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Resolution Passes Council Recognizing Glendale's 'Sundown Town' History

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution affirming Glendale's racist past, including acknowledging that it was a "Sundown Town," apologizing for the pain caused by its past, and vowed to move forward in an actively anti-racist, inclusionary direction.

The council heard from city staff as well as from citizen callers into the meeting. Save small exception, public support for the action was positive and enthusiastic.

Christine Powers overviewed the detailed, footnoted research report.

"We cannot contend with racism in the future if we don't understand its place in the past," she said.

Glendale was incorporated in 1906. According to 1910 the census, the Black population of Glendale at that time was less than 0.2%. Today, it is estimated at less than 2%.

The city has been referred to as a "Sundown Town," defined as "any organized jurisdiction that for decades kept African Americans or other groups from living in it and was thus 'all-White' on purpose," by sociologist James Loewen, who wrote the book "Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism." Loewen identified more than one hundred sundown towns in California, including Glendale.

While there is no official record of its designation, ample evidence exists to support the claim, Powers told the council. Glendale was home to White supremacist organizations including the Ku Klux Klan from the 1920s through the 1960s and the American Nazi Party in the 1960s until it was run out of town in the late '70s. Other groups made Glendale their home in the 1980s and '90s, including various Aryan nationalist groups.

Both informal and formal methods of exclusion were utilized. Intimidation, harassment and violence against Black people who moved into or visited Glendale have all been documented through hate crime reports in local newspapers and through contemporaneous accounts and oral histories. Researchers found that individuals who were not White were prohibited from being buried in

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Fire and Smoke Not Over Yet

By Mary O'KEEFE

Residents experience stinging eyes and reduced visibility due to local fires.

The Bobcat Fire continues to add to the smoke-filled skies above Crescenta Valley, Glendale and nearby foothill communities. As of 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the Bobcat Fire has burned about 44,393 acres and is 3% contained. The fire had been at 6% contained earlier; however, as it spread the containment level lessened.

There are 1,158 personnel on the Bobcat Fire who are focusing their efforts to hold onto the accomplishments over the last few days, especially in the vicinities of the foothill communities and Mt. Wilson Observatory. Firefighters will be working on increasing the gap between firefighters and the blaze while looking for opportunities to attack the fire directly, according to Inciweb.

Crews had focused a lot of effort on the Mt. Wilson Observatory and were successful in keeping the fire from damaging the facil-



Photo by Charly SHELTON
The sun was obliterated by clouds of smoke generated by the Bobcat Fire.

ity.

"Mt. Wilson is far less [in danger] than previously," said Andrew Mitchell, spokesman for U.S. Forest Service, Angeles National Forest.

There are four to five water dropping aircraft, both fixed wing and helicopters, that were battling the fire on Wednesday.

Evacuation orders were lifted

for residents in the East Fork area, including Camp Williams and the River Community Center.

On Sept. 16, the City of Arcadia announced mandatory evacuation orders had been lifted for all residents north of Elkins Avenue and east of Santa Anita Avenue as of 4 p.m. However, only residents with valid identification will be allowed

back into the area.

Estimates are that full containment will be obtained by Oct. 30.

According to Inciweb, as of Tuesday an evacuation order had been issued for residents within the area north of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39.

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Now's the Time to Get Counted!

By Julie BUTCHER

Once each decade, the U.S. Census Bureau attempts to count every person in the nation. The current enumeration began on April 1 and will end on Sept. 30. A complete and accurate count of California's population is essential. The data collected by the decennial census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments.

"You matter. Your presence here matters. As peculiar as it may sound, you could save your life and livelihood, or your neighbor's, just by filling out your census form," Robert Alvarez wrote in "Save Lives! Fill Out Your Census" (<https://tinyurl.com/yyn4rr8>).

Forgot to Complete Your 2020 Census?



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The deadline to complete the 2020 Census is drawing near. The data gathered is used to determine representation in Congress as well as provides federal funding for health care and other critical services.

"It's hard to overstate the importance of the census to everyday life in the United States.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

The Real Deal

The accusations of "Fake news!" abound with no one louder or more accusatory than the President.

Defined as untrue information presented as news, fake news often has the aim of damaging the reputation of a person or entity. It is also known as propaganda. The President often feels that his reputation is targeted by the purveyors of fake news and is compelled to call out those who perpetrate misinformation that many times shows him in a bad light. And he should. After all, a person's reputation is his/her foundation. However, let's not confuse "fake news" with "news I don't like."

In the last couple of weeks, CV Weekly has been accused of being purveyors of fake news. One accusation centered around a story written about the weekly protests (or demonstrations - I'm never quite sure how to refer to them) just west of Lowell Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. Originally billed as supporters of Blue Lives Matter across the boulevard from supporters of Black Lives Matter, after just a week or two it became obvious that the primary protestors (or demonstrators) on the north side of the street were supporters of President Trump. The south side was continuously populated by BLM supporters. Not surprising, arguments could be heard stemming from both sides where supporters were passionate about their positions. Unfortunately, sometimes these arguments devolved into violence; other times nothing more than fed-up attitudes dominated the afternoon.

The two or three times CV Weekly was at these events we reported what we saw - not something that appeared on social media or was rumored to have happened. That distinction - reporting on what we observed rather than what appeared on social media or was rumored to have happened - earned us catcalls of being writers of fake news.

While I understand that some readers may not have liked what we reported, their dislike does not

mean we did not do our job or that we made up what was written. As the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, I take pride in the job that our reporters do. They report what they see, track down leads and present the facts - not opinion - to our readers. I stand by the position that our job is to present factual information to our readers so they can make up their minds; the news pages are not the place for opinion. This column and the Viewpoints section give plenty of opportunity to share opinions, which is a healthy exercise. The news pages inform and, perhaps, spark conversation. The two sections shouldn't be confused.

Will we make mistakes? Without a doubt. The CV Weekly has been around 11 years and during that time I have had to write a correction (or two) and they're hard to write. Imagine stepping up to thousands of people and saying, "Oops - we got that wrong." But I've done it. And, as an aside to those people who question the positioning of the corrections we run, let me share that 1) I always place them in the section where the error was printed and 2) they're so small because typically there are so few words used. I mean, how much room do you think one sentence takes? I do not try to hide our corrections.

Finally, to those who have taken up the torch of accusing news sources of promoting fake news I say be careful - just because you didn't like what you read doesn't mean that it's not true. Saying that it is not true may make you a purveyor of fake news.

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Weather in the Foothills

"But clouds belied out in the sultry heat, the sky cracked open with a crimson gash, spewed flame and the ancient forest began to smoke. By morning there was a mass of booming, fiery tongues, a hissing, crashing, howling all around, half the sky black with smoke, and the bloodied sun just barely visible."

~ Yevgeny Zamyatin,

1884-1937-Russian author of science fiction and political satire

During the past week, areas across the west have reported weather of unprecedented nature. The most striking was the early arrival of winter in the Rocky Mountains. High winds and more than a foot of snow blanketed parts of Wyoming. In contrast, temperatures in parts of Southern California soared beyond those previously recorded. At our location in La Crescenta, a daytime high of 114 degrees was reached; during the night, at 2 a.m., it was 92 degrees! With the heat came the fires and now the winds are starting to blow.

Weather plays a major role in the birth, growth and death of a wildfire. Drought leads to extremely favorable conditions for wildfires, and winds aid a wildfire's progress - weather can spur the fire to move faster and engulf more land. It can also make the job of fighting the fire even more difficult. There are three weather ingredients that can affect wildfires: temperature, wind and moisture.

In the foothills of Southern California, there's an added component: the terrain. Fires thrive on steep mountainsides and race through canyons.

I found the perfect job for me. NOAA's national weather service sends trained fire weather forecasters, incident meteorologists (IMETs), to provide on-site weather forecasts; the reason is weather conditions influence how easily a fire can start, how quickly it can spread and its movement. An IMET works with the incident command center located relatively near an active wildfire. There weather and communication equipment is set up. The information gathered is used to assess the current weather conditions and its effect on the fire. The information is then sent out to fire crews. The meteorological support given is crucial to the firefighters' safety and eventual fire containment.

Yes, a lightning strike can spark a fire. But, according to the National Forest Service, nearly 85% of U.S. wildland fires are human-caused; these include unattended or improperly extinguished campfires, burning debris, sparks from moving vehicles and machinery, cigarettes and arson. Smokey Bear has known ... for 76 years, "Only You Can Prevent Forrest Fires."

Good news! The forecast calls for cooler temperatures beginning Sunday and continuing into next week. Perfect timing as Tuesday, Sept. 22 is the first day of autumn!

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

MONTROSE-GLENDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE CANCELED

This week the Montrose Christmas Parade Association issued the following announcement: "After 43 years bringing holiday magic to the streets of Montrose each December, the Montrose Christmas Parade Association, in coordination with the City of Glendale, the Montrose Shopping Park, the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce and local health authorities, has decided to cancel this year's Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade. Saturday Dec. 5th would have been our 44th annual parade but, in order to protect the incredible members of our community, we have decided that it is better to focus our energy on the 2021 event. We appreciate your support of, participation in and attendance at this annual tradition and we promise we will return with the bands, community entries, kids and, of course, Santa flying by in his helicopter that make this parade so special. Keep your family close, stay safe and we will see you on Dec. 4th, 2021." www.MontroseChristmasParade.com

LA SCHOOLS TO SERVE AS PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION VOTE CENTERS

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced this week that schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) will serve as Vote Centers in the Presidential General Election.

As many as 150 schools are being evaluated to serve as safe and accessible Vote Centers throughout Los Angeles Unified.

Vote Centers at these locations will be available to voters beginning Friday, Oct. 30 through Election Day, Nov. 3.

DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR BEYOND THE BOX

The Glendale Arts and Culture Commission issued a call for artists to apply to paint murals on City of Glendale utility boxes on October 16-18. The Commission is accepting artwork for Beyond the Box. Selected artists will paint murals on 30 City of Glendale utility boxes this fall. The program goal is to bring beauty to unexpected places such as utility boxes. Selected artists will each receive a \$750 stipend to paint a utility box.

Interested artists must submit their applications by Sept. 18.

To apply, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5byoagd>.

LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO BOBCAT FIRE

Supervisor Kathryn Barger this week signed a proclamation to declare a local emergency in Los Angeles County as a result of the Bobcat Fire located in the San Gabriel Valley. The Bobcat Fire ignited on Sept. 6 in the Angeles National Forest, north of the communities of Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte and Azusa. The fire poses extreme danger to the persons and property in its immediate vicinity and the emergency proclamation declares that the conditions are or likely to be beyond the control of local resources and will require the additional combined forces to combat.

As of Wednesday, the Bobcat Fire burned more than 44,000 acres, leading to evacuations of residents and necessitating multiple human and pet sheltering operations. The Bobcat Fire poses a threat to residential, business and critical infrastructures in the area and the proclamation declares the need for continued mutual aid assistance to combat the Bobcat Fire.

The proclamation was ratified by the board of supervisors during its regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday.

Different Route, Same Spirit



By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley's traditional Patriot Day motorcade took a not-so-traditional route on Sept. 11 as it wound its way from La Crescenta through Glendale and Tujunga and back.

The motorcade of classic cars and hot rods annually recognize emergency responders and, for the past seven years, has driven past local schools as part of its route; however, due to COVID-19 and remote learning that route was adjusted.

The focus this year remained on first responders and added frontline workers and seniors in assisted living homes.

Seniors waved as the motorcade drove past Twelve Oaks Senior Living, North Hills Nursing Center and Foothill Retirement. Frontline workers lined up on the rooftops at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and in front of the emergency room at Adventist Health-Glendale.

In addition to sharing the story in CVW, free public service announcements [PSAs], arranged by motorcade organizer Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, were played on radio station AM 870. The station has local offices in Glendale.

"I had participated in an event with [American Legion Post 288] on July 11," said Pamela Tyus Smith. "I heard about the event through a partner of ours at CHP [California Highway Patrol]."

She added that when she heard of the Sept. 11 event she contacted CVCOC and told it she wanted to do something to help. She wrote, produced and performed the voice-overs for the PSAs.

"I wanted [AM 870] to be there," she said.

The radio station has other outreach events, including a facemask drive in which 4,000 masks were collected for eventual donation.

The classic cars and hot rods were all part of Early Rodders, a group of car enthusiasts who not only take their classic and hot rods seriously but for years

have also been a partner in community outreach efforts with community organizations like CVCOC. Despite the pandemic the Early Rodders, along with the Chamber, have found ways to safely interact with the community while observing social distancing protocols.

The motorcade ended at Bob Smith Toyota; pre-COVID-19 there would have been an evening ceremony to remember the victims of 9/11; however, due to gathering restrictions that aspect of the remembrance had to be canceled. CVCOC plans to bring back the motorcade and the evening ceremony in 2021.

Photos by Charly SHELTON and Rachele MILLER
 TOP LEFT: Making their way toward Station 82.
 TOP RIGHT: Members of staff stand atop the roof of USC-VHH.
 BOTTOM LEFT: Firefighters in front of Station 82 salute the motorcade.
 BOTTOM RIGHT: The final entry in the motorcade had the American flag prominently displayed.

Correction

In the Sept. 10 issue of the CV Weekly, we misidentified an organizing agency of the Patriot Day motorcade. The CV Chamber of Commerce is an organizer of the motorcade.

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Goodwill Donations

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Goodwill donation centers in Montrose and La Crescenta have always had a healthy response from the community regarding donations; however, since the beginning of the novel coronavirus pandemic donation times and locations have been severely limited. Despite signs posted at the locations requesting people to not drop off items because many of the donation centers are closed residents continue to leave items at the sites. These dropped off items have created quite a problem for Goodwill. Bags of donated items are often left at the locations at night. By the next morning or afternoon when workers arrive the bags of donations litter the area. Many times bags of donated goods block the entrance to Goodwill and even surrounding businesses. Such is the case of the Goodwill in Montrose.

While Goodwill employees are grateful for the donations they are concerned about potential health and fire dangers when people drop, and in some cases throw, donated items near the centers.

The public is asked to respect the workers' safety at local Goodwill sites and to wait until they are open to make a donation. To find the times to donate at Goodwill in La Crescenta call (818) 248-9923 or drive by when the big blue bins are out in front of the office; that



is an indicator they are accepting donations. The donation center in Montrose, 2064 Verdugo Blvd., is temporarily closed. Goodwill in Tujunga is located at 6545 Foothill Blvd., (818) 353-9350.

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The exterior of the Goodwill donation center on Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta has been a dumping site for people unwilling to wait until the center is open and accepting donated goods.



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Examining Proposition 14

By Mary O'KEEFE

Proposition 14 will be on the Nov. 3 ballot and "authorizes bonds continuing stem cell research."

A yes vote, according to the California nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, means the state could sell \$5.5 billion in general obligation bonds primarily for stem cell research and the development of new medical treatments in California.

A no vote means the state could

not sell \$5.5 billion in general obligation bonds primarily for stem cell research and the development of new medical treatments in California.

The Legislative Analyst's Office states the fiscal impact will see an increased state cost to repay bonds estimated at about \$260 million per year over about 30 years.

Stem cells are the body's raw materials - cells from which all other cells with specialized functions are generated. Under

the right conditions in the body or a laboratory, stem cells divide to form more cells, called daughter cells, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Researchers are interested in stem cells for their potential to regenerate cells, tissues, and organs, thereby potentially helping to treat or cure certain diseases. Researchers engaged in "regenerative medicine" are focused on addressing many diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, HIV/AIDS, stroke,

diabetes and cancer, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office. California voters approved a 2004 ballot measure titled Prop. 71, which added a provision to the

state constitution affirming the right of researchers in California to conduct stem cell research. For more information on Prop 14, visit lao.ca.gov.

Voting Options for General Election

By Mary O'KEEFE

Residents have received a notice from USPS concerning the upcoming Nov. 3 election. It reminds voters to request "your mail-in ballot" at least 15 days prior to the election. However, all residents who have registered to vote in California will be receiving a vote-by-mail ballot for the November general election; there is no need to request one unless one is not received.

"If registered voters don't receive vote-by-mail ballots, they should contact the [Registrar's Office] as soon as possible if they would like us to issue a replacement," stated Mike Sanchez, spokesman, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

The notice also states to "add postage to the return envelope if needed." California has the "No Stamp, No Problem" program. The postage is covered; just put the completed ballot in the mailbox or in one of the drop boxes that are located throughout the area, like the one in front of the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. A list of drop box locations throughout LA

County will be released 30 days prior to the Nov. 3 election.

Mail-in ballots can also be dropped at any Vote Center in LA County. Voters will also have the choice to vote in person if they do not choose to vote by mail. It is illegal to vote twice; i.e., voting by mail and also voting in person.

Voters can track their ballot by subscribing to Where's My Ballot at the LA County Registrar's Office. The service is free and available to all registered voters. They can also check to verify their ballot was received and counted through the Vote by Mail Status Tool. To sign up for these programs/applications, visit lavote.net and search "Voting by Mail."

Those who would like to vote in the November election must register by Oct. 19. Register either online or by mail as long as the registration is postmarked by Oct. 19. Vote-by-mail ballots must be delivered to a polling place or deposited in a drop box by Nov. 3. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received at the LA County Registrar's Office no later than Nov. 20.

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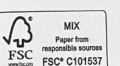
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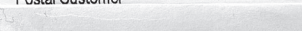


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Obituary

Ronald S. Wu, M.D.



1941-2020

Dr. Ronald Wu, a physician blessed with extraordinary skills and a calm, quiet manner, is being remembered by friends, colleagues, patients and families whose lives he touched with great care and grace during his nearly 50 years in private practice, serving the Glendale community and beyond.

Dr. Wu passed away peacefully in his home during the early morning hours of Sept. 8 surrounded by his family. During the past 16 years, he fought a heroic battle against lung cancer but remained steadfast in his commitment to his patients until he retired in June 2017.

Dr. Wu was born in 1941 on the small island of Gulangyu, a short distance from the coastal city of Xiamen, China. He began his education in Singapore where he attended grade school through junior college. He came to the United States and completed his undergraduate studies at Union College, Nebraska, in 1964, followed by four years at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

During his final year at Loma Linda, he met a young lady named Georgiana at a Seventh-day Adventist church social. Just two weeks after Dr. Wu completed medical school in June 1968, he and Georgiana were married on Father's Day.

The couple moved to Glendale shortly after, and Dr. Wu began a one-year internship and a three-year residency at Glendale Adventist Hospital (today's Adventist Health Glendale). It was a busy time for the young doctor, often working days at the hospital and nights in emergency rooms around Los Angeles to save up so he and Georgiana could buy a home in Glendale and eventually start a family.

During his internship, Dr. Wu made a decision that would affect the rest of his working life. He would specialize in obstetrics and gynecology. For nearly half-a-century until his retirement, he dedicated his practice to providing the

highest skilled care to women with difficult pregnancies and deliveries. He helped bring more than 20,000 healthy babies into the world at Adventist Health Glendale.

Through the years, his practice drew patients from throughout the U.S. and as far away as Europe, China and India. There were individual cases of note. In 1994, Dr. Wu delivered triplets vaginally to a 50-year-old Eagle Rock woman, which was covered by the LA Times and CNN. He remembered this experience as a highlight of his career. "I was thrilled," he said.

Not only did Dr. Wu guide mothers and their families through challenging times, he also was a mentor to countless physicians and medical students. Nurses who worked alongside treasured him as a teacher and friend, and they especially loved the times during breaks when he sang his favorite songs! He will be remembered for his infectious smile, his "Dr. Wu-isms," and his celebratory whistle.

Beyond his medical practice, Dr. Wu loved all sports. As a younger man, playing soccer was his passion. As he grew older, tennis was his joy, especially playing doubles. To celebrate his 70th birthday, he attended all four Grand Slam tennis tournaments – Australian, French and U.S. Opens, and Wimbledon.

Looking back on his career, Dr. Wu reflected, "I love delivering babies! Seeing the joy and happiness it brings to families is so fulfilling."

Recognizing both Dr. Wu and Georgiana for their lifelong commitment to the hospital and community, Adventist Health Glendale's auditorium now carries their names. The Foundation recently also honored them at its UNGala 2020 in early August, a memorable evening that Dr. Wu attended, greeting friends from a social distance with waves and broad smiles.

Ronald is survived by his wife of 52 years, Georgiana; daughters Roxanne Wu and Crystal (Bryan) Simpson; granddaughter Eryn Wu Simpson; brother Gary Seng Hock Wu; and many other dear family members.

The family will plan a memorial service for Dr. Wu in 2021. Details will be announced as arrangements are confirmed.

Donations in Dr. Wu's memory may be made online or by mail to the Adventist Health Glendale Foundation in support of patient care at the hospital. Please go to www.adventisthealth.org/glendale/our-foundation. The mailing address is 1509 Wilson Terrace, Glendale, CA 91206.

LA County Updates Its COVID-19 Numbers

On Wednesday the Los Angeles County Public Health reported 1,148 new positive cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and 31 deaths due to COVID-19 within the County.

"The number of new cases has steadily decreased through August and September. Last week the average daily number of cases was 800, compared with over 2,000 just a month ago. Public Health will continue to watch this indicator closely because it may be artificially low due to reduced testing numbers seen over the last two weeks,"

according to LA County Public Health. "Our test positivity rate has averaged 3% for the past week. Just a month ago, in mid-August, this rate averaged 5%. A decreased test positivity rate is often a sign of reduced community transmission."

As of Wednesday, there have been 3,440 positive cases of COVID-19 reported in Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge reported 174 cases, Eagle Rock reported 632 cases, Shadow Hills reported 60 cases, Sunland reported 431 cases and 474 cases with 14 deaths in Tujunga. In the unincorporated areas of LA

County, Altadena reported 671 cases of COVID-19 and Montrose-La Crescenta reported 189 cases.

As of Tuesday, there have been 173 deaths reported in Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge has reported seven deaths, Eagle Rock has reported 24 deaths, Shadow Hills reported zero deaths, Sunland reported 29 deaths and 14 deaths were reported in Tujunga. In the unincorporated areas of LA County Altadena has reported 13 deaths and Montrose La Crescenta has reported two deaths.

Man Who Tried to Procure Ricin Sentenced to 3½ Years in Prison

A La Crescenta man was sentenced Monday to 42 months in federal prison for attempting to obtain ricin from an online source that he admitted was intended to be used as a weapon.

Steve S. Kim, 41, was sentenced on Monday by United States District Judge Terry J. Hatter Jr. Kim. He pled guilty in September 2019 to one count of violating a criminal statute called prohibition with respect to biological weapons.

During the hearing, prosecutors argued that, according to Kim's own

statements, he intended to use the deadly biological toxin to murder an individual who weighed 110 pounds, likely his wife.

Over a two-month period in late 2018, Kim attempted to obtain ricin from an online vendor that, unbeknownst to Kim, was an FBI undercover operative. During online sale negotiations, Kim stated that he wished to procure the ricin to use on an individual he described as weighing 110 pounds and who would consume the deadly toxin in a drink, according to court documents.

The investigation revealed that Kim's wife weighed approximately 110 pounds. Kim and his wife were experiencing marital difficulties, and a computer seized from Kim showed Internet searches for strategies to manage anger issues.

Kim purchased the ricin using Bitcoin for the approximate value

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FIRE AND SMOKE from Cover

Evacuation warnings were in place for residents north of Foothill Boulevard and east of Santa Anita Avenue as well as the foothill communities of Monrovia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena.

In the local area the greatest effect of the Bobcat Fire is the smoke. Smoke advisories have been issued throughout the week and, as of Wednesday, were extended to today, Thursday.

"Two major local wildfires as well as wildfires in northern and central California are affecting the air quality in the region," according to a statement from South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

The fires nearby that are affecting air quality are the Bobcat Fire and the El Dorado Fire, which is burning in the San Bernardino Mountains near Yucaipa.

As of Wednesday at 5 p.m. the air quality in the Crescenta Valley/Glendale area of East San Gabriel Valley was categorized as unhealthy with an Air Quality Index at 164 out of 500. This means that people may begin to experience health effects when AQI values are between 151 and 200. Members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects, according to the South Coast AQMD.

Both fires produced substantial amounts of smoke on Tuesday morning. Falling ash was reported downwind of the Bobcat Fire throughout the South Coast Air Basin, according to South Coast AQMD.

The smoke on Wednesday moved northeast and east into the mountains due to onshore winds.

AQMD shared tips on its website for those areas experiencing

unhealthy air quality conditions: residents should remain indoors with windows and doors closed or seek alternative shelter; avoid vigorous physical activity; run the air conditioner if possible and make sure the filters are clean; create a clean air space in their home by using a portable air cleaner instead of or in addition to the air conditioner; avoid using a whole-house fan or swamp cooler with an outside air intake; and avoid using indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances like fireplaces and candles.

For more information on the Bobcat Fire, visit inciweb.nwcg.gov and for air quality, visit aqmd.gov.

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USC-VHH Hosts Conference on Suicide Prevention

By Mary O'KEEFE

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital holds many outreach events throughout the year and like many organizations is adapting to the new normal as a way of life. For the past four years the hospital has been hosting a conference to bring awareness to the issues of suicide and mental health and to share resources. During the current pandemic, holding this conference was perhaps even more important.

On Saturday, Sept. 12 speakers not only shared their professional knowledge but also attempted to lift the veil to share personal stories as to why these issues are so important for them and for the community.

The conference was hosted by Dr. Clifford Feldman, clinical director, USC-VHH Geropsychiatric Program. Speakers were State Senator Anthony Portantino, Candace Yoder, executive director Matthew Silverman Memorial Foundation,

and Dr. Steven H. Woof, director emeritus VCU Center on Society and Health. Each speaker shared their area of expertise, answering tough questions about signs given by those who are thinking of self-harm including suicide, and working on removing the societal stigma of talking about mental health.

Portantino spoke about bills, both passed and proposed for the future, that are focusing on mental health. These include SB803 that lawmakers are asking Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign. The bill creates a state certification for mental health care providers known as peer support specialist.

The senator has been a longtime proponent of suicide awareness: in 2018 he authored suicide prevention legislation SB972 that required public, charter and private schools to print the National Suicide Prevention Hotline telephone number on all student identification cards for grades seven through college.

Yoder from Matthew Silverman Memorial Foundation spoke of

what she has found in her practice and in the foundation. Matthew Silverman was an 18-year-old man who died by suicide in 2006. His family formed the Foundation with the goal of opening a dialogue on mental health among youth, parents and educators, according to the Foundation website.

Yoder said that the "stigma" of mental health problems plays an important role as to why people do not seek help. She spoke of warning signs given by those thinking of suicide.

"Four out of five people who attempt [suicide] have given warning signs," she said.

Dr. Woof spoke about the change in the mortality rate in midlife shown in a study conducted from 1999 to 2016. The study found an increase in midlife mortality among non-Hispanic [NH] Whites as well as [NH] American Indians and Alaskan Natives. And although the mortality rate had been decreasing for NH Blacks, Hispanics and NH Asian and Pacific Islanders, it began to rise again from 2009 to 2011.

Some of the reasons for the rise in midlife mortality included an increase in many health and mental health issues, like drug overdoses, hypertensive diseases and obesity.

"That death rates are increasing throughout the U.S. population for dozens of conditions and signals a systemic cause and warrants prompt action by policy makers to tackle the factors responsible for declining health in the U.S.," concluded the study of which he was one of the authors.

Those attending the conference broke into groups to have one-on-one follow-up conversations on what they had heard and shared their opinions on what more needed to be done.

The in-person event held last year had been so well attended that hospital organizers ran out of seats. Being online makes attendance available to all.

"We already have 250 people signed up to attend," said CEO Keith Hobbs prior to the Saturday event. "It is such an important topic."

Hobbs added when a family

member or friend dies by suicide it impacts the entire circle of family and friends for years and the conference focused on prevention and how family and friends can be aware of signs of a person in distress.

Although USC-VHH has held this conference in years past, it may be even more important to host again during the time of the pandemic with several states reporting increased calls to suicide hotlines.

The second part of the conference begins at 9 a.m. on Sept. 26. During this conference the speakers will include Ruth Golden, a documentary filmmaker. She is the producer of "The Silent Golden" that is about her mother's death by suicide.

Also on Sept. 26, Dr. Paul Kurkjian, USC-VHH psychiatrist, will oversee a panel discussion on at-risk sub-populations that include the elderly, veterans, under-served communities, LGBTQ and teenagers. As in the previous weekend conference there will be breakout discussions after the panel discussion.

To sign-up, visit uscvh.org.

» PART II

Be Aware of Scams

By Mary O'KEEFE

Some predators are becoming more sophisticated, using burner phones, social media and other technology to try and snare victims. Readers have called CVW with concerns about calls they've received supposedly by the IRS [Internal Revenue Service], calls regarding Social Security "breaches" and others that ask personal questions about everything from voting practices to race. Many of these calls are considered by law enforcement as fishing, or phishing, exercises. This is when scam artists contact people on a random basis just to see who will "bite" or believe their fabricated story.

According to the FBI, there are

several scams that are now active; two prey on people's concerns about financial burdens. One is known as debt elimination.

Debt elimination schemes generally involve websites advertising a legal way to dispose of mortgage loans and credit card debts. Most often, the one seeking to ease their debt (the participant) is to send \$1,500 to \$2,000 to the subject along with all the particulars of the participant's loan and a special power of attorney authorizing the subject to enter into transactions regarding the title of the participant's home on their behalf. The subject then issues bonds and promissory notes to the lenders that purport to legally satisfy the participant's debts. In exchange, the participant is then required to pay to the subject a certain percentage of the value of the satisfied debts. The potential risk of identity theft-related crimes associated with the debt elimination scheme is extremely high because the participants provide all of their personal information to the subject.

Employment/business opportunities are another scheme. Employment/business opportunity schemes have surfaced wherein bogus foreign-based companies are recruiting citizens in the United States on several employment search websites for work-at-home employment opportunities. These positions often involve reselling or reshipping merchandise to destinations outside the United States.

Prospective employees are required to provide personal information as well as copies of their identification, such as a driver's license, birth certificate, or Social Security card/number. Those employees who are "hired" by these companies are then told that their salary will be paid by check from a

United States company reported to be a creditor of the employer. This is done under the pretense that the employer does not have any banking set up in the United States.

The amount of the check is significantly more than the employee is owed for salary and expenses and the employee is instructed to deposit the check into their own account and then wire the overpayment back to the employer's bank, usually located in Eastern Europe. The checks are later found to be fraudulent, often after the wire transfer has taken place.

In a similar scam, some web-based international companies are advertising for affiliate opportunities, offering individuals the chance to sell high-end electronic items, such as plasma television sets and home theater systems, at significantly reduced prices.

The affiliates are instructed to offer the merchandise on well-known Internet auction sites. The affiliates will accept the payments and pay the company, typically by means of wire transfer. The company is then supposed to dropship the merchandise directly to the buyer, thus eliminating the need for the affiliate to stock or warehouse merchandise. The merchandise never ships, which often prompts the buyers to take legal action against the affiliates, who in essence are victims themselves.

Locally, the Los Angeles Sheriff Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station takes continuous reports about identity theft and other types of scams.

Often when vehicles are burglarized and purses or wallets are stolen or wallets are stolen while victims are shopping at grocery stores, victims will get calls concerning fraudulent activities from their bank or credit card

company – sometimes on the same day of the theft.

Detective Rodger Burt of the CV Sheriff Station spoke of an arrest he was involved in several years ago. During a routine traffic stop in Tujunga, two men were arrested after law enforcement found a flash drive in their vehicle's console that contained about 80,000 personal profiles of individuals.

"This included their social security [numbers], names and addresses," Burt said.

Scams are often difficult to investigate because phones that are used to call victims are often considered burner phones, which are phones that can be purchased that have an unidentifiable number or can mislead people into thinking they are receiving calls from a legitimate source. About a year ago the FBI warned the public of a phone scam in which the scammer impersonated an FBI government official insisting that the victim owed the government money. The scammers would also tell victims they had a federal warrant out for their arrest that could be dismissed if they paid a certain amount to the caller.

Criminals who conduct scams are often not in the same state or even the same country of the people they are calling.

Burt advises residents to check their credit card and bank activity on a regular basis to make certain there is no fraud on their accounts.

Scam complaints can be filed with the FBI at ic3.gov. Victims can also call local law enforcement to make a report. In the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County La Crescenta-Montrose and La Cañada Flintridge, call the CV Sheriff's Station at (818) 248-3464 and residents of Glendale can call (818) 548-4911.

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Glendale's Forest Lawn until the 1960s.

Formally, racially restrictive housing covenants were advertised, starting in the 1910s and '20s. By the 1940s, the idea became so popular that in 1942 the Race Restriction Committee was formed by the Glendale chapter of the California Real Estate Association to establish perpetual race restrictions on all parcels in Glendale. (These covenants were outlawed in 1968 with the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act.)

Federal maps of every metropolitan area were color-coded to indicate where it was considered safe to insure mortgages and to classify neighborhoods worthy of investment or lending. Developed in the 1930s by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation to determine the level of risk associated with each community, the maps were created by local realtors. The primary consideration was race. The colors were green, blue, yellow, and red. Any area where African Americans lived were colored red. From this practice the term redlining arose.

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) also used subjective criteria based on race. Yellow and red areas were often ineligible for loans; the federal government would not provide insurance backing for some mortgages in redlines and some yellow classified neighborhoods. Without FHA backing, most could not afford the alternative: high down payment, high interest rate, short-term loans. The result of the lack of investment led to urban decay.

City staff found and shared maps from 1939 clearly showing the color demarcations.

Beyond recommending the adoption of the drafted resolution, staff recommended the creation of an Historical Context Statement, described as an organizing structure for grouping information about historic properties that share a common theme, place and time. Here the focus would be on African Americans, Latinx, Eastern Asian and Western Asian subsections.

The resolution, Powers explained, acknowledges, apologizes for, and condemns all racially-motivated discriminatory or exclusionary aspects of the city's history and is part of a year-long plan to focus on inclusion and equity – an anti-racist Glendale.

Tara Peterson called in to support the resolution and to recognize Christine Powers for her support and empathy as she worked closely with members of the anti-racist community coalition. Peterson read excerpts of old hurtful letters written to council in years past.

Ingrid Gunnell read the entire resolution and urged unanimous support to "recognize the past harm and move towards healing, especially on the part of the Black members of our community."

Lucy Petrosian, chair of the

Armenian National Committee of America – Glendale Chapter (ANCA – Glendale), called in to urge the unanimous adoption of the resolution.

"ANCA commends the Jewel City for committing to be a place where all can thrive, a model of racial justice, proud of the inclusivity of all its residents," Petrosian said.

Tanita Harris-Ligons recalled the reasons for her founding the organization Black In Glendale and thanked all the members of the coalition, urging the council to "do the right thing."

"I'm grateful that there are community members who understand this is not just a piece of paper but that it comes with the energy of atonement. Now, do the work required behind it. Honor the contributions of the diverse community coalition and act on meaningful policies and programs that improve Black representation in Glendale on all fronts," Harris-Ligons urged.

Mike Mohill called in to remind the council that "we're not in leftist San Francisco or New York" and to wonder "who had the audacity to put this on the agenda?"

"Glendale was a cruel place; I have to tell you that," Councilmember Ara Najarian said expressing his strong support for the resolution. "I'm shocked to see those redlined neighborhoods on the maps of neighborhoods I know, neighborhoods I drive through."

Najarian urged council to go beyond simply passing the resolution. "I say we contact the country clubs and the social clubs, the fraternal organizations and the board of realtors and the chambers of commerce and the homeowners associations and we become ambassadors of this. They're part of the history too."

Councilmember Dan Brotman expressed his enthusiastic support, noting that to his knowledge only three cities in the country have acted to renounce their prior status as a sundown town, none in California, making Glendale the first.

"To quote one of my heroes, Celtics legend Bill Russell, 'the effects of racial terror perpetrated over hundreds of years don't disappear simply because America wills them to,'" said Councilmember Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian. "The vast majority of our residents are good people who care to make Glendale a more fair, open, and inclusive city. ... This resolution is a small step towards that acknowledgement but the real work to fix that which ails us has to come from each of us and requires us to not cast blame but to reach out to one another with compassion and understanding to educate and learn."

The council voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.

To see a copy of the resolution, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

Y Issues Statement Following Death of Employee

In recent weeks the family of Colin Jacobs, 19, has been calling attention to their complaints regarding obtaining information from the Crescenta Cañada YMCA [YMCA of the Foothills]. In July Colin, an employee of the Y, drowned in the pool at the La Crescenta Y facility while working

as a camp counselor. Family members stated they had questions concerning the day Colin drowned and felt Y representatives were not responsive to their questions.

Below is a Sept. 12 response from Y CEO Vince Iuculano:



Dear YMCA of the Foothills Family,

As the YMCA of the Foothills continues to grieve the loss of our staff member Colin Jacobs, and is steadfast in prayer to bring grace and comfort to his family and friends, we wanted to take this opportunity to communicate to our members and the community, where we are in the discovery process.

The YMCA of the Foothills has fully complied with the Jacobs Family Attorney, the Glendale Police Department, the Medical-Examiner Coroner's Office, and Cal/OSHA on preserving all reports, records, pool maintenance records/reports, LA County Health Department inspections, certifications, and all other documents attached to our staff and the pool. The documents were preserved and provided upon request to the various agencies and organizations. The agencies are still actively investigating the incident and the Y, as is the Jacobs Family, is waiting patiently for the final reports from the Medical-Examiner and Cal/OSHA. While it would be irresponsible for the Y to comment in detail regarding an active investigation before all reports have been finalized and the results understood, we are planning to issue a factual statement that addresses many of the statements that have been raised.

Once we receive and have had the time to fully evaluate the official reports, we are committed to working with independent experts to examine all aspects of our pool operations. We will ask the experts to review our entire operations, including our aquatic systems and processes, lifeguard placement, positioning, and procedures and training. This review serves to only enhance our already robust safety protocols and best practices which we have successfully demonstrated time and again throughout our history.

Finally, we want you to know the safety and security of all members, families, visitors, staff, and volunteers is the highest priority for all of us at the YMCA of the Foothills. Over our 62-year history, our Y has served hundreds of thousands of youth, teens, adults, and families in a variety of program areas safely. The YMCA of the Foothills places great attention and energy on our communities' wellbeing, and we will continue to do our utmost to protect everyone at our facilities.

As more information becomes available, we will provide you with an update at that time. On behalf of our Board of Directors, our staff, and your fellow members, I wanted to thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Thank You

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CENSUS from Cover

in federal funding for health care and other critical services; it guides long-term economic decisions by governments, corporations and mom-and-pop stores; it helps determine the location of highways and schools, hospitals and housing, police and fire stations," the New York Times editorial board wrote on Sept. 12.

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my2020census.gov/, by mail or by calling (844) 330-2020 for English; for any other language, find the number at the census website. A census ID is not required for households to respond online or by phone.

Those who need California information on any aspect of the census can find it at <https://census.ca.gov/census-101/>.

Beginning in August, census enumerators were out in the field.

Census workers are knocking on doors to follow up with households that have not yet responded to the census and are there to help. Information on how to identify a census worker can also be found on the website.

Numerous census events are planned throughout Los Angeles County until the end of the month. For details, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y59mgndg>.

CRIME BLOTTER

Crime information is from both LASD-CV Sheriff's Station and Glendale Police Dept.

Sept. 10

2300 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between Sept. 10 at 11 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 3 p.m.

Sept. 9

4900 block of Hillard Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident left her home leaving a door unlocked to accommodate someone who was coming to her home to install solar panels. When

she returned the solar power people were gone but her home had been ransacked; nothing was reported missing at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 8

1100 block of Olive Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between Sept. 8 and Sept. 10.

Sept. 7

1000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, a man entered a store, grabbed a bag of beef jerky and fled the area at 3:29 a.m.

Sept. 4

700 block of Flintridge Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, the interior of a home was ransacked and the glass on a door was shattered at a home between Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. and Sept. 6 at 3 p.m.

4400 block of La Crescenta Avenue in La Crescenta, the front passenger side window was smashed and a vehicle hood was propped open. The vehicle's ignition had also been tampered with between Sept. 4 and Sept. 8.

VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Early Years of the Montrose Theater

I've written about the Montrose Theater briefly before but it's such an icon of Montrose that it really deserves a deeper dive. For those new to our community (and by that I mean moved here in the last 40 years), the Montrose Theater was legendary in the history of the valley. It was located right on Honolulu Avenue, perfectly placed in the heart of the Montrose business district. It sat in what is now a parking lot on the south side of Honolulu next to today's Anderson's Pet Shop. The theater opened in 1924 and lasted all the way until 1987, when it burned down in the middle of the night. That's why it's a parking lot today.

Take a look at that parking lot now and it's hard to imagine a 600-seat theater squeezed into that tiny space. But it was. I clearly remember how tight those seats were, with my knees jammed up

hard against the seat in front of me. I remember the tiny snack bar on the east side of the tiny lobby and the tiny restrooms on the west side.

Let's look at how the theater got its start way back in 1924, when Montrose was very small. Today, the shopping district of Montrose is marked by a spirit of cooperation among the merchants. Several years ago, they formed into a cooperative organization, the Montrose Shopping Park Association. The Montrose businesses all contribute money and effort into events that will bring business to the area, such as the Harvest Market and the car show. They cooperate for the common good.

That was true way back in the early '20s. In 1924, several Montrose merchants got together, pooled their money and built a theater hoping that would bring more shoppers to the area. The

Anawalt family (who still own Anawalt Lumber) was part of that group as was Theo Belanger, who owned the Montrose Pharmacy (Rocky Cola building). Mark Collins put money in. He was the biggest local home builder and developer and hoped the theater would bring more families to the valley. Steven Meyer owned the land it was built on, along with many other lots. The Meyer family (under a different name changed by marriage) still owns that lot and many of the buildings along Honolulu. They, and many other merchants, hoped that the theater would draw shoppers. "Build it and they will come."

In the 1924 Glendale News Press, the new theater is described: "The building is of Spanish design with interior decorations in blue and orange tones. The stage and drop curtains are done in orange. The new theater has a seating

capacity of 600. There is a large organ, and improved ventilating system. The screen accommodates a projection of 13x14 feet. There is a stage sufficiently deep enough to accommodate vaudeville programs." The organ mentioned here would have been to accompany the silent movies that were initially shown.

From what I've seen in some old newspapers the theater did well. Not only did it bring more business to Montrose but it also made a profit for the investors. But tragedy temporarily stopped the theater's run. I've found no supporting documentation, but several sources say in the late '20s a man committed suicide in the restroom of the Montrose Theater. It was apparently closed for a while after that tragedy. It seems that after that, at the beginning of the Great Depression in 1931, the

theater was sold to Bernard Meyer, a relative of the Meyer family, who owned the land the theater was on.

Bernard Meyer had moved here from Minnesota where he had been a car salesman and he knew nothing about theaters. But he wanted to live in California and this seemed a great opportunity. Fortunately for Bernard, his timing couldn't have been better. The Great Depression ushered in a "golden age" of attendance in theaters. People desperately sought escape from the harsh realities of life and theaters were always packed.

Next week I'll continue with the history of the Montrose Theater in its later years.

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Climate Change and Wildfires

This month we've set another record in California, one we never wanted to reach. According to California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection – CAL FIRE – since the beginning of the year until the time I penned this editorial, California wildfires have burned over 3.2 million acres (as we go to print, the fires rage and those numbers are increasing). For scale, this number is an astounding 26 times greater than the amount of land burned in 2019 during the very same time period. These ferocious fires have already claimed dozens of lives and destroyed over 4,200 structures, most of which are homes. The 2018 wildfire season also broke records with a total of 1.8 million acres burned. These three years give a sense of the magnitude of the problem and also that the situation is getting drastically worse each year.

Why are we seeing this dramatic

and alarming uptick of severe wildfires? The short answer is our climate crisis. Yes, there have been mistakes with forest management practices going back for generations, but those missteps are amplified because changes in climate magnify them exponentially. The increased severity and length of wildfire seasons have been attributed to the climate change impacts of reduced humidity and precipitation, coupled with increased temperatures. According to the Fourth Climate Change Assessment, California is one of the most "climate-challenged" regions of North America and must actively plan and implement strategies to prepare for and adapt to extreme events and shifts in previously "normal" averages. In addition, 140 million trees have died from our current five-year drought, increasing the severity of wildfire in certain portions of the state.

We have to take our climate crisis much more seriously. The particulate-filled air we are all breathing right now is direct evidence of our present climate disaster and portends the ongoing challenges we will face if we do not make serious investments to fight global warming.

In addition to taking bold action on climate change, state, federal and local governments must embrace important fire prevention strategies and make large investments to make the built and natural environment more resilient to wildfire. As the chair of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, and the representative of a district that largely lies in a very high fire severity zone, I have been urging the state to take action to reduce our community's vulnerability to wildfire and combat the climate crisis at its core. Only this will reduce the amount of smoke in the air and the devastation these high intensity wildfires cause. If the state and federal government had spent as much on fire prevention as they did on fire suppression in the last 10 years, we would not be in such a dire position.

There are two steps the governor could take right now to help give our firefighters and communities more tools to reduce wildfire risk, and those are signing my bills AB 3074 and AB 3164.

AB 3074 will protect Californians living in high fire hazard areas by modernizing defensible space protections through the creation

of a third defensible space zone called an ember-resistant zone. Defensible space is a crucial tool for protecting structures by giving firefighters a safe space to work and fight advancing fire. What most people don't realize is that it is floating embers, not advancing walls of flame, which are responsible for the majority of wildland fire home ignitions. So if you don't give those embers anything to ignite within five feet of your house, you have a much better chance of your home surviving a fire.

The importance of this five-foot zone has been validated in multiple lab tests. Numerous fire science experts, including scientists within the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, a former state fire marshal, a former director of CAL FIRE, and the National Fire Protection Association, have all advocated for the creation of this crucial zone as an effective way to protect structures. Right now, there is nothing in the California Fire Code that would inform homeowners, landscapers and developers about the importance of this zone nor is there any indication of the danger given to property owners during CAL FIRE and local fire departments' defensible space inspections.

AB 3164 will develop a wildland-urban interface wildfire risk model to empower local communities to know and reduce their wildfire risk. This will offer an opportunity for California to demonstrate innovation

in wildfire risk reduction. Local governments participating in the risk model will be able to provide communities with current parcel level analysis and could facilitate mobile app development for both defensible space inspectors and residents. Easy-to-use tools can give Californians new insight into their risk and ways to reduce it through defensible space, community fuel reduction, risk reduction buffers and home hardening.

Experts estimate that climate change has lengthened our fire season by 75 days. Unfortunately, this means that California could have many more wildfires to come this year. Clearly, the problem is so severe that we need to begin, right now, to do everything we can to keep our communities safe.

I promise to keep working on these issues every day. In the meantime, I would love your input on how you believe we can keep our communities safe from wildfires and the steps our state can take to tackle every aspect of these crises. As always, please reach out to me with any comments, questions, or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

Laura Friedman represents Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Franklin Hills, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Value of Motel

Obviously, the current [La Crescenta Motel] is outdated but the need for a modern foothill community hotel remains. It would much better serve the community than a four- or five-story affordable housing structure with all the problems associated with it. The large increase in vacant multistory business buildings in LA and Glendale are perfect candidates for renovation to achieve and fulfill

that goal. Some businesses that have discovered, because of COVID virus, that they can operate with employees operating out of their homes and no longer need the overhead of operating could do the renovations themselves with tax incentives. They could sell units, lease or offer new hire professional employees the benefit option of housing with reduced salary. Some buildings as a result of business bankruptcy could be renovated


to attract small family occupants and affordable, including families involved in the trades (plumbers, electricians, carpenters etc.) directly involved with the building renovations in the area.

Anyway, I've digressed off the subject.

No, we don't need a low-cost affordable housing project in our area that can work to the detriment

see LETTERS on page 19

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SPORTS

Angel City Sports: Local Competition for Physically Disabled

By Brandon HENSLEY

Clayton Frech is a man in his late 40s with the vocal inflection of a SoCal dude much younger. After talking with him, you get the impression that he might invite you out to a skate session to *shred some gnar* and go watch “Point Break” afterward.

But Frech’s tubular way of speaking belies the substantive work he and his Angel City Sports team members have put in within the past decade to bring awareness to a culture that he believes still has blinders on.

Frech’s desire to provide opportunities for people with physical disabilities or visual impairments runs deep, which is why he helped create Angel City Sports. The LA-based organization puts on year-round clinics for athletes spread across the region, as well as holding annual summer games. According to the website, it is “the largest multi-sport Paralympic competition open to kids, adults and veterans.”

Frech, who grew up in Santa Barbara, never imagined he’d have a life in sports or disability. That changed with the birth of his son Ezra 15 years ago. Ezra was born with physical disabilities.

But even as a small child, Ezra displayed a passion for sports.

“He learned how to count his twos by watching Laker games before he knew he ones,” Frech said. Eventually, Ezra “became an incredible basketball player,” with the help of several operations and a running blade.

In 2016, Ezra spoke to the Golden State Warriors before a late season game (the Warriors won an NBA-record 73 games that year). He told them he wanted to be the first amputee player in the NBA.

It was several years earlier when Frech had his “lightning bolt moment” when he took 8-year-old Ezra to the Endeavor Games in Oklahoma. There they met Olympians, and Ezra set records in tracks events.

They had a blast, but Frech, who has two other younger boys, was

upset there wasn’t anything like this in Los Angeles.

“I was motivated,” he said. “I asked, ‘Why do I have to come to Oklahoma to play sports?’ It’s a really simple question if you’re living with a disability ... you don’t have good access to sport.”

While an organization like Special Olympics helps people with intellectual disabilities, Frech said it’s been a struggle to get people to understand Angel City Sports is for the physically impaired.

Outreach is important. In 2019, Angel City Sports held over 70 clinics on the weekends. The growth of the organization is important to him.

“We’re aggressively looking to grow the experience. Most people don’t know anything like this exists,” he said.

Nothing like this comes cheap. The more exposure Angel City Sports receives, the more opportunity it has to obtain resources to pay for equipment, such as golf chairs that let para-golfers stand up and hit off a tee as if they had legs. Frech said each sport has its own equipment requirements.

“You need a specific chair for each sport. It’s crazy. And they’re thousands of dollars. If a pair of running shoes costs you \$2,000, when are you going to get running?”

he said.

The first Angel City Games launched in the summer of 2015. This year, because of safety concerns surrounding COVID-19, the games were virtual, with athletes taking part in challenges at home. Frech described it as “not overly competitive” but remarked how well the coaches and organizers did under tight pressure.

“Our team learned a lot. We learned overnight how to put together virtual programming. I think as an organization it was a really good process to go through,” he said. “I’m always going to want more athletes involved, but we had over 400 athletes. I’m pretty stoked on that.”

The Angel City Sports Summer Games are usually a celebrity-filled event with stars such as Adam Sandler making appearances. This year, former Lakers star Paul Gasol gave a virtual keynote speech while the closing ceremonies included musical performances from pop singer-songwriter Emmanuel Kelly, with appearances from Coldplay’s Chris Martin and Demi Lovato.

In 2028, Los Angeles will host the Summer Games, and the Paralympics will be there in conjunction. Frech said the kind of outreach that went on in London when it hosted in 2012 helped

Paralympians become almost celebrity-like. He wants to see that happen locally before the decade closes. Ezra will mostly likely be competing in track. It sounds like something to be stoked about.

“Hopefully we can follow the London model,” he said. “I think 2029, when everyone packs their

bags and heads out of town, we have this amazing moment in history, maybe a once-in-a-century moment, to pivot everyone’s idea of disability.”

For more information, visit angelcitysports.org or angelcitygames.org.



Photos courtesy of Angel City Sports

ABOVE: A young contestant prepares to launch the javelin missile.
BELOW: Running the track on blades is one of the many contests that are part of Angel City Sports



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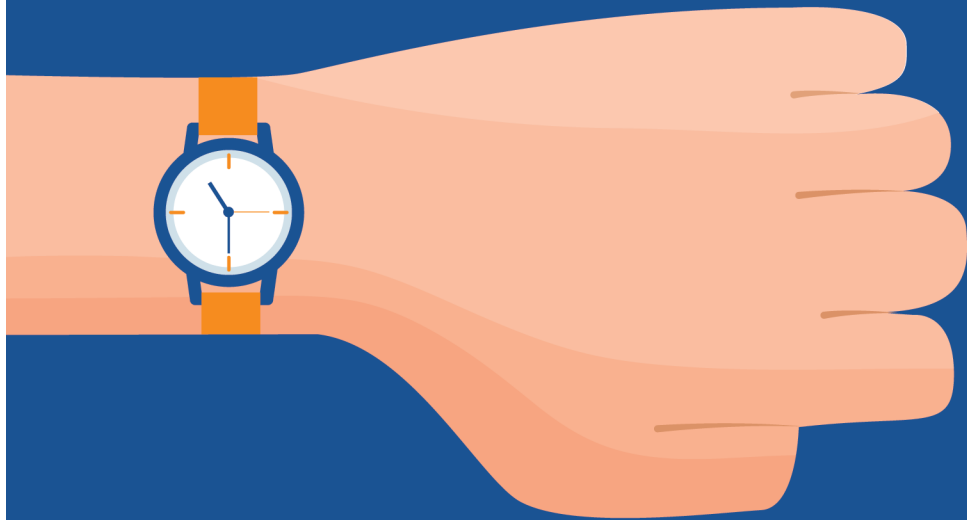
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New Listing

*Are you looking for a sanctuary from the craziness of today's "new normal"?
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From the moment you enter, you will be completely enthralled by this one-of-a-kind, dramatic 1996 hillside villa with elegant French Baroque style interiors. An iron gate delivers you into a charming sunken courtyard with bubbling fountains and built-in custom benches. Stepping inside through the double glass doors is like stepping back into time to the period of Louis the XVI and Marie Antoinette. Entering the foyer, you are immediately struck by the rare ebony hardwood floors. As your gaze rises past the antique bronze light fixture, you are riveted by the extraordinary detail of the hand-carved coffered ceiling rising two levels above you. This Petite Versailles Villa offers 5 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms. The main level consists of a grand salon with custom handcrafted fireplace and balcony, and the adjacent formal dining room. The exceptional large kitchen boasts finely detailed cabinets, polished stone countertops, a central island, and a generous butler's pantry. This opens to a family room with custom fireplace, tapestry upholstered walls, and a balcony that leads back to the front courtyard. The second and third levels offer stunning bedrooms each with their own ensuite, open balconies, and abundant windows with exquisite private canyon views.

This home was lovingly named Bel-Ami (Dear Friend) by its current owner, interior designer Lenna Tyler Kast. Incredible handmade details throughout the home reflect Lenna's lifelong dream of preserving the unique beauty of ornate mouldings.



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Showcase House Goes Virtual

By Charly SHELTON

The annual Pasadena Showcase House of Design dates back to 1965 when it was established as a fundraiser for The Pasadena Junior Philharmonic Committee. Since that time, PSHD has become one of the nation's largest and most successful house and garden tours. Now, for the first time in its 56-year history, guests will be touring the beautifully redesigned home virtually.

The PSHD is an annual event when local designers take over one huge house in the Pasadena area to redesign. It's a chance for the designers to stretch their legs, take chances and really show what they have while working in a controlled space. Each designer takes on one room or space on the property to reimagine and after they're done guests can purchase tickets to tour the house and grounds to see the results of the designers. This leads to a fantastic showcase of design (hence the name) from room to room that highlights their individual styles while maintaining a common theme. This year's theme is sustainability, and many of the designers have not only incorporated the theme into the design of space, but also in the materials they sourced.

But COVID-19 has changed most public interactions and public spaces. With ticketholders being funneled through the hallways and passages of the design house, it is impossible to maintain social distancing unless the parties are spaced far apart. This



would result in attendance figures being forced prohibitively low. In lieu of this, the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts organization has decided to conduct virtual tours of the house and property. In October, its online portal "Ultimate Viewpoints:56" will open to admit digital guests to a pre-recorded tour of the house. They will move – virtually – from room-to-room to see what the designers

have created in each space. This is beneficial in that each designer will have direct input on how to properly present the space and can be assured that it will always be the perfect time of day for the tour.

The property redesigned by the team this year is the Locke House, a 1937 federal country estate designed by "Hollywood society's architect," Gerard R. Colcord. The house is

nestled among mature oaks and sits on a huge plot with a yard surrounding the mansion in the historic Santa Anita Oaks neighborhood of Arcadia. This property really is breathtaking, and the designers have made it even better with their additions.

The Locke House will be open via "Ultimate Viewpoints:56" next month. More information is forthcoming, so check back with

CV Weekly for deeper coverage, an extensive look into the house from a photo press tour and an exact launch date, when available, for the virtual tour.

Photos by Charly SHELTON
The Locke House, chosen as this year's Pasadena Showcase House of Design, is revamped by signature designers and is expected to be open to the public next month via Ultimate Viewpoints:56."

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More Food Fun Found at Knott's



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Knott's Berry Farm has capitalized on its food fare to the delight of those missing their favorite theme park.

While the theme park remains closed, Knott's Berry Farm introduces its newest family-friendly outdoor food and retail experience celebrating the Halloween season and the flavors of fall with Knott's Taste of Fall-O-Ween.

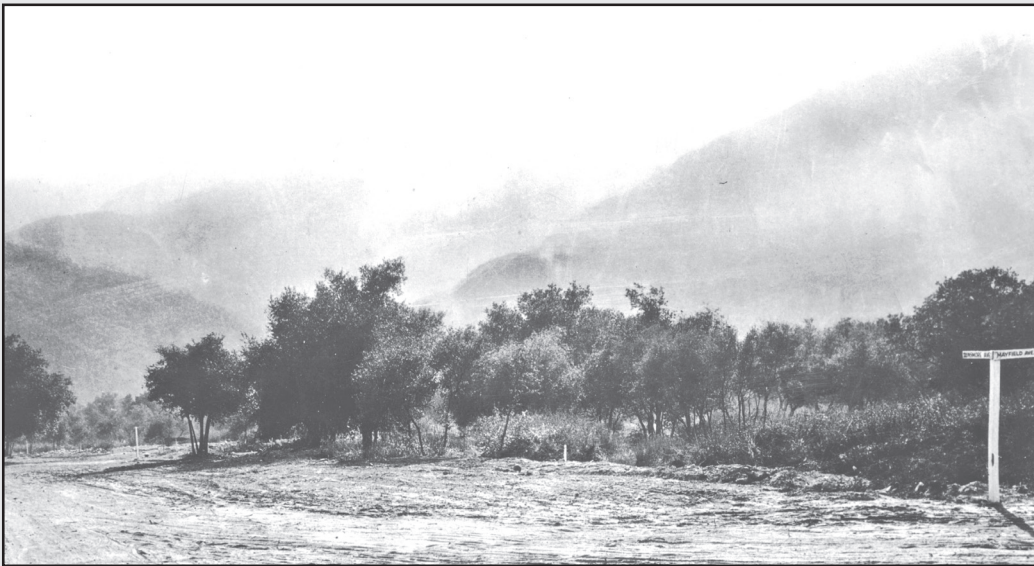
Taking place Fridays through Sundays beginning Sept. 25,

Knott's pays tribute to the year's spookiest season with a fall food experience unlike any other. The spirit of Halloween comes to life with a cornucopia of harvest and Halloween décor that will transform the park for the season. Guests of all ages can dress up in their most festive costumes to experience one-of-a-kind themed food and treats, exclusive event merchandise including specialty items from local crafters, an all-new "Into the Fog" art show with

over 45 new art pieces celebrating the scary season, and much more. Included with a junior tasting card, young guests will have an opportunity to take a trip through the fully themed Camp Snoopy Trick-or-Treat Trail presented by Hershey, loaded with multiple treat stations and special spooky decorations.

All Knott's Taste of Fall-O-Ween activities will be conducted at a safe and socially distant space for families to enjoy.

THEN & NOW | Dunsmore and Mayfield Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » This photo was probably taken sometime in the teens. It's looking southwest down an unpaved Dunsmore Avenue at the intersection of Mayfield Avenue. It looks magical, the Verdugo Mountains shrouded in fog, and an oak forest shading the chaparral.



Now » A hundred years later the view of Dunsmore and Mayfield is unrecognizable. In fact, there is no Dunsmore and Mayfield intersection today because the 210 Freeway ran right over the top of it in the late 1960s. And lately the Verdugo Mountains are less likely to be shrouded in fog and more likely to be obscured by smoke.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Dignity Health-Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center Donates Meals to Local Homeless Families

Employees at Dignity Health-Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) are paying it forward by donating meals to families in need at the Family Promise of the Verdugos, a Burbank homeless shelter. The GMHHC team members during the pandemic received countless generous donations from local businesses and wanted to help others and contribute to those most in need in local communities.

"Many of our families are experiencing an increased level of stress due to the circumstances of the pandemic. Having donated meals from Glendale Memorial not only provides nutrition, but also the simple joy of knowing others are thinking about them," shared Albert Hernandez, executive director of Family Promise of the Verdugos.

The funds raised by the GMHHC team provided meals for more than

50 situationally homeless people at Family Promise of the Verdugos. The hospital purchased these meals from Anoush, a family-owned restaurant that fed the GMHHC team on numerous occasions during the pandemic, as a way to support local businesses that are also struggling during this time.

"The Glendale Memorial team has been overwhelmed with the generosity the community has demonstrated towards our healthcare personnel during the pandemic. By coming together with the desire to spread kindness, our staff personally donated to our feed the homeless efforts," said Rev. Cassie McCarty, GMHHC director of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care Services. "Because the hospital employees have contributed thousands of dollars, we are able to continue meal deliveries in the coming weeks for other organizations helping the homeless."



YWCA Glendale Chosen as 2020 Nonprofit Of The Year By Assemblymember Laura Friedman

YWCA Glendale announced it has been selected as a 2020 California Nonprofit of the Year by California Assemblymember Laura Friedman. YWCA Glendale is one of over a hundred other nonprofits that will be honored by their state senators and assemblymembers for their tremendous contributions to the communities they serve.

For nearly 95 years, the YWCA Glendale has been at the forefront of developing programs and solutions

to address the most critical current issues. YWCA Glendale's mission is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Its programs include a 24/7 crisis hotline, a 16-bed domestic violence emergency shelter, a domestic violence community services center that provides case management, legal services, adult and child counseling, trauma informed childcare, and housing

navigation support, a violence prevention education and outreach program, a girls empowerment program that offers after school programming, summer camp and STEAM education workshops and mentorship, and the Coalition for an Anti-Racist Glendale.

"The challenges of COVID-19 were not only to respond to the pandemic itself, but it caused a dramatic swell in domestic violence case loads as a side effect of

isolation in place. We are pleased that our organization also rose to the challenges of calls for racial justice that have already led to social change. We are humbled to be recognized by Assemblymember Laura Friedman as Nonprofit of the Year for our work to advance gender equity and racial justice," said Valerie Merritt, YWCA Glendale board president.

"The pandemic and shelter-in-place orders of the last few months

have put nonprofits – usually hidden in plain sight – in the spotlight," added Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits). "California Nonprofit of the Year is an opportunity for our elected officials to celebrate the good work they see nonprofits doing in their districts, and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits in our communities."

People Making News

On May 10, Emerson College awarded 959 undergraduate degrees for the Class of 2020. The College will hold a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 in person when it is safe to do so at a date to be determined.

Evan Combs of La Crescenta graduated in December 2019 and received a BA degree in media arts production.

Cameron Leewong of La Cañada Flintridge received a BA degree in media arts production.

Carl D'Aguiar of Tujunga received a BS degree in communication studies.

Eliot Lee of La Crescenta received a BA degree in media arts production.

The College launched an Emerson 2020 Celebration website to honor graduates' achievements with more than 800 submissions from students, families, alumni, faculty, and staff, which includes photos, videos, audio submissions, and text. The website strives to reflect the many facets of the Class of 2020 and the wider Emerson

community – its creativity, daring, thoughtfulness, irreverence, and humor.

A total of 16,470 students enrolled during the 2020 spring semester at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all As).

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Local students named to the president's list are Nicole Ramirez of La Cañada and Anthony Connell of La Cañada Flintridge.

The University of Alabama is the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education and is a student-centered research university.

Marcelino E. Martinez from Tujunga, a sophomore at Oregon State University majoring in kinesiology, earned a spot on the college spring honor roll.

A total of 7,004 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

As one of only two universities in the nation designated as a land, sea, space and sun grant, Oregon State serves more than 31,000 students from across the globe, and has programs in every Oregon county.

Ryan Moguel of Tujunga was among more than 3,800 students from Miami University who received degrees during the virtual spring commencement experience May 16-17.

Moguel graduated with a Master of Science/certificate degree, majoring in student affairs in higher education/women, gender & sexuality studies.

CV Weekly On The Move!!



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Banners are available to promote the duck splash, local residents and businesses. For more information, visit www.cvweekly.com or www.ducks4kids.org.

IN-PERSON DOCENT-LED TOUR OF LANTERMAN HOUSE

All are invited for a special hour-long in-person docent-led tour of the Lanterman House, which will remain outside the house and allow visitors to peek inside.

The Lanterman House is uniquely designed to allow visitors to see almost all of the interior from the outside-in. The house is completely surrounded by a patio, which can be accessed by an astonishing number of French doors – 32 in total!

Tours of the House are held Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8 at either 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$3 to \$5 and are available at <https://lantermanhouse.brownpapertickets.com/>. All social distancing protocols will be observed; face coverings must be worn.

VERDUGO HUUT HOSTS ‘SOME ROMANTIC PLAY’

Verdugo HUUT, now seven months in quarantine, returns on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. with a show that celebrates America, blue jeans, store-bought women and solitary men and, maybe, extraterrestrials. Hosted by Marty Barrett. Presented by UU Church of The Verdugo Hills.

Watch party is available on verdugohuut.com.

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MORRISON HOSTING ANNUAL JAZZ & BLUES INDUCTION CEREMONY

Legendary jazz & blues singer Barbara Morrison will present The 3rd Annual California Jazz & Blues Museum Hall of Fame induction ceremony and concert fundraiser as a viral Facebook streaming event from The Barbara Morrison Performing Arts Center at <https://www.facebook.com/barbaramorrisonpac/> on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. PST. Admission is pay what you can with a \$20 suggested donation. Donations can be made at: <https://www.facebook.com/barbaramorrisonpac/>

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TOP PROPOSITIONS WILL TAKE THE STAGE AT DEMO CLUB

A representative from the League of Women Voters will join the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club for a Zoom meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The speaker will tackle the most talked-about of the propositions found on Los Angeles County ballots for the November election. Prop. 15: the Schools & Communities First Initiative, Prop. 19: Changes in Property Tax Rules, and Prop. 20: Changes to Parole and Classifying Felonies are among the initiatives to be explained.

President Lora De La Portilla also announces that members have the chance to vote again on spending the Club's Campaign 2020 War Chest as more donations have come in since the August meeting. The board voted to target certain U.S. senate seats and the club will be asked to approve.

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta Valley and Sunland-Tujunga. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge.

For more information and ZOOM log-in, the Club's website is www.ccdemclub.org.

ERIC NUSBAUM IN CONVERSATION

Eric Nusbaum, author of “Stealing Home Los Angeles, The Dodgers, And The Lives Caught In Between” will be in conversation with columnist Gustavo Arellano on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. This is a free virtual author talk.

“Stealing Home” is a story about baseball, family, the American Dream, and the fight to turn Los Angeles into a big league city. The hills that cradle Dodger Stadium were once home to three vibrant Mexican American communities. In the early 1950s, those communities were condemned, the land was intended for public housing but then it was sold to the owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers. The ensuing confrontation captivated the nation and the divisive outcome still echoes through Los Angeles today.

This presentation is part of the City of Glendale Library Arts & Culture Be The Change series. Visit GLAC.INFO/BETHECHANGE to reserve a space.

EGYPT ON CV SIERRA CLUB AGENDA

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club will present a virtual travel tour to Egypt on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to join a Zoom travel program touring the great wonders of Egypt. This virtual tour will be from participants' computers or other devices as the Crescenta Valley library is closed. Joan Serra of Mayflower Tours will be conducting the November 2021 tour of Egypt and Jordan.

In this travelogue viewers will see wondrous things such as the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Citadel of Saladin and the Mosque of Muhammad Ali, one of the grand mosques of Cairo. Also to include are the Temple of Philae, a visit to the world's oldest marketplace in Cairo, the Temple of Karnak, and the Luxor Temple complex.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

September 7, 2020 - September 17, 2020

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Sometimes all we have to do to feel better is have fun. It pays to enjoy life and feel the resulting difference in your energy level and well-being. Go to the movies and laugh. Indulge in some face painting and release your inner child. Do whatever it takes to feel better.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You and your partner seem to be inseparable now, even when it comes to exercising. This is a great time to design some fun fitness goals that enhance your romantic bond. Your workouts could take you to new levels of health and romance. While this phase may not last long, it will be a lot of fun!

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You're aiming to get as fit as possible and burn off some energy, and you're eager to look fabulous. You want the kind of body that others envy. You may go for spa treatments, luxurious massages, and a chance to relax in comfort. Enjoy the pampering. You're worth it!

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Don't try to rationalize your way out of working out or starting that eating plan. You can talk yourself in and out of any situation, but eventually you'll need to start. Why wait? Get on with it now. A little consistent effort will make a world of difference in the way you feel.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This is the perfect time to begin a new exercise or health routine. If you've been flagging recently, think about starting fresh. You have a good period in which to take the first crucial steps. You're more likely to stick with it this time. Be bold!

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

If you're already involved in the health and fitness business, you may want to write a book or teach a class to help others find their path to good health. This is also a great time to learn about all your favorite health topics. You'll benefit in many ways from the information.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It's time to reflect on your motives for wanting to get fit. Do you have a hidden agenda? Hopefully, you've decided to embark on a fitness routine because it's the right thing to do. This is something you have to do for yourself. No one can make you. You shouldn't do it for someone else.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Sometimes it can be comforting to get into an established routine. If you've managed to do this with diet and exercise, you're probably doing very well. Repetition creates a sense of balance and harmony. This helps you transform yourself into the fit and beautiful being you've always wanted to be.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your social life looks spectacular, which may be the reason why you feel a little frayed around the edges. There's a lot going on and you're going to need plenty of energy. Drink water, get enough rest, and take vitamins daily. Then you really will be on a roll. Add some exercise and you'll be unstoppable.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You may feel a lot moodier than usual. If you notice that your feelings are running high, it's better to work out, keep active, and release emotions that way. What you don't want to do is binge on comfort food. It won't help, and it will probably make you feel worse. Be kind to yourself!

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

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♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This is a great time to celebrate. It also brings more than just a little emotion to the surface. If you're going to be going out a lot, get enough rest so you have enough energy. Don't drink too much caffeine and, above all, eat the right foods for your health.

Several of the tombs in the Valley of the Kings will be visited as well as the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the unusual Temple of Kom Omb, the Abu Simbel Temple and a Nile River cruise. Many of these sites are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

This travel show will include locations in Jordan such as Petra, which are part of the optional post-trip tour.

Find out more about next year's tour and receive a special discount on the tour price just for watching – international airfare special of \$495 roundtrip from LAX to Egypt for those who sign up before Dec. 15, 2020.

RSVP by Oct. 12 to receive a link to the program from Joan Serra at j.serra@mayflowercruisesandtours.com.

To receive more information about the November 2021 tour contact the trip leader, Fred Dong at madelinesdad@earthlink.net.

LA CANCER CHALLENGE 5K WALK/RUN

Registration for the 23rd LA Cancer Challenge 5K Walk/Run on Oct. 25 is open. The goal is to unite generations, young and old, through physical fitness to create public awareness and raise much-needed funds for pancreatic cancer research. Pancreatic cancer patients continue being diagnosed every day.

When participants register as a LACC virtual walker/runner, they'll be participating in a nationwide awareness event that can be completed any place and at any pace of their choosing.

Adult virtual registration is \$40 and includes a long sleeve event T-shirt, “Never Give Up” facemask, downloadable running bib and finishers medal. Youth (11 and under) virtual registration is \$25 and includes a kids event T-shirt, downloadable running bib and finishers medal.

See more at www.LACancerChallenge.com.

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Answers for puzzle 09.10.20
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ACROSS

- 1) Fiery gem
- 5) Naval-academy freshman
- 10) File folder appendages
- 14) Looking healthy
- 15) Mead study site
- 16) Ruler's inch, e.g.
- 17) In a gradual, reliable fashion
- 20) Battlefield VIP
- 21) Nonwoody vegetation
- 22) What we have here
- 25) Wounds with a tusk or horn
- 26) Make more suitable
- 30) Causes of some night frights
- 33) Carnation site
- 34) Bluefin, for one
- 35) Like jazz cats
- 38) "There's no deadline"
- 42) Crossed letter
- 43) With the bow, musically
- 44) Air anew
- 45) Bee's place?
- 47) Oliver Twist, for one
- 48) Monkeyed around (with)
- 51) Bar staple
- 53) Slow musical pieces
- 56) Labor organizer's cry
- 60) Cinematographer's place, sometimes
- 64) Canadian-dollar image
- 65) It's as sure as taxes
- 66) Bodily distress
- 67) "Dukes of Hazzard" spin-off
- 68) Spread, as fingers
- 69) Arctic dog's burden

DOWN

- 1) Exclamations of excitement
- 2) It's always on hand?
- 3) Plant used in lotions
- 4) Salacious
- 5) Behavioral scientist's major, briefly
- 6) Science class feature
- 7) Aboriginal food source
- 8) This one and that one
- 9) State of relaxation
- 10) Certain engines
- 11) Keep ___ to the ground (listen)
- 12) Unwelcome water on a ship
- 13) Eyelid maladies
- 18) Wee
- 19) Craving
- 23) Student in practical training
- 24) Reporter's informants
- 26) Reached ground
- 27) Letter's number
- 28) Far end of a church
- 29) Place for a pig
- 31) Counting everything
- 32) ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 35) Detriment
- 36) Holder of notions
- 37) Philadelphia founder
- 39) Covered vehicle
- 40) Princess Leia's last name
- 41) Land for livestock
- 45) Sets sail
- 46) Jupiter's Norse counterpart
- 48) Poker player's spot
- 49) Cinema name
- 50) Brutish person
- 52) Noble realm
- 54) Lotto info
- 55) A way up
- 57) Urchins
- 58) River duck
- 59) Huron neighbor
- 61) Holbrook or Prince
- 62) Sweater letter
- 63) So-so center?

GET IT GOING

By Gary Cooper



RELIGION

Question:

Ever since he was 3 years old, we've been telling our son that when he is 5 he'll go to school, learn new things and make new friends. For two years, he's been excited about being a "big boy" and going to school. Now, with the pandemic, at our school all classes are online and began a few weeks ago. We helped him get online but every school session ends with him being in tears because he can't be in a classroom. Even though we tell him this isn't going to last forever, he then comes up with questions we can't answer like when will it end.

Please help us help our son to hang in until there are changes that will allow his school to open.

~ Faltering Parents

Dear Faltering Parents,

The COVID-19 pandemic has given all of us an opportunity to take a second look at many of the everyday occurrences we may have taken for granted in our lives. We now have the opportunity, like never before, to appreciate what were generally accepted activities of our lives – going to church, work, restaurants, hair and nail salons, sports games and much more. For students of every age, school has taken on a very new and surreal experience because most teaching is conducted via the computer with Zoom classes and no physical contact with people. The distance learning, as well as all of the distancing protocols we have been asked to practice, produce a sense of isolation and aloneness that affects adults and children alike.

We are social by nature. It feeds the soul to physically be with others and share in communication and friendship. Students may learn academically when being taught via Zoom classes but their emotional nourishment is left by the wayside. So how can you best get to the heart of the matter of helping your son cope?

For me, prayer always comes first. Pray for guidance and direction, trusting that the answer will show up. When we trust in the power of God and surrender to that power, we may not have a clue of how things will work out, but they always do and most times better than we could have imagined. Once you've gotten a clear sense of being guided in Spirit you will understand that you do not have to figure it all out on your own. Remember the Bible verse, "I of myself do nothing. It is the Father (God) in me that does the work." The Universal Mind has a way of showing up at just the right moment. We have all encountered it – the ideal book appears to give us insight, the right person shows up to offer us help, an accidental meeting with a stranger leads to a new job, etc. What is essential is that we keep ourselves available to the solution. Inspiration by means of your own inner knowing and intuition, which is the voice of God, will produce new ideas and

solutions. From there you can take action.

Communication with your son is the key. Chances are he's longing for the interaction and companionship of friends. Even though you have a good idea of what he's missing ask him to put it into words. Let him know that you've heard him and you're thinking of new solutions and taking action to help him feel more connected to other students until school comes back in session. Kids are smart! Ask him for suggestions of what he thinks the solution looks like. Ask him to make up a story of the best case scenario of how his school year turns out. Talk with his teacher and reach out to other parents of his classmates to ask if any would be willing to share the responsibility of a one day a week visit to study-play together.

The circumstances that we are encountering are temporary. Anchor yourself in that wonderful statement, "Let go and let God." You may not be able to do anything about the uncertainty of the classroom's return; however, you can still be a loving and supportive parent that shows your child how to trust, be resourceful and see beyond limitations. Those are the life lessons that forge true character and they are invaluable!

In Light,



Rev. Mary Morgan
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Dear Faltering Parents,

First of all, your concern and care for your son and the support you are showing in this time of upheaval of everything that we knew as "normal" makes me think that you are much more fabulous parents than faltering. It is always the hope of parents that they can make those milestone moments, like the first day of kindergarten, as something that can be looked back on with joy and pride. But of course we never know what the days will bring into our lives; we only know how we can find the strength to make the best of what we have been given. One of the ways that you can support your son is to try and give him a "schoolroom" space that he can make his own. Maybe even ask him some things that he would like included. And don't forget the fun stickers! By having the pride of creating his own schoolroom he will feel that he has a bit more control over his school day. You could also help him to see that he is part of something that has never happened before. By being part of the first kindergarten classes that are online, he is blazing a trail into the future. He is helping the school become better at what it does in this new way and may even be able to share his thoughts about what is working for him and what isn't.

Help him to explore how he feels about this new experiment and what he might suggest as ways to



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson RScP, Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of La Crescenta Center for Spiritual Living; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan, Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Tim Beck and Rev. Dabney Beck, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster, Christian Life Church; Rev. Dr. Ellen Contente, Global Truth Center; Pastor Scott Peterson, Lutheran Church of the Foothills; Rev. Karin Ellis, La Canada United Methodist Church; Rev. Debbie Sayovitz, Epicentre Church; Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo, St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Sherri James, UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman, Upland Christian Church, Rev. Rob Holman, St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David, Community Life Church of La Crescenta; Rev. Sharri Johnson, One Heart Retreat Center.

Responses are offered from the perspectives of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

improve what the school is doing.

The last piece I can recommend is just to be there with him. Continue to do those things that help the rest of his day feel a little more normal. If you had a certain activity that he enjoyed, help him to continue it as far as it is possible in the midst of a pandemic. Maybe even let him see that you as parents are also struggling with how to be "normal" in these days. Our children grow so much when they know that even as we grow older we have difficulties in which we need to work together to overcome. By showing our own vulnerability, we let our children know that it is okay to not be okay all the time.

As a pastor, I always remind people of when Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus in the Gospel of John, chapter 11, even though He knew that He would shortly raise Lazarus from the grave. We are always impacted by those things that throw us out of our regular routines and the expectations of how things should be, but we can use those situations to connect more deeply with one another and draw strength from

shared experience.

Finding strength together,



Pastor Scott Peterson
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Question:

What's to be done with all of the angry protests and rioting that have been happening for the past few months? We're a patriotic family and seeing the American flag being burned is very upsetting to us. We understand the Second Amendment and freedom of speech; however, we believe many individuals have carried this way too far and there are no repercussions. We're the parents of a 9-year-old and a 7-year-old who are asking if there are good reasons for this behavior. Between telling them about freedom of speech and racism that has gone

rampant and must stop, we don't know what else we can tell them.

Please help us explain to them about learning their responsibilities as American citizens.

~ Proud Americans

Dear Proud Americans,

These are extraordinary times for parents. I think you are wise to consider the effects of current events on your young children. I think news outlets supported by advertising sensationalize incidents to get more readership. When a front-page story plays up something that turns out to be erroneous information, the correction will be days later on a back page. Social media amplifies and echoes fear and conspiracy theories.

A first step might be to limit exposure to these anxiety-producing sources. Protests and rioting are very different things but the same solutions can help both. Correcting the systemic racism, classism and misogyny upon which this nation was based will eliminate the need to protest those ills. The Euro American

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male property owners known as our Founding Fathers were willing to define an enslaved person as only worth 3/5 of one of themselves. They didn't acknowledge women's rights at all. The 13th Amendment left a loophole allowing Jim Crow laws and mass incarceration to replace enslavement in support of White supremacy.

Rectifying these flaws will lead to a more just and stable society. I don't believe violence and property damage are effective protest tools but burning the U.S. flag has been well established as an example of constitutionally protected free speech. Perhaps if you imagine yourself a descendant of enslaved people still enduring the effects of 400-plus years of oppression you will understand the frustration that could lead to destruction of a symbol.

I think it is most patriotic to help

our nation live up to its promise that all humans are created equal. The Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance program has age-appropriate materials that can help you discuss these issues with your children. Unfortunately, with the pandemic and distance learning, children and parents have less direct access to professional educators.

I wish you the best.



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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

"Couch Church, Fellowship and Prayers" continues for the foreseeable future at Lutheran Church of the Foothills. Worship services stream on the church's Facebook page and YouTube Channel at 10 a.m. on Sundays then videos are available on the church's website at www.lcifoothills.org, Facebook page at facebook.com/Lcifoothills/videos and on the church's YouTube Channel.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, Children, Youth and Family director Stephen Robertson will lead with a sermon titled "If Curiosity Killed the Cat, Then Generosity Gave It Life." After the service, all are invited to join in fellowship on Zoom. There is also a time of prayers via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and several of the church's small groups gather on Zoom on different days and times.

A variety of items are being collected for several different benevolence organizations including clothes, non-perishable food and school supplies.

The knitting group, Knit Together, meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Details for all of these events (and more) are available by contacting the church office.

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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.

New Time for Outdoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services this Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC Courtyard offer interactive prayer time, live music, Bible readings and an inspiring message. COVID-

safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed.

As we are moving into fall and earlier sunsets, the brief service will now commence at 5 p.m. And 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 policies to protect the health and safety of the congregation, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

Walk and Word

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

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

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.

Dear Proud Americans,

There's no question that our children today are experiencing a lot of things that we would like to shield them from: civil unrest, violence, injustice, racism and political division not to mention the medical pandemic taking lives by the tens of thousands in our country and around the world. The problem with all of these things is they aren't going to magically disappear anytime soon. These are issues our children will also have to address as they grow up in our communities and try to make the world a better place. Certainly you want to protect your young children, but we also need to answer their questions while teaching them about loving others and respecting the dignity of all people. Kim Morgan, a Catholic wife, mom and licensed independent clinical social worker, says, "One of the things we need to do is make sure we are telling them the truth, but make sure that truth is only as much as they need to know. Maybe they ask a question, you answer it, and they move on and go do something else - then that was enough. If they continue the dialogue and ask more questions or want to know what you

think about it, then your child is more ready to learn about some of this and hear some of it," explained Morgan. "But they don't really need to see the graphic images on the TV, on the computer screen ... it's really not helpful for small children because they don't have the emotional bandwidth ... to be able to process a lot of that."

Our faith teaches that every single person is made in the image of God. They have dignity and deserve respect and love, regardless of the color of their skin or nationality. Jesus taught His followers, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) We can teach our kids and model for them how to follow this commandment. Unfortunately, our conversations have to include the fact that not everyone in the world loves and respects other people. We are, however, responsible for our own behavior not the actions of others. We live in a racially diverse community and must take the time to explain to our children how we are to love and accept everyone, even those who are different from us.


In the Old Testament, the prophet Micah said, "... the LORD has told us what is good. What he requires

of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love and to live in humble fellowship with our God." (Micah 6:8) (GNT) I think it would help your children understand how to live out this verse if you can find ways to let Christ work through you by taking action to make our community and world a better and more peaceful place. As you set an example for your kids and involve them, if possible, it will create opportunities for further discussion and prayer for those who are struggling around us. And as we do these things, we will raise up young people who will love God and the next generation and stand up for justice and peace.

Blessings to you on your parenting journey!



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of the community (actually any suburban community) and lower property values. Zoning laws were created for a purpose. Downtown already has the zoning in place, the parking facilities and basic structures ripe for conversion. Think a hotel similar to that in the community of the town of Bishop, California would work and be welcome.

*Bill Costello
La Crescenta*

Opt for a Churchill

As I was thinking about the selection of a new city manager and the difficult days ahead, I thought of the choice that the British Cabinet faced in May 1940, so well described in Erik Larson's "The Splendid and the Vile." Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement had failed miserably. Britain stood alone, its allies either allied with its enemy, defeated or hiding behind isolationism. Chamberlain had announced his resignation. The choice for a new prime minister lay between Lord Halifax, an insider who Chamberlain favored, and Winston Churchill, an outsider who had long decried the policy of appeasement. Fortunately for the free world, the Cabinet chose Churchill.

Like Britain in the 1930s, Glendale has followed a policy of appeasement. Consider where it's gotten us. Appeasing developers has given us an ugly central district. Appeasing employee unions has saddled us with exorbitant pension obligations. We now face the twin assaults of a pandemic, with its attendant economic hardships including reduced sales tax revenue, and ruthless legislators, mostly in northern California, who want to rob the city of control over residential development without providing one cent for affordable housing.

So I say to the city council, choose a Churchill, not a Halifax. The search will not be easy. The choice may not be popular. The years ahead will be difficult. But choose the outsider who will chart a different course, not an insider steeped in the culture of appeasement.

*Mary-Lynne Fisher
La Crescenta*

Our Government is 233 Years Old Today

We had declared our independence on July 4, 1776, won the Revolutionary War in 1783 and were still struggling to get the nation going in the summer of 1887 when delegates from 12 of the 13 states met in Philadelphia to design a new government. By September they had crafted the Constitution, a government based on the principle of self-government.

Our Constitution was signed by all but three

of the 42 delegates on Sept. 17, 1787 and was eventually ratified by all 13 states. The three delegates held out for a Bill of Rights, which was added in 1791. George Washington was elected our first president in 1788 and reelected in 1792.

Our government, under our Constitution, is the longest running government in the world today. Yes, every other nation in the world has changed their government, some several times, since Sept. 17, 1787. We've kept our Constitution fresh and timely with 27 amendments in 233 years.

Our Constitution survived the Civil War, the Great Depression and two World Wars while protecting our individual rights and limiting the power of the government.

Today we are in troubled times again. We have a global

pandemic intertwined with a contentious presidential election tearing at the fabric of our nation. I suggest that it is time to pause and take a few minutes to read our Constitution today and reflect on the principles and values that made us, "One nation under God, with liberty and justice for all."

PS: Don't forget to vote by mail or in person by Nov. 3.

*Lynn McGinnis
Glendale*

Noise Pollution Dampens Hill Street Experience

I really enjoyed the CV Weekly article on the Hill Street Café (Leisure, Sept. 10). Our family has been going there since it opened up on the north side of Foothill Boulevard, west of its current location.

I have many favorites; there are too many to list. Our favorite

time to go there is Sunday breakfast. We may be skipping Sunday breakfast for a while, though. The past two Sundays we have not had an enjoyable experience. That is no fault of the Hill Street management or employees. Our meal has been interrupted with constant horn honking for the BLM protesters on the sidewalk in front of the patio. Those people have every right to wave their signs and cheer. Also the drivers have every right to honk their horns all they want. But I have a right to not have to listen to the noise while trying to eat and talk with my wife. So, from now on we will call before going to Hill Street and ask if the protestors are there. If they are we will be off to Black Cow or Jeremy's where it is quieter.

*Tom Suter
La Crescenta*

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of \$350. Kim directed the ricin to be delivered to his office via the United States Postal Service and, on Nov. 29, 2018, the FBI delivered an inert powder concealed in a package. That evening Kim took the parcel home, accessed the inert powder, and was immediately arrested.

While the parties dispute Kim's intended use of the ricin, the act of attempting to obtain the deadly toxin constituted "incredibly dangerous conduct without regard to the safety of others," according to sentencing papers filed by prosecutors. One sentencing memo quotes a pre-sentence report by the United States Probation Office: "Defendant's conduct had the potential of endangering the community. Kim caused what he believed to be a lethal biological toxin to be shipped through the United States Postal Service where it was delivered at his place of employment. Had Kim been successful in obtaining ricin, he could have seriously harmed many people who unknowingly came into contact with the hazardous package."

The matter was investigated by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, which received assistance from the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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