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Trees, Cap Park and More Discussed at Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

The calming effects of trees was the topic that opened the Tuesday night Glendale City Council meeting.

"It says here in the report on page 2 that trees help to calm traffic and reduce crime when they are well-kept. Can you tell me where you came up with this?" Councilmember Vrej Agajanian asked Loren Klick, the City's urban forester.

Klick replied that a number of studies over the past 20 years highlighted the benefits of planting trees.

"One study out of Baltimore shows that 10% more trees planted on a block led to a 12% reduction in robberies, burglaries, thefts and shootings on the block. Trees have a calming effect on the entire neighborhood," he explained. The council approved the request to apply for a grant to plant an additional 500 trees, primarily in the southern part of the city.

Councilmember Dan Brotman again commented on the "spate of pedestrian accidents" and urged additional action.

"Let me add my voice," Councilmember Ara Najarian said, "as some in the community seem to think that if you don't actively express support for traffic safety that you're against traffic safety."

He then elaborated that in 1996, when he was a member of the Transportation and Parking Commission, over an extended period of time the Commission developed the first collection of traffic calming measures that made available to the community a variety of strategies and designs such as speed humps and stripes. The Commission engaged traffic experts from Cal Berkeley and worked with the State Office of Traffic Safety; Glendale was one of only two California cities to get this special training for traffic engineers and planners, and law enforcement, in some cases.

"We continued from there, testing innovative crosswalks

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By Bethany BROWN

*Local elementary school
students celebrate
American Legion and
VFW members.*

Lincoln Elementary School in La Crescenta held an assembly on Wednesday, Nov. 10 in celebration of Veterans Day. Many students' family members who are veterans or active duty military were present and recognized for their service to the country.

Operation Gratitude packages were given to each veteran as they waited for the assembly to begin. Operation Gratitude is a non-profit organization that delivers care packages filled with items donated by Americans across the country who want to express their support for heroes whether overseas or here at home.

"I remember getting care packages like these in Korea when I was there," Joseph Shaw said. "We didn't expect it, so it was always an uplifting surprise."

Shaw served three years in Korea (1980-1983) as a specialist in the U.S. Army and was later stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He said when thinking back to his time spent in Korea, he mainly recalled the extreme weather.

"It was very, very hot and very, very cold," Shaw said. "It was different, but I learned a lot and got to do a lot of fun stuff."

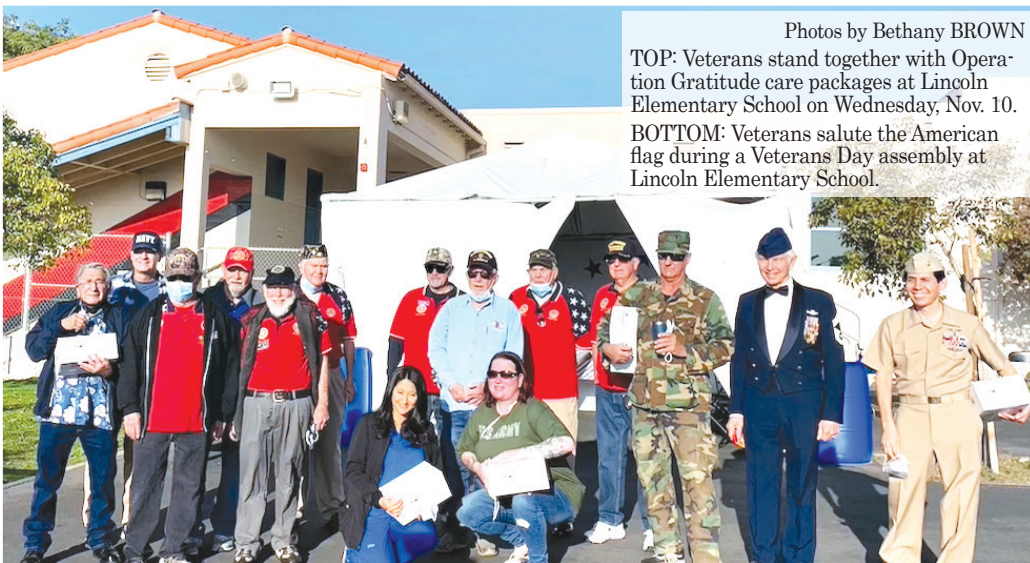
Lincoln Elementary School student council speakers introduced each present veteran by name and rank and shared with the audience when and where they served. Students related to

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Lincoln Lions Honor Hometown Heroes

Photos by Bethany BROWN

TOP: Veterans stand together with Operation Gratitude care packages at Lincoln Elementary School on Wednesday, Nov. 10.
BOTTOM: Veterans salute the American flag during a Veterans Day assembly at Lincoln Elementary School.



American Heroes Airshow Brings Legacy of Aviation to Community

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

After an interruption last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the popular American Heroes Airshow returned to the Hansen Dam Sports Complex on Saturday. According to organizer Jim Paules, an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people attended the free event that highlighted a host of helicopters that serve the community plus dozens of recruiting teams that were on hand.

"We hosted 42 recruiting booths featuring teams from the DEA, FBI and the Secret Service along with a number of sheriffs – some of which came in from Riverside and San Diego County to join us," said Paules. "We were happy to once again host the LASD Search and Rescue teams from [Altadena] and Santa Clarita areas."

He noted that while many of the recruiting teams had participated with the American Heroes Airshow before, there were some new and

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Photos By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The naturalization ceremony was a highlight of the American Heroes Airshow and featured active military personnel.



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Celebrating My Veteran’s Day

So last Wednesday night/Thursday morning was hard for me. As usual, we put the paper “to bed” around 7 p.m. but because of technical issues the newspapers didn’t arrive from Ontario to the office until nearly 3 a.m. ... and my drivers were antsy. They usually get their papers no later than 1 a.m. and they wanted to get delivering before first light.

I’m always nervous on Wednesday nights/Thursday mornings. I worry that the papers will be late or a driver won’t be able to do his or her delivery route. Consequently, my sleep pattern is typically interrupted. So was the case last week.

But Thursday morning was Veterans Day and the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars were having a ceremony at Two Strike Park. Open to the community, the ceremony is typically attended by a handful of dignitaries and is the chance to publically acknowledge and thank our veterans for their service. And I had a veteran I wanted to thank.

I rolled out of bed at the stroke of 8 a.m. – when the ceremony was due to begin at Two Strike. I showered and changed in record time and got to Two Strike around 8:20 a.m. I quickly found my son, Air Force veteran Daniel Goldsworthy, his wife and my husband Steve seated, so I grabbed a folding chair and joined them.

During the ceremony the song from each branch of the military was played and that branch’s flag was presented. When they were, each veteran from that branch stood and saluted his or her flag.

With the first notes of The U.S. Air Force,

Daniel proudly stood and saluted until the song was over. I was so very, very proud.

During his military career, from the time he enlisted on Halloween 2017 to his discharge just a few weeks ago, he lived in Texas and Georgia and traveled to Alaska where he saw the aurora borealis. Just prior to COVID, he was deployed to Afghanistan, and it was hard to get him home to the states due to the pandemic – but he made it. He made friends and learned a lot. He became a man I’m proud to call my son (though I have always been proud of him).

To my son and the other Air Force veterans: Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win. To all veterans, thank you for your service.



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Weather in the Foothills

“We often hear of bad weather, but in reality no weather is bad. It is all delightful, though in different ways. Some weather may be bad for farmers or crops, but for man all kinds are good. Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating.”

~ John Lubbock

A November day ... The sky is clear, the air is warm and a gentle breeze blows. Surfers and seals catch a wave in the shared waters. Paradise or heaven – it could be either. Where is this place? As the crow flies it was along the coast, only 21.29 miles from here in La Crescenta. But such has been the weather for the past week across much of Southern California ... and we call this home.

Ideal weather is purely subjective, of course. One person’s brutal winter is another’s icy playground. Places without rain are also called deserts so if you’re drawn to lush landscapes like those of Hawaii or the Pacific Northwest, destinations with 325 days of sun a year might not be your definition of ideal.

Mediterranean climates (which our region is classified) are universally considered the most comfortable of all world climates. The dry subtropical climates of California, southern Europe, northern and southern Africa, parts of Mexico and South America and Australia are characterized by frequent year-long sunshine, little rainfall and low relative humidity with mild-to-warm seasonal temperatures.

The main considerations taken in judging the perfect climate often include the average summer and winter temperatures, the average daily high throughout the year, inches of rainfall per year and the percentage of sun (i.e., sunny days) annually.

But few people will deny there’s just something intrinsically and inexplicably right about life when it’s sunny and 75 degrees outside. There is actual research by so-called “tourism climatologists” to back this up. They find the increased Vitamin D levels from sunlight boosts energy levels, promotes stronger bones and allows for a more active and healthful lifestyle. In turn, populations living in sunny regions are generally more psychologically sound.

So where does one need to live or visit to make the most of Mother Nature’s best climate or weather? Keep in mind these are only a consensus of popular opinion.

Best weather in the world – 1.Canary Islands, Spain 2. Sao Paulo, Brazil 3. Oahu, Hawaii

Best weather in the U.S. – 1. California 2. Hawaii 3. Texas

Best weather in California – 1. San Diego 2. Santa Barbara 3. La Crescenta Without a drop of rain in sight, there’ll be no wet turkey feathers! Temperatures in the mid 70s are forecast into next week. Is this beach weather or Thanksgiving weather?

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

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IN BRIEF

CVTC Meets Tonight
The monthly Zoom meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Among the items on the agenda is a candidate forum hosted by the Crescenta Valley Community Association.

There are seven candidates vying for six seats on the council – three regular and three alternate. Elections are held on Dec. 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Luke’s of the Mountains Episcopal Church in Sadler Hall, 2563 Foothill Blvd.

Eligible voters must live within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County/La Crescenta/Montrose. To join via Zoom visit the CVTC website at thecvcouncil.com, click on to the Public Meeting icon, click on General Meeting: Nov. 18 and then follow prompts to Zoom. Those who would like to listen to the meeting can do so by calling (669) 900-6833.

The Zoom meeting link is <https://tinyurl.com/jwrpry8>; ID is 283 256 4275.

Rosemont Preserve Open Gate Morning
An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Nov. 21. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings! The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

Meeting on Senate Bills SB 9 & SB 10
Those who want to learn more about the kinds of impacts SB 9 and SB 10 will have in the La Crescenta community can attend the CVTC Land Use Committee meeting, which will be held via Zoom, on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The Dept. of Regional Planning will make a presentation explaining both senate bills. There will be questions and answers following the presentation. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97589570194>; meeting ID: 975 8957 0194 or dial by location (669) 900 6833 US. Meeting ID is 975 8957 0194.

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The Newly Crowned Rose Queen: A Voice for the Voiceless

By Bethany BROWN

La Cañada High School senior Nadia Chung was recently named the 103rd Rose Queen by The Pasadena Tournament of Roses. She intends on using her voice and position to foster connection and amplify the voices of others who may feel as if they cannot be heard.

Chung said it initially took a couple days for her to understand that the dream she had as a child had come true.

“It’s a surreal experience,” Chung said. “I feel incredibly grateful to be able to serve in this capacity and just overjoyed altogether.”

She hopes to help encourage connection among all members of the Rose Court and, on a greater scale, the City of Pasadena as a whole. There are over 100 events scheduled between now until January and, throughout the public events, she wants to emphasize their theme of “Dream. Believe. Achieve.” and spread positivity within the community.

Chung said the city continues to inspire her daily.

“All the change that I see on a daily basis is really encouraging – to see how we can all come together even after COVID and restore our connection and comradery with another – it’s just wonderful to see the community uniting together,” Chung said. “I hope that we continue to have optimism as we go through challenges and recover as a community through everything that we’ve been through in the last few years.”

Ultimately Chung aspires to serve those who are underserved and promote civil rights and social justice with plans to become a civil rights attorney after college.

She emphasized that this path began with her participation in the LCHS speech and debate team. When she first joined as a freshman, she told her coach she only wanted to do speech and not debate because she was scared to debate on unfamiliar topics. Her teacher “practically forced” her into debating and Chung said she could not be more grateful for that.

“Debate has allowed me to open my mind to so many different topics I would have never known about otherwise, whether that’s international or global affairs or what’s going on in the United States on a smaller scale that I might be less aware of,” Chung said. “It has allowed me to understand other people’s perspectives.”

Chung started a club at school to help the homeless. “The Mini Mission” donates freshly bagged lunches to the Pasadena donation center for Union Station to help promote accessible and healthy food for those who are unable to be housed and may not have access to that type of food otherwise. Over the past couple of years, the club has provided over 400 lunches to those in need. She has also helped lead



Photo provided by Tournament of Roses
Nadia Chung is pictured introducing herself to the Tournament of Roses leadership. Each year, the Royal Court receives training in different areas – leadership, etiquette, media and speech training – which they use when introducing themselves.

a Black Lives Matter protest in La Cañada and has attended anti-gun violence events.

“I love being a part of the change in a more physical and concrete way,” Chung said. “Hopefully one day, in the position of being a civil rights

attorney, all my study of journalism and politics will allow me to have a thorough perspective with which I can understand people’s stories, help them to actually find justice and feel represented in a really sound way.”

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Veterans Day Celebrated



By Mary O'KEEFE

Veterans Day was recognized throughout the area with long-awaited live events in La Crescenta, Montrose and Burbank.

Two Strike Park saw veterans from American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 hold their traditional Veterans Day ceremony that included the presentation of colors by Crescenta Valley High School JROTC, a musical presentation of each branch of the military and a flag retirement ceremony led by the Boy Scouts and Troop 288. The keynote speaker was

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Montrose Search and Rescue Tryouts – A ‘Great Success’



MSR members (from left) Mike Leum and team leader Doug Cramoline, with trainee Dominic Carone, await applicants' completion of the hike at tryouts.

By Bethany BROWN

Montrose Search and Rescue held team tryouts on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Applicants were tested on their physical ability to complete a timed two-mile hike with a 1,500 feet elevation gain along the Crescenta View Trail.

Event organizer, MSR member and assistant director of LA County Sheriff's Dept. Mike Leum said that, with 31 people in attendance, he was overjoyed to see a much larger turnout than initially expected.

Each applicant received a number upon arrival and start times were staggered two minutes apart between individuals. MSR team members waited at the top of the mountain and would radio down to other members stationed at the base of the trail to record times as people finished the trial.

Nearly all who participated in the tryouts finished the hike in an hour or less, which was what the team was looking for in applicants. Those who didn't quite make it were encouraged by the team to continue training and try again in the future. Moving forward, MSR intends on making the tryouts a quarterly recruitment event. The next one will be held in early 2022.

"It was a great success," Leum said. "This marks the first step of a long and purposeful journey to team membership."

Leum emphasized that it was better than social media recruitment efforts in the past because it allowed the team the chance to interact with candidates in person, form connections and answer any questions the candidates asked about the process of joining and expected next steps.

Next steps will include a thorough evaluation of compatibility, skills and aptitude for this field of work in candidates eager to join the team. They must, among other requirements, obtain an EMT certification, apply to become a reserve deputy sheriff and successfully pass MSR's mountaineering and rescue training program.

"Everybody has expressed an interest in taking the many steps needed to become a member so from here it will just be a matter of gauging their level of commitment because it is quite a commitment to undergo – not just the process but the long-term membership itself," Leum said. "Saving lives is serious business and so is the preparation and training required to do it; it's not for everybody."

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CRIME BLOTTER

Nov. 12

4600 block of Leir Drive in La Cañada Flintridge; when a woman arrived home she heard the house alarm going. She entered her house and discovered the kitchen window had been smashed. She could hear a noise in the bedroom, which sounded like someone was opening and closing dresser drawers. She immediately ran to her car, locked herself inside and was preparing to call 9-1-1 when the alarm company called her.

After she ended the call a man wearing a black/grey hoodie ran out from her backyard, dropping a box he was holding as he ran. The man entered a black Volkswagen Atlas and drove away. Deputies

were not able to find the suspect. No items were reported missing at the time.

The resident identified the box of items the suspect dropped as her property. The residential burglary occurred at 11:57 a.m.

Nov. 8

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge; a man went into a convenience store and purchased items. When he arrived home he realized his vaccination card was missing from his wallet. He went back to the store and asked to view the surveillance footage. After a few days he was told that footage showed he had left his vaccination card on the counter when he was paying for his items.

The man walked out of the store and a woman came up to the counter and took his vaccination card.

The incident occurred at noon.

Nov. 2

2900 block of Franklin Street in La Crescenta, a resident reported she had received a letter from her bank stating her credit was used to request a loan. She did not apply for a loan nor did she give anyone permission to apply in her name. The bank representative said it appeared the suspect who applied for the loan had walked into a bank branch office and completed the application.

The incident occurred between midnight and 11:59 p.m.

GPD REPORTS

Traffic Stop Leads to Four Arrested with Three Catalytic Converters

On Nov. 6 at approximately 5:30 a.m., a sergeant assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau observed a vehicle travelling near the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Pioneer Drive fail to stop for a red traffic signal.

The sergeant initiated a traffic stop and contacted the driver, 22-year-old Dayana Portillo-Rodriguez of Covina, and the three passengers of the vehicle: 23-year-old Jesus

Lorenzo, 24-year-old Felix Henriquez, and 19-year-old Nayely Duran, all of Los Angeles.

Assisting officers arrived and a vehicle search produced a California driver's license, a U.S. passport and credit cards and access cards belonging to other individuals, three catalytic converters, floor jack and two reciprocating saws.

Portillo-Rodriguez, Lorenzo, Henriquez and Duran were all arrested and booked for grand theft and identity theft.

Deputies Catch La Cañada Flintridge Burglary Suspect

On Sunday at about 9:12 a.m., Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station received two calls for residential burglary alarms near the 500 block of Inverness Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. The deputies took note that the calls were close to each other, indicating the alarms may not be accidental.

When deputies arrived, they saw evidence burglaries had occurred at both residences.

They also found a vehicle pulled into a driveway with a person of interest nearby. Deputies detained the person of interest and discovered he had active warrants for burglary and assault with a deadly weapon. During a search of the suspect, property from one location was discovered. Upon further inspection of the vehicle, deputies discovered the car was reported stolen and

had property from one of the residences. Lastly, deputies viewed home surveillance footage that indicated the suspect had gone into the residence.

The suspect was arrested and booked at Crescenta Valley Station. Deputy Sandoval conducted the initial investigation and authored the first report. On Tuesday, the case was presented to the district attorney's office. The DA's office filed two counts of first-degree residential burglary and one count of driving without owners' consent.

The CV Sheriff's Station stated that the arrest would not have been possible without the homeowners' proactive steps to protect their property. The fact the homeowners had working alarm systems gave deputies the advantage of a quick response. Further, the video surveillance system helped identify the suspect. Crescenta Valley Station also recommends residents have adequate outdoor lighting and always lock their possessions.

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fluorescent flags that could be used to give pedestrians an added measure of safety,” Najarian continued. “On the Metro board, I’ve worked hard to direct millions of dollars to the City of Glendale. ... I do think we should look at what we’ve tried before, what has been successful and what has not. Our efforts

have included enforcement and engineering and education and they’ve worked for a time. But after so many months, drivers revert to their poor driving habits.”

He added that perhaps funds for education or boosting the police force should be sought.

“Not everyone’s in favor of boosting the police force. As we know, lately there are a lot of critics of increased police enforcement, but if that’s something that works then it’s something we should try,” he said, concluding his remarks on the subject.

Next the council approved a long-term renewal of a master purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. through December 2026, with a potential for another five years, to continue to support the city’s radio system. City chief information officer Jason Bradford explained that “over the last 20 years, we’ve built out a robust multi-agency radio system that is highly available and highly reliable that is used every day for 9-1-1 emergency dispatch by our police and fire departments, and also by our field crews to maintain critical infrastructure for GWP, public works, and recreation and parks.”

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superintendent/president of Glendale Community College and U.S. Army veteran David Viar, who announced his retirement from the college in June 2022.

In Montrose the Daughters of the Revolution presented a wreath at the Vietnam War Memorial located at Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. The DAR members wanted to recognize those who served in Vietnam, and remember those who gave their lives during Vietnam and whose names are on the memorial wall.

Burbank held its traditional Veterans Day ceremony at McCambridge Park that included a flyover and concert.

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Photos by Mary O'KEEFE



ABOVE: Retired officer and longtime Montrose resident Allen Brandstater salutes the remnants of the American flag during the flag retirement ceremony.

RIGHT: Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, pictured with Allen Brandstater, laid a wreath at the Vietnam War Memorial as part of their Veterans Day observance.



AIRSHOW from cover

unexpected participants.

“I had not heard of the U.S. Dept. of State – Diplomatic Security Service before but they were on-site doing a great job of discussing careers with our community!” said Paules.

A particularly moving event was a mid-morning naturalization ceremony that welcomed 40 new U.S. citizens, including five who were serving in the military.

“Hosting the U.S naturalization ceremony with the U.S. Citizens and Immigrant Services is an honor and privilege for our team,” he said. He added that it was a “special feeling” watching the ceremony, standing with members of the community as the Oath of Allegiance was recited by the new citizens, then having them spend their first day as U.S. citizens at the American Heroes Air

Show.

The keynote speaker at the naturalization ceremony was Raffi A. Bahadarian, a task force officer/detective with the FBI Los Angeles Field Office and a Lebanese immigrant. In his speech, he congratulated the new citizens as they prepared to recite the Oath of Allegiance, telling them that they may have come to the ceremony from different countries but will leave as American citizens.

Paules also lauded the volunteers who made the event possible.

“As an admission free event our volunteer teams are crucial to running a safe and professional event and the recruiting [of] volunteers was one difference we experienced compared to prior years,” he said. “The new volunteers did a great job in carrying forward our legacy

of aviation in community service. Event Director Steve Goldsworthy emphasized communication and safety to all of our volunteer teams and they worked together as a cohesive team.”

Paules said that he and his team welcomed the opportunity to share information regarding helicopters and how they serve the community.

“This event is not like the traditional air show with high-speed jets, colored smoke and pilots with the ‘right stuff,’” he said. “Our mission over the years has remained unchanged: to educate, communicate and demonstrate the value of rotary wing aviation and introduce the community to the pilots [who have] the ‘real stuff.’”

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Max Rafferty, Conservative Firebrand, Made His Name In La Cañada

History constantly repeats itself. Recently we've seen in the news a resurgence of the Republican Party linked to the teaching of America's children in public schools. The same was true in the 1960s. Mary Lou Langdyke of La Cañada's Lanterman House recently wrote an article about the brief meteoric career of Max Rafferty. He was a big name in conservative political history and had his beginnings in La Cañada.

Most of us of a "certain age" remember Max Rafferty along with Ronald Reagan as being the face of conservatism in California in the '60s and '70s. Max Rafferty was an educator, writer and politician who rode the wave of backlash against left-wing politics of that era.

Rafferty got his start in the

true backwaters of the California educational system after WWII. Starting as a teacher, he quickly rose through the administrative ranks in various schools in the Mojave Desert. In 1960, La Cañada formed its own school district and began a search for its first superintendent. Rafferty was the first choice based on his six years as superintendent of the school district in Needles, California. He was hired in the summer of 1961 and on June 29, 1961 he met with the new school board and a few community members to accept the position.

What was anticipated to be a standard, ho-hum acceptance speech turned out to be a defining moment for Max Rafferty and for conservative educational philosophy. His acceptance speech was titled

"The Passing of the Patriot." In it he criticized education, which he felt was corrupted by Communist influence, and he actually linked current educational standards to the potential downfall of our nation. According to Rafferty, we had lost our way as a nation and only a return to teaching past national glories in schools could revive us. (Somewhat on the order of "Make America Great Again.") He advocated for an educational philosophy that was rooted in American patriotism and a return to an educational curriculum based in the American classics, memorization and rote learning. He laid the blame for social ills directly at the feet of public education, citing "youngsters growing up to become booted, side-burned, duck-tailed, unwashed, leather-jacketed slobs, whose favorite sport is ravaging little girls and stomping polio victims to death ... These spineless, luxury-loving spiritless creeps came right out of our classrooms." Harsh words, but they resonated in conservative La Cañada.

His half-hour speech hit the small crowd like a lightning bolt, and the thunder from that lightning was

heard across the nation. The speech went, as we would say today, viral. It was distributed as a pamphlet and reprinted everywhere, including Reader's Digest. Rafferty's fame quickly ramped up in conservative circles. In the fall of that year, 1961, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction announced his retirement and by December a "Draft Max Rafferty" movement was in high gear.

Rafferty had barely warmed his office chair in La Cañada. Politically he was moving fast, based almost entirely on his "Passing of the Patriot" speech six months earlier. Rafferty stayed in his La Cañada post long enough for a bond measure to pass for a new high school. In April 1962, he resigned from his La Cañada job and in November was elected to the state superintendent post. He had been in La Cañada for less than a year. He had little influence on the La Cañada School District itself, but in his time there he had gone from a nobody to a household name.

Rafferty served two contentious terms as state superintendent under the equally conservative

governor Ronald Reagan. He ran unsuccessfully for a U.S. senate seat and, after defeat for a third term as state superintendent, he moved to Alabama, where he campaigned for George Wallace's Presidential run. He remained an important spokesman for the far right, but died in a car accident in 1982.

Max Rafferty was part of the genesis of a historic far right movement that took Ronald Reagan to the White House – what some historians today call the "Reagan Revolution."

It all started with a half hour speech in La Cañada.



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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disagrees with Definition

While I have often been a fan of Mike Lawler's articles on the history of the Crescenta Valley, I feel compelled to address a few mischaracterizations he makes in the recent CVW article regarding his new book (Treasures of the Valley, Nov. 4).

Specifically, Mike writes that the "La Cañada Gossip" section of his book "explains the 'Sagebrush district' fight we've heard so much about between the La Cañada and Glendale school districts."

Just to be clear, the school

district territory transfer that Mike is referring to is not, nor has been a "fight" between the two school districts. The current petition for the proposed transfer was not initiated by the La Cañada school district but by the parents and residents of the "Sagebrush" community itself.

One could say that the community residents have long-fought to be transferred to its local school district but it's always been their "fight," not the school district's.

Furthermore, the local County Committee approved

the Sagebrush petitions in 1979, 1992 and most recently in 2019.

Nalini Lasiewicz
La Cañada

Took Tree Matters into Their Own Hands

I am responding to the recent article from Nov. 11 about the tree trimming in the Briggs Terrace area ("Tree Management, Vegetation Removal Part of SCE Program"). I am the owner of one of the properties where an "apparently healthy tree" was removed. "Apparently" is the key word in that sentence.

For the concerned citizens who contacted CV Weekly, please rest assured that we did not rely on the word of Southern California Edison when they informed us that the tree should be removed for public safety. We contacted a respected local arborist and had a full evaluation of the tree's condition.

Although to the untrained eye the tree may have looked healthy, the arborist validated that the condition of the tree was deteriorating due to the ongoing drought and that it would not be able to recover and recommended the removal. We were sad to lose the tree but will be planting a replacement that is in a safer position and not as large as the existing pine that was removed.

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Halloween Fun at Our Lady of Lourdes



Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) kicked off its annual Halloween carnival with a costume parade where kids from TK through eighth grade showed off their creative, spooky, fun costumes.

The kids enjoyed carnival games, a huge inflatable slide, bounce

house, raffle prizes and a petting zoo. Though there were many more activities it was the infamous eighth grade-designed haunted house that attendees most looked forward to. Though 2020 made it difficult to have such an elaborate event, OLL did have a smaller version called "Haunted Halls." This year

OLL was able to return to the traditional event (following COVID safety regulations), which filled the junior high school parking lot and auditorium similar to years past.

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Willy Wonka KIDS Plays to Full House



Photos provided by ALF

ABOVE: In front are Jordan Wilcox and Cash Klein; rear (from left) Sam Phillips, Alexis Gross, Finn Miller, Quinn Scherbert, Jack Artz, Saanvi Nadipuram and Joseph Brewer. RIGHT: From left are Finn Miller, Jordan Wilcox, Quinn Scherbert, Cash Klein and Jack Artz.

Twenty-one young actors in grades five, six and seven lit up the Lanterman stage recently with the Assistance League of Flintridge's fall drama production of "Willy Wonka KIDS," an adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Over 200 masked family and friends had "golden tickets" to the exuberant performance, which included oompa loompas, "The Candy Man" song, and the eccentric factory owner himself.

The musical was directed by Katelyn Fike with assistance from Tristan Waldron. Piano accompaniment was provided by ALF member Nancy Abbott.

The Assistance League drama program will next present "The Lion King Experience KIDS" for grades three through six on March 4, 2022. Registration began on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons beginning Jan. 11. For more information, go to ALFlintridge.org or call the ALF Programs Office at (818) 790-2211.

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“What an impactful event to end the year,” said Joanne Pingry, Mission Advancement specialist at YMCA of the Foothills. “We’re so grateful to our community partners who contributed so much and graced us with their presence on such a beautiful morning. There were endless comments on the beauty of the outdoor location and the perfect sunrise that set the scene. We look forward to

what next year will bring.” Pingry coordinated the prayer breakfast alongside a committee of volunteers. The YMCA of the Foothills leadership team assisted with the finishing touches. From start to finish, it was a collaborative event for the Y. Through events like these, the community shows its support for the mission of the YMCA of the Foothills: to organize, develop, finance and conduct programs for an association of persons of all ages that will, by putting Christian principles into practice, enrich the quality of their lives spiritually, mentally, physically and socially. Individuals can support the mission by visiting ymcafoothills.org/donate-now. Submitted by YMCA of the Foothills



Photos provided by the YMCA of the Foothills. The keynote speaker of the prayer breakfast was ABC7 Eyewitness News Chief Meteorologist Dallas Raines, center, with Gregory Cook (left), board member and Prayer Breakfast Committee Chair, and YMCA CEO Vince Luculano, right.



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When it comes to successfully treating men with prostate cancer, making as accurate a diagnosis as possible is critical. The team of urologists at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH) offers men who need to be evaluated for prostate cancer a technology called MRI/ultrasound fusion-guided biopsy. Biopsies for prostate cancer involve taking small samples of tissue from the prostate gland to determine the presence of cancer. Traditionally, these biopsies were performed blindly and randomly, a technique that didn't always provide doctors with the most accurate picture of a patient's actual disease burden. The urologists at USC-VHH use a technique that fuses two types of imaging. Patients undergo an MRI, which can identify the parts of the prostate gland that appear abnormal and that are most important to biopsy. Later, that imaging is combined with live ultrasound, which guides urologists to the locations on the prostate that should be biopsied based on the findings of the MRI. These so-called targeted biopsies fuse two types of images and will become the new gold standard, predicts Amir Lebastchi, M.D., a urologist with USC Urology, part of Keck Medicine of USC, and an assistant professor of clinical urology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. “We have a state-of-the-art fusion system at USC-VHH,” said Lebastchi, who sees patients at USC-VHH. “The MRI-ultrasound fusion is the best available technology and is not widely available yet.” Better biopsies help the urologists at USC-VHH determine the two most important factors in developing a treatment plan for patients. Studies have shown the superiority of this type of prostate biopsy to accurately determine the aggressiveness of the cancer. It also does a better job at locating the cancer within the prostate, which helps surgeons create an effective treatment plan for the individual patient. The team at USC-VHH is also using a new approach to performing the actual biopsy called a transperineal biopsy, which reduces the chance of infection during biopsy and eliminates the need to take antibiotics. This technique, in which the needle passes through the perineal skin rather than the rectal wall, reduces the risk of infection to nearly zero and avoids the development of antibiotic resistance. “Our goal is to give our patients the best possible outcomes and offering the newest techniques and technology will help us achieve this goal,” Lebastchi said. To get more information or to make an appointment at USC-VHH, call (818) 790-7100 or visit USCVHH.org.

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Activities at the event included a Native American flute performance, food samples made from native plants and a craft table where visitors could make ornaments out of locally grown white sage.

For more information, visit the website www.lanternmanhouse.org.

The Lanternman House is located at 4420 Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY


TOP: Lanternman House volunteer and La Cñada resident Monica Suerth is ready to greet visitors for Family Free Day. Suerth wears flapper attire to fit the era in which the House was built – 1915.

ABOVE: Owen Reitano, 7, tastes chia seed pudding with his grandmother, La Cañada resident and Lanternman House volunteer Lyn Slotky. The Family Free Day at the Lanternman House included the sampling of food made from native plants.

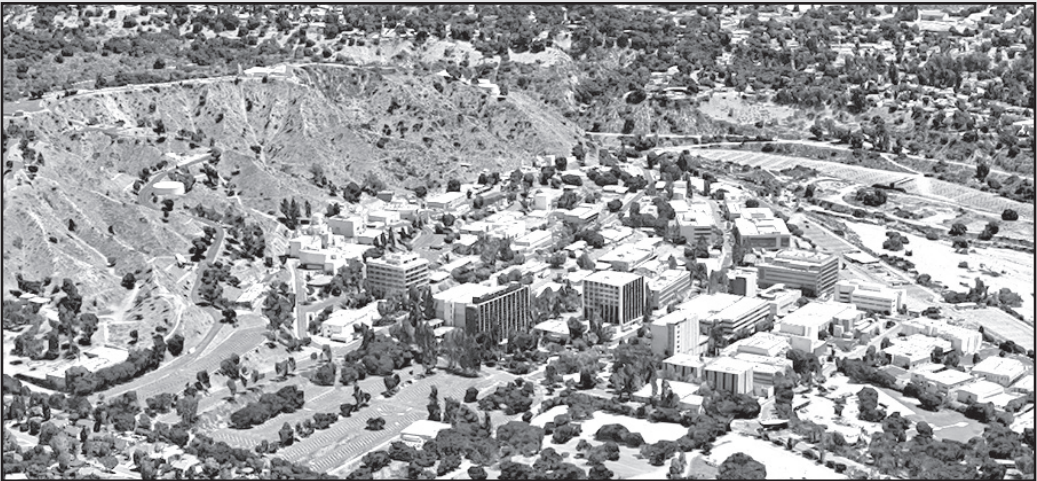
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The Burbank African Violet Society's next monthly meeting will be today, Thursday morning, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 No. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be presented by guest speaker Jeff Rosenbach and the title is "The Japanese Art of Flower Arranging." Questions and answers will follow.

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To RSVP contact Barbara Jordan at Barbara_Jordan@med.usc.edu or call (818) 952-2226.

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The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club will present a very special Nov. 21 Zoom meeting. "From Trauma to Home: Afghan Refugee Resettlement in the U.S." includes guest speakers from the International Rescue Committee (IRC), International Orphan Care/Afghan Refugee Relief and Home for Refugees (HFR).

Club members have started a refugee action team to work with resettlement agencies to support incoming refugees. Sunday's meeting speakers will address how refugee resettlement works and the progress made to date.

Login info for the Sunday, Nov. 21 meeting, which is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., can be found on the Club's website ccdemclub.org.

Club members will also vote on an officer slate for 2022: Susan Mastrodemos, president; Suzanne Goldberg, acting vice president; Robert "Bud" Slotky, controller;

Carolyn Young, secretary; and Heidi Aspaturian, board secretary.

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta Valley and Sunland-Tujunga. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge. For more information, the Club's website is ccdemclub.org.

TALK ABOUT LUNG CANCER

A talk entitled "Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer" will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Monday, Nov. 22 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The presentation is free of charge.

Dr. Argelia Jossie Sandoval, assistant professor at City of Hope, will speak about types of lung cancer, treatments, side effects and emotional concerns.

Location is the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 76 E. California Blvd., Suite 215, in Pasadena. (626) 796-1083 www.cscpasadena.org

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A full calendar is planned; learn more at www.flintridgebookstore.com.

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

MONDAY@JOJO'S COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD BANK

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The holiday performance was canceled last year because of COVID.

In the spirit of the holiday season, admission is free; however, it is requested that guests bring some canned goods or a grocery gift card to be distributed at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church and the Bailey Human Care Center in Tujunga.

This event will be held safely outdoors in the courtyard and there is ample parking in the Church parking lot.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Bolton Hall Museum welcomes the Randy Van Horne Singers again this year for its 2021 annual holiday party. The program, led by Sunland-Tujunga's own songstress and mistress of ceremonies Franny McCartney, entertains with a new and unique selection of holiday songs. Visitors are invited to participate in a Christmas carol sing-along and drawings for great prizes.

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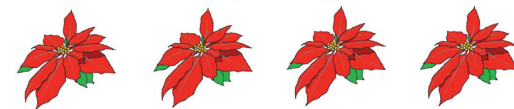
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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5/19/2021 2:34 PM
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the named veteran were asked to stand next to them as they stood in front of the audience to be honored.
Veterans in attendance served in wars as far back as the Korean War (1950-1953) and as recently as the war in Afghanistan (2001-2021), which officially marks the longest war in U.S. history surpassing the Vietnam

War (1955-1975) by five months.
“On behalf of all these men and women in the front I want to thank you Lincoln Lions for recognizing us today and remembering us today,” Lieutenant Lynn McGinnis said.
McGinnis provided the audience with a brief background on the origin of Veterans Day. The day of remembrance originated

as Armistice Day on Nov. 11, 1919, which was the first anniversary of the end of World War I.
“When you learn more about history later on in your education, you’ll learn that most people in America thought World War I was going to be the war to end all wars,” McGinnis said.
“We know that didn’t happen

– but it is still a day of celebration.”
McGinnis emphasized the many ways veterans continue to serve the nation long after being discharged from the military through their affiliation with various organizations of service like the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion, among others.

“Tomorrow [Nov. 11] while you’re at home enjoying a day off, take a minute to remember the reason you got the day off from school; join everybody else in this nation and celebrate the men and women who have made our nation the great country it is,” McGinnis urged the students.

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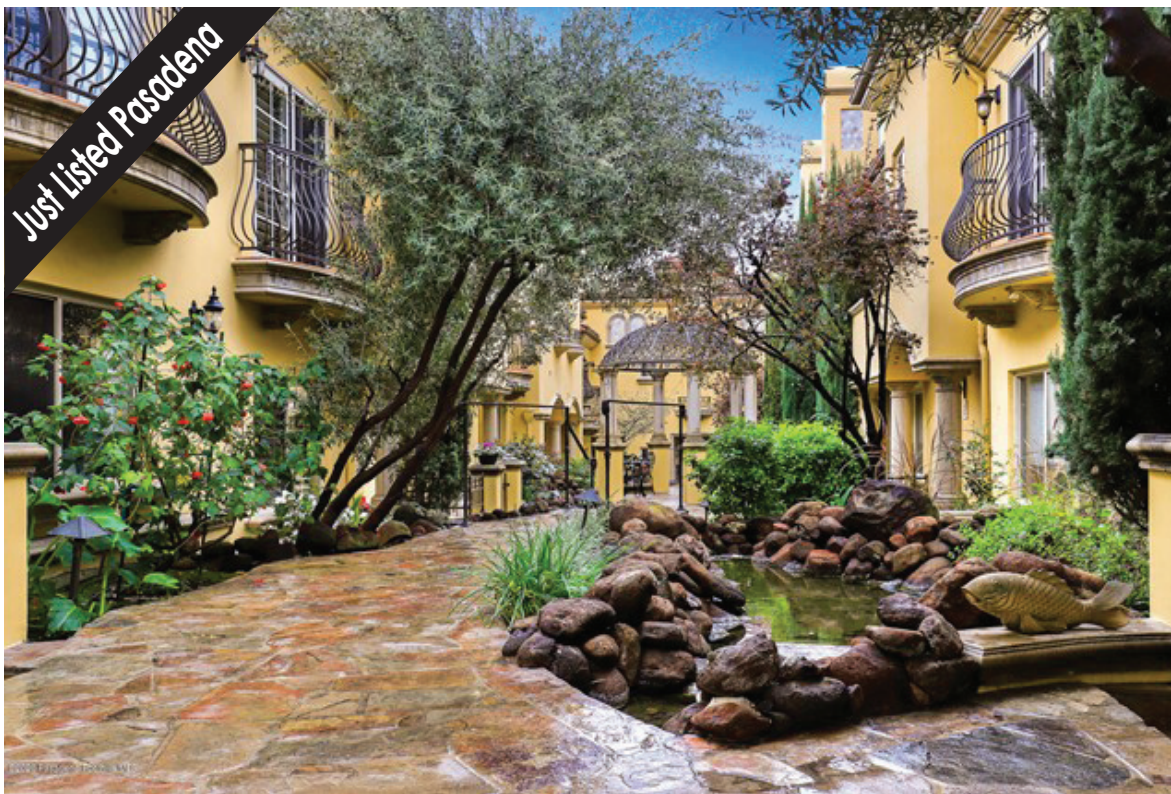
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