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Council Returns PPD for Redesign

By Jason KUROSU

The Glendale City Council voted against approving a request for a Precise Plan of Design (PPD) overlay zone for a development at 1407 Glenoaks Blvd. Tuesday night. The proposed development was the subject of a contentious Glendale City Council meeting, in which residents attended en masse to voice their opposition to the project that called for two alternatives ranging from a 52 to a 74 residential unit building.

Residents opposed the project on a number of fronts, from concerns over increased traffic to air quality, though the largest concern stemmed from the use of a PPD overlay zone that would allow developers to build their alternative without strict adherence to zoning codes. Without the overlay zone, Alternative A, a four-story, 10,600 square-foot mixed-use project would require 13 variances to be constructed as planned.

The site was previously the location of Bob's Big Boy and, most recently, Kyoto Seafood Buffet that closed last year. Alternative A

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They've Come a Long Way

The Falcons set out to rebound from a heartbreaking last season to prove this time around they belonged with the elite. That proof now lies in the form of a 2014 CIF championship.

By Brandon HENSLEY

From indecision to leaving no doubt.

That's what went through the mind of Brian Gadsby over the course of this year. The senior quarterback was initially not going to return to the Crescenta Valley High School football team, instead focusing on his burgeoning baseball career as a pitcher. His plan was to take these fall months to sharpen his game on the mound and not worry about getting smashed on the gridiron.

In the summer, that all changed. Gadsby committed to the UCLA baseball team for next year, and reconsidered the risks and rewards of playing football. He was a leader of a team that went 8-2 last year but the Falcons were the odd-team out of the playoffs



Photos by Jason BALLARD

It was all smiles for the CVHS Falcons who celebrated their win as the 2014 CIF champions on Friday night after defeating Downey 21-14. The last time CV took home the plaque was in 1973.

in the Pacific League. They lost several tie-breaking coin flips for an automatic bid, and CIF passed them over as an at-large bid, choosing West Covina instead.

With 25 players returning, though, there was a good chance this team could be even better.

But that hinged on Gadsby. In August he told Coach Paul Schilling he wanted to come back, and he would go through

the necessary steps to reclaim his starting role. After the hard feelings of 2013, Gadsby said he wanted to "leave no doubt" in people's minds this year they were worthy players in not only league but in the Southeast Division.

On Dec. 6 at the Montrose Christmas Parade, Gadsby stood in the back of the first of two trucks that held each member of the football team riding down

Honolulu Avenue. His raised his arms and acknowledged the crowd cheering for his CIF Southeast Section Division champion Falcons.

Gadsby's team mostly blazed through the year, including a league title and a 14-0 record. There was no uncertainty from anyone this time.

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Salvation Army Looks for Volunteers and Donations



File photo

Local residents, like Dave Hemstreet from La Cañada and his granddaughters Martina and Fiona, are needed to help ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. The annual campaign is a leading fundraiser for the organization.

By Jason KUROSU

The Salvation Army of Glendale continues to seek donations throughout the holiday season. Currently, the Red Kettle Campaign is underway, in which the Salvation Army looks for volunteers (individuals and organizations alike) to work at various red kettle sites. Especially helpful to the Salvation Army is that each donation made to red kettles is being matched. This will hopefully offset the decrease in donations seen over the past few years, a trend that has been observed both nationally and locally.

"Donations are down this year - worse than we've ever seen," said Rick White, director of Social Services and volunteer coordinator

with the Salvation Army Glendale. "There are several annual food drives that have traditionally helped carry us into the New Year. This year, we received 20% or 25% less food from each [drive]."

White said that alternative strategies had to be employed in order to stretch the amount of food available.

"In November, we had to close the pantry for several days because we ran out of food. We ended up taking money budgeted for other programs and using it to purchase food from a wholesaler," he said. "To try and manage our inventory better, we have had to extend the time when people can receive food from every 30 days to every 60 days."

The Salvation Army of Glendale serves 450 families and 700 people

a month on average. White said another noticeable trend is that the number of senior citizens in need has grown.

"Many of the new clients are senior citizens struggling to make ends meet," said White. "Glendale has seen a greater increase in the percentage of seniors than any other city in Los Angeles County."

Among the food items that the Salvation Army of Glendale is seeking, the most needed include canned vegetables, fruits and soups, tuna, dry pinto beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter and plain spaghetti sauce.

The Salvation Army of Glendale is located at 320 W. Windsor Road in Glendale. For more information on donating, visit <http://www.glendalecorps.org/>.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

'Harried' Christmas

I'll be honest with you – the pressure of the holidays can be overwhelming. There are more things to do but no additional hours in the day to get them done. Take for example the Christmas parade on Saturday.

For CV Weekly this is a big deal. Not only were we busy assigning a writer and photographer(s) to cover the annual event, but we also hosted an open house here at our offices. My friends at Bonners Equipment Rentals transformed our parking lot into an inviting place for parade guests to stop by and enjoy some holiday cheer before the parade. Tables were set with linen, a spread of delectable fare by Frank's Famous Kitchen & Bakery was laid out and there was even some Christmas music played.

We welcomed members of the Montrose Search & Rescue Team, the chambers of commerce, the CV Town Council, the VFW and American Legion and local business owners. It was a terrific time to reconnect with those we sometimes only see fleetingly.

Because our office faces Honolulu Avenue, we also offered free coffee, cider and cookies to passersby. Though the weather was warmer – and drier – than in previous years, the goodies were appreciated and we were happy so many people



CVW Publisher Robin Goldsworthy aboard the American GTS trolley as her friends Lori Mandel Stone (left) and Amy Mandel support the Crescenta Valley Weekly banner.

stopped by.

Before I knew it, it was time for us to climb aboard our American GTS trolley. What an impressive sight we were! And this year my mother-in-law was able to join the CVW family as we made our way down Honolulu Avenue, so that made it especially memorable.

Though it's only been a few days I almost forgot how much fun Saturday was. But today, while reviewing the terrific photos that our photographer Leonard took and listening to Christmas music, all the memories of the evening flooded back.

Thank you to everyone

who climbed aboard our trolley and those who stood curbside to wish us a Merry Christmas. Congratulations to the Montrose Christmas Parade Committee that pulled it all together and made memories for thousands.

I look forward to next year and invite you to check out our photos of the Christmas parade in this issue and online.

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Weather in the Foothills



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas Ev'rywhere you go; Take a look at the five and ten glistening once again With candy canes and silver lanes aglow..." ~ Songwriter Meredith Willson, 1951



Once again, the annual Montrose Christmas Parade made its way down our "silver lane(s) aglow" – Honolulu Avenue. Last week's rains left the skies sparkling clear and temperatures cool across the Crescenta Valley on Saturday evening. Perfect weather for our parade and recognition of the Crescenta Valley High School CIF football champions.

The variety and contrasts of the entrants (animals included) along the route were rich. No mistaking that we live in Southern California!

This year the CV Weekly crew traveled by trolley – a beautiful, authentically designed, warm and dry one. How unique and quaint, I thought. But after a little research I proved my assumption wrong. The Glendale and Montrose Railway Company provided the only independent trolley system in the Los Angeles area, long before the Christmas parade made its way into local history.

In 1914 (100 years ago!), a standard gauge line ran from Broadway in Glendale, north up Cañada Boulevard through the Verdugo Woodlands and into the small town of Montrose. From there it headed north and then west on Montrose Avenue to the end of the line at Los Angeles Street (now La Crescenta Avenue). Ten years later the railway expanded deeper into the heart of La Crescenta with its final destination at Pennsylvania Avenue. Over the years trolley-travel saw many changes in operations and routes, and also ones dictated by economy, war and modernization. So it can be said riding a trolley through Montrose is "old hat."

In the 2013 parade, our ride down

Honolulu Avenue was atop a flatbed truck seated on bales of hay. Not only was the evening much colder but also a drenching light rain fell throughout the night. I guess means of parade travel are just a matter of personal preference. Robin and I both agreed that out in the open you can "really feel [part of] the parade." Be it inside a cozy trolley or outside facing the elements (including the beautiful wolves), not much in life tops the thrill of a hometown parade. Although next year I'm hoping for a horse drawn carriage!

First the parade and now the weather takes a turn at adding a little excitement to the holiday season. Actually, it may be more than just a little. Just as the CV Weekly hits the sidewalk, so does rain from powerful storm. The NWS is predicting "a potent mix" of heavy rain, strong winds and thunderstorms as the front moves through our area Thursday and Friday. The chance of precipitation stands at 100%, and totals could reach four inches. With snow levels dropping to 4,000-5,000 feet, Mt. Lukens may get a dusting. Skies clear over the weekend providing a quick break. Then hold onto your umbrellas as another system arrives on the scene early next week, thus far predicting an 80% chance of rain. This one is not expected to be nearly the rainmaker as the first storm.

Weather-wise, for the time being anyway, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!"

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NEWS

Loved Ones Remembered at GAMC Tree Lighting

By Jason KUROSU

When the Christmas tree towering in Glendale Adventist's West Tower Lobby was lit up Thursday night, it was said that the light could be seen from miles off. The 20-foot tall tree stood as a testament to those who have passed on this year, as part of Glendale Adventist Medical Center's annual Light Up a Life tree lighting ceremony.

For every donation made to Glendale Adventist Hospice Services and Bereavement Support Program, an ornament was placed on the tree in remembrance of lost loved ones. This year's donations amounted to approximately \$15,000 with 36 dove ornaments, 35 tree lights, 16 angels and two top stars adorning the tree.

Reverend Alice Parsons Zulli, founder and director of Glendale Adventist Beyond Loss Bereavement Ministry, led the audience in prayer and spoke about the bereavement ministry which, according to Parsons Zulli, has "comforted and companioned 64,000 bereaved persons and facilitated 6,400 grief support groups" since 1990.

"Following the death of a loved one, our assumptive world is shattered," said Parsons Zulli. "What was, no longer is. Roles change. Friends can no longer be as supportive as we hoped they would be. Eating and sleeping can go awry. Grief is as shocking to the physical, emotional and spiritual systems as being hit by a car. But by aiming our spirits and energy into the heart of grief, we can move through the loss in a healthy way."

With families coming together for the holiday season, the loss of loved ones weighs heavier, and many of the bereaved were in attendance.

Dr. Edmund Lew, a 26-year member of GAMC's staff and medical director of GAMC Hospice Services, honored his father Edmund Lew Sr. by making him the 2014 Guardian Angel honoree. Lew explained what made him most proud to be a member of the medical center's Hospice Services was the ability to provide patients with what he called "a good death."

"What is a good death?" asked Lew. "No pain, no suffering and [being] at home surrounded by loved ones. I've learned that we have an obligation not only to the dying patient but also to their

families, to prepare for a good death."

Dr. Robert L. Marsh was the 2014 Tree Top Star honoree. Marsh served as chairman of the Glendale Adventist Academy board and practiced in Glendale for 37 years.

Dr. Lew and Dr. Marguerite Marsh led the lighting of the candles tribute. Members of the audience were given electronic candles prior to the event, which Lew and Marsh "lit" as they walked down the aisle, touching their candles to those seated.

The Glendale Adventist Academy Chorale sang a number of Christmas carols, including "Silent Night" in memory of Edmund Lew Sr. and "The Christmas Song" in memory of Robert Marsh.

Kevin Roberts, Glendale Adventist president and CEO, read the names of those being remembered prior to the lighting of the tree.

"This is a special tree, not just because of the holidays, but because this tree also represents hope, comfort and remembrance," said Roberts.



Photos by Jason KUROSU

TOP: A 20-foot tall tree was the centerpiece of the GAMC Light Up a Life tree lighting ceremony.

RIGHT: Dr. Edmund Lew and Dr. Marguerite Marsh led the lighting of the candles tribute.

LEFT: Glendale Adventist Academy Chorale sang a number of Christmas carols.

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IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The next Rosemont Preserve restoration day is Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Plans include more invasive plant removal along with some trail maintenance. There will also be guided tours of the Preserve.

The Preserve is located in La Crescenta at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. Parking is available at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., two blocks before the preserve.

Those who plan to attend should wear sturdy shoes, comfortable work clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended.) Also consider bringing shovels, spades, loppers, hatchets or clippers. Other tools and equipment will be available.

Rain cancels event.

SING-A-LONG AT ST. LUKE'S OF THE MOUNTAINS

St. Luke's of the Mountains

Episcopal Church congregation invites the public to its annual Christmas Community Sing-A-Long and Holiday Jam on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The iconic stone church has sat at the corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard for over a century. The stones that built the church come from the local mountains.

St. Luke's of the Mountains is located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO SEE INCREASE IN PATROLS

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved increased law enforcement services for the county's unincorporated areas.

On a motion by Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, the board allocated \$7.3 million for 67 sworn positions for the unincorporated areas - 25 will be deployed to Altadena, Santa Clarita, Antelope and Crescenta Valleys.

STATE BOE MOVING TO GLENDALE

The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) will be moving its Van Nuys District Office to 505 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 700 in Glendale on Dec. 15.

The new location offers taxpayers easy access to Highway 134 and Interstate 5, and an improved customer service lobby with self-service kiosks.

The Van Nuys District Office will close permanently on Friday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. The new office will open for business on Monday, Dec. 15 at 8 a.m.

Many services are available on the BOE website, via mail, or over the phone. Visit www.boe.ca.gov to locate a listing of all BOE offices, online registration, online filing, forms, payments, and other general information, or call the Customer Service Center at (800) 400-7115 (TTY:711), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding state holidays.

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Ferraro v. GUSD Ruling Issued

On Dec. 5, the judge presiding over the Ferraro v. Glendale Unified School District court case ruled in favor of the District, dismissing the entire lawsuit.

The judge's decision was based on no causation that linked the tragedy to anything associated with the school personnel or any

actions taken by anybody from the District.

On Feb. 10, 2012, Crescenta Valley High School student Drew Ferraro, 15, jumped to his death from one of the buildings on the campus.

In a statement, the GUSD said, "This is a tragedy that has

affected a family, and an entire school community. Even though this ruling exonerates the school and the District personnel, the GUSD does not want this decision to overshadow its continuing efforts to do everything we can for all our students, especially those in need."

Board Members Announced, Holiday Décor Discussed and More at MSPA Meeting

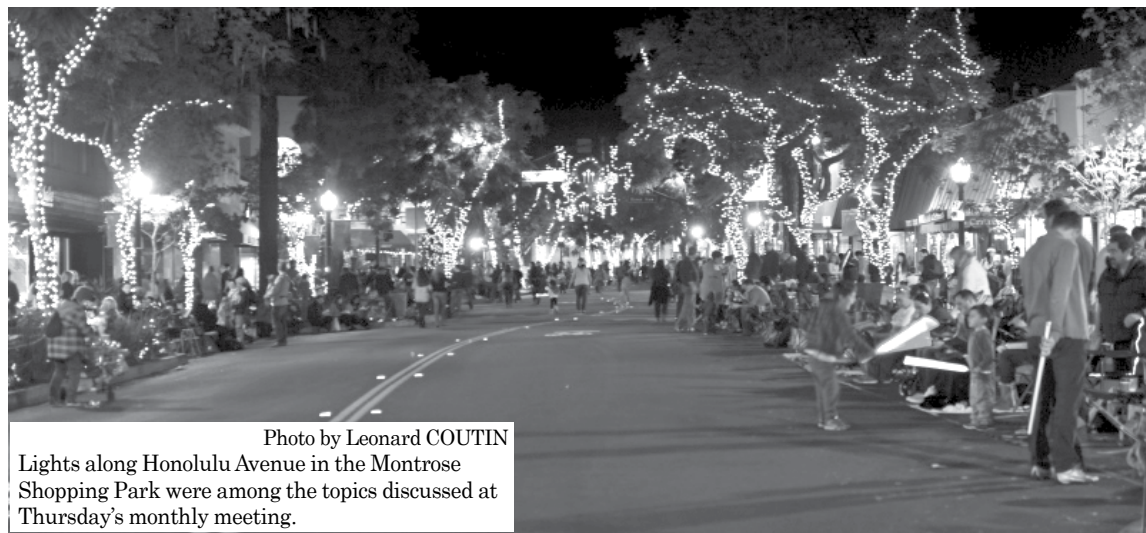


Photo by Leonard COUTIN
Lights along Honolulu Avenue in the Montrose Shopping Park were among the topics discussed at Thursday's monthly meeting.

By Jason KUROSU

During its Dec. 4 meeting the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. announced that current MSPA president Andre Ordubegian of Copy Network would remain on the board and Jeannie Bone of Casa Córdoba would join the board. The pair ran unopposed and were elected to three-year terms.

MSPA Business Administrator and Event Coordinator Dale Dawson said that a lack of ballots submitted and opposition for candidacy led them to simply declare the election. The two will take their seats in January.

The Montrose Christmas Parade and holiday season led to discussions about holiday décor throughout Montrose. These

included painting the windows on the corner of Honolulu and Montrose avenues and asking how long the Christmas lights can be left on the trees.

Several residents have asked why the Christmas lights in Montrose are not left turned on throughout the holidays.

"When it rains, they go out, every one of them. It's been a problem for a very long time," said Dawson, who described the lighting issue as an ongoing issue over the years.

Ordubegian added that his understanding was that the city of Glendale does not allow for lights to be left on trees year round. According to Steve Pierce, the argument was that leaving the lights on damaged the trees and kept them from growing properly,

though the majority of the MSPA agreed that this was untrue.

Plans for the upcoming Founder's Day in February were also discussed, when Montrose will be turning 102. The celebration will include a rancho style outdoor barbecue with food and a beer and wine garden. Live entertainment will include mariachis and dancing.

One development is that this would likely be the last year that Founder's Day will be referred to by that name.

As Dawson said, "We've found every founder we can find."

As of yet, no replacement name has been settled on.

The board also tried to decide on how to deal with businesses within Montrose that are not paying dues. The issue was a persistent enough one that the members of the MSPA board felt that businesses that were not paying would be taken off of the MSPA website and local directories.

Concerns were also expressed over how businesses handle trash outside of their establishments. Supplying businesses with trashcans, including ones with ashtrays, was considered.

Pierce said that he would head a volunteer trash pickup to help alleviate trash issues in Montrose. Members of the board were concerned that such efforts, while laudable, would not solve the issue of businesses not being accountable for their own trash.

"If you start collecting trash in front of those businesses, believe me, they're not going to do anything," said Ordubegian. "We need to get them involved. We can't just do their work for them."

"I'm not cleaning up for them," said Pierce. "I'm cleaning up for Montrose."



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Holiday Celebration Continues in Shopping Park



By Mary O'KEEFE

The holiday celebration that kicked off on Nov. 28 with Montrose's "White Friday" and annual tree lighting ceremony continues on Honolulu Avenue until Christmas with the Montrose Shopping Park Association's gifts to the community of free rides on a horse drawn carriage, Santa strolling along the avenue and live music.

White Friday is when many Montrose merchants "white out" the sales tax for the day after Thanksgiving hoping to encourage shoppers to look local when buying holiday gifts. White Friday ended with Glendale Mayor Zareh Sinanyan welcoming visitors to the shopping park while officiating over the Christmas tree lighting ceremony accompanied by bubble snow falling from the trees and holiday carols being sung.

This year, the White Friday event was successful with many shoppers choosing to shop local. Maureen Palacios, owner of Once Upon a Time bookstore, said she didn't have the exact figures but was certain sales at her store were at least 12% to 15% higher than last year.

"Friday we were up in sales and then Saturday [that success] spilled over," Palacios said.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving is known as Small Business Saturday, a program started by American Express to help support small mom and pop shop owners. In addition to Small Business Saturday, Palacios enjoyed an uptick in sales from The Indies First Campaign. The Indies First Campaign is supported by the American Booksellers Association and author Sherman Alexie, who last year came up with the idea of having authors sell books at independently owned bookstores. Neil Gaiman and Amanda Palmer joined the movement as spokespeople, writing letters to fellow authors asking them to participate and encouraging bookstore owners to invite authors to be part of the program. Throughout the day on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., authors were found behind the counter at Once Upon a Time, selling books to their readers.

For Palacios, White Friday, Small Business Saturday and Indies First Campaign made for a very successful kick off of the holiday season. Many of the other stores in the shopping park reported a steady stream of customers as well.

Shoppers can find Santa Claus along the streets of the Montrose Shopping Park in the 2100-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Free horse drawn trolley rides along Honolulu Avenue are weekends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and free pony rides are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Sundays include the Montrose Harvest Market with ponies and a petting zoo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both days feature live holiday music.



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A Holiday Tradition – the Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade

By Mary O'KEEFE

As Santa traveled down Honolulu Avenue in a Glendale fire engine waving to the last little child on the route, the 38th Annual Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade on Saturday night came to an end as parade goes slowly left Honolulu

Avenue. On their heels was an army of volunteers shifting focus from organizing and assisting to cleaning the streets, packing up pop-up tents and picking up traffic cones.

Cheryl Davis is the parade coordinator. She and fellow parade volunteers began meeting in June to discuss the

theme of the parade. From that point forward they were in parade mode. Although it may look easy to put on this popular community event, there is a lot of work that needs to be done and many volunteers who are needed to make it look as simple and easy as it does.

"I want to thank the board of the Montrose Christmas Parade Association, Chris Waldheim, Joe Pardo, Steve Pierce and Dan Konkel," Davis said. "The parade is put on by a group of community volunteers and is only possible due to sponsorships, donations and entry fees. We would also like to thank the City of Glendale for its support."

The Montrose Christmas Parade Association is a separate, non-profit entity. Those who are on the board and committees are all volunteers.

Each year brings new entries and aspects to the parade. This year Clark Magnet High School students were behind the cameras filming the parade.

"Special thanks as well to Clark Magnet High School, Electromotive and Glendale Unified School District for helping us televise the parade live on GREG TV and on the Web for the first time," Davis said.

The parade will be rebroadcast

in its entirety on GREG TV, Charter Cable channel 15 or U-Verse 99 Glendale Community Access on Wednesdays beginning Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There were many highlights during the parade including cheers for grand marshal Johnny Harrison who has supported GUSD schools for many years, and the local Boy and Girl Scouts, the school bands and many others who make the Montrose parade a genuine hometown event; however, there was one stand out – the winning CVHS Falcons football team.

"That was a last minute surprise," Davis said.

Parade organizers spoke with the coaches and school officials about the team traveling the parade route, but didn't want to mention it to the team.

"They were focusing on the game," she added.

The Falcons won the CIF championship on Friday and were cheered once again as they made their way down Honolulu Avenue.

Another group of volunteers Davis would like to specifically thank is the Prom Plus Club. The Crescenta Valley High School student club organizes over 100 youth volunteers.

"[Prom Plus Club members]

were honored as the junior grand marshals this year for all their service to the community and being the lead volunteers at the Christmas parade, so they were one of the very first entries in the parade," Davis explained. "[After walking down Honolulu] they ran back to various posts along the parade route and behind the scenes to help – like they always do."

Members of the Prom Plus Club helped in many ways. When a young girl was separated from her mother during the parade, an observant Prom Plus Club member found her and PPC reunited her with her family.

In addition to the City of Glendale, Davis expressed her gratitude to the Montrose Shopping Park and Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce for their help and support.

Although the parade committee will take a few weeks off before beginning to plan the 2015 parade, donations are still being accepted. To find out more about the parade or to donate, visit www.montrosecristmasparade.com.

To see more of Leonard Coutin's parade pics, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS

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CORRECTION

We erroneously reported in the Dec. 4 issue that the tree that cracked on Malafia Drive was due to soil saturation. Upon further investigation, the damage

may have resulted from the tree already be weakened by a malformation of the trunk.

Foothills Residents Warned of Rainy, Windy Weather

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley residents will see rain and wind over the weekend, with wind gusts in the mountains up to 70 miles per hour and snow levels possibly dipping to 5,000 feet.

The rain will begin lightly today with the peak of the storm arriving early Friday morning.

"You could see two to four inches," said Stuart Seto of the National Weather Service.

Winds will be accompanying this rainstorm with 30 mph to 45 mph sustained winds and 70 mph gusts in the mountains and 15 to 25 sustained winds with gusts to 55 mph in the foothills.

The temperature will also be a little colder than recent days with a low 60 degrees Fahrenheit on Friday.

Since the winds will be a factor, Seto reminded residents to anchor anything that may be blown away,

like lawn furniture and garbage cans.

Another less intense rainstorm is expected on Monday through Tuesday next week.

The Los Angeles County Fire Dept. has issued guidelines for residents concerning rainy days and possible mudslides. Los Angeles County firefighters remind residents to be aware of potential mud and debris flow dangers associated with rainy days, especially for those living in post-burn areas of any recent wildfires. The more prepared residents are the better chances for survival during a major water-related emergency.

Residents living in burn areas are advised to:

- Closely monitor radio and television news for updated information about weather conditions and flooding in your area.

- Identify important items to take if evacuation is necessary, such as computers, mobile devices, photos, important documents, medications, and other important items for your family and pets.

- Be prepared to leave immediately if an evacuation is ordered. Have alternate evacuation routes.

- Have an emergency plan that is easy for all family members to understand.

- Have enough food and water to supply your family for at least a 72-hour period.

- Always remember to include a radio and flashlight with fresh batteries in your kit.

- Pick up sandbags and instructional materials at Los Angeles County fire stations.

General storm safety guidelines for Los Angeles County residents:

- Never underestimate the power

of storm and debris flows.

- Stay away from flood control channels, catch basins, canyons, and natural waterways, which are vulnerable to flooding during periods of heavy rain.

- Do not attempt to cross flooded areas and never enter moving water on foot or in a vehicle.

- If flooding traps you in your car, stay in your vehicle if possible. If necessary, wait on top of your car

for assistance.

- If you become isolated, seek the highest ground available and wait for help.

- If you see someone who has been swept into moving water, do not enter the water and attempt a rescue. Immediately call 9-1-1 and, if possible, throw a rope or some type of flotation device to them.

LCF City Council Meetings Live Streamed

The City of La Cañada Flintridge has recently launched an online video streaming solution for broadcast of city council meetings. This was done to increase transparency and accountability to the public.

The Government Transparency and Efficiency Suites, managed and hosted by Granicus, will allow members of the public to view city council meetings live online. The software provides a user-friendly solution for agenda, report and minute management. This platform

also archives prior meetings, making video footage of council meetings readily available to citizens interested in their local government.

"The movement to Granicus represents an investment in transparency by the city council. This software will make accessing government easier for the public. Citizens can now review council meeting footage at their leisure and from the comfort of home, which is a significant improvement from the prior system," said City Clerk Tania

Moreno.

Members of the public can access this system at www.lcf.ca.gov/publicmeetings. Currently, city council meetings are the only meetings with live streaming online. Audio recordings of commission meetings are still available upon request.

For more information, contact LCF City Hall at (818) 790-8880 or visit the city website at www.lcf.ca.gov.

Obituary

Pearl Joyce Turpin

Oct. 26, 1937 – Nov. 27, 2014



Pearl Joyce Turpin, wife, sister, daughter, mother and "Grammy," hat aficionada, purveyor of books, collector of unique objects, and loving friend to all that knew her, passed from this life at home, surrounded by her loving family, on Thanksgiving night, Nov. 27 at the age of 77.

Born on Oct. 26, 1937 in Denison, Texas, Pearl was the fourth of eight children. Pearl began her career in the credit industry at age 18, when she took a job at a medical collections agency as a secretary. When she saw that medical collectors made more money than she did, she promptly told her boss she would do that

instead. What her boss didn't realize was that every endeavor Pearl undertook, she pursued with great passion. Thus began an impressive career that spanned five decades.

In 1962, Pearl moved to Montrose where she continued working in medical collections. During this period, on a New Year's Eve she met Peterfield Burleigh Turpin, an artist, and the man who'd become her husband. He coerced her to join him at a party in Pasadena, and invited her to his sister's home the following afternoon. From that day forward, they were inseparable. Pearl and Peterfield wed in 1967 and one year later their daughter Isabelle was born. They brought her home from the hospital to their new home in Sparr Heights where they maintained residence ever since.

With Pearl's passion for books, it was natural that she opened a bookstore in Montrose for a short time to ensure she had ample reading material while she also continued to work in credit and collections. Pearl's distinguished career in the credit and collection industry earned her the reputation as being a leading expert in that field. During her career she was the owner and manager of various collection agencies, as well as a consultant and professional

speaker. She was an active leader in Credit Professionals International and consulted for the Attorney General's Task Force, Senate Advisory Commission on Debt Collection, and California Association of Collectors. Pearl sat on many boards including the Consumer Credit Counseling Service/ByDesign of Los Angeles while also devoting time to family and participating in Camp Fire Girls activities with her daughter Isabelle. With the arrival of her grandson Brighton in 1999, Pearl retired so that she was free to seek out new adventures with her beloved husband, daughter and grandson.

Through the years Pearl enjoyed volunteering for the Salvation Army, Huntington Hospital Blood Donor Center, and other organizations, including those that helped at-risk youth. She was a collector, nature-lover, tea drinker and hat-wearing woman of great wit and wisdom.

She is survived by her husband Peterfield; daughter Isabelle; grandson Brighton; brother George; and sisters Marye Kathryn, Mabel Virginia, Ella Beth and Sarah Louise, along with many loving nieces and nephews. A celebration of Pearl's life will take place at Descanso Gardens on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Community Invited to 'Explore Bethlehem'

By Jason KUROSU

CV Church will be hosting its third annual Explore Bethlehem event this Sunday, Dec. 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the church parking lot. The event will feature an interactive live nativity scene, along with a number of booths offering activities including candle dipping, pottery and bracelet making and more.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to take pictures with various animals on site, including lambs, goats, ponies and a donkey, courtesy of Ponderosa Pony Parties in Tujunga.

"We love offering Explore Bethlehem to the families in our

community," said Beth Krausse, children's pastor. "It is a wonderful time to create memories and spend time together. It is also a fun, safe place to gather and connect with other friends in the community, and everything is offered at no cost."

According to Krausse, the wooden booths were built over the summer by CV Church members and volunteers who also made the 17 nativity costumes used in the event.

"We simply want to bring people together," said Krausse. "We feel it is a great way to start off the Christmas season."

The event is free and open to the public of all ages.

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Planetary Science Finds Support from Congress

Support from Congress for Mars 2020 and Europa missions comes after proposed cut from White House earlier this year.

On Wednesday, Congressman Adam Schiff announced that the FY 2015 Omnibus Appropriations package, also known as the CRomnibus, significantly upped funding for planetary science programs, as well as supporting the full range of NASA priorities in both robotic and human spaceflight. Not only will Cassini, Curiosity and other existing missions be funded through next year, but the Mars 2020 rover and a Europa mission are set on a course that should

result in a sample caching mission to Mars and a full exploration of one of the most interesting bodies in our solar system – Jupiter’s moon, Europa.

“After three years of fighting the Administration for adequate funding for space exploration, this appropriations package properly supports NASA’s priorities, and especially NASA’s crown jewel, the planetary science program,” said Schiff. “By specifically laying out Congress’s plan for our planetary science program – a Mars 2020 mission and a trip to Europa, two of the science community’s highest priorities – it’s my hope that the Administration will now work

hand-in-hand with us to make this happen. I want to thank Chairman Frank Wolf and Ranking Member Chakah Fattah for working with us to restore adequate funding to planetary science. I only wish it wasn’t necessary to do so year after year.”

In May, the House Appropriations Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee set overall funding for planetary will be at \$1.45 billion, including a total of \$302 million for the Mars program of which not less than \$100 million is for

the Mars 2020 rover, something that will meet the decadal goals of advancing a sample return. The bill also includes \$100 million for a Europa Clipper mission to the Jupiter system, which could be launched as early as 2021.

In the final bill posted Tuesday night, and expected to pass both the House and Senate this week, NASA will be provided \$18.01 billion, \$549 million above the President’s request for this year and \$364 million above last year. Planetary science will be funded at a total of

\$1.437 billion, an increase of \$157 million or 12%, which will support the continued funding of the Opportunity rover and the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, as well as the Mars 2020 mission. It also specifically delineates \$118 million for a flagship mission to Europa in the future, an increase of \$102 million or 686% over the previous year’s funding level – through this appropriation, Congress is specifically directing NASA to begin planning a mission to Jupiter’s moon in the future.

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Community’s Help Needed



On Nov. 23 at 9:32 a.m. an unknown male and unknown female entered the Rite-Aid in the city of La Cañada Flintridge. They slowly went through several aisles of the store, adding items to a cart and filling it completely. At 12:27 p.m., the female pushed the cart full of merchandise out of the store without paying. The female passed the cart to the male

who took the cart and ran to the rear parking lot and out of view. The items stolen were primarily toiletries and cosmetics.

The female is described as having brown hair with a thin build, wearing a black headband, black jacket, black shirt, and black/white shoes (possibly Converse) at the time.

The male is described as having

black hair and a goatee, wearing a grey/black hoodie, white shirt, blue jeans, and black shoes.

Both are believed to be in their 20s.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station, Detective Phillips at (818) 236-4015 with any information regarding the identity of the suspects.

GCC from Cover

would have had subterranean parking for 220 spaces and contain a 5,400 square foot open air, public plaza. The Design Review Board and Planning Commission both approved the project, though it was reported that there was opposition from residents at the community meetings held in October and November.

Twenty public speakers voiced their disapproval of the proposed development.

Randy Carter of Northwest Glendale suggested the council exercise restraint with this type of project, especially considering other developments in current consideration in the city.

“We have literally thousands of units in the pipeline, in construction. Let’s see what that density does to the city, what the effects are before going headlong into more of it,” Carter said.

Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association President Peter Fuad summarized the concerns of many of the residents that the use of the PPD would set an unfortunate precedent for developments in other parts of the city.

“Residents were led to believe that the type of projects that were built downtown will stay downtown,” he said. “In many ways, they feel that this is a gateway project. If it can be done here, why not elsewhere?”

Glendale City Manager Scott Ochoa argued that the PPD did not

set such a precedent.

“Folks talk about PPD as though it is something that is inherently bad, which gets you around what the city’s codes are,” said Ochoa. “This PPD would only be applied to a handful of properties because it is entirely dependent on the specific characteristics of a piece of property. This project is no more a precedent located on West Glenoaks than if it were located anywhere else.”

Though the audience did not agree, Ochoa said that the project fit the area’s density and surrounding buildings. He also said that use of the PPD fit the surrounding area as it is an “area in flux” and “doesn’t have an identity.”

Hassan Haghani, director of Community Development, echoed Ochoa’s assertion.

“We do not know how Glenoaks is going to develop,” Haghani said.

Members of the city council recommended that the project be brought back at a later date after undergoing a redesign. Councilmember Paula Devine found that the number of changes to code that the development would allow was more than she could accept.

“Approving code deviations through the PPD process certainly provides flexibility to staff and to the developer, but it puts the stakeholders in our community to a great disadvantage,” said Devine.

Councilmember Laura Friedman said that the density of the surrounding neighborhood was precisely why that development should not be built.

“When staff says it’s already a dense neighborhood and there’s a thousand units around it so it’s compatible, that’s exactly why people don’t want another dense building. They see the impact of those larger units and see the crowding that it’s caused in those neighborhoods,” said Friedman. “I think we have a responsibility to listen to the residents when they say this is already an overcrowded neighborhood. We don’t want to give a variance to make a building bigger than it needs to be.”

Ara Najarian said he would accept neither Alternative A nor the 8,600 square-foot Alternative B.

“I would like to see a redesign in which the number of variances is limited to the mixed-use component,” said Najarian. “Glendale as a whole is overbuilt. We have too many units. We just have to stop and measure the impact that all this development is having on the city.”

The city council will return to this issue during its Jan. 27 meeting to see the developer’s redesigned project. The project will still need to go through the Planning Commission for review subsequent to Jan. 27.

VIEWPOINTS

NEWS FROM THE CVTC

» ROBBYN BATTLES

Congratulations, hello and goodbye are all in order from the Crescenta Valley Town Council this month. Let me first start with congratulations. Just in case you had not heard, the Crescenta Valley High School varsity football team earned the title of CIF Southeast Division champions on Friday night. This has not been done since 1973. On behalf of the entire CV Town Council, we would like to extend a standing ovation to the entire team and coaches. The community is so very proud of you. We are looking forward to celebrating your incredible success at our January meeting.

As the council completes another year we will say hello to several new council members on Dec. 18 and goodbye to several as well, in particular Danette Erickson.

Danette has served on the council since 1995 and will be stepping off council with a promise to all of us that she will still be active in the community. Danette has been responsible for so many projects in the community that to list them all would take more than this article. If I were to highlight a few they would be the military banners along Foothill Boulevard and her push for our community to have our new library. I would like to invite the community to our Dec. 18 council meeting starting at 7 p.m. in the La Crescenta library community room. This meeting will be brief as we will be installing the new members and officers with the help of Supervisor Michael Antonovich and ending the meeting with a holiday party. Please take this opportunity to thank Danette and share a little holiday spirit with the entire council.

Speaking of holiday spirit, the Crescenta Valley Youth Town Council is looking for the home showing the most Christmas spirit. Have a friend or neighbor whose home should be nominated for this year's Christmas Spirit Award? Please email the property address to mariam@thevcouncil.com. Deadline to enter is

Dec. 12. The Christmas Spirit Award will be presented to the winner at the CV Town Council general meeting on Dec. 18.

A few updates on projects in the community:

Crescenta Commons donor tiles. The handmade tiles that will fill the rings at Crescenta Commons are almost complete. The installation is now set for late January. Crescenta Commons will be starting a monthly community maintenance day the second Saturday of every month starting in January. Work dates and times will be posted on the council website.

Illegal signage on Foothill. Council has drafted a letter to the supervisor's office requesting code enforcement along Foothill Boulevard in order to tackle all of the illegal banners, flashing signs and signage that has crept up in front of numerous businesses along the boulevard. Council has asked for a six-to-nine-month survey that will include ongoing enforcement. An update is expected in February.

Finally, December marks the end of my first year as CV Town Council president and I must say it has been quite an honor to serve the council and the community. This year's council has been incredibly supportive and productive. 2015 looks to be a very busy year as there are several new projects already on the slate. Council will be looking to the community for help and input.

Wishing the community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Robbyn Battles
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Montrose Parade Committee

Thank you to Cheryl Davis and the Montrose Christmas Parade Assn. volunteers for their efforts and energy for putting together another great Christmas parade for all of us! It is events like this that make me glad I am raising my daughter in La Crescenta. It reminds me of growing up in Burbank in the 1970s and to be amongst our neighbors and others last Saturday was a great experience.

Thank you Cheryl for all you do for our town!

Dave Jones
La Crescenta

Urges L.A. to Go for Olympics

To Members of the United States Olympic Committee,

We write to express our strong support for bringing the 2024 Summer Olympic Games home to Los Angeles.

As the United States Olympic Committee considers an American bid, we at the state level are eager to partner

with the City of Los Angeles to ensure not only a successful bid but a successful Olympic Games.

Our region is a thriving metropolitan area that has long-served as an embodiment of the Olympic spirit. The city has twice previously successfully hosted the Games and stands ready to make history as the only American city to host the Olympics a third time. The city's natural beauty, world-famous entertainment venues, and sophisticated infrastructure network make Los Angeles the ideal place to help bring the Olympics back to America.

We look forward to working with both the USOC and the City of Los Angeles in helping deliver a successful bid that showcases the diversity, hospitality, and vitality of Los Angeles.

Mike Gatto, Assemblyman,
43rd District

Kate Hansen, American Luger,
2014 Olympic Winter Games

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY

» MIKE LAWLER

Crescenta Valley Rocks!

You may be thinking that this column will be about geology – about the many rocks one finds in the Crescenta Valley – but it is not. When I say “rocks,” I mean the slang verb and, yes, the pun is intentional. This town rocks! I love it here, and I have nothing but good things to say about it. I'm ridiculously, stupidly positive about CV. I'll most likely finish out my life here and, although I love to travel, I have no desire to live anywhere else but here.

I love that we're nestled between two mountain ranges, both offering a wide variety of recreation, not to mention gorgeous visuals. The San Gabriel Mountains are stark and majestic, with deep shear canyons and rocky peaks. The Verdugo Mountains are soft and inviting, thick with growth, with many gentle trails and fire roads. Amazingly, both are relatively undeveloped. My wife and I both marvel at the site of the black, unlit Verdugo Mountains against a sunset. It's an artwork that we enjoy every day.

I love coming up the 2 Freeway and seeing the valley laid out before me. The Montrose Shopping Park is so pretty that I actually go out of my way to drive through it on my way home from work. It welcomes me to the valley. And we're so fortunate to have La Cañada next door. Its homes and streets are amazingly beautiful, with fantastic landscaping and overhanging oaks. The many horse trails and hiking trails of La Cañada offer endless variety.

I enjoy the relatively

quaint feel of our valley. It is the closest one can get to a small-town atmosphere near one of the biggest cities in the world. I meet friends and neighbors when I'm out running errands or walking, and I regularly see people I went to high school with. The Montrose Christmas Parade is a beautifully simple “home-town” affair. We live in a town that prides itself on its volunteerism, and there are a hundred or more community service groups here. Our libraries – Montrose and La Crescenta – are gorgeous architecturally, are clean and friendly, and offer many community events. Our local governments via the CV Town Council and the Glendale City Council are relatively responsive and accessible. Our schools are top-notch.

Of course I love our history – the peaceful Indians who roamed here, the health-seekers who came not to exploit the land, but to use it to heal themselves and others, and the families who came here to make lives for themselves and raise their children in the sunshine. And the sunshine! Need I say anything about how great our weather is? Although I would have chosen to not have a freeway in our valley, I have to admit I appreciate the convenience it offers. I can be in Glendale in five minutes and L.A. in 20.

I rarely write about my personal life in this column, but the holidays have got me thinking about my family and my place in the world. Sadly, of my four

daughters, three have not been as enamored with our lovely valley as I have. The oldest left for college and married a teacher-turned-farmer. She'll never return, as there's not much tillable land here anymore. Too many rocks anyway. My second and her husband long for a more rural life, and will probably soon leave us. My third just longs for independence, and so has remained in her college town in the Midwest. Fortunately my youngest loves the area as much as I do. My wife and I went through that normal wanderlust and desire to move away when we were young adults, but we made the choice to stay near family, and I'm so glad we did.

I'm lucky to be a very positive person, and maybe that's why I see so many good things here in CV. For some the grass is greener elsewhere, but for me it's green right here. I savor my deep roots here – my feeling of “home town.” Crescenta Valley is like an old friend – comfortable and familiar. It's my home, and I love it here.



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

NEWS FROM CV ALLIANCE

Hi, CV!

On behalf of CV Alliance, we wish the Falcons the best of luck on your road to state.

If you are watching football as I am, you are undoubtedly familiar with the anti-domestic violence commercials starring NFL players, #NoMore. If you want to learn more about this topic, come out tonight for the last Teen Trials & Tribulations for 2014 on the differences between healthy, unhealthy and abusive teen dating relationship. Rosanna Cacace, MA, Health Educator II, speaks from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the CV High Library, 2900 Community Ave.

To illustrate the importance of this talk, here's a study reviewed on psychcentral.com: Nearly one third of the nearly 5,600 teens ages 12-18 surveyed in 1996 answered “yes” to either being called names, insulted or treated disrespectfully by their

partner. They were also asked if they had been threatened with violence, pushed, shoved or had something thrown at them. Five years later, those who answered yes to any of these questions were more likely to be involved in unhealthy behaviors. In particular, girls who had been victims of dating violence as teens were more likely to binge drink, have symptoms of depression, smoke and think about suicide as young adults, compared with girls who were in healthier relationships. Boys who experienced dating violence in their teens were more likely to be antisocial, think about suicide, and smoke marijuana as young adults than boys who did not report any dating violence or abuse.

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To learn more, visit our website's Resource Guide. We know men are victims, too, and apologize if anyone is bothered by having to pick Women's Health to find resources and information.

We have to tell young people what a healthy dating relationship looks like! Please – bring your wife, husband, partner, friends and kids.

See you there!

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YOUTH

GUSD Hosts Middle School Essay Contest

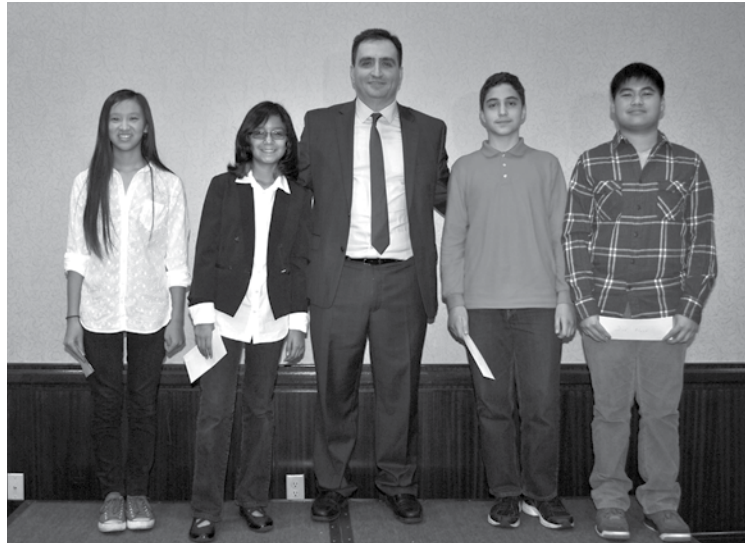


Photo by Lisa PAREDES

From left are students Kaylin Lo, Nubia Morales, essay contest sponsor Vardan Stepanyan, Anthony Akhverdyan, and Ramzi Maducdoc.

By Lisa PAREDES

Students from the Glendale Unified School District's four middle schools were honored for their prize-winning essays on Dec. 8. Students, school and city officials and local business leaders gathered to recognize the outstanding work.

Students at Roosevelt, Rosemont, Toll and Wilson Middle Schools wrote on the topic of "The Importance of Education for Immigrant Children." Each middle school selected three to four essays for the second round of judging.

Through a partnership

with Vardan Stepanyan of VSS Notary and Immigration Services Consultant in Glendale, who is also a GUSD parent, students in grades seven and eight were given the opportunity to write and demonstrate their skills through the sponsored contest.

Stepanyan and his team selected one winning essay from the group of middle school entries and also awarded first through fourth place prizes to the winning students and schools.

Anthony Akhverdyan from

see GUSD on following page

Fremont Elementary Presents 'Dreaming of Snow'



Photo by Isiah REYES

By Isiah REYES

Fremont Elementary School singers held a "Dreaming of Snow" Christmas choir performance on Dec. 4 to get everyone in the holiday spirit. The performance included classics such as "Frosty the Snowman" as well as contemporary songs such as "Hip-Hop Turkey."

This year, all the kids who participated did so because they wanted to be part of the production. But this was not always the case.

"Before, when the program

was for everyone, you had students in there who really weren't particularly interested in singing," said Principal Christin Molano. "Now this makes it entertaining for everybody who is involved."

The kids who participated in the choir showed commitment by getting up early in the morning to practice. The choir was directed by Bobbi Wooldridge, a fifth grade teacher who decided to volunteer her energies as director.

"We're really proud of Mrs. Wooldridge who took it on voluntarily," said Molano. "She

really loves music and really inspired the kids to commit and give it their best. It has created a wonderful performance."

The performance began with a skit featuring Fremont student actors Whitney Nah, Summer Ruyle, Rachel Park and Megan Parada. This was followed by songs "Frosty the Snowman," "If I Could Fly like a Snowflake," and "Don't be a Turkey" sung by primary school children.

The upper grade singers then took stage to follow with "Mr. Frosty Winter," "A Candlelight

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YOUTH NOTES

ComedySportz

Crescenta Valley HS varsity ComedySportz team will take on Loyola HS on Friday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Underground Theater at CVHS. The theater is located at the front of the school at 2900 Community Ave.

Student tickets are \$5 and adults are \$10. Arrive early as the small theater often sells out.

CVIM Foundation Holding Concert

The Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation is hosting its annual winter holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at MacDonald Auditorium, on the campus of Crescenta Valley High School, 2900 Community Ave., in La Crescenta.

Festive, holiday favorites will be performed by the jazz band, symphony, string ensemble, wind ensemble, and the marching band. The Marching Falcons will also play music from their field show, "Ascension" which earned them first place in music performance at a recent championship band competition.

The cost is just \$8 for adults, and \$5 for students. For more information, visit www.falconmusic.org.

Students Prepare for Finals Week

By Joyce LEE, intern

In the midst of decorating Christmas trees and shopping for holiday gifts, the hearts of students at Crescenta Valley High School are not at ease – the dreaded finals week is approaching. Finals week begins on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and ends on Thursday, Dec. 18. The week wraps up the school's first semester, with most teachers administering either long exams or engaging projects, and leads into a well deserved two and a half week break.

On the bright side, students are gifted with early dismissal during the days of finals week at 12:30 p.m. All three days of finals are organized in block schedules; each period is approximately two hours long, with the next period starting after a 20-minute recess. Finals for periods one and two will be administered on Tuesday, three and four on Wednesday, and five and six on Thursday.

"I am thankful for early dismissal during finals week because it gives us a free half-day full of greatly needed rest,"

said sophomore Brendan Caver. "I would not be happy with a regular day schedule because we would have one test after the other."

Although teachers assign different work, they share similar preparation.

"Finals week for us [teachers] is this week – the week before the students' finals week – because we are preparing for finals, accepting late work and inputting grades," said math teacher Amy Besoli. "Lucky for us, the actual finals week is a breeze."

It is no secret that many students procrastinate when preparing for finals with many jamming a semester of studying into the weekend before finals week. Procrastination, however, adds additional stress to times already stressful. Fortunately, some students have figured out ways to de-stress.

"Sleep is all I need," said senior Jacqueline Tsang.

"During my study breaks, I clear my mind and write creative short stories," said senior Diana Park. "It soothes my nerves."

"I find it beneficial to study a

month for finals at least a month in advance, so that I will be able to relax the week before and during finals week," said junior Christine Kim. "Then I have the luxury of enjoying the early dismissals by eating lunch with friends instead of trying to cram for the next day's finals."

Teachers and counselors agree that rest is indeed a crucial factor in easing anxiety for finals.

"I advise my students to take breaks while studying and reserve time for hobbies," said counselor Janelle Evans. "It's important to not let the passion for learning disappear and obsess over [grades]."

"Students need to prepare early so there is less worry to break up the amount of studying. This will also allow them to get good rest before the week of finals. Staying up all night will not help anyone do well," added social sciences teacher Richard Johnson.

Students should keep in mind that early preparation and plenty of sleep are essential not only for grades, but also for psychological and physiological health.

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Roosevelt Middle School won first place, Ramzi Maducdoc from Toll Middle School placed second, Kaylin Lo from Wilson Middle School was third and Nubia Morales from Rosemont Middle School was awarded fourth place.

All finalists and their schools received a cash prize. The first place student was awarded \$125 for school supplies, second place won \$100, third received \$50 and fourth won \$25.

The first place school won \$600 and the second place school received \$300. The third and fourth place schools were awarded \$200 and \$100, respectively.

The essay finalists and their school principals attended the ceremony Monday, along with members of Glendale Arts, the Rotary Club, chamber of commerce and city council. Cindy Cleary, head of the Art and Culture Dept. in the City of Glendale was also there.

"I came up with the essay contest idea a couple of months ago when we were having discussions about helping local schools," said Stepanyan. "I thought that we should do it through the essay contest which would encourage

students to participate and receive awards.

"They would be able to emphasize their views about the importance of education. Since we work in the immigration field we chose 'The Importance of Education for Immigrant Children' as a topic for the essay so that it can be related to what we do."

Stepanyan added that all the submitted essays were well-written and it was hard to determine the winners.

While this is the first year for the essay contest, VSS Notary and Immigration Services is considering making it a yearly event.

"Our main goal is to support [the] community where we live and do business," Stepanyan said.

"Principals and students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity students had to express their thoughts through the writing process," said Dr. Sebastian Puccio, GUSD coordinator for Administrative Services of the event. "Students spoke about finding their inspiration for writing in their own experiences as immigrants or through their families' immigrant experiences."

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Vigil," "Holly and Ivy and Evergreen" and "Hip-Hop Turkey." Then both groups of singers joined to finish the concert with "All We're Meant To Be" and "Celebrate with Joy!"

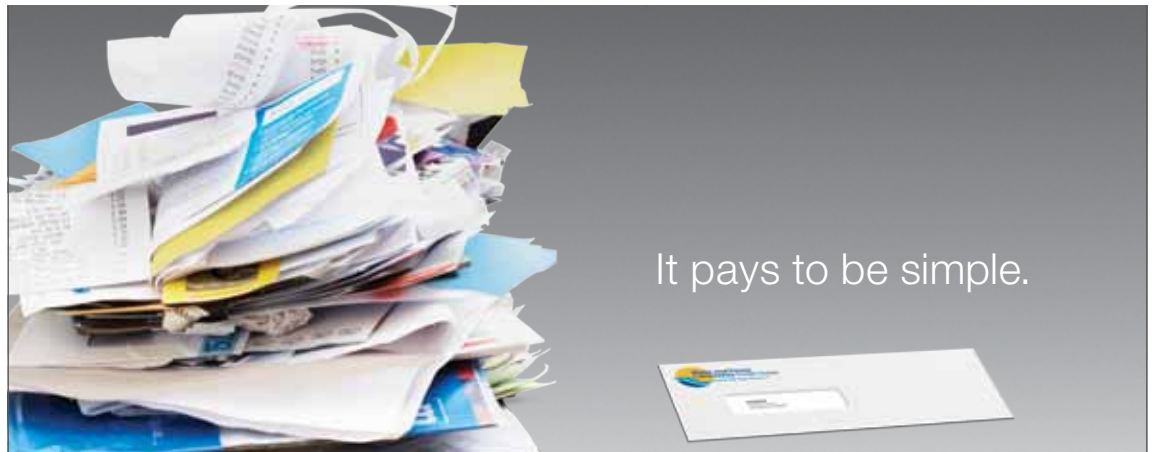
Once in a while, a turkey would

appear holding an "I'm Not a Turkey" sign fooling the farmer every time.

The production did more than just bring out the holiday spirit for the performers.

"Having a music program

emphasizes having to put together a performance [so the students] understand what it's like to speak and stand in public," Molano said. "And it takes commitment to make all the rehearsals and practices, so it's important."



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SPORTS

Reliving the Championship Game

Falcons win CIF to cap perfect season.

By Brandon HENSLEY

It was tough for Hudson Gossard to find words for what just happened last Friday night at Glendale High School. He paused frequently and looked down, then up, then down again.

What could he say? His Falcons were champions at last.

"It's pretty surreal. The game was like a flash. I still can't remember things that went on," said Gossard, the offensive coordinator for the Crescenta Valley High football team. Correction: The CIF Southeast Division champion Crescenta Valley High football team.

The win over Downey was tough, to be sure, and it wasn't all pretty, but when Gossard's

offense needed to score, it did. Quarterback Brian Gadsby hit Jordan LoBianco with a 22-yard touchdown pass in the right corner of the end zone of the first play of the fourth quarter, and that was the difference as CV (14-0, its first ever undefeated season) defeated the Downey Vikings 21-14 to claim the CIF Southern Section Southeast crown.

Gadsby threw for 220 yards, running back Jonathan Jun ran for 100 yards and one touchdown, and Connor Van Ginkel (five catches for 102 yards) made some highlight reel catches after Gadsby had bought just enough time in the pocket.

"We didn't play our best offensive game," Gossard said. "But when [Downey] tied the game, we made the plays we had to make to take

the lead."

The game had a little bit of everything. There was lineman BK Kim hiding the ball for a second time this postseason and running for a big gain. There was lineman Davo Hakobyan being an eligible receiver and catching a lateral pass that surprised Downey and ran for a crucial first down.

But most of all there was the defense. Downey quarterback Trevor Hill was held to just four completions and threw an interception to Brandon Beardt in the third quarter. The Falcons still had to contain the great running duo of Daevon Vigilant and senior Justin Huff and, sure enough, both players scored touchdowns.

They couldn't do anything on the final drive, though. The Falcons missed a 25-yard field goal attempt by Alex Atanockovic with three minutes left in the game and turned the ball over to Downey.

But here came Matt Erickson to save the day. On fourth-and-2 in their own territory, Downey hurried to the line and called a run for Vigilant to the left side. Erickson rushed from the opposite side, broke through the line and made the sprawling stop. The Falcons got the ball back and ran out the clock.

"I knew I was going to make the play," said Erickson, who battled a left foot injury all night. "I saw

the [Downey lineman] pull. I was going for the tackle. It was an amazing feeling coming up after making that play."

When the clock hit zero, CV students jumped over the railing and headed for the field to mob the new champions.

"I was shocked. It was an amazing feeling seeing everyone come down on the field," Erickson said. "It was an amazing atmosphere all night long. When that clock hit zero, you know you won and you get to raise that plaque and everything."

"This wasn't our goal at first," said receiver/defensive back Bostin Lakin. "Our goal was to win league and go 10-0. Then we realized we were a pretty good team, so it just escalated to this. We thought we could do it, and we ended up doing this."

Chase Walker, a sure-handed receiver who caught 10 touchdowns through the first 13 games, came up big in an unusual way in the second quarter. Up 7-0 and at the Viking 2-yard line, Gadsby was moved to receiver and Tyler Hill took the snap. Hill ran up the middle but fumbled on the 1-yard line. The ball bounced into the end zone and Walker picked it up.

"I was going off of a block and I let my guy go," Walker said. "I look at Ty and he's got the ball and he hits the 1-yard line. The ball bounces out and I said, 'Why isn't

anyone picking it up?' I picked it up and everyone went crazy."

It was Downey fans that were emotional late in the game for what they felt was a wrong call. Trailing 21-14 in the fourth quarter on fourth down, Hill rolled out to his right and heaved a pass to receiver Stacy Chukwumezie in the back of the end zone. Chukwumezie rolled around before holding the ball up, thinking it was touchdown, but the officials said the ball touched the ground before he established possession. Downey players were visibly upset.

Technically, officials also could have called illegal hands to the face on Downey on the play as well. Erickson's helmet had come loose on the play because of it. He threw his helmet away as he chased after Hill.

Schilling said Downey Coach Jack Williams didn't bring up the play later that night when he texted Schilling congratulations.

"It's so hard to win in any sport a CIF championship," Schilling said. "So many things have to click into place. And everything did. It's really big for our program."

"It had been so long since we made a deep run," said Gossard. "This to me is just unimaginable that we can call ourselves the CIF champions. We get to put a banner up in our gym. These kids will live as legends for the rest of their lives."

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"I knew if I didn't play I'd be missing out like crazy," he said. "I'm really happy I made the decision to stay and I'm really happy the coaches and players took me back in."

From brain surgery to gridiron glory

A year ago this week, junior Bostin Lakin faced the biggest obstacle of his life, and he was nowhere near a football field.

Lakin had suffered a seizure his sophomore season, and an MRI confirmed the cause was an abnormal cluster of blood vessels on his brain.

The options were either medication for the rest of his life or surgery.

Lakin said he easily chose the surgery in hopes of playing again, and it worked. Six months later Lakin was cleared to play. He was a valuable two-way player this season, and in the playoffs he made big plays in big moments. His interception in the third quarter of CV's first round playoff game against Harvard-Westlake helped turn a tight contest into a comfortable victory.

The biggest catch on the last drive of the semifinal game was Lakin's. He caught Gadsby's 15-yard throw near the goal line. The crowd exploded, thinking it was a touchdown. Officials marked his

leaping grab down at the 1-yard line. No matter; the Falcons scored two plays later, and moved on to the finals.

"Maybe the best hands of all of our receivers," Schilling said of Lakin. "And he's strong ... he plays defense just like [much publicized] cornerback Jordan LoBianco]. He was our final little piece defensively."

After the clinching game against Downey, Lakin took pictures with classmates on the field, his giant mop of hair sweaty but still wild as ever. He said he barely slept the night before; one wondered whether he could sleep at all after what he's been through.

"It's so crazy. I never thought I could be in this position ever again," he said. "It's so cool that I got to do this now and be here. It's awesome."

From 1973 to now

Dennis Gossard was in his mid-20s and a first-year varsity assistant coach for Gordy Warnock when the Crescenta Valley Falcons won the CIF Division-AAA championship.

It took the program 41 years to win another one.

"We knew this team was going to be good," he said. "But did we think we would be here? We didn't think that in '73. We just kept

winning games and we were CIF champions. Same thing with this team; we knew we'd be good, but how good we didn't know."

Gossard, now in his 60s, revealed in all that surrounded him as his Falcons celebrated at Moyse Field after the championship win—media, parents, players and, most of all, his family.

Gossard coaches the Falcons' defense, which held Downey's high-powered rushing attack just enough in check, and allowed the Vikings just 14 points. He also coaches with his son Hudson, a 2002 CV graduate who played quarterback for the team. Hudson runs the offense and while it hasn't always been a smooth ride (this was CV's first playoff appearance since 2011) it certainly was a sight to behold this year, as the Falcons didn't just beat opponents; by the third quarter in most games, it was a blowout.

That's due in large part to the father-son duo, Dennis and Hudson.

"You've just won the CIF championship," Gossard said, describing himself. "You coach with your son. Your daughter is here, your grandchildren are here. You wife is here, your brother's here. It can't get better than this. It's the greatest feeling in the world."

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Expert Glazer Shares Secrets at Workshop



TOP: Several sets of demonstration ceramics specifically prepared by Jean Taylor for the workshop.
 RIGHT: Jean Taylor surveys her preparations for the glazing workshop.
 BELOW: Jean Taylor speaks about all that went into glazing a large platter.



Helen Jean Taylor is a treasure, especially as far as the Ceramics Dept. of the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is concerned. On a recent Sunday, the community center offered a workshop where interested potters could learn Taylor's celebrated approach to glazing. An expert in the complexities of glaze formulation and their reactions/inter-reactions under the tremendous heat of Cone-10 firing (2350°F), Taylor demonstrated the potential of the glazing process with

different artistic goals in mind. The primary instruction tool featured 20 sets of different glazing techniques sampled onto various clay types on both vertical and flat surfaces documented in a companion guide, designed by La Crescenta architect and ceramicist Ines Chessum. Taylor also set aside time to demonstrate her unique approach to glazing, the "painting with chemistry" that is her trademark. Not surprisingly, the three-hour workshop was filled to capacity. Workshop participants

were in awe, but also curious and inspired to begin incorporating this new information into their own glazing practices. Taylor's unique and distinguished work will be available at the upcoming ceramics sale at CCLCF on Dec. 12-14. Additional glazing workshops with Jean Taylor are also being scheduled. The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Dr. For more information, call (818) 790-4353. *Contributed by Allison Goodman*

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Glendale Healthy Start Gives to GUSD Families this Thanksgiving



Items like those shown above were part of the 100 food baskets that were prepared for local GUSD families in need.

Glendale Healthy Start, a program within Student Support Services of the Glendale Unified School District, prepared 100 food baskets, which included a \$30 Vons' gift card, that were distributed to families for Thanksgiving. The mission of Glendale Healthy Start is to assist families in need. The food baskets consisted of an assortment of cereal, beans, soup, sweet corn, stuffing, rice, pasta, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, apple sauce, tomato sauce, canned fruit, green beans, gravy, cake mix and Jello. These items were donated to the GUSD food pantry by the district's

PTAs. Donations were received from all GUSD school sites. Donations were also received by the Las Caritas group, which each month donates \$350 worth of groceries. Las Caritas is an auxiliary of the Assistance League of Glendale. It boasts 26 active members, many of whom are employed in the business world and in education. Las Caritas also supplied 200 pairs of socks and five blankets to children in November. For more information, contact Ilin Magran, Ed.D, psychologist, Healthy Start, at (818) 241-3111 x500 or by email imagran@gusd.net.

Gorvetzian Family to Receive YMCA Pacesetter Award

The YMCA of the Foothills presented the 2014 YMCA Pacesetter Award to the Gorvetzian family at a special donor recognition event on Dec. 4 at Oakmont Country Club. Hosted by YMCA board of director chair Kristin McQueen, the event featured special impact testimonials and a Christmas tree silent auction. Funds raised will support the Youth Leadership Endowment Fund. The Gorvetzian family was recognized for their outstanding service and support not only of the YMCA of the Foothills but through their personal example have set the pace in the community in leadership and philanthropy. Ken and Lori, along with children Christopher and Ashley, have been members of the Y since 1995 when Ken and Christopher joined Indian Guides. In 1998, Ken and Ashley continued the family tradition by joining Indian Princesses, Ken joined the YMCA board of directors in 1999 and served as chairman of the board, vice chairman, and member of the Executive Committee, Finance Committee,

Investment Committee, Board Development Committee, Major Gifts Committee, the Annual Campaign and various YMCA tasks forces. In addition to his work at the Y, Ken served four years on the LCF Educational

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Foundation, was a member of LCHS Boosters and served as a coach for various AYSO soccer and La Cañada junior baseball/softball teams.

The Gorvetzians are active in countless other community organizations. Lori has been very active at La Cañada Elementary School having served as an executive officer on the PTA, co-chaired the LCE Halloween Haunt and was a room mom. Lori and

Ashley were very involved with the National Charity League, Lori as a board member who chaired the annual fashion show, and volunteered at the NCL Rummage Sale, Red Cross Blood Drive and the Los Angeles Zoo. Christopher and Ashley volunteered with the Special Olympics, Christopher with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Ashley with the Tarrenat County Women's Shelter.

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Rob

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Both these selling scenarios are complex and have pitfalls; in addition to a seasoned real estate agent and escrow officer, I strongly advise that you contact a real estate attorney.

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Something Old, Something New: 'Bones' Hits 200

By Susan JAMES

Fox Studios' long-running television drama "Bones," now in its 10th season, will reach a milestone tonight, Dec. 11, that few shows ever achieve: It will air its 200th episode, "The 200th in the 10th." Soon to become the longest-running show in Fox history (with its 206th episode), "The 200th in the 10th" is a special homage to filmmaker great Alfred Hitchcock and the glory days of Hollywood. Leading man and director of the episode David Boreanaz, who normally plays FBI Special Agent Seeley Booth, is putting on his best Cary Grant as a jewel thief accused of murder. His usual partner in solving crimes, Dr. Temperance Brennan, played by Emily Deschanel, has morphed into the canny cop trying to catch him. In true "To Catch a Thief" style, the two antagonists find common romantic ground. A cast list full of guest stars like Ryan O'Neal and guitarist Billy F. Gibbons of ZZ Top are also scheduled to appear.

If "Bones" is looking to the past for its 200th drama, something new and exciting was revealed this season when Booth and Brennan moved into a strikingly re-imagined home. Showrunner Stephen Nathan wanted something completely different for Booth and Brennan's new house and decided on a mid-20th century look. With that requirement in mind production designer Val Wilt and art decorator Megan Malley-Cannon have created a house that Internet fans of the show are clamoring to own. Inspired by the iconic Case Study House #9 in Pacific Palisades, designed in 1949 by Charles Eames and Eero Saarinen, the Booth-Brennan house is a flowing series of glass-enclosed rooms built around an open garden patio that functions as an outside dining space.

"It's an evolving set," said



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Malley-Cannon. "The home is, I think, a character in itself. It's a mid-century home that has a multicultural feel. It's American but pulls from other spots on the globe. There's a bit of an Asian [vibe]."

Wilt agreed.

"The windows are [designed in a] shoji screen style," Wilt said. The rolling wooden door he devised for the master bedroom would fit perfectly into a traditional Japanese home.

Said Malley-Cannon: "We wanted to make it warm and not a time capsule and that's why we brought in a lot of the [ethnic] textiles." Brightly colored handwoven kilim rugs cover the cork floors and do double duty as upholstery and wall hangings.

In last season's finale, Booth and Brennan's elegant, more formal home (also designed by Wilt and Malley-Cannon) was blown up. It was a home that Booth had created for Brennan. With the new house set, Brennan returns the favor. While Booth is locked up for three months in prison, she purchases and decorates their new home. With its warm tones and Booth-inspired memorabilia, the space becomes her gift to him. Another featured gift from Brennan to Booth is the period Wurlitzer jukebox backed by framed photographs of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis and Doris Day.

But it isn't just the language of love between Booth and Brennan that is encapsulated in the new set. Together with satisfying the needs of the show

and creating the space necessary for cameras and equipment, the designers also kept in mind the interests of the fans.

"There are some things that are fun for the fans to see," Malley-Cannon explained, "and we kept that in mind."

Online "Bones" buzz has already noticed the row of blue stadium seats, the black rotary telephone and the fighter plane tailpieces that are special to Booth's backstory. But Wilt points out that, "Megan brought in some bits [that belonged] to Brennan as well."

So a new collection of majolica pottery stands across from a Nigerian wedding basket and Booth's plaster bust of Oliver Hardy shares space with embroidered Indian elephants, an antique Indo-Persian steel helmet and a wall plaque in the shape of Buddha.

Kids' toys and craft projects are scattered around referencing Booth and Brennan's young daughter Christine (played by Sunnie Pelant). A photo of her and her half-brother Parker have pride of place on a shelf in the bedroom. Every section of the set has been thought out in astonishing detail. Film friendly and family ready, everything looks comfortable and everything looks used, an impression imperative for a family home that is actually a film set.

As "Bones" rings in its 200th episode, the new home set looks ready to welcome at least 100 more.

'Piñata Dreams' Coming to CASA 0101



Photos by Ed KRIEGER

ABOVE: From left, Isaiah Cazares (Itzali), Suzanne Santos (Halipi), Noah Logan Martinez (J.J. Tovar) and David Guerra (Grandfather) in "Piñata Dreams."



RIGHT: From left, Evy De La Cruz (Xochi) and David Guerra (Pedro Tovar).

CASA 0101 Theater in Boyle Heights presents the world premiere of "Piñata Dreams," written by Josefina López and directed by Corky Dominguez. This fantastical, magical journey is appropriate for the whole family and celebrates piñatas, alebrijes (brightly colored Mexican art sculptures of fantastical creatures) and the courage to be oneself.

"I've always wanted to write a holiday show for children and their families celebrating my Latino heritage and I finally wrote it," said López. "This story is inspired by the story of the alebrijes and the story of the piñatas. I wanted kids to know this story and for parents to understand that some children are special and are meant to be artists."

The play stars Noah Logan Martinez as J.J., a fourth generation piñata maker, with a talented ensemble cast.

The production will be presented on the main stage of CASA 0101 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m., through Dec. 28. On Sunday, Dec. 14 at

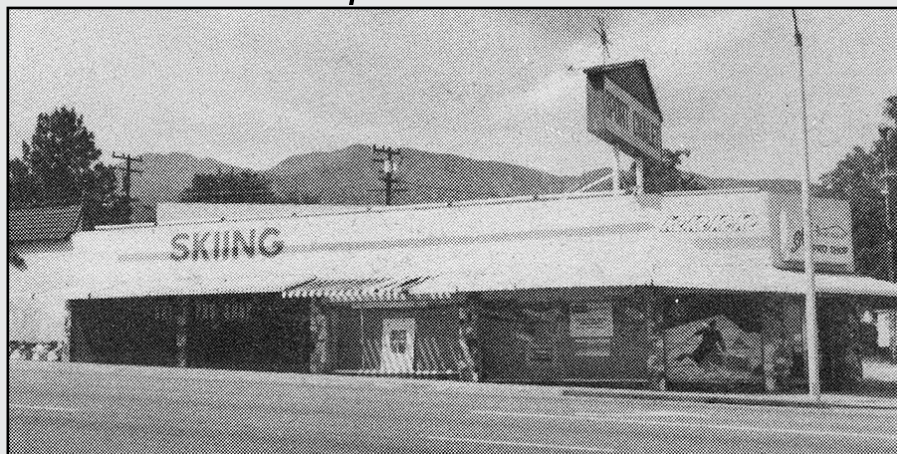
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Tickets during the four-week run are \$20 per person for general admission; \$17 per person for students and seniors and \$15 per person for Boyle Heights residents. Discounts for groups of 10 or more will be available at \$15 per person. This show is recommended for all ages. Advance reservations are highly recommended. The show running time is 50 minutes.

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The hours are Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Taxpayers will be helped on a "first-come-first-served" basis; advance reservations are not available.

For details, visit www.cvweekly.com/BUSINESS or BETWEEN FRIENDS.

CV ALLIANCE

Rosanna Cacace, MA, health educator, Planned Parenthood Pasadena & SGV, answers the question, "What is a Healthy Teen Dating Relationship?" tonight, Thursday, Dec. 11 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the CV High Library, 2900 Community Ave., as part of CV Alliance's Teen Trials & Tribulations series.

Free to all interested adults and children.

OPEN HOUSES AT CASA ADOBE

In the 1800s, California was a sparsely populated country: a few missions, ranchos, and pueblos nestled among the valleys and hills and no season was more eagerly awaited than the Christmas holidays. In that spirit, Glendale Beautiful, a volunteer non-profit which preserves and docents the city of Glendale's Casa Adobe de San Rafael, presents its Fiesta De Las Luminarias at the Casa, on Dec. 12 through Sunday, Dec. 14.

On Friday and Saturday there are open houses from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with traditional light refreshments. On Friday there will be a piano recital by students of Gerry Keeling at 6 p.m. On Saturday, the open house will feature the Hoover High School Choir under the direction of Meriah Moffat at 6 p.m.

Also on Saturday there will be a children's piñata party from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the Casa patio with the Horace Mann Elementary School folkloric dancers under the direction of Chris Burt at 1 p.m.

The Sunday open house is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

If weather permits, luminarias will adorn the Casa and patios. The indoor open house and musical programs will proceed rain or shine.

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CCLCF HOLDING CERAMICS SALE

The ceramic artists at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge are glazing and firing thousands of pieces for the upcoming holiday ceramics sale on Dec. 12-14. Nearly 75 local artists will have ceramic art on sale for the largest ceramics show in the foothills communities.

The sale opens with a reception with refreshments at the community center on Friday, Dec. 12 between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The sale continues on Saturday, Dec. 13

from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive, La Cañada

SONS OF NORWAY

Julebord celebration for Christmas is on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. with the Sons of Norway Edvard Grieg Lodge. There will be a special program with traditional Norwegian and American Christmas carols, smorbrod potluck; everyone welcome - family, friends and children.

Meeting at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills Fellowship Hall, 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. Call Cara Clove for more information at (818) 279-7371.

LITTLE LANDERS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Little Landers announces the return of The Randy Van Horne Singers for the Bolton Hall holiday program on Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum. The program features performances by Franny McCartney of Sunland-Tujunga and the space age pop music sound of the Randy Van Horne Singers. Visitors will join in for Christmas carols and the Little Landers Holiday gift drawing. Refreshments are served after the program and some recipes from the Little Landers Cookbook will be featured.

This program is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

Parking is available a few doors uphill at the Elks Lodge. Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or www.littlelandershistoricalsociety.org or email littlelanders@verizon.net.

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HOOVERTOUR OF HOMES

Tickets are now on sale for the 57th annual Hoover Tour of Homes on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit www.itsmyseat.com/HooverPTA.

Guests will tour four stunning homes, festively decorated for the holidays, and enjoy live performances from the Hoover High School choir, orchestra and jazz band. Hoover students will also serve as tour guides, providing a bit of family history and interesting historical facts about each home. It's a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!

Tickets are \$30 and available online or at Art's Meat Market & Village Deli, 1404 W. Kenneth Road in Kenneth Village. Cash or checks only when purchasing at Art's. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available for purchase at Art's and at the two homes designated as starting locations. All purchases are final; tour will be held rain or shine.

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Glendale Noon Concerts is a free admission concert series taking place every first and third Wednesday from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. in the restored chapel and sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Glendale (downtown at Louise & Wilson, no religious affiliation).

The next concert is on Dec. 17 and will

feature chamber music by Los Angeles composer/bassoonist Damian Montano.

PROUTY OFFERS CONCERT

The Second Saturday Series presents organist Kristin Holton Prouty on Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. at Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church. Prouty is director of worship and music at Victory Lutheran Church, and has performed and competed throughout Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, the Netherlands, Mexico and the United States.

This concert will include compositions from Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and Franck. A reception will be held following the concert to meet the artist. Freewill donations are received at the door.

For more information, visit www.glendalecitychurch.org or call (818) 244-7241.

Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church, 610 E. California Ave., Glendale

NEWS FROM JCK

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at . Membership is free. Knitters, crocheters, and those who wish to learn are welcome.

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Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit & Crochet on Saturday January 10th, 2015 from 2-5 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 East Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, 818-548-2046. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knit, crochet, and conversation. For more information, visit www.jewelcityknitters.com or email sandra.canfield@yahoo.com

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This workshop is for children 6 to 11 years old. It is on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Snacks served.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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December 8, 2014 - December 14, 2014

On Monday the Sun conjoins Mercury in Sagittarius and Jupiter turns retrograde, ushering in a time of contemplation and inner growth. On Wednesday Venus enters Capricorn, and on Friday Mercury trines Jupiter. There's a potent transit on Saturday as Uranus squares Pluto for the sixth and penultimate time, encouraging insights and fresh perspectives. Events may push you to change whether you want to or not. Meanwhile, the Sun trines Jupiter and Venus sextiles Neptune.

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Though action and adventure may call to you, Jupiter's retrograde phase encourages you to slow down and opt for inner journeys that encourage greater self-knowledge. The emphasis shifts with a focus on exploring those beliefs that affect your creativity and experience of romance. You may feel a desire to be free of rules and regulations, and you might consider working for yourself as opposed to a company or corporation. Don't act impulsively, though. Take it one step at a time.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You'll be eager to explore ideas for earning more money, and you may be tempted to invest in classes with this aim in mind. Information is key this week, and accessing the knowledge you need could prove a turning point. At home, Jupiter's retrograde phase may slow down your plans for your house or family. Seeds planted may take longer to come to fruition. Later, a potent transit suggests you may be limited by outdated beliefs. It's time to replace them.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Partnerships and relationships flourish this week as your involvement with others expands. You can expect a lot of encouragement, but try not to promise more than you can deliver. Later, the cosmos encourages you to reflect on deep soul bonds and committed relationships and how much you're willing to share. Key could be finding the balance between keeping things lighthearted and desiring security and commitment. However, social delights await you over the weekend, with the potential for a love adventure.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

There are advantages to be gained from stepping outside of your comfort zone this week. Say yes to new people, places, and experiences, particularly if you're looking for a new job or hoping to set up a business for yourself. Meanwhile, Jupiter's retrograde phase encourages you to ponder the spiritual source of your supply. Doing so could be a revelation. Finally, a revolutionary transit encourages you to take your goals and dreams seriously. Don't let personal relationships stand in the way of your success.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Creative and romantic opportunities seem well starred, especially early in the week. Yet as Jupiter rewinds in your sign, you may find certain associations or projects a bit too superficial. It's time to direct your energy to activities and people who have depth and inspire you. Despite this, your social life continues to flourish, as do romantic options. Big questions circle around in your head as you may notice a desire to escape from too much responsibility, but at what cost?

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Focus on home affairs, plans, and projects that need to get sorted before the holiday week. You may be the one organizing get-togethers, especially as people seem to enjoy chilling out at your place. Give yourself a chance for some alone time, as this is when inspiration could strike, bringing solutions to problems and creative ideas. Over the weekend you might be faced with a dilemma, as a potent transit encourages you to be honest about your feelings rather than hold back.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your outlook is upbeat and expectant, with a desire to reach out and connect. As the festive season gets underway it's time to send cards and messages to those who are dear to your heart, which you'll enjoy. Jupiter turns retrograde in your social sector, so you may prefer your own company and the chance to reflect at times. Still, there will be enough get-togethers to keep you occupied. Later, ask yourself if you're resisting an idea whose time has come.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Spend time at home where you can think up ambitious plans and share your ideas with family and friends. You might want to invest in gadgets and other devices that make life easier. Jupiter turns retrograde in your career sector on Monday, so a goal or career move could take longer to materialize. This might not be a bad thing, encouraging you to reflect on what's best for you. Finally, you might notice how your thoughts affect your well-being for better or worse.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your responsibilities to others may seem to restrict your freedom and dampen your enthusiasm. If real-life demands weigh you down, perhaps you'll escape through travel or other adventures. As Jupiter turns retrograde in Leo, you may prefer to acquire more knowledge. Regular meditation and reflection over the weeks ahead can encourage you to review and change outdated beliefs. Avoid impulsive moves over the weekend that might affect your financial security, even if you're tempted to take a gamble.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You may want to help out with charity work or volunteer your time in other ways. A focus on your spiritual sector encourages you to be generous, as by giving you will receive. Meanwhile, Venus hikes into your sign on Wednesday, boosting your confidence and making you an attractive option. Later, you may notice a conflict between putting yourself and your own thoughts and feelings first versus doing your duty and making sure you fulfill your responsibilities. You may need to strike a balance.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your social life is busy, but you aren't complaining! With festive get-togethers keeping you busy, you're in your element. Jupiter turns retrograde in your relationship sector on Monday, so interactions could slow. For instance, a business partnership may see you both acting more independently for a while and learning much as a result. If you're in a long-term relationship, you may relish more alone time. Finally, the weekend may set you thinking about what's holding you back from being successful.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

A focus on Sagittarius and your career sector makes this a good time to get your message out to the world, and to be bold and forthright about doing so. When it comes to everyday matters or lifestyle issues, it might be time to journey within to uncover and release anything blocking success. Your social life picks up midweek, with romance looking likelier. Finally, if a friend disapproves of your behavior, you might wonder why you hang out with him or her.

RELIGION

Question:

Two weeks ago, we lost our 34-year-old son to a work-related accident in another state. He left his wife and two young sons, ages 3 and 5. Christmas was one of his favorite holidays.

Our question is how does a family get through what is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration when our hearts are heavy with loss?

~ Sad Family

Dear Sad Family,

I offer my sincere condolences for the loss of your son. Dealing with the death of our loved ones is one of the most difficult experiences of life. An unexpected tragedy such as this, especially during the holidays, can compound our sorrow because there is no way to prepare ourselves for sudden loss. The only way to cope with the sadness that you are feeling is with faith.

When any of us are faced with a tragedy, life requires that we stay true and focused on our path that is rooted in a Divine Presence that gently guides us towards our best and highest good. Refuse to be despondent. There is a difference between having an emotion and an emotion having us. The latter is when we get caught up in what we are feeling to the exclusion of all the good that is around us. That does not mean do not experience the sorrow but, as strange as it sounds, be open to what that sorrow has to teach you – to be gentle with yourself, to appreciate all the good in your life and, most importantly, to trust that though your son is no longer on this earth, he is

most definitely alive in all of your memories that are filled with a love that does not end.

If your son were here right now, he would want you and all of his family to enjoy the holidays and to get on with your lives in the most wonderful of ways. He would want all the joy and laughter that you shared together to be at the center of your celebrations and your memories to be the foundation from which you continue to build your family. We cannot afford to allow a sense of sorrow extinguish the light that we have come here to be. If you can allow the sadness you feel to strengthen you by becoming more compassionate, understanding and loving to those around you, there will come a day when the sting of the loss will lessen and will be replaced with an understanding of the permanency of love and eternity of life.

I wish you a most blessed holiday season today and beyond.

In Light,



Rev. Mary Morgan
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Dear Sad Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to each of you in this time of deep grief and sadness. Your question touches everyone who has gone through this kind of tragedy. How does anyone get through any loss of this kind, especially when

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking answers personal questions and concerns from a spiritual perspective. Local religious leaders taking part in the discussion include Mark Yeager/Chaplain YMCA of the Foothills; Bryan Griem of Montrose Community Church; Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Skip Lindeman of La Cañada Congregational United Church of Christ; Rabbi Simcha Backman of Chabad of Glendale; Rabbi Janet Bieber of Jewish Community & Learning Center of the Foothills; Levent Akbarut of Islamic Congregation of La Cañada Flintridge; Betty Stapleford of Unitarian Universalist; Steve Marshall of CV United Methodist Church; Elaine Cho of La Canada United Methodist Church; Holly Stauffer of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Beverly Craig of La Crescenta Center for Spiritual Living; Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Centers for Spiritual Living Practitioners: Laney Clevenger-White, Sandra Shields, Anthony Kelson, Gary Bates; Marsalee Forrester/Shamanic Practitioner; Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; and Sharon Weisman, atheist/agnostic/secular humanist/free thinker. We welcome your questions and comments. Email us at spiritual@cvweekly.com.

Responses are offered from the perspectives of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

there is joy and celebration all around? Words seem meaningless. Any action taken often feels hollow and empty.

What I know is that you must allow the grief in. It is real. Listen to one another and share your feelings. This is a time to come together in your common loss. Each of you has memories and stories that need to be told.

In those shared experiences you have an opportunity to recreate the son, husband and father that you hold dear. He is still alive in your hearts and minds. If you have a church affiliation, talk to your priest, minister or rabbi.

If the pain is too great you might want to see a grief counselor who can help you move through the feelings and confusion that this brings.

And, when you can, remember

this was one of his favorite holidays. What would he have you do? How would he want you to respond? How can you help each other move through this holiday with some grace and ease? What can you do for the grandchildren who have also lost their father?

Death remains the great mystery of life. What are left are the memories of a life that has touched us in some important way. It is up to us to find the meaning and comfort that this life has brought us and hold it dear. We celebrate that life by how we bring it forward in our own lives.

Spirit is with you always. Namaste.



Gary Bates, Practitioner
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Question:

My family and I just returned from a Thanksgiving gathering. Both my husband I are frustrated with the lack of interaction and conversation because it seems almost everyone had their faces in their cellphones. When we arrived, we had our teenage twins put theirs away and asked them to greet their aunts, uncles and cousins and catch up on family news, so we think we were doing our part.

What is the obsession with cellphones and what makes people think that texting and cellphone conversations are more important than family?

~ Staying Home Next Year

Dear Staying Home Next Year: Simply put: it is our culture. I agree with you that people and visiting face to face is much more important than having your face buried in technology. But just as our only means of visiting used to be in person before the invention of the telephone, and then we adapted to that, so have humans progressed to this new stage of communication. And it is interfering when we are in each other's company physically.

You are right, you did your part. You did the right thing in my opinion. Short of taking over and "parenting" everyone (which you could or could not do), you might drop a subtle and inoffensive hint. An example could be, "Megan, I have missed you and would love to catch up, would you mind putting your phone down for a few minutes and tell me how school is going?" Clear, assertive, polite communication is the way to go here. And you may just model it for the younger generation.

Good luck.

see **SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING** on next page

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The Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian,
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Dear Staying Home Next Year,
Your frustration with what happened at your recent family gathering is certainly understandable, especially if you were anticipating a meaningful time together. My wife and I have experienced similar frustration with family connections.

Not many years ago, only a small percentage of people had cellphones. In today's world, only a few do not. For some users, especially the younger generation, there is an absolute fascination with all that their cellphone can do. Their actions and behaviors may look and feel like an obsession.

Cellphone ownership and usage is definitely a generational issue. For teens and most adults under age 50, cellphone

texting, Internet, apps, etc. have become a way of life. For this millennial generation, texting has become their primary means of communication and relationship, although it may not seem like "relationship" to you. Older generations may not have the same fascination, but according to research, our dependence is also becoming greater.

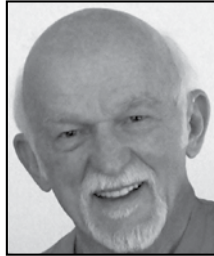
Needless to say, we live in a rapidly changing world. A major challenge is not losing the value of family, friendships, and having meaningful connection with them. Instilling this in our children is vital. I commend you for the "life lesson guidance" you gave your twins.

So where do you go from here? Jesus taught us the importance of forgiveness. Not forgiving leads to bitterness of heart. May I encourage you ... don't let yourselves be trapped there. You can choose to forgive and release your family from any resentment on your part. Choosing to forgive will free you to have open communication with family members and share your disappointment over the recent

lack of meaningful connection, and do it without being accusative and creating defensiveness on their part. How you share your heart is very important.

In your conversations with them, you might suggest possibly designating some "cellphone free times," such as at the dinner table, while playing games, or other specific activities. Here at our house, we've established dinnertime as "cellphone" free. When we're engaged in playing games, there's much less focus on cellphones.

My prayer is for God's love and grace to pour down into each of your hearts in these coming days. May He enable you to reconsider "staying home next year."



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Drive Thru Nativity is 'Gift to Community'

By Isiah REYES

Community Christian Church of the Foothills' gift to the community is its Drive Thru Nativity scene that features live actors, live animals and even angels during a two-day presentation that is free to the community.

"People can come and enjoy that first Christmas night," said Community Christian Church of the Foothills pastor Bob Snyder.

The church has held this event for the past 15 years with estimates of between 400 and 500 cars showing up each night with more than 1,000 total visitors.

The free Drive Thru Nativity brings new visitors every year as well as many returning guests and has become a tradition for the old and young.

"People all comment how much they appreciate us having it and putting it on," Snyder said.



File photo

Visitors to the Drive Thru Nativity at Community Christian Church of the Foothills will experience scenes that tell the Christmas story that feature live actors. The Drive Thru Nativity takes place this Friday and Saturday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

"Every year there are people who go through and they're in tears [by the end]. They say it's such a blessing and they enjoy that they can bring their families and take a moment to remember the reason for the season."

Community Christian Church

of the Foothills' Drive Thru Nativity scene is from Dec. 12 to Dec. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The church is located at 10193 Tujunga Canyon Blvd., Tujunga.

NOTES & NODS

Finish the Year at Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta

The Center for Spiritual Living is hosting several events to carry through the year.

Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m., the Sunland Tujunga Art Assn. is having a special holiday auction fundraiser in Chaffee Hall.

On Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. there is a candlelighting ceremony. Special music provided by Karen Mitchell and Evan Marshall.

On the morning of Dec. 31 at 4 a.m., there will be a world peace meditation. It's early, but it's worth joining millions of like-minded people from around the world to pray for world peace.

The Center for Spiritual Living is

at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Lesson and Carols at St. Luke's Anglican

St. Luke's Anglican Church presents the Annual Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

This holiday service, modeled after the famous tradition at King's College in Cambridge, England, will feature choral masterworks by Handel, Rachmaninoff, Bach and Holst, as well as cherished Christmas carols.

This event is free and open to the public.

St. Luke's Anglican Church, 300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale

Tuesday Table Talk

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, Bethel Church in Sun Valley will offer a showing of the film "God's Not Dead" (rated PG).

When college student Josh Wheaton encounters an atheistic philosophy teacher who insists that his students will only pass by admitting that God is dead, Josh dedicates himself to proving the professor wrong about God. The video will be preceded by a potluck supper.

The potluck starts at 6:30 p.m., the video presentation starts at 7:15 p.m., followed by dessert and discussion at about 9:15 p.m. Free.

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BUSINESS

» MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK NEWS

What a Grand Parade!



Last Saturday leaders of the Montrose Shopping Park thoroughly enjoyed the pleasure of riding in the 38th Annual Montrose Glendale Christmas Parade. The excitement level was high as we met together at Cucina Rustica to share a delicious spread of antipasti, grilled salmon, pasta, meatballs and gourmet Italian cookies. We mingled with local politicians and city leaders who, like us, look forward to this Christmas tradition in Montrose. I always enjoy experiencing the thrill of first time riders like Connor Grayson and his mom who accompanied Ken. They were joined by Andre and family, GiGi & daughter, The Kellys, and Dale, riding together in our signature horse drawn wagon.

Thanks for Shopping Montrose!



This year I enjoyed being invited to ride with Glendale City Clerk Ardy Kassakhian in George's vintage Mustang. We promoted the "Shop Local, Shop Montrose!" message with festive signs designed for us by Copy Network. This call to action, more than ever, was well received by the crowds as we got much clapping, hoots, and cheers of encouragement. What a blessing to be on the receiving end of such confirmation. It was truly a joyous night!

It's Old Town Christmas in Montrose!



Each December day leading up to Christmas is a day to be savored. Leave the overcrowded malls and long lines behind and spend the holidays shopping & dining in charming, old town Montrose. Each weekend you will enjoy free horse drawn trolley and pony rides, live Christmas music, and Santa strolling our streets. The evenings bring our trees wrapped in thousands of white lights and a "foodies" delight of restaurants and cafés. Truly a small town Christmas experience. To see "inside" pics of the Montrose Christmas Parade, visit Montrose Shopping Park on Facebook or www.shopmontrose.com.

Mary Dawson
Montrose Shopping Park Association
"Come home to Montrose!"



» MONTROSE VERDUGO-CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2015 Community Recognition Awards and Installation Banquet

Walk the red carpet at the 96th Annual Installation and Community Recognition Awards Banquet on Jan. 22 at the beautiful Oakmont Country Club. We are going all out at the social event of the season that brings together Glendale, Montrose and the unincorporated areas of La Crescenta for one giant celebration! It reminds me of the Golden Globe awards that bring together a Who's Who of film and television. The A-list celebrities always say how much they love the "Globes" because they finally get to meet someone they have always wanted to meet but never cross paths with and also connect with people they haven't seen in a long time. At our installation banquet you have an opportunity to connect and mingle with our "hometown A-listers" you don't often get a chance to see and talk to or might not have ever had the chance to meet. It is going to be a great night!

Since I personally have worked on the Academy Awards and the Golden Globes when I worked in the entertainment industry, I hope to bring the feel of that experience to our installation banquet. It is high glamour, exquisite food, over-the-top visual presentation, mingling with "celebrities" and the opportunity to celebrate our own. We will have a red carpet, a Step-

and-Repeat area complete with a professional photographer to take your picture in front of our sponsor banner and a "swag bag" filled with the best of Montrose. #YesPlease!

This year's award winners are an eclectic group of business owners, community organizations and members, law enforcement members and educators. Here is a complete list: Business of the Year – Andy's Transfer and Storage, Organization of the Year – Glendale Police Foundation, Business Person of the Year – Julie K. Stallcup, owner of Revolution Dance Center, Chris Waldheim Oktoberfest Volunteer of the Year – Ernie Muraoka, Educator of the Year – Dr. Linda Junge, principal of Crescenta Valley High School, Volunteer of the Year – Steve Goldsworthy, Peace Officer of the Year – Glendale Police Detective Jeff Daniels, Firefighter of the Year – Glendale Fire Dept. Station 28, Beautification Award – Arbitrage Realty and Esquire Law Firm, Community Enhancement Award – City of Glendale, Community Endearment Award – Jane Kane of Podley Properties, President's Award – Scott Trulik, In the Line of Duty – Glendale Police Dept. Detective Eric Meyer and Frank Roberts Award – Montrose Shopping Park Association. We are proud of each and every one

of our winners and are honored to recognize them this year.

In the market for holiday candles? Twigs and Things in Montrose carries Yankee, Colonial Candle, Advent taper candles, Hanukkah candles and Christmas taper and column candles. They have a large selection of scents including the very popular bayberry scent. Twigs and Things also carries holiday decorations, gifts for your friends and family and a large selection of flags to fly at your home. Remember to shop local for the holidays!

Upcoming events

Installation & Community Recognition Awards Dinner on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Dr. in, Glendale.



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» CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Our Business is Your Business"

I recently read an article titled "Have Chambers of Commerce Jumped the Shark?" It got me thinking about whether the Crescenta Valley Chamber is relevant and serving its community. After witnessing an amazing event at the chamber office this past week, my answer to this question is a definite, "Yes."

All it took was one email blast. We asked members to support a hastily pulled together plan to send home-baked treats and other goodies to an Air Force squadron stationed in the Middle East. Stephen Beck, a graduate of Crescenta Valley High and husband to local girl Amy Yeghiayan-Beck, is stationed with other young men and women in the Middle East. They'll be spending the holidays there, far from their homes. Plates of cookies, loaves of banana bread, jars of peanut butter, handmade scarves, boxes of Boston Baked Beans, handmade cards, beef jerky, even hometown news in the form of the Crescenta Valley Weekly were stacked into 25 boxes. Community members filled our office, happily bagging and boxing, making sure each soldier had homemade treats waiting for

him or her come Christmas.

As I saw those boxes leave the office, I thought this is ultimately what a chamber is about: bringing community members together to support other members of the community. This morning, Phil Downs came in to renew his CV Chamber residential membership (yes, individuals can be members of the chamber!). He told me how important the chamber is to him.

"If we didn't have a chamber of commerce," Phil said, "we community members would all be standing alone out here. The chamber and other organizations pull us together and help us understand the value of belonging."

That being said, as executive director, I am committed to hearing new ideas and ways the chamber can better serve the business community. What interests you? How can we help improve the business and cultural climate of the Crescenta Valley? I would love to hear feedback from members and non-members alike as to what works with the chamber and what improvements you'd like to see. Email me at info@crescentavalleychamber.org.

According to our mission statement, the purpose of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is to promote the civic, economic, industrial, professional and cultural welfare of the Crescenta Valley. We seek to educate all citizens on the role and importance of a healthy economy to a community's existence. So while I am committed to coming up with new, fresh ideas, I feel confident in the good work we are already doing. Keep apprised of our activities by subscribing to our bi-weekly e-newsletter at www.crescentavalleychamber.org. And consider becoming a member!



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