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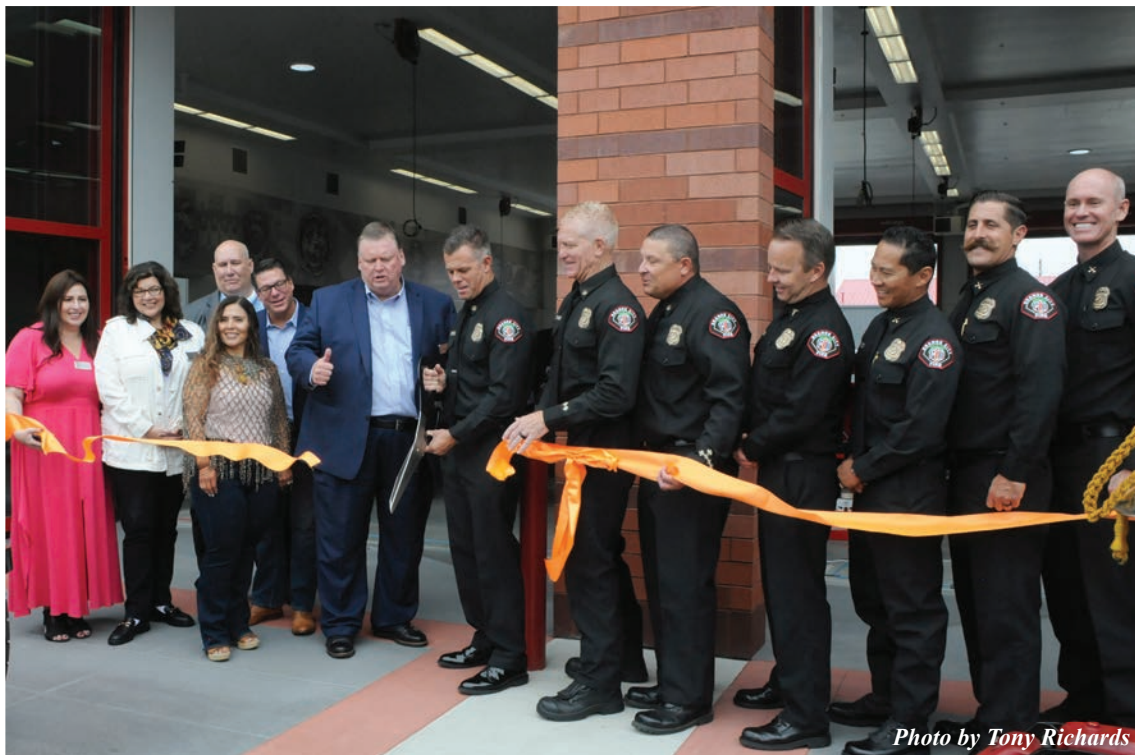
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Orange Fire Department Headquarters opens with a flourish

Orange's new fire department headquarters officially opened Oct. 6 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and gracious acknowledgments to the scores of city personnel, contractors, consultants and public officials who made the \$23 million, 29,000-sq.-ft. state-of-the-art facility a reality.

Construction began in January 2021 at 1176 E. Chapman on a lot that was once headquarters for the Orange County Fire Authority. The new structure combines the latest in construction technology

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City officials and Fire Department personnel look on as Fire Chief Sean deMetropolis severs the ceremonial ribbon to open the new headquarters. Photo by Tony Richards

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Regulating short-term rentals is working in Orange

By Tina Richards

A City of Orange program developed to regulate short-term rentals (STRs) is, one year in, doing what it was intended to do, and going well.

An update on the regulatory experiment presented to the city council, Oct. 11, indicated that there are now 125 licensed STRs, and the city has collected \$64,000 in fees and \$551,000 in Temporary Occupancy Tax (TOT). There have been only two dozen complaints received in the past 12 months.

Orange chose to regulate STRs instead of banning them to support responsible landlords, and shut down those whose rentals generated frequent complaints.

Before the city set ground rules for STRs, neighbors routinely contacted the police and code enforcement about noise, trash, parking problems and parties that spilled out onto the streets and unknown individuals wandering around at all hours. The majority of the complaints centered on just

a few properties.

Taming the tiger

At that time, there were more than 300 STRs in the city, with no oversight, licensing or ability to collect TOT. Last spring, the city council agreed to issue licenses to STR landlords willing to pay an application fee, get a business license, collect TOT and abide by "good neighbor" rules, including a two-night minimum stay, no on-street parking and a 30-60-minute owner response time to complaints. The program began in September 2021.

City staff reports that all 125 permits were issued within the first six weeks, and there are 88 people on the waiting list. To date, the city has issued violations, with fines, to just four properties; complaints against those rentals have since stopped.

Illegal STRs continue to be a problem. City personnel ferret them out by monitoring hosting platforms, identifying unlicensed

rental units and directing the property owner to stop. The city is currently following up on 85 illegal listings. Hosting platforms are notified of illegal listings, but, according to city staff, those rental platforms are uncooperative.

Council members expressed concern that the extra administrative work for STRs requires about 40 hours per week of staff time, but is currently being handled by existing personnel.

Arianna Barrios reminded her colleagues that when the council agreed to regulate STRs, the money brought in by fees and taxes would be used to augment code enforcement. "So where is that revenue ending up?" she asked.

Staff stretched thin

So far, the additional funds are going into the General Fund. That, she was told, is because there were no benchmarks when the program started, no way to know how much revenue would

be generated. Now that the city has actual numbers to work with, hiring a dedicated person for code enforcement or for the finance department (which has been managing the program) is more realistic.

Mayor Mark Murphy asked if the program could be expanded, noting that 24 complaints a year is only two per month, and even doubling that would still be manageable. "It passes all the tests," he said, "Could this program go to 200 or 250? I'd like to provide encouragement to those on the waiting list."

Will Kolbow, administrative services director, agreed that it could be expanded if there was a dedicated person, paid for by STR revenues, to administer the program. He was asked to come back with a likely number by the December or January council meeting.

Residents can report STR violations or make complaints on the Orange 24/7 app, or by calling (714) 867-1626.

Old Towne opposes Mills Act contracts for student housing

By Tina Richards

A number of Old Towne residents attended the Oct. 11 city council meeting to register their objections to the pending approval of two Mills Act contracts.

The Mills Act allows property owners in historic districts to get a break on their assessed property taxes in exchange for money spent on preservation and maintenance of their historically significant houses. Mills Act beneficiaries must agree to maintain and preserve their properties for at least 10 years, in accordance with specific preservation standards and conditions. Contracts are subject to the discretion of

the local government, and are available to owner-occupied dwellings as well as income-producing properties.

Residents say the corporate-owned income producing properties at 515 and 529 Grand Street should not be granted Mills Act contracts because the owners are "destroying history," not preserving it. Residents report plans to build additional units at the rear of the properties, and note the interior has already been modified to house student tenants. "The Mills Act should

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Villa Park water plant dedicated to Larry Pharris Jr.

The Serrano Water District Board of Directors voted to honor 26-year board member C.L. "Larry" Pharris Jr. for his service, dedicating the new PFAS Filtration Plant in his name,

Sept. 23. The plant, the first in the county, is located behind the district offices, and was funded by the county. Larry and his wife Patty are shown with the plaque that will be placed at the site.

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with the rich history of the Orange City Fire Department. It features solar panels to power the main building and property, energy-efficient lighting controls, a biotank filtration system that filters water before it goes into storm drains, an irrigation drip system and high-tech alerting system that displays emergency call information.

The architecture reflects the Spanish Revival style of Old Towne Orange, with brick veneer, roofing tiles, wrought iron details and period-style lighting to accentuate the historic ambiance. Red lights from the previous fire headquarters are mounted on the station's exterior.

The past is present

A mini-museum near the building's main entrance features photos and artifacts, an old fire pole and the department's restored 1921 American La France pumper. A 1910 bell graces the sidewalk along Chapman Ave., in front of the station. The bell was used at the city's first fire station until 1935, when the department moved into its new headquarters on Olive St. Rather than move the bell, the department gave it to a local nonprofit. Two decades later, the then-fire chief asked for it back, and had it installed in front of the Olive St. headquarters. When the headquarters on Grand St. were finished in 1969, the bell was moved there.

A brass fire hydrant at the corner of Water St. and Chapman is also steeped in tradition. In the past, fire hose couplings and other pieces of equipment were made of brass. Brass appliances, according to Public Information Officer Ryan O'Connor, "are just as traditional as red fire engines and Dalmatians. The shiny brass fire hydrant is a nod to the past."

The station's four-bay apparatus room boasts drive-through capabilities, bi-fold doors on the front, historical murals, an automatic exhaust system, traffic signal preemption, a technician room and workshop. The building also hosts a gym, kitchen, dorm rooms, a ready room, offices, conference centers and laundry facilities.

The Fire Department moved into its new headquarters Sept. 10. The fate of its previous home on Grand is uncertain. That building was never earthquake-retrofitted, has a rickety interior and, according to the last fire fighters to exit the building, "doors were coming off the hinges, appliances quit working and everything was falling apart."



Robert Verburg and Daralee Verburg Ghinder are the children of past fire chief Darell Verburg. Two of his helmets (white and red) are on display in the mini museum.



Photos by Tony Richards

The 1910 fire bell settles into its new home on Chapman Avenue.



A brass fire hydrant pays tribute to a firehouse tradition.

been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2022-25.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership and educational excellence. They use Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking in learning, teaching, and the school environment, and have documented results of academic accomplishment.

St. John's was noted for its use of technology to empower students to express their ideas and understanding in original ways by connecting them with interactive and media-rich resources. Those resources include 3D printing, tools to make movies, animated presentations and podcasts, and coding exercises.

St. John's has plans to continue integrating technology into classrooms.

Currently, St. John's is implementing a new math curriculum, using technology to make math instruction more individualized and hands-on, with the goal of helping students break the plateau in skills and scores.

St. John's Lutheran School is a private, Christian school that has been continuously operating since 1883.

St. John's named Apple Distinguished School

St. John's Lutheran School, located in Old Towne Orange, has

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M **Dan Slater**
Orange Mayor



Dan is known throughout the city for his commitment to making Orange a great place to live, work and visit. Dan has been a long-time member of Orange Rotary and Orange Historical Society, belongs to OPA Assoc. and OCTax and was recently named to the OUSD's Citizen Bond Oversight Committee. Dan is the former President of both the Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) and the Orange Chamber of Commerce and is a long time businessowner in Orange.

www.SlaterForMayor.com

D1 **Arianna Barrios**
District 1



A homegrown leader with deep roots in our community, Arianna is committed to Orange. Independent, experienced and ready to fight for what we love best about our city, An active community volunteer and small businessowner, her company was named Small Business of the Year in 2021. She is a strong voice for residents on the Council and running for re-election. Endorsed by Orange Police & Firefighters.

www.VoteBarrios.com

D3 **John Russo**
District 3



John Russo will promote local public safety to lower crime rates and keep our community safe. John's vision for Council is to offer fresh perspectives and opportunities and increase the responsiveness of city leaders to create better relationships between citizens and the city and restore trust in our City Council.

www.JohnRusso.org

D4 **Chris Horton**
District 4



Chris will fight to make public safety a top priority and vote against any tax increase. He will work with other city leaders to address homelessness and protect open space in our city. As an Orange businessowner and Board Member of the Orange Chamber, he will only support balanced budgets.

www.VoteHorton.com

D6 **Adrienne Gladson**
District 6



Adrienne is deeply involved in the community as volunteer and leader. Her extensive knowledge of city planning, land use, planning and environmental law, entitlement process, historic preservation, and urban design, prepares her to bring needed change and restored trust for District 6.

www.GladsonForOrange.com

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for Mayor of **ORANGE**



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3. ENFORCE THE LAWS

Fight for stronger enforcement of existing laws to protect against blight, graffiti, and poorly maintained public spaces.

4. ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Employ workable solutions to get homeless people off the streets and out of our parks and help get them back on their feet.

5. FIGHT OVERCROWDING

Protect our neighborhoods from traffic, parking intrusions, accessory apartments and un-kept rental properties.

6. BRING A BUSINESS APPROACH TO CITY HALL

Provide transparency, financial oversight in government spending and support for local businesses.

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The NLYM Class of 2026 put together robotic car kits for local students, as part of their philanthropic project.

NLYM welcomes class of 2026

The Greater Orange Chapter of the National League of Young Men (NLYM) welcomed its new class of 2026 Young Men and Provisional Mothers.

The class of 2026 includes freshmen from Canyon, Villa Park and Orange Lutheran High Schools. They are: Cole Chastain, Aiden Douglas, Niko Jacoby, Jake Kotlar, Bryce Lloyd, Zach Miles, TJ Mullahey, Andrew Okamura, Gavin Patin, Alex Pham Vu, Dale Ramus, Dean Rhode, AJ Sanchez,

Lucas Winter and Pierce Zoss. National League of Young Men, Inc. is a nonprofit organization for young men in grades 9-12. This structured program for mothers and their sons promotes the development of young men into community leaders through the four pillars of leadership: involvement, charitable and community service, cultural experiences, and protocol education. See nationalleagueofyoungmen.org/greater-orange/ for info.

Orange city manager has left the building

Orange City Manager Rob Houston has not been in his office at city hall since Sept. 14. It was announced at the Oct. 11 city council meeting that his resignation had been accepted during a closed session in a five-two vote.

No details have been forthcoming.

Houston joined the city on March 14 of this year. He was hired by a unanimous council vote.

A Sept. 13 closed session council meeting, during which his performance was discussed, reportedly lasted until midnight. A second closed meeting, Sept. 27, was called to continue the discussion.

Apparently, the council voted to accept his resignation during a third closed meeting about Houston, Oct. 11.

In a statement issued Oct. 12, the city said, "The City Council and City Manager Rob Houston have mutually agreed to part ways. While the decision was not made lightly, it ultimately served the best interest of both parties. The City Council would like to recognize and thank Mr. Houston for his dedication to public service and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

No interim city manager has been officially identified, but Assistant City Manager Susan Galvan appears to be holding down that fort.

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reward preservation, not absentee landowners seeking a tax break," resident Analisa Goode advised.

It's the council's call

"The Mills Act should benefit the entire community," Gary Zdenek added, "not just the landowners." Asking the council to deny the applications, he urged them to "please do what's right."

Tony Trabuco of the Old Towne Preservation Association said that the organization opposes the Mills Act contract for these properties, and that previous councils have acted to halt overdevelopment in the historic district. "The contracts should be put on hold until the full scale of development is known," he said.

Councilmembers seemed unaware of the latitude they have in approving or denying Mills Act contracts. "Do we have discretion to exclude investment properties?" Chip Monaco asked.

City Attorney Gary Sheatz said that there has to be a reason for

denial. He pointed out that the zoning on the property is r-2 and development can occur by right.

If they're willing to make it

Kim Nichols stressed that before a decision is made, "We must make sure we are absolutely on point. We must understand our legal and ethical obligations."

"The Mills Act covers an entire property," Arianna Barrios advised. "If there was ever a property that required CEQA review, this is it."

Jon Dumitru reported that he was not inclined to give a tax break to commercialize a property; Kathy Tavoularis indicated her discomfort with corporations buying homes and getting Mills Act contracts.

Ana Gutierrez went a step further: "We need to look at the zoning in this area. We need to downzone it to single-family residences."

The council agreed to hold off on those two properties, as well as another on Shaffer Street, until Sheatz could determine exactly what the council's authority is regarding Mills Act approvals.



Two historic homes in Old Towne have been bought by a corporation and turned into student housing. Neighbors say they should not qualify for the Mills Act.

Annual State of the City event offers an overview of Orange

The 2022 Orange State of the City presentation, sponsored by the Orange Chamber of Commerce, and held at Chapman University's Musco Center, was highlighted by individual and business awards, a city status report and a robodog named Foo.

Chapman University President Danielle Strupa welcomed the audience and described the positive social and financial impacts his institution has on the City of Orange. He noted that Chapman students have volunteered 100,000 hours to city organizations, provided 60,000 hours of counseling and 110,000 hours of fieldwork in local schools. The university donated 3D printers to Chapman Elementary, teamed with Santiago Middle School for a 10-week writing workshop, and offers a bootcamp and clinic for long-term COVID survivors and stroke victims.

Chapman, he reported, has paid \$1.1 million in property taxes, spent \$149.9 million locally and supported 2,267 jobs. Orange, he said, has outperformed cities without universities. Chapman's financial stability has contributed to stable housing prices and the retail tax base.

The best of 2022

The city traditionally announces its Citizen of the Year during the State of the City event. Past recipient Margaret Grienke presented the award to Moira Singer for her hours of volunteerism and contributions to the community.

The Chamber of Commerce named Providence St. Joseph and CHOC Children's Health of Orange as the Large Businesses of the Year; Payroll Runner, owned and operated by Chris and Jeanette Horton, was named Small Business of the Year. Nonprofit of the Year honors went to the Youth Centers of Orange. A special award, presented by former OC Supervisor and UN Ambassador Gaddi Vasquez, was given to Manu Shaw of MS International for his financial philanthropy.

Mayor Mark Murphy updated

the audience on the affairs of the city, including finalizing the transition to by-district elections, advancing workforce housing projects, creating 800 units of affordable housing in the last year, developing design standards for a potential paseo, and hiring 11 new police officers. The fire department responded to 16,000 incidents in the city and helped fight 22 fires in Northern California and Oregon.

The new fire department headquarters was completed, with contractors adhering to their original bid schedule, despite delays and shortages caused by the pandemic. "We saved money in the long run," Murphy said. "We spent about \$10,000 less than what it would cost today."

A little help from our friends

Since the city closed Mary's Kitchen, a resource center for the homeless, it has filled in the service gaps with assistance from Orange Home Grown, Assistance League of Orange, Friendly Center, Lestonnac Free Clinic, HomeAid and Love Orange. A total of 95 individuals, Murphy said, have been placed in care facilities since the city took over homeless services.

Murphy noted street improvements at Prospect and Grijalva Park, completed in preparation for a future community theater, multi-generational activity center and skatepark. Funding for those projects is being raised by volunteer groups, but the city intends to seek grant funding to assist with the costs. The mayor's presentation was illustrated with videos highlighting business investments in the community, city and Chamber of Commerce-sponsored events, and parks.

At one point, Murphy appeared to have misplaced a bottle of water that should have been under the podium. Foo, a robodog, came to the rescue, bringing a bottle of water held in his "mouth," and gently placing it in the thirsty mayor's hands. Foo, developed by Boston Dynamics, has been a research resource at Chapman's Fowler School of Engineering since last year.



Chamber of Commerce President Al Ricci, left, presents the Small Business of the Year award to Payroll Runner's Jeanette and Chris Horton.



Moira Singer accepts the 2022 Citizen of the Year award.

"Heroes" Concert coming to SCC

An evening of chorus, dance and symphony music by students in the performing arts department, honoring U.S. military members and civil servants, will be presented at Santiago Canyon College on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Tickets are available at sccollegefoundation.salsalabs.org, the college bookstore or cashier's office.

Presale tickets for the Heroes concert are \$17; \$15 for students, employees, seniors, children 12 and under. Tickets at the door are \$20.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the SCC gymnasium, 8045 E. Chapman Avenue.


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I am a 19-year resident of Villa Park. Since retiring as an IT Healthcare Executive, I have successfully led fundraising projects for CHOC Hospital. I am a strong supporter of law enforcement and military, and have Co-Chaired a capital campaign for Paralyzed Veterans of America. I've also Co-Chaired two Villa Park resident committees to improve traffic & address parking problems in our community, working closely with residents, City staff and Orange Unified School District administrators.

My efforts have demonstrated strong leadership and skills in problem solving and teamwork. I have gained knowledge of City processes and developed relationships with staff and decision makers. I have earned a reputation as a level-headed straight shooter who is good to work with.

Preserving our quality of life is central to my priorities. We love our City just the way it is and I will seek to defend that. State housing mandates threaten property values and rising inflation stresses our already small budget. I will work to ensure our housing mandate plan has minimal impact on Villa Park residents and defend from impacts of development in surrounding areas. I will advocate for more funding for road and sewer maintenance. I will remain a staunch advocate of law enforcement who protect us.

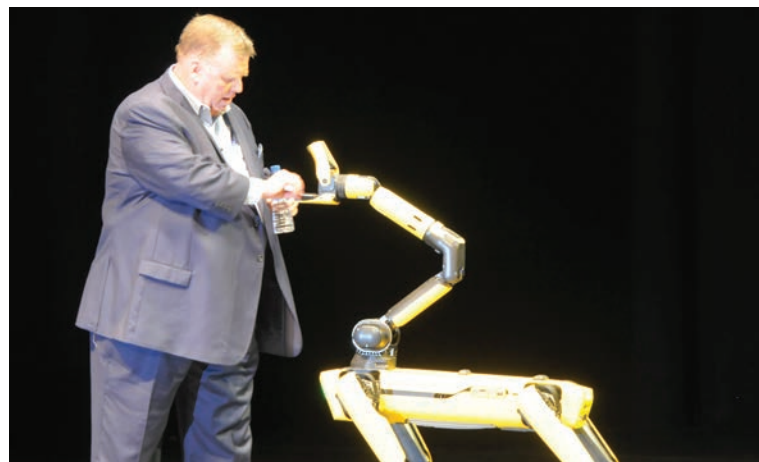
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Mayor Mark Murphy interacts with robodog Foo.

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Guest Commentary

Voters must not let OUSD repeat history

By Barry Resnick

In 1987, I moved to Orange with my young family. At the time, the Orange Unified School District (OUSD) was recognized as one of the finest in the state.

My family's arrival coincided with what was the beginning of decades of chaos, with a revolving door of OUSD boardmembers whose goals were to dismantle public education. Many of those serving enrolled their own children in private schools, distorted their backgrounds and were beholden to private interest groups and various politicians.

With a new majority on the OUSD board, the district is now moving in the right direction, but a slate of candidates who are

running for seats this November might bring the district back to those dark days.

It has already been alleged that three of the candidates vying to take over our public schools have misstated their backgrounds in an attempt to fool voters.

The chaos that plagued OUSD for so many years can be traced back to the indictment of four board members in the 80s. The four were charged with willful misconduct in office.

After the indictments, a cadre of individuals, whose strings were pulled by special interest groups and whose backgrounds raised questions, began to take over what was left of an already dysfunctional OUSD board. The

disruption they created in one four-year period saw five superintendents come and go.

A May 1994 Los Angeles Times article reported that one candidate who had won a seat on the OUSD board was on house arrest during the campaign. Another pled guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor a few years before winning a seat on the board.

In 2001, a successful recall removed the cast of characters who had made OUSD a laughingstock in the state.

A decade and a half later, the elections of Kris Erickson, Kathy Moffat and Andrea Yamasaki brought stability to the OUSD board, as they focused on

students, not personal agendas or the deep pockets of special interest groups.

Today, OUSD is on the precipice of going back to the years of chaos. The group of individuals hoping to take control of the OUSD board are supported by members of the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) and share many of their extremist views on public education.

Like the OCBE members, these candidates would be happy to dismantle public schools in our community and privatize education, in return for the special interest funding they are receiving.

All are running on the new "parental rights" platform, which is just a guise to take over for

OUSD's professional educators and create a posse of parents to scrutinize textbooks and curriculum, as a start.

Should these candidates succeed in winning seats, the OUSD will find itself back in the chaos of years ago. It's important that candidates who support public education, and serve for the children, not special interests, are elected on Nov. 8.

OUSD needs Kris Erickson, Sean Griffin, Kathy Moffat and Andrea Yamasaki so the OUSD can keep moving forward.

Please vote for them to save our Orange public schools.

Barry Resnick lives in Orange and served as an OUSD board member from 1989-93.

LETTERS to the EDITOR



Voters' voices

Dear Editor:

I attended the 2022 Orange City Council and Mayoral Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Orange Chamber of Commerce, at Santiago Community College on Sept. 22.

It was an honor to have Gaddi Vasquez, former UN ambassador, former director of the Peace Corps, an Orange resident, as the moderator. Ambassador Vasquez is truly a great American, and his presence underscored the importance of this event.

However, I was a bit disappointed in the very soft nature of the questions put forth by Vasquez. While I understand this event was a "forum," and not a debate, and while I did hear Vasquez use the word "friendly" in his opening statement, like many others I spoke to at the event, I feel an op-

portunity was missed.

All candidates have pretty much the same viewpoints toward the top issues – public safety, homelessness, fiscal responsibility. These are undoubtedly important issues, and while it was good to hear the candidates talk about them, there was an elephant in the room that went unaddressed.

Other than members Ana Gutierrez and Arianna Barrios, Orange residents are just not feeling represented by our current city council. The voice of the citizen is not being heard over the voice of big business and special interests. We are desperate for a council of representation, transparency and respect. And while Mayor Mark Murphy has said that one recent meeting was an anomaly, the truth is, with the current city council, there's been a continuing pattern of disrespect toward fellow members and

Orange citizens.

And, Councilmembers Jon Dumitru and Kim Nichols put a further exclamation point on this with their position that America's Constitution defends their right to exhibit a complete lack of dignity, respect and decorum. The recent *Foothills Sentry* headline stated it perfectly – according to our current council, civil servants needn't be civil.

While some may argue this issue will go away with Councilman Chip Monaco, one incumbent at the forum actually repeated Monaco's now infamous words. In talking about issues about the Village of Orange, Councilmember Kathy Tavoularis stood in front of the audience and proclaimed, "I'm sick of hearing about it." This is the battle cry of our current council. Instead of trying to deal with an issue, instead of trying to really listen to any challenges citizens are having, it just wants to quiet it all with "I'm sick of it."

Again – public safety, the homeless concern, fiscal responsibility – all important. But what Orange wants to know of our candidates is – if elected -- what specific actions will they take to bring dignity, respect and decorum back to our city council?

I most strongly recommend that Orange citizens take time to research the candidates. Check out their newspaper ads and websites, and specifically look at their endorsements. Anyone endorsed by the current mayor should be a flashing "danger" sign, along with endorsements from current members Nichols, Dumitru, Tavoularis, and especially Chip Monaco.

We have the power to change things! Let's elect new voices to truly represent Orange citizens! Vote Dan Slater for Mayor. Vote for John Russo in District 3. District 4, let's not recycle previous council members – vote for Chris Horton. And District 1 – keep Arianna Barrios, one of the two lone voices of the people, on our current council.

Tom Hannah
Orange

Dear Editor:

I have always enjoyed reading this paper about the different events and issues of this community.

However, I was surprised and shocked when I saw on pg. 20 a very nasty political ad. On the bottom half of the page is a sinister looking "STOP OUTSIDE FORCES" in large letters. The political ad then proceeds to

defame and slander five people, in my opinion. I do not know any of these persons personally. The deceptive ad is apparently against charter schools.

I really can't be sure, as the ad never states what the real issue is concerning these people. The ad highlights certain words in bold letters like "twister, only, storm, destruction, Jeff Barke, hate, destroy and outsiders," all sounding evil and bad. The faces of four of them are shown as if they are in a twister with their full names in tiny print. I don't understand why Barke's face is not shown, as he is supposedly the mastermind of these outsiders who want to destroy the public schools of OUSD. The ad uses possibly half-truths or very insidious half-lies about these people. It doesn't even say what these candidates are running for, just smears their integrities.

The big problem to me, is that no one or no organization is taking responsibility for this political ad. If there is, it's too small to see. I am saddened and dismayed that *Foothills Sentry* would print such a spurious piece of political garbage.

Please print who was in back of this dirty political ad in your next paper. I'm sure other readers would be very curious to who produced this type of ad. I don't care what political party someone is attracted to, but there must be some standards in advertising or has that gone to the wayside also? Maybe I'm just naive.

John Clark
Orange

Editor's note: The sentence that appeared at the bottom of the ad, "Paid for by private citizen Lynn Frediani," did not print legibly on many copies of the October Sentry. It did print legibly on some of them. The "paid for" line disappeared during the printing process. It was never the Sentry's or the citizen's intent to deceive.

Dear Editor:

The OC Register recently endorsed Mark Murphy for mayor. It was a disappointing article, as it could not be farther from the truth. It is the residents of Orange that fight for our city, not the elected officials hired to do so.

I am speaking from direct experience, as I am one of those concerned residents fighting for a better Orange. Because of the multitude of issues plaguing our city, the residents of Orange have banded together to share our concerns and tools to stop the damage being done. Many projects

have consequences that cannot be undone if they are completed. We citizens spend countless hours away from our families and use our own hard-earned dollars to hire attorneys and win.

- Orange residents uncover grant concerns and poor planning of the Village Mall plan. Rescinded by council after the information was made public.

- Orange residents launch referendum to overturn ill-conceived housing development; hire attorney to address illegal dumping on that site.

- Orange residents contact OC Health and local agencies to stop a cemetery from being built on toxic landfill next to homes and preschool. A home had to be demolished due to landfill movement & methane.

- Orange residents fight and support Santiago Creek, Greenway Alliance to stop a housing project adjacent to Grijalva Park.

- Self-funded Mary's Kitchen replaced with city services paid for with taxpayer dollars.

- The Orange Unfunded Pension Liability current balance is \$278,790,000.

- Orange has 1.78 acres of public park space per 1,000 residents, which is less than the three acres per 1,000 state requirements. Much of what little open space we have is currently slated for development with city planning.

It's time for a change, as Mark Murphy has spoken loud and clear with the choices listed above and many more. The residents have also spoken, and continue to fight for our city. It's time the truth is exposed.

Sharon Gallasso
Orange

Dear Editor:

Carol LaBounty and Greg Goodlander's letters to the editor in the October *Sentry* regarding Madison Klovstad Miner's fuzzy career experience as an "educator in OUSD" and as a "speech therapist" prompted me to do my own research. After all, Klovstad Miner is applying for a job to make decisions for one of the largest school districts in the State of California, and it is important that we, as informed citizens, get this right.

My husband and I have lived in OUSD since 1980. Both of my sons attended OUSD schools during the 1990s, when a series of unqualified candidates with their own agendas took over the school board. A group of "moms" were allowed into the classrooms to teach their version of "abstinence-only" sex education at Cerro

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Villa, without notifying parents in advance or having any formalized training. A book containing racist and anti-Semitic tropes was included on the GATE required reading list. At the same time, the facilities fell into disrepair.

These are just several instances illustrating what can happen when unqualified individuals with extremist agendas are put in charge of school districts.

Miner submitted a written and signed statement to the Orange County Registrar of Voters and described herself as "an educator with the district." These words imply that she was an educator, and that she has worked for OUSD. Such statements carry significant weight on what I refer to as Madison's employment application for a position on the OUSD Board of Education.

After researching several sources, I was unable to confirm that her statements about her employment were true. There is nothing to support, nor has Miner provided me, or anyone, with anything to support her employment or experience.

I contacted Madison Klovstad Miner in writing on three occasions, requesting clarification of her experience. Her last response was that she was a sub last year for a school that she refuses to identify.

As I see it, Miner has provided voters with an incomplete job application at best, or one complete with false information. She's had many opportunities to clear up any confusion, and she has failed.

Citizens in OUSD, we need to get this right, because those of us who have invested in this community for years have seen what happens when we don't.

The choice for OUSD trustee is clear. A vote for Kathy Moffat is a vote for experience, honesty and integrity.

Karen Cohn
Villa Park

Dear Editor:

I'm horrified to see Tim Surridge running once again for Orange Unified School Board. His well-earned nickname of "Tim Sewage" comes from his false claims of being an educator for 25 years, his blatant cronyism and his penchant for back-door dealings with developers.

Surridge claims to have been a teacher and an administrator in California for the past 25 years, when in fact the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing shows that he only ever held a preliminary credential (in the subject of PE) which expired in 2000.

When faced with an open board seat (due to a board member resigning), Surridge and Rick Ledesma, along with a few other board members, ignored the seven qualified candidates who applied for the seat, and instead appointed their buddy, a man who had recently moved to Orange, had no children in OUSD, and by his own admission had never served in a volunteer capacity anywhere. This triggered a recall election, followed by a special election. On the last day to file to run in that special election, Andrea Yamasaki was the only candidate to have filed, which would save the district from having to pay for the election. Five minutes before the cut-off, Surridge's friend, who had been recalled with five times the number of required signatures, waltzed in and filed to run.

The election followed, and Yamasaki won with 77% of the vote. The true losers in this were the kids of OUSD, as this special election caused by Surridge and Ledesma cost the district upwards of \$200,000.

Surridge has a reputation of shady dealings with developers. He tried to sell the OUSD Peralta property to a developer to build high-density housing, despite the public outcry against it. His campaigns have been financed, in the past, by donations from developers. This year, he is funded entirely by a shady PAC connected to two men known to have extremist views.

In our current school climate, counselors and mental health supports for students are more important than ever, but Surridge has made comments about getting rid of counselors and mental health supports.

Surridge earned a terrible reputation while serving on the board majority for eight years, which is why voters booted him four years ago. Grifters have no place in our school leadership. His shady deals, overt political games, and abuse of power diverted funds from classrooms, and the students suffered.

Since he has gone, that seat has been filled by someone with morals, integrity and an actual work-ethic, who values public education and fights for all students. DO NOT turn the clock backwards by electing Tim Surridge. We need to keep moving forward.

Michelle Weisenberg
Orange

Dear Editor:

The City of Orange is facing a critical election. We need leaders we can count on and trust. That is why the Orange Park Association

has proudly endorsed Dan Slater for mayor and Adrienne Gladson for District 6 councilmember.

Dan is a successful business owner and understands city hall. He served on the Orange City Council from 1994-2002. He was an early supporter (1999) of the "Save Barham Ranch" effort that prevented a housing tract on what is now Santiago Oaks Regional Park. In 2020, he did not hesitate to support the successful "No on AA" campaign as he was one of the five signers for the ballot measure. Dan is a high achiever, problem solver and community builder.

Adrienne is a retired city planner by profession and currently has her own consulting business. Her extensive knowledge of city government, land use, and the entitlement process makes her uniquely qualified for the city council. She served on the City of Orange Planning Commission that unanimously denied all the entitlements for the high-density Rio Santiago project on the Sully-Miller site. With all the new housing laws and mandates, Adrienne's skills are exactly what we need. She is an invaluable asset.

Both Dan and Adrienne are longtime City of Orange residents and respected leaders. They are not accepting campaign donations from developers. They both support the cleanup of the "Sully-Miller dumpsite" by the owner rather than the taxpayers of Orange.

We believe they are the best-qualified candidates to run our city. Most importantly, they will respect the residents and welcome public input and participation.

Sherry Hart - Panttaja
President, Orange Park
Association

Back to the future

Dear Editor:

Here we go again.

The Irvine Company wants to develop the East Orange area by Jamboree and Santiago Canyon Road.

The city easily approved a scaled-back plan in 2005, and the land was cleared. Again in 2016, the land was cleared for construction. Yet no new Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been done since 2005. The city claimed that a new EIR was not necessary.

The city additionally refused to act on public insistence to build a bridge across Santiago Canyon, which would provide safety for one of the most dangerous intersections in Orange County. There's been no discussion on widening Jamboree Road to three lanes once it meets the Tustin city limit. How can an EIR that was done 16 years ago pass without review today?

Bob Hahn
Santiago Hills

Stop the bucks

Dear Editor:

Regarding "Orange Unified Trustee asks taxpayers to compensate him for volunteer work" in the October *Sentry*:

Charity work is just that -- charity work. Charity work is not, and should not be considered a legitimate reason to be paid for missing a regular job-related duty, just because we are "helping people."

Charity work stems from our heart, not another's pocketbook. I am frustrated with the brazenness of this "charity worker's" comments — "This isn't \$100,000 or \$10,000 ... it's 750 bucks. Just vote and get it over with."

John Ortega was paid for three meetings prior to July that he did not attend -- that's \$2,250. And between 2015 and 2019, Ortega missed (and was paid for) 34 meetings -- that adds up to \$28,500. That's a lot of non-working hardship! Are we supposed to pay for his missionary work? As of this publication, I have lost confidence/faith in the morality of this public servant. I doubt this 1969-1971 army veteran and OC taxpayer ever votes for John Ortega again, and ask my fellow Hispanic (and all) voters to consider: are we properly represented by a trustee that appears to value money over devoted service?

Dr. M. Duncker
North Tustin

Share the road

Dear Editor:

On behalf of many concerned Villa Park residents, I'd love to share our perspective on the traffic and safety issues surrounding Cerro Villa Middle School (CVMS), as our concern is growing by the day, but not for the reasons you think.

In an ideal world, traffic flow would be carefully calculated prior to schools being built, and the school traffic would be easily accommodated without impacting neighboring streets. This is not true for any school, but it is particularly untrue in the City of Villa Park (VP) whose schools have long outgrown the surrounding infrastructure. That being said, these schools have been present for a very long time, and the neighbors on surrounding streets purchased their homes knowing the proximity to VP schools.

The relationship between CVMS, its students and the community has become quite concerning to us. But nothing has changed on our end. In fact, VPHS, CVMS and Serrano Elementary have staggered their start times in order to ease this issue as much as possible. Enrollment is actually down this year, further easing the traffic. It seems that the COVID-19 shutdowns may have given neighbors a glimpse into what traffic is like outside of school zones. We understand that, and yet that is not the reality for the streets surrounding Villa Park's schools.

Neighboring residents have been standing on the sidewalks yelling at 13-year-olds trying to walk home from school. This is wildly unacceptable. Adults should not be taking their frustration out on children, and this practice needs to end immediately.

Neighboring residents have also been slowing down traffic by trying to chat with drivers and pass out flyers during drop off and pick-up times. Some are going as far as claiming that drivers HAVE to use the routes they are suggesting, which is untrue.

Furthermore, a CV parent recently witnessed a neighbor cutting down a CV sponsor's banner. This banner is on school property, where our business sponsors are proudly displayed to thank them for their generous donations. We will continue to hang their banners, regardless of the vandalism that is taking place. Again, this is common practice at any school site, but some Villa Park neighbors have turned this into yet another battleground.

As parents of CV students, we know better than anyone the frustrations and inconvenience associated with school drop-off and pick up. We are waiting in those lines, sending our kids off to school, teaching them that sometimes things are inconvenient -- but we make the best of it, improve what we can, and always carry ourselves with dignity and respect, treating all those around us as we would want to be treated.

We love living in Villa Park. We love that our kids are going to such wonderful schools. We love the community they are growing up in.

The shift in the neighborhoods' treatment of our kids and local schools is frankly heartbreaking to us. We are committed to making the traffic flow as seamless as possible, but the reality is that this will never not be an inconvenience. Luckily, that inconvenience is limited to roughly 20 minutes before, and 20 minutes after, school.

A final thought for you to consider: Our children are watching you. They see how you interact with their peers walking home from school. They see how you interact with their parents doing their daily school drop-offs. They hear your anger at council meetings. They see and feel the support - or lack thereof - coming from CVMS's surrounding neighbors. We sincerely hope you will do better -- for their sake.

Beth Brunett
Villa Park

Boy Scout Troop 538 to hold open house

Boy Scout Troop 538, home to Scouts from Anaheim to East Orange, will hold an open house on Nov. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church. The evening will feature Scout

skills and ice cream, and special events for Webelos, Arrow of Light and non-Scouts, fifth grade and up.

The church is located at 190 S. Fairmont Blvd., Anaheim.

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TAWC announces Young Women of the Month



Valerie Ontiveros



Kyra Schwarzer

The Tustin Area Woman's Club honors a senior from area high schools every month.

Honorees for October are Kyra Schwarzer from Foothill High School and Valerie Ontiveros from Tustin High School.

Kyra Schwarzer has been in the Foothill Associated Student Body for four years, is an International Baccalaureate candidate, and has been a part of the FHS Mock Trial team for three years. Schwarzer volunteers through Tustin Assistance League and her church. She has been a Girl Scout for 11 years, and is currently working on her Gold Award project. She is the American Legion FHS delegate for Girls State and holds a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Schwarzer plans to attend a four-year university and obtain a degree in education.

Valerie Ontiveros entered Tustin High School with two main goals, to be involved and to prepare for her future. Her

community service involvement has been with the nonprofit Operation Warm Wishes (OWW) as an intern and volunteer. She has planned, organized and attended events that provide haircuts, food and toys to those in need. She is currently the Vice President of OWW. Ontiveros was selected to represent THS at Girls State and spent a week in Sacramento. She is a member of the California Honor Society, recipient of the Superintendent Honor Roll award, and is a member and Project Commissioner of the THS National Honor Society. Valerie looks forward to being the first in her family to attend a four-year university. She plans to major in criminal justice, attend law school and open her law firm.

Tustin Area Woman's Club is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Community Service Organization. For more information about TAWC, see tustinareawomansclub.com. New members are always welcome.

Orange identifies "opportunity" areas for permit parking only

Curbside parking in many Orange neighborhoods is elusive, at best, forcing many residents in congested areas to seek "permit parking only" restrictions on their streets.

To date, there are 25 neighborhoods that have "permit parking for residents only" status. The problem, the city admits, is that unpermitted vehicles simply shift to the next street over, or down the block, where parking (if one can find it) is unrestricted.

To assist neighborhoods experiencing the spillover effect, the city has identified five "opportunity" areas that may request permit parking without an ap-

plication fee or parking study; a 55% support rate by residents is required. Only neighborhoods of single-family homes and duplexes are eligible for permit parking.

The criteria used to identify opportunity areas was primarily intrusion into single-family neighborhoods by high-density, multi-family residential complexes. Commercial, institutional and recreational uses are also contributors to parking congestion.

The five areas include the streets bounded by Sycamore Ave., Main St., the 22 and 57 Freeway; the Santiago Creek Trail, 22 Freeway, Tustin St. and Glassell; Walnut Ave., the Or-

angeville Villa Apartments, the 55 Freeway and Wayfield St.; the flood control channel/Edison easement, Katella Plaza, Cambridge St. and the Lantern Bay Apartments; and Meats Ave., Del Mar Ave., Greengrove St. and Cambridge.

Residents outside of those areas may still apply for permit parking, following established city protocols.

Orange recently lowered the application fee from \$4,000 to \$1,000. The fees cover the staff time needed to perform parking studies and determine if the threshold (75% usage) for permit-only parking is met.

OPA Volunteer of the Year named



Mary Nori Forester

Mary Nori Forester is the recipient of this year's Gary Bandy Volunteer of the Year Award. She was recognized for her service at OPA's Fall Barbecue, Sept. 24.

The Gary Bandy award is presented to annually to a resident who has demonstrated outstanding devotion and effort in preserving and maintaining Orange Park Acres Trails and Equestrian Facilities.

Although Forester is one of the newer OPA residents, her hard work during all the trail work days has not gone unnoticed. She is always there from start to finish, racking rocks, picking up trash and handing out water.

Residents agree that her generosity has helped the community in a myriad of ways, resulting in her selection as recipient of the 2022 Gary Bandy Award.

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The Crescendo Chapter of the Guilds of Segerstrom Center welcomed new members at its first program of the season featuring Kenny Metcalf. The new members were, back row from left, Kathleen Tucker, Sue Meyers, Sharon Olsen, Karen Cahalan, Mary Hofflander, Barbara Grabill, Sandra Marsile, Maggie Hart; middle row, from left, Kim Greenwald, Jacquelyn Hubbard, Janice Sagan, Gayle Ackerman, Gretchen Whisler; and front row, from left, Min-ta Sue Jack and Donna Peery.



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Re-elect



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Old time flair highlights Silverado Country Fair

The annual Silverado Country Fair, held Oct. 8 and 9 at the Community Center, featured a cast of costumed characters, live music, artwork and handcrafted items by local vendors, kids' activities and a variety of homecooked vittles. The weekend began with the traditional unparade Saturday morning, and ended with Cubensis, a Grateful Dead cover band and canyon favorite, Sunday night.



Peter Sax, a Pinkerton detective, helped keep the peace.



The Pollen Collective entertained with bluegrass music.



Adelaide Willis decorates a musical shaker in a kid's activity booth.



Young artist Emi Shimbo adds her touch to a community painting sheet.

Save the dates for Villa Park holiday fun

By Jill Kuli

Oh dear, no reindeer will be in Villa Park until the end of the year ... but do not fear, because lots of holiday yachts will be here!

Yes, Captain S. Claus will be steering his large vessel into the asphalt harbor on Saturday, Dec. 3, just in time to hop on the OC Fire Department's shiny red truck for the 2022 Santa Tour by Fire Engine. Santa will be joined by the Villa Park City Council "elves" as they make 31 stops around the town. He will listen to wishes, pose for photos and hand out sweet treats to the good boys and girls in the Hidden Jewel.

See the Villa Park Community Services Foundation website, vpcsfoundation.org for the route maps and stops.

Join in for yachts and yachts of fun at the 24th Annual Dryland Boat Parade, to be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. on Taft Avenue in front of Villa Park High. The theme will be "The Yachts are Coming to Town." The parade Grand Marshal will be revealed at the Nov. 15 city council meeting.

Traditionally, anything that will safely travel on the tarred waterways is eligible. To be eligible for prizes, such as Best Use of Lights, Best Youth Group, Best Holiday Spirit, Most Original or Best Overall, a completed registration form and \$20 entry fee must be submitted to Villa Park City Hall by 4 p.m. on Dec. 8. The form may be found on the vpcsfoundation.org website or at city hall. Late registrations may be accepted for \$30 on the day of the event. Those entries, however, will not be eligible for prizes.

The parade will end at the Villa Park Towne Center.

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Covenant presents the grand jury experience

The Women's Fellowship of Covenant Presbyterian Church will feature Lynn Bonas and Sandy Dunkin of the Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County at a luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 17.

The speakers will offer an educational program about the grand jury, including how a citizen can become a juror and their experiences serving a one-year term.

The California Grand Jury is unique in its function and selection process as compared to other juries, including petit and trial juries and federal grand juries. The functions of a grand jury are

divided into criminal indictments and civil investigations.

The program is open to the community, and will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, 1855 N. Orange-Olive Road. Gentlemen are welcome to attend. The doors open at 11 a.m., and the program begins at 11:30 a.m. The catered lunch is \$15 per person, payable in advance; reservations are required before noon on Monday, Nov. 14, by calling Linda at (951) 237-9888. Reservations are required to attend the program only at 12:30 p.m.; \$5, payable at the door.

Bunco to ease election stress

The Woman's Club of Orange will host its annual Bunco Bonanza fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The bonanza takes place at the

clubhouse, 121 S. Center St. in Orange. Tickets are \$15, and may be purchased at the door. There will be snacks and prizes at this all-adult event.

CPOC elections on tap

The Conservative Patriots of OC will hold board elections at its Monday, Nov. 7 meeting. The agenda will also include an election analysis, and an Orange County GOP Central Committee briefing.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Elks Lodge Santa Ana, 1751 S. Lyon St. A buffet prepared and served by Elks Lodge chefs is \$30 per person. For tickets, visit conservativepatriotsofoc.org or contact Peggy Baranyay, (714) 828-1289 or swtmthr@sbcglobal.net.

The group is also preparing for its Fantasy of Trees event slated for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Anaheim Hills Golf Club. Decorated holiday trees will be raffled, and a boutique will offer unique shopping opportunities. Tickets are \$65 per person and may be purchased online.

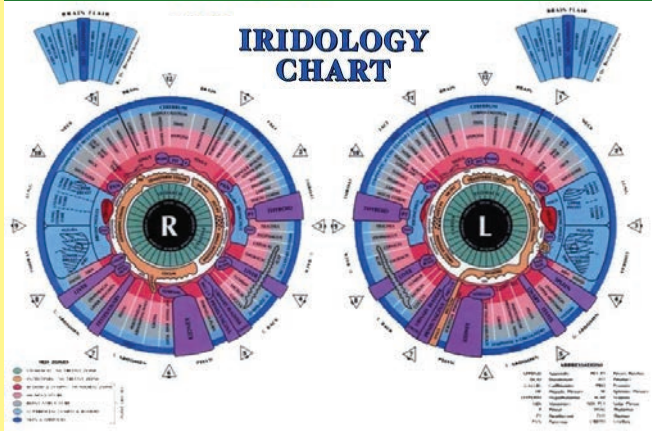


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Orange couple celebrates 60 years together

Longtime residents of Orange, Fran and LaMarr Anderson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 27.

Fran was a professional dancer when she moved to Southern California, and fell in love with the boy next door. LaMarr had a full career racing cars, flying air-

planes, and driving all kinds of trucks. Together they raised four children in Redondo Beach, Orange and Yorba Linda, and now enjoy spending time with their 11 grandchildren. In retirement, their travels have taken them all over the world on cruise ships, exploring almost every continent.



Fran and LaMarr Anderson



Chris

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for Orange City Council

My family has lived in Orange since 1944. My wife and I have chosen to raise our sons here and own and operate a successful small business.

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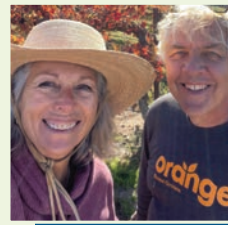
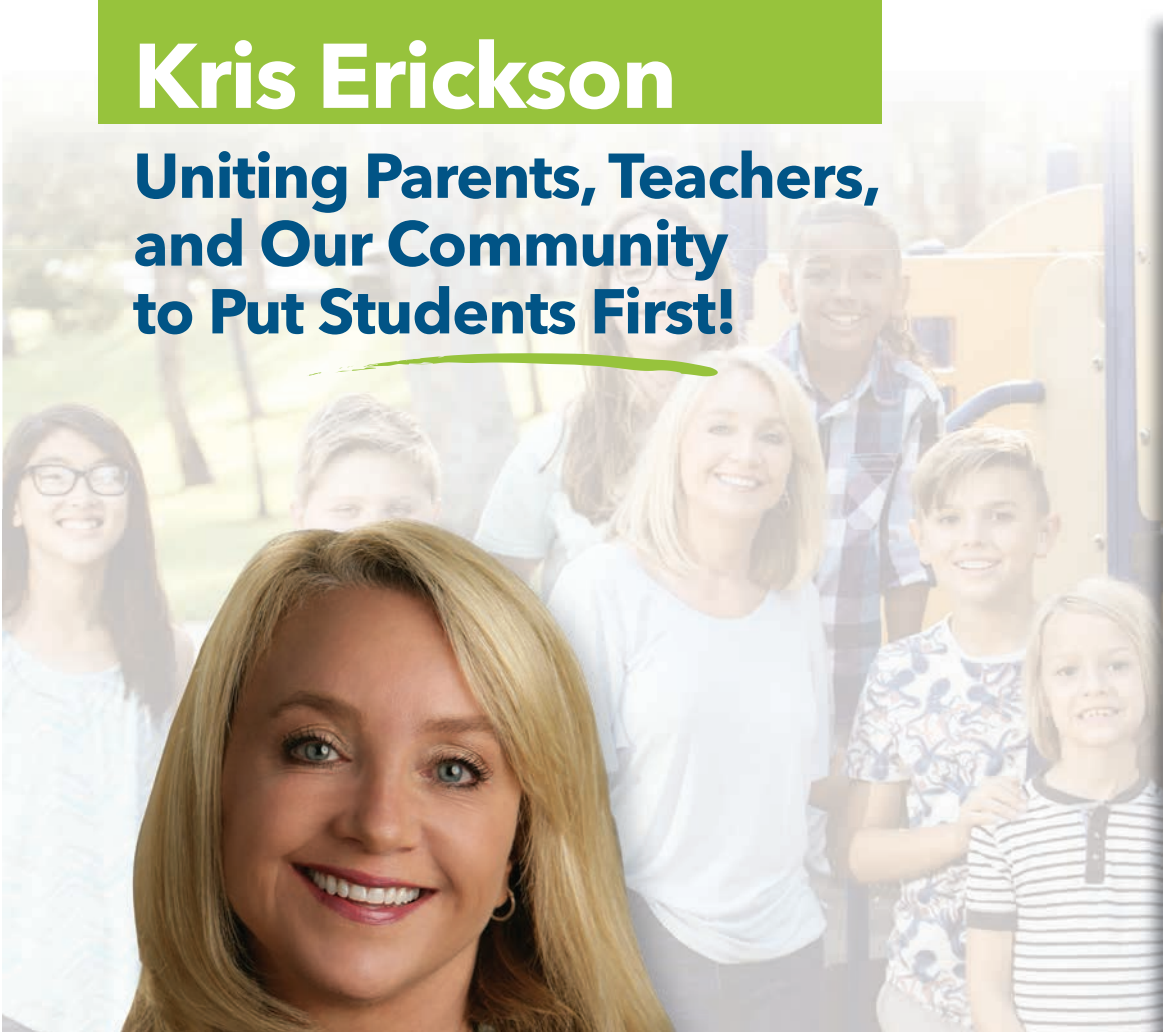
Would you like to have fun with your horse in a group of like-minded women? Then join the OPA Women's League equestrian section, affectionately known as the Hot Trotters. The Nov. 5 activity is breakfast at the Los Alamitos Race-track to eat trackside and watch the jockeys exercise the horses. Throughout the year, the Trotters enjoy trail rides, horse camping, races and rodeos, host speakers on horse related topics, organize poker and moonlight rides, arena play days, and share knowledge. All levels of riders are welcome and owning a horse is not a requirement.

Dog owners who want to connect with like-minded women are invited to join the league's Walkers and Dog Pack Walkers Section. It's a fun group, where laughter is often heard over the barks of the dogs as they socialize and hit the pavement or trails in the OPA community.

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Fair flashback

On Oct. 10, Canyon Beat received the following dispatch from Special Correspondent Aquarius "Trip" O'Hair:

"Whoa, just got back from a outa sight hip happening right in uptight white-bread Establishment Orange County's woody backyard!

"Me and the old lady were cruising Santiago Canyon Road in our VW bus, pulling over every now and then to grok the view, or to let a bicycle pass us going uphill, when we see this humongous pastel psychedelic sign saying 'Silverado 2022 Country Fair,' and something about music and entertainment. And a date, which we eventually realize is today. So yeah, baby! Right on!

"After turning onto Silverado Canyon Road, we pass a National Forest sign, a groovy looking church, some horses, and eventually there's this funky little town with a post office, general store, and cafe (but no gas station).

"We pull into a parking lot and stop, which turns out to be a good idea because otherwise we might have hit the saloon coming the other way. Actually, the saloon was being towed, but still—not

something you expect to see rolling toward you while you're out sightseeing.

"Could I be hallucinating, this early in the morning? 'Did you see that?' I ask the old lady. 'Yeah,' she says, 'but look what's going down now!'

"The next thing we know, a gang of scuzzy Old West-looking desperados are robbing the cafe and market, but they get challenged by a John Wayne law 'n' order sheriff type. Somebody draws first, there's a whole lot of booming gunshots, and then just smoke drifting in the air.

"Freaked out, we fire up the bus again and wheel around back the way we came, but almost immediately, we spot a mini-fairground that we somehow missed on the way in.

"We have enough bread to pay for admission, some righteous munchies, and a couple of beers, and then, after finding a picnic table, we check out the scene.

"People in little tents on the grass are selling arts and crafts. Off to one side are places for kids to play, do art activities, and listen to some songs. On the other side of the entrance is a stage where

bands seem to be performing almost continuously, one right after the other. In front of that is a movie-set Old Western street with a blacksmith, jail, and saloon (non-rolling).

"We hear that a lot of the ticket and beer money pays for community services like watching for fire, buying sandbags, and providing other emergency aid. We'll drink to that.

"We also notice that after today's 'grateful bluegrass' and 'boogie jam' acts, tomorrow will feature performances described as 'psych jams' and 'Jerry Garcia tribute.' We check our wallets. If we can crash someplace out of the way tonight, we can afford a return visit. Someone nearby happens to compliment the old lady on her love beads. She winds up selling them to her. Far out! No more worries about tomorrow's beer budget.

"The next day starts just as mellow as the first, but ends with more energy due to a larger dancing crowd going with the flow. Once again, we flash on all the people, young and old, freaks and straight-arrows, grooving to something they all dig. Not to get too heavy, but what would it take to get Putin turned on to the idea of rapping with people about what he wants instead of ripping them off?

"Peace and love, Trip"

first part of November.

On Oct. 4, the Inter-Canyon League sponsored a forum featuring local park district (SMRPD) candidates John Nelson, Ted Wright, Jessie Bullis, Laurie Martz, Brittney Kuhn and Andrew Ward. Vote for up to three by November 8.

Some canyon property tax bills now include an additional \$44.52 annual weed abatement fee. Canyon Beat does not yet know what triggers this charge. Rich Pfeiffer and Joanne Hubble are investigating.

Fall foliage

Poison oak, a sometimes bush-like and sometimes vine-like native western U.S. plant, becomes more visible in autumn when its small, shiny green leaves turn red. Either way, the standard advice for avoiding an itchy rash from the oily chemical urushiol is "Leaves of three, let them be."

Most humans are sensitive to poison oak, but most animals aren't. So some animals munch the nutritious leaves, and some birds build nests in them or eat the small white berries. Poison oak is in the sumac, or cashew, family. So you might think that when it brushes up against you in the woods, it's trying to cashew off guard. But that's just nuts.



Poison oak

Further factoids

Several cars parked on Black Star Canyon road have been broken into recently. For now, avoid leaving any valuables there.

Contractors expect to continue removing dirt from Silverado debris flow sites through at least the

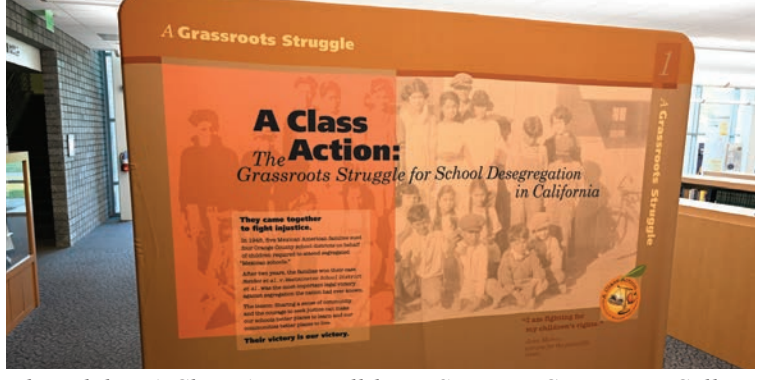


Miss Orange Teen USA, Belkys Pineda, a senior at Orange High School, was among the many holiday shoppers at the 28th annual Assistance League of Orange Boutique Noel event, which benefits philanthropic programs. She was welcomed by Assisteens Auxiliary members Emily Aufdemberg, left, and Samantha Wedge, right, who served as Assisteens Boutique

Holiday home décor tips from VPWL

The Villa Park Women's League will hold its general meeting at the Duchess on Cambridge in Orange, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17. Topics include updating and refreshing your home for the holidays. The Duchess' designer will share tips to make your home more inviting, and will also demonstrate how to make a holiday wreath. Members are requested to RSVP with Risa Scott at Risakaes@gmail.com, or call (714) 293-8165. For information about membership, see vpwl.org.

School desegregation exhibit opens at SCC library



The exhibit, *A Class Action*, will be at Santiago Community College until Dec. 9.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, and as an opportunity to pay tribute to Santiago Canyon College's (SCC) library namesake, Lorenzo A. Ramirez, the college is serving as the host location for the traveling exhibit, "A Class Action - - The Grassroots Struggle for School Desegregation in California."

Jointly sponsored by the Museum of Teaching and Learning (MOTAL) and the Orange Unified School District (OUSD), the exhibit will remain on display through Dec. 9. SCC student docents will be available to provide guided tours to the general public, as well as OUSD students.

In March 1945, five Mexican-American families sued four school districts in Orange County (El Modena, Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Westminster) on behalf of an entire community, whose children were required to attend segregated "Mexican schools." Their class action lawsuit became known as *Mendez v. Westminster School District*. After two years of fighting, the families won their case and ended segregation in public schools across the State of California. Moreover, the court's decision in this case created a powerful impact on the 1954 United States Supreme Court ruling in *Brown vs. Board of Edu-*

cation that "separate education facilities are inherently unequal" and the subsequent desegregation of schools across the country.

Lorenzo A. Ramirez was one of the local residents who courageously fought for his children's education along with Thomas Estrada, William Guzman, Frank Palomillo and Gonzalo Mendez.

MOTAL created this traveling exhibit to spotlight the positive impact that one's legacy can leave on a community. While exploring the exhibit, visitors will learn more about these five families, what they were fighting for, how they fought, and what happened after they won.

SCC's Lorenzo A. Ramirez Library is open to the public, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. OUSD students will begin visiting the exhibit every Thursday and Friday, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The library is located at 8045 E. Chapman Ave.



Tony Ramirez, son of plaintiff Lorenzo Ramirez speaks to visitors.

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Tustin Area Museum completes "refresh"

By Guy Ball

Nestled in the historic Knights of Pythias building in Old Town Tustin lies the Tustin Area Museum, opened in 1979 to preserve and celebrate the rich history of the community. The collection of Tustin area artifacts and photographs grew greatly since that time, with little physical change to the displays. Two years ago, board members decided it was time to freshen up the museum.

"After forty years of just minor exhibit changes, our board agreed that it was time to revitalize the whole space," noted Steve Sauers, president of the Tustin Area Historical Society. "We raised the

funds to move a rear wall to add four more feet of exhibit room and replace most of the cabinets with new glass cabinets. We also purchased moveable walls to improve the exhibit space and allow for future flexibility."

Volunteers added more displays, including sections for Tustin's military base (the blimp hangars), early businesses and pioneers, and local sports heroes. "We included additional exhibits and antiques to show more of our agricultural heritage and share what life was like in early Tustin and North Tustin," Sauers said.

One thing that didn't change was the display of Tustin's first fire engine, a converted 1912 Buick touring car – which included a hand-cranked siren – something particularly enjoyed by school kids who regularly tour the museum as part of its outreach with local schools. The engine is part of an expanded fire and po-

lice exhibit.

Technology upgrades include new large monitors to rotate more information from the museum's collection, as well as provide for special video presentations. The museum now has space for "Night at the Museum" speakers who have been sharing their stories and knowledge.

In addition, the new Vivien Owen Learning Center provides a computerized, community resource for family research. Funds were donated in honor of one of the founders of the society. Museum volunteer Vicki Gray has been diligently researching reference material to compile profiles of prominent and noteworthy Tustin families. Together with Tim Zierer, who has researched Tustin's Civil War veterans, they have compiled over 50 family profiles to date.

The Tustin Area Museum is located at 395 El Camino Real,

just north of Main Street. It is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Admission

is free for all. Groups may call (714) 731-5701 for special tours. Visit TustinHistory.com for more information.



The newly upgraded Tustin Area Museum features antiques, artifacts and photos, along with video displays and computerized research tools to preserve the community's heritage.



Tustin's first fire engine remains a popular fixture at the museum.



Volunteer docent Janice Haynes guides visitors through the Tustin Area Museum's exhibits.

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East Orange natural space open by appointment only

By Robert Detrano

There is a paradise in Orange County that rivals our magnificent national parks. The Irvine Ranch Open Space is a national and state Natural Landmark. It is owned by Orange County and supported by public funds. This land stretches from the 241 Toll Road to the Cleveland National Forest. It comprises Limestone Canyon with its incredible “sinks,” Black Star Canyon with its red rock formations, Fremont Canyon’s endangered Tecate Cypress trees, the Irvine Mesa, Baker and Weir Canyon, and in its southeastern corner, the Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park.

The last of these areas, the 2,500-acre Whiting Ranch, is the only section open to the public every day. The remaining areas are open only by appointment for supervised hiking, biking and equestrian activities.

Whiting Ranch comprises less than one-eighth of the area of the other Open Space lands. It re-

ceives 100,000 guests annually. Limestone Canyon Park, part of the Open Space, borders Whiting and has similar topography, fauna and flora. Limestone is twice the size, and receives less than 5% of the number of guests who visit Whiting.

Limited public access

During 95% of the year, no public access to Limestone Canyon Park is permitted. Iron gates, barbed wire and surveillance cameras greet those who pause at the park entrances. No signs on the iron gates explain that a limited program allows public access.

The program that allows supervised admittance to Limestone Canyon and the other closed areas can be accessed at letsgooutside.org, administered by the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC), a not-for-profit that is funded by a public \$5 million yearly grant from Orange County. Letsgooutside allows people to sign up for hikes, bike and equestrian rides

on a first-come, first-served basis. I have trained as a volunteer to lead these activities.

Though a resident of Orange County for 40 years, I discovered letsgooutside.org only six months ago. Most of my neighbors in Silverado do not know about it.

Impact on animals

Numerous scientific publications explain the ecological impact of human recreational use. University of Oklahoma Professor Michael Patten executed studies on open space that showed that wild mammals are less likely to frequent specific locations that humans had recently visited, and that deer alter the time of day when they are active, depending on the presence of humans. Specifically, deer in areas of high human use shift their activity time from 6 a.m. to midnight. Such a temporal shift can be lethal for the deer, since midnight is the peak activity time of their major

predators, mountain lions.

Other studies show that heavy trail use causes destruction of vegetation from trampling. Hikers and runners inject non-native species into wild areas. Heavy birdwatcher activity decreases the prevalence of some species, especially raptors and ground nesters.

These are the reasons that you see so many “Stay on the trail” signs in parks and nature preserves. It is also a reason for the iron gates and barbed wire fences at the entrances of the Irvine Ranch Open Space.

However, there is another side. Orange County has over three million residents. A fair portion reside in neighborhoods contiguous to the Open Space.

A well-kept secret

To determine awareness of the letsgooutside program, I polled residents in the Canyons, in Orange, and in a section of Irvine bordering on the Open Space land. My results show that less than one-third of about 250 residents in all three county neigh-

borhoods know about letsgooutside, or that there is a way to cross the iron gates and see the paradise that lies beyond. I surmise that residents of more distant Orange County towns are even less aware of this opportunity.

Voluminous scientific literature shows how outdoor recreation benefits visitors to natural parks and preserves. One benefit is the promotion of environmentally responsible behavior. Most scientists agree that folks who have opportunities to visit wild places and feel their own insignificance compared to the wonders of the forests, deserts, and the sea will respect and protect these resources. Those who lack these experiences are likely to favor development. Lack of knowledge prevents most Orange County residents from outdoor experiences that allow them to reflect on their relationship with the natural environment. The people of Orange County are not benefitting from a publicly funded treasure.

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Many county residents wish to know about available programs like letsgooutside. To verify this, I conducted a poll asking, "Would advertising letsgooutside on the iron gates be a good idea?" Sixty-four percent agreed that it would be a good idea. Only 27 percent said that it is a bad idea.

Crack open the gate

Restricting access to the Open Space to a minority of residents denies the populace of Orange County the benefit of increased environmental awareness and education. To permanently protect

the Open Space, the circle of protectors must be expanded beyond a small group of elites. Moreover, the vast discrepancy in human visitation between the Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park and the wild lands in Limestone makes no scientific or social sense.

I interviewed Dr. Winston Vickers, Director of the California Mountain Lion Project at UC Davis' Wildlife Health Center. Vickers is completing research in Whiting Ranch and the other Open Space areas. He agrees that hikers and bikers overuse Whiting Ranch, but consideration should be given to providing more public access to the other closed and

gated areas.

The problem of shifting visitors from one wilderness area to another is not easy to solve. One simple initial measure would be posting signs with the website on the iron gates at the park entrances. Other measures might include small fees for attending the letsgooutside hikes and bike rides. Proceeds could be used to expand the letsgooutside programs.

Careful review of IRC governance and finances suggests that the organization is not maximizing private fundraising and grant writing. IRC depends almost entirely on one large

public grant from Orange County. IRC should use its volunteer board of directors to solicit funds for its activities.

Better fundraising would allow IRC to expand its excellent volunteer-based educational and recreational hikes, bike and equestrian rides.

Robert Detrano is a retired UCI medical professor who worked in Southeast Asia for 20 years. He has been working as a nature videographer, nature advocate and amateur journalist in Orange County. He has published a book on moral philosophy. robert@chinacal.org.



Meet author Katie Hafner

OC Public Libraries presents author Katie Hafner at the Villa Park Library on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and book signing of her first novel, "The Boys."

Hafner is the author of six non-fiction books and the host of the popular podcast, "Lost Women of Science." She is also a journalist for The New York Times and The Washington Post. The Villa Park Library is located at 17865 Santiago Blvd., in the Villa Park Towne Center.



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Musical instruments were formally presented, from left, ElMo Assistant Principal Matt Strickland; Director Derrick Nuno; Elks Rosie Cash, Marilyn Dinger, Terrie Schatz, Adrian Ober, Mike Cash, Kim Le, Lynn Butler and Assistant Principal Cameron Shepherd.



Orange Elks help make music

The Orange Elks Lodge 1475 received a call from Derrick Nuno, El Modena High School band director, requesting help obtaining instruments for the school's growing band and orchestra. Nuno reported an unexpected surge of interest in the schools' music programs. Elk Mike Cash reached out to lodge members and community partner Acoustic for a Change. Lodge members Lynn Butler and Marilyn Dinger and Acoustic for a Change donated two violas, a cello, a saxophone, a clarinet and a guitar for the El Modena music students.

Orange County firefighters receive \$16.95 million for hand crew facility

Senator Dave Min (D-Irvine) and Fire Authority Chief Brian Fennessy announced the receipt of \$16.95 million in state funding for OCFA's expanded hand crew facility in Trabuco Canyon. The Trabuco Canyon-based station, located in the region's high fire severity zone, deploys personnel for fire suppression and wildfire mitigation efforts. The state funds will allow the hand crew staff to be doubled as firefighters move into the larger state-of-the-art facility. The OCFA Hand Crew Program has grown from what was initially a single 20-member seasonal crew in 2010. With this state budget allocation, OCFA is able to further expand the Program by adding a second 20-member year-round crew, with a full complement of crew supervision. OCFA's expanded Hand Crew Program is an integral part of the strategy to prevent, fight and mitigate the damage caused by wildfires to lives and property.



FamilySearch Center celebrates the family

The public is invited to a Día de los Muertos Celebration of the Family on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Orange County FamilySearch Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The event offers visitors the opportunity to get help finding ancestors, enjoy Mexican cultural activities and purchase authentic Mexican food. To learn more about the celebration and how to utilize the FamilySearch Center, contact ca_orange@familyhistorymail.org. The church is located at 675 S. Yorba.

Keylee runs -- and jumps and throws -- for the gold



Keylee Baker with a few of her medals.

Keylee Baker, an eighth grade student at Santiago Charter Middle School, is aiming for Olympic gold. While attending Serrano Elementary, the young athlete began participating in track and field events at the Orange Foundation Games. Now, with armfuls of medals and accolades, the gold is well within reach.

The 25-time All-American athlete has competed in the Junior Olympic Games since 2018. She has competed and medaled in various events such as Turbo Javelin, Finn Flyer, Aero Javelin, Shot Put, 4x400m Relay, 200m, High Jump, Long Jump, 800m, 80m Hurdles, and 100m Hurdles at the national level against girls throughout the USA and other countries.

This past summer, Keylee took gold in the Aero Javelin against 71 other girls, and won the sixth-place medal against 46 girls in the Pentathlon.

Her track bio is extensive: 2022 nine-time All American AAU Indoor/Outdoor in Pentathlon, 60m Hurdles, Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump, 200m Hurdle, 100m Hurdle and Javelin; won first in the Jr. Eline Combined Events Clinic; was top girl for her age division in numerous events; selected to carry the torch and female field athlete for the 2022 California State Games; national champion in Javelin and Shot Put Junior Olympic Games.

She was 2x All American in Pentathlon and Javelin; third in USATF Arizona 30th Indoor Classic in 55m Hurdles, Shot Put and Long Jump; 3x All American

AAU Indoor in 60m Hurdles, Shot Put and Long Jump.

Despite the countless hours of training and travel, Keylee also finds time for school and friends. A scholar-athlete, she was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Santiago, and has many friends who will cheer her on as she chases the ultimate – Olympic gold.



Track & Field awards.



Photo courtesy of John Garrett

Grand Marshals Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse joined Tustin Man of the Year Mark Eliot in the annual Tustin Tiller Days Parade on Oct. 1. Several thousand people lined the streets of Tustin and watched Mickey, Minnie and Mark ride in a red convertible as it traveled through Old Town Tustin to the Tiller Days Festival at Columbus Tustin Park. Over 100 floats, bands, vehicles and dignitaries participated in this year's parade. It was the first time any Disney characters have appeared as grand marshals in the 65-year history of the event. As Mark Eliot puts it, "Ears to a mousetacular day!"

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**Ann Plummer Burger
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Ann Burger, 88, of Orange Park Acres, passed away peacefully on Aug. 25 at Town and Country Grace Gardens Memory Care, Santa Ana.

Ann was born the middle child of three in Duluth, Minnesota to Richard and Eunice Plummer on Oct. 12, 1933. She grew up in Milwaukee with older sister Sarah and younger brother Richard. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, she married Bernard Burger in Milwaukee on Aug. 4, 1957.

They moved to Long Beach, California where Ann taught fifth grade at Longfellow Elementary School until their daughter Sarah was born, followed closely by their son Kurt.

Ann loved animals, and always made them a part of the family. Her love of all furred and feathered creatures was infectious. A move to Orange

Park Acres equestrian community in 1972 allowed the whole family to embrace a rural lifestyle and enjoy the horses, dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs, bunnies, chickens, turkey, ducks, geese, goats, pigs, tortoise, and even snakes, that were part of the family. This interest led to the entire family being active members in Orange Acres Backbreakers 4-H Club and the OPA community.

Ann's other love was for her art, in which she was incredibly talented. She saw the world as a resource for creativity, using her talent to sew, sculpt, design, decorate and paint. Her oil paintings, in particular, have resonated with so many people, reflecting her love of animals, rural life and the outdoors.

Above all, Ann loved family, and devoted herself to being the best mother and wife she could be.

Though her journey with us is done, she is remembered in our hearts, in our memories of all the good times we had together, and in the art that is her special legacy.

In lieu of flowers or cards, the family would appreciate donations to the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles Rescue where, over the years, Ann obtained several beautiful golden retrievers. Each of these dogs lived out their twilight years with mom's love and care, and became a special family member. The website link is grcglarescue.org; the mailing address is GRCGLA Rescue, P.O. Box 491209, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

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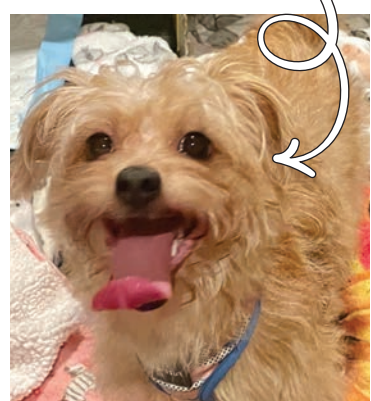
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Homecoming 2022



The 2022 Villa Park Homecoming Court included, left to right, Princesses Simone Bilodeau and Rylee Lewis, Queen Isabella Carrasco, Princesses Molly Domer and Beth Baker. VPHS won the game over arch-rival Canyon, 56-40.



Canyon High School asked each football player to donate \$20 to wear pink at each game in October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. In turn, the team donated \$1,500 to assist a Comanche family, the Smiths, with on-going medical bills after mom Cathy Smith's cancer fight; she celebrated one year of being cancer-free in October.

Harry Welsh inducted

Harry Welsh was inducted into the CIFSS Hall of Fame, Oct. 11. Welsh was a head coach with three high schools, Canyon, St. Margaret's, and Santa Margarita. He had an overall record of 256-60-2 over 24 years, three CIF State Championships and nine CIF-Southern Section Championships. His .821 winning percentage is the second best in California history for coaches with 250 wins (1982-1993, 2001-2006).

Welsh was Canyon's head coach for 18 years, with an overall record of 179-46-2. He guided Canyon to one CIF State Championship, five CIF-Southern Section Championships, and one runner-up.

The Canyon stadium is named "Harry Welsh Stadium" in his honor. Welsh is the only coach in California history to win three CIF State Championships with three different schools.



Left, The 2022 Canyon High School Homecoming Court were, left to right, seniors Kathryn Bolton, Reese Hillyer, King Ivan Chang, Queen Kaylee Farina, Lana Salem and Jillian Harrington. Canyon won the homecoming football game, besting Esperanza, 47-7. Not shown: freshmen court Gavin Shea and Caroline Hicks; sophomores Samuel Malo and Baylee Backoff; juniors Alexander Rosu and Makayla Plascencia.

SCC holds off Saddleback

Santiago Canyon College held off Saddleback to end in a 2-2 tie. Both teams are tied for first place (5-1-1, 10-1-1) in Orange Empire League standings, with a rematch

at Saddleback Stadium slated for November 4.

Nikki Marino and Alyssa Rubio each scored a goal. Goalkeeper Savanna Prado had five saves.



Nikki Marino from Santiago Canyon College scored against Saddleback to take a 2-2 tie.



Cassie Lewis from Santiago Canyon College (El Modena) follows up on a goal. Saddleback College goalkeeper Olivia Wynn just missed the block.



COMMUNITY SPORTS

BY CLIFF ROBBINS AND CHAD CLINE

Girls volleyball titles claimed

Villa Park High captured the North Hills League title, while the Foothill High team snagged the Crestview League title in girls volleyball.

Villa Park (6-0, 19-8) faced Downey High School in the first round of the Division 4 Girls Volleyball playoffs. Foothill (6-0, 19-8) played host to Great Oak

in Div. 2. Canyon and El Modena both qualified with a 3-3 record in Div. 5. El Modena played at La Habra and Canyon High School at Sunny Hills.



Aubrey Lilomaiaava from Villa Park sets the ball against El Modena. Villa Park swept three games to remain undefeated.



Juliet Allred from El Modena returns the serve against Villa Park.



Taylor Walsh from Villa Park spikes the ball as Maddy Bullock (10) and Angelina Solis from El Modena (6) set up for the block.



Colin Chu from Canyon High School set up a Canyon touchdown against Esperanza. Canyon won the homecoming game, 56-40.



Tyler Holcomb (7) from Foothill High puts the pressure on Xzavior Guess (9) El Modena quarter back. El Modena won the game, 49-21.



Bryce Perkins (27) from Foothill teams up with Daniel Stichter (20) to stop Ryan Holzgang from El Modena.



Anders Lundsberg, Canyon High quarterback, passed for 2,664 yards and 38 touchdowns this season.



Sean Artist (10) and Pasha Golestaneh (14) from Canyon attempt to stop Carter Christie from Villa Park. Christie set a new school record, rushing for 384 yards and scoring six TDs.

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Orange Citizens to Keep Orange Safe based its selection of candidates on those who have roots in Orange and who have actively served the community. These candidates have vowed to keep our neighborhoods safe and to protect our property rights and open space.

Orange Citizens to Keep Orange Safe led the successful 2019 referendum campaign to overturn the Orange City Council's ill-conceived decision to build 128 homes on an illegal landfill that is next to active methane vents in a flood zone on the former Sully-Miller site. In 2020, Orange Voters agreed with us by voting "No" on Measure AA. Orange Citizens continue to focus on ensuring that the landowner is required to properly clean up the illegal disposal site that they operated.

Please remember to vote on or before November 8th!

Keep Orange Safe – Protecting Orange Citizens & Future Generations

For more information, please visit: www.KeepOrangeSafe.org



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OPA ASKS YOU TO VOTE

We Encourage You To VOTE On or Before November 8th

All elections are important and help ensure our City leadership is responsive to the residents who call Orange home. This year ballots will arrive by mail in October and you have an opportunity to vote by mail or in-person.

Don't let your voice go unheard or your rights go unexercised.
VOTE on or before November 8th and make a difference in Orange's future.



ORANGE PARK ACRES

*An Equestrian Community
Established in 1928*