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Compromise Reached Regarding Montrose Al Fresco Dining

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council voted to approve a compromise to continue into October the city's al fresco dining program along Honolulu Avenue in Montrose, reversing the council's previous decision to end the outdoor dining program on Labor Day.

According to assistant director of Community Development Bradley Calvert, "City staff and the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) agreed that an improved version of the al fresco program would create the best compromise. This would include an improved prototype design as a long-term solution, modifying the size of the existing installations that would restore some parking spaces while preserving the al fresco opportunities, and conducting a long-term urban design plan for Honolulu Avenue. Council will discuss these recommendations tomorrow evening and, if approved, the existing program would stay in place through early October and the long-term solutions being deployed in November."

Calvert recounted that on May 25 the council voted to end the Montrose program after Labor Day and to separate discussion of the program from similar efforts underway for Downtown Glendale, notwithstanding the overall popularity of efforts to support outdoor dining based on various surveys conducted by the city.

According to Calvert, city staff engaged with the MSPA and various suggestions (extending sidewalks, modifying existing seating and parking areas) appeared to not be feasible based on both time and funds. A walking tour "gave everyone an opportunity to envision a long-term program," Calvert explained, and MSPA and city staff determined that reduced-sized parklets would be a suitable compromise.

"Elongated parklets and a long-term strategy," Calvert said. "We could restore half the parking and keep the same seating ... and improve the quality of what the parklets look like, with weather protection, for example."

Councilmember Dan Brotman said that he was glad the item was back at council.

"I wasn't comfortable with the original decision to just rip

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Museums and Elected Officials Push for Climate Resiliency Funds

By Mary O'KEEFE

Museums like the La Brea Tar Pits Museum highlight the role climate change has made to the ecology of our planet in the past.

Southern California have been to a local museum at least once. Public schools often have field trips to the Natural History Museum or the La Brea Tar Pits Museum. These museums, and others throughout California, have faced unprecedented times and not just because of COVID but because of climate change.

On Monday, State Senator Ben Allen led a press conference that was held at the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles to bring attention to the need to safeguard museum assets as they face destruction and damage from climate-fueled disasters. He also highlighted the importance of museums in the role of education.

"The UN (United Nations) and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has come out with a very frightening study highlighting the enormous impact climate change has had and will continue to have," Allen said. "The fact of the matter is we have only seen the tip of the iceberg."

The IPCC report released on Monday warns that the world is certain to face more extreme climate changes in the future. The report stated that if humans take action now to cut greenhouse gas



emissions, they could limit the impacts but, at this point, many of Earth's destructive consequences are already set in motion.

The extreme weather issues the Earth is facing now – such as historic droughts, stronger hurricanes and deadly heat waves – will not only continue but become more frequent and more severe.

UN Secretary General António Guterres stated the report released on Monday was a "code red for humanity."

"The alarm bells are deafening and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk," the Secretary General said in a statement.

Climate change has been the topic of concern with LA County Fire Dept. and other fire agencies

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JPL Director Watkins to Step Down, Return to Academia



By Mary O'KEEFE

This week Jet Propulsion Laboratory director Michael Watkins announced he was leaving the head position at the lab to move to the Caltech campus as professor of aerospace and geophysics.

Watkins served for five years as JPL director. He had worked at JPL for 22 years and, just prior to taking the director position, he had served at the Clare Cockrell Williams Centennial as chair in aerospace engineering and director of the Center for Space Research at the

University of Texas at Austin. He has a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering.

He became director of JPL on July 1, 2016, following then-director Charles Elachi, who retired on June 30 that same year and moved onto the Caltech faculty.

"There is not a place in the world like JPL. It has truly been the great joy of my life to dedicate almost three decades to JPL, and to spend the last five years leading the Lab is the highest honor," Watkins said in an announcement on Monday. "I treasure above all my interac-



File photo

LEFT: In 2019, JPL director Michael Watkins (on right in red tie) was joined by (from left) Alfred Santos, USPS district manager, Robert Parker, former astronaut, Andrea Razzaghi, associate director for NASA management office and Michael Greene, JPL director for communications and education during the unveiling by the USPS of JPL postage stamps.

ABOVE: Watkins: JPL director Michael Watkins announced that he will be leaving as director of JPL and move to the Caltech campus.

tions with the incredible people who make JPL what it is and who dedicate lifetimes to mission success after mission success."

"Under Watkins' tenure as director, JPL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Trust No One

I have a friend who emphatically states that she "trusts no one." I don't know if that is true; she puts herself out there pretty often which, to me, doesn't indicate that she doesn't trust. I mean, if you didn't trust that your efforts were going to be heeded or helpful, why put yourself out there?

Of course there are issues of what I call generic trust: a person "trusts" that the light will come on when turning on a switch, "trusts" that a surgeon will do his or her best when operating, etc.

Call me Pollyanna but, previous to the pandemic, I thought that people would instinctively work together for the betterment of the majority. Ha! Was I wrong on that count! During the early days of the pandemic people did seem to follow mandates by the CDC and County of Los Angeles regarding moving about, masking, gathering, etc. Once the vaccine was made available I thought that people would flock to get that jab in the arm to lessen the chance of themselves getting sick and to help ensure the safety and wellness of their neighbors and atrisk family members. But somewhere along the way the efficacy and safety of the vaccine was questioned by (what I thought) were pretty intelligent people.

I do understand that not everyone was as eager as me to get the vaccine. People are hesitant due to how rapidly the initial (though not final) approval was given by the FDA to administer the shots and want to

wait until that final approval is given. Others are mad about possibly being "forced" to get a shot when living in a free country. (I could go off about things people are "forced" to follow - traffic signals, laws, etc. - but I only have so much room.) But what gets me nuts now is that, in an effort to respect the rights of those same unvaccinated people, they were asked to wear a mask in public places in an effort to mitigate infecting themselves or others. Initially there was an "honor system" in place whereby the unvaccinated were trusted to wear a mask in indoor public places. Unfortunately, it quickly became evident that many folks weren't going to follow that mandate. I know of three people who attended a recent indoor social function who were not vaccinated and were unmasked. Why do that? If we are asked to respect the wishes of those who are resistant to getting vaccinated shouldn't the wishes be respected of those who are vaccinated?

The result is that now everyone, regardless of vaccination status, has to wear a mask indoors. Great.

So maybe my friend has a point: trust no one.

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Weather in the Foothills

"There's nothing quite like surfing by yourself in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, but unpredictable weather patterns, below deck accommodation, sea snakes, coral cuts and packs of reef sharks make it a trip for the committed seadog."

~ Mark Thornley, Australian surfer and author

The weather in Santa Clarita was hot, nearly 100 degrees, under clear skies. A short drive across the 126 through the Santa Clara River Valley brought about drastic change. Ventura was cold; the temperature had dropped 30 degrees and the sun was partially obscured by drifting fog. Thus were the conditions along the way on our weekly sojourn to the beach. A jacket and a stop at Starbucks (not for cold brew!) become necessities.

A cool breeze swept across the Santa Barbara breakwater while an occasional wave broke over the sea wall. Blue skies prevailed allowing sunlight to add sparkle to the water that turned a turquoise blue ... another stunning summer day in Southern California.

As often happens on our excursions, we end up talking to fellow travelers and local folks; nothing like a dog for a conversation starter. Yes, Brighton (the typical Golden goodwill ambassador) was alongside. A friendly tourist from Maryland needed a "dog-fix" so struck up a conversation. Still wet from a rogue wave, she commented, "The Pacific sure is cold compared to ours [the Atlantic] back home." Seriously ... could she be correct? Ask a surfer ...

In fact, millions of people come to Southern California to enjoy the warm sunny beaches only to be surprised by the chilly water temps. SoCal ocean water temps peak in the upper 60s and low 70s in August and September. The rest of the year water temps are in the upper 50s and low 60s. Ocean temps are 10-20 degrees cooler compared to locations on the East Coast in summer at the same latitude!

The quick answer to explain the differences in coastal water temperature is to track the water's path. Ocean water along the West Coast comes down from Alaska via the California Current while ocean water along the East Coast comes up from the Caribbean. Currently, average water temps off California are a cold 65 degrees compared North Carolina with a warm 83 degrees.

Want an accurate and precise weather report? Ask a surfer. Surfers are, by default, atmospheric science junkies. May seem a little far-fetched as you envision the stereotypical California surfer. Tan and appearing not to have a care in the world except staying warm. A wet suit is a necessity! Surfing is dependent on the interaction of uncontrollable variables – the climate, the ocean – and up-to-date weather conditions. All for the perfect wave!

It's August in the foothills: hot, humid and hotter!

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

TELL THE GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL:

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personal information

The Glendale City Council wants a rental registry for our city. This registry would make private tenants and local housing providers **share detailed information** — information that is already available through other sources — with the city of Glendale.

What's worse, the creation and upkeep of this registry would **cost us millions of tax dollars**. This scheme would inflict severe penalties on small housing providers for even the most innocent mistakes.

WE MUST OPPOSE THIS SCHEME BY THE CITY. Glendale doesn't need a million-dollar rental registry. This is just another attempt by politicians to chip away at our private property rights, and it is one step closer to rent control in our city.

Call the City Council at 818-548-4844 or visit NoRentalRegistry.com to voice your opposition



HERE ARE THE FACTS:

- 1. **Glendale is not a rent-control city**, so there is no need for a rental registry.
- 2. The millions of dollars needed to administer this registry will undoubtedly be paid by city residents.
- 3. The city of Glendale has administered Section 8, for decades. The city already has all the information on these units at their fingertips, rendering the formation of a rental registry unnecessary, redundant, and costly.
- 4. If the city needs information for market rate housing rents, year built, unit makeup, etc., there are nationally-recognized databases available that can provide this information and more.
- 5. In good faith, the Glendale Association of REALTORS® also has a wealth of information for residential multifamily properties that could potentially be shared with the city.



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PREPARING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Students will be returning to local public schools beginning Wednesday, Aug. 18. Traffic will noticeably increase and drivers are urged to exercise caution and give themselves additional time if traveling when students are on their way to school.

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 freeway off-ramp is Saturday, Aug. 14. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:10 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools. All are welcome.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE EVENTS

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be planting milkweed seeds to help provide food for local monarch butterfly populations.

Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

On Sunday morning, April 15, there will be an "open gate" event at the Rosemont Preserve. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

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

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes

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

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

LINKCHORST ON AGENDA FOR MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE CRESCENTA VALLEY

Joanna Linkchorst, president of the Friends of Rockhaven, is the guest speaker of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley. She will be speaking on Monday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave., at the corner of Dunsmore and Santa Carlotta.

Linkchorst will provide an update on what she knows of Rockhaven's future, especially in light of the recent state grant of \$8 million obtained by State Senator Anthony Portantino. She will also show clips from a recently made movie about Rockhaven. All are welcome.

FUNDS TO BENEFIT EDUCATIONAL NON-PROFITS

The Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund will be accepting grant applications from Sept. 1 through Oct. 2. The 2021 grant form/application are for those non-profits that benefit educational programs in the Crescenta-Cañada Valley.

 $\label{lem:commerce} Applications \ are \ available \ on \ the \ Crescenta \ Valley \\ Chamber of Commerce website https://tinyurl.com/du4vbcex.$

Those with questions can contact Edna Karinski, CEO, Community Foundation of the Verdugos, at (818) 241-8040 or Jean Maluccio, Crescenta Valley Chamber, (818) 248-4957.

CV YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

Applications are being accepted for the Crescenta Valley Youth Town Council. The Youth Council is an organization that is mentored and managed by the Crescenta Valley Town Council. Being a member of the Youth Town Council provides a chance for students in grades seven 12 to be the voice of the youth in the community. Those on the Youth Council will encourage people to voice their concerns and as a group will try to find solutions.

Time commitment is about an hour a week with regular meetings and frequent events. Youth Town Council members also earn volunteer hours for the work done. Applicants must be in grades seven-12 and live in the La Crescenta area. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 31 at 11:59 pm.

For more information, including the application form, visit

Local Racers Making National Headlines



By Justin HAGER

vive years ago, the CV Weekly introduced readers to Drake Barron and Eric Greco Jr., teenage cousins who were gaining notoriety as athletes in thrill sports. At the time, Barron was a student at CVHS and his younger cousin, Eric, attended Rosemont Middle School. The article described how the two teens were "compiling impressive resumes" in the "off-thebeaten path" sports of mountain biking and stockcar racing, respectively. At the time, Barron was the 25th ranked junior expert rider in the United States, and Greco had just won the 2014 Quarter Midgets of America Grand championship for kids over the age of 8 and over 100 lbs. Yet, despite their early accomplishments, Barron was still relatively new to mountain biking and Greco was still in middle school. It wasn't yet known if either of the boys could maintain their success and

In 2021, the now adult men have answered that question definitively as they each earned multiple trophies in national level competitions. Barron started the year strong, taking second place at the DVO Winter Downhill Nevada State Championships. Then in March both men took home trophies within 48 hours of each other as Greco won the California Lightning Sprint (CLS) Car Season Opener at the Bakersfield Speedway and Barron took third in the DVO Winter Downhill Reaper Madness competition. But the real challenge for both men would come the first week of July, with Greco competing in the CLS Series race at the challenging Santa Maria Raceway and Barron competing at the U.S. Downhill National Championships at Winter Park, Colorado.

remain competitive on the national stage.

Greco's race started strong with the recent CVHS grad winning all but one heat race of the night and earning the pole position for the 25-lap main event. When the green flag waved to start the race, Greco took an early lead. Three laps into the race he was already a half-lap ahead of most other drivers. Three laps after that he started lapping fellow competitors. Lap 11 posed a significant challenge for Greco after he encountered lapped vehicles, giving CLS series point leader James Turnbull of Indio the opportunity to make a run for the lead. But when the checkered flag signaled the end of the race Greco was still in the lead, having never surrendered the pole position. The victory moved him to third in the CLS point standings, just 22 points behind five-time CLS champion Bobby Michnowicz.

Three days later and 1,200 miles away, Barron didn't have time to celebrate his cousin's victory as he prepared for the 19–29-year-old men's category one national championships. Although Barron's performance was not as dominant as his cousin's had been, it proved more exciting as neck and neck battles with less-than-one-second splits developed between several sets of riders, including race victor Jacob Downey (3:58.08) and first runner up Ben Ortowski (3:59.00).

Courtesy California Lightning Sprints ABOVE: Eric Greco Jr. (left)

BELOW: Drake Barron

Barron took the bronze with a time of 4.06.61, with Ryan Wischmeyer hot on his tail just 1.14 seconds behind. Fifth-eighth place also had a tight battle with the fifth-place rider Chaice Soderstrom defeating sixth place Mitchell Scarese by less than half a second, and the total time separating positions five to eight less than 1.7 seconds.

Readers can find the original article on Barron and Greco at https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/sports/03/24/2016/local-kids-go-beaten-path/.



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Zoom Weddings: A Pandemic Blessing for Some Couples

Dressed in a delicate lace and tulle gown, Daniela's smile beamed as she joined Kelly in front of the Zoom camera to say their vows in the dappled sunlight beneath the trees at his family's East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania home.

Artificial roses adorned the arbor backdrop and platform that Kelly built himself for the ceremony, and his mom cooked barbecue ribs for the wedding dinner.

The bill for the 700 guest wedding? An unheard of \$800. With virtual guests, "there was definitely no worry about costs," said Kelly.

Kelly and Daniela Pierre's backyard wedding in September was not what they expected when they started planning their big day back in 2019. For love that bloomed in lockdown, a whittleddown pandemic wedding proved to be a blessing in disguise for some couples like them.

Just 12% of couples that planned



The Barsomians from Burbank streamed their wedding ceremony for virtual guests on March 3. Although the wedding took place during a pandemic, the couple enjoyed the intimate occasion.

to get married in 2020 went entirely virtual for their ceremony, according to a survey of some 7,600 couples by online wedding

planning platform The Knot. More than 40% of those who wed in the pandemic added a streaming or

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This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center. On Sunday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. Guest Pastor Deborah Andersen will lead worship with a message from her series in Ephesians titled "The Times: A Call to God's Wisdom."

The service will also be livestreamed at 10 a.m. on the church's YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel after 11 a.m.

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

The church is collecting non-perishable food clean, gently used clothing to

distribute to local people in need. Please bring the items to the church office lobby during office hours.

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

Indoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited La Crescenta ioin Presbyterian Church for worship services in the church sanctuary every Sunday at 10

for live music, Come prayer time and an inspiring message, surrounded by the church's historic stained-glass windows that were beautifully restored last summer.

Sunday services also feature special programs for children and youth from preschool age to high school.

COVID-safe practices in line with Los Angeles County public health guidelines will be observed.

For those who prefer to worship from home, LCPC's online services are available at lcpc.net every Sunday at

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

Walk and Word

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

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



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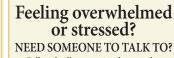


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LCUSD Discusses Leaked Video

By Mary O'KEEFE

"The last couple of days have been interesting," said Kaitzer Puglia, La Cañada Unified School District governing board president.

"Interesting" may seem understatement when considering that the LCUSD governing board meeting on Tuesday night started off with angry parents who were ready to speak their concerns regarding CRT (Critical Race Theory). Parents' anger stemmed from the recent release of a yearold book club meeting attended by LCUSD teachers. During the book club meeting, CRT was discussed by some of the teachers.

It should be noted that the book club was private and was not part of an official LCUSD meeting. Teachers did not get paid for attending. The virtual meeting was leaked onto a social media platform and then shared on Facebook. The meeting did not appear to be released in its entirety and was stopped in mid-conversation when a man's voice would interrupt to criticize the statement made. It should also be noted that LCUSD has not adopted CRT.

During public comment on non-agendized items, parents were visibly upset over what they felt was the teachers' push toward adopting CRT and the "destruction of curriculum." That comment was taken from the book club meeting and appeared to be the lightning rod for the parents.

"I guess I am the first person to talk about the video that made its rounds through the community this week," said the first parent to speak. He was upset with the governing board that they did not make room on the agenda for this "lightning bolt" that struck the community.

He stated he felt the video was "proof" of the sentiments and ideology of several LCUSD teachers and their stated intention to impose CRT on "our children."

He acknowledged that the board was not adopting CRT but felt the video showed the board is moving in that direction.

"The wheels are coming off the bus and you board members are at the wheel," he said.

He asked the board to denounce implementing CRT, and support disciplining any teacher who does try to implement it.

The man, as he walked back to his seat, continued to ask the board to pledge against CRT. President Puglia said the item was not on the agenda for this week and there would not be a statement made at that board meeting. She added the board members would be discussing the topic again when they plan future agenda discussion. Puglia then attempted to move

the meeting forward.

But another speaker spoke on behalf of teachers.

"I am here on behalf of the staff of La Cañada Elementary School. We are united in the belief we are a professional learning community dedicated to continued growth despite the recent leaking and manipulation of private conversations," she said.

A speaker – another teacher – read a letter from a local therapist who offered support to teachers who are facing "cyberbullying" due to the leaked video.

"I am hoping to appeal to [individuals'] sense of decency and professionalism. A video was created over Zoom where [La Cañada teachers] were discussing race and discrimination. This was not created for public consumption but as a learning and training exercise. Somehow [the video was] leaked, edited heavily, and a robotic voice was added," the speaker read from the letter.

The speaker spoke of her support for her fellow teachers and added that she was a teacher for over 20 years and had never seen the cruelty that has been shared online after this video was released.

Two other parents spoke, equally emotional, on how they were opposed to CRT and were troubled by what they heard, fearing that this is what their children will be taught.

Supervisor Wendy Sinnette then read a statement concerning the issue. The statement in its entirety is below:

"Recently a year-old recording of a Zoom discussion by LCE teachers and staff who were engaged in a book club conversation was posted to a website called Rumble and then shared on a private Facebook group. We do not know who posted the links or how they obtained access as the file was in a school site-specific shared folder. The book the staff was discussing was 'White Fragility.' The discussion was during summer and the teaching staff was off and in unpaid status. At the time it was a pertinent book to read as many were examining social justice issues in the wake of the George Floyd murder and the unrest the country was experiencing.

"It's important to reiterate that the meeting was held over a year ago. Since that time, LCUSD has grown and matured in its understanding of its diversity, equity and inclusion initiative, working hard to make progress but also putting an 'LC' - the La Cañada – stamp on the related actions and services, especially given the highly charged and politicized tenor of the times related to these topics. It has been a difficult road, but I am extremely proud of our dedication, commitment and growth along the way.

"Since the social media postings, I have viewed the unedited videos several times. In its intended context, I found it to be a professional conversation on complex and challenging topics held between colleagues who know and trust each other. The conversation was designed to be held in a safe space - a space where professionals grapple with difficult issues and honestly process feelings and ideas in meaningful ways. All types of professionals utilize safe spaces to understand complex topics, ideas and events that inform their professional practices. Doctors, attorneys, clinicians, financial advisors – all types of professionals access their colleagues in safe spaces to better understand intellectual and societal topics in order to better perform their jobs and which encourage frank and candid discussions. Teachers as professionals have rights to these safe spaces, and these postings overtly violated those rights. The recording was not intended as a parent video, it was not representative of how instructors would engage with students. What the participants demonstrated in the discussion is what we advocate for in our mission statement: they were engaged as a 'learning community committed personal growth and academic excellence.' The posting of these videos appears intended to promote divisiveness and misrepresentation.

"In my opinion, the editing was designed to be incendiary and to mischaracterize the discussion. The comments/posts were hurtful and caused damage to our district community. I want our educators to have hard conversations, stay informed on the relevant societal discussions that impact teaching and learning, and stay willing to expand their perspectives whether or not they accept or reject the premises such as those put forward in this topical book.

"Finally, we all need to remember that we are the adult role models for our children. Imagine if, without consent from their class, one of your student's classmates posted a recorded discussion and then random critical comments by members of the student body were publicly displayed. Parents of students in that hypothetical class would be outraged. As adults, we need to remember our students are watching what we do. Let's all work together to model for our students that safe spaces are critical for discussions that inform our thinking. Let's all work together to message district unity in the interest of our students, teachers, staff and families."









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Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of Four involved in the theft Males in Possession of a Loaded **Firearm**

Downtown Policing Unit conducted lot at a high rate of speed.

driver, later identified as 20-year-old Isiah Alay of Victorville, and three passengers: 29-year-old Jesse Morales of Long Beach, 28-year-old Christopher Cruz of Huntington Park, and 27-yearold Michael Lozoya of Los Angeles.

Officers discovered that Alay did not have a driver's license despite being the driver of the vehicle. Throughout the investigation, officers learned that Alay had a non-local warrant out for his arrest.

All four males were asked to exit the vehicle. Morales originally provided officers with someone else's driver's license. Lozoya was found to be in possession of a large capsule containing marijuana and a wallet containing a driver's license, Social Security card, and California identification card belonging to other people. A records check indicated that Lozoya had a nonlocal warrant out for his arrest.

A search of the vehicle produced a handgun loaded with a high capacity magazine, a Taser, two spray cans and methamphetamine. During the investigation it was discovered that one of the males was a gang member.

Alay was arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in public, possessing a controlled substance, identity theft and for driving without a license. Morales was arrested for possessing a controlled substance while armed, identity theft and his warrant. Cruz was arrested for being an exfelon with a firearm, possessing a controlled substance while armed and identity theft. Lozoya was arrested for possessing a controlled substance while armed, identity theft and two non-local warrants.

Gang Member Arrested for Carrying a Loaded Firearm in Public

On Aug. 6 just after 5 p.m., Glendale police officers were dispatched to the 3800 block of Ocean View Boulevard regarding a man with a firearm.

Within moments, officers observed a vehicle travelling that was occupied a male who matched the suspect description. With assistance from the a felony traffic stop on the vehicle.

Upon contacting 20-year-old Steven Garcia of Los Angeles, officers noticed that he had a tattoo indicative of being a criminal street gang member.

A vehicle search produced a loaded semi-automatic pistol that had been reported as lost earlier this year. Garcia was subsequently arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in public.

Two Males Arrested with a Loaded Firearm and Narcotics

On Aug. 5 at approximately 10 p.m., a Glendale police K9 officer noticed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed enter the 134 Freeway off of Glendale Avenue. During the observation, the officer was advised of a possible theft that had just occurred from a nearby business on the 500 block of North Glendale Avenue. The vehicle seen entering the freeway matched the description of the vehicle

The officer confirmed that it was the vehicle involved in the theft and On Aug. 6 at approximately 3:30 p.m., conducted a traffic stop. The officer Glendale police officers assigned to the contacted the driver, identified as 24-year-old Anthony Arutunian of a traffic stop on a vehicle that drove Glendale, and noticed that Arutunian through the Glendale Galleria parking was wearing a GPS ankle bracelet. Arutunian was later discovered to be The vehicle was occupied by the on parole. The officer also located a pocketknife on Arutunian and a bottle containing 198 prescription pills of OxyContin nearby.

> Assisting officers arrived and contacted the passenger, identified as 26-year-old Vedin Minasmasihi of La Crescenta. A search of Minasmasihi produced three bindles of heroin and a clear glass pipe with a bulbous end that had methamphetamine residue inside of it.

> A search of the vehicle produced a loaded ghost gun, push knife "dagger," a pocketknife, an Ajax bottle containing Fentanyl, a small rubber container with seven OxyContin pills, two tubular pipes used to smoke methamphetamine, a digital scale, multiple dime sized Ziploc bags, and various denominations of cash.

> Arutunian was arrested for various charges including being an ex-felon with a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm in public, owning ammunition while prohibited, possessing narcotics and controlled substances for sale and for violating the terms of his parole.

> Minasmasihi was arrested for various charges including carrying a concealed weapon, possessing narcotics and controlled substances, possessing controlled substances for sale, and for violating the terms of his probation.

Two Arrested After Vehicle Pursuit

On Aug. 5 at approximately 5 p.m., officers with the Glendale Police Dept.'s Special Enforcement Detail were patrolling the area of San Fernando Road and Winchester Avenue when they observed a vehicle with tinted windows pass them. As the vehicle was passing them, they immediately recognized the front passenger, 19-yearold Genaro Salcedo of Sun Valley, from previous contacts and knew that he was currently on probation for a weapons violation; furthermore, the officers had information that he was potentially armed with a handgun.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle for the observed violation and to make contact with Salcedo; however, the driver of the vehicle, later identified officers at a high rate of speed and a vehicle pursuit was initiated. During the pursuit, Magana maintained high speeds, drove recklessly and collided into multiple unoccupied vehicles at various locations. Ultimately, Magana lost control of his vehicle in the area of Glendale Boulevard and Berkeley Avenue in the City of Los Angeles rolling his car over and crashing into a utility pole, causing the pole and power lines to fall onto the street.

Salcedo, Magana and three juvenile subsequently passengers were detained without further incident. Salcedo, Magana and one juvenile passenger were transported to the hospital with minor injuries while the other two juveniles were released at the scene to parents. During a search of the vehicle, officers located two nitrous oxide (NOS) tanks and empty balloons. After receiving treatment at

the hospital, Salcedo (who was also found to be in possession of a credit card belonging to another person) was booked for illegal possession of nitrous oxide and misappropriation of lost property while Magana was booked for felony child endangerment and felony evading. The juvenile that was transported to the hospital was treated and released to their parents.

Male Released from Custody Steals Truck Outside of Glendale **PD** Jail

On Aug. 2 at approximately 9:45 p.m., Glendale PD patrol officers located a stolen vehicle driving westbound on Colorado Street near Glendale Avenue. The vehicle had been reported stolen earlier in the day in the City of Upland. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and detained the driver, identified as 23-year-old Kaelun Scharrer (transient), along with a passenger. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a methamphetamine pipe.

Scharrer was subsequently arrested and booked for vehicle theft and possession of drug paraphernalia. Due to Los Angeles County's "zero-dollar" bail schedule, Scharrer was released from custody within six hours of being booked with a notice to appear in court at a later date.

Three hours after Scharrer was released from custody, on Aug. 3 at approximately 9:30 a.m., Glendale PD patrol officers were dispatched to the Americana at Brand regarding a male who had just slapped a side view mirror of a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers detained Scharrer who matched the description of the suspect. Ultimately the reporting party was non-desirous of any charges. Scharrer was advised that the Americana was banning him from their property and if he returned he would be arrested for trespassing. Scharrer left the location and 45 minutes later, officers were dispatched back to the Americana regarding Scharrer being on the property and trespassing. While on the property, Scharrer stole money from a tip jar inside of a business and fled on foot. Officers located Scharrer in the area and he was arrested and booked for trespassing.

The next morning, Aug. 4 just after 6 a.m., due to Los Angeles County's "zero-dollar" bail schedule, Scharrer was again released from custody with a notice to appear in court. Immediately GPD Airship, patrol officers conducted as 19-year-old Mark Magana of La upon being released, Scharrer noticed Crescenta, accelerated away from the a flatbed truck that was parked directly in front of the Glendale PD jail release door that was unoccupied and running with the keys in the ignition. Scharrer quickly entered the truck and fled in it southbound on Isabel Street. The driver of the truck was delivering a dumpster directly across the street and observed the truck being stolen. Glendale PD was immediately called. The truck was equipped with a tracking device, allowing officers to actively track its location. The truck ultimately arrived at a parking lot in the area of Fruit Street and Foothill Boulevard in the City of La Verne, where officers with the La Verne Police Dept. located it and conducted a traffic stop of the truck, detaining the driver (Scharrer). Glendale PD officers responded to the location and took custody of Scharrer, transporting him back to the Glendale Police Dept. where he was booked for vehicle theft with a \$25,000 bail.



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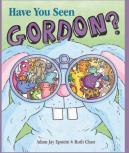
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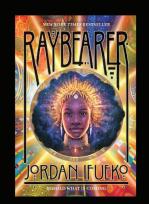
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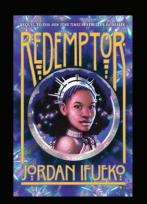
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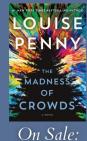
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out al fresco dining up there. I thought we could probably find a win-win, so I'm glad staff and the MSPA got together and did that walking tour. I know we're going to try to keep as much parking as possible, but some will be sacrificed – we may want to look at parking rates - we want to keep spaces available for customers to run in to pick up something. Maybe we could do something like Pasadena does and return some of that revenue back into Honolulu Avenue." Brotman offered.

usually don't like flip-flopping on issues." Councilmember Ara Najarian began. "I was very much intent on letting the voices of Montrose decide what they wanted to do with the al fresco dining. I did receive - this was back in May - a very concerned call from a member of the MSPA who told me that we had to get rid of it. The businesses don't like it and so, perhaps my fault, I believed that was a universally held belief. It was not, as we've since received calls and emails and petitions from many, many people - tens if not hundreds indicating that they wanted to keep al fresco dining."

"This was after our decision was made. So, again, I just want to do what the folks in Montrose – not just the business owners, but the patrons and residents in the immediate area want to do. I've no objection to extending this to October but it can't just be Bradley and the MSPA. Cast a wider net. Include the homeowners' associations nearby. My only goal is this."

"In our positions, they say you can't please all the people all the time," Mayor Paula Devine opined. "I think this alternative comes pretty darn close. Thanks to the MSPA and their board for working with us and with staff; I'm excited about an urban design plan, looking into the future."

vote to approve compromise passed unanimously.

EDD Issues Warning About Telephone Phishing Scams

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) this week warned Californians to be on alert for scammers who pretend to be from the EDD or Bank of America in an attempt to trick people into giving up personal information by text message or telephone.

Californians continue to report scam cellphone text messages and telephone calls designed to trick unemployment insurance claimants into clicking a link or providing personal information over the telephone.

The U.S. Dept. of Justice and Federal Trade Commission have also warned consumers about this type of scam. The latest warning from the Federal Trade Commission explained that these sophisticated schemes try to trick people into clicking a link that takes them to a fake workforce agency website that may look very real. There, claimants are asked to input personal information that fraudsters then steal.

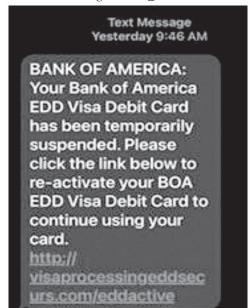
Information about how to avoid text message scams is available through the Federal Trade Commission, FBI and the EDD What You Should Know About Unemployment Scammers fact sheet at www.edd.ca.gov/about edd/fraud.htm.

Customers who are unsure whether a text message is legitimate can check their UI online account or their mailed notice to verify the information. Here are some key tips to help people determine whether a text message is a scam:

- · Text messages asking people to reactivate a card by clicking a link are scams. Bank of America and EDD never text message people to reactivate a debit card.
- · Never click a link in an unexpected text message claiming to be from EDD or Bank of America.
- · Customers can verify whether an EDD text message is a legitimate by checking UI Online or the mailed notice for the same information.
- · Customers can call Bank of America using the telephone number on the back of their debit card to check if a bank-related text message is legitimate.
- EDD sends text messages from the number 510-74 or 918-06. Customers should be aware, however, that a scammer might attempt to fake this number to trick

Anyone who believes they have been victimized by a text message scam should immediately report this crime to the National Center for Disaster Fraud by filing a NCDF complaint form found at www.edd.ca.gov/ about_edd/fraud.htm or by calling (866) 7205721. Customers can also report fraud to EDD by visiting

askedd.edd.ca.gov and selecting the Report Fraud category to submit a fraud reporting form online. The EDD also offers other tips on how people can protect themselves from scams and how to report suspected fraud on the www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/fraud.htm.



An example of a text message used by scammers to trick people into clicking a false link.

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launched and operated several new missions for NASA, missions including Earth ECOSTRESS, Orbiting Carbon Observatory 3, GRACE Follow-On and Sentinel 6. Planetary missions include the ongoing operations of Juno at Jupiter, as well as the launches and landings of the InSight mission and Perseverance rover on Mars. Watkins has also guided future missions development, including the Europa Clipper mission to Jupiter's icy moon Europa,

the Mars Sample Return campaign, and the VERITAS mission to Venus," according to the JPL release.

The ECOSTRESS mission is answering questions including how the terrestrial biosphere is responding to changes in water availability, how changes in vegetation water stress impact the global carbon cycle and can agricultural vulnerability be reduced through advanced monitoring of agricultural consumption improved drought estimation.

The Perseverance rover took along the Ingenuity Mars helicopter, the first aircraft to make a powered, controlled flight on another planet.

Watkins will be stepping down on Aug. 20 and JPL deputy director Larry D. James will serve as interim JPL director and also vice president at Caltech until a successor for Watkins is selected. As deputy director, James has acted as the Laboratory's chief operating officer leading the day-to-day management

JPL's resources and activities. Prior to his appointment as deputy director, Lt. Gen. James had a 35-year career in the U.S. Air Force where he held multiple roles, including commander of the 14th Air Force at Vandenberg AFB and Air Force deputy chief of staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance at the

Caltech President Thomas F. Rosenbaum has formed a search committee to find the next director of JPL.





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CRIME BLOTTER

3900 block of Park Place in Montrose, a resident heard a loud grinding noise. He went outside and saw a black sedan stopped in the street and a person [Suspect No. 1] under a vehicle. The man yelled at the person then heard a man's voice [Suspect No. 2] yelling at Suspect No. 1 under the vehicle. The person got into a waiting car with Suspect No. 2 and drove away. The resident called the CV Sheriff's Station. The deputy found a catalytic converter from a car lying on the ground at the location. The deputy found the owner. The incident occurred at

2100 block of La Cañada Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the front and rear driver's side windows were smashed and items were stolen overnight.

Aug. 3

600 block of Georgian Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned home to find several doors open and rooms in the home that had been ransacked. A glass door had been broken and items were stolen between 5:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

2100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee at the location called the CV Sheriff's Station concerned about a suspicious man sitting in a running vehicle in the parking lot. The man had been in the front driver's seat for a long time with the seat reclined. Deputies arrived and found the vehicle had been stolen. They arrested the suspect in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle found pizza boxes in the trunk of the car, multiple pieces of trash and food throughout the interior. Deputies found the registered owner who stated his car had been stolen while he was delivering pizza.

The vehicle was discovered at midnight.

Aug. 2

2200 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, the rear and side windows were smashed and items were stolen from a vehicle overnight.

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, two suspects entered a retail store and stole numerous items at 2 p.m.

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County to Issue Health Officer Order to Align with State Mandating Vaccinations for Healthcare Workers

Throughout the pandemic, medically fragile residents at skilled nursing facilities have been at great risk for serious illness and death from COVID-19. With the high level of COVID-19 spread across LA County communities and the nation, cases among staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities have slightly increased. This is in part due to the highly transmissible Delta variant, small numbers of unvaccinated staff and residents and a slight increase in the number of post vaccination infections

among those fully vaccinated.

For the week ending Aug. 1, 91 people tested positive for COVID-19: 28 new cases among residents, and 63 new cases among staff. In comparison, the week ending July 25, there were 69 new cases among staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities, and for the previous weeks, an average of 20 new cases were reported. Currently, 86% of residents and staff at skilled nursing facilities are fully vaccinated.

Because unvaccinated healthcare workers, including workers at skilled nursing facilities, are at higher risk for being infected when community transmission is high and the close contact healthcare workers have with very vulnerable patients, Los Angeles County will issue a Health Officer Order that aligns with the state to mandate for healthcare vaccinations

facilities are required to test twice

visiting staff, to show proof of full The Order also mandates masking regardless of vaccination status and Today's test positivity rate is 4.6%. recommends a medical-grade mask or double masking be used.

The Los Angeles County Dept. COVID-19, we keep you in our of Public Health (Public Health) encourages anyone planning to visit someone in a healthcare facility to do so safely. As a reminder, visitors must wear a mask for all visitations, and visits should occur outdoors whenever possible. Additional restrictions may apply, so visitors should consult with the facility in advance for further instructions.

On Wednesday, Public Health confirmed 28 new deaths and 3,498 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 28 new deaths reported, six people who passed away were over the age of 80, 12 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, four people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and five people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49. One death was reported by the City of Long Beach. In the past month, the County averaged around six daily deaths.

all unvaccinated staff at skilled 1,335,332 positive cases of nursing facilities, acute care COVID-19 across all areas of LA hospitals and intermediate care County and a total of 24,833 deaths.

There are 1,573 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, The state also requires visitors an increase of 331 people in one week. to healthcare facilities, including Last Wednesday, there were 1,242 people hospitalized with COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test in illness. Testing results are available the prior 72 hours upon visitation. for nearly 7,560,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive.

> "To everyone who is mourning people who have passed away from

Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, director of Public Health. "When transmission is at high levels in LA County. there are ripple effects that lead to increased cases among healthcare workers, facility residents, and visitors. By working together to ensure a high level of protection at healthcare facilities, we can continue doing our part to keep people who are medically fragile safe: this now means getting vaccinated or tested before visiting anyone at these facilities, or before visiting anyone who is medically fragile in their

home. Wearing a well-fitting face mask is another important action visitors must take to protect these most vulnerable individuals."

Those who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine but have not yet been vaccinated should consider getting vaccinated immediately. LA County continues to offer vaccines at many different sites across the county to make it as easy as possible for eligible LA County residents to get vaccinated. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

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Foothill Municipal Water District supports the governor's voluntary for 15%conservation as a result of the ongoing drought in California.

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For the last two years, California have experiencing dry weather with below average precipitation. The impact is significant to some regions in the state as groundwater basin levels decline and storage is reduced.

Water District of Southern California, the supplier of imported water, has developed programs to store water and encourage conservation. These programs have helped insulate local consumers from the being experienced shortages However, it is elsewhere. that important consumers conserve where they can so that the stored water can be used in the future, should this be an extended drought.

Other ways that consumers can help is by using water-efficient appliances and transforming turf to drought-tolerant landscaping.

Metropolitan is offering rebates for appliances and turf removal.

A new rebate for leak detection devices is being offered by Metropolitan. With device, not only are customers conserving water but also saving money. The quicker a leak is caught, the faster a repair can be made that saves the customer from paying for water that was not used.

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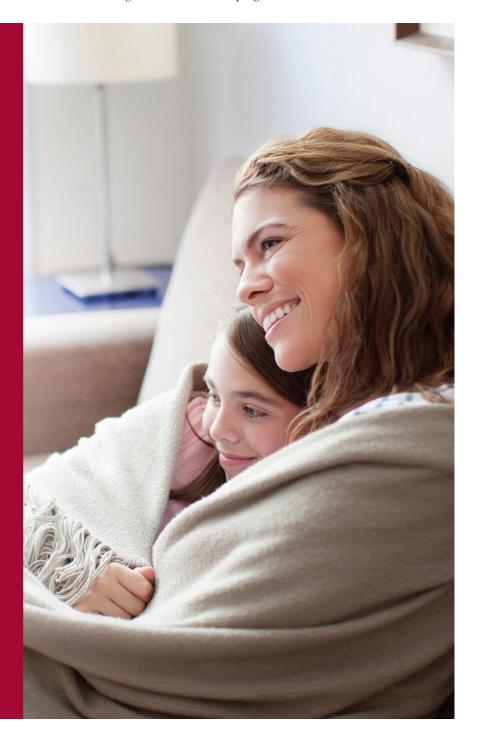
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Pioneer Memories: Ellen Burton

of various early residents of CV that they had happily sold the house were printed in a 1938 newspaper. This article was written from an interview with Mrs. Ellen Burton. wife of one of the builders of the Glendale and Montrose Railway. and one of the first residents of Montrose. In 1938 they had moved from Montrose to the neighborhood around the now obscure Glenhaven Park, overlooking Montrose. I quote A. Walton who, with a vision for from the article, but I insert my own the future of this beautiful valley, comments in brackets [].

"John Burton and his family came to Montrose in 1912 and built one of the first finished houses in Montrose, situated on Montrose Avenue. [Some of you may remember this house. It was an elaborate darkhued Craftsman-style home that sat right on the curve of Montrose Avenue, between Ocean View and Mira Vista. About two years ago, it suddenly vanished, and a new apartment building had sprung up in its place. I was contacted by

We continue with our memories the previous owners. They told me to a charming young couple who seemed to treasure the house and spoke of raising their kids there. Within a year it had been bulldozed. A cautionary tale I suppose to those wishing to preserve their homes: Do the extra work to have the structure officially landmarked.

> "Mrs. Burton is a sister of Robert was a leader in the development of Montrose. Mr. Walton could see, with the natural surroundings, another picturesque city like Pasadena. [Walton teamed up with an investor, J. Frank Walters, to develop what is now Montrose.]

> "Mr. Burton was an electrical engineer and built the standardgauge street railway to Montrose and also the electric railway [from Glendale] to Eagle Rock.

> "When the streets were laid out, Mrs. Mary Green, while visiting

the Burton home, expressed the wish to name one of the streets for Mr. Walton. Thus, Waltonia Drive was named and the lovely little park at the intersection of Glenada and Waltonia was named Waltonia Park. [Waltonia Park was taken by the freeway. The residents of Montrose were quite indebted to Robert Walton, as I suppose we all should be, for developing Montrose. After the development was finished, the residents pooled their money to present Walton with a big solidsilver 'loving cup' trophy, engraved with their gratitude. The cup is now proudly displayed in a case at the La Crescenta Library.]

"Near where Mrs. Burton now lives was a natural park [Glenhaven Park] and spring where the family often held picnics. The entire area was planted (with) grapes by Robert Waterman, who generously furnished grapes for the picnic. A lasting friendship was made with Mr. and Mrs. Waterman who had lived here

many years before the Burtons. [The Watermans were true local pioneers, having come here in the late 1800s. The couple spent years exploring the wilds of the San Gabriel Mountains. Mt. Waterman is named for Mrs. Waterman. They settled on the hills overlooking Montrose, near where the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA is. Regarding Glenhaven Park: a tiny portion of it is still there – a tennis court, bathroom and playground, arrayed along La Granada Way fronting the 210 Freeway. Drive by it. You probably never knew it was there. It had been a much larger park, but it was taken by, you guessed it, the freeway.]

"She also told of the vast vineyards that spread over the present site of the Oakmont Country Club to the hills. They were the property of an interesting Italian gentleman, Le Messanga (sic), who had been an honored soldier of many battles, serving also in the World War. [Vineyard owner Georges

Mesnager was French, not Italian. He owned big vineyards in several places, including where Deukmejian Park is today.] He had been presented with many medals for bravery and proved an interesting and generous friend, whose hospitality is one of the pleasant memories of her residence in the valley."

Some very happy memories of early days in Montrose, tempered with my own comments on a quickly urbanizing modern Montrose.



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

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » HARRY LEON

Happy Return to School

Our "Welcome to La Crescenta" sign is back thanks to the Los Angeles County Public Works Boulevard.

I am privileged to honor Preston Midgley at our August general Town Council meeting. He achieved the Boy Scout rank of Life as part Eagle Scout project.

LA County Public Works will be completing the sediment removal of the Devil's Gate Restoration Project on Aug. 10. The planned four-year effort to remove 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment from Devil's Gate Reservoir is concluding a year earlier than expected. Contributing factors include efficient sediment

removal and favorable weather completion of this project. conditions.

The Devil's Gate Reservoir Dept. You can see it just east of Restoration Project began in Pennsylvania Avenue on Foothill December 2018. The project was designed to restore the facility's flood control capacity to protect the communities downstream while establishing a permanent maintenance area and restoring of Troop 288 and is working on his native habitat in the surrounding 70 acres.

Los Angeles County Public Works thanks local residents, the Community Advisory Committee, local stakeholders, neighbors and businesses in the communities of Altadena, La Crescenta, La Cañada, Pasadena and Sun Valley for their continued collaboration and patience through to the

Public Works team members will continue to perform finishing construction activities within the reservoir through November of this year. The habitat enhancement component of the project will continue though fall 2022.

One of the important issues, and a big problem, in our community is illegal dumping. In the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including La Crescenta, there is a trash responsibility ordinance that requires residents to dispose of their trash on a weekly basis. Whether a person is a renter or homeowner, that person is responsible for any trash that is in front of their house, even if that trash is not something they put

there. Bulky items left on the street are dangerous, not just due to their size and unsanitary conditions, but also because many items are dumped on sidewalks. This is also a safety concern for people walking in the neighborhoods. Many donation centers are often full but there are so many options out there to help residents get rid of their trash. Try your local Buy Nothing groups. Your trash may be someone's

If you are a resident in La Crescenta or La Cañada Flintridge who has bulky items that have been dropped at their residence or in their neighborhood, you can call (888) 838-6746 or download The Works iPhone or Android applications. Anyone who witnesses illegal

dumping in the unincorporated portion of LA County can report it by calling. We are in this together.

The CVTC Streets/Roads/ Transportation Committee will be meeting on Aug. 24 via Zoom (ID 956-9812-8070, password 750226) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thecvcouncil. com. Zoom ID is 956-9812-8070 and the password is 750226.

> Harry Leon, President Crescenta Valley Town Council



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Responds to Recall Article

[In response to Aug. 5 Gubernatorial Recall"], appropriate time and method scheduled election at the end of and Glendale 73%. his term in November 2023, a no qualified candidate likely to replace him.

> Anne McNeill La Crescenta

Crescenta Valley Vaccination Success

While discussing mandating vaccinations at last week's meeting, the Glendale City reviewed current numbers. It turns out that the Crescenta Valley is a countywide leader in getting vaccinated. As of Aug. 1, here are the percentages of residents in La Crescenta-Montrose, LA County and Glendale who have received at least one shot:

Everybody (residents aged 16 and over): La Crescenta-"Understanding the Montrose 75%, LA County 71% the and Glendale 60.4 %.

The most vulnerable (residents to get express dissatisfaction aged 65 and over): La Crescentawith Governor Newsom is by the Montrose 91.5%, LA County 89%

The Council also reviewed mere 14 months away from the numbers that impact our schools recall election. This recall is a in La Crescenta-Montrose and gigantic waste of money, with Glendale. Remember: young people must be at least 12 to be vaccinated. Here are the percentages of people 12 to 17 who have received at least one jab in the arm:

> Our precious youth (students aged 12 to 17): La Crescenta-Montrose 93.8% and Glendale

> Pat yourself on the back. The Crescenta Valley community has responded well and is a vaccination leader in LA County. And if you have any questions about the efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines, check with your family

> > Lynn McGinnis Glendale

SPORTS

California Athletic Soccer Club Welcomes Soccer Champion Sean Franklin to Coaching Staff



alifornia Athletic Soccer Club welcomed retired U.S. National team and Major League Soccer (MLS) star Sean Franklin to the CASC family and coaching staff.

"CASC is incredibly proud to welcome Sean Franklin as part of our coaching staff," says CASC Director Kurtis Millan. "Sean's playing experience and list of achievements is unmatched in Southern California. It goes without saying how happy we are to have someone so close to our players who can share first-hand what it takes to become an elite level player. Not only as a club are we bringing in someone with an incredible background in the game, but also someone who immediately shares our club's philosophy, and values: integrity, accountability, and pride."

California Athletic Soccer Club, formerly Crescenta Valley Soccer Club (CVSC), is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to teaching soccer to young players in



California

Coach Chad Borak, director of the CASC San Fernando division, added, "The entire club looks forward to Sean joining our club. He has worked closely with MLS coaches and knows what it takes to develop young players to a higher level. He plans to work tirelessly on behalf of the players and program to help us reach our goals, and our student-athletes will benefit greatly from her expertise on and off the field. He not only has a great

soccer IQ, but he has done a lot of work off the field to help young kids in our community."

Franklin was named the Golden League's Most Valuable Player as a high school senior, earned all-area first-team honors in 2003 after helping the Palmdale Bulldogs to a Golden League crown in 2003 and at Cal State Northridge was an invaluable member of the Matadors' defense. He was named to the All-Big West Conference team in both 2005 and 2006. During



his college years, Franklin spent two years with the San Fernando Valley Quakes of the USL Premier Development League.

MLS took notice of Sean's success as he was the fourth overall pick in the 2008 MLS SuperDraft, and selected by the Los Angeles Galaxy. Franklin achieved great success when he was named 2008 Rookie of the Year and went on to win two MLS Cup championships. He also played for DC United and the Vancouver Whitecaps.

"Initially, Sean will come in and work with our boys 2005 Discovery NPL group, but we are already looking at how we can impact every player in the club utilizing Sean's experience, and desire, to develop youth soccer players," Millan said. "We are very excited with this addition to the CASC family."

CASC offers any perspective families and players from ages 5-18 the opportunity to try-out-the-club. If interested, visit https://athleticsc.org/tryusout/.



Olympic Recap: USA Medal Count; Women Athletes Speak Out; Paralympics Just Two Weeks Away



 $\label{eq:courtesy} \mbox{Courtesy of the Argentinean Ministry of Sports} \\ \mbox{Simone Biles at the Summer Olympics}.$

By Justin HAGER

The Tokyo Olympics came to a sparkling and hopeful finish on Sunday after more than two weeks of competition in 33 sports and 46 disciplines. After being pushed back a year, this year's Olympiad offered both the uncomfortable reality of the ongoing pandemic, as captured by the empty stands in the still shiny new stadiums, and the hopeful optimism of athletes and organizers who pressed on despite the unprecedented public health and logistics challenges.

The 657 athletes on Team USA's roster can hold their heads high as they once again laid claim to 113 total medals, 25 more than rival China, which sent their largest delegation ever with 431 athletes. In the gold medal race, the U.S.

just barely squeaked out a win, scoring one more gold than China, 39-38. Host country Japan and its 615 athletes also had reason to celebrate when it finished in the top five in the total medal count and finally defeated the U.S. in baseball to capture the country's first gold medal in the sport.

Of course, individual moments and stories of heartache and triumph dominate every Olympiad, and this year's games were no different. This year's competition was particularly notable for the many voices of women demanding dignity, equality and equity, including German gymnasts, inspired by Norwegian handball players, who scrapped their over sexualized outfits for more

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Lending a Helping Hand



From left, Ernie Demis, JD Speas and Tony DiGiovanni joined organizer Steve Pierce at the July cleaning of the La Crescenta Ave off-ramp. The cleanup is on the second Saturday of the month. Volunteers gather in the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:10 a.m. to get tools and safety equipment. Cleanup typically lasts no more than 45 minutes.

All volunteers over the age of 18 are welcome to take part!

Wedding Blood-White

David and Dena Blood are thrilled to announce the eternal marriage of their daughter Joanne to Andrew White, son of Michael and Cynthia White of Bakersfield. happy couple were sealed in the Provo City Center Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Wednesday, May 19.

Annie and Andrew full-time students at Brigham Young University, Provo. A reception honoring the couple will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7 in La Crescenta.



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|Mixer Fun Found Locally





It was a festive air that surrounded the members and guests of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's first mixer in over a year. Held at Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill in Montrose, over 30 people attended the evening that included food, beverages, opportunity drawings and, of course, the chance to network with local business people.

Last Thursday's Chamber mixer at Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill was attended by 34 community/ business members, each having a great time socializing and networking. The energy in the room was a reflection of everyone's desire to get back to what we do best ... social mingling and reconnecting," said Steve Pierce, executive director of the CV Chamber. "I felt the mixer was one of our best; not the largest gathering but one of our most relaxing and just plain fun. We had some terrific bottles of wine and prizes as raffle gifts and even had one of our attendees receive a three-month family membership to the YMCA of the Foothills. It doesn't get any better!"

While enjoying eating, drinking and mingling, guests enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by Tony DiGiovanni, a professional musician who is available

"The atmosphere was ecstatic! Everyone seemed very scited to once again meet in person and share their



stories - and the obstacles they've had to overcome during the pandemic shutdown," said CV Chamber President Mike Riley. "We look forward to even more successful mixers in the months to come."

The Chamber is hosting a golf tournament tomorrow, Friday, at Scholl Canyon Golf Course with proceeds benefitting the Chamber scholarship fund. Looking ahead, the chamber is planning its annual Hometown Country Fair, being held at CV Park on Sept. 18. There is still room for more vendors at the Fair; contact the chamber office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at (818) 248-4957 and Pierce can provide details.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

TOP: Members of the CV Chamber of Commerce board of directors include (from left), Mike Baldwin, Mike Riley, Donna Libra, Ken Biermann, Robin Goldsworthy, Craig Fisher, Steve Pierce and Julia Rabago.

LEFT: CV Chamber of Commerce President Mike Riley presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Matthew McKissick, representing the Chamber's host, Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill.

ABOVE: Dilbeck Estates realtor Sharon Hales admires the raffle prizes at the mixer. Prizes were donated by local businesses and chamber members.

New TCC Executive irector Announced

A new executive director will be taking the helm at The Campbell Center. Nancy Niebrugge will take office in early September as David Fields, current TCC executive director, transitions into retirement. In her current role as deputy executive director for the past two years, Niebrugge has worked as a partner with Fields. She has led TCC through the pandemic to sustain the organization's momentum to success. TCC is confident there will be no steps lost in this transition of leadership.

Niebrugge has led the charge to to fund development, public relations, improve TCC's quality of service

programs to promote remote services. She also has secured funding to bring behavioral expertise and employer incentives to our supported employment program to get more TCC associates back to work. The residential program is thriving under her leadership and Niebrugge is developing a New Ventures Program to engage I/DD students once they matriculate from the public school

Bevond program Thus far in her role at TCC, Niebrugge brings valuable expertise marketing and social media.



TRAVEL & LEISURE

Van Gogh Exhibit Immerses Guests in Vincent's Finest JPGs



By Charly SHELTON

enerally, when one thinks of a travelling art exhibit showing the works of one of the great masters, an agreed upon experience comes to mind: moving quietly through the museum space, taking in the works of art and learning about their maker. Another kind of exhibit has arisen in the last decade or so, dedicated more to immersing guests into the art by way of set pieces and photo backdrops that look great on Instagram, usually while learning a bit about the artist behind the photo op so the caption can seem worldly and educated. Each type of experience has its own benefits and restrictions, and each one is a good time. The Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit that has just recently opened at the former site of Amoeba Records in Hollywood is neither a Van Gogh exhibition of paintings nor is it a photo op walkthrough. It sits somewhere outside that realm - as much an art exhibit as is the Arclight

Theaters next door.

The Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Los Angeles is a viral sensation that has travelled from Paris to Toronto, and is now open in Hollywood. Tickets sold out quickly before being replenished with the recent easing of COVID-19 protocols. One would imagine that waiting for the arrival of a travelling exhibit of Van Gogh's paintings would afford viewers a chance to see an original painting that has ... travelled with an exhibit. But what viewers experience instead is a massive floor-to-ceiling projection of a number of his works made animated. The irises bloom, the sunflowers wave in the breeze and the starry night flows from the Seine into the sky. It really is an impressive sight knowing the amount of work it must have taken a graphic designer to isolate all these elements and set them to a motion graphic. Talk about one of the great master artists of our

It is an incredible film and really whets viewers' appetites for the

exhibit they are about to see ... and then you exit to a gift shop. That's it; that's the whole thing. There is no information, no progression — just a single big room and a smaller antechamber showing the same half hour video on all the walls.

The one space where guests can take a cool picture comes right at the entryway as they fall through picture frames into a painting, but beyond that there really isn't much else to photograph that isn't a projected screen. So it's not an immersive exhibit that lets guests step into the space of the painting for Instagram photos nor is it an exhibition of famous travelling paintings - it doesn't really fit with any of that. It is a room with a big screen showing a film about Vincent Van Gogh's famous works that are still at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, a film that is expertly crafted but lives only on that screen. That sounds more like any movie theater in Hollywood come awards season than a museum. And for a ticket price of \$50 to \$99 for Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit LA, it would be



Photos by Charly SHELTON



cheaper to see whatever is being projected at the Cinerama Dome across the street (whenever it reopens).

For those interested in seeing the Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit

LA, tickets are still available at VanGoghLA.com. For those who keep expectations in check and enjoy it for what it is – a visually stunning short film – it's a nice enough time.

THEN & NOW |

Then "This isn't that long ago, maybe 10 years ago, but things happen fast on this multi-family zoned stretch of Montrose Avenue. This was originally the home of John Burton, his wife and twin daughters. In 1913, John built the railway that brought homes and businesses to Montrose, and he built this house. But tragedy befell the Burton family soon after. The twin daughters were killed in a car crash and John was mortally injured and he died a few years later.

Oldest House In Montrose Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » The beautiful old Craftsman-style house, over 100 years old, was bulldozed a couple of years ago, the last of the original homes in Montrose. It was replaced with this apartment. This was the last trace of the Burton family who did so much to build Montrose. The twin daughters were buried in a single coffin entwined in each other's arms, and John was buried next to them. Their graves, in the old section of Forest Lawn, are to this day unmarked.

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High School Students Interview Local Residents for Oral History Program Sponsored by Lanterman House

Eleven local high school students successfully completed the Virtual History Internship program at the Lanterman House after conducting interviews with a range of local residents. The program, which was conducted remotely, began last year during the pandemic as a way of offering experience to students who were not able to volunteer or work in person. Students were trained to conduct and record oral history interviews, which are then permanently archived in the Lanterman House Archives.

This year, interns recorded interviews with people who had experienced significant personal or professional challenges over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program included training in research methods, interview techniques, how to process and preserve an interview, and legal and ethical guidelines. Interns used free recording apps on their smartphones to record the interviews. The interns also received local history lessons from program advisor Mary Lou Langedyke.

Lanterman House Archivist Julie Yamashita is preparing a grant proposal to preserve the interviews in a statewide database, www. californiarevealed.org. California Revealed is a California State Library initiative that helps public libraries, archives and other heritage groups digitize, preserve and provide online access to materials documenting the state's history, art and cultures.

"We currently have 53 oral histories available on the database," said Yamashita. "It is an amazing resource that offers primary source materials to everyone."

Participants in this year's program were (from La Cañada High School):

Shahzareh Ali who interviewed Shahan Atmajian, Emergency Services coordinator, City of La Cañada Flintridge; Baghdassarian who interviewed

Virgallito, associate administrator of Quality and Patient Safety at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and longtime local resident; Anna Heur who interviewed Dr. Tony Chahine, local optometrist and longtime La Cañada resident; Adam Jensen who interviewed Ethan Stern, executive director of the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge; Thomas Kim who interviewed Ann Neilson, active community volunteer and president of the Assistance League; Jenna Milbrodt who interviewed Bent Hansen, owner of local Mexican restaurant Los Gringos Locos; Ella Sahakian who interviewed Jessica Palacios, manager of Once Upon a Time Bookstore and lifetime La Crescenta resident; Paige Speaker who interviewed Kristi Cohen, Human Resources administrator for USC Verdugo Hills Hospital who oversaw COVID testing and vaccine distribution for the hospital.

Brendan Ehrhart of Loyola High School interviewed Dr. Mark Ewoldsen, science teacher at La Cañada High School and principal of the La Cañada Education Foundation Summer School; Samuel Khoh of St. Francis High School interviewed local resident and award-winning actor, director and producer Angela Bassett Vance; Jeseung Park of Crescenta Valley High School interviewed Jenny Franz, fifth grade teacher at La Cañada Elementary School and lifetime La Cañada Flintridge resident.

"The second virtual history internship program has been very successful," said Laura Verlaque, executive director of the Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation. "We are so grateful to our volunteer interns and the community members who agreed to participate in the program. The stories they captured offer a truly fascinating insight into how living during the COVID pandemic has impacted our community over the last year."

Brand Library Announces Summer Concert Plaza Series

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

Aug. 13 - Black Market Reverie Lyman Medeiros and Renee Myara find common ground between jazz, classic French pop, Americana, and original songs to create the sound of Black Market Reverie. Equipped with vocal harmonies and clever arrangements their music is both familiar and unique.

Aug. 27 - The Leftover Cuties This noirpop quartet blends timeless songwriting with an eclectic edge. Combining alluring

consist of five outdoor concerts, which will take keys, accordion, brushed drums and playful place at Brand Library from Aug. 13 through noisemakers, this band has a unique sound to call their own. The Leftover Cuties are Shirli McAllen, Austin Nicholsen, Mike Bolger and Stuart Johnson.

Sept. 3 – Son Rios This multicultural Salsa band was formed and based in Glendale. They have performed at various venues throughout Southern California with their take on Salsa

Sept. 17 - The ROAMies Rory Partin and Alexa James marry hooky melodies, soulful harmonies, eclectic instrumentation in a popmeets-country, Americana sound.

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

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GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS CHAMBER AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The CV Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual scholarship golf tournament at Scholl Canyon Golf Course tomorrow, Aug. 13. The day starts with coffee and breakfast pastries, a thrilling putting contest, a bucket of range balls for practice, a "goody bag" from USC Verdugo Hills Hospital filled with donated gift items, 18 holes of golf with some spectacular views, a mouth-watering barbecue lunch, and trophies for winners and even some for those who don't do as well.

Golf entry and/or sponsor forms and information are available at the Chamber office, 3131 Foothill Blvd. St. D, La Crescenta or by calling (818) 248-4957 or visit our Crescenta Valley Chamber website, www. crescentavalleychamber.org.

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COUNCILMAN BROTMAN SPEAKING ON'REFLECTIONS IN A TIME OF CRISIS'

Glendale City Councilman Dan Brotman will be the guest at the Sunday, Aug. 15 Zoom meeting of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club, which runs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. He will reflect on the challenges of COVID, housing and climate change. Log-in info is found on the Club's website ccdemclub.org.

Brotman was sworn onto the Council in March in the midst of the first COVID lockdown. Brotman has spent over 20 years in economics and finance, first as an economist at the Federal Reserve and then for 16 years in various finance roles at Cisco Systems. He spent the majority of his time at Cisco living and working in East Asia.

He moved to Glendale in 2015 to

Delicious

by John Deering and John Newcombe

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teach economics at Glendale College. He established the Glendale Environmental Coalition in 2017. Under Brotman's leadership, that group has been successful in shifting GWP's thinking on clean energy and in raising awareness of other opportunities to make Glendale greener and more sustainable.

The Club, which is opposed to the recall of Governor Newsom, will discuss the campaign against the recall. Members have been rallying every Friday in August

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, visit the Club's website ccdemclub.org.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR CANCER PATIENTS

An online workshop about the use of medical marijuana and other cannabinoid products will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Liz McDuffie of Medical Cannabis Caregivers will introduce various pharmaceutical grade products including tinctures, salves, suppositories, pain patches, sublingual sprays and others.

Location is the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 75 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215 in Pasadena. Call (626) 796-1083 for more information or visit www. cscpasadena.org.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

In preparation for its annual Hometown Country Fair, being held on Sept. 18 at CV Park, the CV Chamber of Commerce is accepting vendor applications.

Vendors are encouraged to submit an application by calling the chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or visiting the chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.

AUTHORS SHARE INSIGHTS ON NAVIGATING COLLEGE AT **FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE**

On Thursday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore presents authors and high school coaches Jill and Dave Henry who will share insights and advice from their award-winning book "The Greatest College Health Guide You Never Knew You Needed: How to Manage Food, Booze, Stress, Sex, Sleep, and Exercise on Campus." This is a "no BS-guide to managing physical and mental health on campus, featuring hilariously powerful stories of personal triumph and inevitable struggle."The book helps students avoid the freshman 15, sophomore slump, crippling anxiety and the worst hangover and also how to de-stress throughout undergrad years and beyond.

For this event: Seating is limited. Reservations are recommended. Masks are required.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd. La Cañada Flintridge and is open Monday - Friday, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. There is street parking as well as a lot behind the store off Beulah Drive. To make reservations for Jill and Dave Henry's free event, stop in the store to sign up, call (818) 790-0717, or register on the event page on the https://tinyurl. com/5c2jsnen (scroll down to the bottom of the page and fill out the form).

MOTOR CLASSIC BENEFITS CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Cancer Support Community Pasadena (CSCP) will once again be a beneficiary of proceeds from the San Marino Motor Classic's upcoming Symphony of Cars Gala on Aug. 21.

This year's motor classic has a weekend full of unique events, including an automotive art exhibit and sale, a gala and an exhibit of auto-themed watches, as well as the outstanding automotive exhibit and contest.

For tickets and more info about the San Marino Motor Classic, visit www. sanmarinomotorclassic.com.

Founded in 1990, Cancer Support Community Pasadena is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization providing professionally facilitated support groups, educational workshops, and healthy lifestyle classes for cancer patients and their families, survivors, and those bereaved having lost someone to cancer.

All of its programs are offered free of charge. For more information on CSCP, visit cscpasadena.org or call 626-796-

MAKING MUSIC THE SUZUKI WAY

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its "Making Music the Suzuki Way - Every Child Can Learn!" parent information night on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. in Encino. All adults are invited to attend. For more information and the exact address and to RSVP, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.

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

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

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

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★★ GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*

life easier for yourself!

You may be feeling more restless than usual. You'll probably be tempted to do more than you should day after day. It's better to develop greater body awareness than to forget your health completely. The best way is to use it. Exercise, eat well, and look after yourself. Your body needs you!

CANCER June 21 - July 22

There's a lot of nervous energy around making you restless and jumpy. You don't enjoy this feeling. You prefer being rooted in reality. It might be time to go outside and appreciate the beauty of the natural surroundings. If you have a green thumb, get muddy planting some seeds. You'll feel better. Grow your own vegetables and reap the health benefits.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Thoughts about relationships could give rise to nervous tension. Despite the fact that your head and shoulders feel tense, you're still determined to enjoy life. You'll feel better if you consume less caffeine, sugar, and fast food and more whole grains, vegetables, and water. Encourage your partner to stay in great shape, too!

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Your health is in focus. You're aware of how much your choices either help or hinder your journey to good health. Every moment of every day you have the opportunity to make decisions that enable you improve or decline. The cosmos is encouraging you to think deeply about doing the best for yourself. It's important to take the right

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

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way that helps you promote good health. It's important to have fun and enjoy life. Doing so will go a long way toward helping you feel less stressed and more relaxed. Don't feel despondent if you aren't progressing as quickly as you'd like. Try to find a form of exercise that feels so good that you enjoy it.

You're full of energy. It needs to be used in a

⋘ SCORPIO 0ct. 23 - Nov. 21

It's time to give your mind a rest and wind down a little. By calming your thoughts, your body will automatically relax. If you can extend this to a few periods of meditation, your body will benefit from the deep rest that results. Remember to keep your immune system intact by taking vitamins and minerals, too.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Make a pact with yourself to slow down and smell the roses. It's essential that you not get into a state of continual hurry and stress. It's at such times that accidents are more likely to occur, and this is what you must avoid. Staying calm is a very powerful preventive measure.

A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

When you're in peak condition, you're using your energy in the best possible way. Any health problems you encounter now may concern inflammation, which could be exacerbated by pushing yourself too hard. Your mental attitude is going to have a very big effect on your health, so get it right.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

If your partnerships are good, your health will reflect it. Spend some quality time with your partner and find a way to address any issues that may have been bothering you. Holding onto resentment and bad feelings uses up valuable energy. Wipe the slate clean and you'll have a lot more energy.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The link between health and the mind and emotions is very powerful. If you have any symptoms that aren't getting better, you might want to look more deeply into hidden agendas that could be operating on a subtle level. If it means going to counseling, that might help. You're going through a period of purification anyway, so make it a thorough one!

ACROSS

- 1) Opposite of a blessing 6) One of the major world religions 11) I-M link
- 14) PC text format 15) Music's "March King"
- 16) Abu Dhabi's land (Abbr.)
- 17) True pleasure19) NYC bus and train group
- 20) E-I-E-I-O
- 21) Swinelike beast
- 23) Dried (off)
- 26) Gotten out of bed
- 27) Some reasons for glasses 28) The "se" in "per se"
- 30) Children
- 31) Responds peevishly
- 32) Engine lubricant
- 36) Not worth a dime

- 38) Genetic transmitters (Abbr.) 39) Alumna identifier,
- sometimes
- 40) Kind of post
- 41) Comet alternative 42) Learned teacher
- 44) Danson played him
- 46) Prepare for mummification 48) Message middleman
- 49) Electric battery inventor
- 50) Peace in the Middle East?
- 52) What the maid lost to be
- mad?
- 53) Be a party pooper 58) Hair arrangements
- 59) Lop off branches
- 60) Popular singing star
- 61) It makes lush slush
- 62) Organizes, as mail 63) Domingo or Tomas

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Answers for puzzle 08.5.21

- 1) One that's tired? _ as directed'
- 3) Name on a VCR, perhaps4) He played Bilko
- Ideals or phantoms
- Marooned, in a way 7) Gardener's dirt
- Tire nuts 9) Cigar refuse
- 10) Pad with springs
- 11) Shows elation, in a way
- 12) Interviewer Couric 13) Absorb
- 18) Females in natural wool
- 22) Have a malady
- 23) Commuter's coin, once 24) Express a viewpoint 25) Marital ideal
- 26) "Raiders of the Lost Ark" snakes
- 28) Shoreline irregularity 29) 1.3-ounce Asian weight
- 31) Hemmed or basted
- 33) Totally ridiculous 34) Less severe
- 36) Removes, as a necklace
- 37) Come across as 41) Shaded walk
- 43) Straw grass 44) Certain cheese sandwich
- 45) Hellos from Hawaiians 46) Duck
- 47) Early recordings 48) Breathing anomalies
- 50) Whiskey concoction 51) Something dropped
- 54) Voting yes 55) Wetlands
- 56) Utmost (Abbr.) 57) Prefix for "natal" or "classical"

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BUSINESS

» NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS"

You Can Never Have Too Much Fun!

This past Thursday, Aug. 5, our Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce enjoyed its first mixer of the year at Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill in Montrose. Owners Alissa and Eric Hwang provided their specialty food samplings and wines for our members and guests and the fun evening was filled with raffle drawings for gifts, entertainment by keyboardist Tony DiGiovanni, networking, socializing and a members only drawing for a cash prize. It was a fantastic evening at Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill!

Next, on *Friday, Aug. 13*, our Chamber tees off its annual *Scholarship Golf Tournament* at Scholl Canyon Golf Course. Don't play golf well? It doesn't matter. The day starts with coffee and breakfast pastries, a thrilling putting contest, a bucket of range balls for your practice, a beautiful "goody bag" from USC Verdugo Hills Hospital filled with

donated gift items, 18 holes of golf with some of the most spectacular views you'll ever experience, a mouth-watering barbecue lunch, and trophies for our winners and even some for those who don't do as well.

While there is still room for your foursome or a single entry, you don't want to hesitate too long. Golf entry and/or sponsor forms and information are available at the Chamber office, 3131 Foothill Blvd. St. D, La Crescenta or by calling (818) 248-4957 or visit our Crescenta Valley Chamber website, www.crescentavalleychamber.org. So join us for some golf with your friends, delicious food, drinks, prizes and a morning of fun.

Save the Dates:

Our year's biggest event, the *Hometown Country Fair*, complete with vendors, live music, food trucks, a "pie" eating contest, a dog parade featuring

our area's best looking canines, children's petting zoo, inflatable bounce activities for the kids, CV robotics demonstrations, first responders, and an Early Rodders Classic Car Show, returns on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Crescenta Valley Park. Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Early Rodders classic cars, the YMCA of the Foothills, and USC Verdugo Hills Hospital are the major sponsors of our 2021 Hometown Country Fair event. Vendor entry forms are now available on the Chamber website or at the Chamber office.

And there's more! On Saturday, Oct. 30 is our Chamber's 5K Pumpkin Fun Run with a chance to compete for yearlong community bragging rights in all age categories. The Fun Run is scheduled at CV Park but more information will be available on our website in the next few weeks.

ChamberMembership Opportunities: If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business, or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details, simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@ crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

Our Chamber motto, "Our Business is Your Business."

Steve Pierce, Executive Director Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce (818) 248-4957 info@crescentavalleychamber.org

» NEWS FROM MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Sunday of Summer

They say that August is the Sunday of summer and we're definitely feeling that sentiment. While we're still enjoying the summer sun and activities, we are also gearing up for what's to come on "Monday."

Oktoberfest is just around the corner and, though COVID-19 mandates and protocols are still changing every few weeks or so, we are keeping up with them and adjusting accordingly. As of now, facemasks will not be required at our Oktoberfest event on Saturday, Oct. 2. However, we *strongly* recommend you wear one, even if you are vaccinated. This suggestion comes at the advice of the state and county. One thing is for certain, though; you need to come ready to dance and sing the night away with our headliner Past Action Heroes, and local quarantine favorite, The Mary Dyer Band (yes, their name comes from the two cross streets they play on every Saturday, right here in La Crescenta) while enjoying classic German beer and brats.

But just before Montrose Oktoberfest, we hope to see you all at our *first* in person mixer since 2020! CV Weekly will be hosting it outdoors in their parking lot on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be opportunity drawings (lots of local fun prizes to win) and it will be a great opportunity to meet all of our new business members. Come have a drink and small bite while catching up on some much-needed mingling.

For those who do not yet follow us on social media, please do so to stay up-to-date with all of the latest resources available. Our Instagram handle is @ Montrose_Chamber and our Facebook is Facebook. com/MontroseChamber. Please also follow and stay up-to-date with our 43rd Annual Montrose Oktoberfest: Instagram, @MontroseOktoberfest, the chamber website, Oktoberfest.MontroseChamber.org

Meet the newest small business members of the MVCC

- Executive Barbershop Children and men's cuts. Get your fresh cut while enjoying a beverage and watching TV.
- Arin / James LLP-A law firm that was founded with a handshake at the 2019 Oktoberfest when the two owners bumped into each other. Find them at this year's Oktoberfest working one of our booths.
- Farmers Insurance Agent Kevin Kachaturian is your local Farmers® agent in La Crescenta who helps customers like you identify the insurance coverage that best fits your needs.
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- Montrose Chamber and CV Weekly in-person mixer on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Entrance fee: members \$10, non-members \$15. Small bites, drinks and opportunity drawings.
- 43rd Annual Montrose Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct.
 2 from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event or a booth, please reach out to mvcc@montrosechamber. org.

Sign up for our newsletter on our website MontroseChamber.org to be the first to hear all about our upcoming announcements.

Stay safe, be well and please keep supporting local businesses!

Mavil Aghadjanian, Executive Director Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce

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video platform component to their on Kelly without distractions," Daniela ceremony.

said, who together with him, spends

"Even after the pandemic ends, virtual wedding planning and live-streamed weddings after COVID will remain common," The Knot's report predicted. Its recent social media survey suggested the trend is still holding through the spring.

some 70 hours volunteer work. "Now we can see in our ministry working more to Nie'shia and Ikponmwosa, to

That is what Lilian Esaian and Shont Barsomian of Burbank opted for after getting engaged in August 2020.

"We really appreciated how intimate a virtual wedding was," Lilian said.

In March, the couple enjoyed the best of both worlds – a private celebration with 19 close friends and family members and 70 virtual guests.

"It was the ideal way to begin the first day of our new life together," Shont said.

Even before the pandemic required downsizing for health and safety reasons, wedding planners have seen millennial brides like Lilian and Daniela bucking the traditions of prior generations in favor of weddings that fit their personality and values.

"I felt so good that day, just focused

on Kelly without distractions," Daniela said, who together with him, spends some 70 hours a month in a Christian volunteer work.

"Now we can spend more time together in our ministry and not be anxious about working more to pay off debt."

Nie'shia and Ekhomwanye "Ike" Ikponmwosa, too, appreciated the cost savings for their Austin, Texas wedding in March. Their backyard "minimony," with a few masked and properly distanced inperson guests along with 210 attendees connected via Zoom, cut their expenses to an amount easily covered by two government stimulus checks.

However, the biggest motivation for Ike and Nie'shia was their faith as Jehovah's Witnesses. They initially embraced a virtual, hybrid wedding as an opportunity to incorporate into the occasion two key Bible principles by which they live: respect for life and love of neighbor.

Keeping the wedding simple and small not only protected against spread of COVID-19 but also gave them an opportunity to focus on the meaning of marriage rather than custom and

Other than some minor audio issues at the ceremony, Nie'shia said she would not change a thing.

"With a small wedding, we were able to focus on the big picture, which is God bringing us together," she said.

"Jesus taught his disciples to maintain a simple life. That's good advice for those who are planning a wedding," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "Ironically, the pandemic has given us an opportunity to see just how simple a wedding can be — while still being beautiful, joyful and memorable. It's more than just about saving money. It helps preserve our spirituality."

Because hybrid weddings are often less complicated to coordinate, brides and grooms have found they can simply concentrate on the joy of getting married.

Without an elaborate setup or large crowd of guests to worry about before their small hybrid wedding in November, Andre and Murielle Minchella had time to eat breakfast together and chat over "The focus of that day wasn't about things; it was simply about the marriage," said Andre who lives in Orange, Connecticut.

A trilingual officiant conducted their ceremony in English, French and Swahili for an audience of more than 300 guests, including relatives from Europe and Africa, watching via Zoom and YouTube Live

"I'm so grateful and happy that we could share our special day with family and friends from so far away who might not have been able to attend in person even if we were not in a pandemic," Murielle said.

Virtual weddings may lack some treasured aspects of a traditional ceremony, but many couples have ended up more than satisfied with this unique way to begin life's journey together.

Having a small, intimate wedding with far-flung family and friends connected virtually "was better than I could have imagined; better than I could have dreamed," Kelly said.

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as well. At a recent conference, LACoFD Chief Darryl Osby said that climate change plays a major role in the fire season being yearround rather than, as in the past, limited to the fall. The extremely dry vegetation results in fires occurring more often and burning faster and hotter, presenting a larger challenge for the fire crews facing down a blaze.

Allen spoke of the role museums

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comfortable and modest performance athletic gear. Other examples included Megan Rapinoe and the bronze medal winning U.S. women's soccer team, who took a knee for #BlackLivesMatter before the kickoff of their Group G match. They were joined by several other women's soccer teams and by Costa Rican gymnast Luciana Alvarado, who concluded her floor routine with a first-of-its-kind in competition demonstration of support for Black Lives Matter.

Other women who stood for equality included a Belarusian sprinter who spoke out against the fear and violence that defined the authoritarian rule in her home country and then escaped her handlers to find sanctuary in Poland. And Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka continued to speak out about mental health within youth and young adult sports. She found an unexpected ally in U.S. gymnast Simone Biles, the most decorated gymnast of all time, who put her health above societal expectations and withdrew from several events she was favored to win while still managing to take home two medals. Still other female athletes engaged in advocacy by simply refusing to deny their identities and relationships off the court, such as the trio of openly lesbian women who led the U.S. women's basketball team to gold, Brittney Grimes, Diana Taurasi and Sue Bird.

Highlighting a different type of progress against discrimination, athletes and fans of skateboarding finally saw their sport gain legitimacy on the international stage as Tokyo became the first Olympiad to have skateboarding as an event.

Of course, the end of the Olympic games does not mean the end of international competition or the stories of inspiring athletes fighting for dignity, equality, equity and recognition. Just two weeks from now Tokyo will host the Paralympics, where the USA is also heavily favored to win in the overall medal count.

The opening ceremony for the Paralympics will take place on Aug. 24 with competition continuing through Sept. 5. During those two weeks, athletes will compete in 22 sports, with badminton and taekwondo making their Paralympic debut.

Like the Olympics, NBC will air the Paralympics on both its network and streaming services. The network anticipates providing approximately 1,200 hours of coverage, which would represent an all-time record for Paralympic coverage and a step forward in recognizing the incredible abilities of challenged and non-traditional athletes.

will play in the education of the people of the planet related to climate change, adding that holding the conference at the La Brea Tar Pits was the perfect area to teach about the past and what is needed in the

"[La Brea Tar Pits] is a history of climate change," he

The climate change that is seen at the tar pits is not one that is human-caused, but happened over thousands of years in a natural cycle of global heating and cooling. The human-caused climate change seen today occurred over a period of about 200 years and is a much more wild swing of temperatures than the minimal fluctuation that is much more

"The interesting thing is the tar pits show the dramatic impact of a past climate change

event that resulted in mass extinction ... but as I say we are experiencing a much quicker climate crisis," Allen said.

"[La Brea Tar Pits] is a world famous gateway to the Ice Age," said Dr. Lori Bettison-Varga, president of the LA County Natural History Museum Foundation and director of the Natural History Museums of LA County. "What is important about this place is because of what is preserved at the tar pits. This is why we know what the Ice Age in Southern California looked like."

She said 38 types of Ice mammals, mostly large mammals, were lost to extinction. The museum houses five million specimens of about 600 species of animals and plants.

"And yes we need to think about that," she said. "They provide the backdrop of

environmental changes of the past that allow scientists today to understand the impact of the rapid rate of change we see in the world today."

Museums are a place where the past can be studied to understand the future - not only natural history like that found at the tar pits but other museums, like the Autry Museum in Griffith Park, which keeps artifacts of the evolution of human history.

All of these museums have taken on the role of education help emphasize impacts of climate change and unfortunately they are in danger themselves of becoming victims of climate change.

Allen read off a list of museums that are struggling to save their exhibits and to stay in business. Many in California, especially smaller museums, are facing higher insurance

rates due to increasing wildfire threats. Other museums are finding it more difficult to protect exhibits from increasing heat waves.

Because of this increasing threat from climate change, California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) requested \$125 million out of the state's \$3.7 billion investment in climate resiliency to be allocated to these museums to help prepare them for the changing world.

"This funding is important to support museums like ours in their efforts to educate communities through exhibitions, public programs and research about the impacts of climate change, as well as to become community-centric locations. With this support, we move from being civic icons to places with true, lasting civic impact," stated Bettison-Varga.

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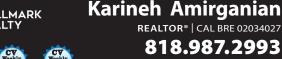
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This mid-century gated retreat is defined by privacy and serenity. An abundance of windows throughout offers private views of the nature that surrounds you. Entertain friends and family on the large outdoor patio, play a game of badminton or volleyball in the generously sized yard of this nearly 2/3-acre home or simply relax in your hot tub. Enjoy your serene surroundings in this certified natural wildlife habitat. Grow your own fruits and vegetables in the prolific garden featuring multiple raised vegetable garden boxes, a raised garden bed, and sixteen fruit trees. Ample space exists for **RV and boat parking**.







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