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Helicopters were the Stars of this Air Show

By Sofia LOPARDO, intern

On Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Hansen Dam Recreation Center, the American Heroes Air Show, a free admission event, took place. Since 1993, the air show has displayed multiple rotary aircraft to educate the community about the role of helicopters in law enforcement, fire service and the military. There were also many booths on-site that focused on aviation-related careers including in the Secret Service, fire service, the military and public service. One booth at the show was manned by members of the Civil Air Patrol. Some of the cadets from local squadrons were volunteers at the American Heroes Air Show. In addition to manning the booth, they provided aircraft security and crowd direction.

People who arrived just after sunrise saw the helicopters as they landed. Once stationary, the helicopters could be viewed in-depth and people could chat with the pilots. Displays included Blackhawks from the U.S. Army and Air Force and Firehawks used by several fire departments.

The air show was opened by vintage emergency service vehicles that arrived with full lights and sirens followed by a naturalization ceremony (see page 3). Around midday, stunt pilot Aaron Fitzgerald with Red Bull performed some impressive (and terrifying) aerobatics including forward flips and upside down rolls – all types of things that helicopters do not normally do. Only a handful of pilots in the world can fly in that manner, said event director Steve Goldsworthy.

According to Goldsworthy more than two dozen helicopters were available to check out. Though it was difficult to know the number of attendees to the free event, Goldsworthy estimated that about 5,000 people came to the show. Folks were

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The Holiday Ideal – Found in Montrose

'Plaid Friday' kicks off the holiday season in Montrose and includes carolers, a community sing-along, a tree lighting and, of course, Santa.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Without thinking too much about it in specific terms, I was showing the America I knew and observed to others who might not have noticed.

~ Norman Rockwell

Norman Rockwell's depiction of the American life he saw graced for years the covers of The Saturday Evening Post. They show snowy small towns and Santa checking his list. Nowadays that ideal of American holidays is depicted in rom-coms ala the Hallmark Channel – although ironically many of the Hallmark movies that show perfect U.S. holiday towns are actually filmed in Canada.

But Canada has nothing on Montrose because this small town knows exactly how to do the holi-

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File photo

At a previous holiday kickoff in Montrose, Theodore Brennan, left, and Oli Reesha revisit a holiday memory by visiting Santa. The vintage fire truck and Santa will again be found at the corner of Ocean View and Honolulu on Friday evening.

CVTC Election Results are In

By Mary O'KEEFE

The weekend's election of candidates is in for the Crescenta Valley Town Council. All five candidates were incumbents so all were expected to be on the Council at the close of Election Day. The only question was who would be general members – elected to a three-year term – and who would be alternates – serving a one-year term.

Harry Leon, who currently serves as the president of CVTC, was the top vote getter with 34% of the vote, followed by Donna Libra with 31% and Aram Ordubegian with 21%. All three members will serve a three-year term as a regular member. Ted Yu and Dr. Young Su will be seated as alternates serving a one-year term.

Leon has been on the Council since 2010 and has served as the CVTC president since 2016. He raised the CV Youth Town Council,

worked with former CVTC presidents Cheryl Davis to create the CV Dog Park and Robbyn Battles to secure a crossing guard at Rosemont Middle School. Prior to that, middle schools within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County did not have crossing guards. When Rosemont's was approved that gave way to all middle schools within unincorporated LA areas to have crossing guards.

A candidate forum was held on Thursday night during the Council's regular monthly meeting. Participants were Leon, Yu and Libra. The focus for the future appeared to be keeping a watchful eye on development in the area and all that it brings, including the implementation of SB 9-The California H.O.M.E.(Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency) Act.

SB 9 was signed into law in 2021. It adds a Government Code

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Bruce and Jane Campbell were among residents in the unincorporated portion of LA County La Crescenta-Montrose who cast their ballots for Crescenta Valley Town Council candidates.



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Thankful

Today is a holiday that many bypass in their rush to get to Christmas. But Thanksgiving is a day when we should take a moment and give thanks for the many blessings we have. While it is true that we are experiencing inflation and our tables may not be as full as we would like and gas prices far surpassed \$5 a gallon, for most of us we do have food on our table and cars to put gas in to.

This is the 14th Thanksgiving that I have shared with readers and supporters of the Crescenta Valley Weekly ... hard to believe. I want to take this opportunity to thank you—thank you for giving. You've given CV Weekly, and by extension me, your time and your attention and many of you have given cold hard cash. I am grateful for each person who has taken the time to support this effort—because it began as my dream.

When I started the CV Weekly in 2009 it was soon after the CV Sun was shuttered by its new owner—the LA Times. I was confident that our community would appreciate once again having its own paper. I wasn't wrong.

Not only did the paper survive, it thrived. Over the years readers have sent "thank you" notes that included payment for a subscription. As I shared last week, I've even received payment for a subscription when the reader didn't want the paper thrown into his driveway—he just wanted to support the cause. Because he knows the paper isn't "free"—it costs me a bundle to produce.

And it's a good newspaper. The reason? Primarily because of excellent people who work hard to make sure it's good. Let's face it—Mary O'Keefe is a godsend whose only regret is not being everywhere—though it seems she is. She loves this community as much as I do and shares that love with every bit of news she writes. Our

office manager Rachelle Miller makes sure the office runs like a well-oiled machine. She fields most of the phone calls, especially on production day, promising a call-back after the paper has been finalized. Our design guys Steve Hernandez and Matt Barger make sure the paper's layout looks good—not a small feat when you consider how they have to work with our sales force when creating ads from ideas or have to accommodate placement requests.

Our sales force—Jon K., Sonya Marquez and Lisa Stanners—are responsible for getting into the paper the advertisers that benefit our community. It makes me so happy when I hear readers say they first look at who advertises in the CV Weekly before deciding on a service or product.

Anne McNeill is our proofreader. I've learned so much from her—but not everything as I realize when I get back a story she's looked over and see the errors she caught in it.

Each week Mike Lawler submits his Then & Now piece on behalf of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and his column (found in Viewpoints). When reading both I easily understand why he's a favorite of our readers.

There are others who work hard on the CV Weekly and I apologize for not including them here—but I am thankful for each and every one.

So today, Thanksgiving, take a minute to reflect on the many blessings we have and be thankful—I sure am.

Robin Goldsworthy is the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She can be reached at robin@cvweekly.com or by calling (818) 248-2740.

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Weather Watch Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

As Southern Californians spend a sunny Thanksgiving today, it is important for us to remember those who cannot easily go "over the river and through the woods" as the snow has barricaded many of them in their own homes and travel restrictions have been posted. As of Sunday, western New York and Ohio residents were dealing with a snowstorm that had brought over six feet to some areas. On Saturday the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a "special weather statement" that included a warning of a two-hour burst of heavy snow.

"A band of heavy snow accompanied by winds of up to 30 mph [is expected], which can rapidly reduce visibility to less than a quarter of a mile. This band of heavy snow is producing extremely heavy snow at the rate of two-to-three inches per hour," according to the NWS statement.

This type of weather is foreign to many who were born, raised and lived in Southern California all their lives. Going to the mountains to see snow may bring some a little closer to that snowbound feeling but they can always leave and go back to the beach. That is not what it is like in the mid-west and east as these storms bring snow, wind and ice.

My family spent one Thanksgiving in Arizona when I was younger. It seemed nice, but a little strange. I was used to cold and sometimes snow in Iowa for the Thanksgiving holiday but in Phoenix, Arizona that year was really hot. We went from the pool to the airport then, when we landed in Des Moines, Iowa we faced a cold reality—literally. There was so much snow the only way to get home was to follow a snowplow. It took us over six hours to drive 60 miles. The worst part was Mom loved the sun and reminded us how "wonderful" the heat was that we had just left. We had to keep an eye on Dad who wanted to stop to make snowmen and have a snowball fight. These snowy days are exciting at first but then it sinks in that you're not moving;

that blanket of snow is sometimes more smothering than refreshing.

I wondered what the history of Thanksgiving weather has been over the years and found a fascinating article at AccuWeather.com titled, "Snow was so deep, city called in the National Guard."

Below are some of the Thanksgivings holiday weather highlights found in the article:

The title of the article dealt with a snowstorm over the Thanksgiving holiday in 1950 that created so much snow in Cleveland, Ohio that members of the state's National Guard shoveled streets to relieve snowbound residents and businesses.

In 1898 a storm formed off the Cape Cod coast that covered the New England coast. The storm lasted over 30 hours and coastal winds gusts were up to 100 mph. There were many people killed at sea with more than 140 ships lost. Boston Harbor was filled with shipwrecks when the storm was over. It brought New England to a standstill, with more than two feet of snow burying parts of Connecticut. The storm was named Portland, after a deadly shipwreck. The ship had capsized off Orleans on Nov. 26, 1898 killing about 200 passengers and crewmembers.

In 1921 New England residents faced one of the worst ice storms in history with more than three inches of ice piled up and about 100,000 trees uprooted or ruined.

Thanksgiving weather has always been interesting like in 1926 when a swarm of Thanksgiving Day tornadoes touched down in Arkansas. The storms killed 53 people in Portland, Arkansas and 11 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. More were injured, and the storm caused over \$600,000 in damages, which would be equivalent to more than \$9 million today.

Winds again were not welcomed weather in 1945 Boston. Deadly "nor'easter" winds that averaged 40.5 mph swept through

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NEWS

An Oath that Means Everything

By Mary O'KEEFE

Although the main event at the American Heroes Air Show was the helicopters, the day began with 44 people participating in a naturalization ceremony.

The road to naturalization for many takes some time—not just to begin the process but to qualify for the process. One qualification is that candidates have to be at least 18 years old, have been a permanent resident for at least five years (three years for those who are married to a U.S. citizen) and meet all other requirements, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Once those interested in becoming a citizen have qualified, it takes about seven months to get through the application process.

“Our goal is six months, so we are getting close,” said Sharon Scheidhauer, public affairs officer with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

She added there are many green card avenues to gain lawful sponsorship and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services can help those interested navigate the process.

A green card holder is a permanent resident who has been granted authorization to live and work in the U.S. on a permanent basis, according to the Dept. of Homeland Security.

On Nov. 12 at the American Heroes Air Show, 44 people from 22 countries took the Oath of Allegiance. Of those 44 taking the oath, three of them were active duty military. One of the 44 was a Desert Storm veteran.

Jorge Loera Gamboa served for the U.S. in Desert Storm; he served in Germany until he was deployed to Iraq.

“It’s hard to bring [those memories] back up, but I am proud and happy I [served],” Loera Gamboa said.

It had taken about two years for Loera Gamboa to get through the naturalization process because COVID slowed everything down. He said once he got back from service he returned to his civilian life and admitted that it’s easy to take the country for granted.

“Nowadays you can’t take anything for granted. There are a lot of things going on

and you need to be able to vote and support the community the best way you can,” he said.

After the swearing-in on Saturday, Nov. 12 that he was now an official citizen was a powerful feeling.

“It’s just emotionally overwhelming. It’s a big wave rolling [over me] and just starting to come to the surface,” he said. “And watching the current [active] military [taking the oath]—just seeing them now is just a wonderful and joyful thing.”

He added that seeing the families of those taking the oath was also a special part of the ceremony. He had arrived in the U.S. when he was 5 and while most of his family was in the states there are a few in his country of origin, Mexico. He plans to go visit them and tell them he is an American citizen.

“It is [a sense of pride] for the whole family. I am proud of my pops, he has passed [on] but he became a citizen way before I did,” Loera Gamboa said.

Loera Gamboa spoke to CVW shortly after taking the oath; he was trying to get a hold of the emotion of becoming a citizen.

“I am getting there. I have always been proud of my country, no matter what. This was my country, and now its official,” he said.

His wife Gloria Oliva was at his side and could relate to the emotions her husband was feeling. She had come from Guatemala to Anchorage, Alaska when she was 3. She had never seen snow before so it was quite a shock. Her family then moved to the LA area when she was 10.

“I grew up in Glendale,” she said.

Like her husband, the U.S. was her country but taking the oath meant so much to her. Her naturalization ceremony took place at Dodger Stadium where she joined over 2,000 people.

“I love this country. I love the people in it. I even started crying now because that has been my dream, to be part of this country—to run for office and do something [for the community],” she said.

The emotions of the couple that are both citizens were deep and meaningful.

“I can’t even describe [the feeling]. From the bottom of my heart everything is realized,” she said. “And now we are in this together.”



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

ABOVE: Jorge Loera Gamboa, with his wife Gloria Oliva, was one of those who took the Oath of Allegiance during the naturalization ceremony at the American Heroes Air Show. BELOW: After taking the Oath of Allegiance, the new citizens signed documents.



IN BRIEF

CV WEEKLY OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The offices of the Crescenta Valley Weekly are closed today, Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED

Crescenta Valley Water District is holding a blood drive on Monday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its facility at 3730 Glenwood Ave. in La Crescenta. To make an appointment, call (800) 879-4484 or visit https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/105067.

'SANTA SPEAS' PHOTOS

JD “Santa” Speas is hosting Crescenta-Cañada Pets’ annual photos with pets on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Crescenta-Cañada Pets is located at 3502 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. For more information, call (818) 248-3963.

CHRISTMAS PARADE PLANNED

The Montrose Christmas Parade, supported by the City of Glendale and several sponsors, takes place on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6:10 p.m.

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able to climb into the helicopters and see the instrument panels and rescue equipment.

He said that it takes about six months for him and producer Jim Paules to plan the annual event – but the time involved is well worth it.

“We had a great mix all the way from a Robinson two-seater to a Blackhawk,” Goldsworthy said of the helicopters that flew in. “It was an amazing turnout of helicopters and people.”

To see more photos, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

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Answering the Call for Help

By Mary O'KEEFE

The clean up from Hurricane Ian continues in Florida with many still in temporary housing, some living in only a portion of their house and many left to decide if they will rebuild.

Hurricane Ian made landfall on Sept. 27. In Cuba, it was classified as a Category 3 storm. It then headed for Florida. It registered winds at 150 mph near Cayo Costa, a barrier island west of Fort Myers, on Sept. 28. It topped sustained winds of 155 mph just hours before making landfall. It was a Category 4 hurricane, just two miles per hour shy of reaching Category 5. It weakened to a tropical storm as it moved inland and moved across Florida, but regained strength over the Atlantic Ocean as it made its way to South Carolina.

The death toll has been reported to be 109 people in 19 Florida counties.

All areas of Florida have been affected – housing, business and agricultural. According to the University of Florida – Food and Resource Economics Dept., the hurricane impacted five million acres of agricultural lands, 60% of which is grazing land accounting for \$8.12 billion of agricultural products. And the clean-up for residents and business in both Florida and North Carolina is estimated to be anywhere from \$40 billion to \$70 billion.

Estimates and studies are one thing but for those who have returned to their houses to find them destroyed, it is a personal tragedy for themselves and their neighbors.

“It was devastating,” said Mike

Leum. “That’s the best word for it – far and wide: devastation.”

Leum is a local volunteer, including being a member of the Montrose Search and Rescue team. He and fellow MSAR team member Robert Sheedy headed to Florida to lend a hand.

Leum is someone who finds it difficult to sit back and watch people in need and not do something. He has worked with Third Wave Volunteers, a non-profit organization that focused on special needs orphans stuck in Kyiv who have U.S. parents waiting for them. He traveled to Ukraine with fellow emergency responders Dr. John Rodarte and Jack Osbourne to help organize a safe journey for these children. His most recent trip was to Florida with Team Rubicon to help those who were affected by Hurricane Ian.

Each day the team Leum was part of would be given work orders and addresses of those in need. A lot of times they would follow their GPS (Global Positioning System) but arrived not to find a house – only the wreckage left behind by the storm.

“It was shocking that some people were still in their homes,” he said.

Houses often consisted of a small room. He spoke about a 99-year-old woman who was living in the back corner of her mobile home. She had no family and was in a 10x10 square foot living area with no utilities.

Team Rubicon was formed in 2010 after a magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. The call for help was made and two U.S. Marines – Jake Wood and William McNulty – knew they could help. They, along with six other veterans, gathered funds and supplies and flew to the

Dominican Republic where they rented a truck and headed to Haiti, according to teamrubiconusa.org. The organization used to be made up of only military and former military volunteers but has expanded to invite non-veterans to support their volunteer efforts.

Team Rubicon has response teams in regions throughout the United States and will go anywhere they are needed. Team Rubicon members respond to a variety of events, some are disasters and some are proactive measures to prevent disasters. Each time the teams go out they are divided into small groups, about six people including the group leader.

In Port Charlotte, Florida, Leum’s team had three main jobs: using chainsaws to help open up blocked areas; removing damaged ceiling tiles, flooring and other debris to prepare for construction companies; tarping to make certain roofs/windows were waterproof and protected. Leum was assigned to tarping.

He said that it was difficult at times to focus on the work at hand when surrounded by so much destruction, but Team Rubicon kept a strict organizational pattern.

“Once you get the address [you are assigned] you’ll find every situation is going to be a little different,” Leum said.

The Team Rubicon members assess a situation to find the best approach to get the work done. This builds a strong camaraderie among team members.

“You are with people you have never met before,” Leum said. “But [over the years] I have made lifelong friends that I still talk to.”



Photos provided by Mike LEUM
 ABOVE: Local resident Mike Leum was part of the team that tarped houses to ensure the roofs and windows were waterproof.



BELOW: Prior to the arrival of Hurricane Ian, residents in this house were preparing for a garage sale.

He said what he has learned from responding to so many disasters with Team Rubicon, including the recent trip to Ukraine, was how appreciative people are to see the teams.

“[A lot of times] they just lost everything, yet they were crying

more with tears of joy when they see us,” he said.

Leum also witnessed neighbors supporting neighbors in Florida.

“For me it’s great to see that people are concerned and want good things to happen for [their neighbors],” he said.

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Obituary

Jacqueline Ann Mickelson



Oct. 23, 1938 – Nov. 13, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of longtime Crescenta Valley resident Jacqueline Ann Mickelson. Jackie passed away on Nov. 13 with her daughter Terri and son-in-law Matt by her side.

Jackie was born in Glendale on Oct. 23, 1938 and grew up in La Crescenta. Jackie enjoyed her career as a keypunch operator working for Drewry Photocolor and other companies. Jackie met her husband Bill at Drewry Photo and they were married on June 26, 1971. Jackie and Bill made La Crescenta their home for almost 50 years and they raised their daughter Terri there.

Jackie loved to travel to scenic areas like Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park; they took frequent trips to one of their favorite places – Pismo Beach.

Jackie was a valued volunteer for 21 years at Verdugo Hills Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter Terri James (Matt); two granddaughters Rochelle (Ryan) and Raelene (Kenny); and two great-granddaughters Evy and Riley.

Jackie enjoyed spending time in the backyard watching as her husband created a beautiful landscaped flower garden. Jackie also enjoyed spending time with her great grand-dog Tipper and watching as her great granddaughters played.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Jackie's honor to your local SPCA or plant a tree in her memory. Thank you for loving my mom.

Deceased Male Discovered at Parking Lot of Bank

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office reported the cause of death as a gunshot wound to the head and has classified it as a death by suicide.

Deputies were flagged down by citizens who discovered the victim suffering from a gunshot wound, said Bell. He added that all evidence points to death by suicide. An investigation revealed surveillance footage that showed the man walking into the parking lot by himself and remaining by himself. Hours later the male's body was discovered.

The body of a 62-year-old male was found on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 17 in the parking lot of Bank of America in the 3100 block of Foothill Boulevard. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The victim was found to have a self-inflicted gunshot wound, said Sgt. Bell, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. – Homicide Bureau. Within LASD all deaths, including death by suicide, are investigated by the Homicide Bureau.

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Anyone who has information concerning this incident should contact the LASD Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500.

Or for those that want to remain anonymous call LA County Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 or visit online at lacrimestoppers.org

CRIME BLOTTER

Nov. 10
5300 block of Godbey Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a man reported that he received a text message from an unknown sender stating that he owed him money. He ignored it thinking it was sent to him by mistake. He then received several more texts including one that had a photo of the man's residence. He became concerned because this unknown person had a photo of his home. He reported the incident to the LASD – CV Station. The texts came in between 12:53 p.m. and 6:55 p.m.

Nov. 9
4900 block of Ocean View Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned home to find a glass door shattered and several rooms ransacked. The resident also found that her safe had been moved from the bedroom to the garage and several items were stolen from it. She also found that that the power to her home had been shutoff, possibly to disable the security video cameras.

The incident appears to have occurred when the power was turned off at 11:22 a.m.

2000 block of Mary Street in Montrose, a vehicle had its ignition switch damaged and the interior ransacked. The vehicle burglary occurred between 6:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

2000 block of Lyans Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a wallet and credit cards were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Later that day the victim was contacted by the Los Angeles Police Dept.

An officer told him they had recovered his stolen items from the vehicle of a suspect they had in custody.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

2200 block of Alabama Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

Nov. 6
4400 block of Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between 7:35 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Nov. 3
3100 block of Jessen Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the contents of a package that was delivered to a home were missing after it had been delivered. The box the items were in appeared to be damaged and was empty.

The delivery was made between Nov. 3 and Nov. 13.

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CHRISTMAS from Cover

days right with carolers, friendly businesses whose owners know most customers by their first name, a horse-drawn carriage and Santa greeting kids along the avenue. This is how Montrose celebrates the holidays.

The holiday season begins on the Friday after Thanksgiving. While most are pushing and shoving their way through malls and big box stores for the best deal, great deals can be found in a much more friendly way in the Montrose Shopping Park.

This year Montrose business owners will be hosting Plaid Friday, renamed from their traditional White Friday when some business owners would

white-out sales tax. Plaid Friday, which was created in 2009 in Oakland, encourages people to do their holiday shopping with locally owned and independent businesses.

Montrose's Plaid Friday is part of the movement to celebrate the diversity of local and independent businesses, said Dale Dawson, business administration and event services coordinator for the Montrose Shopping Park Association.

On Friday, Nov. 26, the holiday season is kicked off at the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard with the Hummingbird Conservatory Carolers performing at 5:30 p.m.

to 6 p.m. followed by a community sing-along. This all builds up to the tree lighting at 6:15 p.m. "Snow" will also gently fall on the crowd.

There will be several dignitaries on hand to celebrate the holiday kick-off including members of the Glendale Fire Dept. who will be collecting toys for their Cram A Classic toy drive. Santa will stop by and be available for photos from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"On Saturday, holiday shoppers will benefit from the spinning wheel of prizes that include newly designed Montrose tote bags and \$10 scrip redeemable at many shopping park merchants and restaurants," said Dawson.

Spins are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue for shoppers who bring receipts showing they spent at least \$50 at shopping park merchants, Dawson said.

The holiday celebration continues on Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 26 to Dec. 18. Montrose Old Town holiday will include complimentary horse-drawn trolley rides and hand-led pony rides for kids. There will be strolling carolers and holiday music. And photos with Santa will be available on Saturdays and Sundays as well.

For more information visit <https://shopmontrose.com>.

CVTC from Cover

to "require a ministerial review process for eligible development of up to two principal dwelling units on a parcel in a single-family residential zone," according to the Los Angeles County Dept. of Regional Planning.

It also adds a ministerial review process for eligible "urban lot splits" to create two new parcels for residential uses in a single-family residential zone, according to the Dept. of Regional Planning.

Several community entities, like CVTC, are looking at this new law and working together to make certain any new developments take into consideration water source requirements, parking and fire risks.

During the forum historian Mike Lawler shared an overview of the history of the Crescenta Valley. To read that history, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

The CVTC works as a liaison between LA County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the community.

They are the "eyes and ears" of the community.

While the Council does not have voting privileges on County government business it does voice concerns or supports items that come to the supervisor's attention.

LA County continues to count the ballots. As of Nov. 19 the total election results count was 2,441,323, which is 43.48% of registered voters. There are 25,250 outstanding ballots, according to the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk office.

The official results are scheduled to be posted on Dec. 2; however, there are some candidates who have conceded including LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva (with 38.74% as of Nov. 19) to Robert Luna (with 61.26%), former City of Long Beach police chief.

When Villanueva won the election in 2018, it was the first time in more than a century that LA County residents voted out an incumbent sheriff. Now, for the second time in more than a century, it has happened

again as Villanueva was not elected to a second term.

For more LA County election results visit lavote.gov; for

statewide election results go to <https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov>.



Mike Lawler was the moderator at the Crescenta Valley Town Council candidate forum on Thursday. He wore a vintage T-shirt that promoted the Verdugo Hills Bowl, which was in the 3200 block of Foothill Boulevard (where Vons Market is now). It opened in 1959 and closed in 1996.

Lawler reminisced about all the fun so many people experienced at the Verdugo Hills Bowl but he said he wore the shirt in remembrance of Jean Maluccio, who recently passed.

"Jean was a manager at Verdugo Hills Bowl," he said. "I am wearing this in honor of her."

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Update on Injured Cadets

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. released a statement on social media recently concerning the condition of the Sheriff's Academy cadets who were injured after a crash involving an SUV.

"At this time, four recruits from Sheriff's Academy Class #464 still remain in critical condition and the rest have been released from the hospital who suffered non-life-threatening injuries. We remain hopeful for all involved to have a full and speedy recovery; however, one recruit, Alejandro Martinez, has suffered setbacks that have left him in grave condition. Please keep him and his family in your prayers," according to LASD.

On Nov. 16, 25 members of Sheriff's Academy Class #464 were injured when an SUV drove into a group of about 75 cadets on a training run near the STARS (Sheriff's Training Academy and Regional Services) Explorer Academy in South Whittier.

The Glendale Police Dept. had three recruits in the affected LASD Academy class. Only one of our recruits reported an injury. The recruit was transported to the hospital out of an abundance of caution but released shortly after arrival, according to Sgt. Jackson, spokesman for GPD.

"The senseless attack on our Academy recruits was horrific. To target a group of defenseless young men and women who are at the very beginning of their careers of service is an attack on all of us. The Glendale Police Dept. is fully confident and supportive of the ongoing investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. and the California Highway Patrol. We are currently focusing our efforts on supporting our employees and their families.

"When I heard about the incident on Wednesday, members of my staff and I immediately responded to Whittier in support of our recruits and our officer who is assigned to the academy as a drill instructor. We were also there to offer support to the sheriff's

department, CHP and other supporting agencies. The next day, I again met with our Glendale employees assigned to the academy and made sure they were aware of our support and provided them with every resource available. We will continue to monitor and support their progress.

"In addition to our own recruits, our thoughts and prayers go out to the recovering recruits, their staff and their families," stated Acting Chief Andrew Jenks, GPD.

According to his attorney, the driver, Nicholas Gutierrez of Diamond Bar, was traveling to his job as an electrical engineer.

"He's a good kid that fell asleep on his way to work early in the morning," Kazarian told the LA Times.

The California Highway Patrol is the investigating agency for this incident. Anyone with information can call the Santa Fe Springs CHP office at (562) 868-0503.

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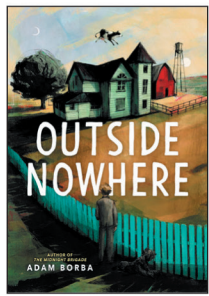
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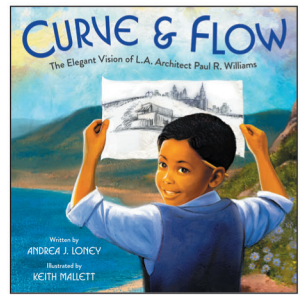
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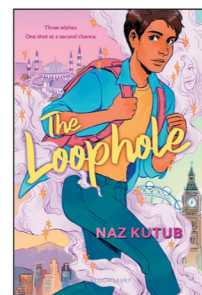
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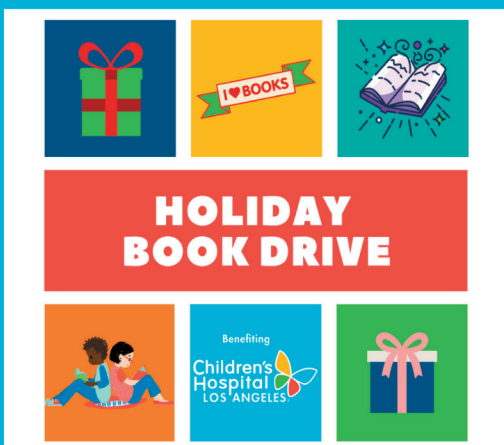
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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

More Memories of Old La Crescenta

A document stored in our archives has notes taken during an interview with Herbert Bathey in the 1950s. Herbert was one of the sons of the Bathey family. They established a ranch in the Crescenta Valley, at the top of today's Briggs Avenue, in 1883. Last week we covered Herbert's memories of the routes into the valley. Here, in quotes, are more interesting tidbits from that interview with my own comments in brackets.

"Ray and Edith, the younger Bathey kids, rode to school on burros to La Crescenta. Ray died in 1903 of appendicitis." [Ray was a teen when his appendix burst here in CV. He was transported all the way to LA in a wagon over rough roads. It must have been

intensely painful way to die.]

"The Ketcham kids, Ike and Grace – Grace shot herself in the foot trying to shoot a coyote."

"Three graves in La Cañada ... can't locate them. Millie Gore, 3, was buried in the valley on the Childs' or Dunks' place. Three or four graves are there, now lost. I remember the funeral." [Be careful digging in your garden!]

[The Batheys found an ancient saw.] "The old saw is about 5 foot 4 inches in length, and has 137 teeth, each about a half-inch high. The handles were made perhaps of Spanish stirrups. It is a rip saw, hand-forged, used for sawing planks. Father found it in 'Old Man Canyon,' so called because of an old man who resided there. He was a real character, chopping

wood for a living.

"The canyon divides the Bathey place and the Shields place. [So it would have been Eagle Canyon on the east side of the Pinecrest area.] It was perhaps used by the Spaniards who used Indians to rip the lumber. Herbert found an old stump high up in the hills that had healed over."

"The Batheys also found three six-pound axes, which they used for wedges for splitting timber. They were dug from the ground. They had been hand-forged."

"General James H. Shields, a gentleman, dressed to ride to the mailbox." [General Shields was not a general. It's unknown how he came to be known by that title. Shields Canyon at the top of Pinecrest is named for him.]

[From an old news clipping.] "Herald Express – June, 1898: Dr. Lyman S. Thompson has returned from Hawaii and with Mrs. Thompson is now enjoying a rest at his ranch in La Crescenta, where they plan to pass the summer." [A few years later their son Lambert

named a new street in honor of his hometown: Honolulu Avenue.)

"In 1888-89[came] a bigger flood than the 1933-34 flood. Water level was 15 to 20 feet high in Pickens. We could hear the rumble for miles."

"Winds – blew the top leaves from oak trees. Blew the La Crescenta Hotel down. Killed Mrs. Arnold and her daughter. A baby lying between them was saved. The building would have stood if someone hadn't opened the front door. Ninety-mile an hour wind. Dec. 14, 1887. Hotel was two-story. Mr. and Mrs. Willey, daughter Bertha, Anna and Daisy living there were not hurt. Aiken home had roof blown off, and the family lived under the roof. At school, there were 32 kids before the storm but the enrollment dropped to six or eight after, including George Cryer who later became the mayor of Los Angeles. Present hotel was built in 1888. Much larger."

[True story on the La Crescenta Hotel disaster. It was only a few months old, located on the corner of Foothill and Rosemont, when

it was flattened during a terrific Santa Ana windstorm. Many guests were staying there and, amazingly, only two died although many were injured and trapped in the wreckage. It is also true that the collapse happened when Mr. Arnold opened the front door, perhaps causing a change in the interior pressure? And yes, a lot of families fled the valley after the disaster. A new hotel was immediately built on the same site, torn down in 1960.]

Fascinating tidbits from long ago. I'll find a few more next week.



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

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

Congress is Creating New Jobs, Economic Growth and Cost Savings in California's 28th District

On Thanksgiving, California families will come together for good food, good company and meaningful reflection on all that we are thankful for as 2022 comes to a close.

It's been another challenging year. While the economy has rebounded from the pandemic, we're still reckoning with its lingering impacts, like stubborn inflation. High prices have families everywhere keeping a vigilant eye on their pocketbooks and in Congress we are working hard to lower costs.

In March 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, which included direct relief for millions of workers, families, small businesses and local and state governments reeling from COVID-19. This much-needed economic resuscitation made it possible for businesses to hire more workers and even pursue new expansion.

In the 28th District alone, 32,500 jobs were created and 1.65 million have been created throughout California. Our statewide unemployment rate has plummeted to 3.9% – down from 8.8% at the beginning of 2021.

The American Rescue Plan was particularly a lifeline for small businesses and budding entrepreneurs who had put their dreams on hold. In addition to the many businesses that reopened

their doors, 12,700 new business applications were filed in our district in 2021, and more than half a million were filed across the state.

This represents more than just a return to business as usual. Both district- and statewide, it's a more than 35% increase over pre-pandemic years.

Congress has since passed even more legislation to spur not just job growth, but growth in key sectors like construction, manufacturing, technology and clean energy that will promise stable, secure livings for generations of Californians.

The CHIPS and Science Act, for instance, is making historic investments in American research and manufacturing to make more technologies of the future here at home and boost America's economic competitiveness. Already 700 manufacturing jobs have been created in our district and 53,200 have been created statewide.

And the Inflation Reduction Act is supporting new jobs in clean energy, a sector that will see unprecedented investment as we put real muscle into fighting the climate crisis. Today, 48,000 workers in our district are already employed in clean energy – a number that will continue to soar as the bill's investments roll out over decades.

And California families are getting financial relief in other parts of their lives, too.

Starting in the new year, the Inflation Reduction Act's healthcare provisions will save 104,000 seniors in our district and 5.25 million statewide significantly on lifesaving medications with the new \$2,000 annual cap on prescription drugs and \$35 monthly cap on insulin. And the bill saved 53,000 of my constituents from seeing their health care premiums rise or from being priced out altogether.

This doesn't even include the new savings Californians will realize on their energy bills due to the Inflation Reduction Act, or the new jobs from big infrastructure projects in our district thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

None of this is enough and we must do more. But it's a start.

Attacking inflation will remain my top priority as Congress prepares to gavel in a new session. But this data on the thousands of families staying afloat with new jobs, rising wages and meaningful savings is an important indicator that we are moving in the right direction.

This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for so many things – for the good health of my family and the good company of my friends. I'm grateful too for the continued opportunity to serve my constituents and to keep advocating on their behalf.

Have a safe and very happy holiday and hope to see you soon.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Salvation Army Holds Kettle Kickoff Dinner

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The Salvation Army – Glendale launched the holidays with its Kettle Kickoff Dinner on Thursday evening, Nov. 17. Held at the Hall of the Crucifixion-Resurrection at Forest Lawn – Glendale, the Hall was decked out with colorful trees, bright poinsettias and decorated tables ready to be filled by supporters of the 187-year-old organization.

The Salvation Army – Glendale offers support in many different ways – from providing food to those in need to offering

the Zone after-school program, a vibrant free program that provides homework assistance and recreational activity for children ages 6-13.

At the Kettle Kickoff Dinner – named for the holiday bell ringers and bright red kettles that many associate with the Salvation Army – comedian Fritz Coleman hosted the night's festivities. These included moving testimonials from Capt. Kelly Berggren of the Salvation Army – Glendale and Capt. J. Koebel. Each detailed their path to the Salvation Army, much littered with substance abuse, though each started their life

journey in much different circumstances. Their stories, as diverse as they were, were related to by everyone in the room.

However, as Capt. Kelly shared, "My life is more than I ever thought it could be."

The pair also offered bite-sized bits of information that could be quickly received by the audience. These "Did you know?" bits included the background of the Salvation Army and its outreach programs. For example, the Salvation Army served 3 million meals last year in Southern California. Also, the well-known service Meals on Wheels is

actually a Salvation Army program, and the Salvation Army is a major provider of overnight shelter. Everyone in the room learned something new about this longtime organization.

One of the main goals of the night, though, was to raise awareness of the red kettles and how donations received benefit the programs offered by the Salvation Army.

As Capt. Berggren said, "When change goes in, change comes out."

To learn more about the Salvation Army – Glendale, visit <https://glendale-ca.salvationarmy.org/>.

Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY

TOP LEFT: Capts. Natalia and Kelly Berggren greeted guests at the Kettle Kickoff Dinner on Thursday evening.

TOP RIGHT: Fritz Coleman, a supporter of the Salvation Army, hosted the night's festivities.

BOTTOM LEFT: Dignitaries included City of Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian and Page Whyte.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Former City of Glendale police chief (and Montrose Christmas Parade grand marshal) Carl Povilaitis and GUSD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kelly King with Salvation Army Advisory Board member and Kettle Kickoff Dinner organizer Sharon Townsend.



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Cancer Support Community Seek Volunteers to Join its 2023 Guild



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Membership for the 2023 Guild of CSC is now open. Anyone looking to give back to their community and connect with other philanthropic individuals is invited to the Guild recruitment event on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at Pinocchio's Restaurant, 1449 N. Lake Ave. in Pasadena.

Those interested in attending should RSVP in advance so organizers can prepare accordingly.

For more information about the Guild of Cancer Support Community, visit cscplink/

guild2023 or contact Kim Burbank Ferreira at k.ferreira@cscpasadena.org or call (626) 796-1083.

The Guild is open to anyone over 21 years old who is passionate about the mission of Cancer Support Community: to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community.

Cancer Support Community provides free support groups, educational workshops and healthy lifestyle classes to cancer patients and their families, cancer survivors and those bereaved across Pasadena and the greater San Gabriel Valley. Services are available in English, Spanish and Armenian. For more information, go to cancersupportsgv.org or call (626) 796-1083.

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Veterans Corner November 2022 Camp Lejeune: Past Water Contamination

By Blake HYFIELD

We have all seen many advertisements on TV and social media about contacting numerous law firms to join in class action suits emanating from water contamination at Camp Lejeune. Here is information from the VA about what's going on.

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene and other chemicals. As a part of the Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, qualifying veterans can receive all their health care (except dental care) from the VA if they served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987, even if they don't have a health condition that is presumed to be related to

exposure. For individuals with one of the 15 medical conditions presumed to be related to exposure, there is no charge for care. For other health conditions, veterans will have a co-pay, depending on income and health eligibility priority category.

VA has established a presumptive service connection for veterans, reservists and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from Aug. 1, 1953 through Dec. 31, 1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases:

- Adult leukemia – Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes – bladder cancer – kidney cancer
- Liver cancer – Multiple myeloma – Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma – Parkinson's disease

Presently these conditions are the only ones for which there is sufficient scientific and medical evidence to support the creation

of presumptions; however, VA will continue to review relevant information as it becomes available.

In accordance with the 2012 Camp Lejeune health care law, VA provides cost-free health care for certain conditions to veterans who served at least 30 days of active duty at Camp Lejeune from Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987.

Qualifying health conditions include:

- Esophageal cancer
- Breast cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Renal toxicity
- Female infertility
- Scleroderma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Lung cancer
- Bladder cancer
- Leukemia
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Hepatic steatosis
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral effects

Veterans eligible for health care under the 2012 Camp Lejeune health care law may enroll in VA health care and receive medical services for the 15 covered health conditions at no cost (including copayments).

A word of advice on this from the VFW: Consider holding off committing to any Camp Lejeune lawsuits until the VA publishes how the offset will affect your settlement and benefits. Never pay for claims assistance. Presumptive claims are straightforward and easily handled by any VA accredited claims representative.

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People Making News

The following local students were named to Biola University's dean's list in spring 2022. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

Alexandra Bowers of La Cañada majoring in liberal studies elementary Ed, Melissa Dunnigan of Sunland majoring in English, Alique Malakian of Tujunga majoring in kinesiology and Molly Mittelberg of La Cañada Flintridge majoring in nursing.

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Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Selling a Vacant Home

Dear Phyllis,
I reside in La Canada and specifically hired a Seal Beach Realtor who lives close to the home my parents owned. He assured me that he would keep a close eye on it because he lived just a few blocks from the home. I interviewed three real estate agents and hired this one specifically because I felt it essential when selling a vacant home to hire a Realtor in close proximity. I understand the real estate market has changed, and we sold for a bit less than planned. But I don't blame the agent for that. When visiting a friend in Seal Beach I stopped by the home which I had not seen for about six weeks. There was mud all over the walkway as something was obviously leaking. It looked like this had been going on for a while, and the water bill jumped to over \$700. I am extremely upset because I paid over one hundred thousand dollars in real estate commissions. I don't feel this agent looked after my home as promised. I believe my Realtor should be responsible for the water bill. What are your thoughts?

Bill

Dear Bill,
I agree that it was your Realtor's responsibility to keep an eye on the home, especially since this was the front walkway it would be hard to miss. I am curious, though, if you have a gardener and how often he serviced the yard. The gardener also bears some responsibility. He is the one in charge of the landscape and sprinklers. Contact your gardener and find out why he didn't inform you. Once you have that information, you may decide the Realtor is not responsible.

When selling a vacant home, it's reasonable to assume that your Realtor will check on the house at least once a week. As inspectors often leave a/c running or create other issues, most Realtors will check vacant homes after each inspection. Personally, each time one of my team or I visit a vacant listing, we have a form we have developed that we complete. If a problem arises, we know with certainty the last time we were at the home.

Phyllis

New Kiwanis Club Launches with Bingo

The recently opened Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos kicked off with a bingo game to raise funds for the new club. Held on Friday, Nov. 18 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, the overflow crowd extended beyond the Hall's main room to the lower area. Patrons paid \$20 for a dauber and a book of 40 cards for 10 bingo games. Each game paid \$100 in prize money except for the final game of the night. That prize was \$300 for "blacking out" the entire bingo card. Food and beverages were available for purchase as was the chance to purchase cards for "bonus games."

Spearheading the evening were Lou and Miryam Finkelberg who are also overseeing the Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos.

"We are thrilled that our first bingo fundraiser was a success in all counts; we had a great turnout from the community and an amazing support from our members and businesses with over 45 sponsorships. It was a fun and exciting evening with tons of energy in the hall. We were able to raise funds while having so much fun. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated," said Miryam. Those interested in joining Kiwanis of the Verdugos can email kiwanisverdugos@gmail.com.

TOP: Joe Kroening holds up his winnings presented by Lou Finkelberg with Jim Turner sitting next to Joe.

MIDDLE: Robin Goldworthy is all smiles with her bingo winnings presented by Lou Finkelberg as Mark Seigel looks on.

BOTTOM: Stephanie Brashears shows off her winning bingo card while Mary Gant congratulates her.



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Exciting twists and turns await as Mickey, Minnie, Goofy and guests of all ages embark on an interactive and memory-rich adventure to iconic Disney destinations. See the world from the rooftops of London with Mary Poppins and Jack and his band of dancing lamplighters. Travel to the sun-soaked Motunui and help Moana restore the heart

of Te Fiti. Set off on a safari and snap unforgettable photos of wild cheetahs and monkeys when guests traverse through the Pride Lands with Simba, Timon and Pumbaa. Discover a whole new world and be swept up in Aladdin's princely parade filled with spectacular stunts, magical moments with Genie and a brand new song from Jasmine that will render the audience "Speechless." Plus much more.

The event plays Crypto.com Arena in Downtown LA Dec. 8-11. Tickets can be purchased online at AXS.com or in person at the venue box office. For more information and dates for Anaheim, Ontario and Long Beach, visit <https://www.disneyonice.com/LA>.



Roth and Sánchez to Perform for Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Violinist Nancy Roth and pianist Lorenzo Sánchez will perform works by Poulenc and Dvorak.

The video will be available continuously.

The link to the stream can be found at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

The program features the duo recital Nancy Roth, violin and Lorenzo Sánchez, piano. They will

be performing portions of Francis Poulenc "Sonate pour violon et piano," (1899-1963) (revised 1949), and Antonín Dvorák's "Sonatina for Piano and Violin Op. 100," (1841-1904).

Nancy Roth, violinist (and violist), is currently the concertmaster of the

Culver City Symphony and Marina del Rey Summer Symphony. She is also concertmaster of the Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay and a member of the Pasadena Symphony. She is a former member of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, was co-principal violist

of the Graz Philharmonic in Austria, and served many years as concertmaster of the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Carson-Dominguez Hills Symphony. Roth has been a

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featured soloist with numerous Southern California orchestras including the Culver City Symphony, Carson Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and Southland Symphony Orchestra. She has given recitals and radio broadcasts in the United States, Austria and Mexico, and is currently a member of the new music group "TEMPO" based at California State University Northridge. Roth is a member of the String Family Players (quintet), which performs educational programs for the Music Center On Tour, and she has been on the faculty of the Max Aronoff Viola Institute Summer Music Festival. She has played baroque violin and viola with James Tyler in the London Early Music Group and Los Angeles Musica Viva. Nancy holds a Bachelor of Music from CSUN, a Master of Music from the Juilliard School and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California.

Lorenzo Sánchez, pianist, has enjoyed interpreting music of a variety of styles and nationalities in the United States, Mexico, and Europe. Sánchez premiered Robert Guillory's "Concertino for Piano and Orchestra." His interest in Polish music led to him giving several lecture performances at the Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles. He has performed for African American composer George Walker and Japanese composer Mitsuru Asaka in Hawaii. He has played for several choirs touring Italy,

The Vatican and several Filipino community celebration masses at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Los Angeles. Looking toward his heritage, Sánchez has edited and helped publish piano works by Mexican composer Domingo Lobato. He has recorded two CDs of Lobato's solo piano works, and recently released a CD with clarinetist Virginia Figueiredo. All of his recordings are available on iTunes, Amazon, Spotify and others. Unfortunately, the global pandemic caused the cancellation of concert appearances in Brazil and Mexico this year.

Sánchez holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California.

Program notes: "Sonata pour violon et piano" by Francis Poulenc. Writing a sonata for the violin did not come naturally for Poulenc. His first sketches came as early as 1918. After a few more attempts between 1925 and 1935, the fourth version (1949) is what we have today. Poulenc was said to have written the following after completing his score: "The monster is finished. I will begin the realization. It is not bad, I think, and in any case very different from the eternal 'violin-melody line' of the French sonatas of the 19th century ...The violin prima donna over piano arpeggio makes me vomit."

The work is dedicated to Spanish poet Federico García Lorca who was born the same year as Poulenc (1899) but was assassinated in 1936 along with three others by Spanish

Nationalist militia. Lorca's tragic death made a profound impact on Poulenc. The assassination appears to be musically depicted after the festivities toward the end of the final movement, "Presto tragico." The piano has chords with striking dissonance and an indication of sans pédale (without pedal). The notes are piercing and effectively convey the scene. The closing section that follows reflects on the end of a life that ended too soon. Other than the tragic ending, the rest of the movement is full of French gaiety, full of playful tunes, rhythms and whimsical harmonic changes. The first movement, "Allegro con fuoco," begins with the fire suggested in its title, but also includes times of melancholy and restlessness. The second movement, "Intermezzo," is simply gorgeous. This is a nod to Lorca's Spanish heritage that includes guitar strums in the piano part. The score includes a quote from Lorca, "La guitare fait pleurer les songes" ("The guitar makes dreams weep").

Dvorak's "Sonatina in G major for violin and piano op. 100" was composed in 1893 in New York City. According to a letter written by Dvorak, "It is intended for youths (dedicated to my two children), but even grown-up adults, should be able to converse with it..." Overall, the four movements contain themes inspired by Native American melodies and African American spirituals.

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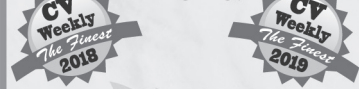


Then: In 1883, Charles Bathey filed a "land patent" for his ranch in La Crescenta. Initially he and his family camped on the land but soon built a house, seen here in 1900, and planted orchards and crops. Two of the Bathey daughters lived in this house until the 1960s.



Now: This is all that is visible from the street near the top of Briggs Avenue but it shows that the Bathey house still stands 140 years later. The ranch land, nearly 160 acres, is still intact as well, extending up into the mountains. Another piece of old La Crescenta frozen in time.

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The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

'SANTA SPEAS' PHOTOS

JD "Santa" Speas is hosting Crescenta-Cañada Pets' annual photos with pets on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Crescenta-Cañada Pets is located at 3502 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. For more information, call (818) 248-3963.

BLACK FRIDAY SMALL BUSINESS POP-UP

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is hosting a family event and holiday boutique on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Twenty vendors will be on-site selling unique and amazing gifts ranging from jewelry, books, clothing and more for Black Friday sales. There will also be a free bounce house for kids. Get yummy kettle corn and fried Oreos!

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE CELEBRATES SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

On Saturday, Nov. 26 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (weather-permitting), Flintridge Bookstore hosts special events for Small Business Saturday including author meet and greets and book signings, storytimes, poetry & fiction readings, guest artists and more. Small Business Saturday is a nationwide celebration started in 2010 to recognize the contributions indie businesses make to the communities they serve. This year Flintridge Bookstore features 14 authors working in various genres and for readers of all ages. Two featured local artists offer beautiful handmade accessories. Come, join the fun, and show your support! Shop Small!

To see the complete line-up for Nov. 26, visit the website or go to <https://tinyurl.com/59yd68kw>.

Flintridge Bookstore is at 858 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Beulah Drive. There is street parking on Foothill and Beulah and a parking lot with limited spots behind the store off of Beulah.

PSHA ACCEPTING GRANT APPS

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts announced the launch of its 2022/23 Gifts & Grants program. Each year Gifts & Grants distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to local non-profit organizations to support music and arts programs including underwriting community performances, academy and conservatory scholarships, music therapy and music education. During the 2021/22 program year, the organization distributed \$500,000. To date, Pasadena Showcase has contributed more than \$24 million to local nonprofit organizations.

The application period closes on Nov. 30; awardees will be advised in April 2023. For more information and application guidelines, visit pasadenashowcase.org/gifts.

FUTTERMAN FEATURED AT ALTADENA TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB

The Altadena Town and Country Club is exhibiting the work of Chinese brush painting artist Mayee Futterman through the end of December.

The one-woman show, titled "The Four Treasures - The Art of Mayee Futterman," displays 46 vibrant floral, landscape and animal-creature paintings.

For more general information, visit www.mayeefutterman.com. To see show paintings visit: www.mayeefutterman.com/shop.

Futterman, an Asian-American artist, recently won BMW's international design competition for the limited edition M4 GT4 racing car called "Fluid Power." Her work is collected internationally by

individuals and institutions including the Los Angeles Center for Women's Health at the California Hospital Medical Center. She is an instructor at UCLA Extension, Huntington Beach Art Center and the Institute of Chinese Language and Culture.

The Altadena Town and Country Club is located at 2290 Country Club Drive in Altadena.

BENITA BIKE'S DANCEART TO PERFORM AT DISCOVERY CUBE

On Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m., Benita Bike's DanceArt will present an educational dance performance at Discovery Cube Los Angeles, a STEM-based children's museum, as part of the Cube's Science of Dance Day. As part of the day's programming, Benita Bike's DanceArt will present two full-length dances followed by a Q&A session and a final short "try-out-the-moves" session with DanceArt's professional dancers. Museum visitors will learn all about modern dance's approach to movement. Two dances will be featured - "Benches," which shows people in a park during the day, and "Plugged," which explores relationships with machines in the world.

A limited number of free tickets to the museum are available to those who pre-register by emailing benita@danceart.org with their name and the number of guests in their party. This performance is supported, in part, by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Dept. General admission tickets can also be purchased at www.discoverycube.org/los-angeles/.

Attendance to the Science of Dance's programming and the dance performances will be included with general admission or a valid membership. Discovery Cube LA is located at 11800 Foothill Blvd., Sylmar.

TUESDAY MUSICALE OF PASADENA

Tuesday Musicale of Pasadena is presenting a free concert on Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the Altadena Baptist Church, 791 E. Calaveras, Altadena.

On the program will be selections from "Anniversaries" by Leonard

Bernstein played by Laura Dickey, piano; music from Korea played by Sesun Park, cellist and Geraldine Keeling, piano; a Haydn trio for violin, cello and piano played by Roberta Wilcox, Nancy Friedmann and Sharon Chan; and songs by Beethoven and Mel Torme sung by Bernice Brightbill accompanied by Louise Earhart, pianist.

FREE SEMINAR ON THE DANGERS OF TODAY'S DRUGS

On Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., the community is invited to hear and ask questions of Cathy Morfopoulos of the Foundation for a Drug-Free World at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills, 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (entrance and free parking at the back of the building). Call (818) 957-1500 or email foothills@scIENTOLOGY.net to reserve a seat.

The Foundation for a Drug-Free World is a nonprofit public benefit corporation.

CVHS SEEKING HOF NOMINATIONS

Crescenta Valley High School will be accepting nominations for the CV Hall Of Fame. To nominate an athlete, email their name and resume to CoachGossard@aol.com.

Voting will take place Dec. 6.

DRIVING SAFE: A FREE WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting a workshop to teach teens aged 14-15 the importance of driving safely and distraction-free. Hosted by the Impact Teen Drivers Organization.

With a focus on engaging teens and their influencers, this presentation gives attendees evidence-based educational materials that engage, educate, and empower individuals to make better choices behind the wheel - whether as a driver or passenger.

Register for this free workshop at CCLCF.org or call the Main Office at (818) 790-4353 to join this workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

CCLCF is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Dr., La Cañada Flintridge

MOVIE MORNING WITH SANTA

The La Crescenta Woman's Club is hosting Movie Morning with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at their Clubhouse.

Featured movie is the TV movie "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Light refreshments available for purchase. There will also be a silent auction, craft time and story telling by Mrs. Claus. The highlight of the morning will be a visit by Santa Claus. RSVP at (818) 427-3459.

WORKS ON PAPER AT THE BRAND LIBRARY & ART CENTER

Glendale Library Arts & Culture announced the Brand Associates' opening of its 50th Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper at the Brand Library & Art Center continuing through Dec. 30. The exhibition, also known as Brand 50, marks 50 years of featuring the best in local and national contemporary art with 89 artworks chosen from 1200-plus submissions selected by juror Shannon Currie Holmes, Exhibitions supervisor at Brand Library & Art Center.

Brand 50 brings together artists from diverse backgrounds, including artists making their first foray into a gallery, as well as seasoned professionals whose work is widely known. In conjunction with the Brand 50 juried exhibition, there will also be a gallery looking back on the history of these exhibits with artworks spanning the earliest years when ceramics were featured, to today's focus on the paper medium. All exhibit artworks and a printed catalog will be on sale with proceeds benefitting the Brand Associates' efforts to support a rich array of cultural, arts, and educational programming at the iconic Brand Library & Art Center.

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NCL CONTINUES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Glendale Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. (NCL), the nation's premier mother-daughter volunteer organization, continues its annual membership drive. NCL is accepting applications from women with daughters currently in grades six through eight. The Glendale Chapter is comprised of nearly 300 members who reside in the Glendale, La Cañada, La Crescenta, Pasadena, Burbank and surrounding areas of Los Angeles. Applications for membership are only accepted during the annual membership drive, which is from Oct. 1 - Jan. 6 each year.

Interested mothers are encouraged to attend one of the prospective member meetings. To receive an invitation, please contact the chapter at membershipglendale@nclonline.org. For more information, prospective members are encouraged to visit the Glendale Chapter's website at National Charity League, Inc. or by sending an email to membershipglendale@nclonline.org.



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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Don't be tempted to take risks when it comes to your health. You may overdo strenuous exercise and injure yourself in the process.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You and your partner seem to be inseparable now, even when it comes to exercising. This is a great time to design some fun fitness goals that enhance your romantic bond.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Don't try to rationalize your way out of working out or starting that eating plan. You can talk yourself in and out of any situation, but eventually you'll need to start.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

This is the perfect time to begin a new exercise or health routine. If you've been flagging recently, think about starting fresh.

LEO July 23 - August 22

If you're already involved in the health and fitness business, you may want to write a book or teach a class to help others find their path to good health.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It's time to reflect on your motives for wanting to get fit. Do you have a hidden agenda? Hopefully, you've decided to embark on a fitness routine because it's the right thing to do.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Sometimes it can be comforting to get into an established routine. If you've managed to do this with diet and exercise, you're probably doing very well.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your social life looks spectacular, which may be the reason why you feel a little frayed around the edges. There's a lot going on and you're going to need plenty of energy.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may feel a lot moodier than usual. If you notice that your feelings are running high, it's better to work out, keep active, and release emotions that way.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Try not to let the cosmos affect your power of discernment. You may be drawn into activities that go against your desire for great health and total wellness.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This is a great time to celebrate. It also brings more than just a little emotion to the surface. If you're going to be going out a lot, get enough rest so you have enough energy.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Sometimes all have to do to feel better is have fun. It pays to enjoy life and feel the resulting difference in your energy level and well-being.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Help! My Natuzzi sofa set is falling apart.

Leslie Azor's new Natuzzi sofa set is coming apart. The company keeps sending a repairman to her home, but so far, he hasn't been able to fix the furniture. Can she get a refund?

I bought a Natuzzi recliner sofa set last year from a local retailer. After using the furniture lightly for a few months it was clear there was something wrong with it.

One recliner was completely defective where you feel the metal bar in the footrest. The leather has wrinkled and pushed up the metal pieces because the foam holding it all together is defective. The sofa warped to one side. The other side is following suit.

The retailer would not replace the damaged recliner and said we had to deal with Natuzzi directly because we didn't identify the issue the day it was delivered. That was impossible to do.

Natuzzi has twice sent a repairman with stacks of foam to "repair" one of the recliners and, after the second visit, the repairman also requested parts for the other recliner. I have had to wait six months each time for the foam parts and then for the

repairman, and he has had to leave both times unable to fix the recliners because the foam was defective.

Now I have had to wait again for more foam shipped from China with no guarantee that it will come when promised or that it will work. This is now a year of waiting with no end in sight and accepting at best a patch of what was supposed to be an expensive Italian sofa.

The repairman has told us he practically needs to reconstruct all of the inside parts. I have a copy of the back-and-forth emails with Natuzzi - all communication with them has been in writing. I want to close this chapter with them and stop trying to patch a new sofa as if it was 10 years old.

I want them to either fully replace both recliners, with the assurance they will be checked before they are sent to us to ensure they are not defective, or return our money.

-Leslie Azor, Miami, Florida

Natuzzi should have delivered the quality product it promised and for which you paid \$6,000. Also, the retailer should have stood behind the purchase.

Many retailers have warranties, guarantees or policies that would ensure that, if something happens to your purchase, you can get a quick refund. I think the retailer's demand that you say something upon delivery was unreasonable. I mean, you hardly had time to sit on your new leather furniture before its warranty expired. Come on!

Natuzzi's warranty leaves something to be desired. It contains lots of exclusions and doesn't specify a time frame for repairs. It also appears to be an awkward translation of the Italian warranty. When I read it, I'm not sure what you are - and aren't - entitled to. It's just a promise to repair your furniture if something goes wrong.

You did a great job of keeping a paper trail - all the correspondence between you and the retailer. It's one of the key components of being able to advocate for yourself.

Unfortunately, your case dragged on for too long. The company was not living up to its promise to "create harmony in spaces." So I reached out to Natuzzi on your behalf.

A representative from both your retailer and Natuzzi contacted you the next day. They offered you a full replacement of the sofa.

"You did in one day what I couldn't in nine months," you said.

I'm happy to help.

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ACROSS

- 1) Bit of punctuation
6) It's best when boring
11) Thing in the kitchen
14) Depth-charge target of old
15) Blinding light
16) "Long ___ and far away..."
17) Their work involves forks and pitches
19) "Prior to," for starters
20) Open, as letters
21) Adolescent, almost
23) Guanaco relatives
26) At anchor
27) Auto seller
28) Christie detective
30) Acts as crew
31) Film that got Fonda an Oscar
32) Floor cover
35) "___ got an idea"
36) Baseball bat application
38) Santa ___ winds
39) ___ Aviv
40) Regions
41) Little brook
42) Drunk as a skunk
44) Comedian's Muse
46) Bacon selections
48) Lao-tse's followers
49) St. ___ Girl (German beer)
50) FedEx pick-up
52) Major network
53) Air traveler's need
58) "Iron Chef" prop
59) Gutter location
60) A Judd
61) CPAs crunch them
62) Sends forth lava
63) It's for the mill?

DOWN

- 1) Hockey trophy
2) It's kind of a cinch, in Japan
3) Bird of the past
4) Handbooks
5) Immediately
6) Chilly symptoms?
7) Arm bone
8) Highlander
9) Boot one, in baseball
10) Museum specialist
11) What investigators sometimes follow
12) Say "uh-huh"
13) "There's ___ in sight"
18) Bygone Russian despot
22) Try to date
23) Allow in
24) Make an exit
25) Some work vehicles
26) Copier brand, once
28) Ask on one's knees
29) Inning sextet
31) Proposer's support
33) Like a new candle
34) Fancy parties
36) Bamboo musical instruments
37) Aggravates
41) Track roller
43) Be sick
44) Diplomat's asset
45) Turning up on the farm?
46) Bring forth young
47) Cultural no-no
48) Hair lock
50) Make a road
51) Again
54) 440 yards, often
55) Popular pond fish
56) Letters on an ambulance
57) ___ for tat

PT BOATLOAD

By Lewis Harper

Grid for PT BOATLOAD crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

Grid for a second crossword puzzle with letters filled in.

RELIGION

Question: This may seem like small potatoes, but it has created a major upheaval in our home. We have two children – Jimmy, age 11, and Kristin, age 8. Three years ago we rescued a dog we named Moe. The intention was for Moe to be a family dog but shortly after bringing him home, he attached himself to Jimmy and is now “Jimmy’s dog.” Kristin now wants her own dog. She tells us she’ll take care of her dog, feeding it and walking it. It just seems one more dog would create more work for everyone since we both work.

Kristin said all she wants for Christmas is her own dog. We welcome your suggestions.

– Perplexed Parents

Dear Perplexed Parents,

Perhaps I should not comment because my wife and I have dogs and so we have a soft spot in our hearts for canines. Also we have no young people running around, so it is we and we alone who care for Blanche and Timothy! (Both are rescues). We named Blanche since we didn’t know her original name, but Timothy arrived already with his moniker!

My advice: Get your daughter a dog for Christmas. You parents may end up caring for the new family member but get her the dog and not much else (her request!) for Christmas! I recall that as a child with three younger brothers, I had a wonderful dog, Blackie. (Guess what color she was!) My dad said on more than one occasion that since he fed her, she was his dog, even if we kids always called her “our” dog. When we had to put Blackie down at age 14, my mom wept the most and Blackie caused her the most work because she would shed that black fur all the time.

But back to you ... Get her a dog. Let her learn how much trouble it is to love and care for a pet. And let her also learn that our animal friends don’t live as long as we do. Our dog Timothy came from the Pasadena Humane Society. Why not stop by there with your daughter and save a dog’s life as well as your daughter’s?

For the animals,

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Dear Perplexed Parents~

I feel your pain! Having raised two daughters as a single mom, I know the challenges when one child feels the other has favor in some way. I can’t tell you how often I heard, “It’s not fair!” or “She always gets what she wants, and I never get anything!” It makes me a little queasy in my stomach just thinking about it.

We do our best to keep a balance of equity between our children. Your intentions were right with the initial rescue; however, it seems the dog had other ideas. Consequently, the scale tilted in favor of your son. It’s no one’s fault, which makes the situation even more tenuous. Jimmy’s happy and so is Moe. Sadly, Kristin feels slighted, which is unfortunate for her. It’s a difficult lesson for an

8-year-old, but it’s a wonderful learning opportunity for you as a family.

Consider reviewing your family ground rules and exploring virtues to add to the list. Virtues are linked with moral behavior and are essential to growing children and their experiences. Colossians 3:12-15 shares about the character of man: “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

Your particular situation involves mercy, kindness, humility and long suffering. Of course, for Kristin, it is an issue of justice, but when you look at the circumstances the others mentioned are closer to the issue’s root.

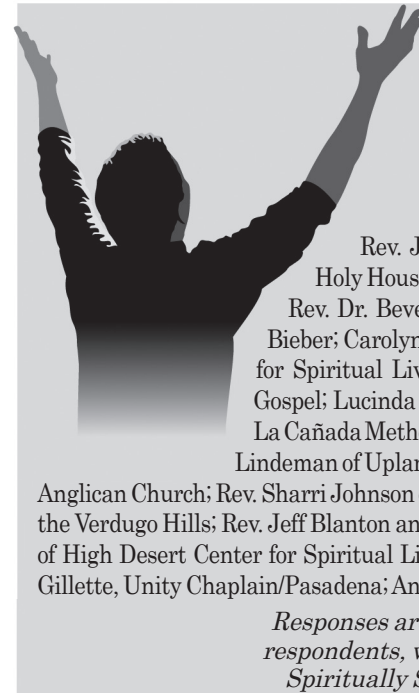
Mercy happened when your family rescued Moe. You all had a part in it and had every reason to believe the entire family would benefit from the addition. Kindness involved selecting one animal, knowing the rigors of your schedules, and the ability to provide adequate attention to both children and pets. This virtue is also why there are better choices than an additional dog at this time.

Long suffering is the virtue Kristin will learn as you hold fast to your decision not to get another animal. Unfortunately, it will be difficult for her to understand as she’s a long way away from cognitive development that will enable her to appreciate abstract thinking. You, however, can help her by understanding her sadness and modeling empathy for a situation over which she has no control.

Circling back to bearing with one another and forgiving one another, as parents, you can help your daughter believe that one day she’ll have her own pets. Love comes into play as you assist both children in finding ways to be included in Moe’s care. For example, Jimmy could ask for Kristin’s help feeding, grooming and walking Moe. Sharing care and responsibilities will also teach them the fine art of cooperation and enjoying peace.

In the end, you’ll want to consider that tough love is not a negative response to children’s requests. I wish it weren’t so but helping her understand life isn’t always the way she’d like it will add depth and character. The exercise will help her manage her expectations and recognize that sometimes we don’t get what we want – something that we battle daily as adults, particularly in an overly entitled society.

The bottom line, as I see it, rests in our responsibility to grow and nurture the character of our children, which far outweighs our need to be liked by them.



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Sometimes the lessons are challenging. Often, we displease them with an unpopular outcome. But, when faced with a decision about shaping their characters, we are wise to lean on lovingly disciplining and guiding them to a new perspective.

The situation really isn’t small potatoes, as you can see. As parents, we are responsible for raising our children well and with ethical and moral compasses. We may not win the Favored Parent Award. Still, in the end, we will be instrumental in creating one more exceptional human to help move society into a more inclusive and understanding world.

Be Well & Be Blessed!

Lucinda Guarino
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Question: What does one do when so many negative things happen all at once? I’m an 83-year-old widow whose husband died from COVID two years ago. My grandson lost his life in a military exercise gone wrong and I’ve just been diagnosed with breast cancer. On the blessing side, we raised two sons – both successful and we have four healthy grandchildren. Still, I feel depleted. I know as Christians we’re not supposed to feel that way but I do, even though I know the Lord will help carry my family an me through these trying times. Is there anything I/we can do to get out of the doldrums?

– Down in the Dumps

Dear Down in the Dumps,
First I want to say, well done! You express so much gratitude for the things in your life that have turned out well. Your care as a person, and as a parent, has obviously been a huge influence on your growing family. You are a perfect example of God’s love in action. It is difficult to lose people we love. We know that although their physical form has changed, the love we share together is always and forever present. But not having them

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING from Cover

with us, especially during the Thanksgiving/ Christmas season is hard. Our hearts hurt when we can't physically share the season with all our loved ones. When we have deep sadness and sorrow in our lives, it often shows up in a physical way. We are all human with human frailties. Turn to God. God's love is healing. God is our foundation of ever-present love, strength and health.

Twenty years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. When my doctor told me I had breast cancer, I said, "This is a blessing in disguise." When I hung up the phone, I wondered who said that. Then I realized, it was God's voice. I started on a healing spiritual journey, which continues to this day. I consulted ministers, healers and read inspiring books. I developed a sacred time for myself each day. Each morning, I get up before the light comes up and sit in silence. Looking out my window, I notice

the sky, the beautiful nature outside and hear the birds' songs proclaiming the beginning of a new day. I count my blessings and consciously step away from anything that creates anxiety. I meditate for peace within me, and pray thanking God's presence in my life. Knowing I am on God's path, as the light of each new day comes up, my life is renewed.

I have found in my life that people use the term "closure" for events that have brought sadness and sorrow into our lives. Once there is closure, we are supposed to move forward. This is unnecessary pressure and expectation. We all go through things in our own time. We need to be gentle with ourselves. We need to feel love ourselves. We need to feel God's loving presence. Instead of giving myself a timeline, I created a well of sorrows in my heart. My well is quiet and still. It is made of red brick and covered in moss. The water is gentle and soothing. It is enclosed in a room that has a door at each end. Each day, I walk through the room. Some days I need to kneel down and let my tears flow. Other days, I walk through the room, acknowledge and honor my sorrows, and keep walking. The doors are always open.

Feeling sadness is normal. But, knowing I don't have to hold my sorrows so tightly gives me breathing room. God's love is our foundation. When the time is right, we get up off our knees. We allow ourselves to look around and notice all the wonderful things God has created. Big or small, it's one thing at a time. We each have our own path that returns us to perfect health. Let go and let God help you find yours.

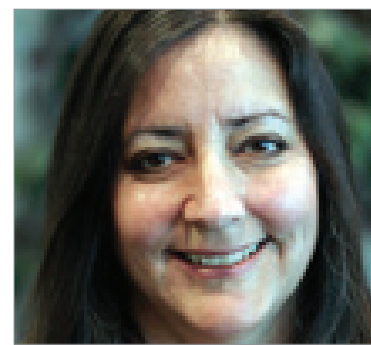
God reminds me that my heart is open enough to accept love from many sources. It appears in many different ways. Our love extends to family, friends, people we don't know, animals, nature and ourselves. Especially ourselves. Be kind and gentle to yourself. You have brought so much kindness and good into our world. See how it is manifesting in your grandchildren and enjoy knowing how your love has created and joined many people together. We give and we receive. The doldrums can always be lessened by giving something to someone you don't even know or to someone who doesn't have much love in their life. Giving love is taking the words of Jesus and sharing his lesson of love with the world. Helping someone to feel love will bring happiness to your heart.

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Dear Down in the Dumps,
I'm so sorry things are so hard right now. The God you know on the blessing side still walks with you on the depressing side. So let me ask you a difficult question: Which



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matters more to God: how you feel right now or whom you ultimately put your faith in?

You get to feel how you feel. Jesus himself was called "a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief." It is not a spiritual failure to be sad. God has broad shoulders and welcomes our lament. It is an encouraging sign that you yourself have said: "I know the Lord will help carry my family and me through these trying times." He will indeed. The good Shepherd of Psalm 23 says he will comfort you.

I have some practical suggestions. Certainly grief counseling is a wise idea since you are facing serious and difficult life issues. I would spend plenty of time with your family for encouragement. And I always recommend the best book in print on the subject of suffering—"If God Is Good" by Randy Alcorn. Aside from these, here is a 10-point list of suggestions for coping with these trying times God has allowed into your life:

1. Make a list of five-10 things you're thankful for every day.
2. Memorize an encouraging verse and repeat it multiple times a day. (1 Peter 5:7 for example.)
3. Pray with someone you're close to about your life and problems every day.
4. Go to church every week.
5. Find someone else who's going through hardship and pray for them.
6. Read daily through the Psalms.
7. Spend time with friends.
8. Have your family pray for you.
9. Make a list of hard things in your past that God has helped you to overcome.
10. Make a list of your favorite memories and put it on your refrigerator where you can see it often.

May the God who has always loved you in the sunshine now show you his love in the storm.

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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.,

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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 jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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Boston for over 24 hours. What began as rain turned to snow and 16 inches fell in parts of New England.

And then there was the Great Appalachian Storm in 1950. That was a large cyclone that brought the eastern U.S. to a standstill. Winds, heavy rains, blizzard conditions and hurricane-force winds killed 353 and injured 160

people. The cyclone impacted 22 states and disrupted power to one million customers.

There were more storms, including Hurricane Iwa in 1982 that hit the western Hawaiian Islands on Thanksgiving with peak winds of 86 mph and gusts up to 105 mph.

There were more tornados throughout the years that hit North

Carolina and the Deep South. Not to be left out, California has had its moment in the history books of Thanksgiving Day weather events. In 2019, a "bomb cyclone" storm system approached the West Coast on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It came ashore over southern Oregon and northern California. By Wednesday the storm system had intensified into a

bomb cyclone striking Seattle with hurricane force winds of 74 mph. The storm caused travel issues and would eventually stretch down to Southern California bringing rain of 0.2 to 0.4 inches in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. Mt. Baldy reported 10 inches of snow; then the storm moved on to Nevada and Arizona.

This year, though, for the CV,

Glendale and Burbank areas the NWS predicts, as Randy Newman would sing, "just another perfect day" with warm sunny weather. So, as we all enjoy a day of Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to be grateful for the great weather and send warm thoughts to those living in areas like Buffalo, New York who are expected to get even more snow today.

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