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Budget and Policing Policies Discussed by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

Long after curfew on Tuesday night, at the end of a very long day of various long meetings, the Glendale City Council adopted a \$906.8 million budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year on a vote of 3-2. Councilmember Paula Devine cited a campaign commitment made to vote against transferring funds from the city's utility as her reason for voting against the adoption of the overall budget. Councilmember Daniel Brotman expressed concern that the budget painted too rosy a picture of the city's finances and that the city should instead adopt an "austerity budget" including furloughs and freezes to worker pay step increases.

City manager Yasmin Beers assured the Council that city staff would closely monitor revenue and keep the Council updated.

"The budget is a living document that can be changed," she explained. "This is not my first rodeo."

At the beginning of the Council's evening meeting, Councilmember Ara Najarian read from a prepared statement, apologizing for comments he had made on social media, emphasizing that he is not against protesting nor the free expression of speech but that there had been credible threats made against Glendale targets. He acknowledged that his comments may have taken away from those wanting to mourn the death of George Floyd and to protest against racism.

"I look forward to the candlelight vigil rescheduled [on] June 7," he said. "I intend to stand in solidarity against the injustices we have witnessed."

Mayor Vrej Agajanian expressed his "shock and surprise" of the incident. He quoted extensively from a June 1995 Dept. of Justice document which delineates the treatment of handcuffed people and asked Glendale police chief Carl Povilaitis to explain "how it works here."

Devine read a statement condemning "police brutality." Brotman began a long, heartfelt personal statement saying that he is "horrified by the state-sanctioned murder," recalling Glendale's "dark history as a sundown town, the

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Uncertain Future for Rockhaven – Again

By Julie BUTCHER

The Exclusive Negotiating Agreement between the City of Glendale and Avalon Investment LP ('Avalon') for the Rockhaven site has ended. Avalon had proposed an adaptive rehabilitation of the buildings and grounds for use as a boutique hotel. During the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement time frame, Avalon completed a thorough due diligence process which included a review of the site's topography, on-site structures, accessibility, parking and financial feasibility. After a comprehensive review, Avalon concluded that the site's use as a boutique hotel was not financially feasible.

"Rockhaven remains an important asset to the City. There are no current plans for disposition of the property. Currently, City staff is following up on inquires and letters of interest for the site," according to Glendale city spokesperson Eliza Papazian.

Friends of Rockhaven heard this news from Councilmember Daniel Brotman after the Council met in closed session.



File photo

An announcement was made by the City of Glendale that the negotiating agreement for the development of the Rockhaven property has ended leaving the future of the property in limbo.

"The Friends of Rockhaven continue to hope that this unique and beautiful historic spot can be restored and opened for the enjoyment of the community and we will still advocate for it as best

we can," said Joanna Linkchorst, founder of Friends of Rockhaven. "The original plans for a historic park and a larger local library still make sense. The plans for a passive park with appropriate

commercial and retail opportunities still make sense. And we will even hold out hope that Glendale would have a state historic park! Whatever preserves this place

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Several Protests and a Vigil throughout CV Area

By Mary O'KEEFE

Several relatively peaceful vigils and protests occurred in Pasadena, Montrose, La Crescenta and La Cañada Flintridge on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Pasadena held a vigil that saw a line of thousands of cars begin at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Pasadena, then caravan around the city stopping at city hall. People stood along the sidewalks holding signs and raising their voices in support of the caravan. The vigil was loud with "Black Lives Matter," "I can't breathe" and "Say his name ... George Floyd" being yelled

from car to car, with horns honking all the way to city hall.

The protest followed the death of George Floyd, a black man who pleaded for air saying "I can't breathe" as then-Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds. Floyd, 46, lost consciousness while still under Chauvin's knee. This was filmed by several witnesses who could be heard pleading for the police to help Floyd. As of Tuesday, Chauvin has been charged with second-degree murder, a change from an earlier charge of third-degree murder, and second-degree

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Protestors held signs as they made their way down Honolulu Avenue on Wednesday morning.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Keeping the Message First

Last week I shared with you my glee that some retail businesses and places of worship were set to reopen with some safety protocols in place. Then it was announced that in the City of Glendale, in-person dining in restaurants would be opening. Not surprising, the decision came with restrictions that would need to be observed including physical distancing, the prioritization of outdoor seating and curbside pickup, continued closure of bar areas and occupancy capacity would be limited to 60% for the next two-three weeks. But even with the restrictions, the community started perking up, seeing what was hoped was the light at the end of this long tunnel.

But this powder keg was nowhere near safe; in fact, it was about to be ignited.

The very visual and needless death of black man George Floyd on May 25 took center stage across the nation after a white Minneapolis policeman knelt on the man's neck for several minutes, killing him.

For many the incident was just one more example of "white supremacy [that] permeates every corner of this county" (according to blacklivesmatter.com). Whether or not people subscribe to this perception of America, Floyd's death did inspire citizens across the nation to show solidarity with those who feel "less than" while raising awareness that this type of violence shown by police and others in power is unacceptable and must stop.

The message is solid but, like too many other times in our history, it got lost in the delivery. In addition to people joining in unity, too many others instigated violence that resulted in buildings being looted and burned, and people being injured and killed

with subsequent curfews being placed in cities across the United States. The power of raising a fist to say "Enough!" has been overshadowed by those who want nothing more than to take what is not theirs, to destroy what someone else has worked for. Their destructive actions are the ones that steal the spotlight, that make the headlines. To see some businesses destroyed that had only recently reopened after being shuttered for months due to the pandemic is especially disheartening.

I am aware that there are some people who think that violence is necessary to show the seriousness of a situation (just go on social media for a broad spectrum of opinion) but I wholeheartedly disagree. Violence – against person or property – is unacceptable. The death of one person does not make it acceptable to hurt or kill another. And as far as thinking a message is not strong enough unless it is shrouded in violence, take a moment to consider that neither Martin Luther King Jr. nor Gandhi exhibited hatred when working toward creating a better world. To quote Maya Angelou, "Hate: it has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet."

So what course of action should one take? I like what George's brother Terrence suggests: vote.

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Weather in the Foothills

There will be butterflies, there will be summer skies. And flowers up thrust, when all that Caesar bids, and all the pyramids are dust.
~ Haniel Long

From time to time, life goes beyond comprehension. Where is the nearest exit? I have yet to find one but in searching I found a source for solace ... milkweed, monarchs and music.

In recent days, my time spent in the garden (not just the pool!) has expanded. The beautiful warm days encourage the plant and animal worlds to come forth. Last year we added a milkweed plant to our mostly drought tolerant yard. Unknowingly, as if a wand had passed over, we created a place of pure magic ... the birthplace of monarch butterflies.

In the spring, adult butterflies begin their annual migration. Flying eastward from groves of trees along the coast from Mendocino to Mexico they feed on flower nectar, mate and lay eggs on a variety of milkweed plants – the sole source of food for monarch caterpillars. Along the way, they spot wild and human-planted milkweed. The typical butterfly life cycle takes about four weeks as they change from an egg to a caterpillar to a chrysalis and finally a butterfly. The butterflies usually live for two to six weeks. The cycle of generations repeats every two to six weeks through the summer. And come late fall, when the weather turns cold and the days get shorter, the insects return to California's coast. Even though this year's butterflies have never been there before, they somehow find their way to the same groves used by previous generations. Tell me this isn't magical or a miracle of nature.

The western monarch butterfly, the ones we encounter, live west of the Rocky Mountains. The eastern monarch butterflies, which migrate between Canada and central Mexico, live east of the Rocky Mountains.

Today (Thursday) and tomorrow a cooling trend is expected to settle in as a deep marine layer moves into the valleys. This more typical June weather pattern includes night through morning low clouds and drizzle. Meteorologists have nudged up the extent of cloud cover and precipitation. Mountain rain showers are expected. With the input of a cold system coming from the north the rain may spread across the region and stay put until Saturday. Come Sunday, the heat returns.

Overcast days are ideal for planting ... milkweed. Soon, on a warm summer day, butterflies will arrive. Add music and find solace.

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

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE AFTERNOON

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, June 6. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

LA County guidelines will be followed requiring visitors to wear masks and observe social distancing while visiting the Preserve.

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

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

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

PICK UP HOLDS AND RETURNS AT SELECT LIBRARIES

Sidewalk service at La Crescenta Library starts on Monday, June 8. Holds may be picked up Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Customers will be asked to call the Library upon arrival. More detail on the locations and pickup process is available at LACountyLibrary.org/express-service.

Bookdrops will reopen for item returns on June 8 as well. All returned materials will be quarantined before being reissued, as recommended by health officials. Due dates on existing checkouts have been extended to July 15, but due dates on new checkouts will follow standard borrowing schedules. Customers should first check their account for item due dates.

New holds can be placed starting June 8 by using the library catalog at LACountyLibrary.org or over the phone. Customers with existing holds will be notified of availability.

This is the first step of a phased reopening, with additional locations and hours to be added at a later date. Libraries remain closed to the public, but staff is answering phones from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday – Friday.

HOLIDAY FIREWORKS SHOW CANCELED

The July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza, hosted by the CV Fireworks Assn., has been canceled. In the interest of public safety and respecting social distancing rules, the difficult decision was made to cancel this year’s fireworks event. Organizers look forward to bringing the community the biggest and best CV Fireworks show on July 4, 2021.

Frontline Workers Get an In-N-Out Thank You

North Valley Nursing Center celebrated its hard-working frontline essential employees with a treat by In-N-Out Burger and hosting an afternoon parking lot cookout for the staff in a much-deserved employee appreciation celebration at the facility on May 21.

In California, health care workers are in increasingly high demand and under ever-growing stress. Even prior to the COVID-19-pandemic, North Valley Nursing Center has been committed to protecting employees and patients. The facility has restricted all non-essential visitors, and staff is required to pass a temperature and symptom screening daily prior to entering the work area. However, as the epidemic stretches on the North Valley leadership felt it was not enough to just protect its employees; it wanted to celebrate them as well.

“The world is paying even closer attention to health care workers right now than ever before. The spotlight is on and we want them to truly shine. This is a moment for all team members to be applauded for their tireless and selfless work,” said Bryce Porter, CMO of Sun Mar Healthcare, the advisory company for North Valley Nursing Center. “In-N-Out is a Southern California classic and what better way to put a smile on the faces of the team and show them how much they’re loved and appreciated.”

Each cookout featured giveaways and more. In addition to the lunch, every staff member received a “Superheroes Wear Scrubs” T-shirt.

“At North Valley, we believe our team members are true superheroes,” Porter said. “They put themselves on the frontlines of this pandemic around the clock, out of their love and compassion to the seniors for whom they care. They go and do the work that few people are brave enough to do right now.”

The cookout at North Valley was one stop on Sun Mar Healthcare’s efforts to celebrate 4,000 frontline staff throughout Southern California during the month of May.

For more information about North Valley Nursing Center, visit www.NorthValleyNursingCenter.com.

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Al Fresco Dining Coming to Montrose

By Charly SHELTON

With the pandemic shutdown restrictions slowly starting to ease, restaurants and businesses are beginning to reopen with new rules for their diners and shoppers to stay safe and slow the growth of the second wave of the pandemic. Among these new policies from the LA County Dept. of Public Health on how to conduct business in the brave new post-COVID world is to “expand outdoor seating where possible, in compliance with local zoning codes. For outdoor seating, maintain six-foot physical distancing standards.” With this in mind, the City of Glendale has proposed a temporary solution to

comply with the standard while allowing for continued social distancing. K-rails, large concrete divider walls similar to what are seen dividing the two directional sides of a freeway, will be laid down along the back edge of select parking space areas on Honolulu Avenue in the Montrose Shopping Park to create a safe space for diners to eat outside.

“The idea, we’re calling Al Fresco Glendale, is to expand some of the restaurant space to the outside,” said Philip Lanzafame, director of Community Development for the City of Glendale. “[The restaurants are] going to be limited when they can re-open to whatever the county sets as the protocol, whether that’s

25% or 50% or whatever. So the idea was we can create what we call parklets in the parking area to expand that space and allow restaurants to come outside to expand their capacity.”

The parklets will be cordoned off with the K-rails to protect diners, and then the inside of the area will be made to feel more park-like with the addition of planters, park benches and other relaxation areas for the shoppers taking a break as well as restaurant diners. For restaurant owners in the Shopping Park, this is good news albeit a little presumptive. Merchants hadn’t been fully informed of the coming parklets before signs went up last week informing of the change to

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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues to offer “Couch Church” for the foreseeable future. This week’s service will be live streamed on Sunday at 10 a.m. on the church’s Facebook page –facebook.com/Lcifoothills/videos. After the live stream, the service can be found at www.lcifoothills.org. Bulletins for children and adults (along with games for children and a Bible quiz for adults) are also available on the website.

All are invited on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for an interactive time of prayer and Scripture via Zoom. Details are available by contacting the church office.

For more information on these and other activities, please email the church at office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951. The church building is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Canada Flintridge.

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

Worship Online with La Crescenta Presbyterian Church

The entire community is invited to connect with La Crescenta Presbyterian Church through several online worship and fellowship opportunities.

Visit the website, lpcp.net, for online worship services that can be viewed at any time, family devotionals and special events for children. Check out abidestudentmin.com for programs targeted at middle and high school students. And join in on Facebook, facebook.com/lacrescenta.presbyterianchurch, for daily Bible studies. All of these ministries can be enjoyed from the comfort of your own couch as we heed statewide calls to stay home amid concerns about the spread of coronavirus.

Also at lpcp.net, learn about CV Together, the church’s outreach ministry aimed at meeting the needs of local neighbors who are homebound or need special assistance.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta, can be reached by phone at (818) 249-6137.

Walk and Word

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

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

Catholics Invited

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

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

Members do not need to be Italian to join or participate in ICF’s evangelical and charitable work, but must be Catholic. Call (818) 952-1969 for more information.



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manslaughter. Three other now-former officers who were at the scene but failed to intervene have been charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder while committing a felony, and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter with culpable negligence. The charges are unintentional felonies, according to reports.

The Pasadena vigil was organized in three days by the NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People] -Pasadena Chapter, NDLON [National Association of Day Labors] and IMA [Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance] and CCC [Community Clergy Coalition].

"It was NDLON's [members] idea," said President Allen Edson, NAACP Pasadena Chapter. "They had been doing car protests around [Pasadena] for minimum wage and it worked well."

An estimated 3,500 cars participated.

"I wanted a vigil where people could express themselves," he said. "It was more about remembering George Floyd."

There was a sense that Floyd's memory was very much part of this vigil.

"If we had gotten a hundred cars I would have been happy but then I spoke to someone [just before the vigil] and he said you will have 500 cars. We had a lot more than that," he said.

Edson added he was glad that things went the way they did, that the speakers reached people and that it was a peaceful event. He wants to continue this type of organizing in the future.

"I am begging people to stay in it," he said of the protestors.

He added that although it was "kind of an anti-police protest" Pasadena police, and especially Chief John Eduardo Perez, worked with the organizers.

"We were able to have

authorization to work beyond the curfew," he said.

Pasadena police were at intersections for traffic control.

"It was a powerful coming together," Edson said of the vigil. "The real proof is what happens [in the future]."

In La Cañada Flintridge on Sunday there was a small but loud group of protestors at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway. The protestors ranged from young kids to older adults.

Two college students from La Cañada Flintridge joined in the protest.

"Time is a resource and having a voice is a resource and at a time like this it is really important to use the resources we have to show solidarity for other people," said one of the students as to why she was there.

They both said it was important to raise awareness and to stand together.

"I hope [people see] that here in La Cañada there is a lot of community support for this and I hope people realize it is something a lot of us care about, and there really is support for the black community," the other student added.

Another resident of La Cañada joined the protest with her son.

"I felt an old white lady should show up and say it was wrong," she said.

She added she had been protesting this type of injustice for 20 years and wanted her son to protest as well.

There were two protests on Wednesday in Montrose. One began at 10 a.m. and the other at around noon. The 10 a.m. one had a large number of people walk along Honolulu Avenue and Verdugo Road. They paused at the intersection of Honolulu Avenue and Verdugo Road and took a knee as names of black lives that had died in 2015 at the hands of

law enforcement were announced. The protests in Montrose were organized by local high school students.

Mila Bryan was one of the organizers who joined a chat group that included a lot of other students. They put together the protest quickly and expected about 90 people; there appeared to be closer to over 100 people who joined the 10 a.m. protest.

"It feels that La Crescenta lives in a little bubble," she said. "I want people to see there is an outside world that is affected and we can all work together and speak for what is right."

There were several families with children carrying signs.

"It is important for us to be here because a lot of people are getting killed based on the color of their skin and we have to change it," said an elementary school aged girl.

Her younger sister added, "I don't want anyone to be killed. That is not nice after they didn't do anything."

Their mother said it was important to bring her children to protest.

"I want them to understand what is going on and the challenges they are going to face in life, and I want them to be part of the movement to help change their future," she said. "I keep telling them they have to fight for this future."

There was another protest on Wednesday outside La Crescenta Library.

The NAACP in Pasadena has been getting a lot of calls since their Tuesday vigil from people wanting information and people wanting to join the organization. To join the NAACP-Pasadena Chapter it is \$30 a year or lifetime is \$750 paid over 10 years. For more information, to join or donate to the NAACP-Pasadena Chapter visit naacppasadena.org.

Numerous Arrests Made Over Two Days

In response to recent incidents of civil unrest in multiple cities throughout Los Angeles County, starting on Sunday, May 31 the Glendale Police Dept. deployed a large contingent of resources in order to proactively protect citizens and all property in the City of Glendale.

Between May 31 and June 1, members of the Glendale Police Dept. made 39 arrests, many of which involved subjects who did not reside in the City of Glendale. The arrests ranged from individuals committing burglary, being in possession of burglary tools, possession of stolen property and firearms violations. Some of these arrestees were found to be in possession of stolen property that appeared to be from recent lootings, which occurred in surrounding Los Angeles County cities. It should also be noted that several subjects who knowingly violated curfew orders and/or had been warned regarding curfew orders but continued to violate them were also arrested.

During the evening hours of June 1, four suspects were located and arrested by Glendale PD officers after they forced entry, ransacked and burglarized a pharmacy on the 1200 block of South Central Avenue. It should be noted that three other suspects were arrested by Glendale PD officers in a

separate incident where they were attempting to burglarize a pharmacy on the 1300 block of East Colorado Street. The Glendale Police Dept. continues to support and protect all members of the community who want to lawfully exercise their freedom of speech; however, it will not tolerate those who take advantage of these times to engage in criminal acts.

With these preemptive efforts, GPD has been able to keep Glendale safe while still responding to calls for service. The GPD will continue to deploy additional resources to proactively patrol throughout the City of Glendale.

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June 1

3900 block of Foothill Boulevard in Glendale, a man was sitting in the front passenger seat of a parked vehicle near a bakery. The windows of the vehicle were down as the passenger was waiting for the driver, who was conducting business inside the location. A female approached the vehicle, reached through the rolled down window and grabbed a bank envelope that was on top of the center console inside the vehicle that contained cash. The victim had just cashed checks at the bank so police think he may have been followed from the bank.

The female left the area after grabbing the envelope. The incident occurred at about 1 p.m.

Conle Way and Ocean View Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a brick wall was spray painted with graffiti at 8:30 a.m.

May 30

1500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that as he was standing by a cash register counter when a suspect, described as a white male, 30 years old, 5'6" tall and weighing 190 lbs. approached the counter and put down two food items. At the time he was wearing a black hat, black mask on his face and a black hooded windbreaker type jacket with NIKE spelled on the left breast of it.

After placing the food items on the counter, he then reached into his pocket and pulled out a "black semi-automatic handgun" and pointed it at the employee. The suspect ordered the employee to open the cash register, which he did, handing the suspect money from the drawer. The suspect ordered the employee to open a second register but he could not access the drawer.

The suspect handed the employee a bill and ordered him to buy gas with it so the register could be opened; the employee informed the suspect the business does not sell gas. The suspect then asked for two bottles of liquor; the employee complied and the suspect walked out with the liquor but left the food items.

The robbery occurred at 3:26 p.m.

May 27

200 block of Mero Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a window was shattered at a home. Nothing was reported stolen at the time. The incident occurred at 8:29 p.m.

May 26

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, the front passenger window was shattered on a vehicle and several items were stolen between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

May 25

1600 block of Sheridan Road in Glendale, officers responded to a call concerning an assault. When they arrived at the location they determined the adult son had assaulted his mother. He was arrested at 4:51 p.m.



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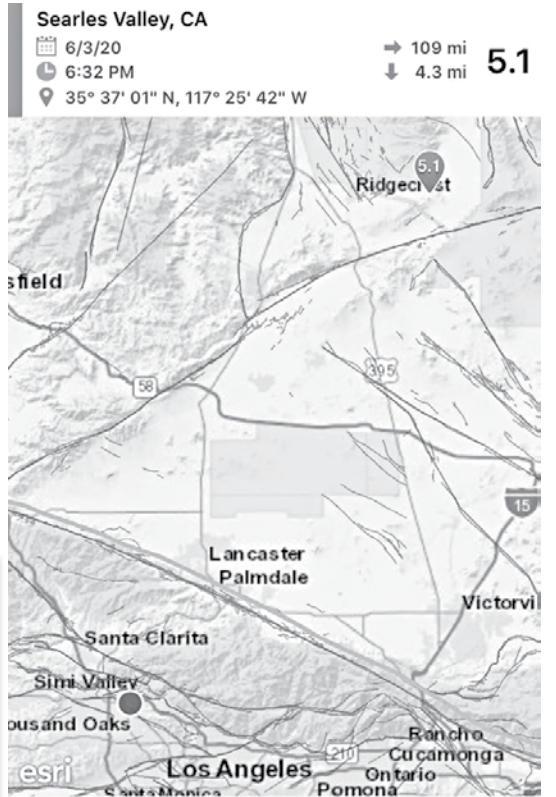
According to USGS, a 5.5 magnitude earthquake centered 11 miles south of Searles Valley just outside of Ridgecrest occurred at 6:32 p.m. this evening.

No information was available regarding injuries or damage.

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J.C., Tujunga



LA County Updates Its COVID-19 Numbers

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 46 new deaths and 1,155 new cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Thirty-four people who died were over the age of 65; six people who died were between the ages of 41 and 65, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 40. Twelve people were reported to have underlying health conditions including 11 people over the age of 65 and one person between the ages of 41 and 65. Five deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach.

To date, Public Health has identified 58,234 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 2,489 deaths. Ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 2,301 people (99% of the cases reported by Public Health).

The City of Glendale reports a total of 985 deaths from COVID-19, La Cañada Flintridge reports 51, Sunland reports 163 and Tujunga 130. The unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County La Crescenta/Montrose reports 32 deaths in total.

Upon further investigation, 39 cases reported earlier were not LA County residents. As of today, 6,680 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (11% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. There are 1,422 people who are currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are in the ICU and 17% are on ventilators. Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for nearly 646,000 individuals and 8% of people testing positive.

“LA County has suffered a great deal of loss from COVID-19. As a community, we are mourning with the families and friends who have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you every day,” said

Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, director of Public Health. “Because the incubation period for COVID-19 is 14 days, if you think you’ve had a possible exposure to the virus because you’ve been in close proximity for 15 minutes or more with others who are not wearing face coverings, please consider remaining away from all others for 14 days. If you have been exposed and have people in your home who are at greater risk of having serious illness from the virus because they are older or have underlying health conditions, it is very important to take all precautions to not expose vulnerable people. This includes staying at least six feet away and wearing a cloth face covering, even in your residence. If during the 14 days you develop symptoms, please call your healthcare provider and consider testing.”

Public Health supports the need for LA County residents to stand together against racism and violence and joins the many voices expressing dismay, anger, and frustration at the murder of George Floyd by police. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the risk of widespread transmission, everyone engaging in peaceful protests should always wear a face covering securely over their nose and mouth to protect others and keep six feet apart from people outside their household.

The best protection against COVID-19 continues to be to wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, self-isolate if you are sick, practice physical distancing, and wear a clean face covering when in contact with others from outside your household. People who have underlying health conditions remain at much greater risk for serious illness from COVID-19, so it will continue to be very important for the County’s vulnerable residents to stay at home as much as possible, to have groceries and medicine delivered, and to call their providers immediately if they have even mild symptoms.

The current Safer at Work and in the Community Health Officer Order allows for in-person dining at restaurants and hair salons to reopen once the establishments are able to implement the required distancing and infection control directives. The Health Officer Order specifically requires businesses to follow the COVID-19 infection control protocols. Restaurant and hair salon owners and operators must complete and implement these protocols prior to reopening. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals are still required to remain closed. Higher-risk businesses remain closed.

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things people can do to protect themselves, their families and their community are on the Public Health website www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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— WINSTON CHURCHILL —

VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Montrose Bowl – ‘Bowl For Beauty’s Sake’

There was a lot of hype and hucksterism around the opening of the Montrose Bowl in 1940. Our local paper, The Ledger, dedicated an entire issue to its opening exactly 80 years ago. Many of the ads and articles are fascinating as time capsules of a different era.

The title of this article is from an ad targeting women bowlers, an ad that would never be posted today. “Attention Women! Montrose Bowling Center invites you and your friends to bowl for beauty’s sake. Free instruction!”

The ad is dominated by a full-body photo of film star Jane Wyman (who had at that point just married Ronald Reagan). The photo is taken from the floor, looking up at the standing woman holding a bowling ball. Her skirt is short even by today’s standards and her long bare legs are spread in a wide stance. Between her legs is an upright bowling pin. The innuendo is obvious. The caption reads: “Jane Wyman, film colony luminary, finds health and diversion in the latest of Hollywood’s fads, bowling. Here Miss Wyman shows the relative merits of her lovely ‘pins’ and of those mowed down by the keglers.”

And there’s another anachronism. Throughout the newspaper, the bowlers are referred to as “keglers.” I don’t think that’s a commonly

used term today but, in 1940, it apparently was the term for someone who bowled. The term keglers is ancient, from German roots, and is religious in nature. In long-ago church ceremonies, an upright pin represented a heathen or kegle. Round rocks were rolled to knock down the heathen, thus demonstrating religious superiority.

The newspaper was filled with bowling articles, not only about the new bowling alley but also about the incredible benefits of bowling. One article titled “Bowling Proves Health Aid” claimed that, “Bowling is a splendid exercise for the back, the arms, the thighs and the forelegs (?).” Further, “It should appeal to women because it is a good way to streamline the body” and “That women themselves are finding bowling valuable is shown by the fact that nearly one-fifth of all bowlers are women.”

Bowling could apparently cure social ills as well. “It is good for a problem child of any age because it promotes companionship and good sportsmanship” and “It reduces fat people and increases the weight of thin people.” A miracle cure! A side bar to this health article proclaimed, “Bowling builds better men, trimming down flabby flesh into strength and good physique.”

A full-page ad showed a pretty

cowgirl swinging a lasso over her head: “Round-up of Bowlers” for the grand opening. “Every modern comfort and convenience for the greatest bowling pleasure of your entire family. Enjoy an afternoon or evening of fun and frolic with your family or your friends on our brand new mapleways. Enjoy refreshments at our soda fountain. Plan to have a light lunch at our luncheonette. Reservations are now being accepted. Phone Churchill 1688.”

Other businesses took out huge ads to express pride in their involvement in the new bowling alley. “Don’t miss the grand opening of the new Montrose Bowling Center! Eight streamlined lanes! Real Fun! Good exercise! Jimmy Hicks, general builder. We erected the building!” or “Congratulations to Dr. L. Johns on your fine new building! Plumbing installed by Harris Plumbing, 2277 Honolulu Ave. Churchill 76”. Scanlon’s clothing store offered bowling incentives. “Flash! To all bowlers! We will give away to the first person bowling a perfect game at the Montrose Bowling Center a pair of \$10 trousers.”

And of course the bowling alley’s soda fountain, which was apparently a separate business from the bowling alley itself, took out an ad as well. “Orell Valentine

announces the opening of the luncheonette and soda fountain, in connection with the Montrose Bowling Center. We specialize in rich malted milks. Ice Cream purchased from Beverly Dairies. Milk purchased from Silver Shield.”

“Come one, come all, for lots of fun! Montrose’s newest, most modern bowling palace!”

Next week, current owners Robert and Helga Berman will fill us in on the more recent history of the Montrose Bowl.



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

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

The Only Thing That We Have To Fear Is ...

I never understood the famous words by Franklin D. Roosevelt during his inaugural address on March 4, 1933 but I am beginning to now. “So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself – nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.”

These words were spoken during a time when the country had suffered a huge loss, now known as the Great Depression. Our President’s full message of hope told people not to be afraid, encouraged them to be good neighbors and impressed that it was crucial to get back to work. I believe these collective goals are still important today.

This country has seen a lot of upheaval and the responses to these crises have been varied. I

remember my family’s stories of living in Los Angeles during WWII that described food rationing, blackout curtains, and air-raid drills. My mom was 5 years old when the war began in the U.S. and 9 when it ended. She said it changed her life completely. Her father left to join the Navy in support of the war effort while her mother went to work in an aircraft/munitions plant. This prompted her parents to send her to live with her grandparents. She said she was never afraid by the circumstances. She was just sad and lonely that her life had been ripped apart.

Consequently, I always wondered how it would be in the unlikely chance that I lived during WWII. There were some close calls in my lifetime but 9/11 was probably the closest. I remember being glued to

the television that morning as both towers fell and saying these words out loud, “Well, there is no doubt now; we are at war.”

And yet, somehow, I felt comfortable enough to go to work and to send my kids off to school that day. Even being pregnant, I wasn’t afraid. I was just unsettled, waiting for all the planes to land. I watched as the events unfolded and felt heartbroken for everyone in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. It was a strange time that ultimately changed my view of the world but I was comforted by the fact that our country came together. I had seen this rallying before and since with natural disasters – the Sylmar and Northridge earthquakes; the fires and floods in the 1960s-70s-80s;

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protests vs. Violence

Protesting is fine but violent protesting over George Floyd is nonsensical and reprehensible. Did Target or any other store have anything to do with George’s death?

Yes, the murder of George Floyd was wrong. But so is looting and fire bombing innocent businesses. Media and all politicians should loudly denounce the violence, point out that justice is taking place, and that the majority of policemen are decent people who deserve our respect. Policemen put their lives on the line daily to protect law-abiding citizens.

Things to keep in mind:

1. The bad policeman has been arrested and charged with murder.

2. The worst possible punishment for a policeman is going to prison.
3. This was an isolated incident.
4. George is not completely innocent in this incident. What did George do or say to enrage the police? What we do know is that George was passing a counterfeit \$20 bill and the storekeeper called the police. If George legitimately did not know it was counterfeit, he could have politely explained the situation to both storekeeper and the police. From what I understand, George was not being polite.
5. If someone disrespects a policeman or puts them in harm’s way, would you not expect retaliation? Murder? No, but retaliation for sure. My

advice: be polite and respectful to policemen.

My 15-year-old niece was recently drugged and repeatedly and violently raped by an illegal alien. Can you imagine my outrage? But, like George and the bad policeman, this was an isolated incident and, because of this, I cannot say that all illegal aliens are bad people. But the fact is there are some bad policemen and some bad illegal aliens who should go to jail.

Given my extreme outrage, should I have organized violent protests and hurt innocent people?

My advice: Just calm down and let the justice system do its job.

John Kretz
Glendale

From Dr. Dale Ellwein & Standing Tall Chiropractic...

First off, I'm sorry for this crazy time.

I came to the realization the other day that if you want to heal the world, you must create more healers.

To help you, I am doing a daily video on how to become a healer. It's located at www.youtube.com/standingtallchiro.

So far, I've posted videos on Calming Your Emotional Stress, A Simple Exercise You Can Do at Home, and The Key Question to Help You Visualize Your Ideal Future, to name a few.

I feel that by keeping yourself healthy, you can minimize the effects of this pandemic for yourself and your loved ones, and become a healer yourself.

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CIF Southern Section Commissioner: 'All Options Are on the Table'

By Michael LEVITSKY

The cancellation of spring athletics across the country this year left many graduating seniors feeling disappointed and unaccomplished. The final chapter of these student athletes' careers were left unwritten as a result of the COVID-19 shutdown.

Moving forward, sporting events will look different at the professional and amateur level. California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (CIF-SS) commissioner Robert Wigod faces his toughest challenge of his nine-year tenure in devising a clear outlook of how fall athletics may play out.

"What we have is a philosophy that all options

are on the table," he said last week. "Because we have such an ever-changing situation and so much going on, we need to be aware [of] and monitoring what local and state health authorities are saying. We also have to be aware that the decisions of when to resume athletics are going to be made by our schools."

The Southern Section governs 567 public and private schools, and spans from Orange County all the way up to Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Wigod added that the current challenge is not a matter of how but when. The medical protocols for games and practices could vary by county, and the goal is to have a congruent start date so everyone can participate.

"You give me a date and I'll



File photo Commissioner Robert Wigod faces his toughest challenge of his nine-year tenure in devising a clear outlook of how fall athletics may play out.

give you a calendar," he said, "and the one question none of us can answer is when that date is."

Football has been the Southern Section's toughest sport to plan for. Only one contest is allowed per week, so having a viable season is essential for adequate championship competition.

A viable regular season would have to have league play at the bare minimum, according to Wigod. For eight-team leagues that is seven games and, for the more common six-team leagues, five games with the opportunity for two preseason games. Add on four weeks for preparation leading up to the first contest and four weeks at the end for Southern Section playoffs, Sept. 14 is the latest start date in order to finish

within the fall term for this possible scenario.

The remaining fall sports (girls' golf, tennis and volleyball, cross country, and boys' water polo) have more flexibility because multiple games can be played within the same week. Starting at a date later than normal while playing a full season remains realistic.

If some sports can resume before others, say non-contact (golf, tennis) versus contact/close contact (volleyball, football, etc.), a scenario is in place as well.

Southern California has been a hotbed for the coronavirus and the commissioner is also prepared for the possibility that sports may not occur at any point this fall. Wigod assured the cancellation that happened

this spring will not be repeated.

"We're prepared to find a way to do fall, winter and spring sports later," he said. "We had to cancel spring sports because we just ran out of time. The alternative to not have it at all is just not acceptable to people, and it's not something I want to see either," he later added.

The idea of three sports seasons overlapping each other presents a host of other challenges that would be sorted out at a later date, if necessary including facility scheduling conflicts and multi-sport athletes.

"We're going to need some understanding, we're going to need some flexibility," Wigod said. "I think we owe it to everybody we're involved with to do everything that we can to deliver."

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The cost for cyber day camp is \$60. Those who want to take part can pick up a box at the Verdugo Hills Boy Scout council

office the week before camp. Those who prefer to have the box shipped can do so by paying an additional charge of \$10.

For BSA Scouts between the ages of 10½ and 17 years old there will be a "Cyber Film Camp - Celebrating the Art of Storytelling" from July 19 to July 24. Scouts will then have until July 27 to complete and submit their projects for the first Verdugo Hills Council All-Day Film Festival to be held Aug. 2. Scouts will be able to complete moviemaking, photography, and animation merit badges during the camp. Film professionals from all areas of the industry

will bring their expertise as instructors. Scouts will be able to ask questions and learn from individuals who have worked on some favorite film and television projects from "Friends" to "Castaway." Costs for Cyber Film Camp will be \$70 for those who pick up their "camp in a box" at the council office. There will be an extra \$10 charge for those who would like it shipped. Participating Scouts will need to have their own cellphone with a camera feature.

Scouts can register at register.vhcsa.org.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Despite COVID-19, Adventist Continues Innovative Expansion



The Advanced Structural Heart Disease program at Adventist Health-Glendale continues to expand with the first two MitraClip surgeries in Glendale history. This cutting-edge interventional cardiology service reduces risk and speeds recovery for patients. Adventist Health-Glendale is one of just nine hospitals in the Los Angeles area to offer this minimally invasive procedure.

Glendale Heart Institute announced that Dr. Amirreza Solhpour and Dr. Amir Sadrzadeh Rafie were able to perform the first two successful MitraClip cases in the City of Glendale on May 27. Adventist Health-Glendale is one of the only nine hospitals out of 121 hospitals in the Greater Los Angeles area to offer this complex procedure.

The Lanterman House Launches a Virtual Internship Program for Local High School Students

The Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation is inviting local high school students seeking summer internship opportunities to apply for its first-ever Virtual History Internship Program. This program, which will be conducted remotely, is a six-week internship for students in grades nine through 12 interested in local history and preserving their family's stories.

Interns will create oral history interviews, which will be permanently archived in the Lanterman House Archives. They will be trained in research methods, interview techniques, how to process and preserve the interview, and legal and ethical guidelines. Interns will attend four Zoom meetings to receive training and feedback. They will use free recording apps on their cellphones to record the interviews.

"This internship is designed to develop students' research and writing skills and give them experience working with a professional history organization," said Laura Verlaque, executive director of the Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation. "We designed the program to provide opportunities for our local high school students who may not be able to volunteer or work in person this summer."

"The Lanterman House has a terrific collection of oral history interviews already," added Julie Yamashita, Lanterman House archivist. "Now, for the first time, we are recruiting and training our local youth to conduct and process these interviews. Their work will greatly enhance and continue our 40-year tradition of collecting."

The mentors of the Virtual History Internship Program will be Laura Verlaque, executive director of the Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation; Julie Yamashita, Lanterman House archivist; and Mary Lou Langedyke, president of the Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation board and retired La Cañada High School history teacher.

Students who attend a local high school or who live in the Crescenta-Cañada Valley are eligible to apply. They must fill out a short application and submit a recommendation. Application and recommendation forms can be found on the Lanterman House website at www.lantermanhouse.org/virtual-internship.

Applications are due on June 7 and the program begins on June 16.

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What Is A Back-Up Offer?

Dear Phyllis,

I have been a faithful reader of your column since you wrote for the Glendale News Press. I appreciate the valuable service you provide to our community. I think it will be beneficial for you to share our experience with a back-up offer. We recently closed escrow on a La Crescenta home where there were more than a dozen offers. The seller initially accepted a cash offer over all the others. Our Realtor® put our offer in back-up position which I thought was extremely clever. After a few days the cash buyer cancelled. We opened and just closed escrow. I think this tool may also be of benefit to other home buyers?
Jill

Dear Jill,

A back-up offer is made when a home is currently in escrow. A back-up offer acknowledges the existence of an existing offer. It indicates that in the event the first buyer cancels, then the first back-up is automatically in contract with the seller.

Back-up status typically reflects that although the property is in escrow there are still contingencies to be removed, such as inspection, appraisal and loan approval. Until closing, there's always the possibility that something can go wrong. There are numerous reasons why an escrow might not be consummated. Perhaps the buyer wants to renegotiate after the inspection. Other times, the buyer has trouble

obtaining a loan. In other instances, the appraisal might come in low.

Sellers can sign more than one back-up providing they make the position of each additional back-up offer known. For example, you could be in the second or third back-up position if there are three back-up offers. Of course, you want to be the first back-up buyer. The farther down the line, the less your chances of success.

In your circumstance, there were more than twelve offers. By being the first back-up buyer, you were assured second place. Without your back-up offer, this home could have been sold to any of these buyers. Or even a new buyer could have come into play.

Congratulations on your new home!



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – June

Although theaters throughout Southern California continue to be closed to public gatherings as June begins, there are discussions now about how and when they may be allowed to reopen, which is an encouraging sign, and we are hoping for the best! However, for now, no live stage shows are allowed at venues by mandate from state and local authorities due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.

As we wrote last month, some are offering online events instead. These online events are often available one time only and are frequently not announced far ahead of the event, so patrons will have to visit the venue's website to see what is available. Most are free to watch, some are charging a small fee. Here is a list of the websites to check out to see what is being offered:

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| The Wallis | https://thewallis.org/ |

Until we emerge from these trying times, we encourage everyone to stay safe and practice social distancing at all times when outside in public. Our warmest wishes go out to everyone during this crisis!

Sincerely,

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Then » Verdugo Hills Bowling Alley was located on Foothill Boulevard just west of Pennsylvania Avenue and sat between Hightower Toyota on the west and Safeway Market on the east. It was a large modern style building, featuring 40 lanes, a billiards room, pinball machines and a restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Verdugo Mountains. Here we see one of the many youth bowling teams, in this case "The Cracker Jacks," getting their bowling tournament trophies in January 1971. The bowling alley was a favored hangout for the kids of CV.



Now » The Verdugo Hills Bowling Alley was torn down in 2003 to make way for a giant Vons supermarket. On the very site we once had bowling lanes we now have checkout lanes. Team bowling is no longer the big social phenomenon it was in the '50's through the '80s in CV, particularly for kids. While we bemoan the lack of physical activities for our youth, we continue to lose local recreational facilities to more profitable commercial ventures.

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» ADAPTING TO CHANGES IN TRAVEL

Jonathan BERG
Special to CV Weekly

I have never taken so many bags with me on a trip before. It sorts of pains me that they don't match, but I know that utility is the only thing that matters. (In the end, they won't even make it to my destination, but I don't know that yet.) They are light, but I expect them to be much heavier on the return trip. I guess that's just the nature of travel ... to the grocery store.

It has been a long time since I've been able to travel and this trip has been on the schedule for a while. Frankly, it arrives not a moment too soon as I'm bored staying in one place, searching meekly for things about which to write, and sick of eating the same old local foods constantly. I will finally get some variety, have some adventures and see new and exciting things!

I arrive before the crux of other travelers, avoiding the commuters, and approach the arrivals lounge. There is nary a line to be seen! I've heard tales that this destination can have backup for close to an hour to get through the checkpoint, but my only hitch is when the customs

official tells me that my bags can not accompany me due to fear of outside germs being brought across the border. I certainly understand, and proceed empty handed with my cart that has been provided for free here. That certainly beats LAX!

The air is cooler than it was at home. I gaze at the local flora and fauna in their variety and colors. One thing is apparent: both the locals and visitors alike dress with an odd piece of cloth covering their lower faces. It must be the custom here, and I am quick to obtain and fasten one. Thus camouflaged, I am more likely to be able to conduct my business without drawing overt attention. In all travel, blending in is key to both safety and enjoyment, as the locals will be more likely to engage. Even so, I hesitate to get too close. I haven't been immunized to the local pathogens, and the people here seem jumpy at anyone encroaching a roughly six foot bubble.

Why do people come here, dealing with such fidgety and worrisome people? Well, the shopping here is much better than at home, and I have a long list of souvenirs I've been asked to bring back with me.

Some things are easy to find: the local fruit, for instance, is better than what I grow at home and I quickly stock up. Other things prove more elusive, even here. Sadly, I forgot to bring binoculars, so I don't even spot a glimpse of the notorious "Clorox disinfecting wipes" or "Kleenex tissues," two local things that, from my experience, are little more than legend to attract tourists or frighten children. Alas I left my binoculars at home, though border security wouldn't have allowed them in anyway.

At least here I am free to let my gaze wander in search of such things. There doesn't seem to be any motorized vehicular traffic anywhere. Carts are common – and sensible given the abundance of goods one might want to purchase – but cars, bicycles, and even the dreaded scooters are nowhere to be found. Life without scooters is better than life with, as my sanity and shins can attest.

I explore each neighborhood thoroughly, taking in their local specialties. One seems to be famous for its baked goods, another for all sorts of items in designer cans, and yet another for crafts made of paper. The diversity here is truly outstanding, and I wonder if anyone has attempted to paint all of the local species a la John James Audubon.

My trip is relatively short, and exiting is nearly as efficient as entering was. The customs official allows me to pass after accepting payment for all of the souvenirs I'm bringing home with me – a remarkable system when you think about it. She, too, is in native garb. I've gotten so used to wearing my own cloth face-covering that I continue to do so even aboard my transportation back home.

No, it may not have been the most exciting of vacations, but these days, even the shortest of outings seems like an extravagant adventure.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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June 1, 2020 - June 7, 2020

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may dread a disease that you have no chance of catching. Aspects are affecting your health zone. Don't imagine the worst-case scenario. Use your imagination to see yourself in radiant good health and free of any disease. It may be a subtle shift, but it's an important one.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

If you're troubled with a sore throat, it's likely due to something minor. But if you're worried, you may want to visit your health professional. The Universe is boosting your energy level and leave you ready to conquer any challenge. You may find competitive sports appealing now.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The Universe is encouraging you to explore your feelings and get to the heart of those that may be contributing to health issues. The dark and bitter thoughts are the ones that need the most processing. If you can work through them, you'll feel lighter, happier, more energetic, and free of symptoms.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The focus on your health zone is helping you think about how to bring your life into greater balance and harmony. You may find this period unsettling. It's possible that a health issue may reappear due to stress. If so, it's even more important that you cut out the activities that cause these problems in the first place.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

It's time to increase your awareness of your body and your relationship to it. The Universe suggests that by taking the time to learn to love your body, feed it the right food, and exercise it in the way that feels best for you, you're going to develop a much more intimate knowledge of its needs.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Take it easy if you're doing any do-it-yourself projects now. A minor accident could inconvenience you for a while. Be extra careful when hammering nails, and try not to drop anything on your toes. Take a look at the health of your parents and see if you're falling into the same patterns. If so, it's time to change.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Don't let mental tension cause stiffness and other stress-related symptoms. You're going to be working hard now and you may face a challenge or two. It will be nothing overwhelming, but enough to cause you to tighten up. Get a massage, relax in a warm bath, and make time to unwind. It's necessary for good health. You'll have more energy and focus if you do this.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

With a focus on your home, this might be a good time to note any areas that cause you to have an allergic reaction, including foods and plants. Are there any places where you feel particularly uncomfortable? Even your bed could be harbor allergens. A few changes might be needed.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

It may help if you reduce your intake of dairy products for a while. This will help lower the amount of mucus in your system. Mucus can be a breeding ground for bacteria, and it tends to block the system and keep it from removing toxins. If you focus on eating and drinking fresh vegetables and juices, you'll feel renewed inside and out. Take responsibility for your diet now.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Financing your health may be something of a problem now. You need to do something about it. If you don't join a gym because you can't afford it, think of some other ways to exercise. You could hike, bike, swim, dance, or jog. Even housework burns calories. Find enjoyable ways to lose the pounds without spending much money.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You can probably do more exercise than you're willing to admit. Don't fall prey to hypochondria. You may scare yourself by thinking that the slightest symptom could be something awful. Soon you'll feel more relaxed. For now, be willing to move outside your comfort zone.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Taking up a practice like meditation helps calm the mind, encourages inner peace and tranquility, and is excellent for your health. Half an hour every day is enough to reduce stress and tension, revitalize your system, and give you a boost. Studies have shown that it can help lower blood pressure, too. Think about it!

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BUSINESS

» NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our Town is Reopening!

Just in the past few days the city, county, and state have issued new guidelines for reopening our shops and businesses and getting back to our daily routine. You're right ... it's not quite the same but each of us feels a bit of exhilaration as we cautiously take those first few baby steps of venturing outside our homes and reconnecting with our friends, neighbors and, most important, our community.

Please remain safe and remember to properly social distance and wear a mask when it's required. The mask is for the protection of those around you ... even if you disagree with the use of a mask, please respect and

consider the feelings of others during this time.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce encourages you to continue supporting our local businesses and restaurants. As shops and businesses reopen the struggle to survive will be ever-present. More than ever our Crescenta Valley/Montrose businesses need your support!

Restaurant "take out" has become the new norm. Starting June 1, *Gelsingers Meats Market Deli* at 2016 Montrose Ave. is expanding their hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Deli phone number is (818) 957-7065. And did you know fresh cooked hot meals,

baby back ribs, pulled pork and roasted chicken from *Zeke's BBQ* can be ordered by calling Jessica at the Deli number after 3 p.m. during those days?

Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill restaurant at 3826 Ocean View Blvd. in Montrose has delicious take out from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Besides offering a great selection of tasty meals, Alissa has created a GoFundMe page on their restaurant website that supports meals for patients at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Every \$200 donated generates 20 meals for the hospital. Alissa is the epitome of supporting one's community.

Newest member to our

Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce family is *Bebacue Sauce Company*. Co-owners Bruce Beba and Emmanuel Munda have created several tangy flavors that have received national recognition. Those of you who are serious about barbecue know nothing is more important than the right sauce. Check out their website at www.bebacue.com or Facebook page [fb.com/bebacue](https://www.facebook.com/bebacue).

Emergency Preparedness Tip. June is the month to prepare yourself and your surroundings for an emergency situation. Learn CPR and first aid; get yourself CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) trained; make

sure you have flashlights and fresh batteries; secure heavy objects and furniture to avoid toppling.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce wants to promote your business and ensure your success. Please consider a membership with our Chamber by contacting us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org or calling our office at (818) 248-4957. Our motto is "Our Business is Your Business."

Steve Pierce,
Executive Director
Crescenta Valley Chamber
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» NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Face of COVID-19's Impact on Small Town America

The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce is grateful to work member Stephanie Wiley Photography for her approval to share her "Personal Photo Project: #SmallBusinessStories Quarantine and Our Local Businesses."

The photos are daunting: owners of our MVCC businesses and Montrose merchants standing in their empty businesses. Stephanie not only documented the moment of anguish or uncertainty of each of the owners but also part of their perspective and their hope for a positive outcome.

Stephanie shares her intention in her own words "About this Personal Project."

"In the small town of Montrose, California, the main street and heartbeat of downtown is Honolulu Avenue. It's been featured in many films and television



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shows as quintessential small town USA. On my daily walks, when I'd reach Honolulu I was struck by the signs in every closed small business or restaurant. I felt driven to document this time with my camera. My first instinct was to photograph the families and do a 'porch portrait' series, at a safe distance, but after giving it more consideration I realized that I should highlight the businesses instead. There are so many local businesses that we as a community want to support, but the truth is that we rarely see the faces behind the businesses. They all have signs in their windows explaining why they're closed but by now we all know the reasons. They are struggling and I want to do what I can to help give them a voice and make it more personal. I want to support our town.

"If you'd like to support any of these businesses please visit their online shops, buy gift certificates or just give

them some love via social media."

Stephanie Wiley Photography has each of the businesses photographed on her website <https://www.stephaniewiley.com/>. She also has the NBC Channel 4 news video about this project on the home page.


We at the MVCC, with the permission of Stephanie Wiley, have compiled a link to the video https://youtu.be/kRq42RRaT_w.

The Montrose Chamber wants our businesses to know that they have our support. We work diligently each day to pore through the city and county directives to provide timely relevant information for our members and community. Although we too have worked from home, we have worked without "business hours" and instead have worked non-stop to answer questions, participate in local legislator and city webinars, meetings and Zooms. As a member,

you may receive emails daily, sometimes multiple per day, because we have found the information necessary for the businesses and community. We have remained consistent with our e-blasts that summarize all the weekly and monthly information and resources. And we created the virtual ribbon cutting as our new members also need to be introduced and showcased. You will see two additional virtual ribbon cuttings come your way for June.

We look to the future with great hope because we know the foundation of this community: people care for one another, people are rooted in the area and people not only live here, but work here and thrive here in Montrose.

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with appropriate interpretation and public access is what we are working toward. We just hope the city uses this moment to be creative and visionary and re-engages with the community regarding the future of the Rockhaven Historic District."

At a Council meeting in December 2019, local historian Elise Jordan, author of the book "Rockhaven Sanitarium: The Legacy of Agnes Richards," summarized the history.

"This property was opened in 1923 by a nurse named Agnes Richards. This was just three years after women won the right to vote, so that's pretty extraordinary that a woman was able to open a business like this in our own community. Agnes was a pioneering businesswoman, a

part of our community; she was active in local clubs and sat on the board of a bank. She hired women to take care of women, allowing local women a career path, decades before the women's movement. She believed in investing in both the inside and outside of the property, making the inside comforting and healing and investing in beautifying the landscaping outside for the community looking in, while providing cutting-edge mental healthcare no one else was doing. This is Hollywood history and women's history."

In 2008, the City of Glendale purchased the 3.5-acre property for \$8.25 million to prevent its demolition. At the time, the discussion focused on making Rockhaven a park; however,

due to the economic downturn, there were no funds available for that. Since 2008, Friends of Rockhaven continued its watch over the property, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings have been untouched with few, if any, repairs, but the Friends of Rockhaven continue to promote the property and work to get the story out on the historic parcel.

In 2014, the City issued a request for qualifications soliciting proposals for the development of Rockhaven. It received 10 submissions in response. In 2016 the City entered into an agreement with Gangi Development to "develop Rockhaven as a boutique lifestyle commercial center and park." That proposal called for the rehabilitation

of all of the property's historic buildings, walls and gates "except for Building L." Ultimately, negotiations with Gangi were unsuccessful.

In 2019 the City re-initiated discussions with Avalon, which proposed the creation of a 30-room boutique hotel and community garden called The Retreat at Rockhaven.

In February, Councilmember Paula Devine questioned the city manager about current maintenance on the property and its buildings.

"Is the city taking adequate precautions to protect the buildings at Rockhaven from these storms?" she asked.

City Manager Yasmin Beers attempted to assure the council that roofs had been patched and

tarps deployed "each season, before the 'rainy' season." Later in the meeting Beers reported that the roofs are "patched throughout the year."

As reported by the Crescenta Valley Weekly on Feb. 27, the city has failed to maintain the property.

"Preventing 'demolition by neglect' is one of the key elements of the Historic Preservation Ordinance that the Council passed last week," local historian Mike Lawler observed. "And they are guilty of that at Rockhaven."

Recently elected to the council, former city clerk Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian wants the future of Rockhaven to center around its potential public benefit.

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the affected parking spaces. When several merchants and restaurateurs called the City to inquire what was happening, the signs were pulled down to allow time for further, more in-depth discussion.

When the signs went up and some merchants contacted the City, other issues were brought up in relation to the parklets and the use, specifically, of parking spaces for the project. Parking has long been a sore issue with the City of Glendale to balance the parking needs of the businesses versus the cost and impact of building structures or facilities for parking.

"We told them that parking is one of our biggest problems and the [outside expansions] that they're trying to do ... they need to understand that we have to make sure that this doesn't impose on anybody's business. They're very sensitive to that, to be honest with you. In the meetings that we have over Zoom with the City of Glendale, they're pretty receptive. There's no imposition or anything like that," said Andre Ordubegian, president

of the Montrose Shopping Park. "They really know everybody's hurting. They've been closed for three months and people are still afraid. So they're trying to create an ambiance for people to come by and actually see that you can come and shop and everything is okay."

This option is one that has been floated as a possibility for several months in one way or another on both ends, from the individual merchants and restaurateurs as well as from the City, while other options have ranged from just living with minimized capacity to closing down all of Honolulu Avenue to motor traffic, and everywhere in between. But the final test for the parklets will be whether or not the customers return.

"I mean, frankly, [the parklet] sounds kind of neat all by itself," said Jim Collins, owner of Town Kitchen and Grill. "The question is will consumers want to sit in this space that's so close to Honolulu, which will be open; will consumers want to sit in the space that's so close to the traffic going by and will the parking

impediment create a deeper challenge for the businesses that are already so fragile?"

One sentiment that was echoed by all merchants and restaurateurs interviewed is that the City of Glendale has been nothing but supportive and wonderful, and is working tirelessly to help each and every business recover as quickly and as smoothly as possible in this time of need.

"The great news to me is that the city's reaction to the [inquiry over the hastily hung signs] was 'Hey, you know what? You're right. We're going to come up and knock on doors and talk to a bunch of merchants and hear from you all.' It's phenomenal. It was the best possible response," Collins said.

The City is taking the time to speak to the other merchants and restaurateurs in the Shopping Park over the next week or so and, upon completion, a fresh set of signs will be hung to inform guests of the Shopping Park what parking areas will be designated parklets for the time until social distancing rules are lifted.

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"From its first day of the acquisition and ownership of Rockhaven [it] has been a political football," he said. "We need to carry this ball into the end zone and have a clear vision of what we want to do with that property once and for all. My preferred plans for that property would include a significant public use and preservation and restoration of structures or adapted reuse."

Councilmember Ara Najarian was reluctant to share details from the Council's closed sessions but expressed a small measure of optimism about the future of Rockhaven, hinting that there may be "fitting suitors," commending the community's organizing as productive and inclusive, seeking to preserve public access and local history.

"But Father Time is not our friend," he acknowledged. "And we have been a little schizophrenic, issuing RFPs [request for proposal], awarding RFPs, pulling RFPs."

Sounding hopeful, Najarian noted that "the group" understands that the community needs to be "at the table."

The city has failed to respond to repeated requests for Rockhaven maintenance records.

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About the Lanterman House

The Lanterman House is a bungalow-style historic house museum in La Cañada Flintridge, California. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The House was commissioned by Dr. Roy Lanterman in 1915 and was built by A.L. Haley, who was a prominent builder of both residences and commercial buildings in the Los Angeles area.

The Lanterman House also features a historical archive of the Crescenta-Cañada Valley. The archive is available for research by the public. For more information, please visit www.lantermanhouse.org or email lantermanhouse@gmail.com.

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"Let's stop thinking that our voice don't matter and vote," he said then urged people to "educate yourself" before calling for "peaceful protests."

Protesting is important. It does have an effect. The timing of the effect, though, is not always in line with when some people want things to happen.

As a Crescenta Valley resident, I am proud by local protests that didn't disintegrate into violence and destruction and that additional protests in the metropolitan parts of Los Angeles on Tuesday night also didn't erupt in violence.

For a man who lost someone dear to him, Terrence Floyd rises above the mayhem to remind people that violence is not the answer: "That's not going to bring my brother back."

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and the Station Fire. During these emergencies, the foothill community always stepped up. Do you remember during the La Tuna Fire, the ranchers who lined up their trailers to move displaced horses or the teams of people who fed the first responders? I was so proud to see everyone working together. I assumed that if I ever had to live during WWII, it would be like that.

So, what happened to the compassion during the COVID-19 pandemic? The influence of the disease seems more like a social experiment called, "Every man for himself" than a supportive effort. It has prompted neighbors not only to run away from each other as if from zombies but to also be downright rude while scooping up every last paper product and food staple. It's caused online shaming of those seen without masks and secret reports to the authorities anyone who fails to comply with the new rules and regulations. I can only imagine that this ugly behavior is being driven by a deep fear, one I have never seen before and frankly don't want to see again. Fear makes us lose our humanity; the community I know takes care of one another.

Let's resurrect an old message: to resist fear, be neighborly and get back to work.

"This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper." Well said, Mr. President.

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To our supporters and attendees of CV Fireworks: In the interest of public safety and respecting social distancing rules, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's CV Fireworks event. We know that many of you plan your Independence Day celebrations around our community event and we wanted to make sure you knew as soon as possible so that you can plan your family gatherings accordingly. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to bringing you the biggest and best CV Fireworks show when we see you again on July 4th, 2021. May you, your family and friends remain safe.

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western headquarters of the Nazi party into the '80s, with an office on Brand Boulevard.”

Councilmember Ardashes “Ardy” Kassakhian shared Brotman’s horror at the city’s racist past.

“I am not a perfect person. I try to teach my son to be a better person than I am,” he said. “We teach him to follow ‘I’m sorry’ with ‘How can I help?’ We need to do better to make people of color feel welcome in our city, to denounce our past. We are not that city anymore.”

He ended with, “I’m sorry. How can I help?”

Povilaitis reached back across his “three decades” of police experience.

“This is extremely disturbing. What I see there is wrong. I can’t say it any simpler than that. The chiefs I’ve spoken to all agree. This is wrong. It is not in keeping with the training or expectations of a professional, world-class police department. I tell every potential recruit that we perform respectful, constitutional policing that respects everyone’s rights,” he said. “And we are steeped in the traditions of community policing. This is my community and I want it to be one where everyone is welcome and safe.”

The police chief detailed the department’s response to threats it received over the weekend, outreach done to organizations across the city, and 39 arrests made in the past few days (for curfew violations, burglary and receiving stolen property). He answered a question about the department’s use of “chokeholds and strangleholds.”

“As long as I’ve been on this department, these have never been authorized as any use of force,” he said.

Earlier in the day, Glendale fire chief Silvio Lanzas joined Dignity Health’s chief medical officer Dr. William Wang to provide a COVID-19 update to the Council. Right now, there are 6.2 million cases confirmed worldwide; more than 376,000 deaths confirmed now in 188 countries; 115,000 cases and 4,286 confirmed deaths in Los Angeles County; 990 cases and 83 deaths in Glendale.

“We’re seeing a somewhat flattening here in the city,” Lanzas shared tentatively. Since May 19 there have been fewer than 10 new cases per day. He told the Council that their early and aggressive adoption of the requirement for face coverings may have had an impact on the flattening.

The Council voted to extend the requirement to wear face masks through June 30 and to waive fees making it easier to set up outdoor dining. The city intends to use parklets for additional al fresco restaurant service as well.

The existing moratorium on commercial evictions was extended through June 30 as well. The Council modified the provisions to exclude business that are publicly traded, multinationals, with more than five locations or 100 workers

employed in Glendale. All others will be required to begin paying back rent starting on July 1.

As other cities have done, councilmembers voted to draft an ordinance capping 15% the total fees food delivery apps can charge. A survey of local restaurants showed that 81.4% favor protective actions like this.

“At a time when businesses are struggling and relying on deliveries and supply chain costs are up, it’s important that we do what we can to support our local restaurants,” said Councilmember Kassakhian, sponsor of the action.

Greater Downtown Glendale Association president Rick Lemmo called into the Council meeting to model and detail adjustable, washable masks that will be distributed to downtown businesses and shoppers starting later this week and to promote a

karaoke contest promoting the downtown business district.

At the request of Council at a previous meeting, a representative of AT&T appeared before the Council to answer questions about the company’s ability to respond to increased demands resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. AT&T external affairs director Amir Johnson noted the changes required by the moment and shared several notable statistics: overall, usage is up between 20% and 25%. Video calls are up 75%. The company announced that it will not terminate residential or business service through June 30.

The city’s other internet provider was not present and will be scheduled to appear at an upcoming meeting to answer the same questions.

Councilmember Brotman

appointed Ely Lester to the city’s Transportation & Parking commission, recognizing him as a “passionate advocate for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation.” Lester told the Council that Glendale has the “bones of a multi-modal city, a walkable city.” He detailed some of the health and community benefits of walkability.

“Think about the difference between running into someone while strolling versus running into them with a car,” Lester quipped.

Brotman also proposed the creation of a sustainability commission to support the position of chief sustainability officer, which had been previously approved.

Kassakhian proposed that the city create a municipal equity policy statement, as have some cities.

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