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Council Comes to a Local Neighborhood

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council held its weekly meeting not at city hall as typical but at Griffith Manor Park in the Riverside Rancho area of the city. This was the first time since the pandemic that the Council in Your Neighborhood program was held. It is a way for the Council to connect with residents throughout the city who do not travel to city hall for the Council's regular meetings. It is also a way for councilmembers to get to know areas of the city with which they may not be familiar.

"We won't be taking any action this evening in part because we can only take action and take votes within Council chambers," explained Mayor Ardy Kassakhian.

Kassakhian said he thought this was the first time the Council had met in the area. The Council in Your Neighborhood, according to City Manager Roubik Golanian, was brought back at the request of Kassakhian when he became mayor.

On the agenda was discussion on four areas: Glendale Narrows Riverwalk and Community Services and Parks Program, Garden Bridge Project, Residential Horse Manure Collection Program and the Verdugo Wash Project and Housing Element.

Presentations on these topics had been made in the past at Glendale City Council meetings but the Council in Your Neighborhood meeting opened the topics to those who don't regularly attend the Tuesday night Council meetings in chambers.

Several residents in the area spoke of specific concerns in their neighborhood, which has several horse properties. Issues raised during the Riverwalk portion, which also included an overall discussion on programs offered by Community Services and Parks, concerned the unhoused in the area.

Councilmember Dan Brotman praised the Community Services and Parks Program for the way it approached the unhoused in Glendale. The approach is to find services, including shelter, for those unhoused. He also praised the Glendale Police Dept. for its involvement as well as its homeless outreach team.

Brotman spoke on how Glendale dealt with its unhoused population compared to Los Angeles,

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New Town Council President Outlines Goals

By Mary O'KEEFE

Chris Kilpatrick is named the new CV Town Council president.

There was a changing of the guard, so to speak, at the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) meeting last Thursday.

Chris Kilpatrick is now CVTC president; Harry Leon, who has served as president for the last seven years, is now serving as vice president.

Kilpatrick grew up in La Crescenta and is a 2003 graduate of Clark Magnet High School.

"I grew up here, own a business here. I think this is a special place and one reason why is because of the people [who] give their time [to the community]," Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick went to college and lived in Orange County for a while and then in West Hollywood, but the Crescenta Valley was never far from his mind, or heart.

Living in other places gave him a good perspective of how unique Crescenta Valley is and made him want to move back. Historically, the CV area has had active community involvement and Kilpatrick wanted to come back to help. His mother Sue was an activist in the community and attended many CVTC meetings. As a young man he had been taken to several of those meetings. One of the first

times he was at a meeting, and the first time he spoke at a meeting, was in 2017.

During that time the pavement and rehabilitation project for the Foothill (210) Freeway was floundering. CVTC gathered together for a meeting elected officials, Caltrans and other agencies involved. Kilpatrick spoke at that meeting and noticed how influential the CVTC was – not only in the gathering of the officials but by the way they listened to everyone's concerns.

As president, Kilpatrick wants to do more outreach to community members to give them a voice on what happens in their neighborhoods. And one of the first things is to explain where the unincorporated area of La Crescenta-Montrose is as compared to the Glendale-Montrose area.

"It is shocking the level of confusion that exists, even among some officials and public services, of where the unincorporated La Crescenta-Montrose is," he said.

There are some issues that he knows CVTC will have to deal with and he is ready to bring them to the public to discuss. These include housing and SB9, which allows more freedom for property owners to add to their location ADUs and other additional living areas.

"Overall, housing is something we



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 Outgoing CV Town Council president Harry Leon, left, hands the gavel – and the responsibilities of the presidency – to Chris Kilpatrick.

can't shy away from," he said. "We are in a housing crisis."

SB9 is a state mandated law gives cities and neighborhoods very little choice in setting building ordinances. Kilpatrick said La Crescenta-Montrose was required to add 1,300 more housing units.

"The [LA County] Housing Dept. came back [suggesting] seven to eight story buildings," he said of their ideas on how to add housing.

Kilpatrick said CVTC worked with the department and after rezoning

parts of Foothill Boulevard came up with a solution with which the majority of councilmembers agreed.

"What we would like to do is look at these new housing bills before they [become law]," he said. "It's hard to discuss something after it's already happened."

His priority, though, is working on traffic safety, especially around schools. He added the small neighborhood streets around schools were not designed to have the amount of traffic that is now prevalent.

Another Accident Outside Preschool

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Friday night at approximately 7 p.m. a vehicle came inches away from plowing through the front entrance of Robbin's Nest Preschool and Kindergarten in the 2900 block of Honolulu Avenue.

According to witness Rosalie Lukban, director of the school, the incident was not simply a traffic collision but actually started with reports of a driver who appeared to be under the influence at Trader Joe's in the 2400 block of Honolulu Avenue.

"I came out of the school and saw the car in the middle of the street," Lukban said.

The vehicle, a silver four-door sedan, was facing west and was stopped in the center lane of Honolulu Avenue just west of the school. To Lukban it appeared civilians were talking to the male driver when he just drove away.

In an apparent attempt to flee the area he turned around, heading east then hit the curb in front of Robbin's Nest and came to a stop with the front of the vehicle near the front entrance to the school.

"If it wasn't for those bushes the car could have hit the building," Lukban said.

The vehicle ran into some decorative vegetation in front of the school.

CVW has contacted GPD for more



Photo by Rosalie LUKBAN
 On Friday night around 7 p.m. a car comes to rest outside Robbin's Nest Preschool and Kindergarten just inches from the front entrance of the school.

information on the circumstances of the accident and apparent DUI arrest; however, the report concerning the incident had not been completed and no information was available, according to Sgt. Victor Jackson.

This is not the first accident at the school in recent months. In

September a driver who was attempting a U-turn nearby lost control of her vehicle, hit a Tesla that had been parked in front of Robbin's Nest and careened into the front of the school. The vehicle had crashed into the restroom that was located in the front of the building.

"Thank goodness no one got

hurt," Lukban said.

The entire room and front wall of the building had to be repaired, including the newly planted vegetation that the vehicle on Friday night crushed.

Lukban had written a letter and

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Celebrating Those Who Make A Difference

On Thursday I had the opportunity to attend the annual installation luncheon of the CV Chamber of Commerce and the grant distribution for the Mary Pinola-CV Chamber Education Fund. Looking around the room I recognized most of the faces, though there were several “newbies” I didn’t know. The attendees, though, were there to support the work of the chamber of commerce (which hosts several fundraisers throughout the year including the popular Hometown Country Fair – this year on April 29, bingo, golf tournament, monthly mixers and scholarships for deserving high school seniors).

It was exciting to see how many people understand the importance of the work of the chamber and want to join this dynamic group. (To do so, call the chamber office at [818] 248-4957.)

I also enjoyed seeing the recipients of this year’s grants. Each recipient was grateful for the financial support and I learned something about each organization.

To read more about last Thursday’s luncheon and grant distribution, see page 10 of this week’s paper.

There are so many people who work “behind the scenes” to make sure our Crescenta Valley remains the jewel that it is. Most are part of local organizations that help facilitate this. Among these was Ken Biermann.



“Mr. Biermann” as he was commonly known through throughout Valley – perhaps because he was involved for over two decades at Crescenta Valley High School – died on Jan. 5 due to complications from COVID. He was an active part of the CV Chamber of Commerce, among many other organizations, and was instrumental in securing the beautiful Chevy Chase Country Club for our installation luncheon and grant distribution on Thursday.

Steve and I attended the celebration of life for Ken on Sunday held in the auditorium at the high school – a fitting location considering his years as coach and principal at the high school. It was also large enough to handle the hundreds of people who came out to say goodbye.

Ken, like the other icons in our Valley we’ve recently lost, you’ll be missed.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

Recently my daughter showed me a surf video she saw on social media. It was of Sebastian Steudtner, a surfer from Germany who set the Guinness World Record in 2021 for the biggest wave ever surfed. It was an 86-foot wave at Praia do Norte Nazaré, Portugal. I am not a surfer but I can appreciate this tremendous accomplishment and when you watch the video his skill is evident.

And, of course, when I watched it my mind went to the movie “Escape from LA” and climate change (yes, it is not easy being in my head).

In the 1996 movie “Escape from LA,” Kurt Russell’s character S.D. “Snake” Plissken, a convicted bank robber, was sent to Los Angeles where “undesirables” have been deported, to retrieve a stolen doomsday device. This followed the previous movie “Escape from New York.”

In one chase scene, one of the strangest chases ever, Plissken caught a wave from a tsunami and surfed down the middle of downtown Los Angeles. Perhaps the best part was his surfing buddy Pipeline, played by Peter Fonda.

Throughout the entertainment business surfing has played the background in several screenplays, from a group of surfing bank robbers in “Point Break” to the Vietnam War and Robert Duvall touting the smell of napalm in the morning in “Apocalypse Now.” There are even surfers going to other planets like in the book “Songs of Thalassa” by Brian N. Tissot.

Despite that there are surfers all over the world and, to be honest, better waves than in California, surfing is iconic to the West Coast. I know that when I saw Kurt Russell riding a wave in the middle of LA there was

a sense of California pride that washed over me – and I am not a native Californian and I have never surfed! Yet I felt like applauding for the West Coast. The waves crashed and a Beach Boys’ song seemed to magically start.

There is a mystique to surfing, to chasing that perfect wave, and when watching Steudtner and his 86-foot wave that magical fusion of human and environment is even more obvious.

Part of this mystique comes from the waves themselves – how they are influenced outside the realm of Earth’s atmosphere.

“The Moon and Earth exert a gravitational pull on each other. On Earth, the Moon’s gravitational pull causes the oceans to bulge out on both the side closest to the Moon and the side farthest from the Moon. These bulges create high tides. The low points are where low tides occur,” according to NASA.

The simpatico relationship between surfers and climate is historic. In an article from Scripps News professional surfer Shaun Burns was quoted, “As surfers, you know, we’re kind of the stewards of the ocean. We’re able to see firsthand the changes that climate change is having on the ocean.”

He spoke about already witnessing what climate change has brought.

“I don’t know if there’s an exact moment,” Burns is quoted in Scripps News. “I think just growing up and seeing the cliffs around here eroding day by day and just understanding that just one simple rock change or one part of the cliff that breaks can change a wave.”

As reported in Scripps News, Dr. Dan Reineman, a scientist with California State University Channel Islands, and a surfer, has studied the relationship between coastal resources and coastal societies. In 2017 he

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CVCA WELCOMES 2023

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its first meeting of the year tonight, Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for foothill area residents to bring their concerns. For those who live in the Glendale portion of La Crescenta between Lowell and Pennsylvania avenues, the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting from 6:30-7:00 p.m. prior to the CVCA meeting. The agenda will include a vote and installation of the CHNA board members and a general update on the association.

Please join via Zoom. All are welcome. For further information and Zoom link, contact crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com or make inquiries via Facebook.

JAZZ NIGHT IN THE CAFÉ

The community is invited to Jazz Night in the Café featuring the award-winning CV Jazz Band. The event takes place on Friday, Feb. 10 from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Crescenta Valley High School café located at Glenwood and Prospect avenues in La Crescenta.

Tickets are \$15, which includes admission, dessert and dance lesson! Tables for four available by reservation for \$75. Advance purchase from any CVIM student or via Venmo @CVIM-Foundation. Attire is dressy casual, though “jazzy attire” is encouraged.

CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The CV Instrumental Music programs are hosting a clothing drive fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 12 from noon to 2 p.m. Drop off at the band parking lot (south of Community Avenue on Ramsdell Avenue). Items accepted include purses, backpacks, gloves, hats, belts, towels, sheets, blankets and more. NO undergarments (underwear, used socks and bed pillows).

Bag items in large white kitchen bags and label CVIM. Questions can be directed to 1stvp@falconmusic.org.

ANNUAL SPEAKERS CLUB CONTEST

The Lions Club is holding its annual Speakers Club Contest on Saturday, Feb. 11. The contest is open to all students in the Crescenta Valley area who are in grades nine-12. The winner of the local club contest will receive \$100 and move on to the Lions Club International Zone Contest held in mid-March.

Those interested in participating or those who would like more information can contact lions91214@gmail.com.

More details and official rules regarding the contest can be found at <https://www.md4lions.org/student-speakers-contest>.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, March 7 at 10 a.m. Casa Adobe de San Rafael in Glendale is the location of the observance of Arbor Day by Glendale Beautiful.

Glendale Beautiful, in cooperation with the City of Glendale’s Community Services and Parks Dept., asks the public to attend the annual observance. Take part in this community-wide effort by contributing to the purchase of a tree or by supporting trees throughout the city. For donation and other information, visit www.glendalebeautiful.org/arbor-day.

In case of rain, the event takes place at Brand Studios, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

Casa Adobe de San Rafael is located at 1330 Dorothy Drive in Glendale.

Lunar New Year Celebrated at Glendale Community College



By Ruth SOWBY

In recognition of the Lunar Year, Glendale Community College students, staff and faculty created their own celebratory Chinese lanterns under the supervision of campus Cultural Diversity Coordinator Carla Ruiz. Traditional sweets also accompanied the festivities.

Also known as the Spring Festival in China, Lunar New Year is a 15-day celebration marked by many traditions and celebrated in a variety of countries and cultures, including Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan and Mongolia. The holiday is filled with rich culture and tradition that centers around the hope for good fortune and prosperity.

On Thursday, students from the campus Child Development Center were on hand to create their own lanterns with a little help from their teachers. The Center is a field-based teaching site that uses curriculum development and professional outreach as a resource for the community, campus school administrators, teachers and learners. A student from the Center, 5-year-old Glendale resident Ellia Manouk, was the picture of concentration as she created her lantern under the patient supervision of Center teacher Janet Margosian, also a Glendale resident.

Across the table was 5-year-old Sebouh Ghattas with his teacher Diane Carrillo, a Los Angeles resident. They were observed by Glendale Community College international student Tingting Gao. Gao is from China and currently lives in Pasadena. A little homesick, she wanted to experience the Lunar New Year as it is celebrated on campus.

“It was very authentic,” said Gao.

A highlight of the party and keeping in tradition, red envelopes (known as hongbao) were exchanged. The envelopes are usually filled with crisp new money and symbolize good wishes and luck in the year ahead. At the campus party instead of money wishes were exchanged as in, “Write a wish, take a wish.”

This year’s Lunar New Year celebrates the Year of the Rabbit. Last year was the Year of the Tiger. Traditionally, the celebration is marked by family reunions, parades and fireworks. According to one legend, a monster would emerge from under the Earth at the start of every year and eat villagers. Since the beast Nian (Chinese for “year”) was afraid of bright lights, loud noises and the color red, they were used to exile the beast.

But more than just the beginning of a new calendar cycle, Lunar New Year symbolizes reunion and rebirth, marking the end of winter and the start of spring.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

TOP: As part of the Lunar New Year celebration at Glendale Community College, Child Development Center teacher Glendale resident Janet Margosian guides Center student, 5-year-old Ellia Manouk, in creating her own Chinese lantern.

ABOVE: Glendale Community College Child Development Center student Sebouh Ghattas, 5, is helped to make a Chinese lantern by Center teacher Diane Carrillo.



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LCIF NEWS

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to attend its Sunday worship service with special guest The Rev. Toni Castañeda Carrera. Carrera serves on the local governing body for the Lutheran Church, the Southwest California Synod. Carrera is assistant to the bishop for Leadership Development and Authentic Diversity. The service on Jan. 29 begins at 10 a.m. in person. All LCIF services are live-streamed as well on the church's YouTube channel. 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.

LCIF is continuing its collection drive to help people in war-torn Ukraine. A list of urgently needed medical supplies can be found on the church's website, along with a link to an Amazon shopping list to make donating easy. LCIF is partnering with Ukrainian churches to get supplies where they are most needed. LCIF is also continuing its effort to help local people in need. Clean, gently worn clothing can be dropped off at the church office. The donated clothing will be taken to local homeless shelters.

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

NEW CLASS ON EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is hosting a new class on how to build emotionally healthy relationships based on core Biblical principles. The eight-week course, which is open to the community, began Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Through weekly videos and small group discussions, participants will develop skills to strengthen relationships with families, spouses, friends and co-workers by exploring such topics as how to stop mind reading and clarify expectations. The cost of course materials is \$25.

The course is part of La Crescenta Presbyterian's weekly Praise and Education for Adults and Kids (PEAK) program, which includes infant care and classes

for children and students of all ages.


Each Wednesday, a delicious and nutritious meal will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by classes beginning at 6:15 p.m. The cost of dinner is \$5 for adults and \$4 for kids sixth grade and younger, with a maximum of \$20 per family.

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

WALK AND WORD

In January, 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 Jan. 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



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Healthy Living 2023

Dealing with Grief

By Mary O'KEEFE

It seems that 2023 made its entrance with a long list of celebrities who died. Among them are guitarist Jeff Beck, music legend David Crosby and Lisa Marie Presley, to name a few. Within the Crescenta Valley the loss of community leaders has been overwhelming. Jean Maluccio, Calvin "Kaipo" Chock and Ken Biermann are three of those community members.

The loss of loved ones has caused family, friends and those left behind to grieve. CVW reached out to Rev. Beverly Craig, a grief counselor who has held grief counseling at her church, Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta. There are steps to grief according to many studies and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It lists steps in grief that include: shock, disbelief or denial, anxiety, distress, anger, periods of sadness and loss of sleep and appetite. These steps are not experienced by everyone in the order listed, and some deal with stress in completely different ways.

"Everyone grieves differently and many folks whose loved ones have passed away may not go through all of these steps," said Craig. "For example, if a person has been ill and in pain for an extended period of time, their passing would be more of a relief that they left a body that is no longer serving them. In that case there wouldn't be shock, disbelief or denial.

"When my mother passed after experiencing excruciating pain from both cervical and colon cancer at the same time and [was] in a tremendous amount of pain, I was deeply saddened because we weren't just mother and daughter, we were friends – and I was relieved she no longer had to suffer from pain. She passed in 1991 and I still carry love and memories of her in my heart."

Craig told a story that was shared with her while she was taking a grief class while attending seminary.

"Two individuals whose spouses had died married after a period of time. They then, months later after remarrying, began grieving their spouses who had passed," she said.

Craig added that her belief is that everyone grieves, but not all in the same manner. Some may be openly grieving while others keep their sorrow "behind closed doors."

"There are three deaths: the first is when the body ceases to function. The second is when the body is consigned to the grave. The third is that moment, sometime in the future, when their name is spoken for the last time," stated David Eagleman, a neuroscientist and author, in

eagleman.com.

It is this last death that is most difficult to deal with and may be something that is to be avoided.

"I do not recommend pushing aside thoughts of a loved one who has died," Craig said.

Being able to look at photos, to share stories of those who have passed and to honor them in some way, like on a holiday or on their birthday, is a good way to keep their memory alive while still grieving their loss. But there is a line between remembering and obsessing.

"I discourage obsessive thoughts and if that is happening counseling will help," she advised.

Even with counseling and rationalizing the loss, for some it can be overwhelming. Craig talked about having to deal with this type of grief in the past, when getting out of bed was difficult and moving on with life was even harder. She suggested finding a purpose – helping others and/or joining a worthwhile cause – something that puts the person back into the world with a positive purpose.

There are times when a community must grieve together; this can be a community of fans for a departed celebrity or a community of neighbors who have lost those who they may have not known personally or well but played an important part in their lives.

"A community grieves together. Services where clergy of various faiths participate are powerful and uplifting," Craig said. "I've observed when a crisis happens in a community, hundreds turn out for memorial services. The result is, collectively and individually, participants feel they've done what they can to ease the pain that is being felt by community members. I believe it is normal to feel the loss of an individual of persons we don't know. In my case, I grieved the recent deaths of the Riverside deputies. I checked in with myself. My grief was/is real. My heart is so very sad for the families of the deputies, the Riverside Sheriff's Dept. and Riverside residents. I believe most of us can relate that, just as we're moving past the grief from one situation, another happens as in the 11 whose lives were lost at the dance studio shooting. Even though I'm a minister, all of this is difficult to move through alone. I pray and talk to colleagues."

Grief is not limited to the death of a loved one; it can come at the end of relationship.

Craig said she believes that God has a plan for each person. She leaned on her faith after her divorce from her husband of over 23 years. She had teenage children at the time and the family dynamics were

difficult but her faith guided her through.

"Moving through the end of a relationship is stabilized by feeling the feelings and honoring them," she said.

By this she means that those feelings of loss should be shared, that talking about what a person is going through helps. She added that when she is counseling someone who is going through a breakup she encourages them to allow themselves to "feel all the feels," not to dismiss anything as trivial.

At times, even when people feel they are over the loss, they get a feeling they can't identify. It just feels like something is wrong. This can be grief of a past loss.

"In moments like these, prayer and meditation are most helpful," Craig said.

Grief can come from other forms of loss, including the loss of a way of life like graduating high school or college or just going out into the world.

"The experience of endings can bring on for some, but not all, feelings of grief. Some may look toward their future with joyous anticipation and others may have the feeling of sadness about what they're leaving behind and uncertain about what's next in their lives. For students graduating from high school most importantly is that they are heard and allowed to express what they are feeling," she added.

Accompanying many feelings of grief is guilt. This is normal, Craig assured.

"It is normal to feel guilty of a loss or what I consider unfinished business; however, releasing that guilt must be accomplished. In this instance, the negativity of the guilt puts an individual in a stuck position, not moving ahead with their own lives," she said.

Craig's sister's death had been an apparent suicide. Craig and her siblings felt guilty, asking themselves what they could have done to prevent the sister from making this choice. This is where, she said, her faith once again came to her side.

For those who do not have a belief in the afterlife, it is important to find a way to work through the guilt by talking to a therapist or friends. However it is done it is important to find a way to release the guilt.

"The most important thing to remember about grief is you are not alone. There are many avenues of support, including counseling with a therapist, clergy or friends and family," she said. "Individuals who I have counseled have benefited greatly with prayer and meditation. Do not hesitate to get support."

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Dignitaries Respond to Mass Shootings

By Mary O'KEEFE

Californians are mourning the loss of 18 people who were killed in two separate mass shootings.

On Saturday, while people were celebrating the Lunar New Year at a dance studio in Monterey Park, 10 people were killed and 10 were injured after 72-year-old Huu Can Tran opened fire into the crowd of dancers at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio. One injured person has since died.

According to reports, after killing and injuring so many victims in Monterey Park he went to Alhambra where he allegedly entered another dance hall. There he was disarmed. On Sunday, Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies located Tran's van in Torrance and discovered he died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Gov. Gavin Newsom was at the hospital visiting the victims of the Monterey Park shooting on Monday when word came in about another mass shooting that occurred at two mushroom

farms near Half Moon Bay. There were seven killed, four at a mushroom farm and three at another location, in this apparent workplace violence attack by Chunli Zhao, 67. The suspect is in custody.

"As a country, we have once again awoken to the horrific news that one of our communities has fallen victim to the needless despair of gun violence. I am heartbroken for the people of Monterey Park, a community I once had the honor to represent, and the families and friends of the victims," stated Representative Adam Schiff.

Representative Judy Chu used to live in Monterey Park and had served as its mayor. She released this statement:

"This shooting in my hometown of Monterey Park has torn a hole through all of our hearts. My thoughts and condolences go to the victims of this horrific crime, and to their families and loved ones who woke up this morning to the worst news imaginable. I can't even comprehend the pain

and suffering they are going through," she stated. "I have lived in Monterey Park for 37 years. I served on the city council, and as mayor three times in this city. If there is one thing I know, it is that Monterey Park is resilient. Our community is strong, and we will get through this terrible event together."

On Sunday, President Joe Biden also sent his condolences for the victims and the community.

"Jill and I are thinking of those killed and injured in last night's deadly mass shooting in Monterey Park. While there is still much we don't know about the motive in this senseless attack, we do know that many families are grieving tonight, or praying that their loved [ones] will recover from their wounds," he stated.

The motive for the Monterey Park shooting has yet to be reported as LASD continue its investigation.

Obituary

Laree Smith Martin



Dec. 6, 2022

Longtime resident of La Crescenta, winning CVHS gymnastic coach, creative dance choreographer and devoted mother of five (Day, Dawn, Durette, Darren and Damon), Laree Martin took her final bow and made her exit peacefully at her Mohave Valley, Arizona home on Dec. 6. She was 81 years old.

Being the oldest of three daughters of Yvonne and Marty Smith, Laree was a leader in her family and later in her CV community. She, and her late husband Jim Martin, gave their time and talents to many sports and organizations. Laree was named Woman of the Year by the La Crescenta Woman's Club. In 2015 she was inducted into the Crescenta Valley High School Athletic Hall of Fame after coaching CVHS gymnasts to many individual and team championships (1975-1993). Laree went on to fulfill a dream of owning her own gymnastic club and for 25 years it served many families in the Foothill and Inland Empire communities. During that time, she received the prestigious honor of being inducted into the SoCal Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

Laree was a natural athlete and teacher. She taught friends and family how to swim, water ski, snow ski, skate, tumble and dance. She was a go-go girl always ready to take on a project, solve a problem or plan an adventure. Her outstanding talent and determination inspired others and produced champions.

Loyalty and love were her guiding values in raising a family. She had a generous spirit and caring heart opening her home at times to teens who were struggling and needed a place to feel safe.

Laree is survived by her five children, 10 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two sisters, Melody Bowers and Tere Wilshin. She will be remembered as an energetic, active, fun-loving woman and mentor who made a difference in the lives of those she touched.

A private celebration of life party will take place on Feb. 4 at the family home in La Crescenta.

CRIME BLOTTER

Jan. 21

300 block of Knight Way in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle. A witness reported hearing a strange sound that drew her attention to the front yard. She looked out the window of her home and observed four to five people with masks standing by her vehicle. They were then seen getting into two vehicles, a newer model white Honda Accord and a grey Tesla Model 3. Neither of these vehicles had license plates.

The theft occurred between 5:30 a.m. and 6:20 a.m.

4600 block of Daleridge Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle. Surveillance footage shows two vehicles parked in front of and behind the victim's vehicle. Two unknown persons exited those vehicles and approached the victim's vehicle.

The theft occurred at 5:20 a.m.

Jan. 20

4400 block of Bel Air Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear glass door of a home was found partially opened and several

rooms had been ransacked. Nothing was reported missing at the time.

The residential burglary occurred between 7:32 p.m. and 7:47 p.m.

4700 block of Crown Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, the windshield was smashed, a mirror was broken and headlight casing was smashed on a vehicle overnight.

1100 block of Lavender Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident was awoken by the loud sound of a saw coming from outside her home. She witnessed two dark colored vehicles speeding away. Later that morning she found that the catalytic converter was stolen from her vehicle overnight.

Jan. 18

2700 block of Sanborn Avenue in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

Jan. 17

4600 block of Castle Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between Jan. 17-19.

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Local Hospitals Celebrate Armenian Christmas

DignityHealth–GlendaleMemorial Hospital and Health Center and Adventist Health Glendale each celebrated Armenian Christmas with dignitaries and community members. Those who attended were eager to celebrate a host of events relating to the birth of Jesus Christ.

On Jan. 5, Adventist Health Glendale celebrated Armenian Christmas with the hospital's physicians, administration and associates. Ardy Kassakhian, the mayor of Glendale, joined the special ceremony that celebrated the baptism of Jesus Christ and the Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus as God's son. The blessing of holy water and *gata* bread, a tradition in the Armenian culture for over 1700 years, was conducted by His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, primate of Western Diocese Armenian Church of North America. "This meaningful service was the perfect start to the new year and a beautiful reminder of Jesus' revelation, baptism and, most importantly, His love for each of us," shared Alice Issai, president of Adventist Health Glendale.



Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) welcomed clergy from St. Mary's Church to commemorate Armenian Christmas with the traditional Blessing of the Water. In attendance (from left to right) were Deacon Raffi Keshishian; Bradley Grote, GMHHC COO; Dan Murphy, GMHHC CPO; Nga Nguyen, GMHHC Director, Human Resources; Jill Welton, GMHHC President; Rev. Fr. Movses Shannakian; Very Rev. Fr. Zareh Sarkissian; Timothy Ernst, Glendale Fire Chief; Jim Zolnowski, GMHHC CNO; Laura Reyes, GMHHC VP, Business Development; Rev. Cassie McCarty, GMHHC Director, Mission Integration; Dr. Vivian Eckhchian, GUSD Superintendent; Councilmember Ara Najarian; and Mayor Ardy Kassakhian.

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ROBBIN'S NEST *from Cover*

spoke to the City asking it to help with the traffic issues in front of her school.

"They drive so fast coming from that curve," she said.

The curve at Pennsylvania Avenue curves into Honolulu Avenue. Speeding along this downhill curve has been an issue for a long time; however, Lukban said the traffic has been getting worse.

The La Crescenta Avenue

Rehabilitation Project that was recently approved will reduce the number of lanes from two in each direction to one. Lukban does not think this will help with the speeding issue.

The vehicles may come down Pennsylvania and then encounter a reduced number of lanes, which may cause additional traffic issues very near Robbin's Nest.

She is asking the City to add

signage indicating the school or some type of reduction in the speed limit or perhaps flashing lights that may slow down drivers.

"What would have happened if kids were out here during these accidents?" Lukban asked.

She, along with her students, wrote another letter to Mayor Ardy Kassakhian yesterday in hopes that something can be done before another accident occurs.

Healthy Living 2023

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» DENNIS HOLMES, MD
DIRECTOR, BREAST PROGRAM

Know Your Risk For Breast Cancer

One in eight women will develop breast cancer. And although you can't predict whether you will get cancer, you can understand your risk and stay on top of routine screenings to make prevention and treatment easier.

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Know your body. Often, the first warning sign of breast cancer is a lump on the breast. For this reason, we advise doing a monthly breast exam at home. Familiarize yourself with the look and feel of your breasts so you notice changes that might indicate cancer. Start with a visual check in the mirror, first with your hands on your hips, then with arms raised, to take note of new features such as dimpling, bulging or swelling. Next, use a firm touch to feel for lumps, first while lying down, then while standing.

Know your options. When we detect breast cancer early, before cells grow and spread, we can often remove it with minimal treatment. That's why Adventist Health Glendale recommends that women age 40 and older get a yearly mammogram, which uses low doses of radiation to take X-ray images of the breast. Anyone who is concerned about breast cancer should talk to their provider. Together, you can make a plan for screening and prevention.

For women, accessing breast care – from screening

and diagnosis to treatment – can be complex. Now all the services that are needed will be available in one place at Adventist Health Glendale. The Sam and Grace Carvajal Comprehensive Breast Center, opening this spring, will have expert breast surgeons, oncologists, radiologists, nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, dietitians and psychiatrists who tailor their care to each woman's needs and help her through her fight against breast cancer.



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GCC from Cover

and how there were some misconceptions on what the city does concerning unhoused individuals.

"It's not that we pick them up and move them to the LA side," Brotman said.

The Community Services and Parks Program reaches out to unhoused individuals and offers them services. Councilmember Paula Devine added the City was fortunate to not only have Community Services and Parks Program and GPD but other non-profit organizations, like Door of Hope, Family Promise and Ascencia, that can be called for support.

At present, the Community Services and Parks Program is developing a homeless action plan expected by June 2023. It has held community meetings with organizations that work with the unhoused; however, the program would like more input from the community. Anyone who would like to share their opinions, suggestions or comments can call (818) 548-2000

or (818) 548-3720.

Comments about Community Services and Parks Program by community members were, for the most part, positive about the way the City has responded to residents' concerns. Some of the issues that were covered were about the unhoused people who have tents on the river on the LA side. They may sleep in LA but spend the day in Glendale. A resident asked if there was any way the city could reach out to LA to ask them to respond for support to those living in the tents.

There were also issues raised concerning mud and safety due to the latest series of rains.

Another resident voiced her concern about the traffic near Franklin Elementary School. She said the speeding is "out of control" and that a friend and his dog last month had been struck by a vehicle. She asked for some type of pedestrian awareness safety measures like flashing lights at crossings.

Once again there was a discussion

concerning the Verdugo Wash Visioning project. This is a project that had some approval by those in the audience; however, the majority was still concerned on the planning, location and implementation of the Vision.

Many of the residents came from far north Glendale in the Whiting Woods and Sycamore areas; some were members representing the Verdugo Wash Neighborhood Coalition, a neighborhood organization that according to representative Patrick Murphy had over 700 members and continues to grow.

Prior to the discussion Councilmember Ara Najarian stepped down from the Council panel to sit in the audience stating he had clear feelings about the project and wanted to step away from the table.

"Before we start, even though we are not taking action on this item, I think sitting up here my facial expressions may betray my disdain for the project so I am just going to go over there," Najarian said as

he walked into the audience to the applause from some members.

Paul Rabinov, who is a member with of the Glendale Parks and Open Space Foundation, spoke in favor of the project. He said one of the things he had heard repeatedly from people dealt with communication outreach. He asked that the next phase of the study/project be more focused on each specific community within the Glendale area.

Murphy spoke about the same - communication or lack thereof. He stated that the city had held meetings but "by their own record" were attended by about 120 people, which is a low percentage when compared to the population of Glendale or just those who live along the wash.

Vartan Gharpetian, former Glendale mayor, voiced his opposition to the project as well. He lives in the Verdugo Woodlands area.

There were questions from the Council concerning the timeframe for the project that according to

Bradley Calvert, director of Community Development, would be at least a decade before there would be "shovels on the ground."

Calvert explained that the study, in accordance with Council approval, would include the entire area affected by the proposal including far north Glendale. This would be a cost saving measure - conducting one study all at once instead of conducting a study of just the north area of the city at a later time.

The recommendation was to start the project in the south area of Glendale; however, that did not ease concerns for the residents along the north area of the wash.

For more information on the Verdugo Wash Visioning visit www.cvweekly.com and type Verdugo Wash Visioning in the search bar.

WEATHER from page 2

University Channel Islands, and a surfer, had studied the relationship between coastal resources and coastal societies. In 2017 he gathered data from over 1,000 surfers from 105 surf spots in California on their present-day preferences for surfing.

According to the study, "16% of the surf spots evaluated are in danger of what's called 'drowning,' meaning the waves won't break anymore, and 18% are threatened but could adapt if natural systems of the shorelines aren't disturbed. Meanwhile, 5% could see a rise in optimal surfing conditions with rising sea levels."

The Surfrider Foundation has looked into how climate change has and will affect the surfing communities as well. As sea levels rise there will be fewer beaches, so even those of us who like watching waves will be affected.

But as waves flatten in some areas of the world they will rise in other areas. California has a whole lot riding on its waves, not only for surfers but residents and tourists with their holiday money; all that will be affected by climate change. As for California surfers, they may need to do a lot more traveling to find that perfect wave.

For more information on surfing and the video of surfing the record-breaking wave visit these sites: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3wdhz4>, <https://tinyurl.com/bdeu4pje>, <https://tinyurl.com/2bw9rtb6>.

For those of us inland, there is a wind advisory still in place. It began yesterday at 7 p.m. and ends today at 6 p.m. Winds are supposed to gust from 40 to 60 miles per hour, according to NOAA.

It is expected the winds would peak last night and be calmer during the day today.

There is a potential for another rainstorm on Sunday night through Monday. This will be a weaker storm than what we had faced earlier this month with much less rainfall totals. The rainfall is expected to be a quarter of an inch at the most, according to Ryan Kittell, NOAA meteorologist.

"Most significantly will be cold temperatures with it dropping to highs of 50 [degrees Fahrenheit]," he said. "And snow levels down to 3,000 feet."

Beyond Monday, Kittell said, there is little hope for rain through the end of next week.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Sad Tale of the Florencita Market Robbery

At 2460 Florencita Ave. sits an odd little house. Unlike the other houses on the street, it fronts right onto the sidewalk, with no front yard. A long and thin front porch seems to lead one right to the front door. It seems out of place, and indeed it is, for it was not originally a residence. It was a small neighborhood market, the Florencita Market.

It seems to be in the late 1930s that the Florencita Market first appears. We have some history from Charles Bausback, who left a legacy of local history stories. Charles told us that the small market was owned by the Mayer family. In the 1950s, Max Mayer, the son of the original owners, was the one behind the counter. Charles related that this market was one of the places in the valley where one could send a telegram. Two telegram services were available, Western Union and Postal Telegram. Max was a stickler about wearing the “official

hat” for each of the two telegram services when called on to send the telegram, so he would elaborately change hats depending on the service the customer wanted.

Charles also related that Max and his wife had twin boys in the early '50s, at the same time Lucille Ball gave birth to Little Ricky. Joseph and Michael Mayer were recruited to play Ricky on the “I Love Lucy” show from 1953 until 1956. The twins graduated from CV High in 1970.

In 1978, Barkev Nabadlian bought the little market. Barkev, or Bob as he was known by his customers, was born in Syria and emigrated from Iraq that same year. He lived in the Crescenta Valley with his family – his wife, a son and two daughters. Besides running the store, Bob was involved in several Armenian service organizations.

Bob was well-loved for his generosity by his customers. He was known as a friendly, generous man.

He would make loans to his regular customers and deliver groceries to the elderly. One customer related, “The guy was just one helluva nice guy. He’d help you with anything. He’d give credit, cash checks, all kinds of stuff.”

But that same customer also related, “He trusted everybody. That was probably his downfall.” Apparently he was very casual about leaving his open cash register in view of his customers, trusting everyone.

One afternoon in January 1991, Bob was rolling coins and stacking bills before walking to the bank in Montrose to make a deposit. It’s at that moment that two men entered the store. No one knows exactly what happened.

Neighbors heard two gunshots and saw two men speeding down Florencita in a car. Bob was found sprawled on the floor, dead. The money was gone.

Bob was found in front of the

counter and some displays were knocked over so police surmised there may have been a confrontation or a struggle.

Descriptions of the robbers made police think the robbery was linked to a series of small store robberies across the County. The suspects the police had in mind had just a few days before robbed a little neighborhood store in Maywood. That robbery went awry for what had been a three-man robbery team. In a tougher neighborhood like Maywood, the storeowner was armed and shot one of the robbers. But in a quiet and relatively safe neighborhood like Montrose, Bob probably thought a gun unnecessary. Perhaps the Maywood heist gone bad convinced the robbers to shoot first. But in this robbery, they got away unscathed and, as far as I know, they were never caught.

A tearful delivery driver who knew Bob said, “This is his little

country store. He worked every day. He was a nice man, nice to everyone. Why would they shoot him?” It was indeed a senseless crime.

I don’t know if the store closed at that point but it is a residence today. The folks who live in the house today probably have no knowledge of both the good and sad history of their home.

Next week, some memories of the Florencita Market.



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

Climate Change Will Only Bring More Devastating Storms like January’s

After a brutal series of atmospheric rivers drenched our state with deadly consequences, the skies have finally cleared. But the mess left in their wake is on full display. Rocks have littered

the roadways, trees are still down, debris clutters the sidewalks and the risk of another heavy rainfall hangs over us. For residents of the foothills, the recent storms evoked dreadful

memories of mudslides past, the kind that can take out a backyard or home with little to no warning.

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AAUW Correction

I was just reading the Jan. 19 issue and love the photo and article about AAUW Glendale Branch ... but you have a few details wrong. AAUW nationally was founded in 1881 and the Glendale Branch was founded in 1923 ... so the event last week was our 100th anniversary party!

Yes, there is a discussion about disbandment but the decision is not a done deal yet. Times are changing and we are investigating new ways to meet these challenges. Many of us have no desire to see this wonderful organization disappear. Instead, we want to keep it active and valuable to the community for the next many years in Glendale.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

CV Chamber Board Installed, Grants Distributed at Luncheon

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce held its annual luncheon that included the installation of its board of directors and officers and the distribution of grants from the Mary Pinola-Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund. Held on Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, the afternoon saw the passing of the gavel from outgoing president Mike Riley to newly elected president JD Speas.

Regarding accepting the role Chamber president, Speas jokingly said that for the last couple of years, “two of the three voices in my head said, ‘Go for it!’ so I did.”

Riley assumed the reins of leadership in 2019 and then oversaw the chamber during the pandemic. His efforts were repeatedly lauded by dignitaries in attendance,



including Congressman Judy Chu and representatives from the offices of State Senator Anthony Portantino, State Assemblymember Laura Friedman and LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

In addition to congratulating the installed board members and outgoing Chamber president Mike Riley, Judy Chu took a moment to

introduce herself to the group. Since the recent election that saw the redistricting of the 28th District, Chu has become the representative for the eastern portion of the Crescenta Valley. Understanding that the change in representation might be new to many, Chu took time to outline some of her goals and accomplishments since being elected in 2009. These include her current role serving on the House Ways & Means Committee and her support of small businesses. She also took time to congratulate the success of the CV Chamber of Commerce.

“You are a regional chamber,” she said of the areas served by the CV Chamber. She reminded people that her local Pasadena office is available 24/7 though she spends half of her time in Washington, D.C. Chris Waldheim, a member of

the board of the Mary Pinola-CV Chamber Education Fund, shared the mic with Edna Karinski, CEO of the Community Foundation of the Verdugos, to distribute over \$18,000 in grants. Recipients were Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music Program, Crescenta Valley United Softball Assn., Foundation for Living Beauty, Friends of Crescenta Valley High School Falcon Robotics

and Learning Tree Preschool – Crescenta-Cañada YMCA.

Photos by Dick CLUBB

LEFT: Congresswoman Judy Chu presented outgoing president Mike Riley with a certificate of recognition for his years leading the CV Chamber.

TOP: The newly inducted board with executive director Steve Pierce (left, front).

ABOVE: Newly inducted president JD Speas, left, shares a laugh with outgoing president Mike Riley.

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Living With Less: A New Year's Resolution

Whether you are thinking about retiring this coming year, recently retired or even if you have been retired for a while now, taking stock in what you have and planning what to do with it all in the coming years is a good idea. Maybe you are considering a move to a smaller home or feel like you have accumulated too much stuff. Whatever the case may be, downsizing may be on the list of New Year's resolutions. Downsizing can be defined literally as moving to a smaller home or it can mean reducing or eliminating an accumulation of things.

After the nest has been empty for a while, older adults often find they use less space in their homes and many rooms and areas often go unused. Moving to a smaller home can be more economical with lower mortgages or monthly rent payments, decreased utility bills and fewer maintenance expenses. Moving to a smaller home can also afford people to live in more desirable locations closer to family or friends.

If your plans are to remain in your current home and “age in place” through your retirement years – downsizing or eliminating



things can make your home safer and easier to manage. De-cluttering closets and storage spaces, editing the amount of furniture and belongings can also make your home more accessible and reduce the risk of falls.

The idea of downsizing in a home that has been lived in for an adult lifetime can seem overwhelming but developing a plan to downsize incrementally over time can help alleviate some of the fear and anxiety. Start small and set realistic goals. Choose a room or area in your home that you would like to downsize. Sort items in that area into three categories: 1) trash, 2)

donate/give away and 3) unsure. If you find all the items end up in the unsure pile, maybe it's time to hire a professional or ask a friend or relative for help. Employing the assistance of a home organizer who specializes in downsizing is a good idea if you are open to it. There are also companies that specialize in moving seniors that downsize while relocating to a new home.

For more information and resources for downsizing, feel free to contact the Community Resource Center for Aging at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital at (818) 949-4033 or email us at aging-resources@med.usc.edu.

Village Poets Kicks Off New Year

Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga invites poets and friends of poetry to the first of this year's monthly readings held in-person on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. We will start the year on a high note, presenting two eminent poets: Sharmagne Leland-St. John and William Scott Galasso.

This will be the last monthly readings with featured poets selected by Dr. Maja Trochimczyk, who has served as artistic director of Village Poets for 12 years. After she steps down, Alice Pero, current poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga, will take over the role of making selections of poets for the VP monthly readings.

Two segments of open mic will be available and refreshments will be served. Suggested donation is \$5 per person for the cost of refreshments and to donate to the Little Landers

Society that manages the Bolton Hall Museum, a Los Angeles Historical Landmark built in 1913. The readings in 2023 will take place on the following Sundays: March 26, April 30, June 25, Aug. 27 and Oct. 22.

Sharmagne Leland-St. John, a 22-time Pushcart Prize nominee, is a Native American author, poet, concert performer, lyricist, artist and filmmaker. She is the editor-in-chief of the 21-year-old literary and cultural arts journal Quill and Parchment.com. She is the founder of fogdog poetry in Arlington, Washington, and Quill and Parchment Poetry at The Vaucluse Lounge in West Hollywood. Leland-St. John tours the United States, Canada and Europe as a performance poet.

She is widely anthologised and her poetry and short stories appear as well in many online literary journals, radio and



LEFT: Sharmagne Leland-St. John. RIGHT: William Scott Galasso.

television. She has published seven books of poetry. Leland-St. John is editor of "Cradle Songs: An Anthology of Poems on Motherhood," winner of the 2013 International Book Award Honouring Excellence in Mainstream and Independent

Publishing as well as one of four finalists for the NIEA (National Independent Excellence Award).

William Scott Galasso is the author of 17 books of poetry. He serves as an editor for the California Quarterly. He will present the newest book,

"Saffron Skies," published in 2022.

Upcoming Village Poets Event: On Sunday, March 26 featured poets are Toti O'Brien and Linda Dove.

Camp Runamuk Fun Offers Fun for Campers

Summer fun is on the way because Camp Runamuk is back at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge! Designed for children ages 5-10, campers will participate in arts and crafts, sports, water play and fun in the sun all summer long. Each week of camp has a different theme including Outer Space, Pirate Fever and Jungle Safari. Not to mention, Fun Fridays that includes water slides, color runs, snow cones and more!

There is now after-camp care for any campers attending programs and camps after 2 p.m. - additional registration is required on the website.

CCLCF is also seeking counselors and junior counselors for all 11 weeks of summer camp. Early bird registration will open on Feb.1! To register, visit the website at www.CCLCF.org or call the main office at (818) 790-4353.



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Veterans Corner January 2023

VA Reaches 1 million in Military Exposure Screenings

By Blake HYFIELD

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs marks a historic milestone by screening 1 million veterans for military exposures as part of the PACT Act signed into law Aug. 10. The screenings are a key component of the law - which empowers VA to deliver care and benefits to millions of toxic exposed veterans and their survivors.

"Since we launched the toxic exposure screening program, VA connected with 1 million veterans around the country," said VA Under Secretary for Health Shereef Elnahal, MD. "Our health care teams reached an incredible breakthrough in a short length of time. These screenings are

paramount to improving the health outcomes for veterans and providing them with the health care and benefits they've earned as quickly as possible. This is among the first steps we have taken to deliver even more benefits and health care to veterans who have been exposed to toxins during their service."

VA surpassed initial screening expectations through extensive outreach campaigns to include hosting more than 90 Week of Action 90 events across all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. While The PACT Act Week of Action ended Dec. 17, 2022, veterans can obtain screenings at any time of the year with their VA health care provider.

Veterans enrolled in VA health care will be offered an initial toxic exposure screening then follow-up screenings at least once every five years.

The screening takes an average of five to 10 minutes and begins by asking veterans if they believe they experienced any toxic exposures while serving in the armed forces. Veterans who answer "yes" are then asked about specific exposures, including open burn pits, Agent Orange, radiation, contaminated water and other exposures. If a veteran has been exposed to toxins during their time of service, VA wants to know. It not only impacts their individual future care, but it can also improve overall toxic exposure-related care

and outcomes.

Any veteran who has not been screened for toxic exposure or has never received care at VA are encouraged to contact VA about enrolling in the VA health care system and about obtaining a toxic exposure screening. VA encourages all eligible veterans and survivors to apply for their earned PACT Act-related health care and benefits now. Don't wait until something is wrong before coming to VA - its providers are trained to recognize issues and concerns unique to veterans.

Veterans and survivors may apply or learn more about the PACT Act by visiting VA.gov/ PACT or calling (800) MYVA411.

TRAVEL & LEISURE

Bassist Nathaniel De La Cruz and pianist Rosa LoGiudice De La Cruz Perform for GNC

On Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Bassist Nathaniel De La Cruz and pianist Rosa LoGiudice De La Cruz will perform new Andean inspired works by Mauricio Annunziata.

The program features "Vidalita for Double Bass and Piano" by Mauricio Annunziata and Concerto No. 5, "Andino" by Mauricio Annunziata for double bass and orchestra (piano reduction).

Peruvian born double bass player Nathaniel De La Cruz started learning the piano at the age of 6 from his father and was introduced to the double bass at the age of 16. After a full year studying with Prof. Dante Bereche, he was admitted to the National Conservatory of Music of Peru. In 2012 he got a full scholarship to study his bachelor's degree with renowned double bass pedagogue Marcos Machado at the University of Southern Mississippi. In 2017, he was offered a teaching assistantship and a special talent scholarship at Arizona State University to study with international double bass soloist Catalin Rotaru, where he got his master's degree and completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 2022.

Nathaniel maintains an active performing and teaching schedule, offering solo recitals and currently serving as the principal double bass of the Arizona Philharmonic, and as the double bass



Bassist Nathaniel De La Cruz and pianist Rosa LoGiudice De La Cruz

instructor of Chandler-Gilbert Community College. He taught master classes in different schools of music internationally and the U.S. and appeared in concerts with renowned conductors and soloists like Gustavo Dudamel, Carl St. Clair, Midori, Juan Diego Florez, the Brooklyn Rider Quartet, among others.

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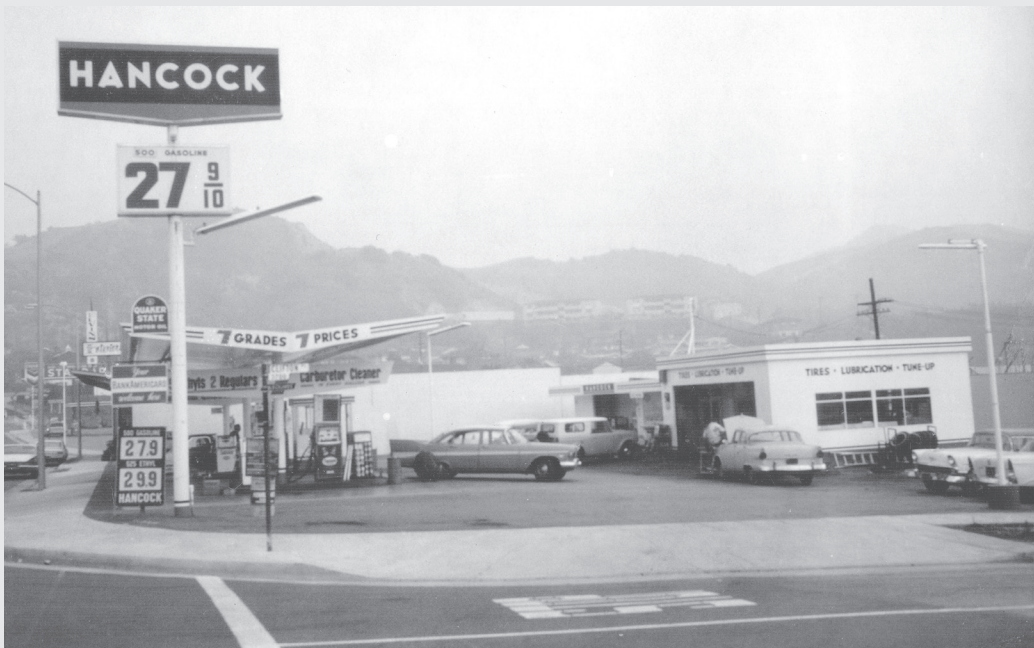
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Gas Station

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN » This Hancock service station was located at Verdugo Boulevard and Clifton Way in the late '50s/early '60s. There were true "service stations" back then because you could get your car serviced there, such as oil change, lube, repairs. Plus, when you pulled in, employees would rush to your car to pump the gas, check oil and tires, and wash windshields. And check the price!



NOW » Same corner, still a gas station. Cars don't need as much mechanical attention today so there isn't much "service" at our gas stations. Instead, customers pump their own gas and go for snacks in the conveniently located mini-markets that most gas stations have. And again, check the price!

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What's an "as is" sale and why won't Samsung fix my washer?

Sheri Lau's Samsung washer doesn't work, despite many repairs. Now the manufacturer claims it sold her the appliance "as is" and won't help her fix it. Is she out of luck?

Q: I bought a Samsung washer from Best Buy in 2019. It was a total lemon! They replaced it in August 2020. But the second washer failed in June 2022.

I called Samsung and a representative told me the washer was out of warranty and I would have to pay for repairs. Samsung set up an appointment with one of their repair services. They quoted me \$90 for the service call.

A technician said my washer needed a drain pump. He ordered one and charged me \$120. He called me later and said the part was unavailable but I could order one online and they would come back to install it.

I asked him why he couldn't order it, and he said Samsung only allowed them to buy their parts from them. Just wanting my washer fixed, I ordered the part. When it came in, the technician came back and installed it. He charged me another \$120 for the service call.

The washer didn't work. When I tried to do my first load of laundry, water gushed out of the bottom. I called the repair center repeatedly and left messages for three days, and no response. Initially, Samsung agreed to repair the machine. But then it said it could not find the right

parts and canceled, claiming it had sold me the washer "as is." I just want a working washer. Can you help me? — Sheri Lau, Dexter, Michigan

A: Samsung should have fixed your washer as promised. You can't just say you'll help a customer and then refuse, claiming there's no warranty on the washer.

If you buy something "as is," it means it's not covered by any warranty. You'll find "as is" most frequently used for used cars and appliances. But it's highly unusual for a manufacturer to sell a new appliance "as is." Some states prohibit retailers from selling appliances "as is" but, unfortunately, Michigan isn't one of them.

I would have argued that even though your written warranty (also called an express warranty) no longer covered your washer, an implied warranty did. I have more about implied warranties in my ultimate guide to fixing your appliance on Elliott.org, my consumer advocacy site. Basically, a washing machine should last 13 years and the manufacturer implies that it will last about that long. Two years is far too short a lifespan.

But here's what made me take your case: Samsung told you that it would fix your ailing washer and

then changed its mind because it couldn't find the right parts. Excuse me? The manufacturer can't find its own parts? Perhaps it should look inward for the solution.

I see companies doing this all the time — they blame another department or company policy for not being able to help a customer. But they ignore the fact that they are in control of the other department, and they set company policy. So, from the perspective of a consumer, those excuses are inexcusable.

You could have reached out to one of the executive contacts for Samsung I publish on my consumer advocacy website. A brief but firm email detailing your troubles might have fixed this appliance problem.

I contacted Samsung on your behalf. If offered you a \$563 refund, which represents the depreciated value of your Samsung washer. Maybe your next washer shouldn't be a Samsung.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy, a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him on his website elliottadvocacy.org. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

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CALENDARthis

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale next meets on Jan. 27. Guest speakers Shant Sahakian will give an update on the building of the new Armenian American Museum.

Meetings are held on Friday at noon. The cost to attend, which includes lunch and program, is \$20.

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

BOB MINTZER PERFORMING AT CALTECH

The Caltech Jazz Band, under the direction of Barb Catlin, presents the annual jazz guest artist concert featuring Grammy Award winning saxophonist and composer Bob Mintzer on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students, seniors and faculty, \$10 for general admission and can be purchased by calling the Caltech ticket office at (626) 395-4652. Parking is free.

Mintzer is an internationally celebrated jazz musician and the recipient of the Bowen H. Buzz and Barbara M. McCoy Endowed Chair in Jazz Studies program at USC Thornton School of Music. His longstanding membership in the fusion super group The Yellowjackets has earned him many Grammy Awards. Mintzer recently became the chief conductor of the WDR Big Band in Cologne, Germany and has written works for the National Symphony Orchestra and the Metropole Orchestra of the Netherlands, among others. As an instrumentalist/composer, Mintzer has worked with Art Blakey, Jaco Pastorius, Buddy Rich, Tito Puente, Randy Brecker, the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Big Band, The New York Philharmonic, Donald Fagen, James Taylor and countless others.

The concert is on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. in Caltech's Beckman Auditorium.

CELEBRATING HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY OF ROCKHAVEN

The 100-year anniversary of Rockhaven will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The party will feature dancing with music by Howling Hobo DJ. Hot jazz, jive, and sweet goodness for all. Requested donation is \$10 per person. The event will be held in the American Legion/VFW Verdugo Hills Hall. There will be loads of space to swing out, hop about and even take a break with a glass of wine and a nosh!

Verdugo Hills American Legion Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

BSA HOLDING RECOGNITION DINNER

The Verdugo Hills Council of Boy Scouts of America is holding its recognition dinner on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter Hall, 3347 N. San Fernando Road, Los Angeles at 6 pm. Many volunteers, community partners and organizations will be recognized. Among them is Steve Pierce who is receiving the North Star Award. It is the high-level award presented by councils on the behalf of the National Court of Honor for non-registered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to Scouting. Also being recognized is Carl Povilaitis. He will be presented with the William H. Spurgeon III Award, the highest recognition for individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring Program.

To learn more, including purchasing a ticket (\$65 per person), visit www.vhbsa.org/recognitionevent23.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

On Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Westridge School, 324 Madeline Drive in Pasadena, is having a Summer Opportunities Fair, one of the largest camp fairs in the nation. It features more than 100 local, national and international summer camps and programs for kids ages

see CALENDAR THIS on next page

ANSWERS for issue 1.19.23

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Edited by Timothy Parker

ACROSS

- 1) "Get lost!"
- 6) Prefix with "aholic"
- 10) Legendary Celeste
- 14) City in Nebraska
- 15) Overhead lighting?
- 16) Tune for an opera diva
- 17) Grosses
- 20) Cause for a lack of vitality
- 21) Try it
- 22) Nighttime breathing problem
- 25) After-market purchase
- 26) Field goal attempt
- 30) "I'm ___ your tricks!"
- 32) Like disregarded advice
- 35) Reach, as a goal
- 41) Being a serial copycat
- 43) Not hip
- 44) Joins, as long-lost friends
- 45) Assuage
- 47) Wordless entertainer
- 48) Dispel, as fears
- 53) Synagogue platforms
- 56) Roll of coins
- 58) Like marching bands
- 63) By all odds
- 66) City in Norway
- 67) Backpack contents
- 68) Rummy yummys
- 69) Conclude one's case
- 70) It may come out of a dumpster
- 71) An ancient grain

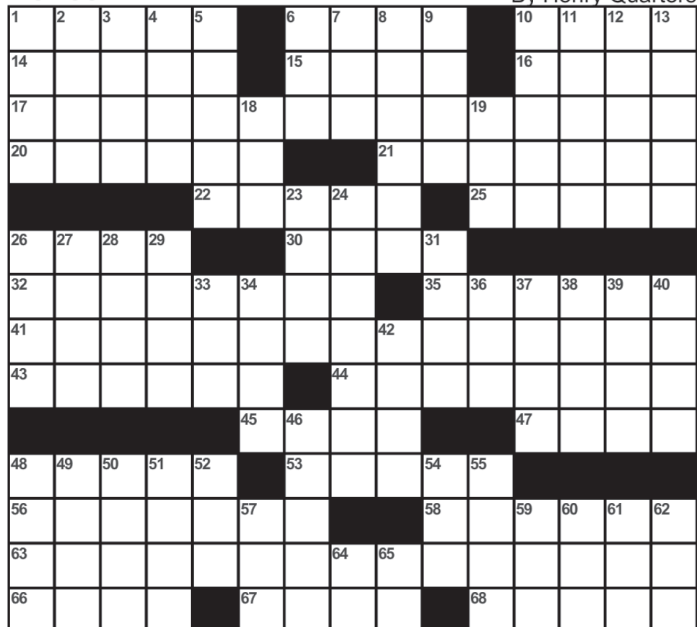
DOWN

- 1) Mixologist's mixer
- 2) Slangy summons
- 3) Bring the house down
- 4) Cousin of "psst!"
- 5) Craze or rage
- 6) "___-ching!"
- 7) Solo in a space flick
- 8) Like yesterday's news
- 9) Concluding passage
- 10) Abused a pledge
- 11) Nymph of the mountains
- 12) Computerese, e.g.
- 13) Trowel user
- 18) Drain of energy
- 19) Eggs, to a biologist
- 23) Refusals
- 24) Sign a check
- 26) Corkscrew-horned antelope
- 27) Privy to
- 28) Dressed by Armani, e.g.
- 29) Lotto game
- 31) Island near Kauai
- 33) Id's counterpart
- 34) NASCAR legend Earnhart
- 36) X, at times
- 37) Barbershop quickie
- 38) Spot of wine?
- 39) Same as before, in footnotes
- 40) Horse racing's smallest winning margin?
- 42) Be abundant
- 46) Used improperly, as a privilege
- 48) Intense feeling of love
- 49) Unrestrained
- 50) Quiet spells
- 51) Dispense carefully
- 52) "Aye" cousin
- 54) "First" or "Kool" ending
- 55) They feel they are superior
- 57) Jason's vessel
- 59) Go postal, slangily
- 60) London's underground, informally
- 61) Footnote abbr.
- 62) "Hey, you!"
- 64) An ideal, in Chinese philosophy
- 65) Hockey legend Bobby

see ANSWERS in next week's issue.

DODOS

By Henry Quarters



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com January 23-29, 2023

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your desire to keep fit and stay in shape is stronger than ever. You may find that you have a lot more energy than you've had in some time. But don't burn yourself out by overdoing it. If you're new to working out and exercising, start slowly and warm up first.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Aspects are encouraging you to make friends with other health-minded people. One thing that may be bothering you is the expense of staying fit and well. You could be spending more on organic food, a gym membership, exercise equipment, or other fitness gear. It's time to focus on your health priorities.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You're ready to exercise. The most important thing for you is to enjoy working out regularly, whatever form this takes. If you feel better exercising to a dance video at home, go for it. If you prefer golfing or a sport that requires some strength and strategy, do that. Whatever you love most will bring the best results because you'll stick with it.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

No matter what your current health status, you can make changes and take yourself to the next level of wellness. Aspects may coincide with doubts about your ability to reach your goals. This is something you must fight. Don't let negative thinking keep you from feeling empowered. If you want to get in shape, it's possible. Don't give up!

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You can create your dream body by being guided by a positive inner vision. You're approaching a time when your imagination can bring many benefits to your health and well-being. By visualizing the new you and regularly identifying with this version of yourself, you'll notice that your body begins to change accordingly. It just takes commitment.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

If you develop a mysterious set of symptoms, it may be a bug of some kind caught while socializing. Take precautions by watching what you eat and drink and taking good supplements on a regular basis. You may feel more tired than usual, but this is temporary. Take time to rest when necessary.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It's time to reinvent yourself and use the power of your imagination to see yourself in excellent health. Your health will now improve if you pay attention to maintaining the equilibrium within. Don't be held back by your beliefs about what's possible regarding your health. Aim for the best!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Think about reorganizing your kitchen so it helps you stay on a healthier eating plan. Clear out cupboards and throw away all the food that isn't good for you. Turn it into a functional space that works for all the various needs of your diet, such as juicing fruits and steaming vegetables.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The cosmos is giving you many fascinating options for your health. You might decide to experiment with alternative ways of getting well and staying healthy. Look into spiritual, angel, and vibrational healing, as well as any other modality that you intuitively feel suits you. You should follow your instincts about what's right for you.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Try to stay as flexible as possible, especially now. Don't get into a rut and forget to move. Exercise gets your blood circulating and keeps your body clear of toxins. If you can make it a regular daily habit to work out, you'll find that doing so seems to heal all kinds of apparently unrelated symptoms.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You can utilize the power of your dreams to give you information that may help you keep certain symptoms from recurring or taking hold in the first place. You also need to stay grounded, as it may be all too easy to neglect your body and spend all your hours working. A little exercise every day will help.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

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CALENDAR THIS from previous page

5-18. Parents can speak with camp directors and staff from a diverse range of day and overnight programs including college summer programs, art and theatre, music and dance, sports, academic enrichment and programs for children with special needs. In addition to camp booths, the fair features games, food, music and more.

This event is free to attend and open to the public. www.westridge.org/SOF

SUZUKI MUSIC PROGRAM OF LOS ANGELES (SMPLA)

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) — which will soon celebrate its 50th anniversary — serves the children and families in the extended San Fernando Valley area. The staff works with all children of all ages and abilities who are studying violin and/or guitar. There is an "open door" policy where any child may join the program and activities, if their musical studies include Suzuki music books.

Early experience with music helps a child progress in many vital ways. It influences brain development, motor coordination and speech, and also increases a child's level of discipline and self-esteem. Group lessons are on two Monday evenings a month in Tarzana with solo recitals and public performances taking place throughout the year. The next group lesson is Monday, Feb. 6.

Please email SMPLAemail@SuzukiMusicofLA.org for more information.

FREE SEMINAR ON THE DANGERS OF TODAY'S DRUGS

Many people would not recognize the forms today's drugs take. For example, today's marijuana is much stronger and is easily accessible. Fentanyl is added to many drugs and is the No. 1 cause of death in LA Country for ages 18 to 45; deaths from fentanyl more than tripled from 2019 to 2021.

Parents are invited to the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills to learn what they need to know to keep kids off drugs. Cathy Morfopoulos of the Foundation for a Drug-Free World will be speaking on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. to present information that parents need to hear.

The Foundation for a Drug-Free World is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that empowers youth and adults with factual information about drugs so they can make informed decisions and live drug-free.

The Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills is located at 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.

PEO GLENDALE RECIPROCITY FOUNDER'S DAY

PEO Glendale Reciprocity will hold its Founders' Day on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St., Glendale. Guests are welcome. To make a reservation, email Anne Kroll at mme_lechat@yahoo.com. Reservation deadline is Feb. 2. Cost is \$35.

"Golden Girls," women who have been members for over 50 years, will be honored. A special speaker and entertainment will highlight the program after a buffet luncheon.

PEO is a Philanthropic Educational Organization whose mission is supporting women's educational goals by providing scholarships, grants and awards. There are 12 chapters in the Glendale area. Three Burbank chapters will also be attending.

For more information about membership and activities, visit <https://www.peocalifornia.org>.

LCWC HOSTING BINGO

The La Crescenta Woman's Club is hosting a bingo game on Saturday night, Feb. 11. Proceeds benefit Verdugo Hills Post 288, American Legion. Tickets are \$20 per person and include bingo cards, dauber and the chance at prize money! Each game pays

at least \$100. Seating is limited to 150 people.

Check in is 5 p.m. Food available for purchase.

To purchase tickets, contact Sandra at (661) 436-8745 or stop by the CV Chamber of Commerce office, 3131 Foothill Blvd. D' in La Crescenta between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (call first — [818] 248-4957/)

LCWC is located at 4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

WARPATH TO CAHUENGA

On Feb. 11 at 1 p.m., Bolton Hall Museum, Home of Little Landers Historical Society, presents "Warpath To Cahuenga." This program tells the story of Native American participation in the conquest of California during the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848. The California Battalion commanded by John C. Fremont was one of the most ethnically diverse military formations in American history and included about 60 Native Americans from different tribes. The California Battalion accepted the surrender of the last Mexican troops at Campo de Cahuenga in January 1847.

The speaker for this program is Al Knight. Knight has over 40 years of experience in archeological, anthropological and historic fieldwork research and writing and is the author of numerous published and unpublished reports. He has participated in over 250 projects in Southern California, including work leading to the creation of local Stonehurst community HPOZ.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

MONA ANNOUNCES DISPLAY

The Museum of Neon Art display of "Leticia Maldonado: The Storytellers" continues through Feb. 11. This is the first solo museum exhibition for the artist. Maldonado challenges the conventions of sculpture as well as the constraints of the medium of neon through her multimedia works. In this exhibition, life-size sculptural forms made out of neon, Plexiglass, found objects and vintage technology speak to narratives that bind memory, intimacy and history.

The museum is located at 216 S. Brand Blvd. in Glendale. It is closed Monday and Tuesday; open Wednesday — Saturday from 10:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

CRESCENTA VALLEY SIERRA CLUB PROGRAM

The California Senate recently mandated that residents recycle and redirect organic waste such as food scraps back into compost in an effort to reduce climate pollutants such as methane. Monica Campagna of the Glendale Environmental Coalition will talk about how she, as a Glendale resident, is dealing with this challenge. A committed environmentalist, she will also speak about other campaigns that

she and the Coalition have been involved with such as clean energy and reducing plastics as well as greening and cooling the schools and playgrounds.

The program is on Feb. 15; 7 p.m. is social, 7:30 p.m. is program. Meet in person or via Zoom in the meeting room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta. Park in the lot behind the library or on the street. Enter through the rear.

BINGO NIGHT PLANNED

On Saturday, Feb. 25 the Community Scholarship Foundation of La Cañada Flintridge (CSF) will host a community bingo night. The benefits will support the needs-based scholarships given annually to seniors attending high schools in La Cañada Flintridge and Crescenta Valley High School. In the past 59 years the organization has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships.

Doors open and food available at 5 p.m.; bingo starts at 6 p.m. at Community Center of La Cañada, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. The cost is \$50 per person and includes 10 bingo games and three Shamrock games; cash prizes ranging from \$100 - \$300 per game; hamburgers, all the fixins', chips, beverages and dessert. Bring cash for extras (one dollar bills preferred) including 50/50 opportunities.

To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.csflacanada.org/donate>.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend. At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: CLAUDIA V FERRADA DE GUZMAN. Case number 22BBCP00457. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Burbank Courthouse, 300 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91502. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner CLAUDIA V FERRADA DE GUZMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: CLAUDIA V FERRADA DE GUZMAN to Proposed Name: CLAUDIA V GUZMAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: B Room: n/a b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023.

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Montrose located at 3708 Clifton Place Montrose, CA 91020 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 2/16/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Justin Christian Huffman. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly, January 26, and February 2, 2023.

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta Cloud Ave located at 4441 Cloud Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 2/16/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Rakan Armout; Elvis Tevedosyan. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly, January 26, and February 2, 2023.

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Tragically, those mudslides and other disasters were a reality for many residents in other parts of the state. In the central and northern parts of California, storms downed power lines, washed away piers, trapped people in their cars and homes and forced hundreds of thousands to evacuate. At least 20 people died. So far, the estimated damage costs are in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The reports and images we were getting from on the ground in our communities were terrifying, and I spent hours calling California mayors, county supervisors and emergency responders, asking what they needed and passing those requests along to various federal

officials. What quickly became clear was just how much more was needed - more resources, more coordination and more programs set up to help with the inevitable recovery.

President Biden initially granted California a state of emergency declaration but we knew that wouldn't be enough. So Senator Padilla, Rep. Jimmy Panetta and I led a California delegation request for an expedited major disaster declaration to free up even more federal resources. The request was bipartisan - and showed how our two parties can, and must, work together when people's lives are at risk.

That kind of cooperation is now more important than ever. Because while climate scientists

are still studying the factors that caused these most recent storms, they have been ringing the warning bells for years: rising temperatures around the globe will cause even more drastic swings between California's droughts and rains, and these storms will only become more frequent, more intense and more damaging.

In the immediate future, we need to do what we can to improve our resilience to climate change and new megastorms - including upgrading our flood infrastructure across the state. Congress's bipartisan infrastructure bill granted more than \$8 billion to improve western water infrastructure writ large, but we need to invest even more in fortifying levees

and restoring floodplains.

These investments can and should go hand-in-hand with our efforts to improve our resilience to drought, which climate change is also exacerbating. By restoring floodplains, we can naturally divert more excess water into replenishing our lagging groundwater supply. And we also must invest in more stormwater recapture so we can reuse heavy rains for urban and agricultural use.

At the end of the day, though, the most important thing we can do is reduce carbon emissions and slow the pace of global warming. This is the single-biggest factor contributing to our rapidly changing climate and unless we continue investing in green technologies these devastating

storms will become a permanent reality of life in California. A new study by climate scientists at our national labs shows that at our current pace, atmospheric rivers like those of the past month could grow more than 30% by 2050 - or more than 100 trillion gallons.

If we take action now and make even more historic federal investments in fighting climate change like we did last summer we will lessen the potential for future devastation and undoubtedly save lives. It will require all of us - at the local, state and federal levels, and members of all political parties - to work together. With so much on the line for our planet and our families, we must rise to the challenge.

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