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Council Halts Development of New Hotels

By Julie BUTCHER

At a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, the Glendale City Council took steps to temporarily halt the development of new hotels in Glendale's downtown. Assistant director of Community Development Bradley Calvert explained that "the moratorium must be related to potential or studied changes to the land use code" and that the city would study the need for more hotel rooms during the pause.

Right now, there are 1,193 hotel rooms in the city's downtown area. Historically, new rooms have entered the hotel market every other year with 414 new rooms added since 2016. The city predicts 137 new rooms in 2023 and a net gain of 78 in 2025, representing an 18% increase in the room count. It will not be possible to study the hotel market until late 2022, staff added, due to the impacts of the pandemic.

Councilmember Dan Brotman noted that the city's last study shows an 80% increase in room capacity since 2016 and that the study highlights the city's lack of extended-stay and luxury hotel options.

Danielle Wilson called in representing UNITE HERE Local 11 and thanked Councilmember Brotman "for bringing this forward."

"It's timely, it's necessary, and it makes sense – you know that we support this, the necessity for input in the process, at the very least through a CUP [conditional use permit, an added layer of development review]. It is exciting to see the city of Glendale contemplate measures like the CUP, at the vanguard of hotel planning here.

"As we've said before, hotels uniquely crowd out housing and the connection has never been made clearer than through the pandemic. Plus, the workers who make up the backbone of

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Team Rubicon – Going Above and Beyond

By Mary O'KEEFE

Local resident Rik Middleton found purpose in serving others as a member of Team Rubicon.

Imagine having a job where you are working with 20 to 100 people in often intense situations.

"Then one day, boom! You are gone," said Rik Middleton, former U.S. Navy Corpsman [medic].

He explained what it was like at the end of an individual's military service.

"In the military there is a brother-sisterhood that is built. One day you are on active duty and the next day you are not. There is a void and for some – me included – [that void] doesn't go away," he said.

For Middleton, that longing to serve was strong and he was constantly looking for something that would replace that void.

"It took me a long time to find an organization that would accept me, complement me and give me something of purpose to accomplish," he said.

He found that purpose in 2018 when he joined Team Rubicon.

Team Rubicon was formed in 2010 after a magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. The call for help was made and two U.S. Marines – Jake Wood and William McNulty – knew they could help. They, along with six other veterans,



Photos provided by Rik MIDDLETON
 Members of Team Rubicon train at Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley.

gathered funds and supplies and flew to the Dominican Republic where they rented a truck and headed to Haiti, according to teamrubiconusa.org.

Team Rubicon has response teams in regions throughout the United States and will go anywhere they are needed.

Recently Middleton was in Warner Springs, California at the Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley. He was there with Team Rubicon, not for a rescue or rebuild, which is normally why team members are deployed, but this time members were there for training.

Training is key for members of Team Rubicon. Due to the nature of what they do, all members



must be trained in the same manner and work as one cohesive group.

Team Rubicon members respond to a variety of

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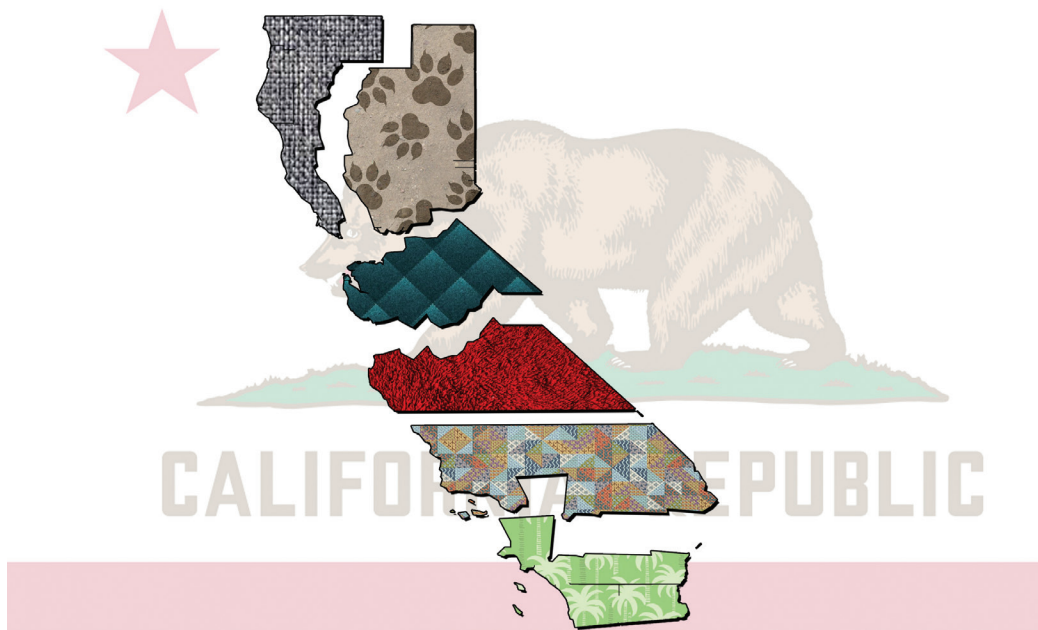
Redistricting Charges Forward as County Releases Updated Mapping Tools and Numbers

By Justin HAGER

As redistricting commissions across California are preparing to draw new legislative district maps, the Los Angeles County mapping software is receiving a big update this week as population distribution numbers are updated to reflect the last known address of incarcerated people. The updates, which will redistrict more than 100,000 incarcerated Californians, is the result of State Election Code section 21003 via Assembly Bills 420, 1986 and 2172.

The Los Angeles County Independent Redistricting Commission (CRC) determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for elections and government representation, including city and county boards, state legislative districts, and federal congressional districts. Although the census

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Clearing the Air

Sometimes our readers are compelled to either offer a correction on something written or voice their displeasure with a claim we've made. Case in point: in a recent edition of the paper (and always around election time) we print: "CV Weekly does not endorse or sponsor any candidate, political party, politician or the actions of any."

In response to this claim, a reader (who wishes to remain anonymous by not having a return address on his/her envelope) wrote: "What a load of (hoey)" and attached the notice to a recent column written by Rep. Adam Schiff.

To be clear, we at CV Weekly feel it's important to give a voice to our elected officials. Consequently, on our pages you'll find monthly columns by Rep. Adam Schiff, Assemblymember Laura Friedman and Crescenta Valley Town Council President Harry Leon. Susan Bolan, who was instrumental in the No on the 710 Extension, also writes monthly for us, though her columns can include personal reflections and not just updates on what the Crescenta Valley Community Assn. is up to. (She is very active in the CVCA.)

Do I agree with these politicians, their views and everything they write? Heck, no! Anyone who knows me knows that it pains me sometimes to include their columns. However, these are folks who were voted into office and govern us. I think it is important that they share what is going on in their districts and how their decisions – whether or not they're agreed with – are going to affect us.

So it's not a load of (hoey) that CV Weekly prints these columns; in my opinion, it is the responsible thing to do and, to be honest, I'm grateful that these people take the time to submit a column every single month. No doubt they've got other things that take up their time; thinking that sharing with our readers what's going on in

their areas is important is a testament to how valuable our readers are.

Finally, don't mistake this column as a news item. From the Desk of the Publisher is simply my opinion (though others may share it) and my columns may contain critiques of elected officials. Like the Viewpoints section where readers can share their, well, viewpoints this space is reserved for my thoughts and opinions. It is not a news piece. Hopefully after reading the news section of the CV Weekly the difference between a news story and an opinion piece will be obvious.

I've said before that, although I love living in the Crescenta Valley, I also like traveling around. As most readers know, Cambria (for example) is one of the places that I love visiting.

This past weekend, my son and his girlfriend and Steve and I traveled to Long Beach for the LA Winefest. We had a blast, though it was hot as heck. Parking for the Winefest was in the lot designated for the Queen Mary, which I thought was odd knowing that the Queen Mary is a destination spot. It became apparent why we were parking there: the Queen Mary is closed! I think between COVID and needed repairs, public access to the ship is not available. Hopefully this is just a temporary situation.

I've been on the ship several times over the years and it is a guaranteed good time.

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Weather in the Foothills

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water."

~ Loren Eiseley, American anthropologist, educator, philosopher and natural science writer

Early Monday evening the skies erupted with thunder, flashes of lightning and heavy rain as thunderstorms moved through Southern California. We safely watched the show from under the porch overhang. The most spectacular was watching the cloud-to-ground type lightning as it zig-zagged across the sky. The more common types of flash – the bright light types – stay within the clouds and never strike an object or reach the ground. Somewhat of a rare event it makes for good entertainment.

At the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, most forms of entertainment were off-limits. Gone were concerts, theatres and eating out. Where could we escape? Our solace was found along the coastline north of LA. No matter the weather – rain or shine – on Friday afternoons we headed to the beach. There are a few magical hours before sunset after the crowds have dispersed. Left behind are the die-hard surfers, the locals and their dogs ... and then our dog and us.

Even as a kid, I was lured by the ocean. Thankfully, Brighton – our once scared-of-everything rescue pup – now chases driftwood sticks far into the surf. Encouraged by other salty sea dogs and crafty squawking seagulls she is further emboldened.

Colors of an ever-transforming sunset highlight a day's end. For the last two weeks, the sunset was upstaged. Keep in mind, I'm of the generation when Lassie's bark had faded and Flipper's familiar click (the sound dolphins make) took over TV's Sunday lineup. Flipper, the "faster than lightning" dolphin, lived in the Florida Keys and, like Lassie, protected his family from disasters and sinister acts. It seems he has relatives living north of Ventura.

Sprays of water appeared just beyond the wave line. Whales? Well, yes ... but not what you would expect. The answer appeared as dolphins broke through the water's surface, leaping and flapping their tailfins before diving back under for dinner.

Dolphins are part of the whale family. Whales, dolphins and porpoises are scientifically classified under the Cetacea order. The pods off the California coast are usually of the bottlenose or common dolphin species. For an awe-filled hour we watched, mesmerized by one of the greatest shows on earth.

Rain is expected tomorrow, Friday, morning. Being located on the south-facing slope of the San Gabriel Mountains the total of the Crescenta Valley rainfall could exceed a quarter inch. We'll be at the beach. We may not see a sunset but what about the dolphins?

So far, in spite of the La Niña effect, the rain season is off to a promising start. Can our luck continue?

More next week.

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CVWD HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

The community is encouraged to take part in a blood drive hosted by the Crescenta Valley Water District on Oct. 11. The drive takes place at the facility located at 3730 Glenwood Ave. in La Crescenta on Monday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To make an appointment either call (800) 879-4484 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/3zdzjv9c>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

USC-VHH is looking for high-caliber volunteers to help in a variety of areas in the hospital.

Volunteers range in age from 18 to 84. Due to current COVID restrictions, high school students are not being accepted as volunteers. In addition to a positive attitude and professional appearance and manner, volunteers should be in good physical and mental health, be dependable, show commitment to the hospital and commit to a minimum of 100 hours of service.

Those who have questions regarding volunteer opportunities can contact the hospital at (818) 952-2215 or email vhhvolunteer@med.usc.edu. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

NOMINEES ACCEPTED FOR CHAMBER AWARDS

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the annual recognition awards. The Chamber will once again honor individuals, businesses, organizations and professional groups whose service to the community has improved the quality of life in the Crescenta Valley.

Nominations will be taken for the categories of Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, Educator of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Beautification Award (community improvement).

Nominations may be made by individuals or organizations. Selection of awardees will be based on contributions to the business environment, exceptional achievement or service to our community, and outstanding social, civic or educational leadership.

Applications are available at www.cvweekly.com/BUSINESS.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Volunteers will water the newly planted milkweed and prepare trails for upcoming field trips.

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

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 RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR LANDLORD/TENANT AD-HOC COMMITTEE

In a joint meeting on Aug. 24 the Glendale City Council and Housing Authority moved to form a Landlord/Tenant Ad Hoc Committee. This committee will serve as a conduit for citizen input and also analyze and recommend options on Glendale landlord/tenant rental housing issues to the City Council for future consideration.

For a complete overview of the committee, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LTCCommittee>.

Those interested in serving on the Landlord/Tenant Ad-Hoc Committee will need to submit an application also found at the above website.

Applications are due by no later than 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Finding a Way to Lend A Helping Hand

By Mary O'KEEFE

The pandemic has changed many things but it has not changed how valuable scholarships are to college-bound students, even if they are only traveling as far as their own living room. Despite transitioning to virtual classes at the college level, the one constant was and is – students and parents still have a lot of costs to pay in order to attend college.

Local organizations that support students in the Glendale Unified School District have traditionally been very generous with their scholarship support but the pandemic has made it difficult for some of those organizations to raise the needed funds to cover the scholarship awards.

Fundraisers are the lifeblood of organizations like the Crescenta Valley Town Council and because the COVID-19 pandemic kept everyone at home those fundraising opportunities were closed. Many of the organizations had to ask their supporters to dig a little deeper and many organizations had to think outside the box in order to raise needed funds.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council has a scholarship program that has supported students for many years. Because of the pandemic, councilmembers were concerned this last school year about how they would be able raise funds to support students.

“We were [able] to give the scholarships because we got a grant,” said Ted Yu, CVTC alternate member.

The council was able to find a grant supported by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and will be awarding six students scholarships at this month’s virtual CVTC meeting on Oct. 21.

Yu said although they were notified they had been awarded the grant there was a bit of a delay in receiving the funds. Councilmembers are happy now that they will be able to support students and are grateful that Supervisor Barger was able to support the scholarship program.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is another organization that has an established scholarship program and its board members were very concerned about their ability to fund this past year’s scholarship program.

“It has been an interesting year for the Chamber,” said Steve Pierce, executive director of the CVCO.

The Chamber, like other organizations, had all of its events canceled in 2020 into early 2021. Its board members knew they wanted to continue to present scholarships so they reached out to longtime supporters, including J’s Maintenance, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, the YMCA of the Foothills and many others, for financial support.

Pierce added the board members were pleasantly surprised by the enthusiastic and generous support received from corporate and individual supporters.

“We had great community support,” he said. “And we didn’t have a lot of expenses this year.”

Since the fundraising events, which have a cost to host, were canceled the Chamber saved the money that normally would be earmarked for those events.

As life slowly began to return to normal the Chamber held a successful fundraiser at Ocean View Bar and Grill; the owners of the restaurant donated a portion of the proceeds made that night. Recently the Chamber was able to hold its annual golf tournament and, again, was overwhelmed by the community’s generosity. In the end they were able to award 11 student scholarships.

Other organizations like Kiwanis of La

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ABOVE: Scholarship recipient Lorianne Bodnar was awarded a scholarship by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce to offset the cost of attending UCLA.

BELOW: Kiwanis-Scholarship-Recipient-Daniel-Woo.



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After 9/11, Some Found Healing by Helping

Gabriel Medrano was working on the docks across the East River when he heard the first plane crash into the World Trade Center on 9/11.

"I remember seeing the burning office paper coming across the river," said Medrano, who now lives in the Greater Los Angeles area with his wife, Asia. "It was raining down."

Once safely inside his Brooklyn workspace and looking out a window, he watched the second plane hit the South Tower.

"When the first tower fell, I remember thinking to myself, 'I just saw thousands of people die,'" said Medrano, who grappled with anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder years later as a result of what he witnessed.

Medrano found immediate comfort in sharing Bible verses with others.

"It was very fulfilling and satisfying to feel like you were helping other people [who] were going through something similar," said Medrano. "To be able to share just a Scriptural thought with someone and to see them comforted right away was therapeutic for me, but I know I was helping them too."

Helping others has long been linked to better emotional well-being in psychology research. The book "The Healing Power of Doing Good: The Health and Spiritual Benefits of Helping Others" describes "powerful" effects, even for helpers who have experienced



Gabriel Medrano of the Greater Los Angeles area vividly remembers watching the events of Sept. 11, 2001 unfold across the East River. He finds comfort in helping others by sharing his faith and offering encouragement from the Bible.

trauma themselves.

Trauma was all too common among the many volunteers at Ground Zero. Roy Klingsporn, a Brooklynite who volunteered at Ground Zero nearly every day for two months, recalled on one occasion approaching a man who sat slouched in a golf cart near the site's makeshift morgue.

"When I asked him how he was doing, he burst into tears," said Klingsporn, now of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "He said, 'I'm tired of picking up body parts.'"

Within days of the attacks, Jehovah's Witnesses set up teams that spent hours each day in Lower Manhattan, Bibles in hand, consoling everyone from the families of victims to first responders battling physical and emotional exhaustion. It was

a work that changed how the organization approaches disasters, with an organized comfort ministry now being an integral part of its response to natural disasters and even the pandemic.

Recalling the gut-wrenching days he spent as one of those volunteers near the smoldering remains of the Twin Towers still stirs deep feelings in Robert Hendriks.

"It was very emotional and extremely difficult for me, but the faces of those I passed on the street said it all," said Hendriks, now U.S. spokesman for the Witnesses. "They needed comfort, and the best thing I could give them was a hug and a Scripture."

For Brown "Butch" Payne, the events of Sept. 11, 2001 tore open old wounds, bringing back vivid

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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center. On Sunday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott Peterson will lead worship with a message titled "Leading It Right" as he wraps up his sermon series on "Right-eousness" at Lutheran Church in the Foothills in La Cañada Flintridge. The service will also be live-streamed at 10 a.m. on the church's YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel later in the week.

Sunday school for grades one through four begins Oct. 10. Kids will meet in the Worship Center at 10 a.m. then head to the Youth Room for a time of play and study.

The church is collecting non-perishable food and clean, gently used clothing to distribute to local people in need. Please bring the items to the church office lobby during office hours.

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

The church 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.

Fall Classes at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to La Crescenta Presbyterian Church's weekly Praise and Education for Adults and Kids (PEAK) series.

Bring the family every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. for a delicious low-cost meal. Then from 6:30-7:30 p.m., choose from a variety of classes for adults and children.

This fall's adult classes include "Gracious

Conversations About God, Ethnicity and the Church," "The Letter to the Hebrews" and two small groups, one focusing on marriage and the other on parenting.

For more information about the church's PEAK programming, contact the church at (818) 249-6137.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

Grief Recovery Seminar

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

It is free and open to all.

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

Walk and Word Returns

After an 18-month hiatus, Walk and Word returns on Sunday, Oct. 10. At 8 a.m., meet in the parking lot at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta/Glendale. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Those who have participated in this hiking ministry have been inspired by the beautiful natural setting and the way it brings the words to life. Hearing each person's unique thoughts has also been interesting.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

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State Moves Forward with Mandatory Vaccinations

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Oct. 1 Gov. Gavin Newsom announced plans to include the COVID-19 vaccine with the required vaccinations for student admission to public and private schools.

“Students will be required to be vaccinated for in-person learning starting the term following the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) full approval of the vaccine for their grade span [seventh through 12 and kindergarten through sixth],” according to a release from Newsom’s office. “The state already requires that students are vaccinated against viruses that cause measles, mumps, and rubella – there’s no reason why we wouldn’t do the same for COVID-19. Today’s measure, just like our first-in-the-nation school masking and staff vaccination requirements, is about protecting our children and school staff, and keeping them in the classroom.”

Glendale Unified School District requires children entering transitional kindergarten and kindergarten to be vaccinated for polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT/DT), measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), hepatitis B and varicella/chickenpox. Students who are ages 7 to 17 must prove they have been vaccinated for polio, DPT/DT, MMR, hepatitis B and varicella/chickenpox.

“Glendale Unified continues to focus on equity, access, education and engagement for vaccinations. We will continue to educate our community on the importance of vaccination and provide easy access to vaccination and testing,” stated the GUSD spokeswoman in response to Newsom’s announcement.

There is a history of requiring vaccines for students and a history of those who support

vaccinations and those who are against them.

In 1894, the U.S. faced its first polio epidemic. A few years later it was discovered how contagious polio actually was and, in 1916, New York City faced its own polio epidemic. Present day, photos of children going to school wearing facemasks will join the archives of hundreds of children in “iron lungs” as they battled polio.

Prior to the mumps vaccination program that began in 1967, mumps was a common childhood disease. Due to the vaccines there has been a 99% decrease in mumps cases in the U.S., according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Fifty U.S. states and DC require the DTaP vaccine, or another vaccine combination for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, for registration to kindergarten. All 50 states and DC require the polio vaccine (IPV) for entry into kindergarten.

Parents of students have not only been required to show proof of vaccination but must also show proof of boosters when required by the vaccine.

Crescenta Valley and Glendale residents have a history of reacting quickly to the threat of illness for their students. In 2006, two Crescenta Valley High School [CVHS] students were diagnosed and hospitalized with meningitis. Worried parents lined up at CVHS for their child to be given a preventive antibiotic, Ciprofloxacin, as a safety measure. At the time, 1,600 teens, with their parents at their side, filled out the forms to receive the drug. California State Universities and Colleges require students be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis. Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial form of meningitis, according to the CDC.

The number of COVID-19 cases in children is growing across the nation. As of Sept. 30

about 5.9 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic. The number of new child COVID cases remains exceptionally high. Over 173,000 cases were added in the week prior to Sept. 30, with nearly 850,000 child cases added over the past four weeks. Children represented 26.7% of the weekly reported cases. Over two weeks, Sept. 16 to Sept. 30, there was a 7% increase in the cumulated number of child COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Many of those who are against the vaccine mandate cite personal freedom; however, there are many who support the decision.

“California State PTA supports the use of vaccines to protect the health and safety of children and families across California. The State of California has required student vaccinations in public schools for years and PTA has long-held positions on vaccine requirements to protect our most vulnerable children,” according to a statement from California State Parent Teacher Association President Carol Green.

That support was echoed by many in the field of education, including Toby Boyd, California Teachers Association president; Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers; and Jeff Freitas, president of California Federation of Teachers.

Most recently, Glendale Unified employee and parent leaders had an opportunity to share frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccination with Dr. Nava Yeganeh, pediatric infectious disease doctor at UCLA, and medical epidemiologist and lead of the vaccine unit for the education branch at the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health. A recording of this presentation is available at www.gusd.net/SuptUpdate.

SCHOLARSHIPS from page 3

Cañada, the Kiwanis of Glendale, the Crescenta Valley Lions Club, Prom Plus and many others were all able to support students via scholarships thanks to the generosity of the community, their club members and Supervisor Barger.

Merriam-Webster describes “scholarship” as a “grant-in-aid to a student” but it means so much more. When a grant comes from a scholarship, especially given by hometown organizations, it means that

students can move forward in their college/university, trade school or school of life knowing they will be and have been supported by their community.

To support scholarships for CVTC and CVCOC, make checks out to the organization with “scholarship” written in the memo. Mail donations to the CVTC to PO Box 8676, La Crescenta, California 91224. Mail donations for CVCOC to 3131 Foothill Blvd. Suite D, La Crescenta, California 91214.

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Prom Plus visit www.promplus.org; for Kiwanis La Cañada visit www.lacanadakiwanis.org; for Kiwanis of Glendale visit www.glendalekiwanis.info; and for Crescenta Valley Lions Club visit e-clubhouse.org.

Local high schools have lists of scholarships that are offered to students. For information on specific scholarships visit the individual school’s website.



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events, some are disasters and some are proactive measures to prevent disasters. Each time the teams go out they are divided into small groups, about six people including the group leader.

"You can only supervise so many people in a disaster, so our control

[teams] are five members plus me [as a leader]," he said.

At times there are anywhere from 50 to 80 people who show up to any given call for support. The members are assigned into smaller teams and sent out to specific areas. There are a number of jobs, or sectors, that need to be filled to make certain everything runs smoothly, including someone who arranges transportation, a safety person and incident commanders.

Middleton's first Team Rubicon mission was in October 2018 when the team responded to Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. Since then he has been active in many missions, and has many memories of how the team has helped others.

For example, he and the team responded to a flood. They found an American flag in the basement under a lot of water. The flag had been folded and was in a wooden case. The flag was soaked and the wooden frame destroyed.

"One of our vets talked to the homeowner and found that the flag had been draped on his grandfather's casket during World War II. He was heartbroken because the flag was muddy and the case broken," he said.

Team members took the flag and washed it by hand. Another member

reached out to a friend who was a carpenter and he built a new case. They then ceremonially folded the flag, placed it in the case and presented it to the family.

"The homeowner was visibly shaken," Middleton said.

Another time when they were working at a flooded area an older woman found one of her quilts had been damaged. Although nearly blind, the woman had been the head of a quilting club in her town and this particular quilt had patches representing all the former members of the club. A Team Rubicon member happened to also be a quilter; she sent the quilt to her quilting club and they unstitched it, cleaned it, re-stitched it and presented to the woman.

A few years ago Middleton and a small group from Team Rubicon responded to the earthquake in Trona, California. Members were sitting at a table in a room of responders when a woman and her daughter approached. They had traveled from Long Beach.

"The woman said, 'I have been to every other table and no one seems to be able to help us. Can you help us?'" Middleton recalled.

The woman's parents were in their 80s and were refusing to leave their home, which was certain to be red tagged because of damage resulting from the earthquake. They were afraid if they left someone would burglarize their home. There was no electricity and the temperatures were in triple digits. The woman was afraid her parents would die in their home.

"[Rubicon team members] drove to the nearest Home Depot, which was an hour away. We picked up 13 sheets of plywood and drove back to their home. We boarded up all the doors and windows," he said.

The elderly couple then agreed to leave their home, certain that their belongings would be safe.

"We know this is probably the worst day of someone's life and they may, or may not, recover from it so we look at how we can make [things] better," Middleton said. "We find a way to say yes."

Team Rubicon pays for transportation, housing and food for their volunteer members. They do not take federal funding.

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New Vaccination Requirements

Beginning today, Oct. 7, proof of full vaccination or a negative test result will be required to enter outdoor mega events, and proof of at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will be required to enter or work in indoor portions of bars, lounges, nightclubs, breweries, wineries and dis-

tilleries in Los Angeles County, according to LA County Public Health.

On Nov. 4, bars and similar establishments throughout LA County will be required to verify full vaccination of all patrons and employees prior to entry to indoor portions of their establishments.

New Neighbor in Town

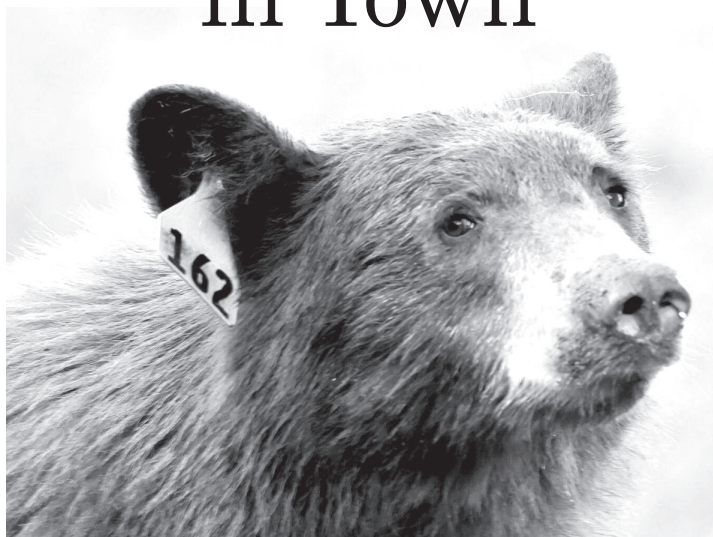


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By Mary O'KEEFE

Neighbors along the foothills have reported seeing a bear with a green tag that reads 162. The female bear first showed up in the spring at a preschool in Altadena. She was "immobilized" and relocated back into the Angeles National Forest. Then about two weeks later she showed up again - this time in La Cañada Flintridge. Residents in Crescenta Valley have also reported seeing her strolling along local streets.

The California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife responded and deemed the female bear not aggressive and, in fact, wasn't really causing any problems.

"We moved her [to the forest]

two additional times and each time she came back to the urban habitat," said Rebecca Barboza, wildlife biologist with Fish and Wildlife. "She has been fed by people; she is not a candidate for relocation."

The bear now knows where the free lunches are and is expected to continue returning to local neighborhoods. She is not aggressive, according to Barboza, so as long as she is not causing a real problem Fish and Wildlife will be leaving her alone.

Some had asked what the significance of having a green tag affixed to her as opposed to other colored tags. There is no specific reason for the different colors for different bears; it is just a random choice.

Obituary William (Bill) Joseph Saltsman



Oct. 3, 1935 - Sept. 22, 2021

William (Bill) Joseph Saltsman passed away comfortably at home with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

He was born Oct. 3, 1935 in Steubenville, Ohio to George Loman and Elizabeth Emiline Saltsman. He was the oldest of three; his two younger sisters are Karen and Diane.

George Loman passed away in 1945 when Bill was 8 years old, and Elizabeth Emiline remarried in 1946 to John Hitch. Bill graduated from North High School in Akron, Ohio in 1954. He then went on to serve in the United States Air Force from 1954-1962 as a weather observer. Many of those years with the Air Force were spent in Okinawa, Japan.

Bill then married Sandra Jean Brewer on Oct. 4, 1958 in Akron, Ohio. They were married for 64 years and are the parents of Jeff, Tricia and Andrew. Their grandchildren include Ryne, Sabrina, Kyle (Jeff) and Tanner, Loman, Victoria (Tricia). They are very proud great grandparents to Ashton, Violet (Victoria), Nolan, Kendall (Tanner), Haunani and soon-to-be another little girl (Sabrina).

Bill spent one year on the Akron Police Dept. before moving out to California in 1960. He started with the Pasadena Police Dept. in 1962 and retired in 1992 (30 years). Post retirement he went on to be a sergeant for the Pasadena Unified School District Police Dept. for 12 years.

Bill also coached baseball in the City of Pasadena while an active member of the police department and spent many years coaching both of his sons in the Crescenta Sports Association. He was devoted to his Crescenta Valley community as a long-time supporter of Falcon Athletics, member of the Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church and served on many committees during his time. He received an AA degree from Glendale Community College while an active-duty police officer.

Bill made an impact as a successful police officer, a faithful friend and a passionate fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes! Go Bucks!

Above all, he leaves a legacy of heartfelt love for his family. As a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and uncle, Bill will be missed more than words can say. He found great pride in sharing in the lives of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who he loved and cared for in every way possible.

There will be a private interment on Oct. 26 at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Funeral directors: CrippenMortuary.com

Making Streets SAFE for Everyone



LEFT: Damian Kevitt crosses the finish line at the first Finish the Ride in 2015.

RIGHT: Damian Kevitt poses with runners from the 2019 Finish the Run event.

By Justin HAGER

With the Delta variant still ravaging communities across the United States, the COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. Unfortunately, COVID is not the only public health emergency in Southern California right now. Data shows that despite significant decreases in the number of vehicles on the road and the total number of collisions, traffic-related deaths are up, especially in low-income communities.

Amid this backdrop, Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE), the Los Angeles-based street safety organization, decided it was time to give cyclists, runners and walkers the opportunity to take a stand for safer streets and Finish the Ride once again. Members are planning for the return of their marquee event with a Halloween-themed ride and costume run on Sunday, Oct. 31 in Santa Clarita.

Finish the Ride began in 2014 after SAFE's founder, Damian Kevitt, was dragged onto the 5 Freeway by a hit-and-run driver while cycling in Griffith Park. One year and dozens of surgeries after the collision that claimed one of his legs, Kevitt returned to his bicycle, joined by thousands of cyclists and supporters, and finished the ride that he began the day he was hit. Kevitt's story of survival, perseverance and eventual recovery garnered national headlines and sparked a movement to make the streets of Los Angeles and the surrounding communities safer for all road users. But, according to Kevitt, this year's Halloween Run and Ride goes beyond just street safety.

"The past 18 months have been so challenging for so many people," he said. "Finish the Ride and Finish the Run are opportunities for communities to come together and not only show their support for safer streets, but their support for stronger, healthier and more

united communities generally in a fun, safe and beautiful outdoor environment like Heritage Park."

Since the original Finish the Ride, Kevitt and a dedicated team of supporters, including several from La Crescenta, Glendale, Altadena and Pasadena, have transformed the one-time event into a thriving street safety organization. Their programming includes several iterations of their now famous Finish the Ride event in communities across Southern California impacted by serious motor vehicle accidents. They also have a student film competition called Streets, Art, SAFE that provides local high school students with STEAM education specific to the film and television industry while producing peer-created public service announcements on various street safety topics. And they've launched several campaigns aimed at changing public policy, both at the local level in communities like South Los Angeles and at the state level where they successfully partnered with CV's former Assemblymember Mike Gatto and Baldwin Park-area Senator Susan Rubio to advocate for legislation to address issues such as California's epidemic of hit-and-runs and speeding in school zones.

"Street safety isn't just about the safety of cyclists, runners or pedestrians," said Kevitt. "It's about the safety of our children, family members, neighborhoods and communities."

Like many organizations, SAFE all but ceased operations at the outset of COVID but has slowly returned and even grown in 2021. While the Halloween Finish the Ride and Finish the Run event is SAFE's first large public event since the onset of the pandemic, members have been hard at work for the past year preparing to relaunch their first-of-its-kind peer support services program for the loved ones as well as victims and survivors of traffic collisions and traffic violence. Aptly named "SAFE Support," the program provides expert advice, referrals, counseling and peer support groups for survivors at every stage of the recovery process.

Cyclists and runners interested in participating in the Finish the Ride Santa Clarita event can learn more at www.FinishTheRide.org. Those interested in learning more about SAFE or seeking services or support from the organization can visit www.StreetsAreForEveryone.org.

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Locals Show Support for Women's Reproductive Rights



About 20 men and women demonstrated in favor of women's reproductive rights on Saturday, Oct. 2, which coincided with the nationwide Women's March. They were holding signs at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest to alert drivers of their position. According to one person on-site, there were

only a few drivers who didn't share their viewpoint. "There were a great many people who waved or honked in support; only two cars gave us a thumbs-down," said Brenda Gant, who demonstrated for about an hour with the group on Saturday.

Photos provided by Brenda GANT

REDISTRICTING from Cover

determines how many people should be in each district, the specific shape and makeup of the districts is determined by redistricting commissions.

Over the past several weeks, the CRC has conducted extensive outreach asking for the public's help in identifying communities of interest and drawing new district maps. For example, the County is providing free web-based mapping software so that individuals and community groups can participate in the redistricting process. The online software is available for use by the public to prepare and submit Redistricting Plans for the redistricting commission's consideration. Instructions and

steps on how to use the software are updated and posted at <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/mapping-software/>.

The CRC is also asking members of the public to submit comments and feedback regarding communities of interest and their relation to county supervisor districts. A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents or political candidates. They've received about 500 public comments thus far but are hoping

for even more. The LA County CRC will accept public input through the date it adopts final maps but are encouraging residents to submit their comments as early as possible to ensure they are incorporated into the new maps. Public comments may be submitted at <https://forms.gle/e9aHEhyAp8GM8EEZ6>

For more information on the county redistricting process generally, visit <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/> or for information on California's statewide redistricting, visit <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/>.

Proposed preliminary maps are expected to be released no later than Nov. 15 with final maps certified no later than Dec. 27.

GCC from Cover

the hotel industry deserve to weigh in during the hotel development process as they are the experts on everything from mitigating hotel traffic to designing what chemicals are used in the laundry that negatively impact both the environment and their bodies."

Councilmember Vrej Agajanian commented on the importance of respecting the rights of businesses.

"I just want to say, in my opinion, if any group or person comes forward and wants to build a hotel – I do not have a problem with a company or person who doesn't ask for any incentive or money from us, to stop them from what they want to do. That's my concern because this is a free country.

"I've been asking, 'How many hotels do we need?'" Agajanian said, adding that he would like to see a luxury hotel in Glendale so those who are able can spend their money in Glendale instead of in neighboring cities.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian observed that travel remains down, and hotel occupancy is barely back up to 60%.

At the beginning of the council's evening meeting on Tuesday, the council invited representatives of the city's Library Arts & Culture department to explain a grant of \$10,000 the city received from the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC)'s "communities for immunity" efforts to recruit, train and deploy volunteer vaccine influencers.

Councilmember Ara Najarian announced that "[Oct. 6] is clear air day" and encouraged everyone to get out of "a carbon-based car" – Metro and the Metrorail system are offering free rides all day, he reported.

Councilmember Brotman proudly reported completing CERT training and receiving his certificate, announcing that the city is working to reinvigorate the neighborhood-based emergency response training program. The city's emergency response coordinator Jon Payne urged those interested in joining the network of community responders can learn more at <https://cert.glendaleca.gov/>.

Next the council heard an update from representatives of the Glendale Community College district, detailing plans for a new science building at the northwest corner of the Verdugo campus and parking and landscaping improvements at the Garfield campus. GCC reps explained they have been working with Glendale's Public Works Dept. to keep all lanes of traffic open and to finish before the holiday season.

Then the council approved an additional \$75,000 to its contract with Stantec Consulting Services for the Scholl Canyon Biogas Renewable Generation Project CEQA process, primarily to respond to input and inquiries received after the public comment period had closed.

"This is going on and on and

on – we went from \$327,000 to \$1,236,181. I don't understand the project. In my opinion, this is not a good process," Councilmember Agajanian said.

Glendale resident Jackie Gish called in to urge the council to "look for a better contractor."

Councilmember Kassakhian was unable to convince a majority of his colleagues to adopt a program of token compensation for the members of the city's boards and commissions.

"During my time serving as the city clerk and looking at the countless hours our resident volunteers put into these boards and commissions it always struck me ... I didn't think we were appropriately showing our gratitude for the time people put in, tirelessly away from other things that could occupy their time, volunteering to help the city," he said, urging support for the proposal to pay \$50 per meeting, up to \$100 per month.

Mayor Paula Devine opposed the proposal.

"When you consider \$50, consider the city is going to be paying workman's comp, liability, unemployment insurance, public retirement services and Medicare. After taxes they're getting what ... \$30? I think for the time, staff training, keeping track of it, I don't think it's worth it. Our commissioners serve because they want to – they're very proud to be commissioners, I think they're honored to be commissioners."

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Wizard of Oz Director Was Born In La Cañada

Kudos to one of my readers, Bill Lozier, who discovered that one of the great film directors of all time, Victor Fleming, director of “Wizard of Oz” and “Gone with The Wind” plus a host of other great films, is a La Cañada native. Bill said that he had reached out to the city about commemorating this but got no response. So Bill offered the discovery to me. And sure enough, everything on the internet lists his birthplace as La Cañada. Truth be told, I’m not much of a researcher but here’s what I’ve dug up so far.

Fleming’s parents were dirt poor when they arrived in La Cañada in winter 1889, just in time for the birth of their son Victor Lonzo Fleming. Some sources say he was actually born on the Banbury Ranch which, as far as I can tell, is just east across the Arroyo from La Cañada, but most say La Cañada was his birthplace. The family, of Jewish descent, had literally been blown out of Missouri. Their home had been swept away by a tornado, perhaps influencing Fleming’s later portrayal of the tornado in “Wizard of Oz.” Perhaps another early influence on Fleming’s later work was that his grandfather had fought for the Union Army and participated in the burning of Atlanta, so dramatically portrayed in “Gone With The Wind.”

Victor’s father worked as a laborer developing water distribution for both La Cañada and Pasadena, but soon the family was tapped to work one of the many citrus orchards in La Cañada. Tragedy struck the family when Victor was just 4. His father died of a heart attack. Victor later wrote that this event hardened him so that throughout his life he dismissed softer emotions. The family moved to San Dimas at that point.

Victor had mechanical skills and in 1905

became a machinist at one of LA’s early auto manufacturers. He bounced around as a mechanic, taxi driver and even a professional racecar driver. It was in 1912 while working as a chauffeur for early silent film director Allan Dwan that Victor displayed a talent for photography, and Dwan hired him as a cameraman. He quickly rose through the ranks working for D.W. Griffith on “Intolerance” and as head cinematographer for superstar Douglas Fairbanks Sr. In WWI he served as a cameraman and was the chief photographer for President Wilson.

After the war he returned to filmmaking, now as a director of the many silent movies coming out of United Artists and Paramount. He adapted easily to sound films, directing Gary Cooper in “The Virginian.” He continued directing hits with “Bombshell” starring Jean Harlow, “Treasure Island” in 1934 and “Captains Courageous” in 1938. Fleming next directed “Wizard of Oz” followed immediately by “Gone With The Wind” for which he won an Academy Award.

Fleming was known in the industry as a “man’s man” – virile and masculine. He was tall and physically strong. Olivia De Havilland said of Fleming: “Vic was attractive because he was intelligent, talented, handsomely



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VIEWPOINTS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Trying To Keep Up

It’s getting more difficult to keep track of all the projects in the Crescenta Valley. Here is a quick update of some of the topics that the Crescenta Valley Community Association discussed this summer:

Regional Issues

- California High Speed Rail – The Burbank to Los Angeles segment has completed environmental review and the Final EIR/EIS could be certified by the end of the year. \$423 million in Proposition 1A funds have been allocated for the Link Union Station project with more funds likely coming from the federal infrastructure package, if passed. The Palmdale to Burbank environmental study is nearing completion and the Draft EIR/EIS will be released for comment this fall. The public will have 45 days to respond. There are six alternative routes being considered, all of which will have substantial construction and use impact on the area, especially to Lake View Terrace, Sunland, La Tuna Canyon, Sun Valley and Burbank. More at <https://hsr.ca.gov/>

- California Legislators have been busy the last couple of sessions introducing and amending hundreds of housing bills. Most notable and potentially devastating are SB9 and SB10 that allow four to 10 residential units to be built on parcels in existing single-family neighborhoods. Both

were passed by the Senate and Assembly, and despite overwhelming opposition then signed by Gov. Newsom, following the election. Several groups have formed who believe that housing development should be locally managed. More at Livable California <https://www.livablecalifornia.org/>; United Neighbors <https://www.unitedneighbors.net/>; Communities for Choice <https://www.communitiesforchoice.org/>; California Cities for Local Control <https://localcontrolca.com/>.

- Regional Housing Needs Assessment/ Allocation (RHNA) – Housing law requires periodic review and assessment of housing needs in the State of California. For the RHNA planning period October 2021 through October 2029, the Southern California region received an allocation of 1.3 million units. Cities are required to demonstrate they have the capacity to build a specified number of new housing units over the next eight years. Each jurisdiction in the Crescenta Valley was given a target number of units and is expected to submit housing elements by Oct. 15. Very little public participation has been available. More at <https://scag.ca.gov/rhna>

Local Updates

- Verdugo Wash – A consultant was hired by the City of Glendale and a community working group was formed to consider the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faults Incomplete Article

Justin Hager’s article from Sept. 30, “CV High Stadium Project Moves Forward with GUSD Approval,” is not accurate. The neighbors who live around the campus do not want a stadium. There will be traffic, parking, nighttime lights, noise levels and safety issues that GUSD has not addressed. I have personally spoken to about 100

neighbors and none of them wants this. It will destroy the quiet evenings in La Crescenta.

There is no limitation on use in any plan. The field already gets rented out; those that live next to the campus will have to deal with a carnival environment all year.

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Students Explore the Arts with PTA Reflections

By Lori BODNAR

“I Will Change the World By...” is the national Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections theme for the 2021-22 school year. The annual theme is created by a student and selected two years in advance. Lydia Keel from Spanish Fork Junior High School in Utah submitted year’s theme.

PTA Reflections is an arts education program to provide recognition and access to the arts, helping boost student confidence in the arts and in life. The Reflections program encourages students to explore the arts and gives them a way to express themselves.

The program welcomes students of all ages and abilities to explore their inner artist. The Reflections program has been inspiring and encouraging student artists for over 50 years.

According to its website, nationwide over 300,000 students create original works of art each year to submit artistic entries inspired by a different student-created theme for the annual arts recognition program. Students work independently to explore their own creative ideas and develop artistic literacy.

The six arts categories for submissions include dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students may submit artistic works in one or more of the categories, and more than one creative artwork per category.

The divisions by grade are primary (TK to grade 2), intermediate (grades 3-5), middle school (grades 6-8), and high school (grades 9-12).



Students with disabilities may enter in the special artist division or the grade division most closely aligned to their abilities.

Mountain Avenue Elementary School hosted a PTA Reflections workshop earlier in September to better inform students and parents about the program and give them the opportunity to ask questions. Students could also brainstorm ideas for their art projects. The workshop was led by parent volunteers Bo Kim and Amy Jo Rhine, who are the co-chairs for the Mountain Avenue PTA Reflections program.

At the workshop, Rhine and Kim encouraged the students to reflect on the theme for this year and ponder how they will change the world.

The students responded by

saying they would change the world by their voice, their drawings, their literature writings, music, kindness, creativity, helping others including the homeless, sharing, making everyone count, being kind to animals, or even becoming the nation’s President in order to change the world.

The Mountain Avenue Elementary School deadline to turn in Reflections program projects inspired by this year’s theme is Friday, Oct. 8. For more details, email Rhine and Kim at reflections.mountain@gmail.com. All students TK-12 can check with their local school or PTA chapter for deadlines and submission information for the national program.

Rosemont Middle School Highlights Counselor Services

By Bethany BROWN

In a presentation on Sept. 29, Rosemont Middle School counselors highlighted the many services they offer students. The cafeteria filled with a separate group of eighth grade students each period with all students and staff adhering to mask guidelines. The seventh grade presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The presentation provided students with information on how to seek help in three areas: socially, emotionally and academically.

“When we do these presentations it’s to define what we are doing as counselors and our role to help,” counselor Paul Gillespie said. “We ask, ‘Why do you want to see us and how can we best help you?’”

Services offered in social and emotional areas include conflict resolution, appropriate communication skills, warnings regarding social media, healthy coping strategies, stress



Photo by Bethany BROWN
Rosemont students gathered in the school cafeteria on Sept. 29 for a counseling presentation.

management and community referrals for further care as needed.

Allison Brown, eighth grade counselor, and Gillespie, seventh grade, emphasized their focus on emotional assistance to students as they navigate the transition back to in-person learning after learning remotely last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I have seen a big increase in the need for emotional support,

a lot of it having to do with the pandemic, the isolation of remote learning, and then anxiety around returning,” Brown said.

Brown further discussed the need for an individual “toolbox” for each student in which they could use coping tools to ease the stress of adjusting to this transition period. There are a vast number of resources being offered and

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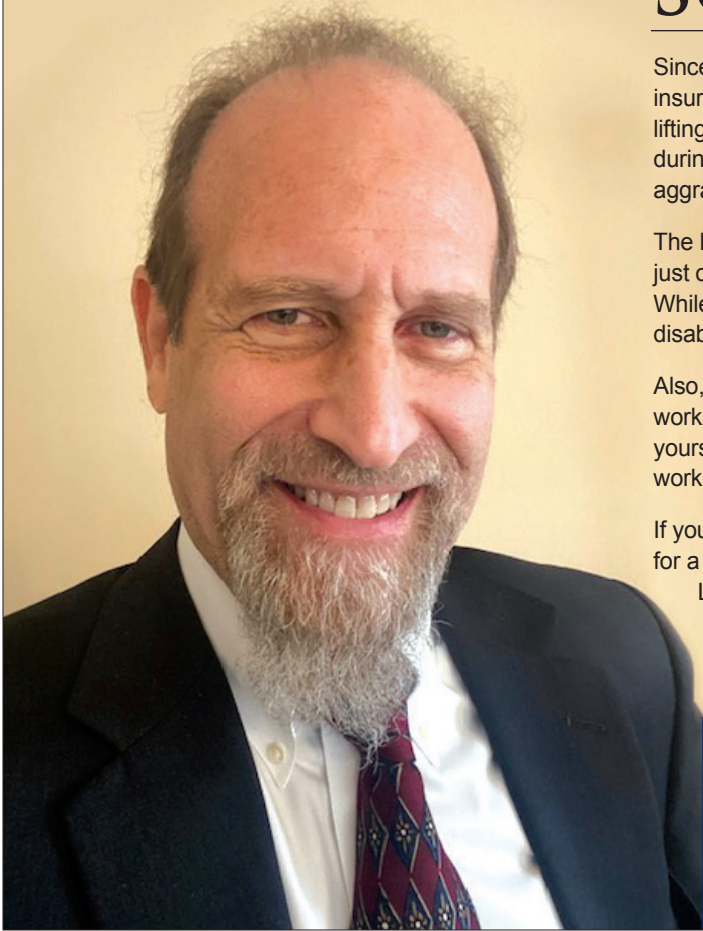
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

La Cañada Junior Women's Club Fundraising Campaign Hits the Mark for Mending Kids

Through a dedicated fundraising effort and despite the pandemic, the La Cañada Junior Women's Club presented a \$3,500 check to Mending Kids, their designated philanthropy, raising their total annual contribution to \$4,500.

Aimed at providing life-saving surgical care to children, the Mending Kids non-profit organization is based in Los Angeles and deploys medical teams worldwide while educating communities to become medically self-sustaining. During the pandemic, Mending Kids expanded its services by donating and delivering vitally-needed PPE and medical supplies to frontline

workers throughout the greater Los Angeles area, including 29 different national and international organizations.

La Cañada Junior Women's Club President Trish McRae said, "We are excited about furthering the great work by Mending Kids. The Juniors are all about helping women and children in need while igniting sisterhood, camaraderie and friendship within the club. The future looks bright as we all work together to make a difference in people's lives."

Mending Kids Executive Director Isabelle Fox said, "We are thrilled about the donation! It enables us to move forward with such programs as the Hometown Mission, and

our programs in general, which help so many children and families locally while shining a light on health disparity. It's a domino effect really. When [children] get healthy, they are able to focus on learning. Resources open up, and a parent is able to concentrate on such things as employment affording them time to elevate their standard of living, and resetting them on a course to dream of better things."

To help accelerate their work, Mending Kids is conducting a "Hike2Mend" event on Oct. 16 starting at Griffith Park, Los Angeles; a person may also join virtually from wherever they are located. The La Cañada Junior Women's Club has stepped up and



Photo courtesy of La Cañada Junior Women's Club. La Cañada Junior Women's Club President Trish McRae, LCJWC Philanthropy Service director-MK Carmela de Brouwer, Mending Kids Executive Director Isabelle Fox, and LCJWC Treasurer Alice Perez present the Juniors' donation to help further the work performed by Mending Kids.

put together a group to help raise funds while encouraging members to get outdoors for health and well-being. Members hope the group effort will symbolically honor the journey a parent takes to gain access to surgical care for their child.

For more information or to participate in the "Hike2Mend"

event, visit Events.mendingkids.org.

Local residents who are interested in getting more information about the Juniors, a group composed of dedicated, dynamic women interested in philanthropy, fun and friendship, can email the president at trishlcjwc@gmail.com or visit lcjwclub.org.

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Making Adjustments

Knowing one's options is the first step to making adjustments as we age. Last week, I was asked by a physician to connect with a woman in her late 80s who reported having no needs at this time: "I drive where I need to go, all is well." When I checked in on her, some of our discussion touched on how she prevents falls, how her living trust includes her advance directive, and what her plans were to address a possible change in her future functioning. She reported, "I haven't thought much about that." Perhaps our conversation will spur some percolating on a long-term care plan and generate a future discussion.

On the other end of the "planning continuum," I recently worked with another client who has decided that the best way to reduce the financial strain of living on a fixed income is to make a big move to Canada. Our care coordination conversations have included thinking about what

sorts of supports he will have there such as family or friends and services that are available to him. With dual-citizenship, he will be covered through state-funded health insurance, which has been a part of his planning consideration. We've also been able to work through challenges related to downsizing his belongings, arranging for packing and moving, as well as travel plans in accordance with public health requirements.

As you can see, these are two people at very different stages of their journey in determining the amount of change they need and want to make to enhance their quality of life. CRCA works with individuals in all stages of change.

This month, our virtual series "Conversations with CRCA" invites Lorine Stoikowitz with Gentle Transitions to discuss how her company assists with "rightsizing," as she likes to call it. This one-hour Zoom session meets

Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. Additionally, our virtual Navigating Dementia series continues with a session on "Technology Tools for Caregivers" on Oct. 19 from 3-4 p.m. Please register by calling (818) 949-4033, or emailing Adria.Navarro@med.usc.edu. You can learn more about CRCA at uscvh.org/aging-resources.



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – October 2021

BY Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Many theatres are or will soon be reopening and announcing their upcoming schedules. However, the COVID-19 virus is still running rampant, so *proof of vaccination is required by most theaters in order to attend performances, and masks must be worn at all times during the performances.* The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however readers should check with the theater to confirm before making definite plans.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates or are already running this month:

Opening

“Aleichem Sholom: The Wit and Wisdom of Sholom Aleichem” Based on Sholom Aleichem’s letters and stories, the controversy surrounding his stories and plays, and his passionate involvement in the creation of a new homeland coupled with the personal recollections of those who knew him first hand, Aleichem Sholom is written by the internationally acclaimed duo of Chris DeCarlo and Evelyn Rudie, with lilting songs by Emery Bernauer, E. Rudie and Sholom Aleichem himself.

Audiences are treated to an in-depth look at the joyous and poignant events that inspired the foolish philosophers, philosophical fools, comical shtetl folk and not-so-comical scoundrels that populated Sholom Aleichem’s world.

Written by Chris DeCarlo and Evelyn Rudie, with music by Emery Bernauer, E. Rudie and Sholom Aleichem, and directed by Arthur R. Tompkins, it runs through Oct. 30 at the Santa Monica Playhouse in Santa Monica. For tickets, call (310) 394-9779 Ext. 1 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/aleichem-sholom.



“The Root Beer Bandits – A Rootin’ Tootin’ Wild West Musicale” This is the story of a woman with dreams of becoming a songwriter in 1860. In an effort to prove that women are

capable of anything, she disguises herself to ride for the Pony Express. Her name is Pollyanna Peppercorn, and her adventure is just beginning.

When Polly (Tiffany Daniels) delivers a letter to Sheriff Bailey (Clayton Snyder) of Sarsaparilla City, they discover that Copper Penny (Kelly Brandeburg) is scheming to steal the city’s famous gold label root beer supply with her partner Zeke (Josey Montana McCoy). Alongside Sally Sue Tucker (Cloie Wyatt Taylor), a trailblazing entrepreneur, and Sheriff Bailey, Polly sets things right and makes it clear that everyone is capable of greatness, no matter what their circumstances may be.

Written by Joseph Leo Bwarie and Lori Marshall, with music by Rachael Lawrence, lyrics by Lori Marshall, and directed by Joseph Leo Bwarie, it runs through Oct. 31 at the Garry Marshall Theatre in Burbank. For tickets, call (818) 955-8101 or visit www.garrymarshalltheatre.org.

“Ascension” Do you know about it? The Second Sun? It’s real. It’s going to take us home! The Echo Theater Company presents the world premiere of “Ascension,” an immersive, interactive sci-fi, futuristic cyber play that strikes at the heart of our assumptions about faith, memory and reality.

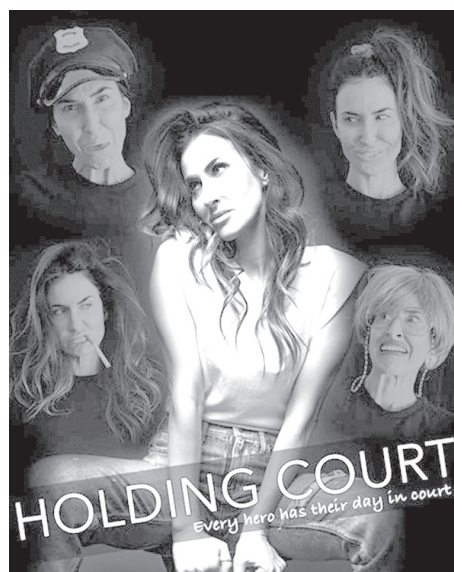
Rebel is trapped inside a long, narrow pod. Nobody knows she’s in there ... nobody but the audience. For some strange reason, the minds of the audience and hers are psychically linked and only the audience can help her escape.

Written by D. G. Watson and directed by Ahmed Best, it runs through Nov. 18 at the Echo Theater Company at Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater. For tickets, call (310) 307-3753 or visit www.EchoTheaterCompany.com.



“Holding Court” Court is a young woman who seems to have had every advantage: A loving, supportive family, a top-flight education. Yet she’s troubled. She’s afflicted by shame and guilt because of failure to live up to her own expectations. A messy love life and self-destructive coping strategies like petty lies contribute to her emotional burdens. She runs through a gamut of therapists without doing the work that it takes to benefit from treatment until she encounters one particular practitioner who sees through her mechanisms and connects with her. Court understands that to achieve health, she has to become the hero of her own story. Can she forgive herself for all the stumbles she’s made on her life path? One extraordinary day, she finds herself in a situation of deadly danger. She must now become a hero for real, and damn fast or someone will die. Will Court rise to the occasion?

Written and directed by Courtney Scheuerman, it runs Oct. 8 through Oct. 16 at the Hudson Guild Theatre in Hollywood. For tickets, visit www.onstage411.com/holdingcourt.



“Mamma Mia!” You can dance, you can jive and you’ll have the time of your life when 5-Star stages this massively popular musical for the first time! The impossible-to-resist hits of the Swedish pop group ABBA power this sunny, funny show about a young woman’s search for her birth father. Whether you grew up bopping to the beat of hits like “Dancing Queen,” “Take a Chance On Me,” “Chiquitita” and “Money, Money, Money” or discovered ABBA on the big screen, 5-Star’s production will lift you higher than a pair of bedazzled platform boots.

Written by Catherine Johnson, conceived by Judy Craymer, with music by Benny

Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus and some songs with Stig Anderson, and directed by Richard Israel, it runs Oct. 15 through Oct. 24 at the Kavli Theatre at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza in Thousand Oaks. For tickets, call (800) 745-3000 or visit www.5startheatricals.com.



“The Book of Moron” Robert Dubac’s newest Off-Broadway solo hit, “The Book Of Moron” has been described as one of the most “hilarious” “intelligent” and “scorching” satirical attacks on idiocracy since Mark Twain. (And “idiocracy” isn’t even a word. How dumb is that?)

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Written and directed by Robert Dubac, it runs Oct. 16 only at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit www.elportaltheatre.com.

“Sh-Boom Life Could Be a Dream” Hey, cool cats! Take a trip to Springfield and meet the Crooning Crabcakes as they prepare to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest and realize their dreams of making it to the big time! The ‘60s hits say it all: “Fools Fall in Love,” “Tears on my Pillow,” “Runaround Sue,” “Earth Angel,” “Stay,” “Unchained Melody,” “Lonely Teardrops” and “The Glory of Love.” This delightful, award-winning jukebox musical, written and created by Roger Bean (“The

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THEN & NOW



Then » La Cañada started off as a largely agricultural community. Because it had acquired water rights, it could grow oranges trees, which were thirstier and more valuable than some other crops. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, La Cañada was blanketed with orange groves.

La Cañada Orange Groves Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

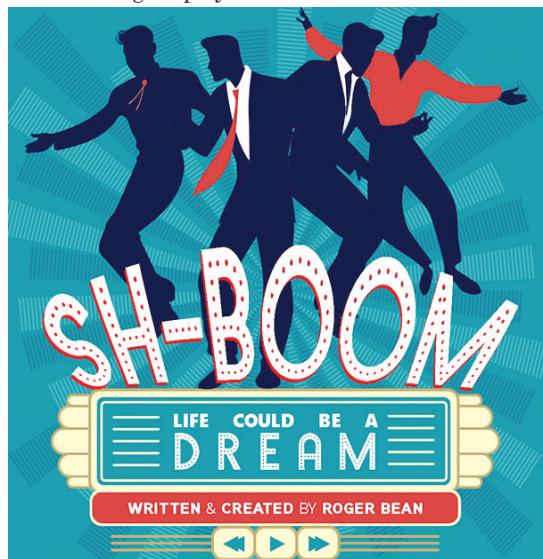


Now » In the 1940s and 50s, the La Cañada cash crop of oranges was supplanted by an even more valuable crop – high-end housing. There is one remnant of the orange groves today. It’s located at 4418 Buelah Drive, a half-block down from Sprouts Market. The only thing rarer than an orange grove in La Cañada? An empty lot and here we have both on the same parcel.

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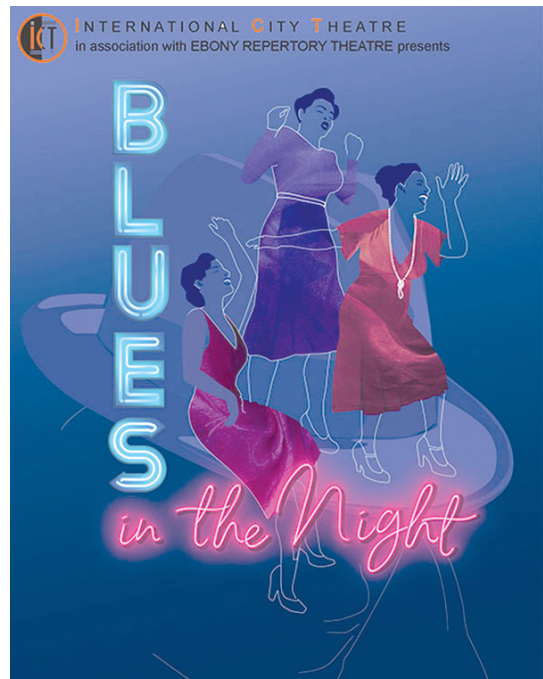
Marvelous Wonderettes”) will leave you laughing, singing, and cheering – let’s hear it for the boys!

Written by Roger Bean, with music by Nick Guerrero, and directed by Jonathan Van Dyke, it runs Oct. 17 through Oct. 31 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit www.lagunaplayhouse.com.



“Terry Barber Sings the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber” The world’s greatest countertenor returns to El Portal to sing the amazing songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Terry returns to El Portal by popular demand after his thrilling concert in 2019.

Written and directed by Terry Barber, it runs Oct. 17 only at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit www.elportalthatre.com.



“Blues in the Night” Set in 1948 in a rundown Chicago hotel, three women and a man share their stories about the misery and humor of life, love and the dogged determination to do more than just survive. The drama reveals itself through 26 hot, torchy, glorious songs by Bessie Smith, Duke

Ellington, Johnny Mercer, Alberta Hunter, Harold Arlen, Jimmy Cox, Ida Cox and more.

Written by Sheldon Epps and directed by Wren T. Brown, it runs Oct. 22 through Nov. 7 at the International City Theatre Long Beach Performing Arts Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit www.InternationalCityTheatre.org.

“Never Swim Alone” In the slyly witty and unexpectedly suspenseful “Never Swim Alone,” two men are locked in a ruthless competition of one-upmanship under the watchful eye of “The Referee,” a young woman with a secret connection to the boys these men used to be.

Written by Daniel MacIvor and directed by Amanda Weier, it runs Oct. 23 through Dec. 12 at the Open Fist Theatre Company @Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater Village. For tickets, call (323) 882-6912 or visit www.openfist.org.



“Poor Clare” Clare is just a regular noblewoman living in 13th century Italy, trying out hairstyles and waiting to get married ... until a man named Francis starts ranting in the courtyard. But what happens when your eyes are opened to the injustice of the world around you – and you can’t look away?

Written by Chiara Atik and directed by Alana Dietze, it runs Oct. 23 through Nov. 29 at the Echo Theater Company Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater Village. For tickets, call (310) 307-3753 or visit www.EchoTheaterCompany.com.



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Art Installation at Glendale’s Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station

Artist Dillan Garcia’s installation, Diversity Tree, will be on display at the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station through Nov. 12.

Diversity Tree is a mixed media installation inspired by the materials and art process developed in the Oaxacan experimental art gallery. Materials used include colored rope, copper wire, Velcro straps, reflective paint, green LED light strips, sandpaper, fish line, fishhooks, tea bags, clear Gorilla glue and plywood board. The tree is a symbol for LA County’s diverse population and its drooping branches with leaves represent the ethnic communities within, capturing a feeling of cultural

unity. The mission of the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission is to enrich the human experience, reinforce Glendale’s identity and civic pride through arts and culture, and to recognize the importance of arts to our quality of life and to the local economy. This is accomplished by consciously integrating arts and culture into the daily life of the people of Glendale through urban design, planning, economic development, and education. For more information about the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission see the website: <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/>.

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

Pre-order the book by stopping in or calling the store, or going to the website www.flintridgebooks.com and clicking on the Shop Featured and Local Authors link.

For more information about this event, contact Gail Mishkin at gaiml@flintridgebooks.com.

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

BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

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

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

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

Uyehara will explain more about this program and how the Penny Pine

donations are used.

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

YVONNE SAVIO SPEAKER AT AAUW

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Those who would like to receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting may contact Laura Guillory lguillory1430@gmail.com and provide your name and email address. The conference administrator will send out the Zoom link. Contact Laura to receive the link.

The speaker on Oct. 9 will be Yvonne Savio, master gardener and consultant to the University of California. She revitalized the Los Angeles County Master Gardener Volunteer Program, teaching 1150 master gardeners who have served 1.3 county residents. Her topic will be "Container Gardening."

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities, and meetings visit <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

WALK BENEFITS AHA

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

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

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

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

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

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

CRAFT FAIR AND BOUTIQUE

Crafters of Sunland-Tujunga are hosting a craft fair and boutique on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Foothills. There will be food, craft vendors and fun! Face masks required.

Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 1700 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

The community is invited to attend the City of Glendale's Annual Fall Festival, featuring a petting zoo, pony rides, food, games arts & crafts, face painting, music, bounce house, pumpkin patch, carnival games and the Glendale Rocks! climbing wall.

The event will take place at Pacific Park & Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale, on Oct. 16 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call (818) 548-4098.

NEXT MEETING OF BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be "A Dawg Show." Members and guests are asked to bring their most challenging African violet to the meeting. The necessary techniques will be shared on how to turn these "dawgs" into beautiful African violets. Questions and answers will follow.

There is a raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings.

For more information, please call (661) 940-3990 or reference the website www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com.

PAUL HADDAD AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

On Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore welcomes Paul Haddad, author of the recently released novel "Paradise Palms: Red Menace Mob." Haddad is the author

of the Los Angeles Times' bestseller "10,000 Steps a Day in L.A.: 57 Walking Adventures," which takes readers to obscure and iconic LA. landmarks. He is a native Angeleno with a passion for the city and its history. "Paradise Palms" is set in Los Angeles in October 1957, a time of Eisenhower conformity, police and mob strongholds, and Red Scare paranoia. A relic of Hollywood's Golden Age, the aging Paradise Palms Hotel is on the brink of change. David Shapiro - eldest son of recently widowed Max Shapiro - has assumed a leadership role. But the more he digs into the hotel's business, the more he questions who his father is. It's not just the tenuous ties to gangster Mickey Cohen, who is trying to commandeer "the Palms," but also the sudden appearance of a mysterious African American guest named Rae Lynn, who improbably rises in stature. As long-buried secrets come to light, Shapiro's battle to keep the family intact takes a tragic turn. His actions mirror an America lurching from the surface simplicity of the '50s to the turmoil of the '60s in this riveting neo-noir family saga.

In addition to contributing essays to the Los Angeles Times and other media outlets, Haddad hosted a column for the Huffington Post uncovering the secret history of LA. He also works in television as a writer, director and executive producer, earning multiple Emmy nominations. He is an avid supporter of 826LA, a nonprofit workshop dedicated to helping school age kids find their writing voice.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge, at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Beulah Drive. All COVID protocols will be observed.

COMMUNITY BINGO NIGHT & FOOD DRIVE

Glendale Moose Lodge No. 641 is hosting its inaugural community bingo night and food drive on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall. Food and check-in is at 5 p.m. with the first game at 6 p.m. All bingo games pay \$100 or more! Entrance fee is \$20, which includes 10 games. For each bag or box of food donated patrons will receive one big chip.

To reserve tickets, call (818) 957-7133 or email lodge641@gmail.com.

Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta across the street from the La Crescenta Woman's Club.

'BACKYARD WILDLIFE' TOPIC OF MEETING

The Crescenta Valley and Verdugo Hills Groups of the Sierra Club are planning a virtual meeting on Monday,

Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

"Backyard Wildlife: Conflict and Coexistence" will be presented by biology teacher and urban wildlife specialist Dana Stangel of Teranga Ranch. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/5x7jubew>.

FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE WELCOMES BERNSTEIN

On Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore welcomes Ken Bernstein, author of "Preserving Los Angeles: How Historic Places Can Transform America's Cities," for an outdoor multimedia presentation on how historic preservation has revived Los Angeles neighborhoods, created a downtown renaissance, and guided the future of the city.

"Preserving Los Angeles" is a chronicle of urban transformation and a guide for citizens and urban practitioners who hope to preserve the unique culture of their own cities. Bernstein's text is illustrated with full-color images by prominent architectural photographer Stephen Schafer.

Bernstein is a principal city planner for the Los Angeles Dept. of City Planning. Schafer is an architectural photographer who crisscrosses America documenting significant places for the National Register of Historic Places and the Historic American Buildings Survey collection at the Library of Congress.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge, at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Beulah Drive. All COVID protocols will be observed.

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 else.

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 cls0f74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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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PET OF THE WEEK

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Now you're thinking about how to borrow some money to either tide you over a tough time or open a new business. It's who you know that counts. Consider contacting well-off family members, friends, and other interested parties for advice and possible monetary support.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Now you have the full support of the Universe to make money through anything involving love, relationships, family, children, and fun activities. It's your personal or professional relationships that might provide the best ideas for products or services to offer your clients. You have more than one chance to make it happen.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This period is about harmonious aspects bringing love into your home life and allowing warm feelings and memories to emerge. At the same time, you're encouraged to open up about them and maybe even use key themes and insights that emerge right now to inform your work. Allow your imagination to run wild and you may find that you're full of great ideas that will generate more money for you and your loved ones.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You have a boost of good fortune unleashing a stream of fortunate messages from potential employers, clients, and customers. All of them want a piece of your time, which may seem overwhelming, but almost all of it is good news. Meanwhile, have you considered going into business with a relative, parent, or sibling? It may be time to give it some thought.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You're poised and ready to take advantage of some new opportunities in work and business. The Universe highlights the sector governing money and values, so you'll not only be able to make more but also put it to wise use. This may mean that you invest in your future by sharpening your professional skill set or find the areas where you've been overspending and reign it in.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You're usually good at making and investing money simply because you're security conscious as a rule. Now your security lies in the way you dress, speak to others, and craft your image. From there, you can level up to where you are meant to be. Whatever setbacks you face now are temporary and meant to teach you something about your own resourcefulness, resilience, and ingenuity.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Never let it be said that you aren't wise with money. In the past, it might as well have been water, the way it slipped through your fingers. But now you've become more disciplined about the way you earn and spend. You may wish to expand the way you think about investing. Look at investing money into companies that are rising to the occasion to meet the unique needs of the current moment.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You have activity affecting groups, politics, and self-employment now. It's a great time to flip through your contacts to see how one might be able to help you develop a new idea into a money-generating product or service. You have the know-how, but this other person has the cash or connections to take it to the next level.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This period is about career and authority figures. You may have looked up to someone for a long time only to realize that you now have the same or greater level of experience as him or her. It's time for you to assume a new role in your life and accept the responsibilities that come with it. When you do, you will find that you have grown into being the sort of person you've most admired all along.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

A fortunate aspect brings luck to your house of education, languages, and spirituality. Lately, you've had your eyes on the horizon, wondering how to get your products and services into a larger market. As you consider the steps necessary to do this, don't dismiss the ideas that seem the craziest. You may find supporters in the strangest of places.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The Universe is affecting your house of debt and other people's money while bringing changes to your career sector. This isn't the time to overspend. Rather, it's better to spend some time paying off your most pressing debts while shoring up your career with additional skill-building activities, such as seminars. You'll become invaluable to your present or potential employers and ensure your job security, too.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You're itching to spend money that's burning a hole in your pocket but now isn't the time. Because of a harmonious planetary aspect occurring right now, change is coming to the areas governing professional relationships, travel, higher education, teaching, and learning. If you're in one of these fields already, it's a great time to be you! If not, try to incorporate some facet of them into what you do for a living.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Tempur-Pedic won't honor its return policy. Can you help get my \$4,827 back?

When Tatiana Litvin tries to return her Tempur-Pedic bed, the company promises a quick return. But it's been two months. When will someone pick up her mattress – and return her money?

Q Can you help get Tempur-Pedic to honor its return policy? I recently bought a bed from Tempur-Pedic with the understanding that I could return it within 30 days.

The mattress isn't working for me. It lets off gases and smells bad. I initiated a return and a Tempur-Pedic representative assured me that someone would pick up my mattress within one to two weeks. After that, the company would refund my credit card.

It's now been almost two months. No one has contacted me to complete the pickup of the mattress. I've called Tempur-Pedic over 10 times. A representative told me to contact a third party called NVC Logistics Group to arrange a pickup. When I did, they told me they have no record of this return or pickup requested by Tempur-Pedic.

I've already called Tempur-Pedic repeatedly about this, and none of the reps were capable of assisting me. They just keep saying they called NVC to arrange a pickup but NVC keeps saying that they haven't.

At this point, because Tempur-Pedic had been giving me the runaround, I had to resort to reporting this to the Better Business Bureau in the hopes that they will finally honor their return policy. They didn't bother to reply to the complaint. Can you help me get my \$4,827 back? – Tatiana Litvin, Los Angeles

A : I'm sorry to hear about your gaseous bed. That does not sound appealing to me. And if you spend \$4,827 on a luxury bed you have every right to expect a swift return.

Tempur-Pedic's (<https://www.tempurpedic.com/customer-service/return-policy>) is clear. It promises that you'll "fall in love with your mattress" – or your money back. You have 30 nights (during the first 90 nights of ownership) to try your new Tempur-Pedic. If it doesn't work out and you don't love your new mattress, it will take the mattress back and refund your money, less shipping charges.

There's no timeline on product returns but I think it's fair to assume that it will happen quickly.

A representative told you the return would take place within one to two weeks. That sounds about right.

I recommended that you reach out to the <https://www.elliott.org/company-contacts/sealy/managers> at Tempur-Pedic (owned by Sealy). I list the names, numbers and email addresses on my consumer advocacy site, [Elliott.org](https://www.elliott.org). Unfortunately, that didn't work.

I don't think it's fair of Tempur-Pedic – or any other company – to make you deal with a third party. Nor is it fair to make their pickup problem your problem. Someone from Tempur-Pedic should have taken ownership of your return request and seen it through to the end.

I contacted Tempur-Pedic on your behalf. It arranged for a prompt pickup and refunded your purchase back to your credit card.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>.

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An unexpected lightning storm on Monday night was captured by local resident Nick Cosfol, who shot this photo from the Pinecrest area.

Free outdoor summer concert series at the Artsakh Paseo

The 2021 222 East Concert Series will consist of five outdoor concerts taking place at the Artsakh Paseo (127 N. Artsakh Ave. in Glendale) through Oct. 30. These concerts are free on Saturday evenings at 4 p.m., and will feature music groups from Southern California. Seating is not provided; visitors are welcome to bring a chair and enjoy music at the Artsakh Paseo. Performances run approximately 60 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.

The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 9: MôForró: MôForró plays triangle-driven, hip-swiveling dance music in the traditional, rootsy "pé de serra" style of forró. A music that was born out of the countryside of the dry northeast, forró is now one of the most popular rhythms to come from Brazil. Since forming in late 2012, MôForró – along with the Forró in LA collective – has been integral to the growing popularity of forró as a dance-music genre throughout Southern California.

Oct. 16 – Kotolan: LA indie band Kotolan plays a mix of

eclectic indie synth and art pop influenced by new wave, city pop and disco.

Oct. 23 – Coveted Future: Coveted Future is a funk, rock and R&B band featuring lead artist Vicari Benn.

Oct. 30 – Igor Kogan Quintet: Igor Kogan is a jazz artist, bassist, composer and bandleader. He has performed at prestigious venues and festivals in U.S., Canada and Europe, including Jazz at Lincoln Center and Steinway Hall (New York), Bern Jazz Festival (Switzerland), Toronto Music Festival (Canada), Red Sea Jazz Festival (Israel); and appeared at renowned jazz clubs in NYC (Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Smalls, Zinc, Fat Cat), Los Angeles (Herb Alpert's Vibrato, Catalina, Blue Whale, Vitellos, The Lighthouse) among other venues. After spending several years in New York, working as a performing and recording musician, he relocated to Los Angeles in 2014 where he keeps busy composing and performing music for variety of projects and live concerts, and leading his own jazz quintet and 17 piece contemporary jazz orchestra. He recently recorded his debut jazz album "In a Big City" of original compositions and featuring nine-time Grammy Award nominee jazz vocalist Tierney Sutton.

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BUSINESS

CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » STEVE PIERCE

A(Fair) to Remember

The 2021 Hometown Country Fair was one for the books! A crowd estimated at 4,000-5,000 enjoyed fantastic weather, a great setting at Crescenta Valley Park, a delicious variety of food truck selections, the 20th anniversary of Early Rodders classic cars, CHP, County fire, and Glendale Police Dept. personnel and vehicles, a variety of handcrafted and non-profit vendors, a spin ride and inflatable activities for youngsters to enjoy, live music, karaoke performances, a children's petting zoo, a kids pie-eating contest and a dog parade led by Crescenta-Cañada Pet Hospital veterinarian/owner JD Speas.

This was our Chamber's 15th year providing this very popular community event and most everyone agreed it was perhaps our most successful Fair yet.

Beside the hundreds of hours of volunteer time by Fair committee members and others, activities like the Hometown County Fair require a high amount of community support. We would like to especially thank our title sponsors: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the Early Rodders classic cars, and Ace Hardware of La Crescenta; our major sponsors: the YMCA of the Foothills, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, J's Maintenance and Robin Goldsworthy and the CV Weekly; and the support/sponsorship from Crescenta-Cañada Pet Hospital, Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Recreation Chief Deputy Director Alina Bokde, Parks Director Al Evans, CV Park Supervisor Jason Hauser and the behind-the-scenes support from the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works (CV Yard), and Supervisor Barger staff members Sussy Nemer and Savannah Moore. The support from each of them was the reason for our Fair's success!

Announcements:

The Chamber's 5K Pumpkin Run, originally scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30, has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Our popular 5K Run will return in 2022.

We are pleased to welcome a new member to

our Chamber family: Running Stream Creations (owner Katie O'Brien) providing creative jewelry since 2018.

The Chamber is planning a November mixer event with the date and location to be announced shortly. In addition, a recognition banquet honoring our Man and Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, Educator of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Beautification Award is being planned. Outstanding Student of the Year and law enforcement/fire department personnel receiving special recognition will be selected by their respective groups and recognized at our banquet.

The purpose of the CV Chamber of Commerce and our activities is to support our Crescenta Valley community and the Chamber business membership. One of those Chamber members is Bob Smith Toyota, located at 3333 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta (just west of Pennsylvania Avenue). Owners Mike and Pete Smith have a beautiful facility offering incredible deals on new and previously owned vehicles and well as a full service department for your vehicle's needs. Check them out at www.bobsmithtoyota.com.

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

Steve Pierce, Executive Director
Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce
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MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
» MAVIL AGHADJANIAN

FALLing Into the New Groove

We ended September on a high note having executed our first two in-person events since early 2020 – a ribbon cutting ceremony for Couch Conversations Psychotherapy and Counseling and a mixer with CV Weekly – since early 2020. Each was a huge success and a hopeful glimpse of all the face-to-face interactions we'll slowly but surely continue to have again.

However, despite having these two great events, we were still devastated to have reached the hard decision to postpone our 43rd Annual Montrose Oktoberfest. There are many reasons we had to make that decision that are extensively long and complicated but we will do our best to briefly summarize it here.

We had two huge factors to consider: the first being our financial state. Between the cancellation of our 2020 Montrose Oktoberfest and the pandemic hardship, the MVCC managed to make it through 2020 with the help of donations, a PPP loan, and a grant from the City of Glendale. That being said, we are not in a position to take on financial responsibilities with huge risks.

Oktoberfest takes months to plan and, when we made the decision to move forward with it, it was right around the time when the June 15 Stay at Home Order had been lifted and the future looked promising. However, as we got closer to the event date, COVID cases were starting to rise again and the mask mandate was reinstated. The future that had once



looked promising enough to host our event was starting to feel otherwise.

Secondly, as a food and beverage event, we have many protocols we need to follow with the health department. Because of the grand scale of our event, we fall into the category of a "mega event," which has different requirements than some of the other local events that have 1,000 attendees compared to our 15,000 expected attendees. One of the protocols we would have to follow as a mega event would be to have a stationary space for anyone who is actively eating or drinking. Anyone familiar with Oktoberfest knows ... the essence of it is that you get to stroll through Honolulu Avenue with a brat and drink in hand.

Between this new protocol of essentially making the event a stationary one (taking away from the sit-down restaurants) and the possibility of having to require vaccination proof plus having to put down high deposits with the uncertainty of whether protocols for mega events would change again before the event ... it was a big risk we unfortunately

see MVCCOC on page 18

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
 Please take notice US Storage Centers - Montrose located at 3708 Clifton Place Montrose, CA 91202 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 10/21/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Angel Orozco Sandoval; David C Kim. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly September 30, October 7, 2021.

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

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 were not in a position to take. We know the community had been excited for it and we were equally as excited to host our nostalgically joyous event again... and to raise the funds we so desperately need. But ultimately, it could not be done. We thank everyone who has understood and supported our decision.
 We do have a small surprise for those who still wish to celebrate Montrose Oktoberfest though; we will be hosting an OktoberFest Celebration on Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Montrose. The cost is a \$40 ticket all-inclusive feast

(German food, drinks and live music by The Mary Dyer Band) with opportunity drawings. The max capacity will be 150 guests. More information to follow soon; stay up-to-date by visiting our website MontroseChamber.org.
 We hope to see you there!
Special Thank You:
 • -CV Weekly for hosting our first in-person fabulous baseball mixer with live music by Dave Silversparre.
 • Joe Allen, Chris Waldheim, Jane Kane and Laurie Jo Phillips for their time and contributions on

the Oktoberfest Committee.
 • Panos Productions Photography for photographing our most recent ribbon cutting.
 • Glendale Area Schools Credit Union and Gary Montenegro from RE/MAX Tri-City Realty for their continuous support through this difficult time.
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 • Montrose OktoberFest Celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. \$40 entry ticket includes all food, drinks and live music by The Mary Dyer Band. Tickets will be available for purchase mid October on the MVCC website:

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Mavil Aghadjanian,
Executive Director
 Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber

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Rosemont counselors want to remind students where they can go to get their questions answered or get help.

"I want students to feel comfortable here ... at this time my main concern isn't on academics, it's on social and emotional [well-being]," Gillespie said. "If students aren't adjusted well, if they're not comfortable being at school for whatever reason, the learning isn't going to be taking place very well."

Although the presentation primarily focused on social and emotional aspects due to the current concerns surrounding mental health in youth, academics were also highlighted, particularly for eighth graders.

Course placement, interventions and support meetings with teachers, tutors and parents are some of the services, among others, available to students. For eighth graders, information regarding college and career pathways, promotion requirements and A-G requirements were also discussed.

"What we really want our students to walk away with after the presentation is a sense of comfort and security and the knowledge of the services available to them," Brown said. "We want them to know we're always here to help them with whatever struggles they're having or hurdles they need to get over so that learning can take place effectively."

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wartime memories the Vietnam veteran had tried to forget.

From his East Village apartment, Payne recalled the crowds of frantic people streaming north from Lower Manhattan. "That sight stirred up a lot of emotions in me," he said. "It shook me to the core."

Payne found relief in rendering aid the best way he knew how.

"Sharing the Bible's message of hope softened the blow for me," he said.

Offering a shoulder to cry on brought Klingsporn comfort too.

"It was satisfying to be of help to my community," he said.

Two decades later, Medrano continues to find comfort from reaching out and sharing his faith with others.

"I look at other people, and it is obvious that they are looking for something to hope in," said Medrano. "So, when you share something solid with them, it just reinforces my faith. That helps a lot."

Payne feels the same. In 2016, after 50 years of marriage, he lost his beloved wife to cancer. On days when his grief feels overwhelming, Payne writes heartfelt letters that lift his neighbors' spirits – and his own. He shares Scriptures and resources that have helped him, like articles on coping with trauma and loss on jw.org, the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses.

"Encouraging others to look to the future helps me to do the same," he said.

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built and virile in a non-aggressive way. He was also sensitive. A potent combination."

It's said that Clark Gable modeled his portrayal of Rhett Butler after Fleming. In fact, Fleming influenced the acting portrayals of many of the top stars he directed. It's said that he heavily influenced the on-screen personalities of not only Gable, but also Gary Cooper and Spencer Tracy as well. He directed nine different actors in Oscar-nominated performances: Emil Jannings, Spencer Tracy, Vivien Leigh, Hattie McDaniel, Clark Gable, Olivia de Havilland, Frank Morgan, José Ferrer and Ingrid Bergman.

Fleming finished his career with "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1941), "A Guy Named Joe" (1943) and "Joan of Arc" (1948). Fleming died of a heart attack (like his father) in 1949 at the age of 59.

Bill Lozier is right. Fleming's the only director to have two films listed in AFI's top 10 films: "Wizard of Oz" and "Gone With The Wind." There should be something in La Cañada Flintridge to memorialize Fleming. How about a commemorative yellow brick road leading up to LCF's city hall?

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benefits/impacts of using the Verdugo Wash as recreational space. Outreach to the community has begun. More at <https://www.arroyoverdugogreenway.com/>.

- Deukmejian Park – The Stone Barn at Deukmejian Wilderness Park has been undergoing a conversion into a Nature Education Center. As part of the renovation, Glendale Parks and Open Space Foundation commissioned local artist Hannah Maximova to design and create a 26-foot mosaic mural that will be mounted onto the adjacent amphitheater wall. Individuals and businesses can support the park and its programs by purchasing a legacy tile. More at <https://www.glendaleparksfoundation.org/>.

- Rockhaven – State Senator Anthony Portantino obtained \$8 million in funds for the rehabilitation of the Rockhaven property. The City of Glendale has up to three years to formulate a plan and decide whether to accept the monies. City Council emails at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/city-hall/contact-city-officials>

- Glendale City Council considered changes

to density bonus incentives and the campaign finance ordinance on Oct. 5.

- 6433 La Tuna Canyon – Owner Snowball West Investments LP filed an appeal in Superior Court to overturn the City of Los Angeles/court decisions to reject a zone change on the former Verdugo Hills Golf Course (VHGC) property. Two-hundred and twenty-nine residential units are proposed if the zone(s) are changed.

- Canyon Hills – A project proposal to build 221 residential units west of the VHGC property was approved in 2005 but never built. Owner/developer California Whitebird, Inc. recently applied for an encroachment permit from Caltrans.

- 3411-3437 Foothill – Four and five stories, nine commercial plus 78 residential units; density bonus decision pending

- 3450 North Verdugo – Three stories, commercial space plus 22 residential units; density bonus decision pending

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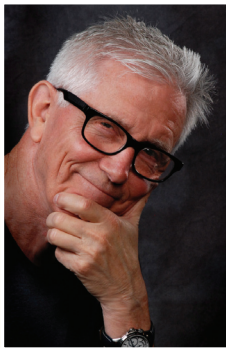
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