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#### Comments Solicited for Biogas Draft EIR

By Julie BUTCHER

The controversial, long-awaited preliminary environmental review of a project proposed to produce renewable energy from the gas produced by the Scholl Canyon landfill was released this week, subject to a 90-day comment period to solicit input and feedback.

The draft environmental impact report (EIR) is available for review and comment at http://glendalebiogasgeneration.com/#draft-eir.

In 2018, the Glendale City Council approved plans to construct a 12-megawatt power-generation facility on the site that would transform landfill gas into renewable energy using anaerobic digestion, a treatment process, to break down organic waste into methane, or biogas, to generate electric energy.

According to a staff report, the proposal would also include construction of two 1,000 square-foot office buildings, a 60,000-gallon fire water tank, a 10,000-gallon water storage tank, a natural-gas pipeline system, four 840-square-foot engine generator enclosures with 40-foot-tall exhaust stacks, a 40-foot-tall flare stack, and a 384-square-foot power distribution

In November 2018 it was reported that "methane gas from decaying trash at the Scholl Canyon landfill in the hills above Eagle Rock is being 'flared,' or burned off. Contrary to common belief, the methane is no longer being used to make electricity at the Grayson Power Plant in Glendale.

"From an environmental point of view, flaring is the worst way to deal with methane gas. Flaring causes pollution and releases emissions that contribute to global warming. Flaring is also wasteful because it literally burns up landfill gas that could be used to generate energy," said newly elected city councilman Dan Brotman. "Mr. [Steve] Zurn [Glendale Water and Power manager] said flaring began in April. Before that, the gas was transported by pipeline to Grayson and used as a fuel source to generate electricity. Mr. Zurn said the methane is being flared because the Grayson plant is getting too old to efficiently process the gas. He pointed out that

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## GUSD to Begin the Year with Distance Learning

By Mary O'KEEFE

Amid high emotions, the board of education makes hard decisions.

tudents in the Glendale Unified School District will be learning remotely, at least for the time being, as the school board determined that would be the safest and best thing for children returning for the new school year in August. The district will also offer free childcare for specific students and staff members.

"How did we get to this place that we are today?" asked Superintendent Vivian Ekchian.

At the school board meeting on Tuesday, Ekchian presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation that gave a look into how the district conducted stakeholder outreach, researched other school districts' teaching methods – both nationally and internationally and the requirements/guidelines set forth by the state and Los An-



She presented three options for the 2020-21 school year. Option One: School-Linked Distance Learning. This included students remaining at their assigned schools with daily live instruction and in-

teractions with teachers and peers, having virtual teachers offer office hours to provide one-on-one instructions or small group instructions, and having technological training and on-campus technology learning pods for elementary-age

Option Two: Hybrid Model, Staggered Days. This included a combination of distance learning and oncampus instruction time. Students would be divided into two groups;

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## A Key to a Safe Place

Project Room Key brings life-changing experience to homeless.

By Mary O'KEEFE and Charly SHELTON

Homelessness has a concern that has been very visible and yet is something that as a society many people have become accustomed to. The increasing number of tents under freeways has become familiar landmarks.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought some long-needed attention to the homeless issues across the country and has made finding solutions a priority.

Ascencia is the City of Glendale's lead coordinator for individuals who are homeless. Last week, CVW looked at some of the overarching things that it does to help provide aid to the homeless of Glendale and how it

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Photo by Charly SHELTON

Project Room Key guest Mariam Tovmasian (facing forward) talks to Ivet Samvelyan, City of Glendale Community

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#### FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

## These Are The People in Your Neighborhood

in our neighborhoods, highlighting people who make an extra effort. These include decorating during the holidays, volunteering at nonprofit events and raising money for people or areas in need ... reminders of why it's great living in the Crescenta Valley.

This does not mean that CVW doesn't also share the darker side of things going on around town. The crime blotter and other hard news stories can also be found on the pages of the paper.

During the COVID crisis we want to share with you those local businesses and organizations that have "positively pivoted;" that is, they have been able to take these horrid circumstances and work within them so they can stay in business and, in some cases, even attract new business or find innovative, and sometimes better, ways to serve their clients. I welcome your suggestions, too, of people, businesses and organizations that need to be spotlighted.

Then there are the people in your neighborhood who should be given a chance to serve their clients – but, again, have been shut down by government officials. I am specifically referring to our hairdressers and nail salon owners.

I shared with you before that the nail lady I go to - Amy's Nail Place on Foothill in La Crescenta – is an owner-operated shop. She is the only technician on-site. When I returned to her shop months after she was closed due to directions from Sacramento, I saw that at her station she had installed a Plexiglas barrier with a cutout at the bottom so I could slip my hands under and

As most readers of CV Weekly have noted, she could work on them. She and I both wore we try to point out the positive that goes on masks as well. No other people were in the salon and after clients left she spent a great deal of time sanitizing the space. Even before COVID hit her place was so clean you could eat off the floor.

> But apparently that wasn't good enough for Sacramento and she - again - had to shut down her shop.

> This back-and-forth is crippling her business, and businesses like hers. I wrote a note to the governor to modify his edict; I'll let you know if I hear back.

> And finally, the people in your neighborhood may include ... Cary Jay Smith. The 59-yearold self-defined sex offender has said repeatedly in the 21 years he has been in a mental institution that he wants to go by the name of Mr. RTK - rape, torture, kill - and would target little boys, if he was released. Well, Mr. RTK was released this week from an Orange County mental hospital. And he won't have to wear any kind of monitor meaning - yep - he can be in anyone's neighborhood.

> According to Orange County DA Todd Spitzer the governor has been asked to intervene on Smith's release but so far, it appears Gov. Newsom has turned a deaf ear to the

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## Weather in the **Foothills**

"Nothing sounds as peaceful as crickets singing on a summer night. A unique sound that makes you feel like everything is gonna be all right ..."

- Writer unknown

Many viral illnesses slow in the summer months; as we can attest, CO-VID-19 was not one of those! With COVID-19, there was not enough evidence to know if there would be a significant slowdown during the warmer months. Earlier studies focused on well-known human infectious diseases (common flu). Less clear is how seasonal variations in the weather might modulate the spread of a new virus - COVID-19. In addition to the unknowns, the virus was a complete stranger to our immune systems.

By some crazy cosmic-coincidence, last March, as the virus became serious, JPL astronomers found a new comet: NEOWISE. Complete with a three-mile wide tail, it's the brightest comet visible in the U.S. in a quarter century. Although the comet is visible to the naked eye, binoculars are recommended if you want to get a detailed look at the comet's beautiful tail. It's expected to stay in view for at least the next 10 days. But you'll want to catch it before it disappears because it won't come this way again for nearly 7,000 years, scientists say. Starting this weekend, as it speeds away from the Sun, NEOWISE will appear in the north-northwest about 10 degrees above the horizon just after sunset in the early evening. Fortunately, the local forecast looks mostly clear over the next few days, which should contribute to increased visibility.

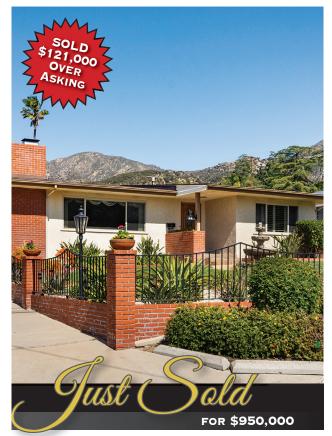
There's a void to fill as the La Cañada Flintridge Music in the Park and the Hollywood Bowl 2020 season are both canceled. It was unavoidable as the number of COVID-19 victims is on the rise. Presently large social gatherings are prohibited. At the onset, in March, it was believed the virus would calm down during the summer months but possibly rebound in the fall.

To help fill the void, Mother Nature has turned up her night music a notch. Have you heard the volume of the crickets chirping recently? Take a listen while you are outside trying to spot the comet. Male crickets produce sounds by rubbing their leathery front wings together. This is called "stridulation" and is used to attract female crickets as mates. The sound is impacted by factors such as temperature, e.g., faster rate during warmer temperatures. It doesn't quite replace the violins at the Bowl, though!

Daytime high temperatures are predicted to be slightly warmer going into the weekend. Night through morning low clouds will move onshore each night. Not quite reaching the Crescenta Valley, skies will be clear and the air refreshed by ocean breezes.

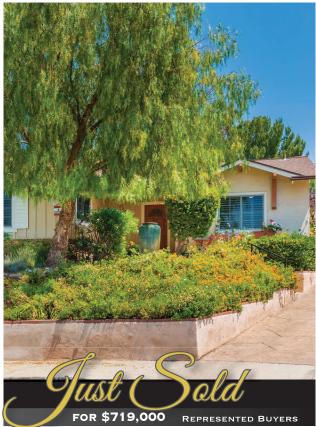
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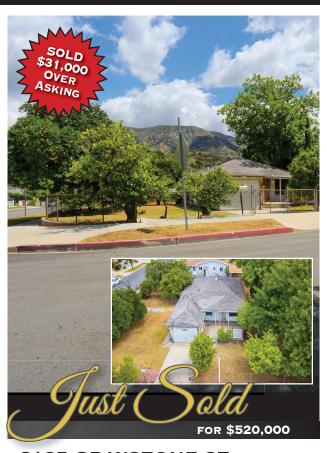
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## NEWS

#### IN BRIEF

#### Y ANNOUNCES TEMP CLOSURES

The YMCA of the Foothills announced that, due to the July 13 order to counties by the state public health officer, the Y is closed until further notice. Summer camp and CARE program will remain open at the Verdugo Hills location.

#### **ROSE PARADE CANCELED**

In a statement released by Tournament of Roses officials, the decision was made "with reluctance and tremendous disappointment" to cancel the Tournament of Roses Parade in accordance with Gov. Newsom's Phase IV re-opening schedule.

"After thoughtful consideration of the restrictions and guidelines in place as a result of COVID-19, we are unable to host the 2021 Rose Parade," the statement included.

#### REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS GIVEN OKAY

Local grocery stores, including Vons, Ralphs and Trader Joe's, are now allowing shoppers to bring their reusable bags into their markets; however, shoppers who do will need to bag their own groceries. For those who do not bring in reusable bags, the stores will provide them. Ralphs and Trader Joe's will not charge for bags; Vons has reestablished its bag fee.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, July 18. 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 are being followed requiring visitors to wear masks and social distance 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.



## Fighting COVID on the Front Line

By Mary O'KEEFE

Reports in California in general and Los Angeles County specifically have seen an increase in the number of new cases and the number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19. Some report this is a second wave of the pandemic; some think of this as a surge.

"To be honest, I am not sure anyone has the definitive answer," said Dr. Rajiv T. Philip, a pulmonologist who serves at USC hospitals including Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Philip added there is not enough data yet to determine if this is a surge or a resurgence of the disease.

"We never truly flattened the curve either in Los Angeles County nor the country," he said.

California and LA County reopened most businesses and then the number of cases increased; however, Philip said the increase is not just because of the reopening.

"People are back in the workforce – they have to be – but I am not sure that everyone is following the simple guidelines of social distancing, wearing some kind of face covering and [limiting time] in crowded areas," Philip said.

With the reopening of businesses many felt that was a reason to ignore the guidelines, and the County saw a resurgence in the number of cases after Memorial Day. It is awaiting the numbers for the July 4 holiday, which will most likely be reflected about two weeks after the holiday.

There has been more testing done in LA County but Philip said the testing does not correlate with increased number of hospitalizations.

As of July 8, Barbara Ferrer, director of Public Health, stated the County is at a "very critical juncture." Public Health is seeing a community spread similar to one that occurred in April.

"There is a small increase [in the number of] deaths but we expect more," she said.

"From what we know, this is still COVID-19," Philip said. "It has not mutated."

Scientists do know more about how the virus is spreading, including community spread. According to the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention], community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

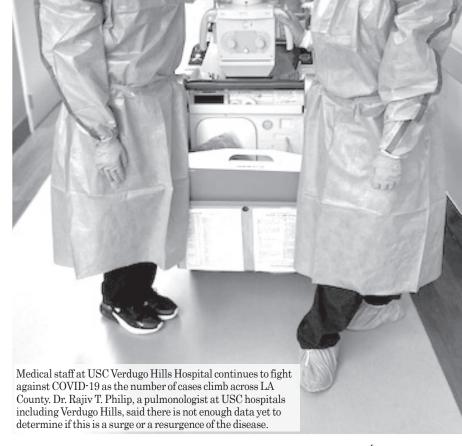
"This is a very infectious [virus], much more infectious than the common flu," Philip said.

That is why there are recommendations by the County Public Health and CDC that people limit contact with each other.

"Verdugo Hills [Hospital] is seeing an increase, but has been fairly stable for the past few weeks," he said.

He works at other USC hospitals that have seen greater increases in cases and said several hospitals around the county are seeing increases as well. He praised the leadership at USC-VHH for its proactive planning regarding the pandemic. He feels confident the hospital administration will be able to meet any demands throughout the USC Keck community but there are still concerns as numbers increase in LA County.

Doctors continue to learn about the novel coronavirus. Some things they are seeing are the effects that some patients



experience when they are infected with it, battle it and get to the other side of the virus

"[We are] learning things every day," Philip said.

He added COVID-19 can affect the heart, causing patients to appear to have suffered a heart attack. It can cause blood clots, which can cause heart attacks and strokes. The clots can also travel to the kidneys, affect a patient's legs and possibly affect the brain causing confusion and memory loss.

"It is affecting multiple systems," Philip added

In addition, patients who were in the ICU for COVID-19 could develop scarring (fibrosis) of the lungs.

"That is not reversible," he said. "You lose lung function."

Philip spoke about the increase in the number of cases and the increase in younger people testing positive for COVID-19. According to LA County Public Health, 50% of all new cases in the County are those between 18 and 40 years old.

Philip said people in this age category, in what they have seen so far, are less likely to die but get sick enough to be hospitalized.

"You've got to realize a lot of younger folks are spreading [COVID-19] around to family members and colleagues who are older. This is a cycle that can keep going on and on," he said. "There is a false sense of comfort."

He added younger people feel they are immune to COVID-19 or at least if they get it they can survive; however, they can bring it back to family members. Both can be hospitalized resulting in lasting symptoms and sometimes death.

"It is very troubling," he said.

As for now, he and those in the medical field he works with are "trying to be safe."

They are using PPE [Personal Protective Equipment] like masks and shields. Despite all their precautions, doctors, nurses and others on the front lines of the pandemic are still becoming infected.

"It's sad ... when you see your own colleagues get sick with it and [knowing] there is only so much you can do and hope they are okay," Philip said. "To be honest, we are taking it day by day."



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#### **NOTES & NODS**

#### This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues to offer "Couch Church, Fellowship and Prayers" 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 - and YouTube channel. After the live stream, the service can be found at www.lcifoothills.org. This Sunday, July 19, Stephen Robertson, the Children Youth & Family director, will lead the service with a sermon on "Sowing Seeds of Good Faith." Take part on Sundays at 11 a.m. for a time of fellowship via Zoom. Details are available by contacting the church office.

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.

Bulletins for children and adults (along with games for children and a Bible quiz for adults) are also available on the website. For more information on these and other activities, please email the church at office@lcifoothills.org or call the

Lutheran Church in the Foothills, the "touchdown church," is located at 1700

Foothill Blvd. For information, call (818) 790-1951 or visit www.lcifoothills.org.

#### Walk and Word

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

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

#### **Catholics Invited**

ICF, the Italian Catholic Federation, is looking for members. ICF is a familyoriented, non-profit fraternal organization dedicated 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 ethnics groups.

ICF is active in various cultural events throughout the state, supports local parishes, and provides various charities with financial and

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.

#### Outdoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services every Sunday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. through September.

The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC courtyard will offer interactive prayer time, live music, Bible readings and an inspiring message. COVIDsafe practices, including social distancing and mask wearing, will be observed.

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

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

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## Fundraising Gone Virtual

By Mary O'KEEFE

Running for office costs money lots and lots of money. According to the Federal Election Commission, presidential candidates raised and spent \$1.5 billion during the 2015-16 election cycle. Congressional candidates collected and disbursed \$1.6 billion.

generations For campaign fundraising has been more of an inperson activity, but over the years direct mail then online advertising with partnered in-person appearances and events to capture that attention of a larger audience of voters. But with COVID-19, fundraising may have faced its biggest challenge.

All parties are facing a change in how they raise funds for their candidates. It's a time to think outside the box, a time to get creative.

United Democratic Headquarters of Pasadena, made up of 11 democrat clubs stretching from the San Gabriel Valley to the Los Feliz area, has come up with a new way of holding a traditional fundraising dinner.

"Typically we open our office every two years," said John Gallogly, UDH member and fundraiser.

After the opening of their offices in Pasadena, club members normally hold a get-together that often includes a fundraising dinner but, due to COVID-19 guidelines,

the office is no longer physical but virtual. In response, a virtual fundraising dinner is now planned for July 25.

"We had to figure out a way to put things together virtually," Gallogly

They knew they had to make the dinner something unique to catch people's attention. They started by getting a well-known chef on board Chef Claud Beltran of Bacchus' Kitchen in Pasadena. They added award-winning wines from Napa's Calmére Estate Winery then invited four local congressional members to take part. And the evening was planned.

There are several levels of participation, from \$10,000 that includes up to 10 total seats for dinner and a bottle of wine for each guest, to \$250 that includes dinner only. The meals will be delivered to the participants. As the dinner begins so will the virtual participation. Every so often a congressional member will ioin the dinner – virtually – to discuss issues of concern of their constituents.

the upcoming dinner. congressional representatives Adam Schiff, Judy Chu, Karen Bass and Jimmy Gomez will be joining the dinner guests.

"People like the idea and we are doing pretty well," Gallogly said.

For information on the dinner, visit https://www.udh-events.com/.

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flaring has been used at Scholl Canyon in the past during maintenance and as emergency back-up and was common until about the mid-1990s."

"It's not what I'd like to do with the gas. I'd like to put it to beneficial use, whatever that beneficial use may be," responded Zurn at the time, adding that he hoped the EIR would address those concerns.

Currently, methane gas released at landfills can be put in an internal combustion engine or turbine, or it can be flared. Legally, it must be controlled in one of those three ways, Zurn said.

Concerns have been raised over the project's potential to contribute to poor air quality, increased traffic, dust and noise in nearby neighborhoods as well as concerns about the potential for an environmental disaster because of the landfill's proximity to the Verdugo fault line.

At a meeting of the Glendale planning commission March 2018, most of the 129 comment cards were from those opposing the project including members of the Coalition for Eagle Rock Beautiful, Glendale Coalition. Environmental Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association, and the East Area Progressive Democrats, northeast Los Angeles political that advocates group environmental justice.

"We created a community opposition that surfaced in Eagle Rock and then Glendale to create a multi-jurisdiction opposition to the dump," said Hans Johnson, president of East Area Progressive Democrats. "It's a rather remarkable result and victory for the breadth of community resistance to the dump expansion."

Johnson and Glenoaks Canyon resident Adam Starr penned an opinion piece in January 2016 summing up the history.

"Glendale's original Joint Powers Agreement with LA County, which established the dump in 1961 states that the 'County's rights to use City property shall be for 17 years . . . or until such property has served its purpose and shall have been completely filled as herein specified, whichever first occurs, whereupon all rights of District and County shall terminate.' This means the dump should actually have closed in the late 1970s.

"Abiding by the original intent of the Joint Powers Agreement and closing the Scholl Canyon dump is not an obstacle, but an opportunity. Glendale can be an example not only to California, but to the country, demonstrating innovation and sensitivity to protecting both its own and nearby residents and the environment with smarter, less polluting waste solutions that conform with the city's zero-waste policy.

"We urge the Glendale City Council to take dump expansion off the table. Focus instead on safer, forward-thinking waste policy. That's solid ground."

"At the end of the day, the residents matter more than

the commissioners," [Planning Commissioner Leonard] Manoukian said at the planning commission meeting. "The residents matter more than the city staff, with all due respect. And because of that, Mr. Chairman, I would vote to deny the mitigated negative report, and would ask that you seriously consider doing an EIR, to provide the residents with the level of scrutiny that they seem to be wanting."

Glendale's planning commission voted to require the detailed scrutiny of a full environmental review rather than accepting the assurances of a mitigated negative declaration, a considerably less complete level of analysis and review.

In September 2019, Glendale officials announced that they were abandoning plans to expand operations at the Scholl Canyon landfill. City officials notified the Los Angeles County sanitation districts in May 2018 that Glendale was no longer looking to increase the size of the 535-acre facility, Glendale city spokeswoman Eliza Papazian said in an email.

Marla Nelson, president of Coalition for Scholl Landfill Alternatives, opposes "the flaring of methane at the landfill and the \$35 million Biogas Power Plant which Glendale Water and Power wants to build at the site." Nelson would like to see the methane used for fuel cells instead of a power plant.

Alternatives proposed by the coalition include options to:

- Use fuel cells in a biogas-toenergy process, which would create fewer emissions than the planned biogas plant. This option is being developed at the Coyote Canyon Landfill in Newport Beach.
- Convert the methane into liquefied natural gas and use it for vehicle fuel. This method is currently in operation in Perris and at the

Altamont Sanitary Landfill in Livermore.

- Get rid of the impurities in the landfill methane so that it can be injected directly into a utility company's "Common Carrier" pipeline. Southern California Gas Company has a pipeline near the landfill that could accept the methane if it is purified.
- Segregate carbon dioxide from the methane and sell it for use in industrial processes.

The draft EIR is being reviewed by current Glendale councilmembers along with the public.

Councilmember Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian said, "I'm not for keeping the landfill open for any longer than its lifespan was supposed to allow for. However, there is gas that is generated from the waste and we have to figure out what to do with it, either burning it off or utilizing it for energy generation as the city did in the past. Whatever happens, it has to have the buyin of the neighboring residents and take into consideration their safety."

"I'm still reading through the voluminous documents and the City is still taking public comment, so I'm not ready to come down on the side of any specific project alternative," responded Councilman Brotman in an email. "I'll say the obvious though: the dump is producing dirty methane and there are no great options for handling it. This is why we need to get away from landfilling as a solution to our throw away society. Unfortunately, we are stuck with the legacy of this dump, so we need to do something. I will support whichever option is least environmentally harmful and poses the least fire, noise and air quality risk to Glenoaks Canyon residents. I'll also want to ensure that nothing we do creates incentives for the dump to be expanded or the site to



be industrialized in any way. Profit and/or clean energy credits should not be a deciding factor. It has to be all about public health and safety."

He added that the "next step is that public comments are incorporated into a final EIR and then Council votes to certify it (or not). Certify means certify that the EIR was done properly according to CEQA. Voting to actually approve one or another project alternative comes after that."

Those who would like to provide written comments can send to Erik Krause, Deputy Director of Community Development, City of Glendale, Community Development Dept., 633 E. Broadway, Room 103, Glendale, 91206-4386; fax (818) 240-0392 or email ekrause@glendaleca. gov. Comments must be received prior to the close of the 90-day public review period at 5 p.m. on Sept. 30.







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Obituary

Harriet Payne

Hammons

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**KEYS** from Cover

works to end each person's homelessness on a case-by-case basis through individual casework, outreach and support. This week, CVW looks at one of the specific programs that is used to help those most at-risk members of the homeless population in Glendale to get off the streets during the pandemic.

The City of Glendale has recently received \$3 million in federal Emergency Solutions Grant funds to address the risk of homelessness, loss of housing and loss of employment of those impacted by COVID-19.

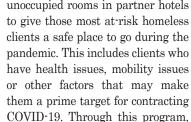
"Getting this money means people are recognizing homelessness as a nationwide challenge and we [in Glendale] are ready to combat this challenge," said Ivet Samvelyan, Community Services manager.

With the new funding Samvelyan andher staff have been implementing new programs, including the hotel rental program, Project Room Key. This project leverages resources from the state of California, Los Angeles County and Los Angeles Homeless

Services Authority [LAHSA] to rent unoccupied rooms in partner hotels COVID-19. Through this program, about 70 people have been taken off the street in Glendale and placed in hotel rooms.

"In our program we leverage services with Ascencia and our outreach teams provide meals to the clients," Samvelyan said. "We have health checks, a nurse on staff to do health screenings. What we have done specifically a little more aggressively in Glendale is to assign housing navigators to work with each of these clients for the next level of housing because we are set to make sure no one will return to the streets after the program is completed, and hopefully the pandemic is over."

Although this seems like a winsee KEYS on page 14





Harriet Payne Hammons, 77, of La Cañada Flintridge, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, July 5 after a battle with stage 4 lung cancer.

Born in Los Angeles, Harriet was the beloved mother of Heidi Harriet Moreno of La Crescenta and John Philip Hammons of LCF, and the beloved grandmother of Grace Elizabeth Moreno of La Crescenta.

She was a proud native Angelino who grew up in the Silver Lake area. She attended and graduated from Marshall High School and was an active member of the alumni association. She spent a year studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain and became fluent in Spanish. Harriet received her teaching degree and credential from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena. During this time, she met her husband, Philip Hammons, whom she was married to for 34 years until he passed away in 2002. They moved to La Cañada in 1970 and soon after their children were born. In 2003, her first and only grandchild came into the world. Harriet loved being a mom and especially loved being a grandmother. She was very supportive and involved, and proud of all the accomplishments of her children and granddaughter.

Harriet was a dedicated bilingual elementary school educator who taught for LAUSD for 44 years. She taught at Pinewood, Sherman Oaks, and Union Avenue. She also developed herself as an educator through Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG), a society to promote and develop women educators.

Faith in Christ was central to Harriet's personal and family life. She was an active member of La Cañada United Methodist Church for over 45 years. She was actively involved in many aspects of the church, most notably United Methodist Women, and many outreach/ mission projects to Mexico and the local community.

As both of her children got involved in scouting, she did too. For 34 years she volunteered with Boy Scouts of America. She and her husband Phil were great supporters of the Verdugo Hills Council and she became a merit badge counselor in 1999, helping countless Scouts earn their merit badges and aiding their journey to the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. She was also a council commissioner and just recently honored with her picture on the council's wall of fame.

Harriet loved learning, meeting new people and traveling all over the world! She and her husband traveled every year of their marriage to almost every state in the U.S. as well as throughout Asia, Europe, Canada and Mexico. They had many travel adventures with their children as well. They hosted Youth for Understanding students and many Japanese students over the years. She and her son John also attended many national and world Scout Jamborees.

Stating that Harriet attended almost every event in the communities of Crescenta Valley and La Cañada is not an exaggeration. And once she started supporting an organization she did not walk away from it. Along with DKG, scouting and her church, she was involved with many community organizations, including the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce, La Cañada Tournament of Roses and the Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. She was also a strong supporter of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station, attending and supporting most of its events. Harriet was a beloved icon of this community.

Harriet loved life and did not waste a single moment of it. She leaves a legacy of loving and accepting people from all backgrounds and all situations. Her door was always open for those who came her way. She was always ready to greet others with a warm smile and a bit of conversation, while keeping an eye out for someone in need. She was dependable and quick to lend a helping hand at a moment's notice. Her impressive ability to connect with others and make them feel valued created an incredible circle of connections and lifelong friendships. The world is a far better place because of Harriet Payne Hammons. She has run the race God set before her with enthusiasm and grace, and has earned the reward of being in heaven with Jesus.

In keeping with current health restrictions, an online memorial service will be held for Harriet. The link -https:// venue.streamspot.com/ event/Mjl2NzA0Nw== - will allow friends to take part in the service virtually and will be active for one year. The service takes place at Forest Lawn - Glendale today, July 16, at 2:30 p.m. Password: hammons. All are invited to share this information with anyone who would like to take part in celebrating Harriet's life.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations in Harriet Hammons' name be directed to: La Cañada Methodist Church, https:// www.lcumc.com/giving. Click on the offering plate and under Fund, choose "Missions 2020." A check can also be sent to 104 Berkshire Place, La Cañada, CA 91011. Note in memo section: Harriet Hammons/Missions 2020.

Donations in Harriet's name can also be made to the Verdugo Hills Boy Scouts Council, https://donations. scouting.org/#/council/058/ appeal/3035.

In the note space write "Harriet Hammons Memorial Fund." A check can also be mailed to Scouts BSA Program Office, 1325 Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201.

Donations in Harriet's name can also be made to the La Cañada - Kiwanis Club International, https:// lacanadakiwanis.org/(X(1) S(y0m1j554z3myczd0bltqnjnd))/ Page/26338

Donations can also be mailed to Kiwanis, P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012.

#### Joe Roice Hagemier

Aug. 1, 1952 – June 16, 2020

Joe Roice Hagemier was born Aug. 1, 1952 to Roma Speirs and Joe G. Hagemier at The California Hospital in Los Angeles.

People knew him by both Roice and Joe since Joe was also his father's name. Roice passed away suddenly from leukemia on June 16.

Roice worked with his father who was an LA Times newspaper distributor. They also worked with another distributor - Larry. Roice delivered the LA Times paper every day, seven days a week, for over 35 years!

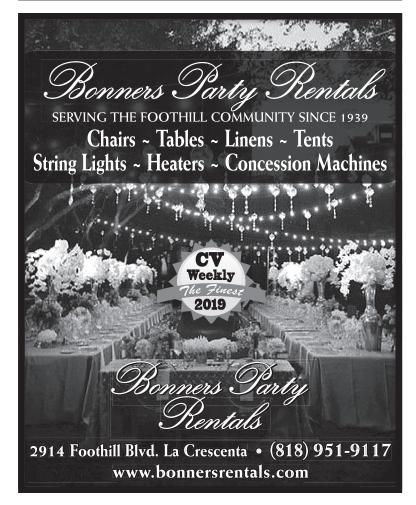
Roice was raised in Eagle Rock and lived there until his parents passed away. then moved to Glendale in 1988. He remained an active member of the Eagle Rock Lions Club, of which his father was also a member, and also the Eagles Club in Eagle Rock.

He had a sister (Cheryl Shaw) who lived in Oregon.

He is survived by his brotherin-law and nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.











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## VIEWPOINTS

#### TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

#### The Helen Eaton House – Rebuilt after the 1908 Fire

One good result of the big fire of His father was a judge and young House at 2620 Foothill Blvd. The Eaton House is the two-story yellow Victorian that is home to New Star Realty and a taekwondo studio. It is fronted by a giant Moreton Bay Fig manhood, he became a city-builder,

So who was Helen Eaton? She the first wife of Frederick Eaton, a man central to the history of Los Angeles. Fred Eaton was a true son of Los Angeles, one of the first Americans born there in 1855.

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1908 was the beautiful Helen Eaton Eaton grew up in Pasadena. Eaton Canyon is named for his family and Fair Oaks Boulevard is named for the family estate.

> As young Fred Eaton grew into designing parks and infrastructure projects. He was head of the water department and actually hired William Mulholland. He served as LA's mayor at the end of the 19th century. But his largest accomplishment was the conception

of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. As a young man, he visited the Owens Valley and saw its potential as a water source for LA. With that in mind he bought thousands of acres above Bishop. He owned what is today known as the Long Valley Caldera, the volcanic depression adjacent to Mammoth. William Mulholland usually gets the credit for the aqueduct but Eaton was the visionary who pushed it forward.

Eaton through the decades that he was a leader of Los Angeles' growth and they had three children. In 1903 the couple divorced. Helen, when asked by reporters the cause of the divorce, gave a one-word reply:

Helen made her way to the Crescenta Valley, apparently because of her love for riding horses. She bought 10 acres on the southwest corner of Foothill and Rosemont Avenue. The house was a single-story ranch house backed by a huge olive orchard. The tiny remnant of that olive orchard is the street trees on Mary Street west of Rosemont. It was that house that burned in the 1908 fire that I just wrote about.

Helen rebuilt the house in a grand style, the very house we see today - a two-story Colonial-style house with columns in the front, wide porches front and back, second-floor balconies and a beautiful interior.

Fred was married to Helen L. She moved into it with her oldest convalescent and elderly "in a lovely daughter, Helen Eaton Armstrong, and her husband.

> The property that Fred Eaton had acquired in the Eastern Sierra continued to be used by the family. Fred Eaton's idea had been to sell his land to Los Angeles and to build a dam where Crowley Lake is today, creating a massive storage reservoir. Eaton was too inflexible on price and had a falling out with William Mulholland, who instead built the now infamous St. Francis Dam. That left Long Valley as a playground for the Eaton kids, now all adults. The eldest daughter, Helen Armstrong, ran a hot springs resort there called Whitmore Tubs, splitting her time between La Crescenta and the Eastern Sierra.

In 1919, we find a newspaper ad for the La Crescenta Eaton House, apparently promoting it as a health resort. Indeed, in 1942 we find another ad showing the house as a women-only sanitarium for the

Colonial home." Helen Eaton died in 1934 and it's unknown how long she stayed in the house. Daughter Helen Armstrong built a house just around the corner on Rosemont, a house that is still there.

The Eaton house since then has had a variety of retail and office uses. At some point, probably the '70s, someone did an exterior remodel that gave the house more of a Victorian look. The massive Moreton Bay Fig tree that fronts the house seems to have been there all along, for it is seen in the earliest photos already taller than the house.

The 110-year-old Eaton House is a remnant of a time when this area of La Crescenta was a refuge for the wealthy. It's also a distant connection to the growth of Los

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

#### **NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO** » ASSEMBLY MEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

### Congratulations

In January, when I returned to the halls of the California Capitol, I was prepared to join my colleagues in another legislative session with the backing of a vigorous economy the COVID-19 pandemic began its wildfire-like spread through every corner of our state. Practically overnight, the pandemic radically shifted the lives of every Californian, and significantly altered my focus as your representative.

Californians lost their jobs as riddled EDD bureaucracy. Many of businesses were ordered to close to prevent the spread of the virus. Now, the Employment and record-level revenue. Then Development Department (EDD), a once relatively obscure part of our state's executive branch, has become a towering and exceedingly frustrating facet of millions of Californians' daily lives.

> EDD has processed over five million claims this year. Millions of these cases have been processed without major problems. However, there are a startling number of claims that have never been responded to, apparently lost in the shuffle of the millions being processed simultaneously through an antiquated system.

Since the beginning of the crisis, my office has had people from every walk of life reach out to us for help with unemployment claims that have gone awry - entertainment industry professionals, restaurant servers, business owners, travel therapists and silversmiths. We have helped hundreds of constituents navigate

Within weeks, millions of the notoriously complex and glitch our constituents are weeks or days away from financial ruin.

> The problems are many: people can't reach EDD staff over the phone, mysterious errors prevent people from reporting wages and then there's mail and information that is never received, just to name a few. Among the most egregious problems with the department is what my office is calling the "identity verification black hole." This is when EDD demands claimants send documents within 10 days verifying their identity, only to disqualify them because it takes the department longer than 10 days to process the response.

> A constituent submitted his identity paperwork only to receive a letter from EDD one month later stating that he was disqualified for failing to respond to EDD's original request for documents. He appealed the disqualification and then had to wait weeks for his payments to come through. He contacted us in early May and it took until the end of June to resolve his case,

including having to go through the appeals process.

As I write this, we are working with a professional photographer who applied for benefits in March. Her payments are still pending after EDD lost her application. Her entire life's work is being held for ransom by a storage company because she cannot afford the rent. They are threatening to auction off the contents of her unit. She cannot pay the \$657 she owes the storage company to save decades of her work, even though EDD appears to owe her thousands of dollars in benefits.

These constituents are hardworking, creative, dedicated people who I consider myself lucky to represent. They contribute to society, pay their taxes, enrich our community and are being left completely high-and-dry by an agency that doesn't seem to know that they exist. I have run out of patience with EDD's incompetence.

I've reached out directly to the governor and California's Labor

see FRIEDMAN on page 15

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **All Lives Matter**

Rep. Adam Schiff's News from Washington (CV Weekly, June 25) was, not surprisingly, a new "politically correct" campaign even if becomes more racist, divisive and destructive.

Does Rep. Schiff think he represents only Black voters? Hispanics, Asians and all others in his district don't count? Their lives also matter.

Black Lives Matter protests have gone out of control and are bent upon destroying the nation based on laws, equality, tolerance and justice. Schiff doesn't condemn it. He doesn't remind us that Lincoln-led White states fought against other White states to liberate the slaves and gave us the message of freedom, justice and equality and also a great Constitution [under which we] live and thrive.

It's now "fashionable" to cite isolated examples to bolster an argument. He forgets that Whites, Asians, Hispanics and several other ethnic groups have also been victims of brutalities and discrimination. However, they did not start riots, burn churches, indulge in looting and toppling statues of national heroes. Don't forget that cops are also constantly made targets of shooting, assaults,

condemnation and hate every day. They don't deserve it.

BLM is waging a terrible class war against everything that this great nation symbolizes. But Schiff supports it.

Claiming inheritance of the great leaders like Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, this movement has degenerated into a terrible chaos. It is demanding – and also getting – defunding of the police departments, and changing names of cities and states honoring the heroes of this great nation. Their latest target is the father of this nation, George Washington.

Mr. Schiff's support for this movement is shocking. He looks the other way, like most of his party.

He, it seems, no longer represents the entire nation's inclusive ethos and panders to one group only. [Of course, I could not find anything significant he has done for Black advancement during his two decades in Congress.] As a representative of all he should condemn the current, violent and most racist movement and prove that he cares for everyone with the ideal slogan "All Lives Matter."

> Yatindra Bhatnagar Tujunga

## YOUTH

## Senior Coordinates Life-Saving Drive

By Lori BODNAR, intern

he Crescenta Valley
High School Red
Cross Club is holding
a blood drive on Tuesday,
July 21 at the Christian
Life Church. Justin Yi, an
incoming senior at Crescenta
Valley High School and an
officer of the Red Cross Club,
is coordinating the blood drive.

"The blood drive is from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the Christian Life Church [is located] at 3013 Montrose Ave. However, our drive is actually full and we are not taking walk-ins due to COVID-19," said Yi. "So if people still want to help us out and donate, they can schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org. We are in extreme need of more blood according to hospitals and the Red Cross. Not only has there been a decrease in donations due to COVID-19, but there has also been an increase in how much blood is being used throughout the hospitals."

There will be many safety measures exercised due to the pandemic.

"The Red Cross will be taking many precautions in light of COVID-19," added Yi. "All Red Cross personnel will be wearing masks and will change gloves in between each donor. There will be screening for temperature and symptoms before donors come into the main area. There will also be hand sanitizer stations available to the donors. We also expect our donors to be wearing their own facial covering and to practice social distancing. Normally blood drives can accommodate more people with appointments and walk-ins. However, for this drive we are limited to only 55 scheduled appointments."

Many organizations such as



AABB (American Association of Blood Banks), America's Blood Centers and the American Red Cross have been accepting convalescent plasma donations from patients who have fully recovered from the coronavirus to help treat patients currently fighting COVID-19. Plasma is the liquid part of the blood and "convalescent plasma" is plasma from donors who have recovered from COVID-19 and thus their blood plasma may contain antibodies to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that could help patients currently battling the disease.

"Our blood drive is only for whole blood. We will not be taking plasma donations at this drive, but convalescent plasma donation is still available at many other donation sites," said Yi. "We do offer Power Red donations, which essentially return plasma and platelets to the blood allowing us to safely take two units of red blood cells instead of the one unit we get from whole blood donation. Currently, we are also offering COVID-19 antibody testing to anyone who donates."

Other Club members are part of the organizing team.

"Right now there are a few other Red Cross Club officers [at CVHs] – Joshua Jeong, Sky Moon and Dahae Choi – who are helping me coordinate and advertise this drive. Beyond that we are working very closely with Red Cross personnel to create a good experience for our donors."

Yi joined the Red Cross Club and wants to have a career in the medical field.

"I have always taken an interest in healthcare since I was young because my mom has been such a big influence in my life and she works in healthcare. I also wanted to help others in need like my mom," Yi said. "There is another reason I joined this club. I have been swimming at our school and in a club. Swimming led me to lifeguarding. From there, I became a lifeguard instructor certified by the American Red Cross. The Red Cross path led

me to join the Red Cross Club at CVHS. I wanted to be part of a club where I can contribute to this society in the health and wellbeing of community members. The Red Cross Club is not just about blood drives. We also actively participate in testing and installing smoke alarms in low-income housing areas, plus many other activities. I plan to pursue a career in the medical field in the future."

Though this drive is full, Yi encourages those interested in donating to contact the Red Cross at redcrossblood.org to make arrangements.





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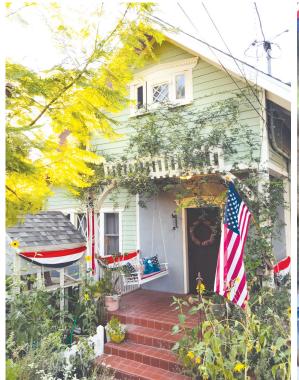






## BETWEEN FRIENDS

## And the Winners Are...







LEFT: Best Decorated House winner was Michelle Ramage.
MIDDLE: Best Patriotic Children's Costume was awarded to Karen Page.
ABOVE: Patriotic car.
BELOW: Best Patriotic Pet - Indiana Jones.

he "Small but Mighty" Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills Rotary Club announced the winners of the Best Patriotic Decoration Contest in honor of Independence Day.

Competition was stiff and the winners included Indiana Jones, an adorable pooch that won in the category of Best Patriotic Pet Costume. Indy took in an astounding

75 stars, followed by Archie with 61 stars. This category was the most popular with voters proving that every dog has his day.

The second most popular category was Best Patriotic Car with five submissions, and the Rotary Club witnessed something that will never be seen in NASCAR: a tie for first place! Both Deanna Barker and Mercedes del Castillo earned 10 stars for their hot rods – without cutting their tires or putting their car in the wall.

In the third category, Best Patriotic Decorated Home, Michelle Ramage won for her yesteryear home and in the fourth category, dedicated to our nation's future leaders, the winner was Karen Page for Best Patriotic Children's Costume.

All winners will be receiving \$50 gift certificates to Caruso's Italian Restaurant in Tujunga, Back Door Bakery in Sunland and a six-month subscription to CV Weekly.

The Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills Rotary Club thanks all participants and especially its contest co-sponsor, CV Weekly.



## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

## Ask Phyllis! Buyers' Remorse

Dear Phyllis,

We purchased our home at the height of the real estate market in 2006 and now are trying to sell it. After being in our home for more than ten years there is very little profit. We had two low offers and then a third. There was a lot of back and forth with the most recent offer. After two weeks we were only \$10,000 apart and then the buyer walked away from the deal. We are so frustrated because of COVID and limited showings. Our real estate agent tried to blame us for taking too long to respond to the back and forth of the counter offers. I believe this buyer was never serious in the first place. Do you really think

 $two\ weeks\ is\ too\ long\ to\ put\ a\ deal\\ of\ this\ magnitude\ together?\ \textbf{\it CR}$ 

Dear CR,

Successful sellers are in the habit of responding to offers quickly. So much of residential real estate is emotional. Over the course of my real estate career, I have seen buyers walk away for many trivial reasons because emotions run high. It's best to try to prepare yourself by figuring out in advance what you will and won't accept. This includes the lowest price, the amount of time you need to move out, etc.

Purchasing a home can be an emotional roller coaster. And the back and forth of countless counters is draining for all parties including the Realtors®.

I don't know how many counter offers you and the buyer had but it shouldn't take more than a day or at most two days to respond to this buyer. While you were mulling over counter offers, new listings and recent price reductions could pique your buyer's interest.

Over the long term real estate has proven to be an excellent investment. It's unfortunate that you are not realizing the profit you anticipated. Hopefully you had many years of enjoyment in your home to offset that. Best of luck on a successful sale.



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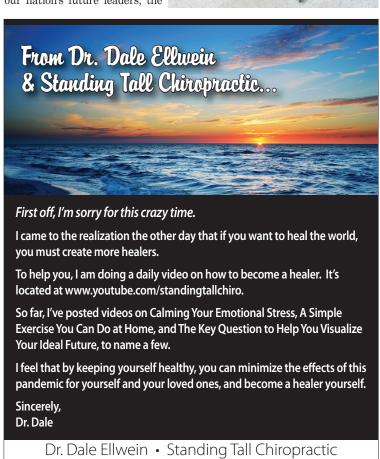
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## TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Disney and Universal Reopen to Shoppers

By Charly SHELTON

heme parks in Florida have largely reopened to the public, with Universal Studios Florida, SeaWorld and Busch Gardens open since early June and Walt Disney World opening the last of its closed parks yesterday, July 15. Out in California, theme parks don't have any scheduled reopening date and, with the tide of COVID-19 cases continuing to grow, it may be a while before any park reopening is realized. Governor Gavin Newsom just instituted new closures for indoor operations and public spaces, with zoos, museums and family entertainments specifically mentioned. But one venture that is allowed to remain open is open-air shopping centers. And after four months of no Disney Parks, guests flocked at the chance to visit such a shopping center in Anaheim.

Downtown Disney reopened on July 9 to massive crowds. Within 30 minutes of opening to the public, at 10 a.m. on a Thursday, the area had reached capacity and a line of hundreds of cars stretched nearly two miles, wrapping around a block in a circular pattern, waiting for the parking lot to reopen and admit new guests.

Once admitted, guests went through a four-phase security screening process - a temperature scan completed Hoag Medical Group practitioners, a walk-through K9 officer sniff screening, a bag check and a metal detector. The area around the only entryway at the far west end of the complex by the Disneyland Hotel - was cordoned off with newly erected tents and fences to funnel guests through the screening process.

Despite the whole endeavor and all the required steps, the cast members were very friendly and practiced safe habits as they stood behind Plexiglas shields reminiscent of the Mythbusters when they were about to blow up something.

Once inside the shopping center, about half of the businesses were open, admitting a limited number of guests with socially distanced lines flowing from the door for patrons to wait their turn to enter the shops. Many of these lines reached capacity as well, meaning that it was long enough so it butted up against the line for another business down the block, which also had a wait. There was nowhere else to wind the queue while maintaining social distance. So the line was capped and guests were told to try back in 20 minutes. The only exception to this system of lines came at World of Disney, the official Disney merchandise store of the shopping complex, and at Marceline's Confectionery, the Disney-run candy and baked goods store. Both of these locations saw the highest demand in Downtown Disney and instituted a virtual queue system. Guests would wait in a line at the end of the tram loading area to reach a bank of cast members who took the guest's cellphone number and enrolled them in a digital queue like a FastPass. The guests were then allowed to roam around the shopping center and received a text when they were allowed to get in line to enter the store.

Personally, I had to wait in an additional line just to enter the line to sign up for the text, and then waited one hour and 50 minutes to receive my return text; however, I only waited four



minutes to enter the store once I got in the return line.

It was a day full of lines, crowds and seeing people buy way too much Disney merch. Bags and bags and bags of merchandise, merchandise that is available all year long, were carried by shoppers. But because things have been shut down for four months, the need to spend money must have overtaken the good sense of some people and led to thousands of dollars quickly spent.

Then there is Universal CityWalk, which reopened in early June. The two experiences could not have been more different. Universal was less crowded, less hectic and more what one would expect for a trip to a mall in a pandemic. The staff of CityWalk was very present and timely in its sanitization procedures whereas Disney barely had anyone disinfecting things, at least while this reporter was present.

Disney guests took the mask rules very seriously but did not socially distance unless forced. Universal guests couldn't keep their masks on but was very good at keeping socially distant — most of the time. Disney's entrance procedures border on overkill whereas Universal had only a temperature screening station. It really is a dichotomy between them.

Personally, under the current circumstances, I would return to CityWalk but not Downtown Disney. At CityWalk at least a person feels safe and that management is doing everything it can to keep the place as clean and safe as possible during a worsening pandemic. Downtown Disney had more to offer, with more businesses open, but it isn't worth dealing with the intense crowds to get a Mickey Mouse doll that has been on the rack since 2009.

CityWalk announced on Tuesday that, while carryout is

still available at its restaurants, it is expanding outdoor seating across the area including in the outdoor concert space 5 Towers to comply with the new prohibitions on indoor seating. More businesses have reopened at CityWalk since CV Weekly visited, so there's even more to do now. And one thing that both Disney and Universal are doing well is branded masks. Universal's Studio Store sports retro USH logo designs and Disney offers character masks including Mickey, Baby Yoda and more. Since it looks like masks will be used for a while it is not a bad idea to invest in a few different styles.

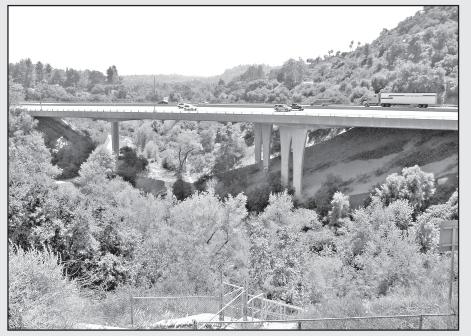
For more info on Downtown Disney District and the new rules for visiting, check Disneyland.Disney.go.com/experience-updates/downtown-disney. And for CityWalk info, watch the video at Youtu.be/Hn8BGO5Eyps.

### THEN & NOW | 210 Freeway Bridge Collapse

#### Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** On Oct. 17, 1972, a large section of the Arroyo Seco Bridge portion of the 210 Freeway collapsed during construction. During a cement pour, 150 feet of forms, scaffolding and wet cement suddenly fell 90 feet into the streambed of the Arroyo Seco. Six workers were killed and another 21 injured, and it took 18 hours to extricate the dead and injured from under tons of wood, steel and cement debris. In 1973 raging floodwaters going over the spillway of Devil's Gate Dam further damaged the pilings of the partially completed structure. By August 1974 this section of the freeway finally opened for traffic.



**Now** » This is the same view today looking south down the Arroyo from Oak Grove Drive. Who knew that such a tragedy occurred in the beautiful green Arroyo at the edge of La Cañada? This accident, and many other strange occurrences, have given rise to an urban legend that the Devil's Gate Dam is a center of paranormal activity.

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#### Knott's Berry Farm Introduces New Outdoor Food and Retail Experience

While Knott's Berry Farm theme park remains closed, Knott's Ghost Town is the setting for the all-new, limited time outdoor food and retail experience, Knott's Taste of Calico. During this specially ticketed outdoor event, guests will be able to take a nostalgic stroll through the streets of Calico, sample unique Knott's culinary creations, including boysenberry specialties, visit local crafters and shop at Knott's unique stores. The only way to experience the limited time Taste of Calico is with a tasting card purchased in advance at knotts.com (one tasting card is required per person, per entrance).

The new event will take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 17-19 and the following Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 24 - July 26. Event hours will be Fridays and Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. Guests will be required to purchase a tasting card online, which will offer access to the event area and the ability to make selections from 23 specialty food and beverage offerings. Regular tasting cards (ages 12-plus) are priced at \$25 (plus tax) and will include five food tastings, and Jr. (ages 3-11) tasting cards are \$15 (plus tax) and include three tastings. Children 2 and under are free. Tasting cards are date specific and must be purchased online at knotts.com or through the Knott's Berry Farm mobile app prior to the date of visit. To ensure physical distancing, admission will be limited each day and may sell out.

As Knott's Berry Farm continues to follow state, local and CDC health guidelines, these are the new safety measures and operational changes it is establishing to ensure the safety of guests. When visiting:

- · Admission will be limited each day to ensure physical
- · Upon arrival, guests will be asked to enter a temperature screening and security checkpoint at the
- · All associates and guests must wear a facial covering while visiting Taste of Calico or the Knott's California Marketplace store locations and restaurants – masks are not required while eating.
- · Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected daily and sanitized frequently. This includes but is not limited to cash counters, scanners, EMV readers, pens at cashier counters, register screens, store fixtures, door handles, and shopping baskets.
- Signage is present to aid guests in the proper direction of travel and as a reminder to practice social distancing.
- · Seating will be spaced out throughout the Taste of Calico event footprint

Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the event area. All associates are screened, including temperature and symptom checks using CDC guidelines before being allowed on the property to work. Associates have been trained on the importance of hand washing, physical distancing and overall hygiene.

Separate entrances and exits will appear at some store locations. Store occupancy is limited to less than 50% of the normal building capacity. Queue lines outside of store locations with six-foot markers are present where applicable.

Knott's Berry Farm, 8039 Beach Blvd. in Buena Park.



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## Local Band/CVHS Music Alumni and CSUN Music Composition Student Releases First Record

"Been around the block enough times to know this place is boring." Spent so much time with myself, my reflection can't stand to look at me."

This opening lyric for the title track and EP called Pretty Little Polaroid - the debut release by La Crescenta artist Reconciled Affection that is being released on Friday, July 17 - was not inspired by COVID-19, but these five songs are perfect for summer and may be the prescription that is needed to either enjoy coming out of the pandemic or hunkering down for just a little longer.

With powerful arrangements, lush keyboards that nuance melodic punk guitar on some of the tracks, powerful drumming, and vocals that move effortlessly from smooth to edgy, one can call Reconciled Affection cinematic punk. This would make sense, too, because the act's songwriter,

vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Jacob Jones is an alumni of the Crescenta Valley High School Music Department, Pasadena City College - where he played center snare drum in the Tournament of Roses Parade - and is now a senior music composition major at California State University, Northridge.

Jones' guitar playing is both powerful and inventive and shines throughout the record along with the songs themselves that take an honest look at the hope and challenge of relationship.

Pretty Little Polaroid can be found on Friday on Spotify, Apple Music or wherever folks get their music and at reconciled affection.com.



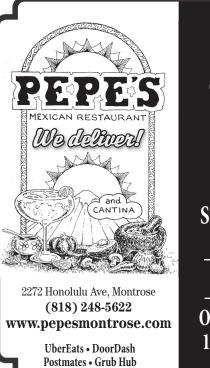
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#### **VIRTUAL COMEDY NIGHT**

The USC-VHH Women's Council will be hosting a virtual comedy night to seek support for the IR cath lab drive at USC-VHH. Since laughter is the best medicine and to improve the Council's service to the USC-VHH community, it is soliciting support while supplying this important commodity.

The event is scheduled for Friday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. Trivia and fun will be provided at the "virtual happy hour" and guests are encouraged to bring their favorite cocktail. The comedic stylings of Jason Love will be offered followed by a hospital update by Dr. Armand, USC-VHH chief medical officer.

to receive the Zoom log-in information.

Admission is free, but quests are asked to consider a donation to the Women's Council IR Cath Lab Fund.

#### **COLORADO STREET BRIDGE PARTY**

Pasadena Heritage celebrates one of Pasadena's most iconic structures virtually. The Colorado Street Bridge Party will be held Aug. 9-15 and will include an exciting lineup for events with something for everyone. Classic cars will cruise the historic neighborhoods of Pasadena and across the Colorado Street Bridge to kick of the festivities on Sunday and the rest of the week will include a lecture on the history of the Bridge by best-selling author Chip Jacobs, a panel discussion on the proposed new fencing with members of the Bridge Task Force and a "story time" and hands-on bridge building activity geared towards the younger generation with architect and structural engineer Chris Peck. Sponsors will be treated to en exclusive talk from renowned artist Kenton Nelson, Detailed information on each event can be found on the website www.pasadenahertiage. org/bridgecelebration.

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Corporate RSVP to usdvhh.org/comedynight and individual sponsorships are also

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## HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com July 13, 2020 - July 19, 2020

#### ARIES March 21 - April 19

Hard to believe, but powerful aspects Ja LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 suggest that you may be creating your current ailments unconsciously in order to avoid a trying situation. This is one psychological mechanism that's more widespread than people realize. Naturally, it would be more helpful if you could face up to the issue and sort it out head on. Do what's best for you.

#### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

\*\* GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This could be a nerve-wracking time. In pursuing peace and inner calm, you may be drawn to new ideas and philosophies that help you work through issues with minimum fuss. Some of these may include guidelines for a healthier lifestyle, including diet and exercise advice. You may be drawn to a way of living that harmoniously blends the spiritual with the physical.

There may be a few challenges to work though now, which is why it helps to take a more relaxed approach to life and career. Health stress and anxiety can be silent saboteurs, causing no end of disruption to your body. You'll really appreciate the benefits of a good workout. If done regularly, it brings inner tune in to your body's needs. strength and a sense of calm.

#### CANCER June 21 - July 22

If you need to lose weight, you can usually be disciplined enough to do it. Now you may find that the tried and true diet that you've always used has lost its appeal. No matter how much you want to get rid of the extra pounds, they won't come off. It's time to investigate new ideas that can give you better results.

#### LEO July 23 - August 22

You may be living on your nerves as aspects bring issues to a head. At such times, your diet may go haywire. If you find it hard to eat three meals a day, try smoothies or smaller meals that make digesting much easier. You may also feel drawn to such practices as yoga, meditation, or tai chi, any of which will soothe your mind.

#### 🚵 VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Life has been a series of challenges recently, and this looks like it will continue for a while. Relationships are your main source of stress. You may join a health club or online forum to get the support you need to stay fit and well. You need other people to provide feedback and fresh ideas. Make sure you give yourself this option.

There has been a lot of activity in your health zone and this looks set to continue. It should help you make sense of all that has happened lately with your health. Now you can begin to make progress and develop a lifestyle that supports you in the healthiest way possible. Whatever you experienced, you'll now be on the way to recovery.

#### **⋘ SCORPIO** 0ct. 23 - Nov. 21

Although you have a wonderfully strong constitution, you do love sweet, rich, and fatty foods that can lead to a tendency to gain weight. Now some problems may lead you to indulge even more. Recognize what you're doing and choose a less fattening alternative to dealing with issues. Exercise is a wonderful way to feel better in mind and body.

#### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Due to some powerful aspects now, you may be even more on edge than usual. You may tend to live on your nerves and use up nervous energy, which isn't good news for your body. At such times, you could find it hard to eat much. Make your health a priority. Slow down, relax, and

#### A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

One of the problems you may experience is a tendency to gain weight due to water retention. This can be caused by a variety of things. It's important that you drink plenty of water daily - the real deal and not drinks flavored with fruit juice and sugar. It will help you lose weight.

#### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Once again, challenging life situations may be causing you to feel tired and out of sorts. This problem is unlikely to go away overnight. You need to take extra measures to ensure that you stay in great shape. Don't resort to junk food in order to feel better. Eat good quality, fresh food. If your nerves are at the breaking point, try meditation and yoga.

#### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This is one time when you'll be glad you created a health routine that you like and are used to. It's automatic, even during the challenging times. You may be put through your paces once again, so give yourself a chance to rest more, if you can. Let your workouts and healthy eating give you the resilience you need to face whatever comes.

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below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should
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win for the many homeless in need of somewhere safe and clean during this pandemic, it is still a battle for some who may take issue with being housed again for any number of reasons.

"I still struggle with some of our clients who are not interested in the hotel programs," Samvelyan said. "I had a conversation with a client as to why he was not interested in the hotel program. It has a lot to do with the

mental health condition [of the homeless] and not [being] interested in following case management or [are reluctant] to ask for help."

For those who do accept Ascencia's offer to take part in Project Room Key, it becomes a life-changing opportunity. And, in many cases, a life-saving kindness.

"It is excellent; I mean you can't even compare to the street.

You sleep but there are a lot of strangers and stuff like that," said Gevik Aghajani, who has been at the Vagabond Inn in Glendale for two months as a guest of Project Room Key. "A few times they robbed me, you know, they beat me up overnight. Drunk people do whatever they want to do to people. Anyway, I'm lucky that I survived [to make it] here. I'm very happy I'm here." Aghajani said that everyone

has been fantastic, from the moment he entered the parking lot and the nurses checked his temperature to the case managers from Ascencia who bring lunch and check on the clients every day to the site manager, Lekendrick Richards from First to Serve Outreach Ministries, who is always there to ensure guests are taken care of. Despite health issues and other worries keeping him up at night, having a safe space to stay is transformative and helps Aghajani get his feet back on the road to recovery.

"As long as I know that this is my room, I am very happy," Aghajani said. "After all, I [want to say] thank you [to everyone here and at Ascencial for the help they've given me, and I really appreciate it. Thank you very, very much."

GUSD from Cover

one group would attend on-campus during certain days then the second group on other days. While not on campus, students would be part of school-linked distance learning. This would give any student who felt uncomfortable attending on-campus classes the chance to opt out and attend 100% remote learning.

Option Three: Phased Return to On-Site Hybrid Instruction with Option for Distance Learning. This included that the first day of school on Aug. 19 would be 100% distance learning then on Oct. 16, pending on LA County Public Health guidelines, there would be a gradual return to school sites beginning with specific students including those with IEPs or 504 Plans and English Language Learners. Then, also pending the guidelines concerning COVID-19, campuses would "welcome" more students back to school using the hybrid model similar to Option Two.

"This [Option Three] would be developed over time; not all students would return at the same time," Ekchian said.

In the end, the board voted to move forward with Option Three with the stipulation that dates of when students will be phased into on-campus classes may be changed in accordance with Public Health guidelines.

"The district will offer oncampus childcare during the regular school day for elementary-

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Workforce Development Secretary Julie Su, and I've joined my colleagues in pushing for these issues to be resolved. Recently, I wrote another letter to the governor urging the administration to solve the identity verification black hole plaguing my constituents.

My request to Gov. Newsom is that EDD must immediately and without delay grant benefits to individuals who are waiting, through no fault of their own, for benefits that are pending because of identity verification. This is a humanitarian

I've also spent the last few months personally calling constituents who are facing issues with EDD, helping ensure my staff has the resources and information they need to help as many of our constituents as possible, and continuing to lobby the administration to fix this. But there's only so far that any legislator can go unless big structural changes take place.

The state must audit the entire EDD to better understand the core issues. But an audit will not fix the immediate urgent needs of my constituents. They need help now.

You can rely on my office to try and help if you need it. For anyone who is struggling with EDD, or any other state issue, I urge you to reach out to us. We are here and we are ready to do what we can to help.

In a crisis leadership is crucial and there is no duty more important to an elected leader than to serve those they represent.

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prioritizing students. students currently enrolled state-subsidized childcare programs, foster/homeless youth and children of essential workers. Students reporting to campus for childcare will be grouped into small, supervised technology learning pods to ensure proper physical distancing.

"Whether students report to campus or stay at home, they will all participate in the same online curriculum. The district will distribute Chromebooks and Internet hotspots to all students who need them, and will continue to provide free meals for all children. The first day of school for the 2020-21 school year will be August 19," according to a GUSD statement.

The decision of how to best handle the upcoming school year has been a difficult one, not only for GUSD but for all school districts.

"[To] say this has been a challenging time for all of us

would be an understatement," said GUSD board member Greg Krikorian.

He added that any decision made by the board would not please everyone but, at the end of the day, the decision had to be made that would be the safest for the children. He voted to begin the year with complete distance learning.

"I think it is critical we do this right," he said.

Board Vice President Shant Sahakian also voted for Option Three.

"I am fully committed to the fall [semester] being remote," he said, but added that he would prefer for the entire fall semester be remote, not a phase-in return to campus as early as October.

"For me, starting with remote right now makes sense," said Nayiri Nahabedian, GUSD school board clerk.

She did add that teaching remotely, no matter how robustly, is not going to be the same as inperson class time; however, with the increasing number of cases of COVID-19 and new orders by Gov. Gavin Newsom to restrict reopening of businesses in some counties, this was the best decision.

Board member Jennifer Freemon also agreed that beginning the year with remote learning was the best choice.

Dr. Armina Gharpetian, GUSD president, reflected how personal making the decision has been. Emotions overcame her as she talked about the pandemic and how school closures had and continue to affect students.

"Especially our kindergartners, who have never been to the school site," she said.

Students who are moving from sixth grade to middle school and from middle school to high school may not have even seen their school campus, she said.

Gharpetian what echoed other members mentioned about making the first day of school special.

"The re-opening should be a very exciting day for our students," she said.

There is still work to do for the district as it incorporates all the board and public suggestions into their remote learning plan while continually preparing for a future campus reopening.

As for the future of sports in the district, at this time it does not have clearance from the LA County Dept. of Public Health to reopen sports or the athletic fields. The district is also awaiting more information from the California Interscholastic Federation [CIF]. That report is expected to be released on July 20.

The district is sending out online school commitment/ information requests to registered families. These forms will ask for information concerning the need for childcare and technology assistance. The forms are being sent out from July 15 through July 22.





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