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## Plans Requested for Rockhaven Property

By Julie BUTCHER

At the end of Tuesday's meeting of the Glendale City Council, two houses were added to the city's historic register of Glendale homes: the first, called the Webber House, is at 268 W. Kenneth Road and was built in 1950. The small, open, mid-century home is an intact work by noted architect A. Quincy Jones, a "structurally expressive modern form," city staff told the council. The second is a Craftsman home at 1300 N. Maryland built in 1908 called the Tatum House.

Early in the meeting the council authorized spending \$45,000 for a comprehensive "life-cycle" analysis comparing natural versus artificial turf. Both the city's sustainability and community service and parks commissions voted against the use of artificial turf.

"As everybody knows, I don't like to spend money on anything – unless it's absolutely necessary," Councilmember Vrej Agajanian said about the expenditure. Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian wanted to move forward with renovations at Fremont Park while the analysis is conducted.

"It could have been started while the parks were closed," noted Councilmember Kassakhian.

Regarding Rockhaven, Councilmember Kassakhian asked for a report on plans for the property; staff advised council it is working with State Senator Anthony Portantino's staff and will have an update ready in the "next few weeks."

Finally, the council heard a detailed report on the state of the city's community forest from the city's urban

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## Car Show Brings Fun-Fueled Day to Verdugo Park

By Bethany BROWN

The Rotary Club of Glendale-Noon will host its 4th Annual Cars for Cops & Kids car show on Sunday, Sept. 26 at Verdugo Park, 1621 Cañada Blvd. in Glendale. Hundreds of classic, exotic and hot rod cars will make their way onto the grass to find their place under the cool shade of the sycamore trees.

Attendance to the one-day event is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided by Verdugo Woodlands Dads' Club and available for purchase from 11:30 a.m. until close. Options from which to choose include Big Mama and Papa's pizza or salad, Rounds' premium burgers and ice-cold beer.

"We typically have a good portion of the city come down," Event Chairman Edwin Voskanian said. "Last time we held the event (in 2019) the park was packed and that's the intention this time around – for people to come out and go to a safe, outdoor event that lifts the spirits."

The Rotary Club of Glendale is a non-profit organization valuing service over self with a core mission to raise funds to support those in need.

Voskanian emphasized the organization's focus on raising money through the event for at-risk youth of the community, specifically targeting mental health because of the cur-



Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Glendale-Noon. The 4th Annual Cars for Cops & Kids car show is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26 at Verdugo Park and will exhibit classic, exotic and hot rod cars. Admission is free.

rent attention and concern surrounding it, especially given the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've raised approximately \$100,000 so far in the past three years we've [held] it," Voskanian said. "Let's keep going and do everything we can to help."

All proceeds benefit At-Risk Youth through the Glendale Police Foundation and Glendale Unified School District Healthy Families.

"It is going to be a great event with a cause," Foundation Chairwoman Elizabeth Manasserian said. "If you love to help and support the youth of our community, have fun at the same time and see your neighbors, then this is the perfect opportunity for you to come join."

Guests will be entertained by checking out some of the best cars in LA, participating in

see CAR SHOW on page 15

## Election Protocols Questioned at CVTC Meeting

By Justin HAGER

Following a calm and professional presentation and public comment period at the monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, in which numerous community members offered comments and questions on the issue of street improvements and bulb-outs on La Crescenta Avenue, the meeting turned to the issue of the makeup of the council itself – and things became a little heated.

Councilmember Chris Kilpatrick unveiled plans for the upcoming December elections, including the candidate application submission deadline of Nov. 10, 2021 and candidate application fee, which the Elections Committee proposed to raise from \$40 to \$150 in order to raise money for the council. CVTC revenues all but dried up during the pandemic.

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File photo. Discussion was held regarding the ongoing Council representation by Councilmember Sophal Ear, seen at a former Council meeting (left) with President Harry Leon (middle) and former vice president Michael Claessens, at the recent town council meeting.

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# Spotlight on Tireless Volunteers

Let's face it: much has been asked of all of us these past 18 or so months. Wearing masks, practicing quarantine, being told the vaccinated don't have to wear a mask then being told that we do are all examples of the many instructions and rules we've been given.

While many of us have had it and don't have the energy to give anything more, there is a loyal group of volunteers who don't mind giving whatever is needed ... and getting soaked in the process.

These are the volunteers with Life Rolls On - They Will Surf Again, a nonprofit that was started by world champion surfer Jesse Billauer, who suffered a traumatic injury when surfing in 1996. Jesse loved surfing and figured a way to not only continue surfing as a quadriplegic but to offer others the chance to hit the waves too. On Saturday morning, I headed to Santa Monica to cheer on members of my family, as well as family friends, who were volunteering in this awe-inspiring event.

Whether helping adaptive surfers onto a specially made wheelchair to get them to the waiting surfboard, loading them onto the board, carrying them into the water or working the waves in the shallow, mid-water or deep water sections, these volunteers are entirely focused on "their" surfer. Their goal is to make sure the surfers, some of whom are really young, feel safe and secure as they ride the breakers onto shore. Volunteers on shore not only keep their eyes on the riders but also alert the water volunteers of time limits or other things on the shore that they need to be aware of. The purple team, which all of our family and friends work on, has about 40 people on it - and there are several teams that work at LRO.

There are three LRO events per year - in

La Jolla, Huntington Beach and Santa Monica - and typically you'll see the same volunteers at all three events.

Saturday's surf was challenging and early on it was evident that hoping for a good-sized wave was not going to be a problem; however, it meant more work for the volunteers. I know my family members were exhausted when they made it home later in the day.

But of course I wasn't home when my family arrived back from LRO on Saturday. Saturday was also the CV Chamber's Hometown Country Fair and in the late morning I left Santa Monica to make my way to Crescenta Valley Park. CV Weekly shared an information booth at the fair with Prom Plus so we had plenty of traffic from folks who stopped by to learn more about Prom Plus or to commend or offer story suggestions to the CVW staff.

I've attended every fair since the beginning (over 15 years ago) and, in my opinion, this one was the best attended. Parking was at a premium (I parked on a side street off Honolulu) and the park itself was full with people and kids and dogs - after all, the fair had something for everyone! Merchants had a variety of items for sale and there was a wide assortment of food trucks with yummy fair food plus live entertainment - what a great way to spend the day.

Thanks to the CV Chamber of Commerce and its hard-working volunteers for pulling it all together.

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# Weather in the Foothills

"And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened."

~ Raquel Franco, American poet

Autumn is the transition season that leads us from the hot, bright sunny months of summer into the colder days and dark nights of winter. This year may the forces of nature bless us with an adequate measure of rainfall. Contrary to popular belief of folks who grew up "where the seasons really change," Southern California really does have a fall season. It may be shorter, more condensed and less intense but it's the real deal.

Yesterday, Sept. 22, Druids and Pagans gathered at Stonehenge, England early to watch the sun rise above the stone monoliths. On this day, once a year, the sun shines directly over the equator marking the first day of autumn. For many of us, the most obvious attestation of autumn is the fewer sunlit hours during the day. Ask a dog what this means and their usually excited bark may switch to something resembling a feral grumble (not quite a growl). Such behavior is based on a sad fact: there is less time for the evening dog walk due to the impending darkness.

Bill Patzert, climate scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, backs up JPL summation, adding, "We've had long, lazy dog days of summer here since June. Slowly those days start shrinking, shortening. And now we're in this steep decline."

Another sign of autumn, Patzert said, "Our founding fathers here in Southern California imported a lot of inappropriate landscaping, a lot of non-native trees, so in some neighborhoods we actually do have fall."

No doubt he is referring to the iconic colors of fall foliage as leaves transform from their typical green.

Nostalgic for "a look of home," some folks when they move to SoCal bring along a variety of plants, from rose cuttings to tree seedlings. One of the most recognizable is the Liquidambar.

Originating in eastern and southeastern U.S., Liquidambar has assimilated nicely and established themselves as one of the most popular street, yard and park trees in the west. Turning bright red, deep maroon and orange-red beginning in the fall and lasting well into winter, splotches of color dapple the foothills. Japanese maple, Ginkgos, aspens, oaks and even grape leaves are to be included. The list goes on with plants attesting to the fact that California has a "fall season" or at least a "fall foliage season."

After a few hot days, temperatures are predicted to return to normal by the weekend. Next week's forecast is rather up-in-the-air ... for now. In the mix is an outside chance for real precipitation. It can be said, "Fall weather is in the air."

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**CVCA MEETING**

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, Sept. 23 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 [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

**FOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY**

CVHS robotics team will host a drive-through food drive on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crescenta Valley High School parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell and Community avenues. Non-perishable food items are being collected that will 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 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 bring those as donations as well. All donations will help care for those in need in the local community.

**SETTLERS OF THE ROSEMONT PRESERVE TOUR WITH FRANK COLCORD**

The community is invited to learn about the early settlers of the Crescenta Valley and the impact they had on the Rosemont Preserve. The tour is on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 – 11 a.m. and will be led by Friends of Rosemont committee member Frank Colcord. He will lead participants on a walk through the Rosemont Preserve and reveal what made this area so attractive to settlers.

In order to make sure everyone is able to hear and practice safe distancing, the size of this tour will be limited. Those who would like to attend should RSVP to [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages. 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 who have mobility issues that require a closer parking spot need to contact the Friends of Rosemont committee. Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

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

**CV TOWN COUNCIL STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

The next virtual meeting of the CV Town Council Streets & Transportation Committee is Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Agenda items include updates on pedestrian improvements and pavement resurfacing on La Crescenta Avenue and updates on the grant application for stormwater capture drywells and bioswales project in addition to information on a planned soundwall, “Compete Streets LA County” master plan, Measure M funding and more. To see the entire agenda, visit [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS).

To access the Zoom meeting, dial (877) 853-5257; meeting ID: 956 9812 8070 and password: 750226.

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## Ready to Help



Amoret Kauffman, left, familiar in the GUSD, and Jamie Given have recently opened a local office to provide group therapy.

By Mary O’KEEFE

The pandemic has been emotionally stressful for just about everyone. With the fear of getting COVID-19 to isolating, there has been a lot to deal with.

Amoret Kauffman and Jamie Given, both licensed marriage and family therapists, know all too well the struggles that those in the community have faced, not only due to the pandemic but before COVID, too.

The two have taken their expertise locally, moving their individual practices to 2626 Foothill Blvd., Ste. 208 and have become “suite mates.” Both have been involved in the community for a long time and know the needs of local residents, which include providing a place to have group therapy.

It is very difficult in the area to find a location with group seating, Kauffman said.

It can be a challenge just to find a therapist who is taking on new clients. Group therapy is an option that potential clients can consider. Given and Kauffman explained that some people may be nervous to join a group session but want people to know they offer a safe space with confidentiality assured. There are some advantages to participating in group therapy including finding others with similar concerns and getting support from those who have gone through difficult events. It also is less expensive than individual therapy.

Kauffman is well known to parents in the Glendale Unified School District in Crescenta Valley. She began and led the pre-COVID Coffee with the Principal morning chats with parents and the principal of Rosemont Middle School. During these meetings parents would share their concerns about their children and Kauffman would offer advice and guidance.

Given is seeing a mix of adolescents and adults in her practice but concentrates most of her time on children and teenagers.

“[Kids] may not even know what to feel,” Given said. “What I see with [the] teenagers is a huge distance between parents and teenagers.”

She added that during virtual learning some students did well and others really struggled. Some parents questioned their child if their grades slipped.

“[Some] think [virtual school] should

be easier when really it is harder, there is not that social component, and there is so much more distraction being on virtual,” Given said.

There is also an increase in cyber-bullying. According to Light, an organization that tracks online harassment, there has been a 70% increase in cyber-bullying since virtual learning began.

“I see a mix of adults, tweens and teens,” Kauffman said.

After years of training and working with families, Kauffman has found the best way to help children is to focus on the parents.

“It has really become clear to me the best way to help a child, whether they are 5, 10 or 15 [years old], is to support their parents because children can only thrive if their parents are doing well,” she said. “I can talk to a kid about their anxiety but it’s the parents’ actions on a day-to-day basis that will actually teach that child coping skills.”

Studies have shown that working with parents is very helpful when their children are coping with important conditions like ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder), which

is addressed not only with medications and therapy like other disorders but with educating and working with parents’ planned management.

“For ADHD the gold standard first and foremost for children and parents [is] management training, teaching the parents how the teenage brain works and how to support their child’s efforts in growing effective, functioning skills,” she said.

Kauffman added the emotional component of ADHD, like big emotional swings, is not often talked about but is important to include in the conversation with parents.

The bottom line according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is it is as important to take care of mental health as it is physical or dental health. And it is important to continue that care.

For more information, contact either Jaimie Given at (818) 446-7488, [info@givenguidance.com](mailto:info@givenguidance.com) or visit the website at [givenguidance.com](http://givenguidance.com) or contact Amoret Kaufman, MS, LMFT at (818) 651-6161, [support@amoretcounseling.com](mailto:support@amoretcounseling.com) or at the website [www.amoretcounseling.com](http://www.amoretcounseling.com).

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**Grief Recovery Seminar**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Hintzoglou is leading a six-week seminar on coping with grief. The series began on Sept. 15 and is held Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at Community Life Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

It is free and open to all.

Anyone with questions can call (818) 249-5832.

**This Week at LCIF**

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center. On Sunday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. guest Pastor Deborah Andersen will lead worship with a message titled "Claiming the Name of Jesus." 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.

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**Fall Kickoff Events at La Crescenta Presbyterian**

On Sunday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the community is invited to give the gift of life at a Red Cross Blood Drive on the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church campus. Every donation of blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries.

For more information on any of these events and service opportunities, contact the church at (818) 249-6137. La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

**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.

**24-Hour Prayer Event**

Lift Up Crescenta Valley is holding its 24-hour prayer event on

Thursday, Nov. 4 at 6 a.m. to Nov. 5 at 6 a.m. (note new date). It will be held at

St. Luke's Anglican Church, 2416 Montrose Ave. in Montrose.

There will be sign-ups online, but its not yet ready so anyone who wants to participate can commit by emailing Lift Up Crescenta Valley and names will be added manually until the online sign-up sheet is ready.

The theme this year is the Unity of the Church and the land Scripture reference is Ephesians 2:13-16.

Moderators are also needed. Moderators need to commit to a minimum of one hour and Lift Up Crescenta Valley will provide a simple guide outlining what to do. The first column of the sign-up sheet is for the moderators only.

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

Anyone who has a fever or cold or flu or a temperature or a cough should stay home.

**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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# Shots Fired Incident Update

On Sunday, Sept. 19 at about 2 p.m., Glendale Police Dept. officers responded to a business in the 1800 block of West Glenoaks Boulevard regarding multiple reports of shots fired at the location. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male to the front of the location who had suffered from at least one gunshot wound and had been stabbed. Officers performed life-saving measures and the

male was transported to a local hospital where he underwent surgery and is expected to survive his injuries.

A second adult male who was involved in the confrontation had initially fled the scene but was quickly identified and located by GPD officers. This second male had also sustained an injury from the confrontation and is currently being treated at a hospital in Los Angeles.

No other individuals sustained injuries at the location, and it does not appear that there are any outstanding suspects at this time.

Detectives are actively investigating what led up to the shooting and stabbing; there is information indicating the suspect and victim knew each other.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

# LA County Adds New COVID Restrictions as California has Lowest Infection Rate in the Country

By Justin HAGER

Los Angeles County is doubling down on COVID prevention efforts as a growing body of evidence shows that strong prevention measures, like those implemented in California, are highly effective at preventing the spread of the virus.

Under the new order, customers and employees of all indoor bars, wineries, breweries, nightclubs and lounges will be required to show proof of receiving at least one dose the vaccine by Oct. 7 and be fully vaccinated by Nov. 4. Furthermore, outdoor sporting and entertainment event attendees, such as those attending Dodgers, Rams, or Chargers games or outdoor concerts or music festivals, will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. These requirements are in addition to the contentious July order requiring all people over the age of 2 to wear masks at all indoor public spaces when not eating or drinking.

The new orders come amidst a growing body of evidence that vaccines, masks, and other

prevention efforts are highly effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant. After a week of flirting with the bottom spot, California now officially has the lowest new-case rate of any state in the country and is seeing new infections at a rate that is only 25% of the hardest-hit states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But Public Health director Barbara Ferrer warned that it's still too soon to declare victory.

"We can't afford to be complacent with an average of 2,000 new cases and dozens of deaths each day," she said. "In order to be better prepared for the fall and winter, typically seasons when many viruses thrive, we need to immediately reduce COVID transmission."

Officials also remain concerned about persistent disparities in vaccine rates in communities with different socio-economic statuses and the urban-rural divide in vaccine rates. Data from the California Dept. of Public Health shows that in communities where median household incomes exceed \$100,000, such as La Cañada,

Sparr Heights and Altadena, vaccination rates are between 70% and 90%. Meanwhile, low-income communities in the same region whose average household income is less than \$50,000, such as Adams Square, have persistent vaccination rates of below 55%.

The money-to-vaccine correlation is a national trend that is so strong that it caught the attention of Money Magazine last month. It found that "of the 20 states with the highest median household incomes – we're including Washington, D.C., in this mix – 16 are also in the top 20 for vaccination rates. On the flip side, 14 out of the 20 states with the lowest median household incomes have vaccination rates in the bottom 20 nationally."

In the Money article, Dr. Julia Raifman, an assistant professor of health law, policy and management at Boston University's School of Public Health, explained, "It's hard to find the time or even figure out if you want to get the vaccine when you're worried about food on the table or a roof over your head."

# Residents Weigh in on Verdugo Wash Vision

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently a meeting was held with Whiting Woods Property Owners, Inc. (WWPO) and the City of Glendale assistant director of Community Development Bradley Calvert regarding the Verdugo Wash Vision.

Whiting Woods residents initiated the meeting after they discovered, via social media, that a survey was available concerning the resurrected Verdugo Wash Vision.

The Verdugo Wash is a tributary of the Los Angeles River and is located within the City of Glendale with origins in the Crescenta Valley and follows the base of the Verdugo Mountains then turns southwest through the City. The purpose of the Verdugo Wash Vision survey is to: advance

a vision of the Verdugo Wash as a pedestrian- and cyclist-oriented linear park/nature trail, develop a unifying design strategy that reaches beyond the defined Verdugo Wash to connect people, places and culture in other corners of the city along its path, envision a new, bold and innovative landmark statement for a significant piece of infrastructure within the City and aspire to achieve the kind of place-making and identity seen in landmark features such as the Atlanta BeltLine, the Chicago River Walk, the San Antonio River Walk, (Cherry Creek) Denver, the Underline (Miami), Railroad Park (Birmingham, Alabama) and the Indianapolis Culture Trail, according to the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the City of Glendale on Aug. 10, 2020.

Steve Moser, WWPO co-vice

president, hosted the meeting and reached out to 175 homes in the nearby area.

"We had a very strong attendance," Moser said.

About 85 people attended the meeting, some residents from Whiting Woods as well as from nearby Mountain Oaks and Oakmont Woods.

He added that the majority of those in attendance and 100% of those who spoke were very concerned about the possibility of a bike/hiking path going directly behind their homes.

"The concern for the most part was security," Moser said.

But there were other issues voiced including noise levels from those using the path, environmental concerns because so many oak trees are along the sides of the wash and where

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*Obituary*  
**Jackie Jean Stembridge**



May 31, 1933 – Sept. 5, 2021

Jackie Stembridge passed away late in the day on Sunday, Sept. 5 after a long and difficult battle with Alzheimer's, comforted by the loving care of her family in Walnut Creek, California.

Jackie was born in El Paso, Texas and raised by her delightfully spunky Mississippi-born mother Hattie Gressett Berry. Jackie graduated from Austin High School where she

caught the eye of a handsome cave explorer and budding rocket scientist, Charles H. Stembridge, who was a couple of years ahead of her in school.

She married Charles at the young age of 19 shortly after graduating. They honeymooned at the Grand Canyon, which included a voyage to the base of the canyon on mule-back. The sights were amazing – but so were the bruises from the saddles, a story that was told with great laughter by the two of them for the rest of their lives!

The young family moved to La Crescenta in 1958 as Charles pursued work with the budding space program at Jet Propulsion Lab and found a great place to raise their two sons Charles, Jr. and John. Their life in La Crescenta was briefly interrupted by a two-year foray back in Texas – Lubbock, home of Texas Tech – where Charles completed his doctorate before they returned to La Crescenta for good.

Even though Jackie's life was centered in La Crescenta, she urged the family to search out new places, and summers were always for touring. They explored beaches from Southern California to Oregon, the red rock canyons of Bryce and Zion, and a memorable seven-

week expedition in Europe where they purchased a VW camper from the factory in Germany, journeyed through the continent and then crossed the English Channel by ferry to explore England and Scotland.

Jackie was a great mother, providing love and freedom in equal parts for her two boys as they grew up knowing they could stay home and read books or stay out all day climbing Pickens Canyon's Chain Falls. She raised them to be good cooks, inquiring scholars and eager travelers.

As her boys grew old enough to be independent, she became determined to go to college. Jackie pursued that by first taking some art and literature classes at Glendale College, enjoying the new world she'd entered and, with much hard work, earned her Master of Arts degree in English at California State University, Los Angeles. With that, Jackie became a professor at Glendale Community College, teaching English as a second language for the next 20 years. She had great success, building wonderful relationships with her students and fellow teachers, and also began to write poetry and short stories for her own enjoyment.

Her husband Charles passed away in 1985, leaving a big hole

in her heart, but her teaching career gave some solace to her as she continued to work until 2002 when she retired. Jackie was able to spend the time left to her by enjoying her family, gardening, traveling to Japan, Canada, Europe and Australia, as well as continuing to write and share her poetry at local readings.

She loved her grandchildren Brooke, Carrie and Bryn. She took her two granddaughters on a memorable trip to Montreal where she introduced them to fine dining (escargot!), shared with all of them her love of great literature and stylish clothes, and snuck in a bit of feminist ideals along the way.

She is survived by her son Charles H. Stembridge, Jr. and daughter-in-law Julie of Walnut Creek; her son John R. Stembridge of Ann Arbor, Michigan; granddaughter Brooke M. Hageman and husband Jeremy of Longmont, Colorado; granddaughter Carrie M. Calonico and husband Kyle of San Ramon, California; grandson Bryn C. Stembridge of Wausau, Wisconsin; and great-grandsons Conley and Isaac.

Jackie was an inspiration to her family and she will be greatly missed.

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*Obituary*  
**Geoffrey Minturn Taylor**



Aug. 30, 2021

It saddens us to report that Geoffrey Minturn Taylor passed away on Aug. 30. He had been battling heart disease and did not survive open-heart surgery. Those who knew Geoff knew him as a brother, husband, cousin, uncle, great-uncle and friend. He had many sides to his personality.

Geoff grew up in Glendale and La Crescenta, graduating from Crescenta Valley High School and the Otis Art Institute. He served two tours in Viet Nam as a Navy SeaBee. Geoff's art accomplishments were in sculpture, and print-making. He was married for over 53 years to Jill Prescott Taylor. Together they enjoyed horseback riding, settling in the Rancho section of Burbank with horses in their own backyard barn.

Geoff was a creative artist and art teacher, photographer and journeyman carpenter. He will be remembered by many as a consummate deep sea fisherman, providing great fish for family and friends.

Geoffrey is survived by his wife Jill Taylor, sister Dr. Lorraine Taylor Sterman, Dr. M. Barry Sterman, Paul Bradley Sterman, Dr. Lisa Sterman and Caroline Sterman, their children, and many others. Any services will be private.

*Obituary*  
**Vincent Dundee Jr.**



March 2, 1931 - Sept. 2, 2021

Vince Dundee Jr., visionary restaurateur, businessman and first mayor of La Crescenta and La Cañada passed away earlier this month at the age of 90.

Dundee is best known for owning and operating several themed restaurants and liquor stores in the Crescenta Valley foothills and Glendale during the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s, including the Scotch Mist Restaurant, Kona Kai Inn, Guv'nors English Pub, Sherlock's Disco & Christophers Restaurant. He also ran his famous Vincent Dundee Continental Catering Co. that catered hundreds of events and weddings throughout

Southern California.

Dundee went to Hoover High School in Glendale and graduated from USC in 1953 where he met his wonderful wife, Rita. He served in the Air Force as 1st lieutenant and returned back to the Crescenta Valley and opened his first restaurant, The Scotch Mist, on Foothill Boulevard. He continued with the Kona Kai Inn directly across the street with many other remodels and changes throughout the years. He was well known throughout the area over the next 50 years for hosting parties and special events and helping service clubs and charities in the area.

He will be missed by many for his kindness and generosity and wifful stories of life and times of the La Crescenta/La Cañada/Glendale areas.

Vincent is survived by his wife of 68 years Rita; his four children: Vince III, Scott, Erin and Mark Dundee; his three daughters-in-law: Judy, Maureen and Caroline; and grandchildren: Amanda, Christian, Claire, Lauren and Gracie Dundee.

Funeral services and a celebration of life memorial are planned for Saturday, Oct. 2 at St. Bede's Church in La Cañada.

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# Victim of Motorcycle Accident Thanks Good Samaritans

By Mary O'KEEFE

A motorcycle versus car traffic collision occurred on Friday, Sept. 17 at about 6:12 p.m. at the intersection of Honolulu and La Crescenta avenues. The impact was so intense that pieces of the motorcycle were thrown several feet away. The driver of the motorcycle is looking for anyone who may have been a witness to this accident.

Darwin Lau suffered a broken humerus, several bruises and possible nerve damage in his hand due to the intensity of the accident – but he feels lucky.

“I had top-of-the-line gear,” he said.

He credits his racing helmet and the protective gear for his spine, arms and legs with saving his life.

He was traveling eastbound on Honolulu Avenue when he was struck by a vehicle traveling northbound on La Crescenta

Avenue. His motorcycle, according to the Glendale police report, then hit another vehicle that was traveling westbound on Honolulu Avenue through the intersection. A piece of the motorcycle then flew through a window of a business on the northeast side of the intersection. In addition to Lau's injuries, others involved in the accident reported having only minor injuries.

The fault of the accident is undetermined.

Lau said that several good Samaritans stopped to help him.

“I want to thank everyone [who] stopped to help me,” he said, adding he has been riding motorcycles for a long time and is well aware of the dangers of the road. He said he says a prayer every day before he gets on his motorcycle.

Lau asked that anyone who may have witnessed the accident to contact him at (747) 215-0613.

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exactly the path would be; for example, along which side of the wash or in the wash itself.

“We didn't get a tremendous amount of answers,” Moser said.

“This was our initial touch point,” Calvert said. “We don't have any design behind this.”

And perhaps that “initial touch point” was the basis for the residents' real concern.

“This is not the first time we have heard of the Verdugo Wash Vision,” Moser said.

Exploration of the Verdugo Wash Vision was held in 2014 but put to rest, according to Moser.

“In 2014 it didn't actually get off the ground,” Calvert said.

This is why Moser was surprised to learn of the Verdugo Wash Vision survey on social media. Neither he nor the residents who attended the meeting had heard of the survey.

Calvert explained the survey has had many respondents and the entire point of the meeting with the Whiting Woods residents was to have this initial discussion. He added that many of the respondents on the survey were from Whiting Woods and most were in favor of the project moving forward.

Moser admits there are some in the area who are in favor of the project but he questions the way the survey has organized

the neighborhoods, citing specific examples.

“Crescenta Highlands is included in the area below Foothill Boulevard,” Moser said.

Crescenta Highlands is above Foothill.

“Whiting Woods is ‘isolated’ but Mountain Oaks is not,” Moser added.

Those who were at the meeting also were very concerned about safety and who would patrol the area.

“If you look at various projects [like this] across the country, some have local police, some have hired private security,” Calvert said. “It is way too early [in the process] to answer that question.”

He reiterated that all of the issues that were brought up at the Whiting Woods meeting and by those who responded to the survey would be part of the final presentation to the City Council. More feedback will be needed from local residents and work done with engineers to see what is possible then weigh the environmental issues.

“We are just starting the public phase,” Calvert said.

Moser said he recognizes that the project is in the early stage but still is concerned that the outreach will not be inclusive of residents, especially those who have properties that are directly affected by the Wash.

# Public Hearing Held on CVWD Rate Increases

By Justin HAGER

Several dozen people gathered via telephone and Zoom on Tuesday night for a presentation and public hearing on proposed rate increases by the Crescenta Valley Water District. Following the theme “A Reliable Tomorrow Starts Today,” the meeting began with a presentation by manager Nem Ochoa on the need to upgrade or replace the aging 1950s and 1960s infrastructure, rein in costs and continue to provide safe and reliable water and wastewater services. The presentation highlighted the 2020 strategic plan that focused on long-term infrastructure and financial planning including developing a capital improvement plan to ensure reliability, a funding plan with finance and refinancing options to save \$63,000 annually, and cost saving initiatives such as eliminating seven full-time positions to save more than \$900,000 annually.

According to Ochoa, households currently pay slightly less than 1 cent per gallon of water. Under the proposed increases, the average household would pay 1 cent per gallon in the first year of the increase and about 1.2 cents per gallon by the third year of the rate increase. He also shared information and a link to a rate calculator where ratepayers could use information from their current water bill to determine how much their bill would be under the new increased rate system. The rate calculations shown during the presentation used the data of the average ratepayer in CVWD and showed that, under the proposed rate hike, users would see their water bill go up by about 26% over three years from around \$238 dollars per year to about \$300. The rate calculator can be found at [cvwd.com/water-rate-calculator](http://cvwd.com/water-rate-calculator).

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The Rainmaker Visits La Crescenta

A few years ago, a local historian discovered and wrote the story of a local visit by one of the most famous “rainmakers” of the early 20th century. In Jo Anne Sadler’s book “Frontier Days in Crescenta Valley,” she writes of Professor Charles Hatfield’s time in La Crescenta attempting to make it rain in August 1904.

Professor Charles Hatfield, like many of the so-called professors of that era, was not really a professor. He was a high school dropout who sold and repaired sewing machines. But in his spare time he studied climate research, particularly the pseudo-science of rainmaking. He had moved to Glendale with his brother Paul and by 1902 he had settled on his own blend of 23 different chemicals that would produce rain when ignited on top of a high tower.

His first experiments were in November 1902 in Big Tujunga

Canyon. According to his own records, that experiment resulted in three inches of rain for the foothills. He took his first paying rainmaking job in the summer of 1904. A group of Los Angeles farmers pledged \$50 to Hatfield if he could make it rain. LA had been experiencing a drought.

Professor Hatfield drove his wagon from Glendale to the Crescenta Valley. He followed Verdugo Road up to the brushy area that would be Montrose a decade later. Turning left onto Honolulu, then a rough dirt track through the sagebrush, he followed it and chose a spot at the base of New York Avenue for his operation. Today, that would be the far east side of Crescenta Valley Park. Hatfield and his brother Paul erected a 20-foot-tall derrick, topped with a 10-foot wide platform. On the platform they set up what appeared to be a smokestack, and next to it a rain gauge. Below the tower

they set up a tent to live in and to mix their chemicals.

What exactly Hatfield did with the chemicals is lost to time. But for a week the professor, clad in a business suit, stood atop the platform, busily working for hours at a time, burning his noxious mixtures. His younger brother Paul, who served as his assistant, scurried up and down a ladder from the tent to the platform and back again, carrying loads of chemicals and tending to the camp and horses.

An elderly Englishman named Metcalf who had a bee-keeping operation nearby tried to be neighborly and chat with the odd pair, but they were too busy and shooed him away. He was curious what they were up to. Later, the professor and Paul took a much-needed break and strolled away from camp. Metcalf stole into their tent but they returned and caught him there. Even though he protested that he was just there to say hello, this time they

ran Metcalf off at the point of a shotgun. Metcalf later reported his encounter to the LA Times, and helped them write a satirical account of the rainmaker.

It did indeed rain. The LA farmers were so impressed they paid Professor Hatfield \$100 instead of the agreed on \$50. The professor’s fame spread, and he began to charge bigger bounties for rain all through California and even to Alaska, although he wasn’t always able to deliver.

His biggest hit was in San Diego in the winter of 1915-16. The city council agreed to pay him \$10,000 to fill a newly built reservoir. In December he started his rainmaking operation and in January rain of Biblical proportions came down. Two dams overflowed and the area was inundated. Twenty deaths occurred from the flooding. The city council reneged on the deal, instead trying unsuccessfully to pin millions of dollars in property damage on the professor.

Professor Hatfield continued his rainmaking magic for several decades. He died in 1958, and never revealed his formula.

Meteorologists today discredit his ability to create rain. They instead cite that he had knowingly conducted his rainmaking operations at times that rain was likely.

Whatever the case, Professor Hatfield, rainmaker, had established his reputation in 1904 right here in La Crescenta.



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

## We Must Restore The People’s Faith In Our Democracy

America’s commitment to democracy has been a cherished part of our legacy for generations. It has also been a work in progress, an ideal that we struggle to uphold. As we have so painfully witnessed during the last Presidential administration, the rule of law is not self-effectuating. It takes constant work and the determination of each generation to reinforce.

This has never been more apparent than the last four years, when we bore witness to some of our democracy’s greatest challenges – putting our shared responsibility to build a more enduring and stronger government for future generations to the test.

Donald Trump spent his time as President exploiting and abusing his power for his own self-serving gain. From pardoning his political allies to using the Justice

Dept. to go after his enemies to ignoring the system of checks and balances that holds our government accountable to itself, his contempt for our democratic norms exposed critical vulnerabilities. He attacked the rule of law and sowed a deep-seated distrust of our press and other institutions. And we saw just how destructively that contempt metastasized and turned violent on Jan. 6 of this year.

This has left our country in a dangerous position – and one

that we cannot ignore. This week, along with my democratic colleagues, I introduced the Protecting Our Democracy Act – a sweeping package of our own “post-Watergate” reforms – designed to reestablish norms of office that have broken down over the last several years.

Our legislation prevents abuses of Presidential power through new transparency measures designed to deter future presidents from using pardons as personal favors and to prohibit them from accepting unauthorized foreign or domestic gifts – so that the American people can trust the President to put their best interests above self-serving ones.

It also restores our system of checks and balances. This legislation reinforces Congress’ power to conduct oversight over the executive branch, control government spending and ensure its subpoenas are swiftly enforced. It also protects whistleblowers and inspectors general who report and respond to fraud and abuse, and holds the White House and the Justice Dept. accountable for their interactions -- so that the American people can rest assured knowing the department is working on their behalf, not the President’s.

And critically it also protects our elections from foreign interference. Our legislation

would require political candidates, campaigns and parties to reject and disclose any offers from a foreign power to influence the outcome of our elections. Because only Americans should decide American elections.

Last week, a poll found more than 90% of Americans are concerned that our democracy is at risk. They are right to be and this is of overwhelming concern, or should be, to members of both parties.

These reforms are not simply a repudiation of the actions of past Presidents, but a commitment to preventing future abuses by either political party and its party leader. That commitment should be nonpartisan, and we hope our colleagues on both sides of the aisle will take a stand for American democracy. This is why many of the proposals have garnered bipartisan support in the past.

If we do not repair our country’s broken governance, we will not be able to deliver on any of our other critical priorities – from health care, to climate action, to education, to infrastructure.

Our democracy is at a crucial turning point and what we do now will determine its course for years to come. We should feel a sense of urgency, but also one of confidence. America has a genius for reinvention and we must use it now.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Applauds Observations

Kudos to Sara Quan for identifying deficiencies in the existing trail system at Two Strike Park (CV Weekly article “New Ramp Not Useful For Everyone,” Sept. 16). These are exactly the types of suggestions that should be made in the context of overall improvements to the Eagle Channel at the Town Council’s upcoming forum.

Paul Rabinov  
La Crescenta

#### Criticizes CVWD, Protests Rate Increase

I regret I am not able to figure out how to protest against the three-year rate increase following the instructions on [the CVWD] website, and the Zoom meeting ID listed on [its] website for the public hearing is not valid so please consider this letter my protest.

Surely CVWD has been collecting funds from its customers since the 1950s and has a well-established and responsibly invested reserve for infrastructure maintenance. Accordingly, major updates and bill increases to current customers for these purposes are inappropriate.

I suppose my current water bill includes an amount for maintenance reserves going forward, making a further increase for this purpose unnecessary.

If either of these is not the case, the water board is not doing its job and should be replaced immediately. Appropriate guidelines for future operations should be established and followed. And an inquiry into the historical situation should be undertaken with the responsible parties held financially (and criminally) accountable. I cannot afford to subsidize customers that have benefited from the water system for the past 70 years!

Janice Melhorn  
La Crescenta

## PET OF THE WEEK



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# YOUTH

## CVWD Celebrates Pipeline Birthday, Educates Community on Aging Infrastructure

By Bethany BROWN

The Crescenta Valley Water Dept. celebrated the 75th birthday of the Orange Avenue pipeline on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Crescenta Commons, located on the SW corner of Rosemont and Orange avenues.

CVWD Board President Sharon Raghavachary said they were celebrating to bring awareness to the vulnerability of outdated pipelines and wanted to educate the public.

"It's an event we thought could be fun and also educational," Raghavachary said. "If you can put the two together it can be enjoyable and hopefully the information sinks in a little more than dry statistics or a presentation."

Gift bags were given to passing Monte Vista students as they made their way home after school. The bags contained an informative coloring book and pamphlet discussing the origins of our local water, a sponge, a CVWD bracelet and a cupcake

among other goodies.

"We want to bring awareness to the community of the importance of infrastructure," said CVWD General Manager Nemesiano Ochoa. "A lot of our pipelines and facilities don't get seen by the public because they're buried, but by having an event like this it lets everyone know that we have infrastructure in the ground that's aging and eventually needs to be replaced so we can carry on and ensure safe drinking water for everyone."

With much of the community's infrastructure built in the 1950s, a considerable portion of it is approaching or has already exceeded its life expectancy. The Orange Avenue pipeline consists of two individual pipelines, the first laid in 1947 and the second in 1948 having exceeded its life expectancy by 15 years.

Director, Division 5, of Foothill Municipal Water District Frank Colcord said CVWD staff and board have done a good job in the last several years laying out



Photo by Bethany BROWN  
Parents and students line up for CVWD goodie bags in celebration of the pipeline's birthday at Crescenta Commons on Sept. 15.

a strategic plan to look at the entire infrastructure and map out a plan to keep up with and replace what is aging out.

"Most [pipelines] have not been

replaced yet and are getting to the age where they will start failing if we don't replace them," Colcord said. "It's a whole lot less expensive to replace them

before they fail, at least two to three times more expensive after they've broken, so trying to do this proactively is super important."

## National Merit Scholarship Program Announces Semi-Finalists

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit

Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for

a Merit Scholarship® award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

About 95% of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual

National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

From Glendale High School, Lilly Armstrong achieved semifinalist standing as did Sarine S. Mardirosian from Hoover High School. From

Flintridge Preparatory School, Loran Baxter Mercado, Liam Chia, Isaac Chung, Elise Desjarlais, Aaron Freedman, Lori Jang, Ethan Kim, Timothy Kreinberg, Nicole Mirzaian, Colin Ng, Martino Porcu, Ashwin Sivakumar, Owen Sussman and Trinity Tai; from Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Adele Kelly; from La Cañada High School, George Branda, David Garland, Benjamin Hubler, Eliza Jeffries, Adam Jensen, Alex Konakov, Leon Kornfeld,

Ashly Lam, Connor Lee, Phoebe Luo, Sean Mealey, Aidan Robinson, Kamran Samudrala, Ryan Silva, Lillian Snow, Colin Wang and Seojin Yun; from St. Francis High School, Quinn Deitch and Gabriel Gottheim; from Clark Magnet High School, Abdullah Ahmed and Matthew Keshishian; from Crescenta Valley High School, Miriam Awan, David Kim, Ellena Kim, Nathan Kim and Seon-Jae Yoon.



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

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

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

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## People Making News

Xena Stanton of Sunland will attend Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, as a member of the Class of 2025. Stanton, who will be majoring in mechanical engineering, will begin studying at Clarkson in the fall.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation. With its main campus located in Potsdam, New York and additional graduate program and research facilities in the New York Capital Region, Clarkson educates 4,300 students across 95 rigorous programs of study in engineering, business, the arts, education, sciences and health professions.

Maia Tivony, a native of Glendale has been named to Emerson College's dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. Tivony is majoring in stage and production management and is a member of the Class of 2022.

The requirement to make Emerson's dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, Emerson College has 3,700 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Wheaton College student Sarah Lee of La Crescenta was named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester.

To earn dean's list honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts

colleges in the country. For more information, visit [wheaton.edu](http://wheaton.edu).

Bonnie Kim of La Crescenta was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2021 spring semester. Kim is in the physician assistant program.

Rochester Institute of Technology, founded in 1829 in New York, enrolls about 18,600 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

Aidan Phillips of La Canada Flintridge has been placed on the Gettysburg College dean's honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the spring 2021 semester.

Students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester's work are placed on the College's dean's honor list.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. Among those students are: Justin Kouyoumdjian of La Cañada Flintridge, class of 2021; Isaac Shure of Glendale, class of 2021; Rucha Kadam of La Cañada Flintridge, class of 2023 and Caroline Nowak of La Cañada Flintridge, class of 2023.

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

Jason Rowton of La Cañada was named to Fort Lewis College's dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. Rowton's major is economics.

To be eligible for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or better in no fewer than 15 credit hours of graded college-level work and have completed all work for which they are registered by the end of the

## Welcome Home Baskets



Assistance League of Glendale's Welcome Home program has been operating during the pandemic giving laundry baskets to Ascencia graduates that are filled with items to start off a new home. These graduates have followed Ascencia's program, worked to perfect their job interviewing skills as well as job skills, successfully found a job and saved enough to pay rent then moved to a new home. The Welcome Home Committee purchases dishes, eating utensils, dish towels, bath towels, soap, laundry detergent and anything that can fit into

the basket (a value of about \$120 per basket) then wraps it all up with a beautiful bow and a card explaining that it is from Assistance League of Glendale. The baskets will be stored at Ascencia to distribute when new graduates are ready to move out. Ascencia anticipates needing 80 to 90 of these baskets per year.

Assistance League of Glendale welcomes new members wanting to help others in their community. For information call President Carol Svatora at (586) 202-8764.

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semester.

Rowton graduated from Fort Lewis College in May summa cum laude.

Fort Lewis College blends small class sizes, engaged faculty and unparalleled research opportunities to help students earn college degrees and chase dreams. Guided by real-world experiences and a bountiful landscape, FLC students develop critical thinking and communication skills to fuel further studies or rewarding careers. A broad range of subjects and diverse student body weave cross-cultural knowledge throughout signature programs focused on environmental studies, education, the health sciences, creative arts, and business administration.

Marie Pernecky of La Cañada Flintridge was among more than 4,000 students from Miami University who received degrees during the in-person spring commencement May 14-16.

Pernecky graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in strategic communication, entrepreneurship.

The most recent complete candidates for graduation lists are always available for downloading at commencement, dean's and president's lists.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford,

Ohio. With a student body of nearly 19,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

Erica Um of La Crescenta has been named to the dean's list at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis for the spring 2021 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

For more than 155 years, University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis has provided a world-class education for health care leaders and innovators.

Since its founding, the campus has been a place where future professionals and practitioners come together to learn, grow, challenge each other, and find new ways to tackle society's most pressing health care problems.

The University offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Undergraduate degrees prepare students for health professions careers and also serve as the foundation for graduate or professional study, while the University's Doctor of Pharmacy program prepares students to be leaders and innovators in the profession of pharmacy.



# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## 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 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.

*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.

### THEN & NOW

### LeMesnager Stone Barn Stairs Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** The barn that served as a centerpiece of the LeMesnager family's vineyards in Dunsmore Canyon also served as their home. The first floor of the two-story stone barn was equipment storage and work area, and the second floor was living quarters. Here's the family on the staircase leading up to the second floor mezzanine where they lived.



**Now »** Today the 100-year-old barn is the centerpiece of Deukmejian Wilderness Park. The second-floor mezzanine was removed years ago so the staircase now leads nowhere. The barn will soon open as an interpretive center and community meeting place.

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### GHS PRESENTS 'HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT WITH MONA'

On Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m., MONA (Museum of Neon Art) Executive Director Corrie Siegel will make a presentation for Glendale Historical Society. She will use neon art from Glendale and surrounding areas as a model to consider what is saved and built from as the past and present are rewritten. MONA was founded by artists who saw value in historic signage and is now run by artists who recognize the aesthetic and cultural value of neon and its ability to serve as a cipher in the landscape. The Museum is dedicated to sharing stories of communities, families and individuals who lit up the dark. Due to its unlikely founding and democratic collecting practices, MONA's collection is reflective of the multifaceted and diverse cultural landscape of Los Angeles County. The event is complimentary but advance RSVP is required. To RSVP, and for more information, visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/mona-2>.

### AUTHOR APPEARANCE AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

On Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore welcomes meteorologist Dallas Raines, his wife and journalist Dannie Raines, and their beloved pup Chester for the launch of their children's book "Chester and the Hot Air Balloon." This weather-based tale, illustrated by Brittany Doheny, is for ages 5-12. The reading will take place outside the back of the store, and the signing will be inside. COVID protocols will be observed.

Dannie Raines has a journalism and communications degree from University of California, Los Angeles. She is a former writer at CNN. Dallas Raines is chief meteorologist of KABC and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University where he studied broadcast journalism and earth science with an emphasis on meteorology.

Pre-order the book by stopping in or

calling the store, or going to the website [www.flintridgebooks.com](http://www.flintridgebooks.com) and clicking on the Shop Featured and Local Authors link.

For more information about this event, contact Gail Mishkin at [gaim@flintridgebooks.com](mailto:gaim@flintridgebooks.com).

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

### BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

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

Julie "Jamie" Uyehara, recently appointed Angeles National Forest resource officer, will be speaking. She has been with the Forest Service for 11 years and has had extensive experience in programs such as managing reforestation, reducing invasive weeds and hydrological/water-cycle issues. She has also worked as an environmental scientist at Vandenberg Air Force Base, and a wildlife biologist and manager for the Angeles, Los Padres, Cleveland and San Bernardino national forests. She has a bachelor's degree in animal science from UC Davis and a doctorate in behavioral ecology from UCLA.

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

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

Masks are required and, in the event that indoor gatherings are prohibited, the meeting will take place on Zoom. Those with questions can contact Anne White at (818) 434-3616 or via email at [annwhite1@aol.com](mailto:annwhite1@aol.com).

### WALK BENEFITS AHA

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

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

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

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

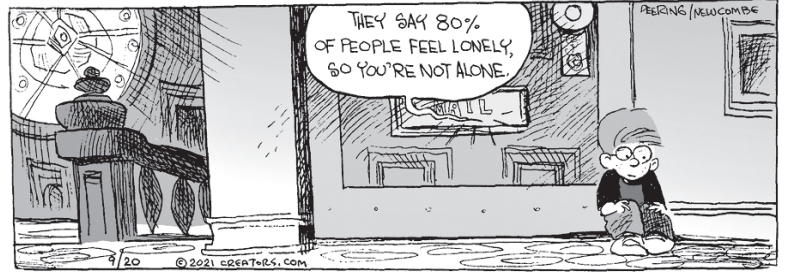
After more than a decade of research using Los Angeles as a focal point, speakers Dydia DeLyser, PhD, and Paul Greenspan show how neon signs influenced urban change and will continue to light the future.

This event is free and open to 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](http://BoltonHall.org) or email [llhs@boltonhall.org](mailto:llhs@boltonhall.org).

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com) September 13, 2021 - September 19, 2021

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Trying new things often improves our quality of life. Europe lived without tomatoes until the 1500s when they were brought over by travelers from the "New World" (it was new to the travelers)! Consider opening up to new forms of relaxation in order to aid in your capacity to reflect on old patterns and welcome in the new. Yoga and Pilates are wonderful ways to strengthen the lower spine. Meditation can help as well. It also would be wise to limit your intake of alcohol during this time.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The more time you spend looking at your diet and exercise needs, the easier it becomes to think of things that will improve your quality of life. For instance, when you spend a few weeks doing regular yoga workouts and drinking copious amounts of water, you will naturally feel ready to minimize certain foods in your diet, such as white flour and dairy. The body asks for what it wants: if you can increase your ability to listen you will be in good shape!

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Suspending judgment allows you to see more of the truth. Suspending judgment of the self allows you particularly to see your inner truth. Today's astral configuration is wonderful for personal inquiry. Are you doing things for yourself that aid your sense of well-being, or things that detract from it? What kind of behavior do you see in your friends that you admire and would like to follow? You have the freedom to choose your own health practices.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Feelings of discouragement are a possibility with today's celestial energies. What you want may seem to be out of reach, quickly breeding a feeling of sadness. Focus on all that you do to nurture yourself, and the many small accomplishments you've made since reading your wellness horoscope! You can take steps to avoid the pitfalls of depression as soon as you recognize the signs. Definitely ask a friend to cheer you up - that's what real friends love to do!

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

When you feel lost, and like you don't know what you want, stick to your routine. With the proper care of your body (good, fresh food, plenty of water and exercise), the subconscious will eventually reveal itself. Create a nurturing and predictable pattern for yourself today. Breathe consciously. A basic Hatha yoga workout would help quiet your mind. Whatever message is "hidden" inside of you will come out as long as you prepare yourself to receive. Let go and embrace the step of "not knowing."

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Whatever you gave yourself yesterday in terms of food and exercise may not be appropriate for today. Try to vary your behavior and still be conscious of the needs of the body. Consider forms of exercise that you have never participated in: consider why this is - are there body issues that keep you from possibly enjoying certain forms of exercise? Today's aspect assists you in probing these depths. Try tapping into memories of early childhood experiences on the playground.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

When you have your own health practice in order, it is easier to deal with those day to day obstacles. But too often, we let the obstacles determine our health practice. If only there was a way to have perspective when you need it the most - there is! Keeping discipline in your routine is the best way to overcome the confusion that settles in when the going gets tough. When all else fails, a hot bath does wonders for both body and mind!

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

When you confront your demons - at the fridge late at night or with the snooze button in the mornings - you catch a glimpse of what needs some attention. Have you been nurturing your need for fresh, wholesome and tasty foods? Try baking an apple pie from scratch! Give yourself the treats you deserve in healthy, appropriate ways. And if you've been thinking about exercise rather than doing it, remember that you have a better night's sleep if you burn off stress with a run after your work is finished.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

There is a lot of stuff to look at when we begin to examine our health, and especially our diets. Behavior learned from childhood does not fade fast. Food is everywhere: even in our relationships. It is a key way in which we relate to the world. Changing your diet changes who you are on some level, and this can be exhausting. Don't be discouraged if you become overwhelmed. Remember that if you think about food in a healthy way, you are already making progress!

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Today you get the feeling that rules are senseless. It's a bored feeling that needs to be re-integrated into the big, beautiful circle called "caring for yourself." To help brighten your day, and maybe take the doldrums out of the exercise routine or the dietary concerns, try to find something you need to just feel good today. New shampoo? Bubble bath? A special color in a scarf or shirt? A hot bath is definitely recommended - with drops of jasmine or pine essential oil.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Today you may want two opposite things at the same time: a good workout followed by some chocolate cake! Crazy things have happened! The planetary alignment impels you to desire comfort and security (your usual routine, comfort from approval and other good feelings) on one hand, yet on the other, you think it would be erotic and fun to stay up late and do things that give immediate, "sinful" pleasure. The challenge is to find the middle ground and suspend judgment.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Today's planetary alignment gives you the ability to see yourself for the good, beautiful person that you are! If you have been tending to your needs and paying close attention to yourself (diet, exercise, and sleep) you will feel especially good. If you have been feeling guilty because you've been distracted and neglecting your body, such a benevolent aspect reaches deep into your core and spreads its healing rose-gold light.

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### ACROSS

- 1) They give a hoot
- 5) Put in the fridge
- 10) Not a nice film
- 14) Pullman track
- 15) Flood embankment
- 16) Middle word of Descartes' conclusion
- 17) Uneasy, eerie sensation
- 19) Frigid
- 20) From the mountains of Peru
- 21) Dustin Hoffman movie
- 23) Defeated king of Troy
- 26) They're "company"
- 27) Completely surround
- 30) Like some teas
- 33) Empty truck's weight
- 34) Causes to attack
- 36) Feel remorse over
- 37) Small margin of victory
- 38) Grand \_\_\_ (wine phrase)
- 39) Desertlike
- 40) Hept- plus one
- 41) Saint Francis' home
- 44) Warm, on a hunt
- 45) Life force
- 47) Pours down
- 49) The end, musically
- 50) Catch for a Florida fisherman
- 51) Periodic payment
- 54) Chicken part
- 58) Be a good couch potato
- 59) Orchard grumps?
- 62) Tablet company
- 63) Mitigator
- 64) Small amount of Greek?
- 65) Fancy dressers of 1960s London
- 66) Wanda of "Curb Your Enthusiasm"
- 67) Sign of sorrow

### DOWN

- 1) Ocean predator
- 2) Alert of danger
- 3) Emulated Pinocchio
- 4) More heavy-eyed
- 5) Places for nonresident patients
- 6) Lobster's mother
- 7) "So \_\_\_ heard!"
- 8) "\_\_\_ We Forget"
- 9) Basutoland, today
- 10) Military zone
- 11) Mix, as dogs
- 12) Jamaican tangelo
- 13) A la \_\_\_ (with ice cream)
- 18) A wife of Henry VIII
- 22) Wilson of "The Grand Budapest Hotel"
- 24) Baldwin and Templeton
- 25) Art of writing verse
- 27) Guiding beliefs of a group
- 28) Racial equality org.
- 29) Found fault with
- 31) Enveloping qualities
- 32) Impolite glances
- 35) Emmy winner Lucci
- 39) Trouble spot for Indiana Jones
- 41) Prime minister's assistant
- 42) Batting coach's concerns
- 43) Weather map lines
- 46) Lasso wielders
- 48) Part of BBC (Abbr.)
- 51) Grand \_\_\_ home run
- 52) Shell food?
- 53) Heavy low cart
- 55) Shower gel ingredient, often
- 56) \_\_\_ record (make history)
- 57) Ivan the Terrible's title (Var.)
- 60) Seek answers
- 61) Royal jelly producer

### CR-UNCH TIME

By Janet Wise

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## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: NIAM SHATTENKIRK Case number 21GD00356, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 Glendale Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner AARTI JAIN AND KEITH SCOTT SHATTENKIRK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: NIAM SHATTENKIRK to Proposed Name: NIAM JAIN SHATTENKIRK. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: NOVEMBER 17, 2021 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: D b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly September 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT First Filing No. 2021194360 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWIGS AND THINGS, 3806 OCEAN VIEW BLVD, MONTROSE CA, 91020 LA COUNTY Registered Owner(s): CYNTHIA REDDEN, 3806 OCEAN VIEW BLVD, MONTROSE, CA 91020. This business is being conducted by: an INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct signed CYNTHIA REDDEN title OWNER. NOTICE - A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Published Crescenta Valley Weekly, September 16, 23, 30, October 6, 2021.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors of Foothill Municipal Water District will conduct a public hearing on October 18, 2021 at the hour of 3:00 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, to consider the adoption of an ordinance establishing compensation for directors of the municipal water district and for persons representing the municipal water district as a director of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The Board will consider compensating such person for up to ten meetings per month at the rate of \$130.20/meeting.

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

## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: SERGIO MURILLO Case number 21GD00409, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 Glendale Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner SERGIO MURILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: SERGIO MURILLO to Proposed Name: SERGIO MURILLO JR. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: NOVEMBER 17, 2021 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: D b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly September 23, 30, October 7, 14 2021.

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CVWD from page 7

Public comment regarding the rate increases was surprisingly helpful with water district directors and staff taking time to answer every question put forward and providing an on-screen timer to help speakers know how much of their allotted three-minute speaking time remained. In total about a dozen people spoke with an additional 23 sending letters to the CVWD.

Speakers in the meeting asked a variety of questions, but many of them echoed concerns about their wastewater rates increasing multiple times in the past several years.

Frank Colcord, a director at the Foothill Municipal Water District, spoke in favor of the rate increases, stating that as a ratepayer himself he believed the plan being moved forward by

CVWD was both cost-conscious and effective at ensuring reliable water moving forward.

Several speakers asked how CVWD's rates would compare to similar water districts in Southern California. Staff provided several graphics that showed both the current and proposed rates; these would put CVWD in the middle of the pack when compared to peer water

agencies. However, further analysis showed that, while CVWD is in the middle of the distribution, the distribution is heavily skewed to the high end. This means that despite being in the middle of the pack, CVWD's proposed rate is less than 10% lower than the second and third most expensive peers, but is 35% and 25% more expensive than the second and third least expensive

peers, respectively.

Kevin Kostiuik of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., which is consulting on the plan, said that comparing rates across districts is difficult because some have significantly greater or less access to ground water.

The CVWD will vote on the proposed rate increase at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

# CV WEEKLY IS ONLINE!



CVTC from Cover

Councilmember Desiree Rabinov questioned the authority of the Elections Committee to raise the fee without first going through the Council as a whole or the Finance Committee specifically as required by the CVTC bylaws in accordance to a subsection of Article 6. The article, in part, requires that "The Finance Committee shall prepare a budget for the year and oversee the finances for any event sponsored by the Council."

Kilpatrick responded by stating that another subsection of Article 6 does allow the Election Committee to make this decision. When pushed further on whether the CVTC election would fall under the definition of "any event sponsored by the Council" and thus trigger the need for Finance Committee review, Council Vice President

Aram Ordubegian explained that, due to the pandemic, the Council was critically low on funds and that "we are not bound by the bylaws in an emergency situation."

The CV Weekly reached out to Ordubegian regarding the conflict at last week's meeting, and his response stated affirmatively that he had little to add.

"I don't have to much more to add to what you heard," he said. "It was laid out in detail during the meeting."

After a lengthy discussion and input from every councilmember present, the Council voted to make the candidacy fee \$100 and moved on without resolving the issue of authority or bylaws.

With tensions still high following the election discussion, the Council next moved to the issue of

Councilmember Sophal Ear's residency and qualifications to continue to serve on the town council. Recent social media postings and community intrigue revealed that Councilmember Ear and his family have relocated to Arizona, raising the question of whether he met the requirements of the CVTC's bylaws for a continued role on the Council. For his part, Councilmember Ear has consistently stated that, although he does have a residence in Arizona, he returns to La Crescenta regularly and maintains his domicile here, along with his mailing address, voter registration, car registration and California driver's license.

It should be noted that, as a non-governmental entity with no public legislative or legal authority beyond that

granted by its own bylaws, the CVTC is an entirely private organization and is not bound by any of the laws that would govern legislative bodies such as a city council, county board, state legislature or special district. Although the question might arise regarding the purpose of having three alternate council members if not to step in when someone relocates a job and/or family outside of the community, the qualifications to serve on the Council, and the determination of eligibility, are entirely governed by the CVTC's bylaws and the discretion of the current council.

Following another highly engaging discussion the Council voted to allow Councilmember Ear to serve out the remaining months of his term as elected.

GCC from Cover

forester Loren Klick who recommended the city increase its canopy cover from a current average of 20% to 25%; keeping the city's existing tree watering ordinance to foster stewardship of public trees, especially in times of drought; and returning to a six-year trim cycle and increasing annual tree planting with consistent initial watering to bring the canopy levels back to pre-2010 numbers. The city calculates the cost of these changes at \$760,622.

Councilmember Dan Brotman wanted the city to be sure to include the best lists of climate-ready trees "looking forward to the next 10 or 20 years - check with Northeast Trees, the Audubon Society, the Tree People, for the best trees to plant," he suggested. He also asked for a report on ordinances in cities such as Pasadena and La Cañada Flintridge that ensure trees are replaced appropriately.

CAR SHOW from Cover

games, listening to music, climbing a rock wall, enjoying a kid-friendly fun zone and entering raffles for a chance to win a LOJACK security system or a three-night stay in either Mammoth or Ventura Beach. There will also be an opportunity to win a one-night stay at the local Glenmark Hotel.

John Dolmayan, drummer for the band System of a Down, will also be present to sign autographs and connect with fans in the community.

Many awards will be given throughout the day. Forty plaques will be awarded to car owners in eight categories with five winners in each one: best muscle car, best domestic classic, best European classic, best off-road vehicle, best exotic, best special interest, best hot rod and best vehicle.

Those who have a car they'd like to show can register to be in the car show. Registration is \$30 online or at the door and includes a free T-shirt and swag bag full of goodies at sign-up.

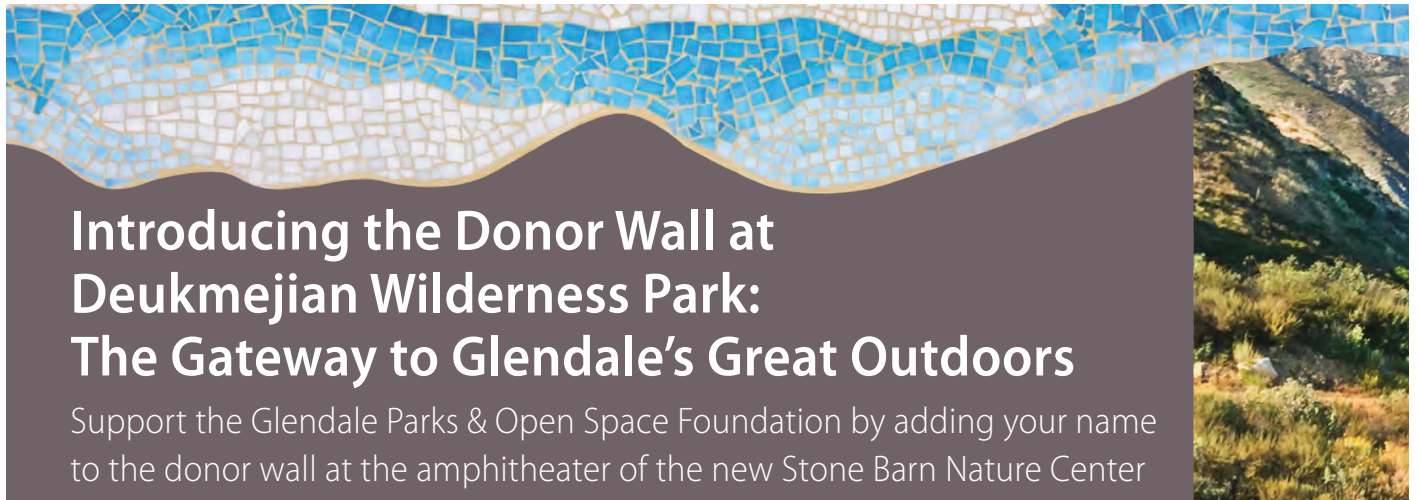
Additional awards include the Glendale Police Dept. Chief's Award, the Fire Dept. Chief's Award, the Glendale Councilmember's Award and Glendale Mayor's Award.

"Our event is going to be in memory of one of our sponsors, Dr. Brian Bergh of Bergh Orthodontics," Manasserian said. "He unfortunately passed away last year unexpectedly ... he was a great Rotarian and one of our biggest supporters of this event because he had a heart for kids and a desire to bring people together."

Manasserian said bringing people together is exactly what the Rotary Club of Glendale strives to do, and it would not be possible without the assistance of their many sponsors.

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