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GCC Board of Trustees Passes Vaccination Mandate

The Glendale Community College board of trustees voted at its Aug. 17 meeting to require all students, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated to access District facilities including the Verdugo, Garfield and Montrose campuses beginning Oct. 31.

The board took action at Tuesday night's meeting in response to the rise in Delta variant COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County. According to the LA County Health Dept., COVID-19 cases are rising at an alarming rate with 92% of hospital admissions involving unvaccinated individuals. Those who are vaccinated are four times less likely to get infected and 14 times less likely to be hospitalized.

"As we begin to bring back in-person classes for the fall semester, we have a responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff at GCC," said board President Dr. Armine Hacopian. "This new rule will contribute to a safer community while allowing our students to pursue their educational goals in a way that aligns with their individual needs."

The board policy takes effect in 10 weeks, enough time for an unvaccinated person to complete the vaccination cycle. Students and employees may apply for an exemption due to ADA qualifying physical/mental disability or for religious accommodation but they will be required to provide proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 each week.

"The key to this mandate is that GCC continues to offer students multiple options in how they pursue their educational goals," said Superintendent/President Dr. David Viar. "We have online classes for those who prefer learning at home or those who choose not to get vaccinated. Students who get the

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Celebrating a Generation of Car Lovers

By Mary O'KEEFE

For 20 years, the Early Rodders have gathered to share their love of things that go zoom.

Twenty years ago Rick Chew drove his hot rod to Goldstein's Bagels, which used to be located at the Regal United Artists theater complex at 1919 Verdugo Blvd. in La Cañada. He stared at the parking lot in front of the theaters and an idea was born. The site would be a great place to have enthusiasts show up, albeit early in the morning, to talk cars.

"It started right [at] Goldstein's. [The bagel shop] was there in September 2001," Chew recalled. "We had a few cars – maybe half a dozen – would show up."

Chew began to pass out flyers letting like-minded car people know he and others would be at the UA every Saturday morning.

"And [through] word of mouth it just got to be what it is," he said.

"What it is" evolved into Early Rodders, a group of car enthusiasts that weekly fills the theater's large parking lot with a variety of motor vehicles.

Although the group's origin was hot rods, the gathering now reflects a collection of some of the most eclectic cars in the area.

Though cars are the group's common interest, it goes beyond that.

"It is the camaraderie [and] it's a mix of cars that are here," said member John Kornarens. He



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 Members of the Early Rodders, with CV Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy (seated), surround founder Rick Chew's hot rod.

has been part of the Early Rodders from nearly the beginning. He found Chew hanging out with others at Goldstein's. And although he doesn't own a classic car now, over the years Kornarens has had several classic cars from Porsches to older Mercedes. But whether or not he owned a classic car, being part of the Early Rodders' Saturday mornings have become a routine that Kornarens doesn't plan to change – not even during a pandemic.

When COVID-19 hit Los Angeles County, Kornarens still showed up on Saturday mornings – and he wasn't alone.

"Rick was here," he said. "He never got out of

his car."

There were a few others who also showed up but only a few.

"It was sad," he said.

Early Rodders continued to meet regularly, early on Saturday mornings, and Kornarens said he is glad the numbers are increasing back to what they were pre-pandemic.

"You get hot rods, muscle cars and exotics [cars]," he said of the cars that can commonly be found in the parking lot on Saturday mornings.

Last Saturday, for example, there was a 1912 Pierce motor bicycle. According to the National

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Rockhaven Receives \$8 Million in Support – Now What?

By Mary O'KEEFE

At a recent meeting of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley, Joanna Linkhorst, the president of Friends of Rockhaven, and members of the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley shared information on the history of Rockhaven Sanitarium and the recently announced \$8 million state grant.

"We don't know" was the answer Linkhorst gave of what was happening with the \$8 million.

She shared the two histories of Rockhaven: Rockhaven as a woman-owned business for women with mental health needs and Rockhaven's fate since its purchase by the City of Glendale.

Rockhaven was founded in the 1920s by former nurse Agnes Richards. She had worked in asylums throughout her career and witnessed the



File photo
 Friends of Rockhaven President Joanna Linkhorst, shown at a tour of the property, said the use of a recent grant received for the historic property is uncertain.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Color Me Curious

I'm not a conspiracist. I don't subscribe to conspiracy theories and generally turn my nose up when confronted with tales of how "they" (the government, Big Brother or whoever) are trying to get information from me, about me or against me. Don't be mistaken, though; I try to listen to every bit of data regarding scams that try to scare people into giving up personal information. That information is truly important and needs to be adhered to in order to avoid being manipulated and possibly swindled.

But it was with interest that I learned of a weird detail in the ballot return envelopes for this upcoming election. The election questions whether or not Gov. Gavin Newsom should be recalled and, if the voter votes "yes," who should replace him. The question I have surrounds two holes on the return envelope that holds the completed ballot.

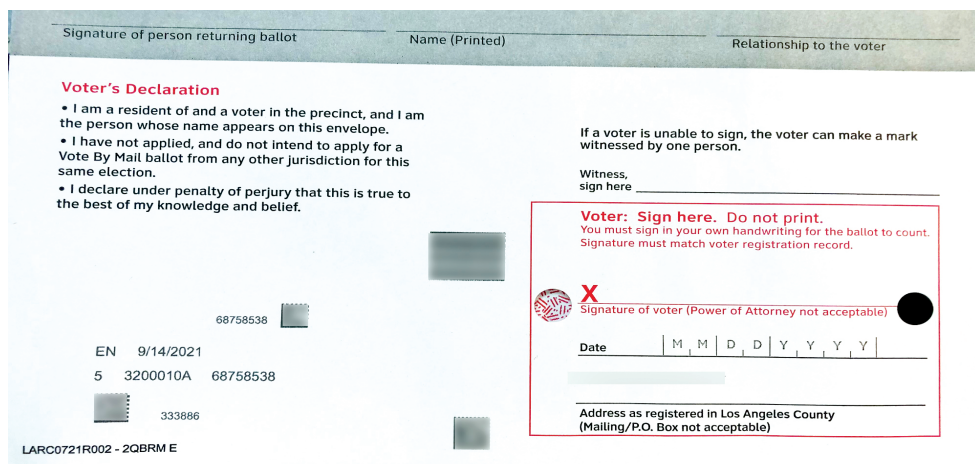
If you've received your ballot, take out the return envelope and you'll see what I'm talking about. On the back side, below where it reads "Voter: Sign here. Do not print," there are holes punched on either side of the signature line. Depending on how the completed ballot is inserted into the return envelope, it is possible to spy how the voter responded to the question of whether or not the governor should be

recalled.

I'm not overly concerned about "bad guys" peeking at ballots. I am concerned, though, that these holes provide the idea of how bad guys could peek at the ballots and then pull those that don't align with their goals regarding the recall. In other words, it provides suspicion that the results of the recall election are bogus and should be disregarded.

It seems to me that there is enough suspicion surrounding our elections. Whether ballot boxes are compromised or ballots stolen (for whatever reason), people are not as confident as they once were regarding voting and the protocols used to ensure a fair election. Thankfully in this election it is easy enough to thwart this possible compromise: simply make sure that the ballot is inserted in such a way that the "yes" or "no" can't be read – even by the bad guy peekers.

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Weather in the Foothills

"One always measures friendships by how they show up in bad weather."
~ Winston Churchill

The past week's weather was a welcomed reprieve; a light jacket was needed for our evening dog walk. The first day of school for the local kids dawned under cloudy and drippy skies. Without a calendar to remind otherwise it could have been mistaken for fall. Enough dreaming; summer – in all its glory and with all its heat – has returned. Rising temperatures mixed with monsoonal moisture are forecast into next week.

Looking back almost 70 years, I must share a weather-related reminiscence of a local veteran. Occasionally, I hear from Weather in the Foothills readers. After writing about weather balloons and the importance of military weather forecasting, I received an email from Jack Wunderlich. With his permission, I share...

Sue, I read your article in the CV Weekly, and sat down and wrote my experiences with the balloons. I was in the Air Force in Japan during the Korean War 1952-1954. I'm not up to emailing that much, but will mail it to you if interested?

Thanks for the article.

Jack

Interested? Let's see ... with a degree in history, being an amateur weather watcher and having respect and gratitude for all veterans ... am I interested? Absolutely! The following is based on the memoirs of Jack's time in Japan.

"I've had some experiences with weather balloons some time ago."

After enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, Jack was sent to Chanute Field AFB in Illinois where he trained as a "weather observer." He added, "Being from California I learned a lot of weather in Illinois!" From there he was sent to Japan.

"I was sent to a small air base in Niigata on North Honshu, and I became station chief of our weather station there. We used weather balloons each shift as directed by the forecaster on duty."

The balloons, three to six feet in diameter, were filled with a specific weight of helium to determine altitude. They were tracked by a "theodolite" – an instrument with a telescopic sight for establishing horizontal and vertical setting.

"These readings were plotted on a map for the forecaster to use," Jack wrote. His hourly observations of temperature, humidity, wind, height of cloud cover, precipitation info and barometric pressure were also recorded.

"This data was teletyped in a sequence with other stations in the Pacific Theater," he wrote. The information was vital for troop movement and combat.

No sleep for the weary ... or the station chief! Balloons were sent up around eight hours apart. The balloons at night had a small battery-operated light attached for tracking. If the light failed or you lost it: "Send up another!"

"Thanks for the memories," Jack ended his note.

And thank you, Jack!

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

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Supporting Those Heading Back to School

By Mary O'KEEFE

Going back to school, especially this year, can be stressful. A lot of attention has been paid, and rightly so, to the threat of the new COVID-19 Delta variant fueling rising numbers of COVID patients, including children. Returning to in-person learning after nearly two years of virtual learning is also an adjustment. In addition to COVID there are challenges that many families still face that have been eclipsed by the pandemic. These include homelessness and struggling with low incomes as kids return to the classroom.

To help students get ready to return to in-person learning the Kiwanis Club of Glendale and Family Promise of the Verdugos sponsored a back-to-school shopping day at Target just prior to classes starting.

Sixteen children enrolled at Family Promise of the Verdugos were matched with a Kiwanis Club of Glendale member and given gift cards to purchase much-needed items for school.

Family Promise, a local homeless service provider, offers an array of services for families with children experiencing homelessness. These are households that are in the extremely low to low-income bracket. Many of these children have been living in cars, couch surfing and are now living in either the Family Promise shelter or in low-income apartment units in our community," according to Albert Hernandez, chief executive officer, Family Promise.

Family Promise works to get

families into permanent housing and along the way helps support them with specified assistance, like returning to school.

Some of those who have reached out to Family Promise have needed to escape domestic violence or have lost a job and saw bills snowball.

"They are homeless because of [events] that were out of their control," Hernandez said.

One of the families Hernandez spoke of were victims of a hurricane on the east coast. They moved back to the area with their grandmother who was living in an assisted living facility. Due to the rules at that facility the family, along with their grandma, was facing eviction.

Hernandez said their mission is to reach these families before they become homeless. He praised the City of Glendale for its resources and the way the City works with local shelters and homeless organizations, like Family Promise of the Verdugos and Ascencia.

"We are blessed here in Glendale," he said.

One of the families that Family Promise has helped and was at Target to shop for back-to-school items was homeless twice. They finally found Family Promise and, although they are still in the extremely low-income bracket, they at least have been out of homelessness for a few years.

Mom Ruth (last names are not being used to protect privacy) has three young girls. Her husband does have a job working in a medical facility but does not get paid enough to raise them out of extreme financial hardship.

"But we have been able to save enough money for rent," Ruth said.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Kiwanis Club of Glendale member TJ Denton talks to Aden as they shop for back-to-school items.

Being homeless was a scary time; the family lived in a shelter for a while and has also lived in their car.

"But I never stood on the street asking for money," she said.

Ruth and her husband continually reached out to organizations for help but did not find a lot of support.

"One organization wanted to separate us," Ruth said. That would have added even more stress to their situation.

"Life has a rocky course," Ruth said.

She added that it's like finding yourself too close to the breakers.

"Sometimes those waves take us under. People think you don't want to swim to save yourself but you can't swim and find yourself drowning," she said. "That's how [homelessness] felt."

"I called at least 40 shelters," she said of her efforts to find help.

And the last one she called was Family Promise, which was able to help.

Hernandez said they were able to help in part due to organizations like Kiwanis Club of Glendale.

"To [Kiwanis], it's more than just writing a check," he said.

Kiwanis members walked with the students at Target, talking to them about what they needed and what they were interested in. Kiwanis member TJ Denton shopped with sixth grader Aden. He found that Aden was interested in art and design; Denton had gone to college for graphic design. The conversation between the two

was more than just about what Aden could buy and the value of the gift cards; it was about connecting.

"A lot of our members own their business," said Hernandez, who is also a Kiwanis member.

He added that members could share their experiences and mentor students while they shopped.

Family Promise of the Verdugos has a sterling record. Since 2010 it has served 1,152 children and helped 1,934 individuals off the street and into housing.

As everyone prepared to shop, Kiwanis Club of Glendale President Monica Sierra spoke of the club's support of Family Promise adding that the Kiwanis Club of Glendale is celebrating 100 years of service next year and is proud of the Club's philanthropic efforts.

IN BRIEF

CVCA MEETING

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavallecommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE WITH RICH TOYON

All are invited on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9-11 a.m. for a tour led by 14th generation Californian Rich Toyon to learn about the importance of the Rosemont Preserve as the ancestral homelands of the Tongva people of the Los Angeles basin.

The Tongva are the original inhabitants of the Crescenta Valley who managed the flora and fauna for their purposes and for the health of the environment in which they lived. Goss Canyon, where the Rosemont Preserve is located, was one of several canyons that had specific use and was a source of many plant and animal species necessary for daily life. The Tongva knew that if they took care of the land, the land would take care of them. Learn how these ancient ways are even more relevant today.

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

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. in La Crescenta. Those with mobility issues that require a closer parking spot can contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com. Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

FOOD DRIVE

CV Robotics will host a drive through food drive on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CVHS parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell Avenue and Community Avenue. Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit the Bailey Human Care Center. Community members are asked to enter the parking lot from Ramsdell, pull forward to a donation table, and "pop the trunk;" CV Robotics team members will gratefully accept all donations in a socially responsible and COVID-safe manner. Donations of paper and plastic grocery bags will also be accepted as the Bailey Center uses these to distribute food to their clients. Finally, anyone who has surplus ripe fruit or vegetables from their garden can donate those as well.

All donations will help care for those in need in the local community!

GLENDALE CHAMBER OPPOSES RENTAL REGISTRY

Following a recommendation from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Business Advocacy and Executive Committees, the Chamber's board of directors voted unanimously to oppose a possible establishment of a rental registry for multifamily rental units in Glendale, which was slated for consideration at a joint city council and housing authority meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

The Glendale Chamber joins the Glendale Association of Realtors and others in opposing the establishment of a rental registry for a host of reasons, which include privacy concerns for owners and tenants, unnecessary added burden and cost for Glendale housing providers and tenants, exorbitant costs for taxpayers and the challenges of implementing such a large-scale program from a technology standpoint.

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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, Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will lead worship with the first message from his sermon series on "Right-eousness" titled "Doing It Right." The service will also be live-streamed at 10 a.m. on the church's YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel after 11 a.m.

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

The church is collecting non-perishable food and clean, gently used clothing to distribute to local people in need. Please bring the items to the church office lobby during office hours.

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

Outdoor Movie Night

Bethel Church invites everyone in the community to attend an outdoor showing of the movie "The Prince of Egypt" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 5.

In this movie, Moses is born into slavery and cast adrift on the Nile then reared as the son of the pharaoh. After Moses learns of his true ancestry, he answers God's call and accepts his destiny: to lead the Hebrews out of slavery and into freedom. All are welcome!

Pre-packaged snacks will be provided during the movie. Questions? Need transportation? Call (818) 767-4488. All free and COVID safe.

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Women's Nondenominational Bible Study

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

4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

If interested, contact Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or hessicks@earthlink.net.

Registration deadline is Sept. 7.

LCPC Hosting Blood Drive

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, Sept. 26 on the church campus from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To sign up, look for the Deacons Blood Drive table on Sundays after the service or contact LCPC Deacon Ann Scoggins at atjwslifeisgood@gmail.com for information.

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

Walk and Word

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

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



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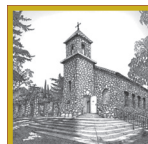
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CVTC Meeting turns Hostile over Street-Safety Improvements

By Justin HAGER

A Crescenta Valley Town Council meeting turned hostile last week after a community member accused Councilmember Desiree Rabinov of lying at a previous Council meeting.

The meeting began as a celebration with President Harry Leon congratulating and honoring Preston Midgley on completing his project at the Crescenta Valley Methodist Church and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Other celebrations early in the meeting included Glendale Unified School District's (GUSD) Superintendent Vivian Ekchian and board of education member Jennifer Freemon excitedly celebrating a return to in-person classes and the success of the first two days of school, and a presentation by LA Metro staff on the new and improved Routes 90,

91, and 690, which will connect Sunland and La Crescenta to Downtown Los Angeles, North Hollywood Station, the Hollywood Burbank Airport and the Olive View Medical Center with greater frequency and efficiency.

Following the LA Metro staff presentation, Councilmember Desiree Rabinov invited community members to participate in the next Streets and Transportation Committee meeting, whose agenda includes discussion of the proposed pedestrian, street and water-capture improvements proposed by Los Angeles County in the CV region. While answering questions about the proposal, a community member accused Rabinov of lying at a previous meeting and of taking action on a matter based upon a single letter of support. Rabinov defended herself and, after a short exchange

of passive-aggressive hostilities, the meeting continued.

The CV Weekly investigated the claims that Rabinov had lied or been misleading at last month's meeting and found no evidence to support the claim. To the contrary, the video recording of the meeting found Rabinov's statements to be consistent.

It is important to note that Rabinov is not personally responsible for the decisions of the County but is only the messenger for the county decisions regarding transportation and street infrastructure in her role on CVTC.

CVTC is an advisory board, a liaison between the community and the office of the LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. As such, this board can make recommendations, share the community's opinions and work with Barger's office to

communicate any proposals.

CVTC President Leon made a motion to have the County come to a future meeting to speak on the proposed street improvements.

Joanna Linkhorst, founder and president of the Friends of Rockhaven, expressed her gratitude to State Senator Anthony Portantino for securing

millions of dollars to preserve and protect the historic site. Her gratitude was tempered by frustration that the City of Glendale could take up to three years to determine whether to accept the money, leaving Rockhaven in the lurch and few levers for the Town Council to pull to speed up the process.

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COVID Numbers Still on the Rise

By Mary O'KEEFE

COVID-19 numbers continue to rise in Los Angeles County and throughout the nation. The Delta variant is more contagious than previous variants and people who are not vaccinated may find themselves more severely affected by the virus, including being hospitalized.

"The Delta variant is the dominant variant in the world," said Kimberly Shriner, MD, medical director and an infectious disease and tropical medical specialist at Huntington Hospital.

Shriner added the Delta variant is much more infectious than the original variant, Alpha, and may cause more severe illness. It also affects much younger people and, although she is not a pediatrician, she said the "reporting is pretty stark."

In an Aug. 5 letter to the Food and Drug Administration from Lee Savio Beers, MD, FAAP, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the FDA was urged to continue its research into vaccines for children younger than 12 years old: "The [Delta variant] is seriously impacting all populations, including children. The AAP and the Children's Hospital Association have been tracking COVID cases in children since the start of the pandemic. Last week saw the largest week-over-week percentage increase in pediatric COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic. The data show 71,726 COVID cases in children reported last week, almost double the 38,654 reported in the previous week. Simply stated, the Delta variant has created a new and pressing risk to children and adolescents across this country, as it has also done for unvaccinated adults."

More children are being hospitalized due to the Delta variant.

The number, said Shriner, is the "same as adults who chose not to get vaccinated. There are two worlds: vaccinated and unvaccinated."

Vaccinated people can test positive for COVID-19 and have symptoms but are less likely to become seriously ill and require hospitalization. Unvaccinated people are more likely to be hospitalized and die from COVID. On Tuesday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study that found unvaccinated people are 29 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than those who are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated people are about five times more likely to be infected with COVID than those who are vaccinated against the virus.

The vaccines do protect most people from becoming seriously ill from the Delta variant; however, there is concern about future variants.

"Yes, that is a huge concern," Shriner said. "I am an HIV specialist as well. Any virus can replicate."

Lambda is a "variant of interest" ... and is not the only one.

"The big fear we have is a representation [variant] that is not covered by the vaccines," Shriner said. "It isn't entirely bleak; these vaccines are highly protective and safe for most individuals ... The vaccines are holding but not preventing transmission."

She added thus far the current vaccines are effective against the Delta variant. If there is a variant in the future in which the vaccine is not as effective she assured "We can change the recipe" to create a new vaccine that will adjust to a new variant.

A problem that those in the medical field is facing is misinformation surrounding COVID-19 and especially with the vaccine. Reported stories throughout the nation speak of

those who find themselves in the hospital sick with COVID-19, are very ill and, in some cases, are not expected to survive. Doctors have reported that patients who find themselves in this situation then ask for the vaccine; unfortunately, that is not how vaccines work.

Other reports are of doctors who tell their patients they do not need the vaccine, that summer heat will keep COVID away. Recently the Federal Drug Administration, along with other health officials, warned people not to use a drug called ivermectin to prevent or treat COVID-19.

This drug has only been approved as an anti-parasitic treatment for humans and animals such as livestock and horses. The drug for humans is produced differently than the drug used for animals. In Mississippi, there were reports of several people hospitalized or treated for self-medicating with ivermectin intended for horses. This prompted the FDA to issue the warning, "You are not a horse. You are not a cow. Seriously, y'all. Stop it."

"[Misinformation] is a very big problem with trusted individuals [sharing] incorrect and inaccurate or false information," Shriner said. "Sunshine doesn't protect you ... look at the real data."

Shriner added that with the transmission of the Delta variant there are two scenarios.

"Either you are vaccinated against COVID-19 or you are going to get COVID," she said.

She added Huntington Hospital, like most other medical facilities, are seeing an increase in cases with a majority of those hospitalized being unvaccinated.

"We are seeing a very high volume in [the Emergency Department]," she said. "This [current increase] is preventable if people just get vaccinated ... You don't want to be that person who says they will wait."

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Aug. 21

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee at a restaurant reported that three women entered the business, ordered meals and drinks. When the bill was presented they provided debit and credit cards to pay for their meals. The waitress advised them the credit card machine was broken and the three women reportedly became very upset and asked for a discount, which was denied. The women said they would go to an ATM machine to withdraw money, and left a black Visa debit card with the waitress. The three women did not return.

The incident occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 6:20 p.m.

Aug. 20

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported the alarm on the wine cellar case was activated at a store. While the employee was running toward the wine cellar he saw a man, wearing a white and blue long sleeve shirt and blue jeans, walking away from the area. The employee found the cellar door had been pried open and the locking mechanism was on the floor. He ran back to the front of the store and saw the man, who he had thought was suspicious, running across the parking lot and enter the passenger side of a blue Volkswagen Tiguan. The vehicle left the area. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect manipulating the wine cellar lock, opening the door and removing a bottle of champagne at 1:35 p.m.

Aug. 15

3200 block of Big Tujunga Canyon Road in Tujunga, numerous tools and equipment were stolen from a property overnight.

GPD REPORTS

13 Storage Units Burglarized, Approximately \$150,000 in Property Stolen

On Aug. 22 at approximately 10:30 a.m., Glendale PD patrol officers responded to a public storage facility on the 5500 block of San Fernando Road regarding a burglary in progress. A caller advised dispatch that multiple storage units inside the facility had been burglarized and that the suspects were potentially still at the location. Officers arrived on scene and attempted to locate the suspects; however, it was determined the suspects had already fled the location.

While on scene, officers discovered approximately 13 storage units at the location had been burglarized or were damaged in an attempted burglary. Items stolen from these units during the burglary (estimated to be valued at around \$75,000) included sports and comic book memorabilia, collectible shoes and high-end electronics. Officers were able to review surveillance footage from the facility and observed three males and two females make illegal entry into the facility earlier in the morning at around 7:45. The suspects then used carts to load the stolen property from the storage units into waiting vehicles over the course of an hour before fleeing the location.

On Aug. 23 at approximately 11:30 a.m., Glendale police responded back to the location to take an additional burglary report. After the prior burglary, one of the victims had repairs done to their unit and left the location later in the afternoon on Aug. 22 just to be called by the storage facility on the morning of Aug. 23 to be notified their storage unit had been broken into a second time. Officers reviewed surveillance footage from the location and observed three suspects (who appeared to be the same suspects from the previous burglaries mentioned) illegally enter the facility on Aug. 22 at approximately 6 p.m. and again break into the victim's repaired storage unit. The suspects used carts to transport boxes of collectible shoes and comic books (estimated value of \$75,000) to waiting vehicles, making several trips back and forth before fleeing the location.

Anyone who recognizes any of the suspects involved in this series of burglaries are encouraged by the Glendale Police Dept. to call (818) 548-4911. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (800-222-8477), use a smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP," or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.



Male on Dirt Bike Armed with Loaded Handgun

Arrested for Illegal Drug Sales

On Aug. 19 just after 2 p.m., due to complaints of speeding in the Brand Park area, the Glendale Police Department's Traffic Bureau was conducting directed traffic enforcement in the area. One particular complaint from residents in the area was regarding a male who had been illegally riding a dirt bike at high rates of speed on the streets.

During the operation, a lieutenant assigned to the GPD Traffic Bureau was patrolling in the area of Mountain Street and Thompson Avenue when they observed a male riding a dirt bike on the road at a high rate of speed who was not wearing a helmet.

A traffic stop was initiated, but the motorcyclist failed to yield. At one point the motorcyclist, later identified as 35-year-old Dikran Mouradian of Glendale, tried to maneuver around the lieutenant's marked police motorcycle but lost control, dropping his bike onto the ground. After this, Mouradian walked away from officers and became argumentative with them, refusing to comply with orders to stop. Eventually an officer made contact with Mouradian and detained him in handcuffs.

Assisting officers arrived on scene and a search of a backpack Mouradian was wearing produced a loaded 9mm handgun, a plastic bag containing approximately one ounce of heroin, a bag containing methamphetamine, a digital scale, a glass bulbous pipe and several hundred dollars in cash.

Mouradian was subsequently arrested and booked for possessing narcotics for sale, possessing a controlled substance while armed and obstructing.

Homicide Investigation – Stabbing Incident – GPD Seeking Assistance

On Aug. 13, just before midnight, Glendale police officers on patrol were dispatched to a restaurant on the 300 block of North Verdugo Road regarding an unknown problem.

Upon arrival, officers determined that a fight had broken out and three individuals were injured with stab wounds. The victims were transported to the hospital for their injuries and one victim has since passed away.

The investigation is ongoing and the Glendale Police Dept. is seeking the public's assistance gathering more information on the incident.

Anyone with information that can assist with the investigation is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4911.

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Arrests for Reckless Driving and Street Racing – Vehicles Impounded

The Glendale Police Dept. has a zero-tolerance policy regarding reckless driving and illegal street racing. Those arrested for such offenses will have their vehicles impounded. The below list depicts those who have been arrested for reckless driving and participating in an illegal speed contest (racing) over the course of the last few weeks. Officers continue to proactively patrol the city and monitor traffic to keep our roads safe for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Anyone who witnesses reckless driving or illegal street racing should call the Glendale Police Dept.'s non-emergency line at (818) 548-4911 or 9-1-1 to report those involved.

Date/Approximate Time Arrested	Location	Charge(s)	Subject(s) Arrested
July 29, 2021 / 11:15 p.m.	Park Vista Dr / Pennsylvania Ave	Reckless Driving	22-year-old Daniel Yedgarian of La Crescenta
July 30, 2021 / 3:30 p.m.	Thompson Ave / Glenoaks Blvd	Reckless Driving	24-year-old Vahe Misakyan of Granada Hills
August 11, 2021 / 9:00 p.m.	Glenoaks Blvd / Highland Ave	Illegal Speed Contest	20-year-old Samvel Zulfaryan of Granada Hills
August 11, 2021 / 9:00 p.m.	Glenoaks Blvd / Highland Ave	Illegal Speed Contest	Juvenile
August 13, 2021 / 6:30 p.m.	Ben Lomond Dr / Kenneth Rd	Reckless Driving	21-year-old Ara Krikor of Glendale
August 14, 2021 / 6:00 p.m.	Brand Blvd / Monterey Rd	Reckless Driving	19-year-old Karen Martirosyan of Glendale

Also arrested for reckless driving on 08/13/2020 and on 12/08/2020

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shot are rewarded with the option of coming on campus to learn and engage in person.”

GCC is planning to offer more than 200 in-person classes in the fall semester with more than 1,500 classes available online. The college also requires that anyone visiting District facilities wear a face covering while indoors whether vaccinated or not.

“As the voice of the entire student body, it is crucial to highlight that everyone’s safety is of utmost importance,” said ASGCC President Diana Morales who serves as the student representative on the board of trustees. “All students are welcome to attend GCC, but if you want to attend in person, you have to be fully vaccinated.”

Details of the vaccination policy are being worked out with that information expected to be released in the near future. Updates can be found on the GCC website glendale.edu. Unvaccinated students can make an appointment to begin the vaccination cycle by going to myturn.ca.gov.

EARLY RODDERS from Cover

Motorcycle Museum, it was America’s first four-cylinder motorcycle.

There is also a 1929 Indian motorcycle that regularly shows up at the Early Rodders gathering.

“I was here and a guy brought a farm tractor on a flatbed truck,” Kornarens recalled.

The tractor was an old Porsche.

The variety of cars, including very rare vehicles, is why many people make sure not to miss a Saturday gathering.

Dwight Sityar is in charge of publicity and event planning for the Early Rodders.

“[Early Rodders] has gone from six cars to more than 250 now,” Sityar said.

He has eight classic cars himself and his family has its own collection of cars.

Sityar was born and raised in the Philippines and that was where his love of cars began.

“We all had American cars,” he said.

Early Rodders is not only a group of car collectors and enthusiasts, it is also a group of people who are philanthropic. Throughout the year they will have car shows that benefit various organizations. In September, they will sponsor the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Hometown Country Fair and have about 50 vehicles on display. They also collect toys every year for LA County Fire Department’s Spark of Love holiday toy drive.

For 20 years the Early Rodders group has gathered at the UA parking lot, sharing their journeys from finding that special car to refurbishing others. They are hot rod, classic and exotic vehicle owners – some who are current owners, some are former owners and some are “one day” future owners. The love of these motor vehicles is what keeps many coming back.

“It’s the nostalgia [of the hot rods]. I grew up in the ’60s with fast cars ... cool cars,” Chew said.

For Sityar, it’s all about the sound.

“It’s the muscle [in muscle cars] when you fire it up and you hear the roar of the engine that [races] your heart,” he said.

Glendale Approves Multiple Affordable Housing Projects

On Aug. 10 the Glendale Housing Authority unanimously voted to execute a Letter of Loan Commitment and Lease Option with Linc Housing Corporation and National Community Renaissance (collectively, Linc Housing and National CORE) for the development of a 298,020 square foot, five-story, multi-family residential development containing 340 units.

The proposed project consists of the demolition of existing on-site structures and surface parking lot on the 2.8-acre site located at 515 Pioneer Dr. in Glendale, and construction of a new 100% affordable Density Bonus Housing project. All of the units within the proposed development, exclusive of

three manager units, are reserved for extremely low, very low and low income senior and small family households earning between 30% to 80% area median income.

Housing Authority Chair and Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian stated, “The creation of more affordable housing is at the top of our priority list and we are thrilled to partner with Linc Housing and National CORE to bring much-needed affordable housing to Glendale. We continue to expand our inventory to meet the housing needs of residents across the City and do our part in solving the state’s housing crisis.”

The Aug. 10 public hearing follows the Glendale Housing Authority’s approval of two

additional affordable projects. On May 4, the Housing Authority authorized a Letter of Loan Commitment and Lease Option with Meta Housing Corporation to develop a new construction, 127-unit affordable senior project at 900 E. Broadway called Citrus Crossing. In addition, the Glendale Housing Authority approved a Letter of Loan Commitment and Lease Option with Abode Communities for the historic preservation and adaptive reuse of the Harrower Lab campus at 912-920 E. Broadway, a 40-unit affordable housing project for seniors called Harrower Village.

“These projects will expand access and opportunities for families in our community,” said

Glendale Mayor Paula Devine. “We look forward to working with Linc Housing and National Core, as well as a range of other partners to continue addressing the housing crisis and preserve the city’s vibrancy.”

The Glendale Housing Authority’s authorization of the Letter of Loan Commitment and Lease Option with Linc Housing and National CORE, and the City Council’s approval of a Density Bonus and Inclusionary Housing Plan application and associated environmental review concludes a one-year planning process, which awarded three different, qualified developers the right to develop three distinct affordable housing projects, totaling 507 units.

SB 10 Passes Assembly Floor

By Justin HAGER

SB 10, one of a package of controversial bills designed to tackle California’s housing crisis, passed the assembly floor on Monday leaving just two steps remaining before the hotly contested bill becomes law.

SB 10 allows a local government to zone a parcel for up to 10 units of residential density if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area or an urban infill site. It also exempts local agencies from complying with CEQA for the approval of these projects as long as they adopt appropriate zoning ordinances, meaning they won’t be compelled to analyze the environmental impacts of their decisions.

Some portions of La Cañada Flintridge, Briggs Terrace and Alta Canyada are exempted from the

laws because they are classified as Very High Fire Severity Zones (VHFSZ). However, the VHFSZ designations were largely assigned years ago, before the Camp Fire, Thomas Fire and Woolsey Fire demonstrated that high-density residential communities are not immune to the destructive force of the new era of high-intensity wild fires. As a result, the vast majority of residential La Crescenta, Montrose, Sunland and Tujunga do not have VHFSZ designation.

The bill received just 44 votes on the assembly floor, just three more than the minimum required to pass. However, only 12 assemblymembers voted in opposition, with the remaining 23, or more than one-quarter of the entire state assembly, choosing to abstain. Those with no vote recorded included local Glendale/Burbank/La Crescenta/La Cañada

Assemblywoman Laura Friedman.

Despite the introduction of a similar bill, SB 902, in the previous legislative session, this was Friedman’s first opportunity to weigh in on the issue via a public vote as SB 902 was held in the appropriation suspense file and SB 10 was never directed through one of Friedman’s committees. Pasadena/Altadena Assemblyman Chris Holden, who was also voting for the first time on the issue, voted in favor of SB 10.

With the blessing of the assembly, SB 10 now just needs the blessing of the state senate and the indifference of Gov. Gavin Newsom to become law. A slightly amended version has already passed the senate once, with foothills senator Anthony Portantino in opposition. And given that Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins is a principal coauthor of the bill, it

will almost certainly pass again, even if redirected to a conference committee. Gov. Newsom’s actions are less certain and may largely depend upon how quickly the bill arrives on his desk. According to a poll by David Binder Research, as many as 75% of Californians oppose SB 10 with 46% of Californians saying they would view the governor less favorably if he supported or signed the bill. Normally, this type of poll result might mean little to a governor elected by the largest margin of any non-incumbent since 1930, but Newsom may feel compelled to veto the bill should it reach him prior to the Sept. 14 conclusion of his gubernatorial recall vote. If he doesn’t veto the bill it will automatically become law 12 days after it reaches his desk, regardless of whether or not he signs it.

FDA Approves Pfizer Vaccine

This week the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine, known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, will now be marketed as Comirnaty (ko-mir-na-tee) for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization

(EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency’s standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products. For all vaccines, the FDA evaluates data and information included in the manufacturer’s submission of a biologics license application (BLA). A BLA is a comprehensive document that is submitted to the agency providing very specific requirements. For Comirnaty, the BLA builds on the extensive data and information previously submitted that supported the EUA, such as preclinical and clinical data and information, as well as details

of the manufacturing process, vaccine testing results to ensure vaccine quality, and inspections of the sites where the vaccine is made.

The FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have monitoring systems in place to ensure that any safety concerns continue to be identified and evaluated in a timely manner.

ROCKHAVEN from Cover

sometimes archaic and often abusive treatment and care of those labeled as mentally ill. She knew there was a better way of dealing with these patients. She purchased a small rock cottage in an idyllic setting in an area then called Verdugo City on Honolulu Avenue. Shortly after she opened its doors, she had 24 “ladies” at her Rockhaven sanctuary. It soon expanded with more cottages added to the property.

“Agnes never called them patients,” Linkhorst said. “They were always referred to as ‘ladies.’”

Richards led Rockhaven until 1967 when she retired and turned the responsibilities over to her

granddaughter, Patricia Traviss, who ran the sanitarium with the same foundation of dignity and kindness. But running a sanitarium was an all-consuming business and in 2001 Traviss sold Rockhaven to a large medical corporation. Within five years the corporation found that the upkeep was too great and sold it to developers who had planned to demolish the historical site and build condos.

The community worked together to save Rockhaven and in 2008 the City of Glendale purchased the property for \$8 million, saving it from demolition. The City had planned to create a park and move the Montrose Library to the

location allowing Glendale Fire Station 29 to expand to where the library is presently. But then came the great recession and plans for expansion were stopped.

This is where it gets murky and frustrating and when Friends of Rockhaven became the organization whose mission was to protect this historical property.

The City wanted to develop Rockhaven while still keeping some of its integrity especially after it was listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places at the state level. Bids were requested by those who wanted to develop the property. Initially, Gangi Design LED Build won the

bid with strong support of Friends of Rockhaven. But then things got murky again. Negotiations were on again, off again, on again and then completely off. City planners then moved on to a boutique hotel developer, one who had lost the initial bid; however, that company also backed out.

In the meantime, the property continued to decay. Then in June, Senator Anthony Portantino let the City of Glendale and Friends of Rockhaven know that his request to preserve Rockhaven Sanitarium was approved. Under the Portantino proposal, the state will allocate \$8 million to the City *see ROCKHAVEN on page 9*

Plans for Permanent Parklets Move Forward with Jobs and Businesses on the Line

By Justin HAGER

Proposed plans to install permanent parklets for outdoor dining and socializing are moving forward with current temporary parklets expected to be removed in mid-October, just prior to the Montrose Shopping Park Association's Arts and Crafts Fair. New, smaller, permanent parklets will then be installed a few weeks later.

Part of the al fresco Glendale program, the parklets were first installed by the City of Glendale last summer as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The parklets occupied 30 parking spaces in Montrose and helped local restaurants by providing outdoor socializing and dining opportunities. However, the use of the parking spaces also made already limited parking for retail

stores even less available. So with the pandemic appearing to subside and vaccination rates climbing in the spring of 2021, the City began exploring whether to remove the parklets or whether to install more permanent structures that include additional amenities such as weather protection and better aesthetics than the concrete and plastic K-rails.

In May, City of Glendale officials surveyed residents and business owners to ask about their al fresco experiences and their thoughts of making the parklets a long-term feature. The survey received 1,145 respondents with 51% of those coming from La Crescenta and Montrose and 14%, or 160, of the responses from business owners.

Of the 160 business owners, only 32 were restaurants/restaurant owners.

With more than 75% of

business respondents being retail merchants, officials were surprised to find that more than 74% of business respondents, including more than half of all retail merchants, supported making the parklets a long-term fixture. They were joined by an overwhelming majority of 82% of residents who wanted to see the program extended. The results echoed similar findings in other regional cities, such as Pasadena

and Burbank, both of which have extended their parklet programs through the end of the year.

With overwhelming support for extending the program, Glendale City officials began to discuss the budget, timeline and design features for more permanent parklet installations. The temporary parklets were originally scheduled for removal just prior to Labor Day and the Montrose Shopping Park Association

Car Show. Outcry from local restaurateurs led the city to delay removal until October; however, the exact timeline has remained a point of conflict and discussion. The city originally proposed removing the temporary parklets at the end of October, putting them on the same timeline as Downtown Glendale. Restaurant owners have advocated for leaving the parklets in place through the conclusion

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of Glendale to renovate and preserve the historic property for the public to enjoy and appreciate.

And although this was great news after a long and winding path, Linkhorst shared with the Historical Society audience that she was not certain what this means.

"The City could take up to three years to decide whether to accept this [funding]," she said.

"The City is thankful to Senator Portantino for this opportunity, and we eagerly await receipt of funding and additional information regarding the parameters of this funding from the state. We are

awaiting this information before we bring the item forward for Council discussion," said Eliza Papazian, city spokeswoman.

Linkhorst encouraged the community to email or mail Glendale City Councilmembers asking them to accept the funding and restore Rockhaven. Email addresses can be found at glendaleca.gov. The postal address is City of Glendale, [address to the attention of councilmember] 613 E. Broadway, Glendale, California 91206.

More information on Rockhaven can be found at www.friendsofrockhaven.org.



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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Pioneer Memories: Wynn Norton and Mrs. Seright

For the past few weeks I've been quoting a 1938 newspaper article that recounted the memories of the earliest residents of La Crescenta and La Cañada. These eyewitness accounts of what life was like here are fascinating. I quote from the article, but I've inserted my own comments in brackets [].

I've got two different people here; the first up is realtor Wynn Norton:

"I recall Foothill Boulevard when it was known as Michigan Avenue." [The original name of Foothill was indeed Michigan Avenue. When Lanterman and Williams first purchased the entire valley, they laid out a line right down the center, which quickly became the main road, and named it Michigan Avenue for their home state of Michigan. It was renamed Foothill in 1930.]

"I recall Michigan Avenue when it had the appearance of a country lane. Foothill Boulevard, when completed, will extend from San Bernardino to San Francisco, Oakland and the bay

district. [Not exactly sure what he means here, but I'm assuming he's referring to the fact that in 1935, Foothill was deemed State Highway 118. It provided a connection between Route 66 in Pasadena and Highway 101 in Oxnard, which of course took travelers to San Francisco. Highway 118 became the Ronald Reagan Freeway into Simi Valley.]

"I recall Foothill Boulevard in the La Cañada and Flintridge area when the majority of its business houses were vacant and in need of repair. Today the buildings are all rented and there are a number of large organizations making inquiries for site upon which to build. [Although we think of La Cañada as a wealthy neighborhood, it was not always that way. La Cañada was, up until the 1940s, a rural community. Flintridge, developed in the 1920s, was wealthy but it was isolated from La Cañada.]

"I recall the dedication of the road extending across to Palmdale and the

desert. Within a very short time this will be a reality enabling the citizens of Los Angeles County to visit the desert on a beautiful scenic highway and at a saving of many miles from the present road. [Angeles Crest Highway was dedicated and begun in 1929. Soon after, the "Palmdale Cutoff" or Angeles Forest Highway began construction and reached Palmdale in 1941. Angeles Crest Highway was not completed until 1956.]

"I recall when it was deemed dangerous to drive to Mt. Wilson. Now it is a mere after-dinner jaunt. In fact, people think nothing of driving up and taking their guests to Mt. Wilson or Opid's Resort camp for their evening dinner." [Mt. Wilson, besides its famous telescopes, also had a very nice hotel where one could have dinner. Opid's Camp, one of early San Gabriel Mountains resorts, also offered dinner. It was down in a canyon below the backside of Mt. Wilson.]

In 1938, we were just coming out of the Great Depression. Norton's view was that great things are about to happen. You better buy into the community now, as this community will soon be prosperous. Wynn Norton talks like a realtor, because he was one.

Next is the memory of an early La Cañada resident, Mrs. Wilbur Seright. She seemed shocked on her arrival in 1912 by the wildness of the place and, although she starts out calling the place beautiful, her memories take a darker turn:

"La Cañada Valley as seen through the eyes of a bride from the middle-west 26 years ago was beautiful. Its unfamiliar palm and olive trees, orange groves and vineyards added much to the scenery. Foothill Boulevard was just opened and it was some time before another street was paved. So dusty in dry weather and slippery in wet. Too many rattlers, kangaroo rats, gophers, ground squirrels, lizards

and horned toads. Too much wind and too low temperatures before the first year passed. The sunshine so bright and the darkness so black. No streetlights. [Although Mrs. Seright seems put off by the harshness of her new home, she had good things to say about the people.]

"The people so friendly, with friendships made, then continuing throughout the years."

That's still true of our community.



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

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

We Must Extend FireGuard to Help Save Lives and Property

California's annual fire season is upon us, and we're already seeing a level of devastation and destruction unlike anything our state has faced before.

For the past few weeks, Californians have watched in horror as the Dixie Fire exploded into the single-largest wildfire in Golden State history. It's just one of more than 6,000 wildfires this year that have burned more than half a million acres, damaged or destroyed 400 structures and put thousands of residents under mandatory evacuation orders. And while wildfires have long been part of life in California, experts are warning that this level of activity is well-above average for this early in the season.

For residents of Los Angeles County's foothills, these harrowing statistics and stories evoke a familiar sense of dread. Thursday will mark 12 years since the Station Fire ignited and spread rapidly through our community,

claiming 90 homes and the lives of two heroic firefighters battling to control the blaze. It was then the largest wildfire the county has ever seen, and we all fear a destructive repeat.

Wildfires are only going to grow larger and more dangerous. It is the harsh reality of the climate crisis. Hotter and drier summers fuel the environment needed for wildfires to be unpredictable and devastating. To protect our communities long-term, we need to drastically combat the climate crisis by reducing emissions, investing in sustainable technologies, creating green jobs that power innovation and stopping bad corporate actors from polluting and degrading our environment.

That is something I am intensely focused on in Congress. But as we work to secure transformative investments to mitigate and reverse the worst impacts of climate change, I know we also need immediate solutions to keep our residents safe.

Fighting wildfires often involves multiple actors across federal, state, and local jurisdictions, and the federal government has unique tools and capabilities that are invaluable to these efforts – especially given it controls almost 60% of forests in the state. And now more than ever, we need to do everything we can to bring these tools and capabilities to bear.

That's why last week I led an effort by 31 of my colleagues, including Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, to call on the U.S. Dept. of Defense to immediately extend its FireGuard program – a critical resource for state and local firefighters on the front lines of these blazes. You may not have heard of this program, but it provides near real-time information and satellite imagery on suspected wildfires, helping to save lives and property.

If the DOD does not extend the program by Sept. 30, states will not be able to access this critical

information and will be required to use their own resources and budgets, which are already battered by the COVID-19 pandemic. That deadline is even more important as it falls squarely in the middle of our fire season.

Ending FireGuard in the middle of the season would be devastating to state and local firefighting efforts and costly to vulnerable communities, especially considering the devastation we're already seeing here in California. And with fire seasons only growing longer and more dangerous, all amid another record drought, it's clear we need federal mitigation efforts to be expanded – not ended.

By extending the FireGuard program and bringing transformative federal infrastructure investment to communities like the foothills, we can undoubtedly save homes, property and lives.

In California and other western states, firefighters, the National Guard and additional

organizations need our support. They put themselves in harm's way to fight wildfires and protect our communities and I view it as an obligation to do everything in my power to provide those on the front lines with the resources, tools and technology they need to keep our communities safe. Extending FireGuard is one of the most effective ways to do that.

And just maybe we'll all be able to rest a little easier when the Santa Ana winds pick up.



Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) represents California's 28th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clean It Up, Montrose!

On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 14, my husband and I decided to take a stroll through Montrose and stop for a bite to eat. We had a very pleasant meal at Pepe's (we had the best service, the food was very good) and people watching; it's always fun for us.

We ate al fresco style and really enjoyed being outside; we're so appreciative this experience is here. However, walking around Montrose was disturbing. The streets of Montrose have become so dirty; that's not us, it doesn't represent our community.

The sidewalks are filthy with spillage of any and everything; they look like they haven't been maintained in years or swept in weeks. It was also really sad to see volumes of trash in the planters and curbs. I drove down Honolulu the following morning; it was still disappointing and dirty.

A lot of energy and resources are spent to clean up Montrose spic- &-span for Oktoberfest and the Christmas Parade. Do we only clean house when we're having company?

This is our place, our little town to be proud of! Stop failing us and do your job. Whatever entity is responsible for cleanliness is failing us. Is it the City of Glendale or Montrose Shopping Park Association?

With all the marketing money spent to bring business to the MSP, figure it out ... clean up first!

Kim Mattersteig
La Crescenta

Willing to Give Up a Double-Double Combo

CVWD's recently published Prop 218 notice and online rate calculator predicts my water bill will increase by \$8.50/month this year if approved. \$8.50/month isn't going to break me, but it would buy me another double-double combo at In-N-Out. So why

am I still supporting this budget and its three-year rate increase?

- It supports a long-term capital improvement plan to replace La Crescenta's aging water mains, reservoirs and wells, ensuring reliable delivery of water to our homes, businesses, and fire hydrants.
- It helps avoid the public safety hazards and additional costs resulting from failed old water pipes, like the one on Pennsylvania Avenue just before school started a couple years ago that cost almost three times more to repair than if replaced before failing.
- It reflects the meteoric rise in wastewater treatment costs CVWD pays LADWP, which increased 60% in the last two years.
- It provides funding for automated metering and feasibility studies of local stormwater capture and

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GUEST OP » GUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome Back for an Exciting New School Year!

As we embark on this new school year and return to in-person learning, we remain relentlessly committed to our Board of Education priorities to provide a rigorous and culturally relevant and responsive education for all children, support our students' social emotional growth, protect the health and safety of our students and employees, and foster a positive and inclusive culture of learning at each of our schools.

This year, we are specifically focused on four key areas:

Academic acceleration – Students receive instruction aligned to grade level standards and additional support to ensure they understand underlying concepts in order to master new learning. Opportunities for one-

on-one tutoring and personalized support are available for students at every grade level. Our middle and high schools are implementing a block schedule to allow deeper engagement in the content and more opportunities for teachers to target specific student needs.

Health and safety – Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have implemented robust health and safety measures across our district. We continuously update and refine our operations as new state and county public health guidance becomes available. We are pleased to partner with our local healthcare providers to offer opportunities for vaccination, and we continue to utilize strict protocols for testing, quarantine, isolation, contact tracing, notification, and testing in the

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YOUTH

Local Students Received Kiwanis Scholarships



Alex Yeghikian



Alexander James



Andrew Kim



Cadie Carlson



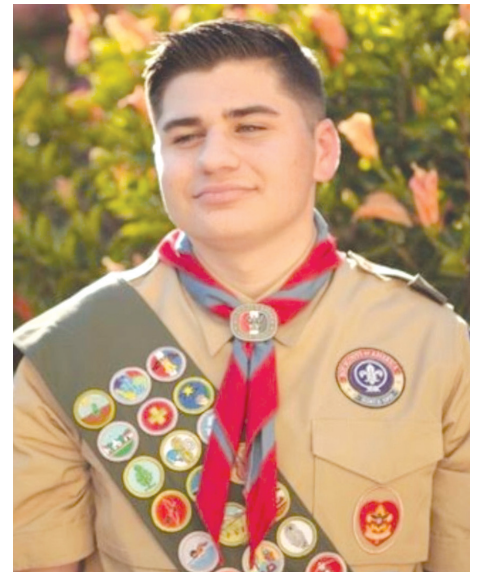
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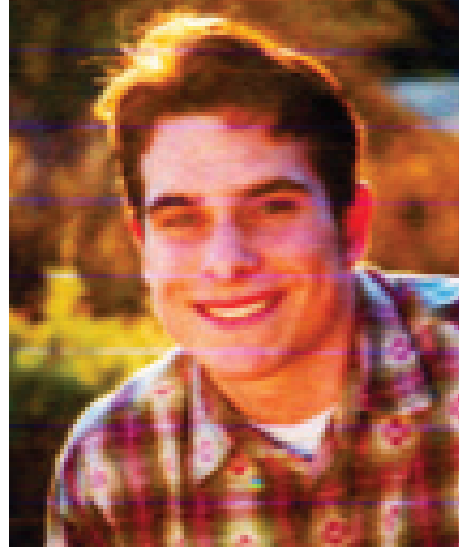
During the summer the La Cañada/La Crescenta-AM Chapter of Kiwanis awarded \$9,750 in scholarships to youth in the area. The 11 scholarship recipients and their families were invited to a morning June Kiwanis Zoom meeting. After they were introduced they each shared their plans for the future.

Scholarship funds were delivered to each of the recipients' schools that were then distributed to the seniors.

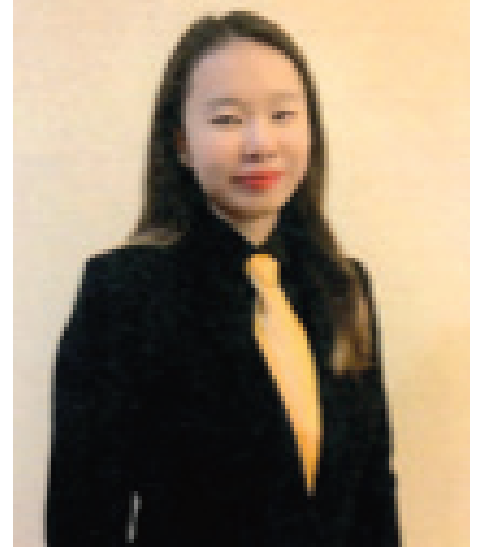
The La Cañada/La Crescenta-AM Chapter of Kiwanis Scholarship Committee is composed of Christy Crahan, Elaine Harada, Laura Rivera and John Ryan. In addition, lawn signs and personalized



Kimberly Blood



Marriott Alden



Rachel Kwon

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MUSIC TO YOUR MOUTH

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation. Come in to the Chipotle at 895 Foothill Blvd Ste A in La Canada Flintridge on Tuesday, August 31st between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation.

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SPORTS

CVHS Varsity Girls' Volleyball Earns First Win of the Season

By Justin HAGER

The Crescenta Valley High School varsity girls' volleyball team entered Monday night's match against Taft with a chip on their shoulder. After two heartbreaking losses last week, including a nail biting five-set loss to Agoura on Thursday that went late into the night, these Falcons were ready to win. More fuel was added to the mix in the form of friendly competitiveness after their sisters from the freshman/sophomore team took home first place at the annual Burbank freshman/sophomore tournament over the weekend.

CV started hot on Monday, taking the first two sets 25-22 and 25-13, making a win seem all but inevitable. But Taft rallied in the third set, narrowly defeating the Falcons 25-23. In set No. 4 there was outstanding defense on both sides of the court, including a textbook double block by the Falcon front line senior duo of McKenna Keil and Ashley Lineses, which kept the two teams neck-and-neck through the first 36 points (18:18). That's when CVHS senior libero Sofia Morris stepped up to serve.

With a powerful serve from Morris, an outstanding defensive block by senior



Zara Ayazi, a perfect kill shot from junior Naya Tatoulian, and a little help from a suddenly-error-prone Taft team, the Falcons' lead was extended, eventually going up 24-17 - just one point shy of victory. Taft forced a side-out and reclaimed the serve, but a second kill shot from Tatoulian secured the match for CV.

After the game, Coach Matt Simons said that getting the first win of the season would "be a big confidence boost for the girls."

"It's difficult when you play well and don't see results," he said. However, the two-time Pacific League Coach of the Year was also emphatic in expressing that, win or lose, "being able to be on the



court after the past year is good for our spirit and our psyche."

The Falcons varsity girls' volleyball team will have its own opportunity to win the Burbank varsity tournament this weekend, then next play at home on Wednesday, Sept. 1 against Granada Hills.

Photo courtesy of Bret MARNELL
TOP LEFT: CVHS girls' volleyball team celebrates victory.

Photo by Justin HAGER
TOP RIGHT: CV player makes a dive to save the play.

Photo courtesy of Bret MARNELL
RIGHT: McKenna Keil makes a kill shot against Taft.



GCC and YMCA Partnership Builds Stronger Athletes and Communities

By Justin HAGER

In March 2020, Vince Iuculano, the CEO of YMCA of the Foothills, reached out to his friend Christopher Cicuto, the associate dean of Athletics at Glendale Community College (GCC) with a straightforward opportunity.

"Our Verdugo Hills Family YMCA was going through a small

capital improvement project," explained Iuculano, "adding 900 square feet of fitness space, along with a complete replacement of all cardio and strength equipment. I reached out to Chris to see if the GCC Athletic Dept. would be interested in the Y donating all of our gently-used equipment."

GCC was happy to be the recipient of the 25 cardio

machines (treadmills, ellipticals and stair mills) and 14 strength equipment machines; after all, the men played baseball together at GCC back in 1996-97, were both assistant coaches for the 2001 and 2002 Western States Conference Championship runs. Plus, the two organizations had a long history of working together to support youth in the foothills communities.

"We had to jump on the opportunity," explained Cicuto. "The equipment in our fitness center was in great shape but over 20 years old. The donated fitness equipment is ergonomically sound and up-to-date, which allows for our students to strength train in a more efficient manner."

At the time, neither man knew that what seemed like a simple gift of equipment would turn into an active partnership that would help both organizations weather the COVID pandemic.

Just days after their conversation about the fitness equipment, the uncertainty and rapid spread of COVID-19 caused the California Community College Athletic Association to cancel all sports throughout the state and began a string of delays in the completion of GCC's \$23 million Verdugo gym renovation project. So when the GCC administration approved a slow return of athletics in May 2021 and Cicuto realized the gym would not be completed



Photos courtesy of Vince IUCULANO
ABOVE: A young girl at the YMCA watches the GCC women's volleyball team practice

BELOW: Chris Cicuto and Vince Iuculano



on time, he once again called upon his friend Vince Iuculano. And this summer, GCC and the YMCA entered into a facility use agreement to allow the GCC women's volleyball and basketball teams and the men's basketball

team use of the Verdugo Hills Family YMCA, connecting the college to the community in a way that might only have existed in the two men's minds before the

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Local Kiwanis Club Members Honored

Each year, Kiwanis International holds a district governor's official visit for Division 3 representing Kiwanis Clubs from throughout the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. A highlight of the visit is a ceremony to recognize exemplary volunteer service to the Kiwanis and the community. Recently, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada was recognized with 2020-221 Distinguished Service Awards going to Dennis Fors, Trish McRae and Alice Perez. Held in Glendale, CAL-NEV-HA 2020-21 District Governor Gary Gray officiated over the event and was joined by Lt. Gov. Tina Tabora-Lim, with 2001-02 Past Lt. Gov. Pat Liddell serving as master of ceremonies.

Stepping back to last year's district governor's official visit, the following Kiwanis Club of La Cañada members received 2019-20 awards but, due to the pandemic, were not acknowledged to the community-at-large: Diane Della Valle and Fred Schooley were both lauded with Distinguished Service Awards, and Nancy Leininger was honored with the Youth Service Award.

Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Dennis Fors was presented with his award by fellow Kiwanian Mary Gant who recounted his leadership skills. Fors had stepped up in 2019 as interim president; then the COVID-19 lockdown hit, prohibiting in-person meetings. Fors went into action, orchestrating Zoom meetings and inaugurating the new community service, membership and fundraising task force groups. Under Fors' tutelage, the club outreached to convalescent nursing homes, supplying residents with much-appreciated



games and supplies. The Club also co-sponsored the newly created First Annual LCF Trails Game, where participants of all ages hit the trails for health and well-being. New social outlets, following LA county health guidelines, were also launched to engage members in hiking, cooking, golf and reading, setting the stage for a more robust Club geared to enhancing the members' experience.

Trish McRae, Kiwanis Club of LC vice president of programs, was hailed for ramping up the Club's website and using social media and videos to showcase the Club and promote the weekly guest speakers. A board member since 2018, McRae has served on various committees utilizing her marketing, advertising, design and event planning skills. McRae is also actively involved in other clubs and is kicking off her second term as the La Cañada Junior Women's Club president. She also serves on the board of directors for the Community Scholarship Foundation of La Cañada, Inc., and the La Cañada Flintridge Trails Council and is a

La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association ambassador among other groups.

Alice Perez joined the Kiwanis board of directors in 2019, and serves as publicity chair. Perez found her niche of giving back by writing articles for the local newspapers and magazines, and by using photography to showcase such programs such as the Kiwanis Terrific Kids, the Literacy Program, the Wine and Food Tasting events and most recently the LCF Trails Game co-sponsored by the Kiwanis and LCF Trails Council. Currently, Perez is serving as the La Cañada Junior Women's Club treasurer and is also their public relations coordinator. Among her other activities, she is a La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association Ambassador and is a Community Scholarship Foundation of La Cañada, Inc. scholarship liaison.

Fred Schooley joined the La Cañada Kiwanis Club in 2005 and has provided outstanding service thru the years, having



served as club president in 2014-15. Since that time, Schooley has set the pace for donors and was honored by the Club by having the endowment fund, renamed to the Moulton-Schooley Fund. The Fund provides vital resources to help support a wide spectrum of the Kiwanis community efforts, including a variety of youth programs. Through Schooley's enthusiasm and dedication, he has inspired other Club members to also generously donate to the Fund, whose goal is to propel local youth to their next level of achievement.

Diane Della Valle, a Kiwanis member since 2002, served as president in 2007-08, and continues to lend her vast leadership skills. Della Valle served as the past chair of the Kiwanis Club of LC's International Understanding Committee where she championed the successful multi-year effort to exceed the Project Eliminate whose goal is to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide thru preventative vaccinations. An enthusiastic member of the

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Kiwanis Club of La Cañada

LEFT: Fellow Kiwanian Mary Gant (left) presents Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Dennis Fors with the 2020-21 Distinguished Service Award, joined by Kiwanis CAL-NEV-HA 2020-21 officers Lt. Gov. Tina Tabora-Lim and District Gov. Gary Gray.

RIGHT: Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Dennis Fors presents Alice Perez and Trish McRae with the 2020-21 Distinguished Service Awards, presided by Kiwanis CAL-NEV-HA 2020-21 officers Lt. Gov. Tina Tabora-Lim and District Gov. Gary Gray.

Kiwanis, she continually steps up to further the Club's mission to improve the world – one child and one community at a time. Among her civic activities, she is a La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association Ambassador.

Nancy Leininger continues to use her invaluable decades-long experience as a former elementary school teacher by inspiring a multitude of children to raise their educational sights. Leininger has masterfully headed up the Club's signature TERRIFIC Kids program held three times each school year, working with all the sixth grade teachers in the La Cañada Unified School District to identify students who are deserving of special recognition for their positive impact in the classroom. The children are then presented awards in school assemblies and are hosted with their proud parents at a Kiwanis luncheon. Leininger looks forward to continuing her role as an advocate for children by encouraging youth through positivity.

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 that features the "Guest Speaker of the Week" program. To receive a private invitation to attend, email lacnadakiwanis@gmail.com. Also check out the website at lacnadakiwanis.org.

Submitted by
Kiwanis Club of La Cañada

Veterans Corner August 2021

VA Adds Presumptive Conditions Related to Particulate Matter Exposure

BLAKE HYFIELD

The new presumptive conditions are asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis. To be eligible for benefits, you must have gotten one of these conditions within 10 years of your separation from active service. This will expand benefits for Veterans who served in:

- Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War, from Sept. 19, 2001 to the present or
- The Southwest Asia theater of operations from Aug. 2, 1990 to the present

If you have a pending claim for one or more of these conditions, you don't need to do anything. VA will send you a decision notice when it completes its review.

"Airborne hazard" refers to any sort of contaminant or potentially toxic substance that we are exposed to through the air we breathe. While on active duty, military service members may have been exposed to a variety of airborne hazards including:

- The smoke and fumes from open burn pits
- Sand, dust and particulate matter
- General air pollution common in certain countries

- Fuel, aircraft exhaust and other mechanical fumes
- Smoke from oil well fires

Depending on a variety of factors, you may experience health effects related to this exposure. Factors that may indicate you have a greater or lesser risk of short or long-term health effects such as: types of waste burned; proximity, amount of time, and frequency of exposure; wind direction and other weather-related factors; presence of other airborne or environmental hazards in the area. Waste products commonly disposed of in open burn pits such as: chemicals, paint, medical and human waste; metal and aluminum cans; munitions and unexploded ordnance; petroleum and lubricant products; plastics, rubber, wood, and food waste.

Exposure to smoke created by burning these materials may cause irritation and burning of eyes or throat, coughing, breathing difficulties, skin itching or rashes. Many of these conditions are temporary and resolve on their own when the exposure ends. However, if you were closer to burn pit smoke or were exposed for longer periods of time, you may be at greater risk for longer-term health

conditions. Other longer-term health issues may be caused by a combination of hazardous exposures, injuries or illnesses you may have experienced during your military service including blast or noise injuries.

VA health care is also available for free to combat veterans for five years after separation to help ensure continuity of care for health issues related to their military service. If you are enrolled in VA care, you can contact your facility's environmental health coordinator for more information and resources.

Veterans can also file a claim for compensation and benefits. If you participate in the *Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR)*, you may save and submit a copy of your registry questionnaire to support your claim. Through the claims process, VA evaluates veterans' individual exposures, circumstances of service and needs.

This article taken in large part from the latest news provided by the *Veterans of Foreign Wars* magazine.

Blake Hyfield is the post service officer for the local VFW and American Legion posts. He can be reached at bhpegleg@yahoo.com.

Community Center Welcomes Back Seniors



As fall approaches, the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is embracing back-to-school season not only with youth classes, but new adult and senior programs, too. After this past year of social isolation, Executive Director Ethan Stern is excited to safely welcome adults, and especially seniors, back to the Community Center with programs such as functional

strength training, bridge, yoga, Pilates and ballroom dancing.

“After such a tough year, we strive to create a safe environment for seniors to return to social events!” said Stern.

The Center’s online catalog is open for fall registration at www.CCLCF.org or by calling (818) 790-4353.

PET OF THE WEEK

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!



CV Weekly On The Move!!



The Kugler family took CV Weekly along on one of the family’s favorite road trip stops: the Shields Date Gardens in Indio. Son Lucian is shown with a copy of their favorite newspaper!

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

People Making News

Bucknell University has released the dean’s list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean’s list recognition.

Andrew Kim, class of 2023, from La Cañada Flintridge has achieved dean’s list status for spring 2021.

Located in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Bucknell University is a highly selective private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along

with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates. Graduate programs are available in select disciplines. Students benefit from a small student-faculty ratio of 9:1, personal attention from faculty, leadership opportunities, and excellent graduation rates and career outcomes.

Tessa Coffey, a senior student studying art, Runa M. Maeda, a junior studying speech communication and Marcelino E. Martinez, a senior studying kinesiology, have made the scholastic honor roll for spring 2021 at Oregon State University.

A total of 7,255 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Oregon State is one of only two universities in the nation designated as a land, sea, space and sun grant. More than 31,000 students come from across the globe, and Oregon State programs operate in every Oregon county.

Jane A Gallegos, who attends the College of Arts & Sciences, and Sean P Metz, who attends the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University, both from La Cañada, were among 4,700 Baylor University students named to the dean’s academic honor list for the spring 2021 semester.

The dean’s academic honor list recognizes Baylor undergraduates for their outstanding academic work during each semester. Students honored on the dean’s list earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a “C” while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

Glendale resident Gabriella Sofia Lopez, earned her BBA in marketing at Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business.

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Utilizing Values When Contemplating Care for Older Adults in Transition

Aging in place is a goal for most of us: “...I’m leaving this house feet first!” This makes sense given how our lives build upon many decisions along the journey, including where we live and how we carry out our daily routine. When quality of life begins to diminish and safety risks loom larger and larger, generally a change or transition is not far behind.

As a gerontological social worker, my goal is to see that the change is not brought on by a physical or economic crisis such as a fall or financial exploitation. In my experience these transitions are sensitive and complex, with best practices calling for a person-centered approach that involves understanding the wishes and functional abilities of the older adult who will be impacted.

I recently consulted with two different older persons in their ninth decade; both are single and without children. Concerned family members from out of state and out of the country respectively were

planning visits to better assess the situation and learn about options for the changes ahead. We refer to them as long-distance caregivers.

I shared with them core values, applied when addressing the needs of older adults, that can be useful guideposts and:

1. Strive to offer the least restrictive appropriate alternatives;
2. Marshall services to support aging in place whenever possible;
3. Center decisions to the greatest extent possible around client preferences and expressed needs;
4. Draw from a repertoire of available interventions to create an individualized care plan;
5. Support valued informal caregivers;
6. Enhance inter-professional communication, clinically integrating medical, social and legal

Using these values, the Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) has been able to align with these families and provide individualized recommendations,

incorporating what we know of the older adults’ preferences and financial resources.

In addition to lifted spirits and social engagement, these visits allowed for the observation of functional abilities and to learn about their relative’s preferences for their own journey ahead.

One of these older persons has expressed her desire to stay in her local community where she has given of her time and resources, so I was able to provide the family with names and numbers of nearby residential care facilities to explore. The other individual is receiving some assistance through LA County’s In Home Supportive Services program and I have suggested they request reassessment to increase hours under the Protective Supervision category. The CRCA will stay in touch with these families as their journeys unfold.

CRCA is hosting two Zoom sessions in September. On Sept. 21 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. our Navigating

Dementia Series in collaboration with Alzheimer’s Los Angeles will feature a state resource, California Phones, about their free adapted technology.

And on Sept. 24 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Conversations with CRCA invites Naomi Karp, a consulting research scholar of the Stanford Center on Longevity. She will be sharing a new resource on how to protect ourselves from financial problems such as fraud. Please register by calling (818) 949-4033, or emailing Adria.Navarro@med.usc.edu.



TRAVEL & LEISURE

Awaken the Spirits Kicks Off Halloween Season



By Charly SHELTON

After missing out on almost all the traditional Halloween activities last year due to the pandemic, I am jonesing for some fog juice. It seems that absence really does make the heart grow fonder because when Midsummer Scream, the end-of-summer convention to kick off haunt season for fans and hunters alike, was canceled last year it left a vacuum where Halloween spirit should have been. But that potential energy from last year was combined with a fresh wave of excitement that was unleashed when Midsummer Scream

presented Awaken the Spirits, a convention held in Pasadena this past weekend. This smaller version of the quintessential haunt convention featured panels from some of the largest haunted house producers in the LA – namely Universal Studios Hollywood, Six Flags, Queen Mary’s Dark Harbor and Knott’s Berry Farm – who were excited to announce the remainder of their slate of coming attractions for this year’s return to haunting.

But beyond that it was just a wonderful experience to be with a room full of adults who were giddy as children to let their spooky side out after missing a Halloween

season. We’ve all been through some real scary times, so having these make-believe scares seems almost cathartic. Not surprising, demon doctors and haunted hospitals were scarce as I think they hit too close to home right now and many haunters shied away from that theme. But seeing the creepy scarecrows, the 20-foot tall Stay Puft Marshmallow Man from “Ghostbusters,” and even a very miniature teaser walkthrough haunt for an upcoming Halloween Horror Nights maze at Universal Studios Hollywood brought back those old feelings of haunt-related-terror-fun.

And the fog juice. Nothing sets the mood

like that wholly unique smell of fog juice coming from a fog machine. That’s what gets me ready for Halloween. Thanks to the con for Awakening the Spirit of the season within me.

Photos courtesy of Charly SHELTON

TOP LEFT: ‘Fog juice,’ a staple in Halloween decorating, surrounds writer Charly and Sabrina Shelton, with their son Donny, at the Awaken the Spirits convention.

TOP RIGHT: A shopper looks over the vast display of masks.

LEFT: Though much of the hospital and demon doctor gear was held back, there were still some medical outfits available.

ABOVE: Grandpa and grandson look over the offerings at Awaken the Spirits.

THEN & NOW I

Montrose Live Theater Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » Who knew?! Montrose once had a live theater venue, The Little Rep Theater, located in the alley behind the stores on the north side of the 2200 block of Honolulu Avenue. It was in a square brick structure, probably a storage area for one of the stores. The show in 1959, when this photo was taken, was “Champagne Complex,” a comedy play that’s still performed on Broadway today.



Now » At some point the brick storeroom that hosted The Little Rep Theater was demolished, which opened up the back entrances to several stores seen in this photo. Montrose boosters today wish we still had a permanent venue for live theater, which would be a perfect match for the many restaurants Honolulu Avenue hosts.

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The purpose of these artwork opportunities is to create world-class public

artwork in a diverse range of mediums designed to engage the community, showcase the City's cultural diversity and enhance various civic and public spaces. Interested artists and artist teams are encouraged to review the opportunities and consider how their practice relates to this projects conceptual and visual demands and how their art practice might address the stated project goals. When applying to the request for quotes, artists and artist teams may apply for one or multiple opportunities they feel they can develop strong concepts and visions.

Visit www.glendaleartsandculture.org for more information. The deadline to submit an

application is Sept. 24 at 5 p.m.

The mission of the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission is to enrich the human experience, reinforce Glendale's identity and civic pride through arts and culture, and to recognize the importance of arts to our quality of life and to the local economy. This is accomplished by consciously integrating arts and culture into the daily life of the people of Glendale through urban design, planning, economic development, and education. For more information about the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission see the website: <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/>

Brand Library Announces Summer Concert Plaza Series

The 2021 Brand Library Plaza Series will consist of five outdoor concerts, which will take place at Brand Library from Aug. 13 through Sept. 24. These concerts are free and are on Friday evenings at 7 p.m., and will feature music groups from Southern California and beyond. Seating is not provided; visitors are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and picnic on the grassy hillsides in Brand Park. Performances run approximately 60 - 90 minutes without intermission. The concerts are sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks, and the Brand

Associates.
Aug. 27 – The Leftover Cuties This noir-pop quartet blends timeless songwriting with an eclectic edge. Combining alluring female vocals, ukulele, upright bass, horns, keys, accordion, brushed drums and playful noisemakers, this band has a unique sound to call their own. The Leftover Cuties are Shirli McAllen, Austin Nicholens, Mike Bolger and Stuart Johnson.
Sept. 3 – Son Rios This multicultural Salsa band was formed and based in Glendale. They have performed at various venues throughout Southern California with their take on Salsa classics.
Sept. 17 – The ROAMies Rory Partin and Alexa James

marry hooky melodies, soulful harmonies, eclectic instrumentation in a pop-meets-country, Americana sound.
Sept. 24 – Reckless Night Ensemble Their performances blend multiple genres inspired by the music of Raymond Scott, a composer, inventor, pianist, engineer and electronic music pioneer of 1930s & 1940s swing and jazz. In addition, RNE performs the songs of Lalo Guerrero, the father of Chicano music who combined swing, Latin, rhythm & blues and rancheras into a style that is truly Mexican-American. Vocals by Lalo's son Mark Guerrero, himself an acclaimed East LA music figure.

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The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club is in need of a program chair for virtual and in-person educational programs for the group. This is a voluntary position.

Programs are offered to the public free of charge. When held in person, meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at the La Crescenta Library, located at 2809 Foothill Blvd.

The program chair comes up with ideas that are relevant to the community and that create both awareness of and increased engagement with outdoor recreational activities. Candidates should be familiar with using Zoom for simple meeting hosting. Additional technology skills with using a projector would also be helpful. Programs should be geared

in age to a diverse audience, promote conservation issues and efforts, safe enjoyment of the great outdoors, or feature wonderful places to visit.

If interested, contact Pat Kramer, secretary, at pat@writerpatkramer.com.

CVIM DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER

The Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation is having a dine-out fundraiser on Tuesday, Aug. 31 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Chipotle, 895 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. See the flyer at www.cvweekly.com/JUSTFORFUN for details.

BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold the first meeting of the 2021-22 season on Sept. 2 at the Little White

Church at 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Member Robin Gemmill, a master gardener, former nurse, and a current City of Burbank Sustainability Commissioner, will give a presentation on vegetable gardening. Her talk comes at an ideal time as gardeners begin to switch to winter plants. The techniques applied in winter gardens can be applied again when moving to summer vegetables.

The meeting is open to everyone; masks are required and, in the event that indoor gatherings are prohibited, the meeting would take place via Zoom.

Those with questions about the meeting can contact Anne White at the (818) 434-3616 or via e-mail at aewhitehouse18@gmail.com.

The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

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

SQUARE DANCING CLASSES

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

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

LITTLE LANDERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS 'NEON - A LIGHT HISTORY'

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

After more than a decade of research

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

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

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 clsof74reunion@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.

ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com August 23, 2021 - August 29, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

This might be a good time to pamper yourself and get some alternative treatments to relax and soothe you. If you've been thinking about a facial or deep massage to ease tired muscles, go ahead and book it. Sometimes you can be too hard on yourself and forget that you need loving, too. A new form of exercise might appeal to you. Check it out.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Be extra careful if you're doing any projects at home. You might be tempted to take a risk and suffer a slight accident as a result. If you're working on plumbing or electrical wiring, make sure you know what you're doing. If not, call in the experts. Apart from this, your health looks good. Keep up the hard work. You're doing great!

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Don't give up on your health. It isn't an issue at this time, but with a focus on your career zone, you need to look after yourself. Don't burn the candle at both ends. Drink lots of fresh water and try not to consume too much alcohol or caffeine. You have a tendency to live on your nerves, which may cause tension headaches. Be good to yourself!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Don't get too stressed when things don't go your way. There's a chance that you might feel off due to a cold. Don't try to do too much. If you can relax, you may well avoid any problems altogether. You're gradually beginning to feel yourself lighten up. If you feel tense, slow down and stay safe.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Think about taking supplements more regularly. You may be prone to picking up a cold or other infection, especially from your partner. Try zinc, vitamin C, or echinacea to keep problems at bay. You sometimes have a haphazard approach to staying well. Develop regular health habits so you can reap the rewards in the future.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your health doesn't seem to be a major priority now, but don't ignore it. You may have an erratic approach to staying well. Some days you're very eager and other days not so much. Try and stay at a steady pace. Don't overburden yourself with things you have to do. Just persevere with simple routines. Make a point of consciously relaxing.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

This time is perfect for making a fresh start. This might be the opportunity you've been waiting for, so start a new eating program and make it one that you enjoy. Begin to exercise daily doing something that's fun and helps you get fit. You might enjoy finding a buddy so you can give each other moral support. Take your health seriously and you'll reap the rewards.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You feel very motivated regarding your health. You're willing to pay any amount to get well. You'll leave no stone unturned in your quest for optimum health or a resolution to any condition you may have. You want to be fit and perform well at all levels. Just don't overdo it and damage your muscles. Warm up first. It will help you avoid setbacks.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Progress is now possible. The cosmos is helping you clear out blockages and toxins that prevent your energy from flowing as harmoniously as it should. If you're just starting a new exercise plan, begin slowly and give your body a chance to adjust so you won't damage your muscles. Old symptoms could reappear. It's time to get rid of them for good.

♈ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This is the perfect time to reach a new level of wellness. Your energy is high this week, and there's nothing keeping you from enjoying life. You might feel more eager to exercise than usual. The cosmos is encouraging you to see what you can do, especially when it comes to competition. You could inspire others.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You're still in the process of changing your beliefs about your well-being and about how fit you can be. Sometimes you feel unenthusiastic about exercise and health issues. This is the time to find balance and revitalize your desire to exercise and achieve good health. Use your imagination to help make this happen.

♊ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You're being encouraged to take more interest in your fitness. This is the time to get any information you need from reliable sources. There may be a problem with the quality of information you access if you aren't careful. For your own peace of mind, check it thoroughly. Aligning spirituality with health will also be effective and bring peace of mind. Try meditation.

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ACROSS

- 1) Letter shaped like a horseshoe
- 6) Sizable
- 11) Opposite of gross
- 14) Electrical unit
- 15) Passover month
- 16) Kind of moron?
- 17) About to appear
- 19) Headstone letters
- 20) German poet Heinrich
- 21) King's place
- 23) Trumpeter Herb
- 26) Moored
- 27) Word before "in sickness and in health"
- 28) Performed wrongly
- 29) Neither here ___ there
- 30) "Natural" starter
- 32) Odist's Muse
- 35) Tolkien forest creatures
- 37) Arranges by kind
- 39) Slide sideways
- 40) Your house, e.g.
- 42) Palette pigment
- 44) Yoko of music fame
- 45) How much folklore is passed on
- 47) With a sharper taste
- 49) Court rule enforcer
- 51) Sneaker bottoms
- 52) Trig function
- 53) Mill output
- 55) Nest egg component
- 56) Worthless
- 61) Fifth of a scale
- 62) Brother in a hood?
- 63) Arctic inhabitant
- 64) Right-angled extension
- 65) Musical "repeat" sign
- 66) ___-weeny

DOWN

- 1) On vacation
- 2) Long March leader
- 3) Goof
- 4) Amass
- 5) Sticks like glue
- 6) In a little while, to Shakespeare
- 7) Wordless entertainer
- 8) Tire-pressure abbr.
- 9) Knights' weapons
- 10) Fencer's warning
- 11) A U.S. state
- 12) Napoleon was one
- 13) Did a word processing chore
- 18) Like oranges and lemons
- 22) Mixes batter
- 23) Sleeping problem
- 24) Fish-eating diving birds
- 25) Stops for ships
- 26) Annually celebrated event
- 28) Compassionate treatment
- 31) English Channel borough
- 33) Like a fork
- 34) They're sniffed at
- 36) Ecological stages
- 38) Living room piece
- 41) Export-import duties
- 43) Cheese dish
- 46) Poe's maiden
- 48) Put new shelf paper down
- 49) Paycheck booster
- 50) Flynn of old Hollywood
- 53) Musial or Laurel
- 54) "Comin' ___ the Rye"
- 57) Semi, e.g.
- 58) Really regret
- 59) Loud noise
- 60) Sloppy home?

PLENTY OF DINNER SCRAPS

By Carl Cranby



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who receive scholarships include financial need, school activities and community service. This year, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Johnson and fellow Kiwanians started a scholarship exclusively for those attending the community colleges - \$750 for one person. The remaining \$9,000 was distributed to 10 graduates attending four-year colleges/

universities. This year's recipients were (from Crescenta Valley High School): Kimberly Blood, Cadie Carlson, Connor Harvey, Alexander James, Andrew Alan Kim, Rachel Kwon, Alden Marriott, Ella Tamny and Henry Taylor; from Verdugo Hills High School, Daniel Torres Pomares and Alex Yeghikian.

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CVTC from page 5 One lever the Council does have is to at least make sure its voice is heard and recorded for posterity. In fact, their official purpose "is to listen

to, address, and communicate residents' needs, ideas, and concerns to the appropriate public agencies, City, County and State." To this end, they

voted unanimously to send a letter to the state of California in support of insulating 6,000 miles of power lines in the Angeles Forest as part of fire

mitigation measures to protect vulnerable communities. The letter is in response to a decision by the state that would require Southern California Edison to

dedicate a large portion of project funding to renewable energy production such as solar and wind, thus depleting the budget for insulating lines against fire.

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Frank Colcord
 La Crescenta

Crazy Driver Leaves Her Scratching her Head

Driving west on the 210 this morning around 11:45, a white Acura blazed its path going well in excess of (my guess is) 100 mph in the far left lane. Whoosh – it blew past and right behind it was a CHP vehicle. Yay, I thought: finally one of these people who seem to think that speed limits are not for them is going to be stopped!

The CHP vehicle chased the car, pulled to the right of it and, as the car slowed down, the CHP vehicle continued on.

What? HUNH? WTH? Did they know each other?

No wonder people drive as they please if there are no consequences to bad driving or speeding!

Tracy E. Collins
 La Crescenta

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pandemic. Until the GCC project is completed, the YMCA is housing practices and is providing access for those athletes to use their newly remodeled fitness space.

Both men expressed hope that the partnership will not end simply by donating equipment and sharing space.

“Both of our institutions provide opportunities to all of our community members to grow academically, socially, physically and spiritually. Vince and I have been collaborating on a partnership in potential employment through our Job Placement Center,” Cicuto said. “In addition, I hope to host kinesiology courses at the YMCA locations to complement the fitness programs already offered. Vince and I have also been brainstorming on fundraising events for unique populations such as veterans, student athletes, and at-risk students.”

Added Iuculano, “The hope is that together GCC and the Y can continue to fill gaps in service to our shared community, help address the health equity crisis we are confronted with, and to continually enrich the lives of all people who come into contact with our two organizations.”

PARKLETS from page 9

of the MSPA Arts & Crafts Fair while MSPA officials requested the parklets be removed in mid-October, opening the space for vendors and food trucks at the Arts & Crafts Fair.

Complicating the decision, conflict has arisen as restaurateurs have claimed that the MSPA has prioritized the vendors and food trucks that make money for the MSPA over the interests of the local restaurants and businesses that the MSPA is supposed to represent.

Cristal Arguelles, owner of the Thee Elbow Room, cited a specific example from 2019 when an Auntie Anne’s Pretzel Truck was parked directly outside of her business, which specializes in giant pretzels. When asked about the truck via email, MSPA Business Administrator and Events Coordinator Dale Dawson noted that the Auntie Anne’s food truck would not be returning in 2021 but did not apologize for the direct competition or offer any assurances against future competitors.

When asked about those concerns and the issue of the parklets in general, Gigi Garcia, the vice president of the Montrose Shopping Park Association, explained that the MSPA represents 180 businesses and must balance the needs of all of them to help them all thrive. Andre Ordubegian, the president of the Montrose

Shopping Park Association, has not responded to repeated requests for comment from the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Despite the ongoing interpersonal conflicts, the MSPA has created a task force and, according to Bradley Calvert, Glendale assistant director of Community Development, plans are moving forward to remove the temporary parklets in mid-October with new, smaller, but permanent structures put in place over the next two-to-three weeks following the Arts & Crafts Fair. He anticipates that each new structure will occupy only two parking spaces, cutting the number of total spaces occupied in Montrose significantly. He said that the prototype designs would be presented to the Glendale City Council in late September or early October. The success and efficiency of the project moving forward may have implications beyond just the parklets themselves. Restaurateurs say they will likely need to lay off staff during the construction of the new permanent parklets – a major concern since their industry, like others, has been hit hard due to COVID-19.

Elections for the Montrose Shopping Park Association board of directors occur in the fall of odd numbered years.

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