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## News in Brief

### Westfield to Hold Job Fair

Westfield is holding a Job Fair on Thursday, April 15, from 2 to 5 pm. Discover your dream job with one of their hiring retailers or restaurants. Participating retailers include 24 Hour Fitness, ALDO, American Eagle Outfitters, Burke Williams, CAVA, California Pizza Kitchen, Forever 21, FORME Life, GAP, GAP Kids, Honey Birdette, JOEY Woodland Hills, Larsen's Steakhouse, Nespresso, Salvatore Ferragamo, Saje Wellness, Sloan's Ice Cream, Sunglass Hut, The Cheesecake Factory and Williams Sonoma (more merchants added daily). The job fair will be held at Westfield Topanga, Level 1 near Peloton. Bring a resume and wear a mask. For more information visit [westfield.com/topanga](http://westfield.com/topanga).

### Calabasas "Treasure Hunt" Opens City Memorabilia Contest

In conjunction with the City's 30th anniversary (see accompanying story this page) the City of Calabasas is sponsoring a "Historial Treasure Contest" all year long. Every month, the city will award a \$100 gift certificate to the individual who provides them with the most interesting find from Calabasas' past. Items so far include a key to the first City Hall, a first ballot, old photos, schoolhouse building screw, 1913 school yearbook, Calabasas Tow belt bucket and more. There is no need to surrender the item, photos are sufficient, though donations are welcome. Be creative. Nothing is too trivial, obscure, or just plain weird. Submissions are due by the 20th of every month. So dash off to your garage, attic, storage locker, parent's house, or wherever else you might find a buried treasure. For more information visit [cityofcalabasas.com](http://cityofcalabasas.com). Send your entries to [info@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:info@cityofcalabasas.com)

### Fernando Nominations Now Open

The board of directors recently announced that this year's Fernando Award gala and dinner will be held on Friday, November 5 at the Skirball Cultural Center from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The nomination application guidelines have been updated and are now automated. Nominations close on July 1. For information about event sponsorships and other general information, contact Pegi Matsuda at [pegi@pegimatsuda.com](mailto:pegi@pegimatsuda.com) or David Honda at [dhonda1@hotmail.com](mailto:dhonda1@hotmail.com). For more information about the nomination application, guidelines and schedule, contact Mark Levinson at [marklesq@gmail.com](mailto:marklesq@gmail.com), Visit [fernandoawards.org](http://fernandoawards.org) to nominate your local candidate!

## The City of Calabasas Turns 30; A Look Back from the First Mayor

By Dennis Washburn

Thirty years ago, on April 5, 1991, 300 or so folks met at 7 pm at the new Calabasas High School meeting room at Mulholland Highway and Old Topanga Canyon Road.

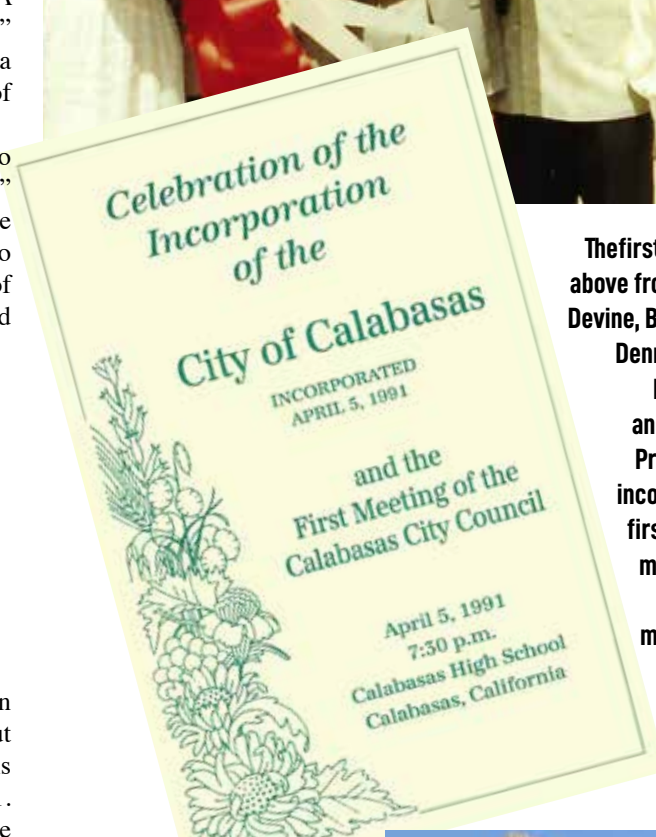
They came from all over LA, California, the USA and the world to see five of their own "call to order" the first Council meeting of the new City of Calabasas - the 88th City of LA County, next to the "county lines" of Ventura in the unique Santa Monica Mountains and shores of Southern California.

Many of the officials who came to "certify" and "celebrate" the cityhood of Calabasas, were from groups that had planned to move over 100 million yards of earth, build super highways and

**Twenty years before, lots of folks — fleeing quakes of 1971, LA Schools bussing, costly housing and rentals, smog, drought, depression, gas lines, crowding, crime and fruitless taxation — sought refuge in the mountains and passes of Calabasas area zip codes.**

thousands of homes and shops in and around the new city, and put millions of cars through the hills as they were on April 5th, 1991. Anxiety and pressure hung in the air despite the chance to be on our own.

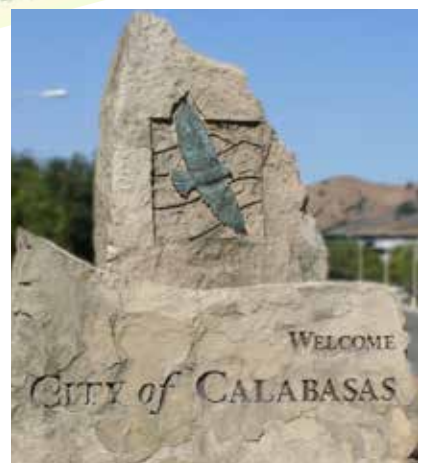
That night there were communal sighs of relief, joy, hope, praise, laughter, pride, and purpose on the dais and in the "room" as the five Council Members elected their first leaders and hired a City Manager "refugee" from Beverly Hills, who had weeks before brought a million bucks of our tax revenue back from Sacramento so we could buy our first pencil, phone,



The first City Council, above from left, Leslie Devine, Bob Hill, Mayor Dennis Washburn, Marvin Lopata and Karyn Foley. Program for the incorporation and first city council meeting at left. A current monument sign welcomes drivers to the city, below.

and rental "City Hall" in a Calabasas Square building. Our first two rooms were next door to Old Town Calabasas and its historic Leonis Adobe and museum (CA:1844).

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# The Sight of Music

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**WOODLAND HILLS:** Local resident, composer, musician and recording artist Joe Rozum will present a Smooth Jazz Evening of Piano Pasta with this Sunday, April 11, at 4 pm. The hour-long show starts at 4 pm. For link visit Facebook: JoeRozum.

**CALABASAS:** The Calabasas City Council will hold a regular council session on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 pm. The meeting will be live streamed on CTV, and available later on the city website at [cityofcalabasas.com](http://cityofcalabasas.com).

**WOODLAND HILLS:** Woodland Hills resident Jackie Goldberg, aka The Pink Lady, will host Entertainer of the Year Randall Gray and “The Singing Chef” Fred Dowd Jr. on her *Pink Lady Presents* show this Sunday, April 11, at 5 pm. The show will air on KSCI Channel 18. For more information visit [pinklady7@earthlink.net](mailto:pinklady7@earthlink.net) or call Goldberg at (818) 606-6679.

**WOODLAND HILLS:** The Law Collaborative will present a free divorce telephone workshop where experts answer your confidential questions about financial and tax issues, communication and parenting skills, court, child support, custody and more. The free phone event is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, from 10 am to noon. Dial-in number is (609) 663-5450.

**TOPANGA:** This is the final weekend for the show “Tree: A 14-Year Love Affair” at the Topanga Canyon Gallery. The solo show of Don Holtz’s photographs tell the story of his relationship with an oak tree that’s been on this planet for at least 500 years. The gallery is located at 120 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd. and is open Thursday to Sunday noon to 5 pm. For more information visit [topangacanyongallery.com](http://topangacanyongallery.com) or call (310) 455-7909.

**CALABASAS:** The Calabasas Library’s Wednesday Morning Book Club will be meeting via Zoom on April 21st at 11am. For the book title and the Zoom meeting link, please email [ksteward@calabasaslibrary.org](mailto:ksteward@calabasaslibrary.org).

**WOODLAND HILLS:** Valley Cultural Foundation, presenters of the free Concerts on the Green summer concerts, stretches the imagination with the “Sight of Music” photo contest. Applicants are encouraged regardless of age, ability and photographic genres to submit a picture that captures what music looks like in a picture. Participants can enter from anywhere, photos will be up on the website for voting and the top 12 vote getters will be judged for the three top cash prizes and nine honorable mentions. Competition begins online April 1, 2021, and the deadline to submit is before midnight April 18, 2021 at [https://www.valleycultural.org/concerts\\_events/the-sight-of-music-photo-contest/](https://www.valleycultural.org/concerts_events/the-sight-of-music-photo-contest/).

**RESEDA:** The West Valley Regional Library will be having a special guest during their April 14 Mystery Book Club meeting at 10:30 am! Author Stuart Turton will join members for a special discussion of his novel *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*. Email [wvalley@lapl.org](mailto:wvalley@lapl.org) with “Mystery Book Club” in the subject line for further information and the Zoom link.

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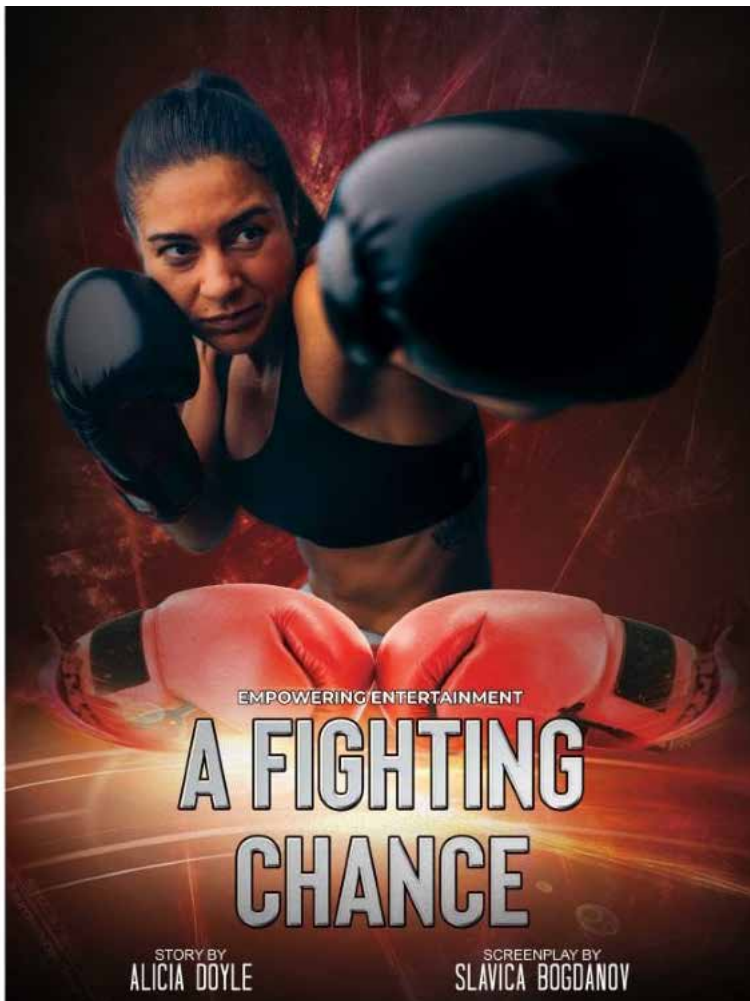
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# People in the News

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Valley resident and journalist **Alicia Doyle's** book, *A Fighting Chance*, is being turned into a movie. The film is currently under development with Slavica Bogdanov of Empowering Entertainment. *A Fighting Chance* is the true story of how Doyle discovered boxing at age 28 in the late 1990's when she went on assignment at a boxing gym for at-risk youth called Kid Gloves. For two years, she simultaneously worked as a newspaper reporter while training and competing as a boxer, making her one of only a few hundred women in America who infiltrated this male-dominated sport. During her boxing career, she won two Golden Gloves championship titles and earned three wins by knockout – and her pro debut at age 30 in the year 2000 was named The California Female Fight of the Year. *Fighting Chance* offers an inside look at what's considered the toughest sport known to man.



West Hills Hospital honored **Kelly Burke**, above, a registered nurse, with the prestigious DAISY Award, which recognizes extraordinary nurses who make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families. Burke was nominated by a patient's daughter for the compassionate care he provided her father at the end of this life.



**Zoe Popoch**, above, made the Chaminade High School Baseball Team. She is the first girl ever to make the team, but she has said it wasn't about that; she only ever wanted to be judged as a ball player. This week she caught two innings against Notre Dame. Popoch is the daughter of John Popoch, Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilman Bob Blumenfield.

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# VIEWPOINT

## English Channel

**By Rodger Sterling**

English Channel offers the best of the late editor Rodger Sterling's columns that ran continuously in the local papers since 1968.



- Me: Siri, remind me to go to the gym. Siri: I have added gin to your shopping list.
- Leno jokes, "Worried about an IRS audit? Avoid what's called a red flag. That's something the IRS always looks for. For example, say you have some money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That's a red flag."
- Local mom Jacqueline Brooks jokes that sure, children are deductible but they're still taxing!
- A first grader came to his mother after class one day and exclaimed, "I love Jesus - He's born, I get presents. He dies, I get chocolate!" Out of the mouths of babes...
- Thought for the day: "What you do speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say." Ralph Waldo Emerson said it.
- Do you know the definition of a perfectionist? Someone who wants to go from point A to point A+.
- Could a librarian be called a bookkeeper? ... referee be a game warden? ... dairyman be a cowboy? ... cabinetmaker be the president?
- Jeff Heller checks in with another sage bit of advice. He had a bad cold so his doctor told him he should drink lemon juice after a hot bath. But Jeff said he never did finish drinking the hot bath.
- What do you call a secret? Something you tell one person at a time.
- Know what a handkerchief is? Cold storage.

**Erratum:** In a recent issue we reported that Business Machines Center in Woodland Hills was celebrating the 40th anniversary. The company is actually celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Our apologies to owner Ray Wargnier.



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## Word on the Street - Walking Back in Time Through Calabasas

-----from Kathleen Sterling

Calabasas in 1991 was not the well-known celebrity haven it is today. We at the *Calabasas Enterprise* covered local events such as the Pumpkin Festival, the chamber meetings, and new developments proposed by Cal Johnston and Curry Riach along Agoura Road - which was tentatively being called the "Technology Corridor" for the tenants they hoped to attract.

At the time there was just one Chevy dealership way down at the corner of Agoura Road and Las Virgenes, and farther down Las Virgenes was the old Orofino's family-owned restaurant.

Bob McCord's Sagebrush Cantina sat on one side of Calabasas Road, and Gil Pique's Bilbouquet French restaurant on the other. The two used to run back and forth across the road, McCord used to say, "to borrow some lettuce." Gaetano offered gourmet Italian from its gruff owner, and Pelican's Retreat at the site of the old schoolhouse was a watering hole and party spot.

The Calabasas Inn was *the* local venue for weddings and events - not only as a beautiful destination with an outdoor waterfall, but it was truly the only game in town as there were no hotels in Calabasas at the time.

It was a quiet, sleepy

place poised for growth. The only celebrities of note were game show host Bob Eubanks, who hung out at the Howard Johnson's at Calabasas Road and Parkway Calabasas (now Lovi's). Dennis Weaver was Honorary Mayor of Calabasas Park. Another low-profile celeb was Clayton Moore, aka the Lone Ranger, who sadly never wore his mask or rode a horse into town.

The old hanging tree still stood on Calabasas Road, and the chamber - in those days before political correctness - used the tree as its logo and called its newsletter "Noose Notes."

In that regard it was still "the last of the old west." Calabasas Saddlery, still open today, offered English and Western riding gear. The only tourist attraction was the historic ranch of Leonis Adobe, which opened to the public in 1966 to showcase life in an earlier time.

There was no Commons - that was a vacant field that Ahmanson planned to turn into a mega center with retail, residential and commercial.

Shopping was done at what is now the Courtyard at the Commons. Parkway Calabasas Town Center and the Trader Joe's space was a Ralph's Market -and Gelson's was an Alpha Beta.

Except for Lockheed's corporate headquarters at 4500 Park Granada, Old Town Calabasas featured mainly



small merchants - the Calabasas Hair Saloon, Calabasas Travel, some boutiques and an antique store.

Craftsman Road across the freeway still housed some old-style craftsmen, including Porter Blanchard silversmith and a pottery shop.

Remember these? Cal Fed and Independence Bank had branches in Calabasas, as did Wells Fargo Calabasas Road.

Banking on the future, developers proposed more buildings, more housing, more retail. As the saying goes, "Build it and they will come."

And they did. The businesses, the residents, the celebs that put Calabasas on the map today.

Involved and caring residents incorporated Calabasas into the 88th city in L.A. County.

Older now, I love what the city has become, but have to admit, I kind of miss the old days when we knew everyone in town, and there weren't so many to know.

## Guest Editorial: Vaccines Creating a Two-Tier Society

By Laura Levinsky

The Governor has set June 15, 2021 as the date for the full reopening of California. What exactly that means has yet to be determined. It is over two months and millions of vaccinations away.

For now, while the pandemic guidelines have served to make most of us more intentional and careful about what we do and who we allow near us, it has also made us into a two-class society: those who have been vaccinated and those who have not.

It wasn't intentional, not at all. However, as the number of people fully-vaccinated increases and regulations decrease, we have in fact become just that. Two vacillating groups of people, with varying rights and privileges.

If you are fully-vaccinated, and gather with others who are also fully-vaccinated, the guidelines say you can safely do so without masks. Once you have received both shots, (or one from Johnson & Johnson) you can even get all sorts of giveaways at restaurants and other businesses. Heck, you can even get the card laminated for free so it is easier to keep without damaging it.

You can fly domestically without having to quarantine at either end of your flight. You can

finally see your family in other states without fear of contacting Covid-19. But is this bringing us together or tearing us apart?

We have so many things that some wish to use to separate us by race, creed, origin, religion, political preference and wealth. As a society, we have spent a good part of our collective pandemic lives fighting against such causes. And now, we are using the have and have nots as a way to divide us once again. Only this time we

**Those who have not will have to continue to wait, for the vaccine, and all that comes with being fully vaccinated.**

have very little choice in whether we are part of either group.

The way in which the vaccination has been rolled out has made us so. It doesn't matter how much you want to be vaccinated, you are bound by the guidelines for your state, county and city. Age, job requirements and physical status determine when you are permitted to book an appointment - if you can even find an appointment. Just because you are eligible doesn't mean there has been enough to go around. Then there is the issue of special interest groups being added in. Groups have been added to group

1B so often that the people in tier two of that group were lumped in with anybody over the age of 50. That isn't the way it was laid out, but is in fact the way it happened.

Is it right? Is it wrong? It isn't either. For those attempting to get children back to school, it makes perfect sense to vaccinate teachers first. For those in that next group to qualify, it is frustrating. People are desperate to go to restaurants, so food service workers need to be vaccinated. More frustration for those waiting.

There are businesses that are allowing workers to return, only if they are fully vaccinated; stadiums and theme parks that will allow attendance only to those who are fully vaccinated. It makes sense, but it divides us into those who have gotten vaccinated and those still waiting. The haves and have nots. Those who have not will have to continue to wait, for the vaccine, and all that comes with being fully vaccinated.

The day will come when all who wish to will be fully vaccinated and the need to discriminate will no longer be valid.

Until then...  
*Laura Levinsky is a life-long valley resident and is still awaiting that precious second vaccination.*



The homeless encampment is growing on Ventura Blvd. near the Bowlero bowling alley.

## City Drops the Ball on Bowling Alley Homeless Camp

Trash. Fires. A meth lab. A growing number of RV's and tents are making camp and trouble near the bowling alley on Ventura Blvd.

Every week there is another disturbance, fight, fire or activity posted on the Citizen app about the site.

The police and LAPD Senior Lead Officer Fernandez are well aware of the problems. If there is criminal activity, the police show up. But they can't get them to move - and it appears that nothing has been done to clear it, and indeed, that the camp is expanding along the west end of the boulevard.

LAHSA - the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority - shows up once a week to clean up and offer services, including hotel and motel vouchers. Sanitation workers from the county go out to the site. However, it is up to the homeless to actually accept their assistance.

Councilman Blumenfield's office says there are limited

remedies because the city council needs to pass a new ordinance and adhere to it.

Blumenfield has introduced **Even though housing is available, there are limited remedies because the city council needs to pass a new ordinance and adhere to it.**

legislation to the council (that not all colleagues agree on) which would make it so people who were camping near new homeless housing options would not be allowed to remain there after being offered housing.

The City Attorney has said that ordinance would be in line with limitations set by the federal court case that essentially made previous iterations unenforceable due to the lack of housing. Federal

court's Judge Carter, who has ruled on the homeless situation in Los Angeles, has said many times this sort of basic law is something the City of Los Angeles needs - and is what every other city he has dealt with has on the books.

Now in the west valley we have bridge housing, cabin communities and Project Roomkey sites all coming online. There are hundreds of beds opening up in the Third District; according to Blumenfield the most of any city district.

Now that they have places to go it seems the law can be enforced.

"If we can get the city council to say yes," said Blumenfield's office. "We need approval of the proposal because for the health and well-being of the community, there have to be some areas that are off limits for camping."

The councilman continues to push his proposal to the council. In the meantime, the camp continues to grow.

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For patrons who are unable to visit library pick-up locations during the day, Library To Go branches will offer evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pick-up service will be available Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 7 pm, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

With Library To Go, patrons can place holds using the online catalog and make an appointment to pick up materials.

"When we invest in our libraries, we inject creativity, knowledge, and imagination directly into the heart of our communities," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "Expanding Library To Go will open the doors of

great literature, learning, and exploration to local children and families - and make this critical neighborhood asset available to more Angelenos at a time where our civic resources have never been more valuable."

In addition to expanded evening hours, the new Printing To Go pickup service allows library patrons to print a maximum of 10 free pages of content per day in either black- and-white or color.

"We are thrilled to expand our services to include Library To Go evening hours and remote

wireless printing pick-up for patrons who have traditionally

Szabo, City Librarian. "Evening hours and Printing To Go are the latest in our ongoing efforts to expand our services and make it easier for Angelenos to access the library."

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For more info about Library To Go services, visit [lapl.org/Library-To-Go](http://lapl.org/Library-To-Go). For more info on Printing To Go or to start a wireless print job, visit [lapl.org/print](http://lapl.org/print).

Although the Los Angeles Public Library's buildings are closed due to COVID-19, the library is still open online. With your library card, you can read, watch and learn for free at home by visiting [lapl.org](http://lapl.org).

Libraries in the area participating in Library to Go are the Woodland Hills Branch (22200 Ventura Blvd), and Studio City Branch (12511 Moorpark St.) and the Woodland Hills Branch (22200 Ventura Blvd).



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# VALLEY ENTERTAINMENT



## Godzilla Vs Kong Smashes More than the Box Office

By Katie Sterling

It's the smash hit monster movie you didn't know you needed. And yet, this latest spring blockbuster has not only entertained millions but also served as a strong indicator that people are eager and unafraid to return to theaters.

In the latest sequel of the so-called "MonsterVerse," Kong and Godzilla unite from their respective franchises to duke it out and essentially claim the title of baddest beast around. After all, there can't be two apex titans living on Earth simultaneously. Their conundrum is our entertainment as the two battle it out as only monstrous beings can, Godzilla with his atomic breath/nuclear pulse/atomic rays and Kong with well, being a powerhouse primate.

The storyline revolves around getting Kong to a fabled Hidden World which gets a little muddled in its delivery but let's be honest, are we really watching this blockbuster for the plot? Rather, the over-the-top VFX action scenes are so well executed and sound tracked, it's no wonder this blockbuster has people flocking to watch it on the big screen.

In an era where streaming services have been the true titans, *Godzilla vs. Kong* has been a shining example that despite the availability of watching at home, moviegoers are masking up and shelling out to see the action in theaters. Smashing pandemic records, the film has garnered approximately \$48 million domestically and \$285 million internationally, throwing shade on doubters that audiences would be skeptical about venturing back out. While the film clearly crowns a winner, some would argue that the true victor is the theater industry.

The humans of the film however, while boasting an impressive cast list, (Alexander Skarsgard, Rebecca Hall, Millie Bobby Brown, Kyle Chandler, etc.) fall second fiddle to the true stars of the film. The only exception is deaf orphan Jia (played by deaf actress Kaylee Hottle) who holds a special bond with Kong and essentially serves as the bridge between beast and the handlers meant to be helping him. Just under two hours, it's the perfect escape from reality and a fun kick-off to the blockbusters we've come to expect heading into the summer months. So the true question is not how will you choose to see it but rather, are you Team Godzilla or Team Kong?

*Godzilla vs. Kong* is rated PG-13 and is available at select theatres or HBO Max until the end of April.

## West Valley Playhouse Offers Next Series of Zoom Plays

The West Valley Playhouse will present the next round of their Zoom plays on Sunday, April 11, at 2:30 pm.

The four original 10-minute plays will be showcased on Zoom. They are *Lil & Flo in Vegas* by Marla Miler, starring Esther Rosen, Helen Siff, Daniel Krause, Tamarah Ashton and Ken Solo, *Walking the Ghost* by Paula K. Long, starring Nikki Gallagher and Aileen-Marie Scott, *Zoom Court* by Joe Gillis, starring Jim Follett, Tamarah Ashton and McKenna Willis, and *Are You Sure You Want to Eat That?* by Joanne Zahorsky-Reeves, starring Robert Reeves and Anthony Liveri. All plays are directed by West Valley Playhouse Artistic Director Jon Berry.

Purchase tickets at [wvplayhouse.com](http://wvplayhouse.com) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

Additional plays are scheduled for April 25, May 9 and May 23. For information visit [wvplayhouse.com](http://wvplayhouse.com) or call (818) 884-1907.

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The Village at Westfield Topanga will present live music all April. Local artists will perform weekly. Dine al fresco, or bring a blanket to enjoy takeout from one of the many Village or Topanga restaurants.

Live music will be presented every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 pm and 5:30 to 8:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) - from Latin, jazz and oldies to pop.

On Friday, April 9, from 6 to 9 pm, enjoy Adi Ardegalazi performing music of the 90's and 2000's near EMC Seafood and Raw Bar.

Saturday, April 10, Farah Mitha plays all top pop hits both sessions. and Sunday, April 11, from 1 to 4 pm Anasatasia Flionis brings pop hits, while Larry Williams performs jazz from 5:30 to 8:30 pm to The Village near EMC.

Tuesday, April 13, Mike West performs near the Koi pond by JOEY, and Thursday, April 15, Sonny Mone performs there from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

On Friday, April 16, from 6 to 9 pm, Farah Mitha brings

jazz to the Koi pond and returns Saturday, April 17 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm, followed by Sabrina Matteo and Latin sounds from 5:30 to 8:30 p-m.

Adi Ardegalazi returns Sunday, April 18, in the afternoon, followed by Sabrina Matteo at 5:30 pm - both near the Koi pond.

Mike West returns with oldies on Tuesday, April 20, near EMC, with Sonny Mone Thursday, April 22.

Sabrina Matteo brings all top pop hits on Friday, April 23, from 6 to 9 pm near EMC. Farah Mitha returns Saturday, April 23, both sessions with 90's and 2000's music near EMC. Sunday has Adi Ardegalazi in the afternoon near EMC, with Karina Da Silva performing Latin sounds that evening.

Rounding out the month Mike West returns to the Koi pond on Tuesday, April 27. Sonny Mone performs Thursday, April 29 at the Koi pond.

A final concert near EMC Friday, April 30, is to be announced. For more information on The Village Live visit westfield.com/topanga.

## Calabasas Film Fanatics to Meet on Zoom

On Wednesday, April 21, at 6 pm, the Calabasas Library Film Fanatics will meet on Zoom for an informal discussion of a film. For more information, the title of the film and the Zoom meeting link, please email [ksteward@calabasaslibrary.org](mailto:ksteward@calabasaslibrary.org).

## AMC Theaters Open and Showing Films

AMC Promenade 16 at Westfield Promenade, and the AMC Fallbrook 7 theatres are both open now to the public. The theatres offer reserved seating and the option to order your snacks ahead of the screening. Private theatre rentals are also available.

Showing now at AMC Promenade 16 and AMC Fallbrook are *Godzilla vs. Kong*, *Nobody*, and *Voyagers*.

For updated listings, movie times and more information visit [amctheatres.com](http://amctheatres.com).

## Calabasas Will Celebrate Arbor Day

The City of Calabasas will host an Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 24, from 10 am to noon. The event will take place at Las Virgenes Creek within the Calabasas Tech Center. The celebration is for Calabasas residents only and all attendees must wear a mask.

They will be replacing dead trees burnt due to the Woolsey Fire. Space is limited; to register visit [cityofcalabasas.com](http://cityofcalabasas.com).





## HEALTH & BEAUTY

### Calabasas Library Offers Healthy Living Programs

The Calabasas Library is offering a series of free online instructional programs for adults on art, crafts and healthy living.

The series called “Spring into Creativity” will continue every Wednesday through May.

The April events on the 14th, 21st and 28th, include learning how to make essential oils, a card making workshop, yoga and creating a diamond painting. Free kits will be provided to patrons beforehand by appointment or a drive thru.

Patrons can sign up for the classes on the Library website as well as get more information on the full program schedule. For more information, email Barbara Lockwood at [blockwood@calabasaslibrary.org](mailto:blockwood@calabasaslibrary.org).

#### Information & Straight Talk

### Herd Immunity is Near Despite Fauci’s Denial

By **Janey M. Rifkin**

Uh-Oh – There’s dissension in the ranks.

Or rather, in the California Department of Public Health.

You see, Dr. Anthony Fauci says the country needs to vaccinate 70-85% of the population to reach herd immunity from Covid-19.

However, latest statistics indicate at least 38.5% of the population has antibodies against the novel coronavirus. This factor brings natural immunity into the mix, but many physicians and scientists believe that vaccinated immunity will prove more durable than natural immunity.

Due to Covid exposure or vaccination, “Between half and two-thirds of our population has antibodies now,” stated Mayor

Eric Garcetti, thus explaining why cases in Los Angeles are down 95% in recent months.

Currently the percentage of Californians vaccinated is closing in on 30%.

Followers in the medical profession who agree with this belief argue that reinfections are rare while natural immunity is real and shouldn’t be ignored.

Some experts claim natural immunity is not trustworthy. A recent Public Health England study found that less than 1% of 6,614 healthcare workers who had Covid-19 developed a reinfection within five months even though many of them work directly with Covid patients.

Some believe natural immunity after Covid infection

is likely lifelong, extrapolating from data on other coronaviruses that cause severe illness, SARS and MERS.

In the February issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has joined Dr. Fauci in playing down natural immunity. Dr. Fauci indicated we don’t have good data on natural immunity.

President Biden speaks of limiting Fourth of July gatherings.

It will take more research to place our faith in the natural immunity belief.

*Janey Rifkin is a syndicated writer and longtime Health Editor of the Valley News Group.*

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# HEALTH & BEAUTY

## Red Cross Blood Drive at Westfield Friday

Give the gift of life by donating blood with the American Red Cross at their next drive on Friday, April 9, from 10 am to 4 pm. The blood drive is located at Westfield Topanga in the Rose Goldwater Community Center at 21710 Vanowen Street, Canoga Park.

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# Vaccine Safety for Pregnant Women

A Northridge Hospital physician is advising pregnant women on vaccine safety as expecting moms across LA County qualify in the latest tier of vaccinations - it now includes women who are pregnant.

Pregnant women are considered immune-compromised and research has suggested a high risk of hospitalization due to severity of COVID-19 compared to their non-pregnant counterparts. "Pregnant women have been encouraged to receive TDAP (whooping cough) and Influenza (flu) vaccines to protect themselves and their newborns for many years," shares Dr. Paniz Heidari, OBGYN, Dignity Health - Northridge Hospital Medical

vaccine recipients.

Recent reports indicate that COVID-19 antibodies have been detected in umbilical cord blood, suggesting transmission from mom to baby.

Additionally, we also know breast milk contains COVID-19



antibodies which may help protect newborns after birth.

These antibodies may prove to be effective at preventing severe illness in newborns who are fragile, immune-compromised and take several months to

fully develop their own immune system.

"Though many pregnant women have reported not showing symptoms of COVID-19, those with viral infections are at an increased risk of preterm birth,"

## The latest outcomes suggest Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have not shown any harm for expecting moms and newborns.

Center. "These vaccines are both safe in pregnancy and now the latest outcomes suggest Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have not shown any harm for expecting moms and newborns."

The World Health Organization has noted that no specific risks have been posed in pregnancy of Moderna and Pfizer

adds Dr. Heidari. "We see this with Influenza, and have seen this with severe COVID-19 infection. We know the risks of preterm birth is potentially high in COVID-19 infected women and the risks of prematurity of the infant may be long lasting. We can conclude that the vaccine may be optimal to avoid these risks."

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69	210.00	177.62	193.00	50.00
70	210.00	179.00	193.00	52.00
71	229.00	192.08	216.00	54.00
72	229.00	199.69	216.00	57.00
73	248.00	207.63	232.00	60.00
74	248.00	215.84	232.00	63.00
75	264.00	224.33	248.00	66.00
76	264.00	233.16	248.00	68.00
77	282.00	242.31	265.00	69.00
78	282.00	251.81	265.00	70.00
79	297.00	261.63	278.00	74.00
80	297.00	271.83	278.00	79.00
81	320.00	282.71	292.00	79.00
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L.A. County rate changes through 2/1/2021. (Compilation of rates from 10 carriers) \*Reflects \$25/month new-to-Medicare Part B 12-month discount. 5-7% couples discount available on some plans. Rates subject to change. "F" Plans are only available to those eligible for Medicare prior to 1/1/2020.

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### Park Calabasas Campus Sold for \$79 Million

The Park Calabasas campus at 4500 Park Granada has been sold. The 225,000-square-foot office park was originally built as the corporate headquarters for Lockheed. Rising Realty purchased the property in 2013 and turned it from vacant single-tenant use into a multi-tenant campus. Tenants include Ama Waterways, Coty and Republic Indemnity. The building on more than 20 acres sold for \$79 million to Gemdale USA, a Glendale subsidiary of China-based Gemdale Corp. Rising will continue to manage the property.

Kevin Shannon, Ken White, Rob Hannan and Laura Stumm of Newmark U.S. Capital Markets represented the sellers.

### Mortgage Relief Available for Homeowners

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) announced the new LA County Mortgage Relief Program, a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County and local HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. The \$5.5 million initiative developed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will support property owners who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting Monday, April 12, property owners can apply for the Mortgage Relief Program by calling (888) 895-2647 or visiting [nhslacounty.org/mortgagereliefprogram](http://nhslacounty.org/mortgagereliefprogram).

To find more ways on how LA County can help property owners, visit [dcba.lacounty.gov/foreclosure-prevention](http://dcba.lacounty.gov/foreclosure-prevention).

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# Calabasas' First Mayor Recalls Incorporation

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sought refuge in the mountains and passes of Calabasas area zip codes.

Our family of three left "Gower Gulch" below the crumbling Hollywood Sign after the February 9, 1971 temblor and dared to buy our first home in Mulwood, 91364, in so-called Unincorporated Woodland Hills, LA County. The house was on a terrace of dirt without a blade of grass, with what we felt was a "view" better than many of our neighbors on their piece of dirt. We started to dream and built a family of five, made many neighbor friends, sent kids walking or riding to Las Virgenes schools, and started building our community - HOAs, PFCs/PTAs, Neighborhood Watch, and on... - but our ruler was one County Supervisor 30 miles away on Temple Street (DTLA). Self-rule and self-determination seemed a distant dream.

Cityhood began on Calabasas Road (across from the Leonis Adobe and Sagebrush Cantina in the City of LA and never to be annexed.) A county developer tried to steal the El Camino Real bell from the front of the Kramer (Cooper) store and got caught. West on Calabasas Road, LA County slated a "train wreck" of 12 five and six story office buildings and 7,200 parking spaces (where The Commons and Calabasas Civic Center are today). Ahmanson Ranch over the County line was approved by Ventura County for 44 million yards of grading, 67,000 vehicle trips a day through a Victory/T.O. Blvd extension to Las Virgenes Road and the 101, and 3,050 houses, shopping centers, two golf courses and schools, sheriff, fire services, etc. Mulholland

Hwy at Cal High was to be made a four-lane median strip highway all the way to Leo Carrillo Beach, turning the mountains into more Reseda and Tarzana.

So the dreamers-turned-activists tried to form Rancho Las Virgenes, from Valley Circle to Thousand Oaks and the Simi Hills to Mulholland Hwy. Thus began Westlake Village in 1981 and Agoura Hills in 1982, and after two more campaigns, Calabasas in 1991 on April 5.

The perils of distant governance, rising and falling economies, wars and droughts and fires - all the facts of life shouldn't dampen the spirit and ingenuity of a people who continue to dream big. We don't have to answer the question, "What if there were no City of Calabasas?"

In our 30 years we took

the paint brushes and challenge on April 5, 1991 to create a colorful and bright future for Calabasas. Hundreds of acres of park facilities, a world class Civic Center, award-winning landscapes and parkways, saving and planting thousands of oaks and trees to make Calabasas a "Tree City USA," winning "America In Bloom" recognition for our city's beauty, senior and youth facilities and programs that serve the needs of all, historic preservation and land conservation and health preservation - everything to enhance life and the human spirit.

Now we're looking at our third General Plan to take us to 2050. We look forward to restoring our ecosystems with regenerative practices to create even better ways to enhance the lives of our people and special places.



## He Wasn't Hunting Eggs Easter Sunday...

We caught a pic of this Valley Parking Officer issuing tickets south of the boulevard in a residential neighborhood last Sunday - which was Easter Sunday! According to LADOT, Garcetti Mayor Garcetti had extended relaxed parking enforcement across the City of Los Angeles saying, "Angelenos shouldn't be penalized for staying home, avoiding unnecessary trips, and doing their part to stop the spread of COVID-19. All of us have a role to play in defeating this virus and saving lives, and no one should worry about facing extra financial burdens when they're keeping their family, friends, and community safe during this." That grace period ended just last week, April 1, when the City, we guess, thinks no one has to worry about financial burdens any more. Our call to Parking Enforcement to explain the above officer making up for lost time was unanswered by press time, but this guy is really one bad egg!



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