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Friedman Visits Council

By Mary O'KEEFE

Assemblymember Laura Friedman attended the Glendale City Council meeting on Tuesday night, Nov. 29, to give a wrap up of some legislation that occurred on the state level.

"We had a good year in Sacramento in terms of the budget and I was able to secure nearly \$15 million for the City of Glendale," Friedman said.

The funding was in response to requests made by the Council. Friedman said she was able to get funding for all of the requests but added this was typical.

Friedman was able to secure more than \$6 million for the Glendale Central Library, which would be used to complete the Children's Room and new teen center.

"With this money the Children's Room is fully financed," she said.

She also mentioned the \$6 million in funding she secured for the Verdugo Wash Vision; in addition she secured \$2.5 million to acquire open space in the north end of Glendale and \$100,000 for the Glendale Fire Dept. for fuel reduction work.

She also secured funds dedicated for the bridge that is to connect Glendale to Griffith Park.

As to legislation, she highlighted some bills that had been signed into law including AB 1933, which is a bill involving Heritage Housing Partners and Habitat for Humanity, two non-profits that build housing for low income residents.

"What this will do is allow for non-profit developers who are building 100% low income projects to be able to use the same tax incentives that they right now can use for rental properties [so they can build] home ownership properties," she said.

AB 452 is a bill Friedman said she worked on for three years that will require all school

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Promoting the Holiday Spirit of Giving

By Mary O'KEEFE

The holidays – and year-end tax benefits – encourage a spirit of giving.

Although many donate throughout the year to those in need and to non-profit organizations, the holidays highlight the power of giving.

There are so many ways to give over the holidays; below are just a few of the local organizations happy to accept donations: (Note – Unless noted, toys requested must be unwrapped and new. The food requested must be non-perishable items.)

Tierra Del Sol

Local resident Grace Chase continues her family's tradition, which is now in its 43rd year, of hosting a Christmas party for residents of Tierra Del Sol. The annual celebration was put on hold due to the pandemic but returns this year. The party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4 at noon at Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2411 Montrose Ave.

Guests are exceptionally disabled men and women who range in age from 25 to 70.

According to Chase, the goal is to provide them a wonderful afternoon serving lunch and playing games. The party ends with a visit from Santa.

Chase is hoping that people will open their hearts and give a new wrapped gift for one of the guests. It could be anything appropriate for a man or a woman but needs to be new. Once wrapped, it should be labeled and dropped off to Chase at her home at 2169 Crescent Ave. in Montrose. For more information, email chaser-mama@aol.com.

Glendale Police Department

The Glendale Police Officers' Association (GPOA) Cops for Kids program has been reaching out to families in need for over three decades. The program started with six families being helped because that was all the funding the GPOA had for the program. Over the years it has grown and so far this year will be helping 28 families.

Amy Tate is the coordinator for the toy/food drive. She reaches out to local elementary schools and works



File photo
At the 2021 event at CV Park, a young visitor shares with Santa his wish for Christmas.

with staff to find families in need of support. Some are referred by officers see GIVING on page 8

Verdugo Wash Vision Project Still A Concern

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Verdugo Wash Vision is a project proposed by the City of Glendale to promote "an urban design experience that will create memorability and recognition as a 'must visit' urban experience," according to the definition of the project on the City's website.

The project would create a 9.4-mile long linear park and nature trail for walking/cycling with access to business and entertainment venues ... it interweaves several important city centers, services and a multitude of neighborhoods, according to the City.

It is that later definition that worries many of the residents in the neighborhoods that butt up against this new "Vision." Those residents have voiced their concerns at outreach meetings and at a recent Nov. 15 City Council meeting. The issue is not that

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File photo
One of the main concerns of residents who live next to the Verdugo Wash is a lack of privacy if the Verdugo Wash Vision project moves forward.

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Kicking Off the Season in Style

Steve and I were out of town from Friday – the kickoff to the holidays at the Montrose Shopping Park – until Sunday. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the tree lighting and accompanying festivities hosted by the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. However, Mary O'Keefe did a fine job of summarizing the events that included "snow," carolers, members of the Glendale City Council and city manager, a vintage fire truck and the man himself: Santa Claus. (You should find her story on page 8; if not, go online.)

Renamed Plaid Friday from White Friday (which was adapted from Black Friday), the event encourages people to shop locally, supporting small retail businesses.

And we've got some great local merchants. For example, It Takes A Village has some adorable clothes for kids; Holiday House has some of those "hard to find" items that make great gifts; Once Upon A Time bookstore, the oldest children's bookstore in the nation and, farther east, Flintridge Bookstore, offer some not-to-be-missed titles that would be welcome under any tree.

As far as cocktails and dining, Montrose has got everything a person could want: delicious Italian food, American cuisine (and a great bar at Gus & Andy's), live music and a varied menu at Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill, Mexican food, Chinese food and more. Traveling outside Montrose offers even more dining choices.

I'm looking forward to the return of the Montrose Christmas Parade happening on Saturday at 6:10 p.m. sharp. Thousands are

expected to line up along Honolulu Avenue between Rosemont Avenue and Verdugo Road to cheer on those businesses, organizations and dignitaries that represent the Crescenta Valley. Since 2009, CV Weekly has supported and participated in the Parade every year there has been one (a nod to COVID cancellations). And we are in good company as far as supporting the Parade: check out pages 10 and 11 of this week's paper and you'll find a list of sponsors.

We are already planning on riding down Honolulu on a flatbed provided by our friends at Bob Smith Toyota, sadly minus our "weather girl" Sue Kilpatrick.

Look for CV Weekly and give us a wave!

And for those who decorate their house for the holidays, please send us your name and address so we can include you in this year's Merry & Bright Holiday Light and Display Tour. There are some really creative people who live in our area and we'd love to spotlight them and their displays – and enter them in our contest of "best ofs." Just so you know, we do not include the addresses of folks who don't send us their information. So if you know of any houses that should be a part of our holiday light and display tour, tell them to send their information to Hollyween@cvweekly.com.

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» WEATHER WATCH

By Mary O'KEEFE

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

Anyone who has been to Disneyland for its holiday celebration knows what happens at the end of the fireworks presentation ... it snows. SoCal snow can be experienced without wearing a heavy winter coat and you won't have to get out the snow shovels.

Coming from Iowa, the first time I was caught in a "fake snowstorm" was a little strange. It didn't exactly look like real snow but there was something about seeing the light fluffy bubbles float from the rooftops of Disney's Main Street that made it actually feel like a white Christmas. Then the bubbles would pop and the illusion was gone; however, for that brief moment it was magical.

Most know the mythical story of how the film industry came to Hollywood. The costs of production were growing in New York and working through the winter was difficult. In the early 1900s, director D.W. Griffith and his crew got on a train and traveled west. The story goes the director got off the train in Flagstaff, Arizona. It was cold and snowy so he got back on the train and continued to Los Angeles. The first movie studio was built in a real estate area called Hollywoodland, later shortened to Hollywood, and the rest is history.

Shooting in sunny LA was great but that didn't mean movies stopped filming snowy scenes. In those first films many different effects were used for snow including cotton and foamite (material used in fire extinguishers) mixed with soap flakes, sugar and water.

"For miniatures we've used baking soda," said Dennis Skotak, an Academy Award-winning visual effects artist whose films include "The Abyss" and "Aliens," to mention only a few.

He said they also used special paper products as well as polypropylene which is

a thermoplastic made from the combination of propylene monomers and microballoons – tiny glass bubbles.

"Microballoons looks like snow," he said.

He said the tiny glass bubbles create a snowing effect as they float down.

Another item used for miniatures is polyester fiberfill, like in pillows, according to Pat McClung, visual effects artist best know for "Armageddon" and "True Lies."

And for many films snowflakes are digitally added so actors stay warm on set while "snow" falls around them.

At Disneyland and other venues that have "snow" shoot out from machines, that is mostly tiny bubbles made of water and surfactants, a compound that reduces the surface tension of a liquid. It's basically tiny bubbles that glitter and float.

Even though in movies and at events the temperatures don't match the snowy scene there is something about the visual of snow, whether real or fake, that makes one feel cozy and in need of a hot chocolate.

For us, this week "cold" is not something that is imagined. There are two storm systems heading our way. The first is predicted to arrive Thursday night into Friday morning.

"It [will be] a little weaker [than originally expected] and it's moving faster than we thought. We are trimming back the [expected] rainfall amounts from 1/2 inch to 1 inch," said David Sweet, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). "There is another system coming through Saturday night into Sunday morning, and that's quite a bit drier with [expected rainfall] of 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch."

"There is a possibility it could start raining at [6 p.m. on Saturday] but it probably will hold off until later Saturday night," he said.

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NEWS

A First Place Summer Robot Win

By Mary O'KEEFE

Clark Magnet High School Circuit Breakers robotics team 696 is getting ready, along with thousands of other high school robotics teams, for this year's FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robot competition. The description of the type of game in the competition will be released on Jan. 7, 2023. From that point forward teams only have a few weeks to decide how they will play the game; for example, offensively or defensively, then design and build the robot.

But for Clark students this is just another day in the world of robots ... and Team 696 loves a challenge. The team is coming off a first place win at this summer's Gene Haas Foundation Beach Blitz held at

Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo.

Dino Hunter, a senior at Clark, is the lead electrical person and programmer with 696. He said the team's winning robot was the fastest and more consistent.

"It was one of the fastest [robots in FIRST] in California," he said.

Each year the FIRST competition announces the type of game that robots are to play. In the past the games have been a type of basketball, soccer and even a form of robotic tic-tac-toe. In almost every game robots can gain points by being able to lift, or climb, themselves up off the field floor. The Clark robot was able to do this every time.

Alex Boghossian is a senior and part of the manufacture and construction sub-team of 696. He has found Team 696 has

taught him many skills including leadership and dealing with all types of personalities.

Team 696 has gone through some changes lately. In the past only juniors and seniors could join the team but now it is open to students in all grades. Both Boghossian and Hunter think this is a good move.

"It's a great opportunity for [upperclassmen] to train [underclassmen] students," Boghossian said.

Hunter said a lot of teams this year are "rookie" teams so the chance to

mentor is something he is looking forward to.

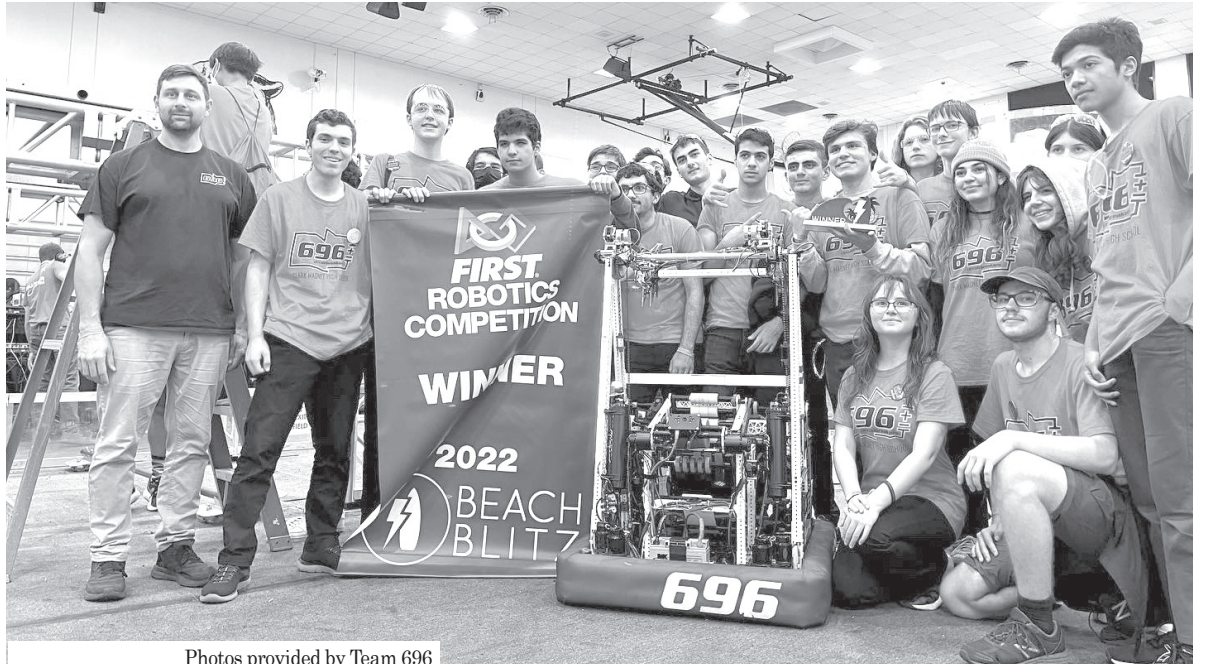
"We want to always make robots fun," he said.

When the challenge is released most teams take time to run through a checklist of what will need to be done and then brainstorm on design.

"Everybody gets hyped up thinking what [the robot] might be like," Hunter said. "Usually we discuss the design and everyone shares their input."

Hunter and Boghossian are

excited about the next challenge while acknowledging their last year on Team 696. They are very proud of what they have accomplished while on the team and their latest first place win. Though they have had a few weeks to bask in that victory, almost immediately they began thinking of what needs to be done to make the next robot even better. They'll strategize what went right and what needed improvement as they prepare for the next game ... and the next competition.



Photos provided by Team 696
The first place team at the 2022 Beach Blitz.



IN BRIEF

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.

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 freeway off-ramp is Saturday, Dec. 3. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 7:30 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools.

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.

GWP HOSTS ELECTRIC CAR GUEST DRIVE

Glendale Water & Power is sponsoring an electric car guest drive event on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glendale City Hall parking lot. The event is an educational demonstration and test drives will feature a wide variety of electric vehicles (EVs) including the Tesla Model 3, Tesla Model S, Ford F150 Lightning, Ford Mustang Mach E, Chevy Bolt and several others.

Residents interested in test driving the EVs must register on the event website at <https://gwp.evnavigator.com/ecgd.html>. Guests who are interested in only viewing the EVs and learning about GWP's EV and conservation programs do not need to pre-register online and can attend the event at any time. It is being held at City Hall Complex at 120 N. Isabel St. Free parking for is located at 650 E. Wilson Ave.

More information about the event is available at the electric car guest drive website at <https://gwp.evnavigator.com/ecgd.html>.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE EDUCATIONAL TOUR - INSECTS IN TROUBLE

On Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the community is invited to learn about the frightening decline in the insect population, the adverse

consequences to people and how the public can help reverse this crisis. Dr. Jim Hogue, an insect admirer and expert, will be visiting the Rosemont Preserve to speak about this subject. He teaches evolution and entomology (study of insects) at California State University, Northridge and he manages CSUN's Biological Collections including about 100,000 insect specimens. Dr. Hogue co-authored the "Field Guide to Beetles of California." He grew up in Los Angeles, earned a B.S. in Biology from UCLA and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Aquatic Ecology at Utah State University.

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

The Rosemont Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain-link fence. Please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., and walk two blocks north to the Preserve. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot can contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at rosemontfriends@gmail.com. Wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail and bring water.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 3, there will be an "open gate" event at the Rosemont Preserve. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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.

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All Invited to Hanukkah in the Foothills



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From left are Joe DeCenzo, Vickie Sampson, Rabbi Janet Bieber, Anya Boyer, Lucy Levinsohn Berman and Franny McCartney.

For the seventh year the community is invited to spend the second night of Hanukkah with members of the Sunland Tujunga Arts, Recreation, and Culture Committee where the story of

miracles will be shared. Hanukkah in the Foothills takes place on Monday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 10438 Oro Vista Ave., Sunland. At sundown the menorah will be lit and everyone

will enjoy music, potato latkes and donuts.

This is a free event for all ages and faiths to come together and celebrate.

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LCIF News

The season of Advent has arrived and with it a way to worship from home on Wednesday evenings. Pastor Chuck Bunnell will broadcast a weekly online service at 7 p.m., each Wednesday until Christmas, on the church's YouTube channel. Sunday Advent services are held in person as well as online beginning at 10 a.m.

From the Latin word "coming," Advent is a time when Christians begin the liturgical year with preparation for the celebration of Christmas and anticipation of the second coming of Christ. In addition to Advent worship services, LCIF offers a family devotional time from 8:45-9:15 a.m. on Sundays in the church's conference room. All are welcome.

Children's church is offered every Sunday for young children, and confirmation class is available after worship service beginning at 11:15 a.m. for students in grades six-12.

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

Christmas at La Crescenta Presbyterian

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Flyby has Folks Looking to the Skies



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A reader saw these aircraft flying over the area on Nov. 21. She asked a pilot friend who lives in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, what it was she had seen.

"That's a ritual commemorating the flyer who's not ever coming back," he replied. "That group is the Condor Squadron based at Van Nuys. The airplane is a North American Aviation T-6 advanced training plane. Many were surplus after WWII and sold as low as \$500 FOB Texas. Can't be any original pilots flying them and Korea pilots are [older too]

so it must be Viet Nam vintage but they're almost through, too.

"Must be tough getting a flight together. My old friend Col. Morgan invited me along as observer on a search flight for a lost plane in the mountains in winter months. I declined as these old planes were very sparse on creature comforts and I'd have froze half to death I am certain. Remember searching for downed planes don't hear that much anymore."

Submitted by Julie KIRBY

Strong Finish for CVHS Boys' Cross-Country



The Crescenta Valley High School boys' cross-country team finished third in the Division 1 state cross-country championships on Saturday, Nov. 26 at Woodward Park in Fresno. This is the first time in program history that Crescenta Valley has reached the podium in the state championship meet. Individually, Parker Simmons finished third in the race with a time of 15:09.7. Great Oak won the meet with 67 points, San Clemente was second with 80, CV placed third with

167, Trabuco Hills fourth with 172 points. CV was fourth for most of the race but made a great move in the last mile to move into third place.

Other runners are Eddie Sion – 48th in 16:02, Harrison Connors – 54th in 16:06, Jamie Cartnal – 65th in 16:14, Liam Zadoorian – 73rd in 16:20, Josh Chambers – 103rd in 16:41 and Luke Cheney 108th in 16:43.

Submitted by Mark EVANS

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Sebastian Bach will be part of the celebration on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A dessert reception will follow the concert, which is free to the community; a free-will offering will be collected.

Two Christmas Eve services are being held: Saturday, Dec. 24 will feature music, prayer and an uplifting message along with live Nativity animals in front of the church. At 5 p.m., the LCP praise band The Blessed will lead worship. At 7 p.m., a candlelight service will feature music from the Cathedral Choir.

On Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m., a simple celebratory Christmas service will focus on the promise of Jesus' birth. Pajamas are more than welcome at this brief service in the LCPC Chapel.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcp.net or call (818) 249-6137.

Walk and Word

In December, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Dec. 8, 15, 22 & 29. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

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

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

Obituary

Angela Jaime Fyke



Nov. 25, 2022

It is with terrible sadness that the family announces the passing of Angela Jaime Fyke, 76, on Nov. 25 due to further complications from a stroke she suffered in 2011.

In 1965 Angela married Jim Fyke, who's own parents – Rolland and Dorothy Fyke – lived on Rock Castle Avenue in La Cañada. Jim and Angela raised their two children, Yvonne and James, in their first house on Los Olivos Lane in La Crescenta. As the children grew, they attended Lincoln, Clark and CV and Angela had time to pursue and earn her realtor's license. Later, when the children were grown, Angela worked in the medical field as a phlebotomist.

Angela had an honest character and a very strong work ethic, which all who knew her admired and respected. Angela was a highly dedicated mother and later grandmother who, without any reservation, would make selfless sacrifices of her time and energy for her children and grandchildren, sister, nieces and nephews. Angela adored her family, loved the outdoor beauty from Descanso Gardens to Mammoth to the beach. Angela loved all animals, especially cats, and ... coffee.

Her son James recalls that, as a sleepy baby, he would lay his head on his mother's lap while attending morning church services at First Baptist, La Crescenta.

"Her genuine love brought us all a sense of security. Thank God she was our mom," he said.

Angela lived a simple life. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

The family chooses to celebrate her life in happier times with a picture of Angela and her grandson, Ryan Fyke.

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GIVING from Cover

and detectives who have met with families during the course of investigations, Tate said. The

GPOA is now accepting toy and food items as well as cash donations.

Tate added what is really needed is gifts for older teen/preteen kids.

"Gift cards to fast food [restaurants], Starbucks and Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf," she suggested as well as other gift cards like to Amazon and Target. There have been some people who have donated cash, which allows Tate and her army of shoppers to get the specific things the kids ask for.

Throughout the year the GPOA holds fundraisers to raise money for Cops for Kids, including golf and poker tournaments. Tate also reaches out to sponsors who have helped in the past and she is always looking for more to help.

Tate and her staff of volunteers talk to the families to find not only what they need but also what the children want from Santa.

This program is designed as a very personal outreach and Tate works on this project yearlong. She is familiar with the history of the families and how the children have changed over the years.

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ABOVE: From left, Councilmember Ara Najarian, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Councilmembers Paula Devine, Elen Asatryan, Dan Brotman and city manager Roubina Golanian.

BELOW: Celebrating Plaid Friday in the Montrose Shopping Park.



By Mary O'KEEFE

"Plaid Friday" in the Montrose Shopping Park kicked off the holiday season

the day after Thanksgiving with carolers and a visit from Santa. The event encouraged people to support local business by shopping locally on Small

Business Saturday and also highlighted how unique the shops are in Montrose. State Senator Anthony Portantino, Glendale City Councilmembers Elen Asatryan, Dan Brotman, Paula Devine and Ara Narjarian all wished the audience happy holidays and voiced their support for shopping local.

Rory Campbell, a sophomore at Crescenta Valley High School, his brother Ramsay, a fourth grader at Franklin Elementary, and mom Kimberly have lived in the area for a long time but Friday was the first time they came to Montrose for the after Thanksgiving event. They said they enjoyed the music performances and the lighting of the Montrose Christmas tree.

The Friday event also kicked off the holiday season in Montrose that includes free pony rides for kids, horse-drawn cart rides, holiday music performances along Honolulu Avenue and visits with Santa on the weekends through Dec. 18.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Weird Crescenta Valley

My newest book on the weirder aspects of our local history is now available, called "Weird Crescenta Valley: Historical and Natural Oddities." I tend toward the darker sides of history anyway so a selection of weird stories is right on the mark. The chapters are as follows.

Weird Supernatural – My favorite! Up first is a selection of a few of the local haunted places and stories attached to them. Ralphs supermarket, which I wrote about recently, is here. It's built over the site of a sanitarium for mental illness and apparently some of the patients never left! There are numerous stories of hauntings

in the supermarket aisles. The section of the book on abandoned Rockhaven Sanitarium boasts many ghost stories; what could be more likely for a haunting than an abandoned sanitarium? The chapter is rounded out with more ghost tales and some local UFO sightings, all conveniently from the 1950s when people didn't have cameras on them 24/7. And brought to you by the Angeles Sasquatch Association, a selection of Bigfoot encounters in the mountains above us.

Weird Photos – A cavalcade of shots I find unusual and the stories behind them: a rock star leading a live camel across a local bowling

alley, a giant head statue in a local park, workers installing freeway lane markers from go-carts and a live horse being lifted hundreds of feet in the air by a helicopter.

Weird People – This includes the story of a professional rainmaker who made it rain here in 1902. (It seems we could use his services again.) Nat King Cole's hit "Nature Boy" was written by a real nature boy who lived in Big Tujunga Canyon and the last truly "wild Apache" grew up near there as well. How about the sleaziest filmmaker in Hollywood history that lived and produced movies right here in La Crescenta? We

can "thank" him for such classics as "Freaks" and "Reefer Madness."

Weird Places – We learn the backstory on the crazy rock and junk walls of Dunsmore Park, which I call "the Watts Towers of La Crescenta." Aztec Park is a lost community of homes in the mountains, now only foundations,

with little clues to its origins. The entire story on a lost mine in the Verdugo Mountains is told and how massive concrete remnants still exist. And who knew Montrose once had an automobile factory?

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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Just The Facts, Ma'am

I would say I am a bit of an information junkie. Not that I need to have quick information at my fingertips for life's typical questions. I don't. Sometimes I actually prefer to just wonder about things, like we used to do before phones became more than a calling device.

But I am curious about the world around me and have become an observer of people. I like to know what is going on in my neighborhood whether good or bad. I like to read the newspaper and find interesting things to do or see photos of folks around town contributing in some

way. It doesn't matter if I know them or not. I like to chat with people about what they are doing and where they may be headed. It's getting harder to talk about politics or religion but I welcome those discussions to try to understand different points of view and to learn.

I also like to watch the news. I spend a lot of time dialing around, watching stories unfold from different angles. Did they catch the killer? Did the celebrity really do that? Did the politician resign? All fascinating stuff.

I love to hear about local history.

I recently attended a presentation by the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and learned that during WWII Disney and Warner employees were tasked with creating chicken wire molds and netting that looked like village scenes to disguise aviation sites from attack. The photos that were shown were amazingly deceptive.

I also like to share what I know with other people. As a steering committee member of the Crescenta Valley Community

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Rotary Club of Glendale (Noon) Makes Substantial Donations

The Rotary Club of Glendale (Noon) held a luncheon at the Glendale Police Dept. community room where it distributed \$50,000 to 12 different organizations with programs for at-risk youth. The funds were raised through the Rotary's Cars for Cops & Kids car show.

Cars for Cops and Kids has seen significant growth year-over-year, largely due to the support of donors and the Glendale community as a whole.

In 2017 the project generated approximately \$9,700; in 2022, the project generated just over \$60,000. Since its inception, the Cars for Cops & Kids project has raised approximately \$210,000, with all proceeds going to at risk youth causes.

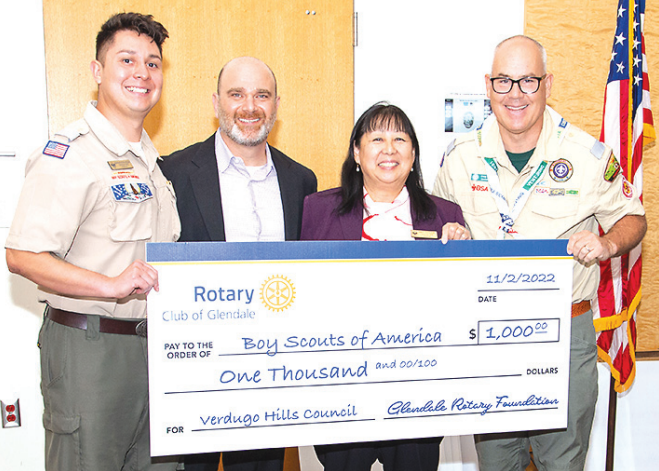
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- Pacific BMW, David Ho, Sevak Adamyan and Alicia Cruz
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Additional people and organizations that gave to the annual Cars for Cops & Kids event include Dad's Club of Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School, Karlo Nazarian (overseeing the food, drinks and beer garden at the event), 3BAuto Brokers and Narbeh Zohrabi.

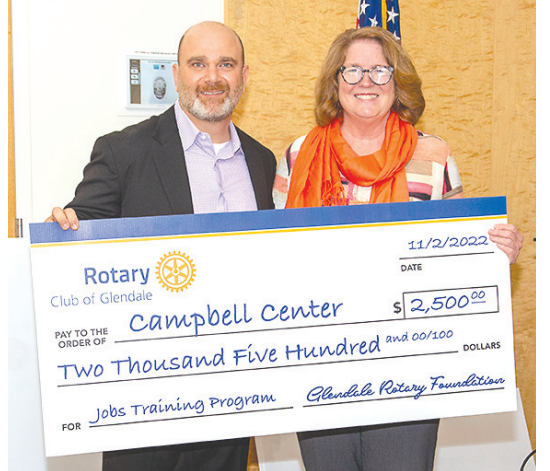
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To see more photos and to learn more, visit <https://www.glendalerotary.org/cars-for-cops-2022-police-luncheon>.

Photos provided by Rotary Club of Glendale (Noon)

LEFT: Amy Taylor, with Scouts, accepted a generous gift from the Rotary Club of Glendale (noon). RIGHT: Nancy Niebrugge accepts a donation on behalf of the Campbell Center.

VHWC to Sing For Local Venues

Ki Park, (right), the director of Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus (VHWC), announced the chorus will be performing for local venues after a long COVID hiatus. The chorus, whether masked or not, is eagerly waiting to perform while staying within the confines of each venue. Park is a longtime performer in churches and in community choruses. Performances are scheduled for December in the areas of La Crescenta, Glendale, Pasadena and Montrose. These venues are open and free of charge to the community.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m., VHWC will sing at Villa Gardens, 842 E. Villa St. in Pasadena. Guests must check in at the desk and wear masks.

On Monday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. VHWC will entertain at Sparr Heights Senior Living, 2640 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

At 2:45 p.m. the chorus will sing for residents and guests at Twelve Oaks Senior Living, 2820 Sycamore Ave. in La Crescenta.

On Monday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., VHWC members will sing at Morning Star of Pasadena.

At 3 p.m. they will entertain at Del Mar Park, 990 E. Del Mar Blvd. in Pasadena.

VHWC will sing at 2 p.m. at Windsor Manor, 1230 E. Windsor Ave. in Glendale followed by a visit to Scholl Canyon Estates, 1551 Chevy Chase Drive in Glendale at 2:30 p.m. It is advised that guests bring a mask to each performance.

VHWC began over 65 years ago as the Mother Singers and later became a member of the California Women's Chorus, Inc. (CWC), a non-profit statewide organization.

Currently CWC is trying to enhance its membership after losing many members due to not being able to get together and sing. CWC promotes choral music among women and raises funds for scholarships to benefit students pursuing a vocal musical career. There are no auditions, just a desire to share the love of music and to commit to weekly rehearsals September through June and performances as scheduled.

Any woman who likes to sing, be it in the shower or lulling a child to sleep, is invited to contact



Ki Park (818) 720-6465 or Gale Musker at (818) 257-2526 and check out the VHWC.

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The complexities of family caregiving are also compounded by who is providing the care and who is receiving the care. A spouse caring for their partner must manage their spouse's care while keeping up with their own aging-related issues. An adult child who is caring for an elderly parent may require juggling their own family's needs along with caring for the parent. Another family caregiving relationship that can be challenging is an older adult caring for a disabled adult child. As the parent ages, the physical demands of caregiving can take its toll and the parent's own health is often ignored.

November was National Family Caregiver month and the theme this year is "Caregiving Happens" – a reminder that it is not always convenient or expected. Caring for the caregiver is just as important as the care that is being provided to the family member in need.

Acknowledging that caregiving is a major stressor for many families, resources and programs are available through different avenues to support the entire family system. The USC Family Caregiver Support Center (www.fcsc.usc.edu) at the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology through its programs and services supports the journeys of both the care recipient and the caregiver. Caring for persons with dementia or Alzheimer's disease poses unique challenges. Alzheimer's Los Angeles (www.AlzheimersLA.org) and the Southern California Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/socal/) provide an array of educational and supportive services to help families navigate the complexities of caring for people with memory loss and cognitive impairment associated



with these diseases.

Locally, the Community Resource Center for Aging at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, in partnership with Home Instead and the Cañada-Crescenta YMCA, offers a "Caregiver Night Off" program once a month to provide respite and support to local families dealing with the daily challenges of caregiving. For more information about Caregiver Night Off and other resources for family caregivers, please call us at (818) 949-4033 or send an email to aging-resources@med.usc.edu.

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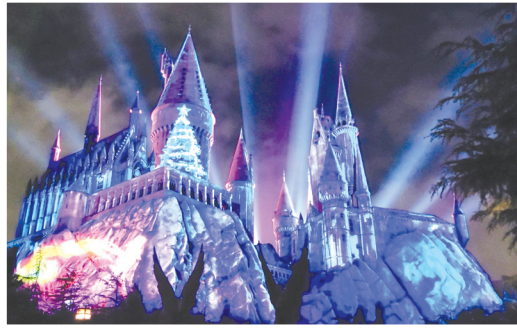
By Charly SHELTON

It's the time of year for sweet treats, a sarcastic yet heartfelt holiday wish and a curly Christmas tree. That's right – it's time once again for Grinchmas. The Grinch is back at Universal Studios Hollywood to celebrate his newfound love for Christmas as he brings all the holiday decorations back from Mount Krumpit. Of course he himself, The Grinch, is on hand to greet all Whos far and near as is his dog Max and a bevy of very excited Whos around town. From the nightly tree lighting to the Whobilicious treats like gingerbread cookies and cake jars to the festive shows that take place throughout the day, there's so much to explore at Grinchmas.



Photos by Charly SHELTON

ABOVE: A distinctive Christmas tree can be found as part of Grinchmas at Universal Studios Hollywood. BELOW: The magic of Christmas can also be found in the The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.



And just around the corner in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Hogsmeade Village has been decorated for Christmas as well. Magically lit garlands have been hung all over the town and, at night, Hogwarts Castle comes to life in a projection show celebrating the magic of Christmas.

Whether it's the silly fun at Grinchmas or the classic magical take on Christmas in the Wizarding World, the holidays at Universal Studios Hollywood offer something for everyone. The holidays at Universal are on now through Jan. 1, 2023.

THEN & NOW

La Crescenta Geyser Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » In the early 1960s, a car coming down La Crescenta Avenue sheared off the fire hydrant just above Foothill Boulevard. Bystanders were concerned the resulting 100-foot geyser would damage the power lines above, so this helpful young man backed his car over the gushing water. The water pressure lifted his car and he was trapped inside until the water was turned off. This weird photo and others are featured in the new book "Weird Crescenta Valley."



Now » This northwest corner of La Crescenta and Foothill is dry today but that fire hydrant is in the same place as it was 60 years ago. If it were sheared off now, no one would worry about the water getting into the power lines above as the utility lines were put underground a couple of decades ago.

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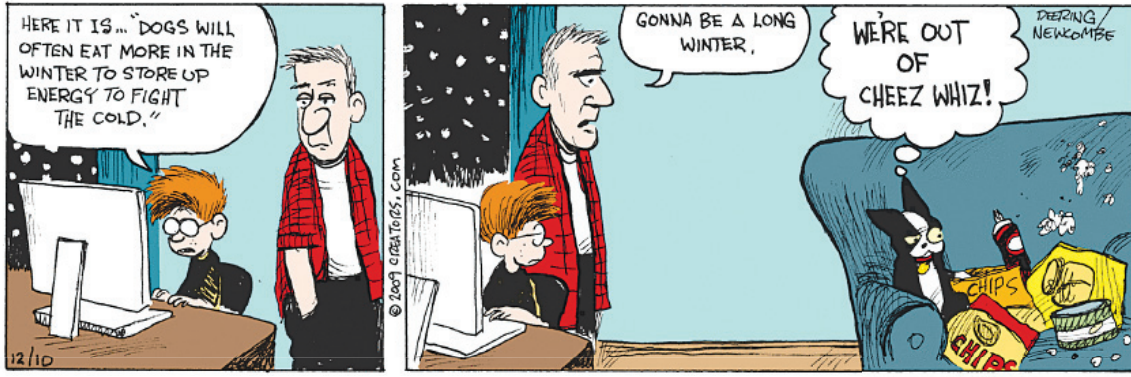
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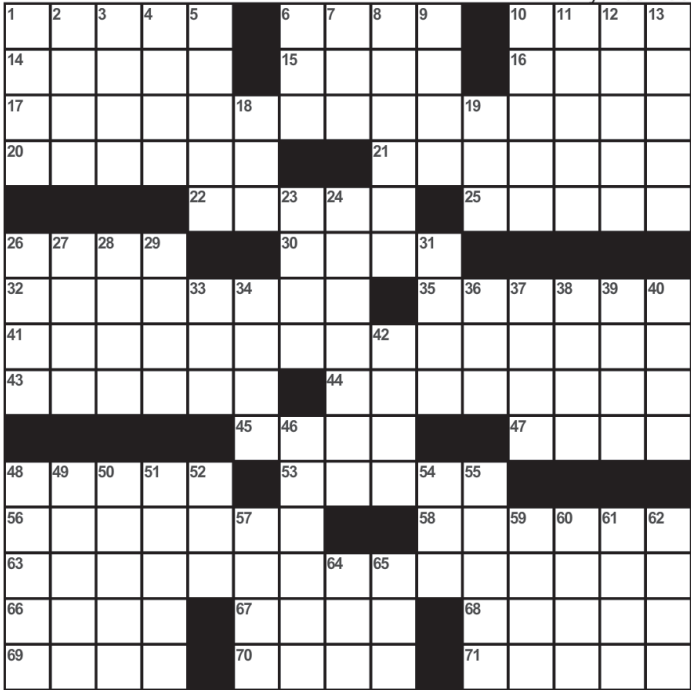
- 1) Tools for duels
- 6) Louisville Sluggers, e.g.
- 10) Public relations need
- 14) Brother of Moses
- 15) Bone ___ (study)
- 16) Orchestral "tuning fork"
- 17) They have supporting parts
- 20) Arctic plain
- 21) Wearable wares
- 22) Kind of node or gland
- 25) Prefix with "violet"
- 26) Miss America's accessory
- 30) Toward sunrise
- 32) "To tell the truth ..."
- 35) Wobbly, e.g.
- 41) Diplomatic official
- 43) Medium-sized sofa
- 44) Suppress, in a way
- 45) Farm storage unit
- 47) Tramp's companion
- 48) Oscar or Tony
- 53) Four-door model
- 56) Common sight in Arizona
- 58) ___ out at (reproved harshly)
- 63) Put one in the win column
- 66) Move like flood mud
- 67) Performances for one
- 68) Synthetic fiber
- 69) ___ the line (behaved)
- 70) Ball-shaped cheese
- 71) Clear the chalkboard

DOWN

- 1) Verifiable statement
- 2) Diamond Head locale
- 3) Persia, now
- 4) "Little ___ Fauntleroy"
- 5) Doberman's warning
- 6) "___ seriously, folks ..."
- 7) Barbary beast
- 8) Synagogue scrolls
- 9) Click the fingers
- 10) "___ Recall" (Sci-fi film)
- 11) Cancel, to NASA
- 12) Apple gizmo
- 13) Electric auto brand
- 18) Cartographic speck
- 19) "Brain" of a PC
- 23) Pinochle term
- 24) Due
- 26) Some flies or bunts, for short
- 27) Muscle malady
- 28) "Immediately!" in the OR
- 29) Wound
- 31) Dense clump of trees or bushes
- 33) Questionnaire datum
- 34) Harper and Stan
- 36) ___ King Cole
- 37) It's under the window
- 38) Length times width, often
- 39) Long-running conflict
- 40) TV sports prize
- 42) It's sometimes "junk"
- 46) Certain crustacean
- 48) English horse race
- 49) "Yippee!"
- 50) Like curious onlookers
- 51) Wore the crown
- 52) N. or S. state, briefly
- 54) Kentucky boxing legend
- 55) Oyster shell interior
- 57) Tricky play, e.g.
- 59) Rigel or Vega, e.g.
- 60) Georgetown athlete
- 61) Winged god of love
- 62) Force of physics
- 64) Chicken ___ king
- 65) ___ and vigor

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By Rob Lee

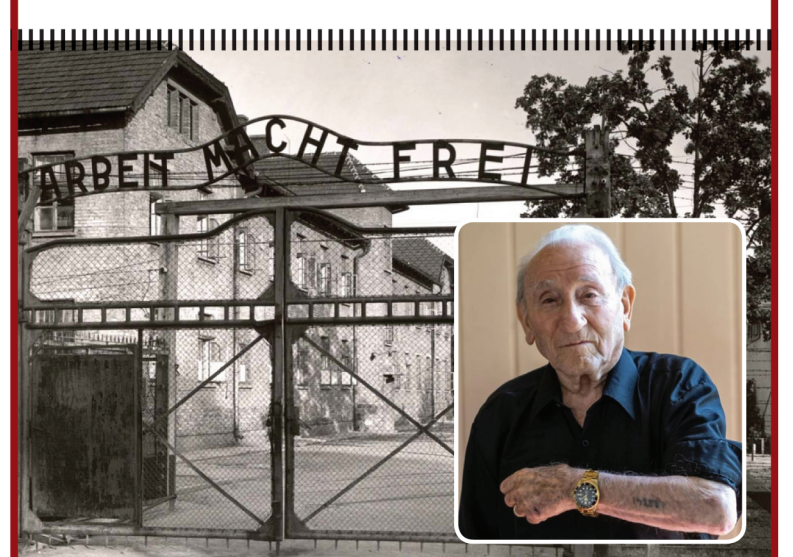


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My Lowe's extended protection plan doesn't work. Can you fix my dishwasher?

Joy Wills' dishwasher doesn't work. Her extended protection plan purchased through Lowe's isn't working, either. It's been six months – will she ever get a working appliance?

Q: I'm having difficulty getting plan that we purchased on our GE dishwasher. I can't get any power to the

appliance. Despite numerous visits by technicians, checking on the electrical issues ourselves and speaking with or emailing at least 15 different customer service agents at the call center, we are still without a functional dishwasher.

I have sent an email outlining the issues and requesting a resolution to the executive customer relations agent who responded most recently, as well as to your executive contacts. I have not heard back from them.

I am disabled and can't easily wash dishes by hand. That was the reason we purchased this dishwasher to begin with. It's been six months since my first call. I want my dishwasher replaced as soon as possible with a

comparable and working model. – Joy Wills, Hannibal, Missouri

A: You bought an extended warranty for your dishwasher through Lowe's. It should have either fixed your appliance quickly or replaced it.

I reviewed the terms of your extended protection plan. It promises that if your appliance fails for a covered reason, it will be "restored to normal operating condition" but it doesn't specify a timeline. That's the problem. Lowe's can technically make you wait for as long as it wants and you don't have a choice. But we can all agree that six months is way too long.

I'm not a fan of extended protection plans for two reasons. First, the

manufacturer or retailer should stand behind their products. So if something breaks, they should fix it without demanding you pay extra. And second, the terms on these warranties contain loopholes big enough to fit your dishwasher through. They're often worthless.

I have more information about how to negotiate better service on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. I see that you also tried to contact a Lowe's executive. Nice job on the self-advocacy!

I contacted Lowe's on your behalf. After considerable back-and-forth with the company, someone from Lowe's extended protection plan called you. That representative offered you \$634 (the amount you originally paid for the dishwasher), which you accepted. Lowe's also gave you a \$100 credit for installing a new dishwasher.

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

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

DECEMBER VERDUGO HUUT
The community is invited to enjoy music, comedy and prizes. The Saturday, Dec. 3 event includes home cooked snacks and beverages, original holiday songs and a sprinkle of not-so-holiday tunes for the neighborhood grinchies. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Tickets are only \$10 at the door when mentioning this blurb.

BIRDWALK ON THE RIVERWALK
The community is invited to the annual bird watching trek at the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk along the Los Angeles River in the City of Glendale. This is a rare opportunity to spend time watching the birds that are on the river during the fall and winter months. The leader for the morning is Kyle Gerber. Bring binoculars and a camera to view and capture photos of these fine-feathered friends.
Meet at 300 Paula Ave. in Glendale on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8 a.m. Event is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
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Celebrating the Holidays

Last Friday's annual Montrose tree lighting ceremony kicked off the beginning of holiday shopping, family gatherings and celebration of our country's traditions; however, nothing quite matches the pomp and excitement of this Saturday's Montrose Christmas Parade. Now celebrating its 44th year, Parade watchers of all ages will be lining both sides of Honolulu Avenue cheering and enjoying the fun as, this year, former City of Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis is honored as the Parade grand marshal.

It's always fun watching the expressions of joy on the faces of children of all ages as various entries march along the Parade route. And, of course, the always anticipated wait for Santa at the end of the Parade is the perfect way to complete the evening of fun. This year our Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce proudly supports the Montrose Christmas Parade Association as a bronze sponsor and will participate with a decorated classic truck

entry along the Parade route. Be sure to wave and cheer as we pass by ... we promise to wave back!

As usual, Parade day weather calls for some possible morning sprinkles but cool and crisp temperatures in the evening. So bundle up and "Come Home to Montrose" to have some holiday fun!

Announcements

Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 1, is our Recognition Awards Banquet at the Glendale Elks Lodge. This is the evening we recognize and honor individuals, organizations and businesses that have inspired us throughout the year. Our 2022 Award recipients are Woman of the Year – Donna Libra; Man of the Year – Joe Allen; Business of the Year – RestoKleen; Organization of the Year – Community Foundation of the Verdugos; Educator of the Year – Mathew Schick; Student of the Year – David Green; Volunteer of the Year – Chuck Hughes; Glendale Police Dept. Officer of the Year – Officer Bryan Duncan; Crescenta

Valley Sheriff Deputy of the Year – Deputy Vostanik Grigoryan; Altadena California Highway Patrol Officer of the Year – Officer Robert Manzano; Los Angeles County Firefighter of the Year – Firefighter Specialist Joshua Swaney; and our Community Beautification Award – Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

Congratulations to each of our deserving 2022 Recognition Award recipients!

Emergency Preparedness Tip

This year consider a gift of emergency preparedness to family members or friends. It's easy and simple and can be organized with the following items: food products that keep (i.e. meal bars, snacks or MREs), a hand-cranked radio, flashlight with extra batteries, solar-powered cellphone charger, first aid kit, books and items for kids to enjoy, personal hygiene comfort kit including toothpaste and toothbrush, and a waterproof pouch or backpack containing gloves, batteries, duct tape, whistle and moist



From left are CV Sheriff Captain Robert Hahnlein, Chamber president Michael Riley and CV Sheriff Deputy Vostanik Grigoryan seen receiving his certificate as the CV Sheriff Deputy of the Year.

wipes. If possible, include \$75 cash in small denominations. You should be prepared for a minimum three days on your own!

CV Chamber Membership Opportunities

If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantag-

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Remember our Chamber motto: "Our Business is Your Business."

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MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » MAVIL AGHADJANIAN

It's beginning to look a lot like...

With all of the cozy and cheery holiday December happenings in Montrose, it truly feels like we live in a town in a Hallmark movie. If you missed the Montrose Christmas tree lighting ceremony last weekend, do not worry; you can still catch the Montrose Christmas Parade this

Saturday at 6:10 p.m. (rain or shine). On weekends through Dec. 18, at the shopping park you'll find a horse-drawn trolley, pony rides, strolling carolers, Christmas music and Santa Claus, courtesy of the Montrose Shopping Park Association. Come experience the magic of Montrose

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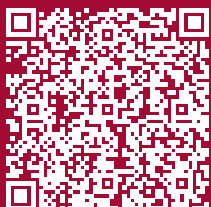
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AB 2309 strengthens the guardianship of foster youth to be placed with family members or family friends.

AB 2344 would require Caltrans to consider where they need to add wildlife crossings.

AB 1909, the OmniBike bill, will remove "pretexts for harassing people on bikes, help people on bikes and people in cars share the road more safely, expand e-bike access, and legalize common sense biking," according to calbike.org.

She praised Glendale for providing more housing "where it made sense." She added she did not support SB 9 and SB 10.

"Do I think we should be adding housing up in the hills where there is fire risk? No and I didn't support SB 9 and SB 10 for those reasons because I think the locality should have more of a say," Friedman said.

Mayor Ardy Kassakhian asked City

staff to do a cost benefit analysis for the phases of the Verdugo Wash Vision.

There was a presentation on the creative crosswalk projects. The streets that will be affected by the new crosswalks are Adams Street and Palmer Avenue, Broadway and Columbus avenues and Broadway Avenue and Galleria Way. The choices that were made by the commission that was tasked with the choice were not to the liking of many of the Councilmembers.

Kassakhian said he understood the design was to bring attention to the crosswalk and would be more visible and therefore a safer crosswalk for pedestrians and vehicles; however, the designs did not reflect the diversity of the City. He showed photos of creative crosswalks in Chinatown in Los Angeles that highlighted the culture of the area.

Kassakhian was the lone "no" vote on moving forward with the artwork that had been presented. The mayor said he wanted to make a point with his vote that staff should be more active and

inclusive of the cultural diversity of the city in the future.

There was a debate on the appointment of one Glendale member to the Burbank-Glendale Pasadena Airport Authority Commission. Retired Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis and former Glendale City Councilmember Frank Quintero had been nominated. Povilaitis had withdrawn his nomination and Councilmember Elen Asatryan voiced her desire to be appointed to this commission, which seemed to catch the other Councilmembers off guard. That led to a debate/discussion that, as Kassakhian described, became a bigger issue than it needed to be. Two callers showed support for Asatryan; however, one of the callers appeared to apply age discrimination in his choice of Asatryan over Quintero, which was pointed out by Councilmember Paula Devine.

In the end the Council voted four to one for Quintero to be voted onto the commission in a term that will last until May 31, 2025. Asatryan voted for herself.

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residents oppose a walking/biking trail or a city park but that the proposed path is so close to many of these residential homes, in some cases about three feet from their backyard. Those who have spoken out against the project have many concerns including lack of privacy, environmental issues and risk of fire.

"Many conversations took place with staff and [City] Council members and we were provided assurances on many occasions that [the path] would not come north of the basin," said Patrick Murphy, a member of the Verdugo Wash Neighborhoods Coalition (VWNC) and Save the Wash.

Save the Wash and VWNC are grassroots efforts to bring awareness of the project to residents in the far north area of Glendale including Whiting Woods and the Sycamore area. Many of these are residents whose backyards are close to the wash.

Murphy said an executive summary apparently left out the risk of fire, which is a major concern for residents along the wash.

"The hills and mountains above Whiting Woods have not burned in over 60 years and the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. has designated this entire area as an 'extreme fire hazard zone,'" he said.

Residents throughout extreme fire risk areas are either finding their fire insurance rates rising substantially while some are finding their insurance companies canceling their policies completely.

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