb."

In addition to the 11 outstanding students, a special recognition award was given to the principal of Crescenta Valley High School Linda Junge. Junge was recognized for her devotion to the school and community. She was recently promoted to district superintendent of South Pasadena, and will

be missed by the school and community. She commented however, that she is always happy to help out the school or community if needed, saying "Once a Falcon, always a Falcon!"

Following the recognition award ceremony, several of the students and their families enjoyed dinner at the Chevy Chase Country Club Sycamore Restaurant. The evening was a special way to end an extraordinary 2020-21 school year for the students.

Photos by Lori BODNAR

LEFT: Principal Linda Junge with Ken Biermann, left, and Mike Riley. RIGHT: Recipient and CVW writer Lorianne Bodnar received an award from Chamber director Ken Biermann, left, and president Mike Riley

## Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Awards Scholarships, Honors Local High School Graduates

Propelled by the energy of a "live" in-person meeting, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada recently celebrated four local graduating seniors with scholarships of \$3,000 each. The criteria for the award included their dedicated community service and schoolwork performance as well as being highly recommended by the staff of high school counselors. Another major component was the students' future goals as the aim of the awards is to help youth to pursue their dreams of making a difference through higher education.

The scholarship recipients were Crescenta Valley High School graduate Amanda Rush Bova who will be going to the University of Oregon and La Cañada High School graduates Tessa Olivieri and Madison Tea, who will be attending San Diego State, and Daniel Woo, who will be attending the University of California, San Diego.

With their family members present, each student was introduced and spoke about their past high school experience that helped them to focus on what they'll be studying in college. Adding to everyone's enjoyment was Nancy Leininger who gave an inspiration recounting of the encouraging words of wisdom by Dr. Seuss.

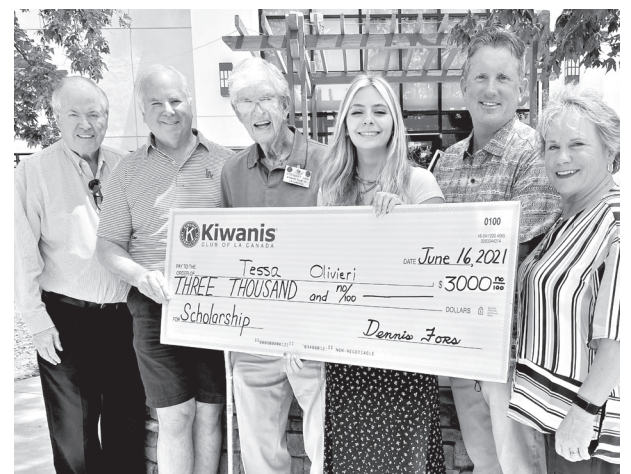
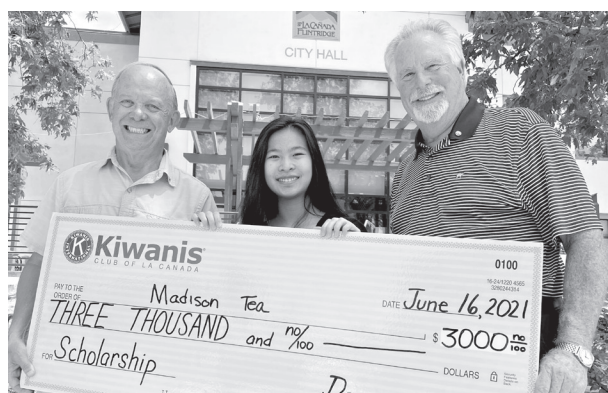
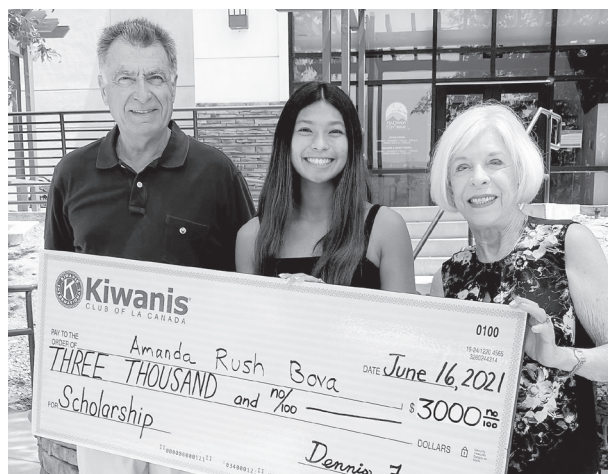
The scholarships are a key component of the Kiwanis' mission

to serving children with the awards geared to boost and inspire youth as they begin a new chapter in their lives. This year, however, there was a special twist to the clubs' internal fundraising campaign. An anonymous club member stepped up and challenged the club by matching up to \$5,000 in member contributions. With the gauntlet thrown down, in one short meeting the \$5,000 was raised with additional donations raising the bar to \$12,000, accounting for a 60% increase from previous years' awards total.

Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Dennis Fors said, "It is gratifying to see such an outpouring of enthusiasm for the students as we recognize their achievements, and acknowledge their family for their wonderful support. We are confident the students will do great things as they are our future and have their whole lives ahead of them." He ended by saying, "We hope the scholarships will show them just how much we believe in them and in their potential."

For those interested in making friends and giving back while having

fun, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada extends an invitation to attend a meeting held every Wednesday at noon, which features the "Guest Speaker of the Week" program. To receive a private invitation to attend, email [lacnadakiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:lacnadakiwanis@gmail.com). Also check out the website at [lacnadakiwanis.org](http://lacnadakiwanis.org).



Photos courtesy of Alice PEREZ

TOP LEFT: From left are Farhad Motia, scholarship recipient Amanda Rush Bova, and Mary Gant. TOP RIGHT: From left are Pat Liddell, Greg Brown, Stewart Lee, scholarship recipient Tessa Olivieri with LCUSD Board of Education member Joe Radabaugh, and Linda Fors. BOTTOM LEFT: From left are Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Dennis Fors, scholarship recipient Madison Tea, and Dr. Michael Leininger. BOTTOM RIGHT: From left are Sky Sprowles, Diane DellaValle, scholarship recipient Daniel Woo, with Nancy Leininger and Al Magee.

# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Celebrating Milestone Anniversary



In honor of Knott's Berry Farm's 100th Anniversary grand celebration, the park hosted a memorable time capsule ceremony on Wednesday, June 30 to commemorate the past and present memories created throughout the last 100 years. It was placed at the entrance of Knott's Berry Tales: Return to the Fair, to be opened 50 years from now, on June 30, 2071. The ceremony brought park characters, Ghost Town citizens and Knott's staff members together on stage, as representatives place notable

items inside the time capsule. It was a way for the people of Knott's to preserve history and heritage for the future descendants to discover 50 years from now.

Along with the items selected by each department for the time capsule, the Knott's team also placed a banner covered with names and signatures of the current park associates. So, a half-century from 2021, the future park associates will be entrusted with the honor of upholding the values and traditions held today.

Additionally, Knott's

commemorated the ceremony by capturing a panoramic picture of everyone in attendance. This image was also placed in the time capsule so that 50 years from now the folks who gather for the opening of it can know exactly who was present the day it was sealed.

Attendees are able purchase or download the commemorative photo onto their FunPix accounts. The Knott's Family Reunion 100th Anniversary celebration runs daily through Sept. 6. Ticket reservations are required for entry into the park.

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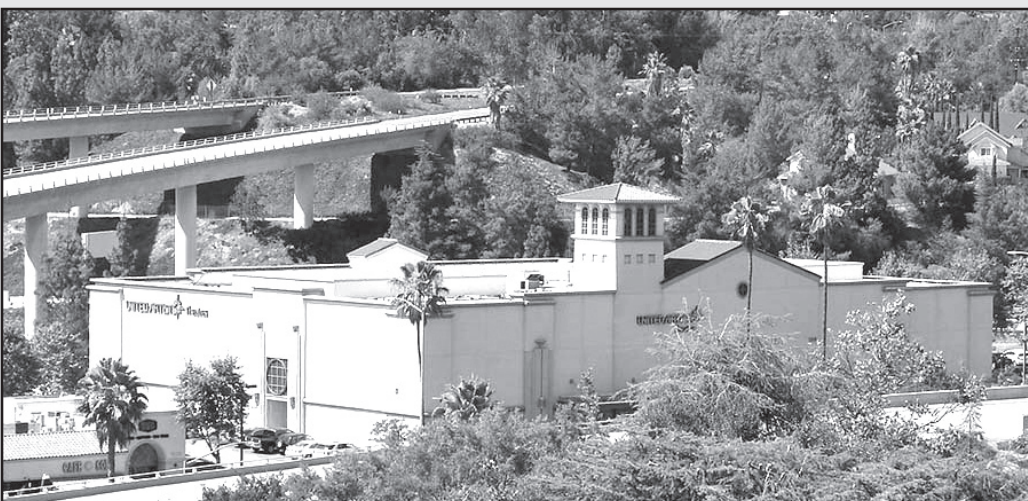
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**Now »** By the early '90s the dealership was scrapped and developer Gary Zentmyer built an eight-screen movie theater in its place. A freeway interchange is an odd place for a movie theater, but the architecturally attractive theater and its surrounding retail has proved relatively quiet and clean despite its interchange location. And it's really nice to see it open again after over a year of being closed!

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com June 28, 2021 - July 4, 2021

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Nervous tension is the one problem you need to be aware of now. Anything you can do to give your nervous system a rest will be of great help in many ways. Massage, meditation, and a good exercise program will all reap rewards. You'll also benefit from vitamins and minerals that feed your nerves. Research other ways to improve your well-being.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

If your joints or muscles are stiff, it's time to loosen them up. Don't let a sedentary lifestyle make matters worse. It's possible that your diet could be improved. Choose foods that nourish your body and help keep it free from pain. Dancing might help. If you're doing a lot of socializing, get enough sleep!

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You might feel more tired and frazzled than usual. This could be a confusing week when it comes to your health, but don't worry too much. Go with the flow. It doesn't mean you'll be useless, but it does mean that you need to pace yourself. Try to avoid stress and confrontation. Strive for balance and inner peace.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

There could be tension in the air that shows up in your body as fatigue. If you continually get wound up, argumentative, and involved, you could have problems. You have a chance to transform your health by changing your attitude to life. If you can see how you contribute to your problems, you can make the right changes.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Continually trying to get your way could wear you out. The cosmos is jangling your nerves all over the place. If you can stay in a relaxed frame of mind, even when you feel argumentative, you'll use less energy and have more to spare for your body and life. You might feel inclined to participate in sports.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may experience odd pains or bouts of stiffness that seem to arise unexpectedly. These few health obstacles will disappear quickly, but they could make you feel tired. Perhaps you've been doing too much and your body is determined to rest. Lighten your schedule if you can.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This is one of those times when you might feel out of sorts without knowing why. The cosmos could be causing conflict in mind and body and with others in your environment. This is a great time for purification and a detox. It may not help you feel better right away, but you'll be glowing in a few days. Reduce your life to the basics and you'll feel better.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You might feel as though you can achieve anything. If you've been under the weather, you should be able to shake off any lingering illness. Your energy will be high. Look out for nervous tension. You might feel so good that it affects your blood pressure. Stay calm. There's plenty of time to get everything done.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This is a positive and upbeat time, but there could be some stress. Something you're looking forward to could strain your nerves. If you can spend a few minutes meditating and calming yourself each day, you'll feel better. Get some rest. Don't work too much. You need to recuperate periodically.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You will be fine as long as you connect to your feelings. This is your health safeguard. Stay in tune and don't pretend that everything is OK if it isn't. This gives your body a chance to release hidden tensions. It will also prevent you from experiencing minor accidents and help you stay in control. For better health, release toxic emotions.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This period is perfect for planning an exercise routine. Make it fun and you'll be more inclined to stick with it. If you're looking for a good place to work out, you have the help of the cosmos now. To experience a touch of luxury, a trip to a health spa might work wonders.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

There is a very buoyant mood around you. There is a lot that you want to do and explore, but your body has limits and can only go for so long. With an emphasis on being busy, make an extra effort to be good to yourself. If you're caring for someone else, make sure you know what you're doing.

## CALENDAR this

### CV FIREWORKS PLANNED FOR JULY 4th

The community is invited to view the CV fireworks show on July 4th starting at about 9 p.m. The fireworks display will originate at the field of Crescenta Valley High School and should be visible throughout the Crescenta Valley. There will be no admission onto the field this year due to COVID restrictions.

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### BINGO FUN PLANNED

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a bingo game on Saturday night, July 10, at the American Legion/VFW Hall at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the first game starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20, which includes 10 games plus a dauber. Tickets may be purchased on July 10 at the door of the Memorial Hall, or they can be purchased now at the Chamber office. Call the Chamber office [(818) 248-4957], or contact either Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195 or Mike Baldwin at [mhbaldwin1960@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhbaldwin1960@sbcglobal.net) for information. Food and drink refreshments will be available but are not included as part of the entry ticket.

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, July 15 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be a video presentation given by Andrea Worrell on "Growing The Little Ones." We will learn all about growing the miniatures and semi-miniature African violets. Questions and answer will follow.

Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings. For more information telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website: [www.burbankafriaviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafriaviolets.weebly.com).

### MOTOR CLASSIC BENEFITS CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

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

For tickets and more info about the San Marino Motor Classic, visit [www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com](http://www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com).  
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Community Pasadena is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing professionally facilitated support groups, educational workshops, and healthy lifestyle classes for cancer patients and their families, survivors, and those bereaved having lost someone to cancer. All of its programs are offered free of charge. For more information on CSCP, visit [cscpasadena.org](http://cscpasadena.org) or call 626-796-1083.

### VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at [cls74reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cls74reunion@yahoo.com). Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

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

Answers for puzzle 06.24.21

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### ACROSS

- 1) Cakewalk
- 5) Diploma word
- 10) Asian nurse
- 14) Jewish month
- 15) Newton of science
- 16) Hearty party
- 17) Commotion
- 18) Low point
- 19) Work in the cutting room
- 20) Bouquet
- 22) Protract
- 24) Like some yogurt
- 27) "Dear" ones
- 28) "That's my boy" recipient
- 30) Trigonometric term
- 31) Summer ermines
- 34) Turkish official
- 35) Cosecant's reciprocal
- 36) Poison ivy, for one
- 37) Boring
- 39) African capital
- 42) Canape topper
- 43) Continue, as a subscription
- 45) At one time, at one time
- 47) Amscrayed
- 48) Mystifies
- 50) Cicatrix
- 51) Computer monitor type
- 52) Chowder morsel
- 53) Beat out, as grain
- 55) Follow, as rules
- 58) Cultural character
- 61) It pulls a bit
- 62) Elevated storage areas
- 65) Noble one
- 66) Battering wind
- 67) Courtroom event
- 68) Field of study
- 69) Racetrack quote
- 70) Plop down next to
- 71) Maltese comment

### DOWN

- 1) Pro \_\_\_\_
- 2) What the nose knows
- 3) Michelangelo subjects
- 4) Interest piquer
- 5) God hates it
- 6) "Born in the \_\_\_\_"
- 7) Coped
- 8) A lot of it is first-class
- 9) Down's opposite, sometimes
- 10) Demographic
- 11) Nuts or bananas
- 12) Came down to earth
- 13) More than dislike
- 21) Aardvark fare
- 23) Pesky insects
- 25) Diamond decision
- 26) "Black Beauty" author Sewell
- 28) Mideast native
- 29) Like some bodies on a beach
- 32) Golden Horde member
- 33) Bloodhound's trail
- 38) Greeks
- 40) Eyebrow shape
- 41) Bygone leader (Var.)
- 44) Sign of gradual use
- 46) Certain surgeon's patient
- 49) Refines, as ore
- 54) Engine type
- 55) Cornstarch brand
- 56) Not working, as a battery
- 57) Daughter of Aaron Spelling
- 59) Sandwich cookie
- 60) Cole \_\_\_\_
- 63) Bar bill
- 64) Not aboveboard

### ANGRY NUTS

By Janet Wise

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## LEGALS

**NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: ADRIENNE MACDONALD. Case number 21GD00219. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 Glendale Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner ADRIENNE MACDONALD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: ADRIENNE MACDONALD to Proposed Name: ADRIENNE OXFORD. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: AUGUST 18, 2021 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: D.b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Crescenta Valley Weekly June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

**NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**  
Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta located at 4454 Lowell Ave La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 7/15/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Henry Hunge (2 units). All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly June 24, July 1, 2021.

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## ROCKHAVEN from page 4

anything was really going to be done to protect Rockhaven... that is until she got a call from Portantino who told her he had secured \$8 million.  
Under the Portantino proposal, the State will allocate the money to the City of Glendale to renovate and preserve as a museum the historic Rockhaven property for the public to enjoy and appreciate.  
"Converting the Rockhaven grounds into a museum dedicated to the legacy of Agnes Richards, women's history, and telling the story of compassionate care for women with mental health challenges ensures that we honor the historical significance of this

site and the legacy of those who created it," stated Portantino. "The city owns Rockhaven and the community has long sought an appropriate use for this landmark location and I was pleased to be in a position to help. What's been missing is the money to do it. That just changed."  
"I'm very grateful for Senator Portantino's leadership to secure funding for Rockhaven. Rockhaven has been an important community asset that has been left unattended with no clear plans for its future. These funds can help our community realize the hopes we have as Glendale residents towards a plan that restores and preserves

it for future generations to enjoy," said Glendale City Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian.  
Kassakhian continues to be in support of the original plan to create the library at Rockhaven and expand the fire station.  
"The City truly appreciates that Senator Portantino recognizes the importance of Rockhaven, one of Glendale's most historic sites. We will continue to explore potential options for preserving and honoring the property's history," stated Roubik Golanian, City of Glendale manager.  
Portantino began this push for funding years ago after he took his first Rockhaven tour.

"My dream is this will become the Rockhaven women's history museum to tell Agnes' story," he said.  
He would also like to incorporate a park and a place for women's health on the grounds.  
"It has always been a comforting and welcoming place and let's see if we can reimagine that," Portantino said.  
For Linkhorst, the fact that there is funding now, after working for so long to get support, is overwhelming.  
"I am not thinking, I am feeling," she said. "I am just thrilled that what should have happened is finally going to happen ... [to

Senator Portantino] I have no idea how to thank him. Those two little words are far too small ... He is a community guy so he knows what this means to our community."  
The future of Rockhaven is still in the hands of the City of Glendale. The City will need to officially accept the funds and then work toward a plan for those funds. The City will also decide what role the Friends of Rockhaven will play in Rockhaven's future.  
But for now, Linkhorst and the Friends of Rockhaven are replaying that call they received from Senator Portantino.  
"I am still laughing and crying," Linkhorst said.

# BUSINESS

» NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS"

## Get Ready for BINGO!

Whew! June was quite the month for our Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce. Earlier we announced the names of 11 outstanding and deserving *student scholars* and presented each of them with a Certificate and Scholarship during a June ceremony in a beautiful setting at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

And right on the heels of our student scholar recognition was our first ever *Vendor Silent Auction*. The professionally run format of online bidding for valuable items turned out to be highly successful and loads of excitement and fun. We wish to thank all our participants and especially our vendors who contributed the valuable products up for auction. They included Merle Norman of Montrose (Kim & Kris), Once Upon a Time Bookstore (Maureen & Jessica), YMCA of the Foothills (Vince Iuculano), CV Historical Society (Rev. Beverly Craig, Mike Lawler and Stuart Byles), Friends of Rockhaven (Joanna Linkhorst), Genesis Stoneworks (Georgina Mueller), Ethos Realty Group (Jeero Habeshian), J's Maids (Chris Waldheim), Mike Baldwin, Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital (Dr. J.D. Speas), Lisa and Jacques Dupuy, CV Weekly Newspaper (Robin Goldsworthy), RestoKleen Restoration Services (Sera), Cynthia Livingston, LA Acting Studio, Pure Interval Training Fitness (Tawna Hutchinson), Mary Pinola Education Foundation, Clear Minded Marketing (Leslie Lesh),

Chevy Chase Country Club, Tony DiGiovanni Keyboard Entertainer, Camille Levee and Julia Rabago and Robb Barstow (staging of gifts).

We concluded our June activities with a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony for our newest Chamber member, Pure Interval Training Fitness, located at 3115 Foothill Blvd (just east of Pennsylvania Avenue). Owner Tawna Hutchinson has created a state-of-the-art facility offering 24/7 fitness training sessions for all levels and ages. Check them out at [www.PIT-FIT.com](http://www.PIT-FIT.com).

Coming up next is an evening of *bingo*, which returns to the Crescenta Valley on Saturday, July 10 at the La Crescenta VFW/American Legion Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the first game of bingo starts at 6 p.m. Always fun and exciting with \$\$\$ to win! Tickets are \$20, which includes 10 games plus a dauber. Tickets may be purchased on July 10 at the door of the Memorial Hall – but why wait when you can get your bingo tickets *now* at the Chamber office [(818) 248-4957], or by contacting either Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195 or Mike Baldwin at [mhbaldwin1960@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhbaldwin1960@sbcglobal.net). Food and drink refreshments will be available but are not included as part of your entry ticket.

### Save the Dates:

First, a *Chamber mixer* has been arranged for Thursday, Aug. 5 from 6-8 p.m. at Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill, 3826 Ocean View Blvd. (at

the corner of Florencita Avenue) in Montrose. This promises to be a gala event since it will be our first mixer since the March 2020 Bob Smith Toyota mixer just prior to the pandemic restrictions.

Next, our Chamber's *annual scholarship golf tournament* will be held on Friday, Aug. 13 at Scholl Canyon Golf Course. It doesn't matter if you are a low handicap golfer or a "duffer;" this golf event is all about having fun!

Our year's biggest event, the *Hometown Country Fair*, complete with vendors, live music, food, games, activities for the kids, and a classic car show, returns on Saturday, Sept. 18. We are back with more excitement and fun for the entire family.

And there's more! On Saturday, Oct. 30 is our Chamber's *5K Pumpkin Fun Run* with a chance to compete for year-long community bragging rights in all age categories.

**July 4th Fireworks Reminder:** The CV Fireworks Association is putting on a spectacular 4th of July Fireworks Show for our community to watch starting approximately at 9 p.m. Due to the restrictions in place at the time county permits were required, there will be no access to the CV High School field for the public to watch the fireworks; however, all the fireworks will be high in the sky, allowing views of this incredible display to be seen over a wide area of the Crescenta Valley. Please remember the use of private

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» NEWS FROM MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## 'And the Show Goes On!

Summer is officially here, the 4th of July is just a few days away, and Oktoberfest 2021 is on! It's an exciting time of year and the recent full re-opening of our beloved Montrose and local businesses are giving us nostalgia for 2019 in the best way possible.

Oktoberfest this year will have all of your favorites from recent years – brats, German dinner, D'Oberlander Dancers, rides, games and contests then closing out the night with '80s cover band Past Action Heroes.

The MVCC wishes you all a sunny summer in Montrose; don't forget to shop locally and we hope to see you all at our upcoming events!

For those who do not yet follow us on social media, please do so to stay up-to-date with all of the latest resources available. Our Instagram handle is @Montrose\_Chamber and our Facebook is [Facebook.com/MontroseChamber](https://www.facebook.com/MontroseChamber).

Meet the newest small business members of the MVCC:

- *Wyre Scape Inc.* – A local sound system engineering company
- *MD Spa Medica* – Dr. Nilesh Bhoot is a board-certified general and minimally-invasive surgeon specializing in advanced aesthetic and cosmetic surgery.
- *One Strength Fitness* – A certified strength and conditioning specialist
- *Simple Life Delivery* – A local food delivery service.

Meet MVCC's four new directors:

- *Trevor Marca*, owner of Simple

Life Delivery. Trevor is an active member of the Montrose, La Cañada, Glendale, and Burbank communities. He previously worked with several magazines including Glendale Hills Living. Trevor recently finished his term with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

- *Hilda Morovati*, owner of EmbroidMe (on North Verdugo at Broadview in Glendale). You might remember Hilda from last year when EmbroidMe joined the MVCC and we posted a video of their embroidering process. Some of you may also know her from her volunteer work with Oktoberfest in past years.
- *Michael Thatcher*, co-publisher of a few magazines, including but not limited to La Crescenta-Montrose Neighbors, La Cañada Flintridge Neighbors, and Glendale Hills Living. Michael is familiar with our community having grown up in La Cañada. Just as his business catchphrase states, Michael is brilliant at "Bringing People Together."
- *Sara Shahmoradian*, the "Millennial Realtor," with Compass. Sara is also a local who is familiar with the community here. She understands the importance of educating our millennial generation about the home buying process and does so via her fun and playful social media and podcast, "Real Estate for Millennials." Check out her

content; her millennial charm will surely captivate you.

**Chamber Updates/Resources:**

- *Oktoberfest* will resume this year on the first Saturday in October. We look forward to releasing more information about it as it becomes available. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event or a booth, please reach out to [mvcc@montrosechamber.org](mailto:mvcc@montrosechamber.org).
- *Sunday, July 4th* – CV Fireworks Association will host its annual fireworks show. *Spectators will not be allowed on the field due to COVID restrictions* but residents across Crescenta Valley can enjoy the "primarily high up in the air" fireworks show from many spots outside of the school. Those who would like to contribute to this year's event can mail a check payable to CV Fireworks to 2629 Foothill Blvd., #179, La Crescenta, CA 91214 or visit [CVFireworks.com](http://CVFireworks.com) to click on the "donate now" button.

Stay tuned for our first in-person mixer in August in collaboration with the Glendale Latino Association. More information to follow.

Sign up for our newsletter on our website [MontroseChamber.org](http://MontroseChamber.org) to be the first to hear all about our upcoming announcements.

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