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**Crafts market returns to Grossmont**

By JEFF CLEMISON

Afiionados of arts and crafts markets and the vendors that sell their wares there have seen many of their beloved events canceled throughout the pandemic. Fortunately, as case rates go down, vaccination rates go up and tier colors begin skewing toward shades of yellow or green, many outdoor markets will soon begin coming back. One such event is the San Diego Made Summer Market, which will be held May 1 and 2 at Grossmont Center in La Mesa.

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**Suspect arrested in fatal hit and run**

On April 7, the La Mesa Police Department placed 61-year-old Scott Satterfield of Spring Valley under arrest on charges of felony hit-and-run relating to the death of 18-year-old Jok Joseph Jok. Satterfield was located and arrested without incident at a motel in Mission Valley.

Following an extensive investigation, it was determined that Jok was struck and killed by a vehicle on Feb. 27 on the eastern edge of the roadway on Bancroft Drive just south of Golondrina Drive in La Mesa. The driver of the vehicle that struck Jok fled the scene.

Detectives from the La Mesa Police Department’s Investigations and Traffic Divisions, working with San Diego County Crime Stoppers, the media, and our community, were able to identify Satterfield as the suspected operator of the vehicle that struck Jok. The white pickup truck depicted in the previously released photographs has been located and is in police custody for evidence processing.

Satterfield was booked into San Diego County Jail on one count of felony hit-and-run. This investigation is considered ongoing so further information regarding the evidence in this case cannot be released at this time.

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**Conversation on citywide communication plan**

As part of the Livable La Mesa Age Friendly project, the City of La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission will host a virtual forum on Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m.
conflicted on whether to run in the first place and leave her seat on the City Council.

"I though long, long, long, long, long and hard about running for this seat because there is a lot that still needs to be done on the Council," she said, citing the city’s search for a new police chief and the allocation of funds federal relief funds as two issues she wanted to have input on.

"Then on the professional side, I’m a physician, work at UCSD. I can no longer be employed by UCSD because it is a state school, state hospital and I’m in the Assembly now," she added.

Ultimately, she said her decision to run for her mother’s seat was for three reasons: she saw the value of having state representatives with local government experience; she could carry on her mother’s legacy of governing with compassion, empathy and bipartisanship; and her professional expertise as a physician was needed to address the “social determinants of health” in issues such as education, environmental justice, healthcare access and jobs.

"When I look at these issues, I look at them from a health standpoint and it’s important that we look at them from a health standpoint and that you are including the people who know what’s going on and that you are including them in the decisions that are being made," she said. "I didn’t see a lot of that before I got on the council but everyone now recognizes the importance of transparency, the importance of communication."

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Inversely, Weber sees the moments when the council did not consider the needs of residents when taking action or making policy as the times she was “most disappointed.”

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COVID pandemic highlights needs of Filipino community

By ELAINE ALMIR

As an officer of the Philippine Nurses Association of San Diego (PNASD) and leader in the PNASD’s COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force, Vivian Sanderlin has seen firsthand the hardships and setbacks faced by her fellow nurses in this Asian American community.

Sanderlin was online via Zoom, on board meetings, general membership or education seminars. We are saddened and sorry,” she said. “There are about 1,700 healthcare workers, nurses that are gone due to COVID-19. There’s about 65 to 70 Filipino front-line workers that are being remembered because they passed away. We are always helping PNASD members whose family members who have gone,” Sanderlin, a resident of La Mesa, is one of a growing number of Filipino leaders speaking out about the needs of their community in the wake of the COVID pandemic, many of which are preexisting problems that have complicated access to community resources and representation for years.

“PNASD has a public relations director of the Asian/Pacific Islander Initiative, feels the Filipino community is being left behind. “I hate that we have to prove we exist,” she said. Fields, along with the PNASD, notes that disaggregated data is one of the solutions to growing Filipinos deserve equal access to COVID-19 relief and assistance.

Merrie Ramira, San Diego Urban League Advisory Board member and PNASD COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force member, recently spoke to the County of San Diego’s COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Board to discuss disaggregated data. She asked the board, “How will you be able to determine the resources you need for the Asian population if you don’t know which group needs more vaccinations? To combat disaggregated data, Fields is also advocating for increased community resources and representation. “We need an organization, not an individual. And if it’s me, this is a job,” she said.

Despite the 200,000 Filipinos living in San Diego, there is not a Filipino cultural center (other than the Balboa Park House of Philippines) or a Filipino resource center in the county.

A first step in the direction of creating a resource center happened Dec. 19 when Fields and the PNASD hosted a seminar. The Vaccination Task Force was formed by PNASD Board members Vivian Sanderlin, Merrie Ramira, Cecce Echon, Perly Anguinaldo and president Crisabel Ramos.

Sanderlin explained what the Filipino COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force has accomplished so far. “Our task force presented to the PNASD members and students an educational series about COVID-19,” she said. “The webinars we started in January 2021. Then, we started a vaccination program. So far, we have vaccinated 3,000 people across San Diego county.”

Ramos also noted, “The ultimate goal is to support San Diego county and the different organizations we are working with. We are the vaccinators. They need us to provide those vaccines. We are here to support.”

Recently, the PNASD was asked to join the county’s advisory committee for COVID-19. Aguinaldo said that this Filipino representation is bringing about change.

“For Merrie to be chosen to represent PNASD in the advisory group, it really is a big introduction to PNASD to the county,” she said. “It widened our network and resources. The value of our organization to the planning of this COVID-19 response showed that we matter, what we say matters.”

San Diego is not the only Filipino community that has faced problems in the past year. Despite welcomed changes in pursuit of equity and representation, hardships in the Filipino community remain according to a report from UCD Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies. Poverty and a lack of healthcare support were common among Filipino Americans during this past year. According to the report, “70% of Filipinos in California reported experiencing at least one of the following problems including having difficulty paying their rents or mortgages, having to cut back on food expenses to save money, or not having enough money.”

As a result, the Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies projected “Given the high numbers of Filipinos in the state of California and the greater Sacramento region, we can anticipate that Filipinos who contract COVID-19 will not be able to get proper medical attention due to their lack of health care coverage” — a direct tie to this impoverished community.

These financial hardships can also be seen in San Diego, particularly in elderly Filipinos. At the Bay Terraces Community Park off of Toma Street (a predominantly Filipino neighborhood), 85 to 100 elderly citizens show up for free groceries every Friday, according to Fields. This is just one neighborhood in San Diego that reflects a narrative common among thousands of people.

To solve problems like the one in Bay Terraces, Fields recognizes that the PNASD as a professional organization can help, but support would be even more effective with presence of a general resource center for Filipinos. For example, the center would help non-English speakers and those without technology experience who need help setting up vaccination appointments. Fields found that the Filipino community had difficulty in navigating the vaccination information website.

“Is it user-friendly? Can you really find what you’re looking for? I am supposed to be well-versed in COVID-19 resource websites and I can’t find information right away,” she explained.

Fields said the solution to these problems requires more than short-winded grants or programs. The Filipino Vaccination Task Force is one of these programs and the PNASD noted they the best way to support their work is through donations. However, Fields believes long-term solutions and support are what is needed.

“There are already organizations like the Chicano Federation, The Urban League — all of whom I work with in the community, but they are paid to do what we do,” she said. “We should have staff. We should be able to hire a Tagalog speaker. But who is going to build that? I am not waiting for Superman.”

Fields has been speaking out to city and county government boards calling for support because she said she, her friends and her family can’t do it alone.

As of Mar. 30, California’s official coronavirus website reported that only 11.8% of Asian Americans in San Diego County have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Filipinos
The California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) announced at its annual conference held virtually this month that Ed and Sandy Burr were recipients of the organization’s 2020 Champion of the Community Service Award of Excellence. The award honors individuals or organizations who have contributed significant effort to influence and improve the quality of their community through parks and recreation. This statewide award recognizes the contributions of those who volunteer and/or provide support and services that further the mission and quality delivery of park and recreation services, programs and facilities.

As a prominent business family in La Mesa, the Burrs have made many personal and financial commitments to La Mesa and surrounding communities. After entering the waste collection industry in 1954 as the owner/ operator of a single truck, they developed EDCO and its sister company Burrite: Waste Industries into one of the largest family-owned and operated waste collection and recycling firms in the United States. EDCO’s commitment to the environment is displayed by investment in Southern California’s newest co-mingled recycling facility and a new state-of-the-art anaerobic digestion plant for post-consumer food and green waste. In addition to operating a near zero-waste Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) powered collection fleet, The Burr’s and EDCO’s commitment to the communities in which they serve is evident through generous donations to community programs and capital projects to improve quality of life of citizens.

The Burrs have been long known for their community involvement and support of various organizations across the San Diego region. Under Ed’s leadership as a founding board member, the La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation (LMPRF) was established in 1999 to facilitate quality projects and programs that provide activities to strengthen community and family bonds and foster pride in La Mesa parks. The Foundation granted more than $1 million towards their first capital project, the development of the 23-acre joint use sports complex located on the grounds of Parkway Middle School, now known as the Junior Seau Sports Complex. Over the past 20 years Foundation projects have included the “It’s Child Play” campaign that raised funds to replace aging playgrounds in five City of La Mesa parks. Because of the Burr’s generous support to the Foundation the new playground at Vista La Mesa Park included an EDCO recycling truck as the tot lot in their honor. As part of the Boys and Girls Club of East County Foundation’s capital campaign, the Burr’s generously donated to the construction of both a Teen Center at Highwood Park (2004) and a new Clubhouse on school property at La Mesa Arts Academy (2013), joint projects with the Boys and Girls Club of East County, the City of La Mesa, the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, and the LMPRF.

Mr. Burr serves on the board of directors for the Challenge Center, a not-for-profit facility that provides rehabilitation and physical therapy. The Burrs were also co-chairs of a recent Sharp Grossmont Hospital capital campaign and donated $5 million toward its new heart care facility, now named the Burr Heart & Vascular Center, in recognition of their generous gift — the largest in the hospital’s history. “EDCO and the Burrs are financial sponsors of every special event held by the City and the Foundation, in addition to generously giving to many other organizations in the San Diego region and other communities where their business operates” said La Mesa’s Director of Community Services Sue Richardson. “It is with great pleasure that the City of La Mesa recognizes Ed and Sandy Burr as champions of the community.”

The Burrs are honored in Downtown La Mesa’s Walk of Fame and Ed is a lifetime honorary member of the La Mesa Rotary. To learn more about the La Mesa Park and Recreation Foundation visit lamesaparks.org. CPRS is a membership organization with just over 4,000 members representing the 355 local parks and recreation agencies throughout the state. The mission of CPRS is to advance the profession and its members through education, networking, resources, and advocacy.

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Guest Editorial

Why La Mesa set a goal for vaccination equity

By JACK SHU

Republican office holders across the country are waging a coordinated attack on Americans’ right to participate in elections. In more than half of the state legislatures, in excess of 100 bills have been proposed to impose restrictions and limits on this most essential American right. These legislators are feeding off the lie that Donald Trump started telling before the elections, and that he has continued to tell since. In a February 2021 survey conducted by Quinnipiac, 76% of Republicans polled nationwide said they believe there was “widespread fraud in the 2020 election.”

Of course, there is now nor has there ever been any evidence to support Trump’s and the Republicans’ lies about the election. November 2020 was the most litigated presidential election in our history. In more than 60 court cases, 2 across the country — county, state, federal, even the U.S. Supreme Court — found no credible evidence of vote tampering or irregularities to support these claims, none.

Yet Republicans across the country have unified behind this coordinated lie, and in states where the GOP controls the legislature, they are enacting laws that impose unnecessary and suppressive requirements on voters, so that should all patriotic Americans raise their voices to condemn Republican efforts to oppress democracy. Instead of working to keep people from having their voices counted if they were cast in the wrong precinct, the lawyer did not bother to euphemize in his response: “But they’ve got to change the major parts, so that we at least have a shot at winning.”

A conservative lawyer, representing the Republican National Committee in an Arizona voting rights case before the U.S. Supreme Court, was asked by Justice Barrett why the RNC had an interest in preventing people from having their votes counted if they were cast in the wrong precinct. The lawyer did not bother to euphemize in his response: “But they’ve got to change the major parts, so that we at least have a shot at winning.”

But some Republicans recognize how unAmerican these voter suppression efforts are. Benjamin Ginsberg, perhaps the GOP’s most prominent lawyer on voting rights, has criticized this rush to make voting more difficult. By attacking the integrity of the voting process, Ginsberg acknowledges that Republicans are telegraphing their own unpopularity with voters. He elaborates, “Look at what it really means. A party that’s increasing already popular and white, whose base is a diminishing share of the population, is conjuring up charges of fraud and set up systems that deny a free vote for people it fears won’t support its candidates.” Just as Delta Airlines, Coca-Cola, Apple, the owner of the Atlanta Falcons and others have voiced criticism and opposition to Georgia’s new law that imposes unnecessary and suppressive requirements on voters, so should all patriotic Americans raise their voices to condemn Republican efforts to oppress democracy.

The La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club’s May 5 zoom meeting will feature La Mesa City Council District One candidate Scotty Emken, who will cover a raft of topics related to their city and the region, to include homeland security and police reform. All meetings commence at 7 p.m. and may be accessed through lnifems.com/zoom.

—Sean Qunintal writes on behalf of the La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club.

Pork wrapped in stimulus

By LAURA CRIVELLE

No matter what side of the aisle you are on, this latest bill is appalling. Only 9% of coronavirus Hancock County School District teachers said they were getting vaccinated. More than 15% of teachers said they were going to wait to receive the vaccine. Only 15% of teachers in the county were vaccinated at the time the survey was conducted. The survey was conducted in January 2021.

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News from your from your County Supervisor

By JOEL ANDERSON

Hello friends. As you may know, I was recently sworn in on Jan. 4 to represent you on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors after the retirement of former Supervisor Dianne Jacob who served our community well. I wanted to take a moment and let you know of the ways that my office can be of assistance to you.

Many of you may know me from my service as an Assemblyman and State Senator in the California Legislature. I have been a long-time grassroots advocate for issues that I, and many East County San Diegans, care about. In every position I’ve held, I promised my constituents that I was not in office to become a potted plant and, regardless of the political environment I am in, my goal is to make government work for East County residents. With dozens of bills passed, landmark legislation authored, and thousands of constituent issues resolved, I am proud of the service my team provided and I will continue this same approach serving you now as Supervisor.

In the first three months since being sworn-in, I have built out a wonderful staff and they are ready to serve you. Many are not aware how our office may be of assistance, so I’d like to share an example.

Just days after coming into office, it was brought to my attention that residents of Alpine were being assessed and billed for fire services provided by both the County of San Diego Fire Authority and the Alpine Fire District. I immediately contacted the County Assessor’s office to investigate and act on the issue. I also sent letters to all the affected constituents, informing them of this situation. As a result, the problem was resolved, and Alpine residents are no longer being taxed twice for the same services.

Since January, my office has been able to assist constituents with several issues and no task is too small, we want to do what we can to help as quickly as possible. Not only do I represent your concerns at the Supervisors’ board meetings, but my job and priority is to serve as a resource to you. If you have any County issues with which you need assistance, please contact my office as we are here to help. You can contact me using the form on my website at supervisorjoelanderson.com, which I will also keep updated with important information and helpful community resources.

Again, it’s an honor to serve and I look forward to hearing from you.

—Joel Anderson represents District 2 on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.
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**The Toilet Paper Caper**

Porter Hill residents and volunteers at East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC) wanted to do something to build community in their La Mesa neighborhood and also bless the ECTLC, so they organized a neighborhood drive to collect toilet paper dubbed the “Toilet Paper Caper” held on March 27.

Prior to the “caper,” the group delivered flyers and an ECTLC brochure to their neighbors. Then at 10 a.m. that Saturday, the team members drove a red pickup truck — with red, white, and blue balloons and a PA system playing marches from John Philip Sousa — up and down the neighboring streets.

The team members who were assigned to collecting the TP rolls had planned on knocking on all the doors to see if their neighbors wanted to participate, but a majority of the residents already had the toilet paper on their front sidewalk or were standing in front of their homes to give it to them personally. A thankful and happy spirit was visible everywhere by the team and the neighbors who were donating their toilet paper to the center — a three week supply!

It was a wonderful and fun day for the generous Porter Hill community and the ministry of the ECTLC.

—Submitted by Joanne Faulk

The need for toilet paper at ECTLC is so great that ECTLC CEO Harold Brown calls toilet paper “gold” because the center uses 2,000 rolls per month to serve their 400 clients. After filling the red pickup and an additional car with the “gold,” the capers delivered 1,493 rolls of toilet paper to the center — a major coup for the generous Porter Hill community.

Another change in La Mesa that Weber points to as progress she helped facilitate is the city’s approach to homelessness.

“I used to feel that La Mesa would think that homelessness was a problem in every other city but La Mesa and so they didn’t have anything specific about La Mesa. We talk about East County Homeless Task Force or San Diego County Task Force, but nothing specific for La Mesa,” she said. “So for us to have gone from that kind of perceiving to not only creating a task force specifically for La Mesa but then to create a homeless action plan and on top of that our new program with PATH is amazing. It’s kind of a 180 in the approach that we have now with dealing with the most vulnerable in our population.

“I think we are now an example for other cities that may have not been doing as much as they should, to say that it doesn’t take years to change, it only takes will and people to do it and you can do it pretty quickly,” she added.

The ability to do things quickly is particularly important to Weber right now in her transition to the Assembly, which is why she sees her unique situation of stepping into her mother’s seat as an advantage.

“Less than two weeks ago was the election and Monday I’m being inaugurated and I got to get a staff together, this and that,” she said. “So to know who I already want because I know people, I’ve worked with them before that is definitely a benefit.”

But there are also disadvantages for Weber, the daughter of the now-Secretary of State.

“Some of the downsides is there are a lot of expectations,” she said. “Everyone talks about how when my mother speaks on the floor everyone would stop, not only on the floor but people in the offices. On the campaign trail, there was a lot of questions like ‘Is she going to be a strong with social justice reform?’ — those kind of things. So there’s always that natural comparison there.”

At her final meeting as a member of the La Mesa City Council, Mayor Arapostathis and her fellow council members joked with Weber that she was going to forget them.

“There’s no way I can forget about La Mesa, I still live in La Mesa, my kids still go to school in La Mesa. I’m still a La Mesan. And I would not be where I am today if it were not for the residents of La Mesa, I would not have won the Assembly, so I am forever grateful, forever indebted to my home,” she said. “And I will still work with city to make sure that La Mesa is getting everything from the state level that it needs to thrive.”

—Reach editor Jeff Clemetson at jeff@sdnews.com.
Bars, distilleries, breweries reopen in the orange tier

By LAINE ALFARO

The pandemic has created set-backs for local breweries, distilleries, and bars — even for those who stayed open by moving outdoor or offering to-go service. Due to safety regulations and being in more stringent tiers, most alcohol-service businesses have been closed the whole year.

“We were open just a month/month and a half the whole time,” said Victor Tellez, part-owner of Alibi Bar, located at 5286 Baltimore Drive in La Mesa. “The uncertainty of ‘you can open again’ and then ‘close down again’ — we just figured ‘when is it going to end?’”

However, on April 7 San Diego transitioned into the orange tier due to the 14-day rolling average percentage of positive cases at 2.2%.

With reopenings in the orange tier, local brewery Little Miss Brewing, which operates a tasting room at 5208 Jackson Drive in La Mesa, is set to open a new location in San Diego. This opening was postponed eight months ago in July when the State of California ordered for the second time the closure of indoor activities for bars and restaurants.

“I actually thought the formal lockdown thing was not going to happen again,” said Greg Malkin, operations manager of Little Miss Brewing. “I thought that after we got out of the first one it didn’t make a whole lot of logical sense to do it again. Now, we’re actually able to open, but it was a lot about timing.”

The timing of reopening in the orange tier marked an opportunity for breweries, distilleries, and bars to regain a sense of normalcy. Bars serving food can now seat customers indoors at 25% capacity while establishments not serving food remain outdoors. However, the transition into the orange tier was not soon enough for some businesses according to Tellez.

“We are one of the lucky ones. There are many people, many businesses that did not survive and closed their doors forever. We were put in that position. If we...
were to close again, it would be for good,” he said.

Malkin also explained how the transition into orange tier wasn’t the easiest. “It was a little bit weird. It was sort of like going from zero to sixty in the last month,” he said. “The amount of requests for various different things has gone up drastically. Everyone who has been having ideas in the pandemic about events and all kinds of stuff has been contacting us.”

Despite welcomed business and an influx of customers, only recently have businesses rebounded and become profitable.

“Our revenues are down by 60 to 70 percent. We weren’t able to have outside service, so we had to close down a great portion of it. You’re only allowed a amount of people, so it’s going to take a long time to recover,” Tellez said.

For Little Miss Brewing, January was the first month they became profitable again. “The business is rough, but it is doable,” Malkin said. “The first two months were not sustainable when it was too go-only. But ever since we were allowed some variation inside, we were able to at least break even. And since then, it’s been getting better.”

Though facing financial difficulties, unlike Alibi, La Mesa’s Little Miss Brewing remained open the entire year. “The brewer was considered essential. Brewers kept brewing. I know a lot of brewers who because they didn’t know what was going to happen, laid off a bunch of their brewers the first month, and then they had to bring everyone back,” Malkin said.

The biggest problem businesses like Little Miss Brewing and Alibi faced was the feeling of uncertainty. “There’s no clarity. Nobody knows what’s going on. One day it’s one set of rules, the next day it’s another set of rules. You’ve got different agencies trying to enforce laws that there’s no precedence on. Nobody knows what they’re doing,” Tellel said.

Malkin also said that the confusion revolved around the lack of consensus among enforcers of the restrictions. “The real frustrating thing was that depending on who you asked, you got different answers. So, the health department would tell you one thing and then ABC might tell you something different. The police department might tell you something completely different,” Malkin shared some of the questions Little Miss Brewing grappled with: “Are we allowed to be open or are we not allowed to be open? Are we allowed to be inside or is it partial inside? What are the rules on the food? Do they [customers] have to have the food in front of them?”

Despite the questions and lack of communication, Malkin and Tellez actually found a sense of camaraderie in the brewing industry and bar scene through sharing common lones. “I really feel heartfelt for those who lost their businesses due to COVID-19. I appreciate local support from the ones who did make it so we can get out from this mess. We’re trying to get through all of this together,” Tellez said.

“I am friends with maybe 15 business owners and three of them are out of business,” Malkin said. “Most of them have had to cut back drastically. It’s ironic that we have breweries. If we need a bag of hops, if we need contacts, we’re regularly helped out by the Beer Alliance. The owner has been super nice to us. Breweries work together, instead of getting at each other’s throats.”

Now in the orange tier and with greater vaccine availability, Malkin and Tellez are hopeful this shift will encourage the La Mesans to get out into the bar scene and support local businesses again.

“It’s good for local businesses to get local support,” Tellez said. “We’ve been spending money on getting rid of glassware. Everything is disposable. [We’ve been] keeping the place stocked with hand sanitizers, gloves, etc. Making sure everybody is following the rules, taking temperatures. I am just hoping we can get back to as normal as possible, if ever.”

Likewise, Malkin is added, “Seek out the local restaurants and bars and breweries and shop there. If there’s ever a time to support those businesses, it’s been this past year and now. Plus, that money stays here. If you spend money in San Diego, the likelihood of that money staying in San Diego is much greater, which goes back to employees.”

—Elaine Alfaro is an editorial intern for San Diego Community Newspaper Group.

Helix Water launches customer assistance, mulch rebate programs

On April 5, Helix Water District (HWD) launched the Helix Helps Customer Assistance Program—a one-time credit of up to $300 to help Helix Water District’s residential customers who live in a single-family home, are behind on their water bill and can demonstrate loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The district is partnering with Home Start, a local nonprofit organization, to administer the program. Helix customers can apply for assistance online at home-start.org or at Home Start’s El Cajon office at 333 East Main Street in El Cajon.

When they apply, customers need to provide documentation that their household experienced a loss of income directly related to COVID-19. The full list of criteria and accepted documentation is available at home-start.org. Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis. Home Start will contact applicants based on when they received their application.

Because the district is legally prohibited from using water rates to assist customers, the board dedicated $500,000 from surplus land sales to fund the program. The Helix Helps Customer Assistance Program is expected to assist at least 1,400 households in need.

In March 2020, the Helix board voted to suspend late fees and shut-offs for nonpayment. In April 2020, they froze water rates.

HWD is also launching a new rebate program to help customers save water and improve their landscapes. Customers of Helix Water District are now eligible for rebates of up to $100 for qualifying plant-based mulch purchased and installed on or after April 12, 2021.

Landscapes thrive with the use of mulch. When applied over bare soil, it reduces outdoor water use by slowing soil evaporation and retaining moisture. Using mulch also helps add nutrients to the soil, prevents the growth of weeds and improves the landscape’s appearance.

“Our mulch rebate is a great way to reduce water use, maintain healthy plants and keep your landscaping looking great,” said Helix General Manager Carlos V. Lugo.

“The program is funded through our wholesaler, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and we are really looking forward to providing this resource to our customers.”

To receive the rebate, customers must purchase a minimum of 1 cubic yard (27 cubic feet) of plant-based mulch. A cubic yard covers about 110 square feet and fits in the bed of a small pickup truck. Eligible vendors and service providers include landscape suppliers, tree-trimming services, recycling facilities or retail stores. Straw mulch is not eligible for the rebate program.

For more information and to apply for the rebate, customers can visit the district’s website at hwd.com/mulch-rebate.
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1970s Foothillers tackle issues in student newspaper

FOOTHILLER FOOTSTEPS
By CONNIE LYNN BAER

The 1970s student newspaper Foothill Echoes captures the distinctive voices of students discovering themselves and their values, and at the same time, enjoying the high school experience.

The May 14, 1971 article, “Want to Get High This Summer?” by Christine Albert begins:

“Have a thing about dew points, wing tip vertices, even dry adiabatic lapse rates? Or maybe you’d be satisfied in just knowing what they mean. …In any case, if you’re interested in aviation, there will be an excellent opportunity to delve into basic aeronautics via a course offered at Grossmont High School this summer.

“According to the instructor, Mr. Lloyd La Plant, the course will be the equivalent of a ground school program for private pilots. The 4-hour 7-week course will provide 10 units of science credits, and students who conscientiously complete the curriculum usually are able to pass the FAA 4-hour written examination required of all licensed pilots.

“Mr. La Plant taught the course four years ago, and he is well qualified to give students an insight into the world of aviation. He is a former Navy pilot and started flying in 1937. With over 6,000 hours, he holds a commercial airplane and glider license and is a FAA Certified Flight Instructor for airplanes and gliders. Weekends find him soaring in his sailplane at Lake Elsinore or Torrey Pines.

“The course is open to both boys and girls and 24 are now enrolled. The academic portion of the course includes theory of flight, navigation, communications, use of flight computer, meteorology, air traffic control procedures, and Federal Aviation Regulations.”

(THS Museum has on display the flight simulator used in the class as well as the lesson plans used by Mr. La Plant.)

In the Feb. 16, 1971, Colin Walsh in his letter to the editor titled “Hypocrisy Charged” objects to the Jan. 19, 1971, editorial “Students Alarmed,” stating:

“The article was opinionated and based on unfounded assumptions. ‘Many of those who read this will say it was the writer’s constitutional right to express his views; however, he neglected his responsibility to his readers by not justifying his opinions with logical thoughts. The stereotyping used by the writer is unfair, for example: to the person who cuts his hair but is not politically conservative.

“The article was also hypocritical in that the writer later criticizes a certain stereotyped group for racism, yet racism really starts with just such a stereotype. I see in the editorial an attempt to put down success; possibly the writer is rationalizing about his own failures or maybe he is trying to open the way to the abandonment of discipline.

“In the author’s attempt to establish his liberalism, he has gone to the point of not accepting views other than his own. A true liberal is one who is broadminded and open to new ideas.

“Finally, let me say that I am not arguing for or against any political viewpoint, but instead pointing out that tolerance of opposing views is necessary in any society.”

Two years later, the lack of equality between boys and girls sports is argued in the letter to the editor “Girls Fight Back” by Nancy Biddle in the Feb. 14, 1973, issue of Echoes:


“In his editorial Jeff said girls’ athletics is lucky to be given the $2,000 the ASB gives them because their program brings the school so little money. I agree that we aren’t running a household as he pointed out, but more important, we aren’t running a training camp. The idea behind high school sports shouldn’t be how much money they will bring in, but what will the participants learn from their sports experiences…

“For the second consecutive year, the girls’ swim team won CIF, and for the second consecutive year, the girls were overlooked when it came to those patches the guys receive when they participate in a team winning a CIF title. To the boys’ athletic department these patches the guys automatically receive when they participate in a team winning a CIF title. To the girls, they’re a luxury. So, the girls just worked harder selling licorice to get the money to give our girls’ swim team imitation CIF patches (they couldn’t afford the real thing).”

Four years later in “Replant G Tradition,” an editorial in the June 8, 1979 Foothill Echoes, from the editorial staff newspaper begins:

“At one time Grossmont’s symbol of power was seen by all who passed by on Interstate 8. Our famed ‘G’ stood out as an example of all that Grossmont stood for.

“A feeling of pride, strength, and power infused the individual after one view of the giant letter, but the symbol has seemingly lost its meaning. But, now, students may even question the ‘G’s’ existence, asking whether it’s not just the imagined ramblings of alumni who remember the pride of their past. But the ‘G’ did exist.

“What once was a beautiful floral arrangement that blossomed from amid the copse of surrounding pine trees has now become a few scruffy, rundown and overgrown bushes which blend smoothly into the canyon landscaping.

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The Accessible Web Remote feature is a free web-based remote control navigable with various assistive technologies owned by the customer, including eye-gaze hardware and software, switch controls, and sip-and-puff systems, which users control by gently blowing into a tube.

Eye-tracking technology gives people living with conditions like paraplegia, Parkinson’s disease and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) the same access to their TVs as customers with the latest edition of Contour.

Cox partnered with organizations like Team Gleason to ensure accessible design and development of its products, increase awareness and education, and improve processes and procedures focusing on disability inclusion.

“We appreciate that companies like Cox continue to empower their users by adopting products like the Accessible Web Remote, which allows every customer to do something most people take for granted, like controlling their TV,” said Steve Gleason, founder of Team Gleason and a former New Orleans Saints football player who has been living with ALS since 2011.

Approximately 16% of people in the U.S. have difficulties with their physical functioning that make things like using a traditional TV remote either a challenge or impossible, depending on the condition.

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San Diego Made co-founder Kristin Dinnis said the May event will be similar to the one it held at Grossmont Center in November — outdoors with socially-distanced booths, readily-available sanitation stations and other COVID safety precautions. She credits the large parking area Grossmont offers for the ability to put on the market.

“Our events are normally indoors, but because we wanted to make sure that they’re safe and that people are OK to be able to come to the event and feel safe, we wanted to do them outside,” she said.

With a 1960s/1970s theme, the market will feature theme backdrops for photo opportunities, including a 1960s trailer; roller skaters going around taking pictures and promoting the event; live music featuring local artists; and live art demonstrations from several of the vendors.

“The theme is 1960s, 1970s so we’re trying to create the whole vibe,” Dinis said.

What won’t be present are food trucks or a bar, which are normally part of San Diego Made events. There will, Dinis said, be pre-packaged food for sale.

The main feature, of course, will be the art and crafts vendors — 96 of them.

“We had an overwhelming amount of vendors applying. We had to open it up and redo our layout to try and fit in 15 vendors,” Dinis said, adding that the pandemic has been hard on many of the usual vendors at San Diego Made events.

“We’ve seen some small businesses that we’ve worked with in the past close down, not a huge amount but still several that it is hard to see that they weren’t able to make it because they rely so heavily on doing public markets and events like this. It’s basically how they make their money throughout the year,” she said.

 “[The Grossmont market is] a good opportunity for the public to come and experience these events and as well for the small businesses to be able to make the income they normally would at these kinds of events throughout the year.”

San Diego Made Summer Market will be held May 1 and 2, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. at Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa. The event is free, as is the raffle and door gifts while supplies last. For more information, visit sandiegomade.org.

—Reach editor Jeff Clemetson at jeff@sdnews.com.

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to solicit feedback on the city’s information distribution methods. The event will foster dialogue on the current methods of communication being used by the City of La Mesa and solicit input for improvement. Questions, comments and suggestions are encouraged from residents as the city looks to improve distribution of critical information to further involve and inform the community.

The event is being held on Zoom at zoom.us/j/93872688513 or participate by phone by calling 619-901-6833 webinar ID: 938 7268 8513. For more information, to submit written questions, comments, or for help accessing Zoom contact Meg Howell at mhowell@cityoflamesa.us or 619-667-1491 by noon on April 28.

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**LA MESA RESIDENT RECOGNIZED AS ‘TOP LAWYER’ AND ‘SUPER LAWYER’**

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Streaming platforms set to air these book titles as movies, series

I frequently use this space to write about books that will soon turn into movies, and the reason is simple: I love books, I love movies and I love to judge things. So here we go again. Going back to my last article on the topic months ago — despite postponements and re-scheduling due to COVID-19 — we’re still waiting on the film versions of “Dune,” “The Nightingale,” and “Death on the Nile.” With the increasingly blurred lines between TV series and movies, we could actually call this column, “Books Being Turned into Things That You Can Watch on Screens” — most of which you can expect by the end of April.

Tom Clancy fans have already had their fair share of movies and TV shows based on the author’s political and military thrillers. The latest is “Without Remorse,” featuring John Kelly — a character who has appeared in Clancy’s Jack Ryan novels several times before. The book is set in the 1970s and tells the story of a Navy SEAL who is recruited to join her kingdom’s “Six of Crows” and “King of Scars”) which encompasses seven different books from those three related series. Set in a fantasy universe (dubbed the “Grishaverse” by fans) inspired by tsarist Russia, this is the story of a young woman whose magical powers get her recruited to join her kingdom’s elite magical military force. That’s when she starts facing the additional dangers and intrigue that come with court life. “Shadow and Bone” should be on your TV at the end of April.

Lastly, we have “Things Heard & Seen,” based on “All Things Cease to Appear” by Elizabeth Brundage. The novel is about a NYC couple whose relationship turns dark once they move to a new rural home. Starring Amanda Seyfried, this thriller/ghost story hybrid focuses on the latter, ramping up the supernatural scares.

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—Jake Sexton is a librarian at the La Mesa Branch of the San Diego County Library.

The entertainment industry keeps trying to chase the success of “Harry Potter” and “Game of Thrones” by finding the next fantasy novel series to transform into a franchise. The latest effort is “Shadow and Bone,” Leigh Bardugo’s trilogy (“Shadow and Bone,” “Six of Crows” and “King of Scars”) which encompasses seven different books from those three related series. Set in a fantasy universe (dubbed the “Grishaverse” by fans) inspired by tsarist Russia, this is the story of a young woman whose magical powers get her recruited to join her kingdom’s elite magical military force. That’s when she starts facing the additional dangers and intrigue that come with court life. “Shadow and Bone” should be on your TV at the end of April.

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