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Verdugo Wash Revisioning Report Given Mixed Reviews

BY Ruth SOWBY

The Tuesday night meeting of the Glendale City Council opened with the flag salute led by Girl Scout Troop 1234. Mayor Ardy Kassakhian welcomed the girls with plenty of photo ops.

City Manager Roubik Golanian then introduced the newest member of the City staff. John Takhtalian takes over as the new assistant city manager. Takhtalian and his family, who live in Glendale, were introduced at Council. Among his successes, Takhtalian completed the recent blue ribbon pension review.

Then came the action item most in the room were waiting for. Under Community Development, the Verdugo Wash Visioning Project was introduced by City staff. There were 42 concerned citizens present who lined up to be heard, each given two minutes to make their points. Phone callers numbered 11.

"It has been an exciting and complicated 1½ years," said Golanian who began the presentation on the Verdugo Wash Visioning Project.

The state gave the City \$6 million in funding to begin the project. Those funds covered the initial planning for the eight miles of the community wash. To be considered for development as a bicycle and pedestrian pathway the wash must be able to accommodate active transportation and environmental considerations such as green space, recreation and social opportunities and the installation of public art.

Slides listed the five current areas of concern: project goals, the study of similar precedents from other cities, design concepts, public

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Get Your Chairs and Blankets Ready – The Montrose Christmas Parade is Back

By Mary O'KEEFE

The popular, community-oriented, family-friendly Christmas Parade returns and its grand marshal is named.

The last time the community lined Honolulu Avenue to watch the Montrose Glendale Christmas Parade was in 2019, but now this very hometown/small-town event returns on Dec. 3 at 6:10 p.m.

The pandemic and its restrictions made it impossible for the parade to take place. The event has traditionally hosted thousands of people along Honolulu as lawn chairs began to be set up early on the day of the parade.

"It's been a challenge," said Cheryl Davis, coordinator of the Montrose Christmas Parade Association, about starting up the parade again.

This is Davis' 10th year working



File photo
 LEFT: Santa will once again make his way down Honolulu Avenue as part of the 2022 Montrose Christmas Parade.
 BELOW: Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis.

on the parade. This year the challenges have been from several areas including vendors who are either no longer in business or have raised their prices. There are also

fewer entries this year than in the past.

The Montrose Christmas Parade Association is a non-profit

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Strong Winds Rock the Foothills

By Mary O'KEEFE

Wednesday was a blustery day to say the least. The damage due to high winds was not as bad as it could have been but it was enough to remind residents what Santa Anas are all about.

The winds in the foothills' area saw gusts from 35 mph to 50 mph. The higher winds were more western above Altadena, according to Kristen Stewart, meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The winds were strong here but on Magic Mountain Truck Trail in the Santa Clarita area winds were recorded at 104 mph, according to Stewart.

The Santa Anas usually occur in late fall into early winter and can extend into January so these winds were not unusual for this time of year.

At Ron Smith's Christmas Tree Lot the winds revealed how damaging they can be as they ripped the business' tent and damaged some poles

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 The tent and supporting material for Ron Smith Christmas Tree Lot was damaged by Santa Ana winds that swept through the area on Tuesday night and Wednesday.

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Season of Gratitude

Over the last week I've had the chance to get to know some hardworking folks who keep under the radar for the most part.

For example, I attended the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Assn. Wine and Roses event (you can find out about it on page 14 of this week's paper). At it I met several people who volunteer to do one thing: build an outstanding entry for the Tournament of Roses Parade. When I found out how much it costs to build the float, I was dumbfounded. What I found most astounding, though, was that they typically work for a year on the New Year's Day entry. Who knew how complex this project is?

I also attended the final 2022 meeting of the YMCA Quarterback Club. At it student athletes were recognized for their performances on the field. Some even received scholarships to attend the college of their choice. Listening to the dedication of these kids, and especially those who achieved such high grades in their classes, was inspiring. I'm so glad I was there.

On Saturday I attended one of my all-time favorite events: the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. Wine Walk. Armed with an etched wineglass, tasting tickets and a shopping bag, I visited many of the participating shops, going into some that I had never been in before. I met many of the shop owners who work so hard to promote their products and have a deep affection for our community.

That affection is contagious. Sometimes I

get so caught up with getting the paper out and running a business that I forget the paper means so much to our community. Thankfully I'll get reminders.

For example, just this week one of our longtime supporters stopped by the office with a check for her subscription. She said how excited she was 13 years ago when she walked out of her house and saw the paper in her driveway. She said she makes a point of shopping local, first checking our advertisers before venturing out or calling for a service.

Also this week in the mail was a lovely note from a dedicated reader with a check for \$65 (our subscription rate). He wrote that the check was actually for a "non-subscription." Apparently he picks up the paper at one of the many places it is dropped each week.

"I've been reading the paper for years and it's just too easy to think of it as 'free,'" he wrote. "But it isn't. So I better step up to the plate."

He's absolutely right. The paper costs me a bundle each week to produce and distribute – definitely not free. And while I have big pockets (due to an ever-widening girth) I do not have deep pockets. So, in this season of gratitude, I ask you to consider supporting the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

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Weather Watch Taking A Look Outside Our Window

In a release from the United Nations on Nov. 15 the world population reached 8 billion people. In 1950, five years after the forming of the United Nations, the world population was estimated at about 2.6 billion people. By 1987 it had reached 5 billion and 6 billion in 1999. The world's population is expected to increase by 2 billion people in the next 30 years and could peak to almost 11 billion around 2100, according to the United Nations.

seduce Kirk, which anyone who knows the show knows this was a very simple task. Let's just say Kirk didn't wear a mask and was not standing six feet apart from the leader's daughter. He infected her with an illness that he had survived but still carried the antibodies. The point of having the daughter of the leader be the first to die was symbolic for the Gideons; however, Kirk did not agree with that and suggested she be the "Typhoid Mary" of the planet. At any rate the positive side was the politicians finally realized there was a problem; but again not until there was a lot of suffering.

But back to that 8 billion number. I know many think this Earth is so large that 8 billion really isn't that many; we can take on more. The fact is we will be taking on more and more and more. But what will this mean? It will mean everyone will have to make some adjustments. Many in LA County are angry that their local neighborhoods are opening up to multi-unit homes but it seems as our populations grow having a home with a yard may be a dream of the past, at least for future generations.

I am hoping that our leaders will be a little more proactive than reactive. As the population grows more food, shelter, water and medical support will be needed. As the population grows the mindset of "This is mine and all the way over there is yours" will have to change. With more people comes more waste and more pollutants and more problems for the planet.

In "Mark of Gideon" episode from the original "Star Trek" series (and yes when I am worried about the future I always turn to "Star Trek") a planet once described as paradise is found to be anything but. The planet had healing properties that built up the immune system so much that death was a rarity and, although many would see that as a good thing, the Gideons finally realized the stark reality. Even though there were methods of contraception available they did not use it because, as their leader said, life is precious. There were so many people the population had to move as one. In some of the shots in the episode there was constant moving of people only a few inches apart.

And as the populations grows we will no doubt be forced to work together somehow, someday if we are going to survive. Let's hope that we learn early, like now, so we don't end up stuck wandering the planet side-by-side-by-side with our neighbors as we just look for a place to rest.

This is what I think of when I think of a population of 8 billion ... and growing. The world I know will not be the world my grandchild knows. Being "Star Trek" there was always that small glimmer of hope. The officials/politicians realized this was, in fact, overpopulation although, boy, did they take forever to come to that conclusion. They chose the daughter of the leader to be the one to

When Kirk confronted the leader of Gideon about lying about the planet being a paradise, the leader said, "And so it was a long, long time ago." Let's hope we all learn the lessons of "Star Trek" and do enough now so we don't have to talk about our Earth's beauty in the past tense.

For our immediate future there may be some winds tomorrow and into Saturday but much weaker than on Wednesday, according to Kristen Stewart, meteorologist with the National Oceanic Atmosphere Agency (NOAA).

The highs next week will be in the high 60s and low 70s. Although Thanksgiving is a little far out for NOAA to estimate it does look like no winds and highs in the 70s.

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NEWS

Wine and Song (and more) Found in Shopping Park



Ticket buyers gather at the corner of Honolulu and Ocean View to collect their glasses and maps (and more) to embark on the Wine Walk.



Merle Norman in Montrose kept busy all night.



MSPA executive director Dale Dawson oversaw the festivities.



Handing out glasses was a member of the La Crescenta Woman's Club. The Club co-sponsored the event.



A sense of humor and good wine was found at Twigs and Things in Montrose

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

On Saturday, the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. (MSPA) held one of its most popular events – the semi-annual Wine Walk.

Designed as a way to entice people onto Honolulu Avenue and into shops they might not normally patronize, the event also provides an opportunity for friends to meet up and enjoy a night out.

“About 500 people took part in the Wine Walk,” said Dale Dawson,

MSPA business administrator/ events coordinator. “Another sellout!”

After collecting a cloth shopping bag that included \$10 in Montrose scrip, 15 wine tasting tickets and a wine glass, ticket holders were given a map of all the participating vendors. Merle Norman Cosmetics was one of the 25 participating shops.

“We have done every Wine Walk and it is a great event that really brings in new faces,” said Kim Kelly, who co-owns Merle Norman Cosmetics with her sister Kris Kline. “This year we had two cases of wine

and prepared food for 200 and ran out in the last hour! Does it bring new young shoppers to Montrose? Yes it does. We are known for having great wine and amazing food which keeps people coming back several times in the same night.”

In addition to delicious wine and appetizers, ticket holders were able to enjoy the music of several ensembles that were set up around the shopping park.

One of those who enjoyed the offerings on Saturday night was Glendale mayor Ardy Kassakhian.

“The Montrose Wine Walk has quickly become one of the most popular Montrose events and a great way to kick off the holiday shopping season,” he said. “It was great to see Montrose hopping with the sounds of live music, happy customers and busy merchants!”

Busy merchants and happy customers were key to the evening’s success.

“Our hope for future Wine Walks,” said Kelly, “is that more MSP merchants join in so that it’s profitable for everyone.”

To see what’s coming up with the MSPA, visit www.shopmontrose.com. To see more photos, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

Photos by Giancarlo DIAZ, Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Rachele MILLER

IN BRIEF

CVTC CANDIDATE FORUM AND ELECTIONS

The Crescenta Valley Town Council is hosting a candidate forum tonight, Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library community room, 2809 Foothill Blvd. Taking part is Harry Leon, Aram Ordubegian, Ted Yu, Donna Libra and Dr. Young Suh. It will be moderated by local historian Mike Lawler.

The CVTC elections are on Nov. 18 from 5-8 p.m. and Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sadler Hall at St. Luke’s Church of the Mountains Episcopal Church at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

BINGO FUN PLANNED

The recently launched Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos is having a bingo game on Friday, Nov. 18 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La

Crescenta Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per person, which includes 10 games. Advance tickets are required due to limited seating. Call (213) 984-4611. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Nov. 20. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to

11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages; no reservations required. Rain cancels. Sorry, no pets please.

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LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is building momentum after the pandemic and making plans for the year ahead. The church's annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20 following the 10 a.m. worship service with Pastor Chuck Bunnell. The church will discuss the 2023 budget and will make plans for celebrating LCIF's upcoming 75th anniversary. The meeting will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Also ahead this Sunday, LCIF will have a special blessing during worship service of all the food that's been collected during the church's recent drive to help feed the hungry. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at the church office through Friday. The food will ultimately be delivered to local food pantries, which serve people in need.

LCIF reminds the community that it continues to accept donations of gently used clothing to help the homeless, as well as medical supplies to help the people in war-torn Ukraine. A list of the supplies most needed can be found on the church's website.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org, or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Walk and Word

In November, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Nov. 20 & 27. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jlavieri@earthlink.net.

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

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A Birthday Shared with Others

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Bailey Center Food Bank in Tujunga has a never-ending focus on getting enough food to feed those in need. As CVW has written in the past, the food bank has gone from serving around 300 to over 1,000 people during the pandemic and continues to do so. The need is great and thankfully the volunteers at the Center have found strong partnerships and supporters in the surrounding communities.

Local school organizations like Crescenta Valley High School's 589 Falkon robotics and Academy of Science and Medicine, along with non-profit organizations like Crescenta Valley Lions Club, make a dedicated effort in raising donations for the food bank.

Recently the volunteers at Bailey Center were contacted by a young girl who had a food donation for the Center that was very personal.

"I had my birthday and a lot of friends were coming over," said Aliana Taylor Aguilera, a seventh grader at Flintridge Prep.

She decided to use her birthday party as a "food raiser" and asked all of her friends to bring non-perishable food items instead

of presents.

"My family donates to Bailey Center on a regular basis and when I was in Girl Scouts we donated [to the Center]," she said.

Taylor Aguilera added she knew there was always a need for donations and wanted to do what she could. She also knew that some who receive help from the Bailey Center are homeless while others just need assistance with food.

"I think it helps people who need [to use] their money for [rent]," she said of those who receive food from the Center.

Taylor Aguilera said she saw stories about all the things people can do to help others but wanted people to know that sometimes it is just as simple as donating one thing or having one event.

She ended up donating 16 bags of food that came from her birthday party.

"I will continue to support [the Bailey Center] 100%," she said.

Anyone who can and would like to donate can do so by bringing donations to the Bailey Center, which is supported by the Tujunga United Methodist Church, at 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga.

Volunteers are there to receive donations on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Photo courtesy of Connie WRIGHT
Connie Wright from the Bailey Center and seventh grader Aliana Taylor Aguilera stand in front of the bags of food donated by Aliana in lieu of birthday presents.

Items can also be dropped off at the CVW office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta/Glendale. Donors can call the office at (818) 248-2740 during regular office hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to be directed where to drop off donations.

Outreach for Biogas Project Planned

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Scholl Canyon biogas project is something those in Glendale have been watching for some time. Some are against the project while others are in favor of it and many just want more answers. On Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. representatives from Glendale

Water and Power (GWP) will be hosting a community outreach to answer questions on the project. The event will be held at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. Flyers and information on this meeting started going out to the Glendale community this week.

"Our project team will be available [at the meeting] to discuss

this project with those interested in learning about it," stated Atineh Haroutunian, GWP. "We are also planning to take this project to the City Council sometime in early January 2023."

There are some questions the Council wanted answered and some information clarified.

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Obituary
Jesse Joseph Villarreal



We are sad to announce the passing of our beloved Jesse Joseph Villarreal, 22, of Montrose. On the morning of Nov. 5, he was tragically killed when struck by a car while attempting to cross a busy street on his way to work.

Jesse was born in West Covina on Oct. 3, 2000 and he attended elementary school there. Just before the sixth grade, the premature passing of his parents would send him and his sister to live with their aunt and uncle in Glendale. While there, he attended Fremont Elementary, Rosemont Middle School and Crescenta Valley High School.

In high school, he sang in the choir, served in the JROTC and produced short films in the filmmaking department. During his sophomore year, he traveled with his choir to New York City and sang at the famous Lincoln Center. He graduated from CV High in 2018.

He worked at various businesses in Montrose after graduation. He enjoyed dressing in costume as a Tyrannosaurus rex dinosaur and Minion at the local movie theater and taking photos with excited kids. Since middle school, Jesse always dressed as a mime on Halloween night and performed for children as they came to his house to trick-or-treat. Jesse was enjoying his job working at Ralph's the last few months where he worked as a cashier and courtesy clerk.

Jesse is preceded in death by his parents Jesse Gustavo Villarreal and Niccole Garcia Villarreal; his maternal grandmother Kathy "Gigi" Neal. He is survived by his sisters Sasha, 24, and Stephanie Gonzales, 30; paternal grandmother Isabel Newman; aunts Maria Villarreal and Luz Villarreal; and his Uncle Dino Castro.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 25 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. Visitation and services will be held at: Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary, 3888 Workman Mill Road in Whittier. Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary (562) 205-4810.

Obituary
Dorothy Jean Murphy



Dorothy Jean Murphy, 93, of Lindsborg, Kansas passed away Oct. 30 at Sunflower Terrace, Bethany Village, Lindsborg.

Dorothy Jean Youngquist was born March 10, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois to Gustav Norman and Alice Mitchell Youngquist. After graduating from high school in Rockford, Illinois, she attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa where she majored in music (piano).

On Aug. 27, 1949, Dorothy married Kenneth Leland Breyman in Rockford and the couple settled in nearby Freeport. In 1956, the Breyman family moved with their two children to the warm weather of Phoenix, Arizona where they were blessed with two more children. Ken worked in the early computer design and engineering industry until becoming disabled from the effects of exposure suffered in his World War II service. Dorothy then became the primary provider for the family, employing her talents as a piano teacher and blessing a myriad of children, including her own, with countless piano lessons. Kenneth died in 1981.

On Nov. 14, 1987, Dorothy married George Howard Murphy in Phoenix and moved to his home in La Crescenta. Upon George's retirement in 1994, the couple moved to Lake Havasu City, Arizona where they built a home and embarked on a joyful and fulfilling life revolving around church and family activities and many adventuresome road trips and cruises. Finally, in 2018, it came time to act their age so they sold their beloved home in Lake Havasu City and, after stops in Nevada and California, came to rest in Lindsborg, Kansas where in April 2020 they settled into their assisted living apartment at Sunflower Terrace.

Dorothy loved music and shared her musical talents freely. Most notable was her service of music to the churches to which she belonged over her long life. For 65 years she directed church choirs and handbell ensembles and played the organ and piano for services. She had a servant's heart in the service of her savior, leading Bible study classes, serving as a Stephen minister, and as a member and officer of her church's women's group.

She loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker and early morning walker. Her favorite place was the Grand Canyon, the bottom of which she hiked 19 times, most often with friends from her church's women's group. Only hip replacement surgery was able to put an end to that passion.

Preceding Dorothy in death were her first husband (Kenneth); two sons (Carl Norman Breyman and Charles William Breyman); stepdaughter Kathleen Joan Murphy; parents; brother Jack Youngquist; and son-in-law Robert Chambers. Surviving her are her husband George; son David Leland Breyman (Sandy) of Henderson, Nevada; daughter Ann Elizabeth Samuelson (David) of Falun, Kansas; stepson Richard Thomas Murphy (Lucia Coulter) of Whittier; stepdaughter Pat Murphy Chambers, La Crescenta; and 18 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and many beloved friends and extended family.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina, Kansas on Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Private interment will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Christ-serving charity of your choice.

CRIME BLOTTER

Nov. 5
900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she had placed her purse on the top portion of a shopping cart and left the cart unattended while shopping. When she went to her purse to get her cellphone she noticed the phone was missing. She did leave her purse open.

The theft occurred between 3:45 p.m. and 4:20 p.m.

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, after shopping at a store at the location a woman realized her cellphone was missing from her purse. The theft occurred between 4 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

4300 block of Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, a resident reported that she parked her bicycle in a designated bike parking spot at the front of the apartment complex entrance. When she returned she found that her bike lock had been cut and her bike stolen.

The theft occurred between Oct. 31 and Nov. 3.

Oct. 31
2500 block of Hermosa Avenue in Montrose, a fence was vandalized with graffiti overnight.

Oct. 30
4300 block of Fairlawn Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

Veterans Day Celebrated in the Foothills



On Friday, members of the community attended a Veterans Day ceremony at Two Strike Park. Beginning at 8 a.m., veteran Mike Baldwin emceed the event, which included a musical salute to each branch of the armed services and a special message from State Senator Anthony Portantino.

A flag retirement ceremony was also held, albeit without flame due to permitting issues, when several flags were ceremoniously retired.

At Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard at the Vietnam War Memorial,



members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution laid a rest in remembrance of those service personnel who died in

the performance of military duty.

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and other equipment that had been placed just days before.

Smith has had a tree lot on Foothill Boulevard for many years. This year his lot is at 3322 Foothill Blvd., across from Bob Smith Toyota. Tim Kincade has managed the lot for Smith for many years.

Kincade said he received a call about damage to the lot about 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday night. That day the crew had just finished putting the pipes up for the tree display. When he arrived at the lot he found Glendale fire and police there, and the big white tent that would house many of the trees was a twisted mess.

“Thank goodness the trees hadn’t been unloaded,” he said.

But there was a lot of equipment that had been blown around the lot and crews began to gather and sort the damage.

“At least no one was hurt,” Kincade added.

He praised the fire personnel and police officers that arrived at the scene.

“They were awesome,” he said.

For the next few days, Kincade and the crew will be putting in a lot of hours as they

repair, replace and rebuild the lot in time for the tree delivery.

In the far north area of Glendale, many residents dealt with power outages.

Glendale Water and Power reported two major outages in the Montrose/La Crescenta area, mostly north of Foothill.

“All were wind related,” according to Solene Manoukian, Glendale spokeswoman.

Some of the power was restored within a few hours while other areas, which included 932 customers, were without power for a longer period.

The damage that City of Glendale crews responded to included a city tree down on a car in the 1600 block of Don Carlos Avenue, a city tree down and fence damage in the 3700 block of Markridge Road, two small city trees down without reported damage, the 2200 block of W. Kenneth Road and the 1200 block of Justin Avenue. There were also two trees down in parks – one in Montrose Park and the other in Pelanconi Park. City limbs were down with no reported damage in the areas of the 600 block of North Brand Avenue, 3900 block of

Community Avenue, 3700 block of Danny Street and the 2000 block of Cañada Boulevard.

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organization and is volunteer driven; however, the parade does require a lot of funding including permits, barricades to block the route, portable toilets, event insurance, which all require equipment and paid labor.

“And there has been an increase in labor costs,” Davis added.

She said she feels very lucky because of all of the community and business support the organization has received, and added the parade could not happen if it wasn't for the support of the Montrose Shopping Park Association and the City of Glendale, which covers the cost for the police.

“And I want to say a thank you to all the volunteers. They came together willingly and are so helpful. They didn't even blink when [I asked them to] return,” she said.

There was one easy decision this year for Davis and the Montrose Christmas Parade board: the choice of the grand marshal. This year former Glendale police chief Carl Povilaitis, who recently retired from GPD, will be honored as the grand marshal.

“The board chose Carl because

of his length of service to [our community]. He has given his whole life to the City,” Davis said. “If anyone deserves to be grand marshal it's Carl.”

The return of the Montrose Christmas Parade is bittersweet for the board. While everyone is happy to be back after the pandemic-induced hiatus familiar faces will not be participating this year. One person whose absence has been felt by the board and volunteers is Barry Logan.

“Barry was my mentor,” Davis said.

Logan passed away over the summer. He was honored this Veterans Day by the American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 at their ceremony at Two Strike Park.

Logan was always at Davis' side during the parade planning and the day of the event. He was the one all looked to with questions about everything parade. He organized and kept the parade running – literally – as he was the traffic marshal and he coordinated the golf carts that helped manage the behind-the-scenes volunteers.

The parade does have fewer

entries this year but the hometown parade favorites will still be making their way down Honolulu including Crescenta Valley High School JROTC, CVHS robotics Falkons team 589, Clark Magnet High School robotics team 696 – the Circuit Breakers – and many school bands including those from Crescenta Valley High School and Rosemont Middle School.

Davis has extended registration for parade entry to tomorrow, Friday. For those who would like to be a parade participant go to https://montrosecchristmasparade.com.

The parade route extends from Rosemont Avenue to Verdugo Boulevard along Honolulu Avenue. The parade will begin at 6:10 p.m. There are several street closures including Honolulu Avenue from La Crescenta Avenue to Verdugo Boulevard, and the streets that feed onto Honolulu Avenue. There are no pop-up tents allowed due to the pedestrians and crowds along the parade route. The Association's Glendale City permit requires that chairs/blankets not to be placed along the parade route until the day of the parade.

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input and the next steps to be taken. In part, consideration would have to be given of the wetland environment (no massive structures would be built), incorporation of the natural inhabitants, accessibility or the building of a flood control channel along the debris basin, the establishment of bike paths and safety and privacy concerns.

Vociferous public comments began on each side of the issue – to keep the wash as it is or to drastically change it at a cost of over \$1 billion. For most two-minute speakers, comment was negative.

“We don't like a bike path through our neighborhood.”

“There is no plan to police the area.”

“There are fire hazards, especially in the Whiting Woods [area].”

“My fire insurance has already been canceled.”

“I heard nothing about this project and couldn't give my opinion earlier.”

“Too much money is being spent.”

“There will be strangers in my backyard.”

Former Glendale Mayor Vartan Gharpetian weighed in: “I am against this project.

Among my concerns is a lack of privacy.” (Gharpetian and his family live in the Verdugo Woodlands.)

There were some positive comments.

“There would be an increase in biodiversity,” said one advocate.

“I like a greener and more connected Glendale,” said another.

“The public art is a good idea,” offered another advocate.

The motion to provide Council direction regarding design concepts and next steps passed unanimously with the exception of councilmember Ara Najarian, who was absent.

VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Early Memories of La Crescenta

Last week I featured some memories of one of the earliest settlers in the valley, Winifred Bathey. The Bathey family first came to the valley in 1883, applying for land at the top of Briggs Avenue. After a few years of splitting their time between the Crescenta Valley and Los Angeles, they settled into their Goss Canyon-adjacent ranch in about 1886. There were five kids in the Bathey family – Allie, Winifred, Herbert, Roy and Edith. In the 1950s the Ledger interviewed Herbert Bathey and we have the notes from that interview. Here are some excerpts from that interview, with my comments in brackets. The first part describes the route from LA to CV, and the second the route into the valley from Pasadena.

“There were no graded roads north of the San Fernando Road, where the ‘Three Mile House’ was located at Verdugo and San Fernando. There was dust and sand to there, and mud from there on. Over the hills along Verdugo Road was adobe, bottomless when wet, as far as Verdugo Canyon where wild grapes grew in abundance. Quail would feed off the grapes.

“There was a towering sycamore where the grapes covered from top to bottom. [The tree was located where the most southern Glendale College parking lot is on Verdugo, just south of Mountain.] The tree was 70 feet high and covered with trailing grapes. People camped under the tree and it was known

as ‘the camping tree.’ The bottom of the branches was 40 feet across and the place was a resting spot for horses. The grapes grew as far north as where El Rito is today. [El Rito Avenue is about two thirds of the way up Verdugo Canyon.]

“Later, the Verdugos [family] rented 200 acres to a group of Chinese who raised vegetables for the entire city of Los Angeles and ran 11 wagons each day to the city and one into the valley.

“Then the road paralleled an old willow fence made by the Spaniards. It was made of willow [branches] laced together [that] later [took] root. Then the road crossed the creek [Verdugo Creek near the Oakmont Golf Course]. There it forked with one trail going to Monte Vista [an old name for Sunland-Tujunga], and the other going to La Cañada [there was no Montrose yet], winding up through the hills and above Indian Springs [where Vons/CVS is]. It was known as ‘Rocky Pass’ and was very rough. [‘Rocky Pass’ is where the United Artists Theater is].

“Coming the other way [from Pasadena], the road crossed the Arroyo Seco on a continuation of Foothill [right about where Devils Gate Dam is]. When the Arroyo was running after a winter rain, it was practically impossible to cross the stream. Herbert remembers his dad driving a four-horse team across the river with a heavy load when the water was so high the

wavelets rolled over the horses’ backs.

“There was no Pasadena at all in the old days. Herbert remembers the first store in the village and the coming of the Santa Fe that ‘boomed’ the town. [True, Pasadena was a backwater until the Santa Fe railroad built a line there in 1886/87. Grand resort hotels sprang up that attracted wealthy visitors from the east.]

“The road came to Lanterman’s and then down through Rocky Pass. There were trails leading up through the brushlands later, to the Dunks’, Beckleys’, Hays’ and other places. Hay Canyon had a wagon box for a reservoir.

“The land was gradually cleared of the old high grease brush [chaparral] that covered the valley as crews of whites, [Chinese], [Hispanics] and others cut it for fuel. There was a large wood market on Los Angeles Street between 1st and Aliso.”

It’s wonderful to have these memories left to us today. We can imagine someone carefully taking notes as a very old man dug into his memory for these gems. I have several pages of these notes and notes from other pioneers. Call it plagiarism if you will, but I enjoy putting these memories out there “in their own words.”

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Rains and Drought

Earlier this month, drought-stricken Southern California experienced fantastic rainfall, the kind that lowers air pressure, creates that lovely white noise and makes people want to take a nap. Still, even with some areas receiving as much as four inches of rain, drought conditions have only slightly improved in the region. In other words, we’re still in a drought and need to be ready for the work ahead because we’re at the point where we must understand the drought as our new normal and plan accordingly.

What are we preparing for exactly? Climate change is causing weather extremes, so both our droughts and wet years are becoming more intense. And, aridification is changing our region into drier landscapes and climates. The result is an increase in heat waves and wildfires and a decrease in available water. Scientists warn that California’s water supply will shrink by 10% by 2040.

Throughout my time in elected office, I’ve worked on water resources, beginning during my time on the Glendale City Council when I served as the city’s representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California board of

directors. The cities in our region have been working together for decades to ensure that we all have sustainable and reliable water resources.

The work at the local level served as the foundation for my work in the California State Assembly on drought resiliency and water efficiency. In 2017, I worked with my colleagues and Gov. Jerry Brown to pass legislation that set statewide standards for efficiency and long-term plans for both rural and urban water usage. Water is our most precious resource in California and we owe it to today’s residents and future generations to manage it wisely.

That’s why I was pleased to see Gov. Gavin Newsom build on our work and unveil a drought strategy to bolster the state’s water supply. More than \$8 billion has been earmarked to update the infrastructure and management of water throughout the state. With a focus on recycled water, reservoir storage expansion, and data collection on water usage by farmers, the California Water Supply Strategy specifies the following goals:

1. Create storage space for up to 4 million acre-feet of water to make the most of storms

2. Recycle and reuse at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030 to enable better use of wastewater that currently discharges to the ocean

3. Free up 500,000 acre-feet of water through efficiency and conservation efforts to help mitigate the water loss due to climate change

4. Capture storm water and desalinate ocean and brackish water in groundwater basins to capture high flows during storms

The state is also working with local water agencies to ensure access to clean water. Some of our local agencies have done a great job of transitioning. For example, Burbank Water and Power currently incorporates 19% recycled water, reusing water initially purchased from the Metropolitan Water District.

As state and local agencies keep working to diversify and conserve our water supply, there are a number of ways that consumers can help save water at home. Here are a few tips on water conservation and local resources for rebates and incentives for you to create a more efficient home:

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Players Recognized by QB Club

It was standing room only at the last meeting of the YMCA Quarterback Club for 2022. Held on Nov. 8 at the Oakmont Country Club, supporters of the Club and the athletes they followed were on hand to recognize and celebrate key players for their dedication to the sport of football on the high school and community college level.

In addition to players and their families, several football enthusiasts attended the luncheon. They included Rick Dinger, Fr. Anthony "Tony" Marti, Pete and Mike Smith, and principals from the local schools. Dignitaries were on hand to offer congratulations as well. They included GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian and State Senator Anthony Portantino. The senator offered the inspiration that centered on the importance of voting. As the luncheon was held on Election Day, comments

were particularly apropos.

"Our voices matter especially at the ballot box," Portantino said before thanking veterans for their service in recognition of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

The main event was the celebration of key student athletes from local schools. The coaches from each of the seven schools that are supported by the YMCA Quarterback Club were on hand to recognize players at the junior varsity and varsity levels and present each with a plaque commemorating their performance on the field. In addition, scholarship athletes received a scholarship of \$1,000.

Athletes recognized from Crescenta Valley High School were varsity player Shade Schaefer, junior varsity player Tyler Matsuda and scholarship athlete Alexander Barseghyan. From Glendale High School were varsity player Daniel Autrey, junior varsity player Brady



Aldrete and scholarship athlete Mateo Gutierrez. From Hoover High School were varsity player Daniel Rangel, junior varsity player A.J. Francisco and scholarship athlete Andrew Torres. From La Cañada High School were varsity player Corey Cheung, junior varsity player Sohan Garg and scholarship athlete Mateo Gallegos. From St. Francis High School were varsity player Jack Jacobs, junior

varsity player John Sanders and scholarship athlete Logan Collazo. From Village Christian School were varsity player Rudy Perez, junior varsity player Cadan Craft and scholarship athlete Brayon Crawford. From Glendale Community College were varsity player Nick Garcia and scholarship athlete Emilio Valdez.

The QB Club will hold its kickoff to the football season in August 2023.

Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY Crescenta Valley High School football coach Hudson Gossard, right, with his award-winning student athletes.



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Crescenta. The competition is free and open to children ages 8-13 who live in the local Glendale area.

Participants will shoot 25 free throws with the winners qualifying for District level in January. Winners could

continue to advance to state, regional, and the national finals in Chicago in April.

Please contact Chris Sullivan at Hoopshoot1289@aol.com or (818) 472-6264 for more information.

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THEN & NOW *Rockhaven Sanitarium Flagpole*
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Then » Rockhaven Sanitarium was graced with a new flagpole, probably in the mid-1960s. Standing next to the new pole is the gardener/maintenance man Ivan Cole. Ivan Cole probably did the installation. He was a master gardener and made the sanitarium grounds into a paradise, as you can see behind him. He raised the flag every day.



Now » After 60 years of weather, the flagpole was rusting and looking beat up. Rockhaven volunteer Howard Anderson took on the job of doing a full restoration. With a crew of volunteers, he lowered the pole, sanded and painted it and beefed up the mounting structure. Last Saturday (Nov. 12) the flagpole was put back up and Howard, shown here, raised an American flag he donated.

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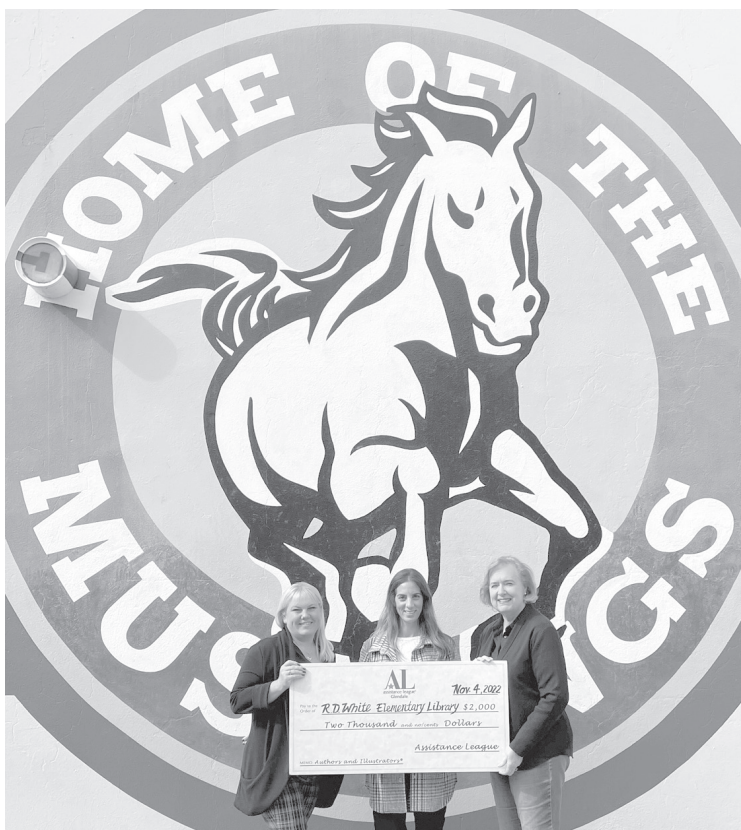


BETWEEN FRIENDS

ALG Authors & Illustrators Day Raises Funds for R. D. White Elementary

As part of the Authors and Illustrators program, Assistance League Glendale (ALG) recently donated \$2,000 to R.D. White Elementary so they could purchase books and other reading materials for the school library. Authors and Illustrators Day is a program in which professionals visit the Glendale Unified School District elementary schools and encourage students to consider becoming a writer of stories or an illustrator who draws pictures for the types of books the student enjoys reading.

Assistance League Glendale is a non-profit philanthropic organization made up of mostly volunteers. Proceeds from sales go to benefitting local school children, providing college scholarships to high school seniors, a literacy program providing donations to our local elementary school libraries, Operation School Bell and the Welcome Home Program. ALG also provides a monthly lunch for senior citizens in the local area. Thrift Alley, the ALG thrift store, is located at 314 E. Harvard



Shown from left are R. D. White's Assistant Principal Lynde Robertson, Principal Lisa Kaprielian and Assistance League Glendale Authors & Illustrators Program Chair Linelle Vincenti.

St. in Glendale and accepts donations that are then made available for sale at affordable prices to customers. Every time an item is purchased from Thrift Alley, the community is

being supported through much needed programs!

For more information, contact President Carol Svatora at (586) 202-8764 or visit www.alglendale.org.

Local Dia de los Muertos Celebration Held



By Mary O'KEEFE

The congregation at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church/La Iglesia de San Lucas de las Montañas celebrated Dia de los Muertos on Saturday night, Oct. 29 with great music, amazing food and lots of fun.

Dia de los Muertos is a two-day holiday that reunites the living with the dead. The departed are

honored and remembered. The holiday is celebrated with a lot of colorful costumes, creative makeup and lots of flowers. The holiday is celebrated between Oct. 31 and Nov. 2, which is recognized as All Souls Day.

As always, the St. Luke's congregation loves getting together to share cultural traditions and to have a party with good friends.

'Bowl for Ronnie' Benefits Cancer Fund

Following a three-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Bowl for Ronnie Celebrity Bowling Party, benefiting the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund (www.diocancerfund.org), returns today, Thursday, Nov. 17 at PINZ Bowling Center in Studio City. The event once again will be hosted by television and radio personality Eddie Trunk, who is heard on SiriusXM's 103 Faction

Talk channel.

Bowling lane sponsorships and individual bowler tickets are now sold out while a handful of spectator tickets are still available at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bowl-for-ronnie-2022-tickets-423751140067>.

A plethora of music celebrities are planning to join the fun and festivities; among them are T-Bone

Anderssen (Gov't Mule); Blasko (Ozzy Osbourne); Chuck Billy (Testament); Ann Boleyn (Hellion); Phil Buckman and Brett Scallions of Fuel; Calico Cooper and Chris Latham (Beasto Blanco/Alice Cooper); Matt Duncan (Armored Saint) and many more.

Eddie Trunk will captain a team of celebrity bowlers he is assembling and a place on his celebrity team will be auctioned

off to the highest bidder on eBay in the coming weeks.

Bowl for Ronnie, an evening of fun, food, a raffle drawing for prizes and memorabilia and, of course, bowling with rockers and celebrities competing for trophies, kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with open bowling and a VIP pre-party for lane sponsors, celebrities and their guests. The Pinz Bowling Center is located at 12655 Ventura Blvd in

Studio City.

One hundred percent of the net proceeds from Bowl for Ronnie will go to the Dio Cancer Fund (www.diocancerfund.org), which is now in its 12th year of raising awareness and much-needed funding for cancer research.

The Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund was formed in memory of the legendary

see RONNIE on page 15

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Visit montrosechristmasparade.com or telephone (818) 528-6060 for information and entry form.

We look forward to seeing you in the Montrose Christmas Parade rain or shine!

LCFTRA Raises Money (and Fun) at Wine and Roses



Photos by Steve GOLDSWORTHY
TOP: President Ernest Koeppen has been involved with the organization for over 20 years.
MIDDLE: Members of the LCF Royal Court sold 50-50 tickets.
BELOW: This handsome fellow is one of the decorations of the 2023 float.

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Twinkle lights, delicious food and wine, beautiful music and some fabulous auction items greeted ticketholders to the Nov. 5 Wine and Roses evening hosted by the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Assn. (LCFTRA). The gala evening, held on the patio of the Flintridge Riding Club, was a fundraiser benefiting the LCFTRA with all money raised earmarked to building the city's float for the 2023 Rose Parade.

Upon entering the courtyard of the Flintridge Riding Club, which was decorated with twinkle lights that added a magical charm to the festivities, guests were greeted by the music of the La Cañada High School string quartet. Several food stations were set up, provided by Roe Fusion Catering, and tastings were available from wineries Boisset Collection, Cardinal Rule, One Hope Winery and LeVigne Winery.

LCFTRA President Ernest Koeppen has been involved with the non-profit for 23 years. He explained that people don't know the commitment of those dedicated to LCFTRA.

"People are surprised to learn that we start working on the next year's entry on Jan. 7," he said. "Many folks seem to think that we don't start until the fall but we're working behind the scenes right after the Parade is over."

Like many non-profits, COVID hit the organization hard but the members decided to take advantage of the situation.

"We focused a lot on maintenance," Koeppen said. "We rebuilt the chassis of the float, which is reused year after year. It'll now live on another 20 years."

Koeppen estimates that between \$130,000 and \$150,000 is raised by the LCFTRA each year in order to



have an award-winning float in the Tournament of Roses Parade and acknowledges that more money equals more decorations on the entry.

The Wine and Roses event was just one of several fundraisers held to raise that money.

Highlights of the evening included the presentation of

the 2023 Royal Court and the La Cañada Flintridge Royal Court. A live auction emceed by the lively duo of Chris Erskine and John Cervenka included grandstand seats to the big event on Jan. 1, tickets to the Rose Bowl game and tailgate party and the chance to decide on the license plate on the satellite float.

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Kiwanis Club Hosts Fire House Founder

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta-AM recently invited Mary O'Keefe to speak to the members about the Fire House youth center, which is one of the ministries of St. Luke's of the Mountains Church in La Crescenta. Both the church and former firehouse (from which the youth center gets its name) are made of stones mined from the nearby Angeles National

Forest and built in 1924. St. Luke's acquired the firehouse building in the 1950s. Over time, it served as Sunday school classrooms and also was a space for youth activities; however, it was reborn in 2010 as the Fire House youth center in response to a community heroin epidemic among local youth. The minister at the time described the Fire House as a place for all youth "whether

they belong to our church, another church or no church at all." It is open to teenagers from area schools at no cost.

The Fire House is a safe place for kids to go before and after school on select days and has a large fireplace and living room area, TV, pool table, air hockey, small kitchen and even a piano and guitar for students to play. It also provides classes such as Cars 101 and

Cooking 101, and has hosted Girl Empowerment Day, which discussed everything from social media to nutrition. It plans to add more information seminars, like those focusing on finances and college application.

When COVID closed down the place, O'Keefe had a food bank erected outside the building, which still provides goods to those in need at no cost. Kids from the Foothill local schools can go there on Wednesdays

from 7-9 a.m. for breakfast and on Thursdays from 7-9:30 p.m. for time to relax or play board games, socialize or even study. Prior to COVID, about 80-100 kids participated. Currently 50 kids – and counting – take part. The community supports the facility with donations, furnishings, food and, of course, volunteers.

The Kiwanis club presented O'Keefe with a \$500 check for the Fire House youth center.



Photo provided by Kiwanis Club
Martha Burns and Kiwanis President
Chris Ecker presented Mary O'Keefe with
a check for the Fire House youth center.

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Thanksgiving Day Run Info

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge's Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk, a community favorite with families, athletes and community supporters of all types for nearly three decades, returns on Thursday, Nov. 24. The professionally timed race begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. at Memorial Park in LCF.

The Kids' Mile Run is a family-fun event geared for children 12 and younger. Parents are encouraged to run, at no additional cost, alongside children who have registered.

Kids will receive a T-shirt before the race and a medal as they cross the finish line. The Kids' Run will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. for ages 8-12, followed by a second start for those under 8.

Registration is now open at \$45/adult and \$25/child. Prices will rise on Thanksgiving Day. Register at CCLCF.org or call the Main Office at (818) 790-4353.

The Community Center's Thanksgiving Day Food Drive is one of the largest efforts in the foothill communities. Canned and other non-perishable food

is collected during November at CCLCF as well as from select businesses and schools throughout the area. Donations are distributed by the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station to local families in need.

The Community Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1949. It has served the thousands of children and adults offering a variety of enriching, recreational and educational opportunities for members of the LCF community.

People Making News

Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania welcomed Muru Li of La Cañada Flintridge to the 80,000-plus members of Lehigh University.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University has combined academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. Lehigh's five colleges – College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health and the Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science – provide opportunities to 7,000-plus students to discover and grow in a learning community that promotes interdisciplinary programs with real-world experience.

Natalie Crowell of La Cañada Flintridge received a partial scholarship to Rochester Institute of Technology to pursue performing arts in instrumental music.

Crowell, a graduate of La Cañada High School, is a first-year student in the humanities, computing, and design BS program.

Since 2019, more than 1,400 RIT students have received Performing Arts Scholarships, renewable for up to five years, as long as the students stay involved in performing arts. The students come from each of RIT's nine colleges, with the majority from engineering and computer sciences.

For more information, visit: www.rit.edu/liberalarts/school-performing-arts

Senior Jason H. Lee, majoring in economics, Gregory R. Navasarkian, post baccalaureate majoring in computer science, and Michelle P. Lee, post baccalaureate majoring in computer science, earned a spot on the scholastic honor roll summer 2022 at Oregon State University.

A total of 3,162 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least six graded hours of course work.

RONNIE from page 13

rock singer Ronnie James Dio, who lost his life to gastric cancer in 2010. A privately funded 501(c)(3) charity organization dedicated to cancer prevention, research and education, the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer

Fund has already raised over \$2 million in its history. Monies raised have been committed to the cancer research work of the T. J. Martell Foundation for Cancer, AIDS and Leukemia Research, the gastric cancer research unit

of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where Dio was treated for gastric cancer during the last six months of his life, and other cancer research projects.

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My Frigidaire microwave stopped working. Why won't they honor my warranty?

Manuel Harris's microwave oven stops working. Fortunately, it's still under warranty. Unfortunately, Frigidaire won't honor the warranty. What can he do?

Q I bought a two-year warranty contract for my Frigidaire microwave oven from Electrolux Corporation in 2019 (Electrolux owns Frigidaire). Less than two years later, the oven ceased to function.

I called Electrolux on the day it stopped working and obtained a claim number for the repair. A local authorized dealer came to my house a few days later and picked up the unit.

They were unable to repair it and they called the service people at Frigidaire but between them they could not get it to work.

I contacted the Electrolux warranty department on several occasions to monitor the progress but it appears that, after 30 days, Frigidaire for some reason pulled the repair ticket even though it was still broken.

I went back and forth with the warranty department and the dealer about this and finally they declared the unit not fixable in early 2022.

According to my contract, if the unit is not repairable after 60 days I am entitled to a new replacement microwave. However, now the warranty people tell me that this is not possible since the warranty

contract has expired.

I feel that I am due a new microwave since I notified them during the contract period and it is not my fault they could not figure this out before the contract expired.

—Manuel Harris, Jamestown, North Dakota

A: Your Frigidaire was under warranty when it stopped working. That's all that matters. If you notified Electrolux, then it should have honored the claim.

It's possible that in the handoff between the outside repair technician and Electrolux, the date of your

initial claim may have gotten reset. Since you were so close to the end of your two-year warranty period, that would have put you outside your warranty.

Appliance manufacturers don't like honoring warranties because it's an extra expense. But you paid for an additional warranty that covered the microwave. Even if you were past the warranty period, Electrolux should have tried to help you. A microwave oven should last longer than two years, don't you think?

I publish the names, numbers and emails of the Electrolux executives on my consumer advocacy

site, Elliott.org. A brief, polite email to one of them would have probably cleared this up.

Fortunately, you kept an excellent paper trail. You had a record of when you filed your claim and it was within your warranty period. I contacted Electrolux on your behalf and showed it the evidence. The company sent you a new microwave.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>. © 2022 Christopher Elliott

CALENDAR this

SALVATION ARMY HOSTS KETTLE KICK-OFF DINNER

The local chapter of the Salvation Army is hosting a kettle kick-off dinner tonight, Nov. 17, at Forest Lawn-Glendale, Hall of the Crucifixion-Resurrection. Titled "Love Beyond," the evening begins at 6 p.m. and will feature dinner, the comedy of emcee Fritz Coleman and music provided by the Salvation Army Brass Band.

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Ticket information is available at Glendale-ca.salvationarmy.org or by calling Marlin Gálvez at (818) 246-5586 Ext: 1204.

MEETING OF BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Burbank African Violet Society is on Thursday morning, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program "How to Grow Streps" will be presented by club member Hanna Olson. Streptocarpus is a cousin of the African violet. It is more commonly known as Cape Primrose, which stems from its origin, the Cape of Good Hope in Africa. Plants grow to 15 inches high. They can bloom any time of the year, producing two-to-five inch, trumpet -shape blossoms in colors of white, pink, rose, blue and purple. Many of the varieties have fringed edges and throats with different colors. The foliage resembles that of the primrose, which is narrow, usually medium green and hairy with a quilted texture.

There are raffle and silent auction tables at the meeting. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend.

For more information, call (661) 940-3990 or reference the website: www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com.

BINGO GAME PLANNED

On Friday, Nov. 18, the Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos is hosting a bingo game at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall. Admission is \$20 and includes 10 games.

Advanced tickets sale is required. Seating is limited. For tickets, call (213) 984-4611.

Food and beverages available for purchase. Doors open at 5 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m.

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Councilmember Dan Brotman was one person who had asked GWP to revisit the project and provide more information. "We are expecting GWP and other departments to come back with more information on a number of things, including financial costs and benefits, fire risks and mitigation measures, park options for the landfill site, air quality impacts, noise impacts, potential for gas purification and plans for solar and other distributed energy resources," Brotman said in an interview with CVW. The definition of biogas is "gaseous fuel, especially methane, produced by the fermentation of organic matter," according to Oxford dictionary. Organic matter includes organic waste items like food, green material, landscape and pruning wastes, wood, printing and writing paper and manure, among others.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, biogas is an energy-rich gas produced by anaerobic decomposition or thermochemical conversion of biomass. One example is when organic waste decomposes and heats up it releases biogas, which is mostly methane. This is what happens at landfills. There are those who have voiced their concerns about the project and want more answers. Some of those concerns include the City's commitment to solar power projects. "Council is committed to meeting the solar goals outlined in our recent Clean Energy Resolution. We are planning to discuss next steps in developing a roadmap to meet these goals at the Nov. 15 Council meeting. Every Council has its differences, and we have plenty of them," Brotman said. "But on this issue, I believe all five of us are on the same

page." Whether or not the project moves forward the Scholl Canyon landfill continues to accept waste and methane continues to be emitted. So even if the biogas project is rejected there is still an environmental issue. Brotman said if nothing were done to the landfill it would stay open until it reached its permitted fill level and then it would be closed. "That should happen in a few years. We have not and cannot just vent the methane - it's not an option environmentally and, in any case, it's prohibited by law. We have to capture and process the methane in some way, either by burning it off in flares, burning it in engines to produce electricity or cleaning it up enough so that it can be processed in fuel cells," he said. You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

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