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E-News for the Week: March 10, 2017...

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Celebrating International Women's Day...

This week, the City of Los Angeles family came in full force to show support during International Women's Day to commemorate the movement for women's rights and celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

I was blessed with an incredible mother, grandmother, a loving sister, awesome aunts and cousins, fabulous sister in laws, and I married the most amazing woman I know. Together we created two astonishing young ladies.

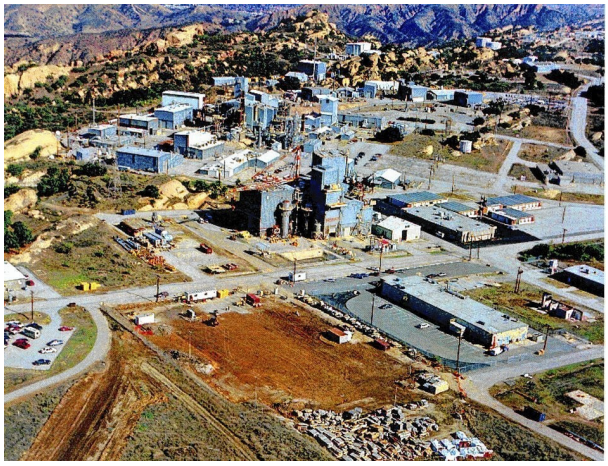
To all the strong women I know and have the privilege to work with, we celebrate you and know you are superior in so many ways. Happy International Women's Day!

RECENT LEGISLATION

Ensuring a Safe Future for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Site...

Beginning in the 1940s the federal government conducted rocket and nuclear testing activities at the Santa Susana Field Lab in Ventura County with substantial disregard for the environment. One of its nuclear reactors experienced a partial nuclear meltdown in 1959, and two other reactors experienced accidents with significant fuel damage, causing releases of

radioactivity into the air.



In addition to napalm and dioxin incineration in open-air burn pits, dumping of over 500,000 gallons of trichloroethylene and perchlorate, and other contamination from over the 50 years of operations, the site has been left highly polluted with radioactive and chemical contaminants. The parties responsible for cleaning up the Santa Susana Field Lab are: The Department of Energy (DOE), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Boeing Company.

In 2010, a legally binding cleanup agreement called the Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC), were entered into by NASA and the Department of Energy with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. The AOC requires all of the detectable radioactive and chemical contamination at their Santa Susana Field Lab operations be cleaned up to background levels similar to those before the site was contaminated.

The DOE released their Draft Environmental Impact Statement in January 2017. However, the Environmental Impact Statement does not analyze the impacts of cleaning the site to levels stipulated in the AOC. Instead, 500,000 cubic yards of soil, some with known significant chemical and radiological contamination covered by the AOC, are exempted from remediation

There were three options analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Option 1 proposes to leave up to 39% of the contamination - over 1/2 million cubic yards on site. This exposes future users of the site and those in proximity to its runoff to an unacceptable risk of future cancers and other maladies. This is NOT, as the document suggests, compliant with the Administrative Order on Consent. Even more untenable, Options 2 and 3 leave up to 91% and 99% of pollution on site, respectively.

This week, the City Council voted to support my motion to send the following comments from the City of Los Angeles:

1. The Environmental Impact Statement should be based on remediation of the Department of Energy's Santa Susana Field Lab site to the levels stipulated in the Administrative Order of Consent and not include consideration of alternatives that would violate this Order.
2. Ineligible exemptions utilized in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that dramatically increase the risk of cancers should be excluded.
3. Alternate transportation plans should be analyzed that include direct conveyance of contaminated materials from the site to rail and other options including the use of fire roads and routes with less impact to residents and reduced traffic impact.

I have worked on this issue personally for nearly fourteen years and have witnessed too many "clusters" of rare and extremely rare childhood cancers in proximity to the Field Lab site. Enough is enough. The site needs to be cleaned up once and for all.

Click below to see the CBS2 story on the impact of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory which aired March 8, 2017.

Fighting Against Hate Crimes and Protecting the Diverse Community Culture of Los Angeles…

This week, I stood with my colleagues, Councilmembers David Ryu, Bob Blumenfield, and Paul Koretz, to submit a motion requesting LAPD, with the assistance of the City Attorney, report to City Council on recent trends

in reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic or racially motivated violence, particularly those directed at our Los Angeles' Jewish community; efforts to respond to hate crimes and increase security around Jewish facilities, including, synagogues, cemeteries, schools and community centers; enhanced security protocols that can be taken during Jewish holidays; and any cooperative efforts to help determine the vulnerability of these institutions and secure their facilities.

We also requested they report to the City Council on any federal, state or local funding that could be sought by the City to help enhance security around faith-based facilities, as well as any security grants that could be secured by non-governmental or faith-based entities to help defray the costs of security assessments, site visits and infrastructure improvements to further secure their facilities.

The greater Los Angeles area calls itself home to nearly 3.5 million immigrants, who trace their roots to scores of countries, cultures, ethnicities and religions. For nearly 150 years, immigrants have played a vital role in shaping the region's economy and culture time, and time again, the residents of Los Angeles have chosen to embrace the diversity that continues to strengthen our City.

Over the last few weeks, the City of Los Angeles has seen an uptick in vandalism, including the spray painting of swastikas on public and private property.

Jolted into action by the wave of hate crimes, faith-based organizations have united to stem bigotry in our communities. In Los Angeles, The Jewish Federation, through its Community Security Initiative, has been working with synagogues and schools to improve security around facilities and proactively monitor threats.

With the second largest Jewish population outside Israel, we should take recent instances of anti-Semitism seriously. It is incumbent that the City of

Los Angeles secure its residents and protect the diversity that continues to define and strengthen the region.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chatsworth Residents: Remember to Vote during your Neighborhood Council Election…

Stakeholders have the opportunity to make your voice heard and vote for the new Chatsworth Neighborhood Council. Eligible voters need to provide proof of residence in Chatsworth, or proof they work, board horses, or participate in a civic group or church based organization in Chatsworth.

Saturday, March 18
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Chatsworth Train Depot
10040 Old Depot Plaza Rd.
Chatsworth

For more information, click here or go to www.chatsworthcouncil.org.

Video: 2016 Making Movies that Matter: My Best Friend by Patrick Henry Middle School...

The 2nd Annual Mitchell Englander Making Movies that Matter (MMtM) Youth Short Film Festival is off and running for hundreds of young film makers from over 30 elementary, middle school, high school, and college campuses throughout Council District 12 and the San Fernando Valley, alongside the Greig Smith Devonshire PALS Youth Community Center, New Horizons, and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission.

Participants will be using the themes of social action and civic engagement to guide their creative process in one of four categories: public service announcement (PSA), documentary, live action, and animation and will receive mentoring from award-winning artists-in-residence from the CalArts Community Arts Program (CAP). In addition, the Apple stores of Northridge and Topanga are donating editing training to the students and staff as a gift to the project.

Last year, Patrick Henry Middle School explored the issue of student homelessness and won Best PSA in the Middle School Division. Watch the video below!

Click here to view our entire 2016 Making Movies that Matter Collection. Follow @CD12Movies on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates on the new season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make an Appointment at the CD12 Community Service Center: Bureau of Street Services...

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.

We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with City Departments, including Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, Building and Safety, Recreation and Parks, Neighborhood Empowerment Department, Housing & Community Development, Animal Services, and Aging. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way

downtown. Meetings with Department representatives are by appointment only, but you can speak with our Field Deputies at any time.

Bureau of Street Services
Monday, March 20
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Community Service Center
9207 Oakdale Ave. Second Floor
Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call (818) 882-1212.

The Granada Hills Woman's Club Spaghetti Dinner and Sock Hop...

The Granada Hills Woman's Club will host a spaghetti dinner and sock hop for the entire community. Toes will tap to the music of The Generation Gap Band. Pre-paid reservation tickets are $25 by March 9. 50's and 60's attire is welcomed.

Sunday, March 12
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Granada Hills Woman's Club Clubhouse
10666 White Oak Ave
Granada Hills

For more information, call (818) 363- 9844.

Inspiring Notes Community Concert…

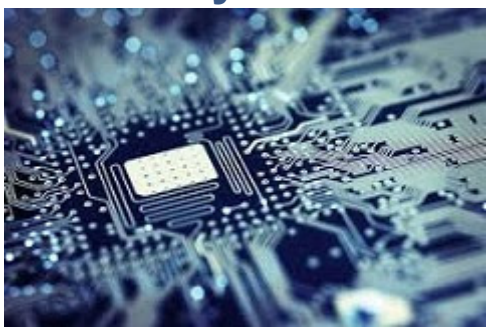
Join Inspiring Notes during their community concert and share the love of music as they aim to pass the music on to our youth. All funds raised will benefit Inspiring Notes Music Enrichment Program that serves nearly 7,000 students in the San Fernando Valley. After the concert you will have an opportunity to meet with the musicians.

Sunday, March 12
Doors open: 4:15 pm
Concert begins: 5:00 pm

The First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills
10400 Zelzah Ave.
Granada Hills

For more information, call (818) 780-2308 or go to www.inspiringnotes.net.

The Valley Economic Alliance TechX and Expo…



Join The Valley Economic Alliance for a one-of-a-kind TechX & Expo which will give attendees the opportunity to network with exhibitors and learn about resources and services available to them. There will also be a TED talk style program featuring presentations and demonstrations on the latest and most innovative technology. $10 individual tickets; exhibit tables, and sponsorship packages are available.

Thursday, March 16
7:30 am

The Sportsmen's Lodge Event Center
12833 Ventura Blvd.
Studio City

For more information, call (818) 379-7000 or email www.thevalley.net.

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library Book Sale…

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library will host a two-day used book sale. There will be a great variety of hardcovers and paperbacks, representing all ages, subjects, and interests sold at the event. Prices for most books will range from 25 cents to one dollar and all proceeds will

benefit the library.

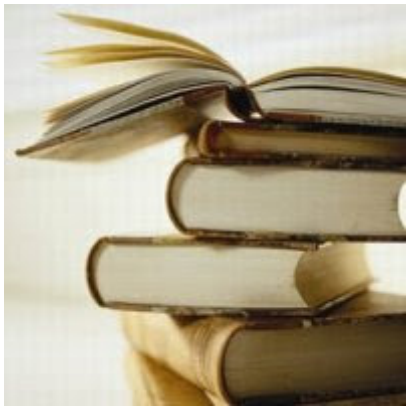
Friday, March 17
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 18
9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Granada Hills Library - Community Room
10640 Petit Ave.
Granada Hills

For more information, call (818) 368-5687.

Friends of Troop 10 and Sylvan Learning Center SAT Test Prep Course…



The Friends of Troop 10 has partnered with Sylvan Learning Center to offer a special pricing on their SAT test format and practice critical reading, writing, and math samples. The prep course is $100 for students and $90 for Boy/Girl Scouts.

Saturday, March 18
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sylvan Learning Centers available for this offer:
Northridge, Sherman Oaks, and Woodland Hills

Please register by March 13th. For more information, go to www.FriendsT10.org.

The Chatsworth Library Celtic Music Concert…

The Chatsworth Library will host a Classical Celtic Music Concert featuring violinist, Judith Aller and cellist, Manon Robertshaw. Judith Aller is classically trained, the prodigy of Jascha Heifetz, and in her commercial success has recorded with Frank Sinatra, Barbara Streisand, Liza Minnelli,

and Luciano Pavarotti. Manon Robershaw has toured Europe and North America as a soloist, orchestral and chamber musician, including a performance with Musique Sur La Mer Orchestra at the Tribute Concert in Honor of the Wedding of HRH Prince William & Miss Catherine Middleton. Please join us for the performance of these renowned musicians.

Saturday, March 18
2:00 pm

Chatsworth Library
21052 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 341-4276.

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Miranda Loop Hike…

The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is hosting a nature hike at the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. The hike will last approximately two hours and those in attendance will learn about the park's unique history. The difficulty level is difficult, dress accordingly and bring water.

Sunday, March 19
9:00 am

Andora Trail Head
9955 Andora Ave.
Chatsworth

For more information, go to www.fpssm.org.

Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

Celebrates 100,000 Lessons and Counting…

Please join Ride On and Honorary Chair Councilmember Mitchell Englander and Ride On as they host a 100,000 Lessons and Counting Brunch celebrating their incredible milestone.

With the help of the community, amazing volunteers, their equine herd, staff and supporters, Ride On will soon surpass 100,000 lessons given in their history. The Ride On students are working hard on some great demonstrations and the team is proud to be able to share the unique and amazing world of horses with so many families and individuals.

Sunday, March 19
11:00 am

Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship
10860 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth

For more information and to buy tickets, email Sara@RideOn.org or go to www.RideOn.org. *Sponsorships are available and a donation of $100 is suggested.*

The Chatsworth Library Movie Matinee…

Come and have fun with friends and family during the Chatsworth Library Movie Matinee. The library will be showing the movie *Hacksaw Ridge*. Refreshments will be available.

Thursday, March 23
1:30 pm

Chatsworth Library
21052 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 341-4276.

The Chatsworth Historical Society Presentation…

Ann Vincent from the Chatsworth Historical Society will be presenting an interesting program featuring the start and growth of the railroad in the West Valley as part of a luncheon program. Community members are welcome to attend and a hot luncheon will be served at noon. Tickets are $13 per person and checks may be mailed or delivered to the church with the notation March 23 MFS luncheon. You can also *click here* or scan the QR code to make your reservation and payment directly to the church.

Thursday, March 23
12:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills
10400 Zelzah Ave.
Northridge

Please RSVP by March 20 and note that there will be no ticket sales at the door. For additional information, call 818-708- 8596.

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Community Waterfall Hike / Walk…

The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is hosting a family-friendly nature hike at the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. The hike will last two hours and those in attendance will learn about the park's unique history. The hike leader is Elizabeth and has a moderate difficulty level. Please dress accordingly and bring water.

Saturday, March 25
11:00 am

Andora Trail Head
9955 Andora Ave.
Chatsworth

For more information, go to www.fpssm.org.

The CSUN VITA Clinic Tax Preparation Services…

Serving the public since 1970, the California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic is a cost-free income tax assistance service to low-income residents in the San Fernando Valley and beyond. Their goal is to provide outstanding free tax preparation service and provide CSUN students with quality learning experience in the field of taxation.

Under the supervision of experienced tax practitioners, trained and certified CSUN students provide free tax preparation services, both Federal and State, to eligible low income taxpayers. Services are offered at the CSUN campus and several remote sites in the community.

Appointments available now.

For more information and to make an appointment, go to www.csun.edu/bookstein-institute/csun-vita-clinic. Please call (818) 677-3600 if you need special accommodation for services at least one week before your scheduled appointment.

CD 12 Pets of the Week…

This week, our West Valley Animal Shelter Cat of the Week is a 15 year old cuddler named Honeybee (ID #A1679785). Honeybee is a beautiful cat that was brought to the shelter when her owner was unable to care for her. She is declawed and will purr up a storm once you get to know her. Honeybee is ideal for a quiet home that wants a gentle, extremely loving companion.

Our West Valley Animal Shelter Dog of the Week spot goes to an adorable Chihuahua and Italian Greyhound mix named Bolt (ID #A1674644). Bolt is 10 years old and, weighing in at only 9 pounds, he is perfectly sized for your lap. He is a lovely best friend and gets along with other small dogs. He has a cheerful and friendly personality and would do well in a quiet, loving home.

To give these pets a forever home, visit the shelter at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, (818) 756-9325. See all the City shelter animals at the L.A. Animal Services Search-By-Shelter Page.

STAFF REPORT

Reports From Our Staff: Change your Clocks and Smoke Alarm Batteries...

Our Field Deputy, Colin Crews, would like to remind you to set your clock forward one hour this Sunday and check your batteries in your smoke alarms throughout your house.

On average, families have less than three minutes from the time the first smoke alarm sounds to escape a fire. Working smoke alarms provide the early warning and critical extra seconds needed to escape and cut the risk of dying in home fire structures in half.

When you set your clock forward on March 12, remember to make a life-saving change in your household - change and test the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors - and remind your friends, family and neighbors to do the same.

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