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Local Chamber Celebrates Milestone

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce is commemorating 100 years of serving the local area. To celebrate, it is having a special dinner at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, 5500 Godbey Drive in La Cañada, on Oct. 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Serving the community for a century, the Chamber has experienced some definite highs and lows.

"The pandemic was definitely a time when, like many other organizations, we were not sure how we were going to get through it," said Mavil Aghadjanian, executive director of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. "Our annual fundraisers are typically what get us through the following year so when we could not host these fundraisers, like Oktoberfest, we were worried that we would not have the means to be able to support our mission any longer. Luckily, like time and time before, our community, business members and dignitaries all rose to the occasion and helped us out significantly. Without their financial and volunteer support ... we would not have been able to reach this milestone today. I would also say, changing with the 'times' has proven to be challenging but with the support of our elected board we have managed to mold the Chamber to find its place in the ever-changing climate."

The Chamber in many ways has put Montrose "on the map." Its annual Oktoberfest, held last Saturday, brings thousands onto the avenue as does its annual Food & Brewfest.

"Our Annual Montrose Oktoberfest not only serves as a fundraiser for our organization but more importantly it provides a family fun time for our community to gather and remember why Montrose is so special," said Aghadjanian. "All of this and we

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By Mary O'KEEFE

(For the community, Halloween fun (and candy) can be found at events leading up to the night of Oct. 31.

Halloween is almost here and many organizations in the area are creating spooky, fun and candy-filled places for families to trick or treat.

At the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Crescenta Valley Station, trick or treat becomes trunk or treat with an event on Oct. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the station located at 4554 Briggs Ave.

The event is a rather new tradition at the station and this year a movie will also be screened. "Hotel Transylvania" will be shown at 7 p.m. The station will provide some seating but it is advised that viewers bring their own chairs. There will be free popcorn.

In addition to the movie there will be classic cars on-site decorated for Halloween whose owners will be handing out "treats" from the "trunk" of the vehicles.

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Trunk, Treat and More!



File photo

"Trunk or treaters" found all sorts of spooky fun while collecting goodies at the 2022 trunk or treat event at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

Reaction to the Terrorist Attack on Israel

By Mary O'KEEFE

The reaction to the terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel has been swift from local officials and from local leaders.

"Hamas' violent and deadly attack on Israel was nothing short of barbaric. I want the Jewish community to know I stand in solidarity with them and, in no uncertain terms, condemn this assault," stated Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "Violence abroad has a ripple effect and reaches every corner of the globe. I send my prayers to those in Israel who are suffering due to this traumatic attack on their lives and all our local Jewish communities who are also feeling their pain."

Congressman Adam Schiff responded to the news first with Jewish members of the House of Representa-

tives including fellow California Representatives Mike Levin and Brad Sherman.

"We are united in standing with and supporting our ally Israel as it responds to terrorist attacks from Gaza. Hamas has declared war on Israel and her people. Our alliance with Israel is unbreakable; our commitment to Israel's security is ironclad. We extend our condolences to the families of all those killed, our hopes for recovery for the many hundreds wounded, and pray for the safe and immediate return of all hostages taken. We support Israel's right to defend itself - to protect its people and communities - and will do all we can to ensure Israel has the ability and capacity to restore and maintain its security and the safety of all its citizens," said the trio in a joint statement.

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The Joys in Life

Last week I shared that we've had our share of challenges lately. Blocked pipes that resulted in a damaged ceiling have been one of the most problematic because I am hosting a fundraiser for the Kiwanis – this Sunday. However, most of the event will be held outside so if I can keep my guests looking downward as they head out the back door I'll be fine.

What brought a smile to my face, though, was the arrival of my son and his family from North Carolina. They flew in a week ago Tuesday and among their plans was to have the baby's first birthday celebration at our house on Friday (damaged ceiling be damned!).

Thursday was family photo day, which my daughter-in-law arranged. The photographer was a real professional and I look forward to seeing the photos.

True to their word, the army represented by the family of Mary O'Keefe was on hand to help with every aspect of Friday's birthday celebration. Between tidying up and setting up it took all of our energy to get things ready for the arrival of the 40 or so guests. But it all came together – beautifully. Burgers and dogs were on the grill and homemade pasta salad and baked beans were tasty sides. For dessert? A gorgeous (and delicious) cake made by the professionals at Vons in addition to some yummy cupcakes.

On Saturday night, we headed to Montrose for Oktoberfest. If you remember, it was rather hot though when we got down there around 7 p.m. the temperature was more comfortable.

We enjoyed brats, turkey legs, and water (some beer and wine, too) and listened to one of our favorite bands, Past Action Heroes.

This '80s cover band is just plain fun. Each band member dresses as a character from the 1980s (was that Don Johnson playing guitar? "Ponch" performing on bass? Hulk Hogan singing main vocals?). The band is so much fun to watch and listen to. The crowd was really responsive, too, which made the event that much more enjoyable.

My son and his family left around 8:30 (baby's bedtime) and Steve and I weren't far behind.

On Sunday was a wedding up in Lake Arrowhead. It was a moving event – especially since the officiant was the sister of the bride and her comments were particularly poignant and personal. Of course I couldn't stay off the dance floor and my knee is paying the price – it's swollen. Oh well – I had fun.

Sprinkle in touring JPL and spending a day at Universal Studios and my son and his family will have enjoyed a trip they will always remember – and so will I.

Tonight, Thursday, I look forward to having a fun time at the CV Chamber's mixer at KNAx CLAWSSY LA (3156 Foothill Blvd.). Fun starts at 6. With a taco truck, live DJ, vendors and more, I know I'm going to have a good time! (See ad on page 3.)

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

According to the California Dept. of Housing and Community Development (HCD), there is not enough housing being built in the state.

"During the last 10 years, housing production averaged fewer than 80,000 new homes each year, and ongoing production continues to fall far below the projected need of 180,000 additional homes annually ... California is home to 12% of the nation's population, but a disproportionate 22% of the nation's homeless population," according to HCD.

Housing is a huge issue, one that is far beyond my pay grade; however, what I do know is that a knee jerk reaction can cause situations without consideration of the future.

Our climate is changing – no doubt, no debate. We are getting warmer, our storms are more intense, our world is changing ... so why aren't we adding those facts to the housing discussion?

Arizona seems to be taking global warming very seriously, which is easy to understand as Arizonans are so concerned about the temperature. In July, Phoenix set record temperatures 31 days straight of highs at or above 110 degrees Fahrenheit. This far outpaced the record set back in 1974 with 18 straight days of those high temperatures. Phoenix, like several other cities around the country, is looking at how to cool its surroundings and the interiors of its buildings so less air conditioning is used.

According to a study by Arizona State University and the City of Phoenix, urban heat was made worse when traditional black asphalt is used. Applying a reflective gray-colored emulsion material to the streets over the black asphalt brought down surface temperatures by 10 to 12 degrees. It did

take drivers and residents some time to get used to the change.

The coating used in the study is called CoolSeal by GuardTop, a California-based company. According to its website, CoolSeal is designed to reflect the sun's energy to produce cooler surface temperatures through increased reflectivity. It also states CoolSeal lasts longer than conventional sealcoats, which translates to lower maintenance lifecycle costs.

This new lighter reflective color makes sense because, according to reports, black asphalt absorbs sunlight and releases it slowly.

Air conditioning bills are high everywhere during the summer but just about everywhere in Phoenix the air is blasting cold just to give desert dwellers the illusion they are not in the desert. Buy there are some important changes being made as more people recognize that the record-breaking heat is here to stay, and temperatures will more than likely increase as the Earth warms.

About 10 years ago architect Marlene Imirzian designed a building on the campus of Paradise Valley Community College in North Phoenix that others should look to when designing housing. According to a report by National Public Radio (NPR), the "modern-looking structure" is topped with a larger overhanging roof of copper that casts a shadow on the life-science college building; no windows are exposed to direct light.

"That's the key in a hot climate – you need to find a way that the heat is stopped before it comes through the glass," Imirzian was quoted in the NPR report.

Notably absent in the design of the building was the use of asphalt and

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IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be working on the trail, weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants that pose a fire danger to the Preserve. Wear comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail and bring water to drink. Tools will be available.

On Oct. 15 there will be an "open gate" event at the Rosemont Preserve. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

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

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. and not in front of neighbors' homes. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

These events are free to the public and suitable for all ages and no reservations required. Rain cancels event. Sorry, no pets please.

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

ALIENS AND SPIRITS AND BIGFOOT AT HSCV

At the next meeting of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley, historian Mike Lawler will give a rundown on local supernatural events such as ghosts, UFOs and yes, even Bigfoot. Covering La Crescenta, Montrose, La Cañada and Tujunga, this talk will show that the beautiful Crescenta Valley can be a creepy place!

The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley meets on Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. (at Santa Carlotta). This is a free event.

TRUNK OR TREAT AT CV SHERIFF'S STATION

The CV Sheriff's Station will be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event will be at the station, 4554 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta, and is free for all who attend. There will be a car show where participants ghoulishly decorate their vehicles. Kids will be able to trick or treat from car to car. There will also be games, music and a costume contest. Finally, a movie will be playing for the little ones.

All are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, costumes and candy buckets. It is going to be a fun family event! Those with questions can contact the Community Relations sergeant at (818) 236-4019.

By Mary O'KEEFE

It's All About Bots

An Engineering Expo is being hosted by CVHS 589 Falcons Robotics at Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) on Oct. 29.

"We are excited to invite [all] to attend our inaugural 2023 Engineering Expo: Gears Gadgets and Goosebumps, a public STEM [Science Technology Engineering and Math] focused event for families," according to 589 Falcons Robotics.

"589 Falcon Robotics met with State Senator [Anthony] Portantino in July to discuss where there may be a lack of STEM support in the surrounding communities. The group came up with the idea to share STEM through this large expo with hands-on activities," said Jacob Poole, Falcon mentor and CVHS teacher.

The Engineering Expo is geared (no pun intended) to students in grades kindergarten through eight who are interested in STEM. Students can be from anywhere; several from Fontana have already signed up to attend.

"Our goal with this event is to expose more students to STEM and [demonstrate] how easy it is to become an engineer," Poole said. "Through our hands-on activities and professional booths, students hopefully will see what options are out there."

Some students may feel for one reason or another they are not suited for STEM. Chris Moore, the CEO of the global youth education nonprofit FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) wrote in Education Week that he had dreamed of becoming an astronaut or marine biologist but while in middle school one of his teachers told him he didn't belong in STEM and that he would never be successful in those fields. He added that



Team 589 Falcon robotics team, with members of 1678 Citrus Circuits and Team 4414 High Tide, surround the 2022 Hueneme Port banner. Photo by Molly SHELTON

he had no idea why the teacher thought he wasn't "cut out" for science but it affected his entire life. So he pivoted to subjects he felt comfortable in, like English, the arts, marketing and communications. He never dared to challenge himself to try STEM.

"Childhood through adolescence is a critical period for students' confidence-building and identity formation. It's also a time when the adults around them can –often accidentally – send young people the message that they aren't good enough because of their gender, race, identity, orientation or family background. These moments that can instill doubt have the potential to damage students' self-worth for a lifetime," he wrote in that article.

According to FIRSTinspires.org, a 2022 survey found that 29% of kids don't feel smart enough to join a STEM-related program. This comes despite 54% of

students stating they did or would want to join a STEM or robotics extracurricular program to learn a new skill. It appears more needs to be done to help students acquire asset-based, resilience and growth mindsets and reinforce kindness, compassion, respect and trust. Adults can play an active role by focusing on allyship and helping students uncover their true talents and passions.

FIRST plays a vital role in 589 Falcons. Each year the nonprofit offers a competition where a game is described and students build a robot to play that game and later compete with teams from all over the world. Falcons Robotics compete in these FIRST events.

Poole and his Falcon team have participated, and hosted, many scrimmage events with other teams as well as mentoring LegoLeague Robotics at elementary schools.

"This is our first large-scale

event. We're very excited and are looking forward to hosting this [event] every year. We appreciate the support from our sponsors to help make this event possible and free for all participants," Poole said.

The event will open at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. at CVHS at 2900 Community Ave. in La Crescenta. For those who would like to come and join in a day of STEM fun, which includes engineering challenges and robot demonstrations, there will be food and concessions available for purchase.

Tickets are free but signing up is required. Go to cvrobots.com/expo and sign up through Eventbrite.

589 Falcons Robotics appreciates the support of State Senator Anthony Portantino, J's Maintenance, CV Lions Club, Friends of Falcons Robotics and CVHS.

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Norbut Honored



Photo by Dick CLUBB

Don Norbut, right, with fellow veteran Steve Pierce, was honored this week with the World War II Registry of Remembrance.

Longtime Crescenta Valley resident Don Norbut was honored this week with the World War II Registry of Remembrance. Norbut served in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1944. American Legion Post 288 member Dick Clubb created the plaque and registered Norbut. The WWII Memorial Registry honors the 16 million who served in the U.S. armed forces, the more than 400,000 who died and all who supported the war effort at home.

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Fremont Park Begins its Long Awaited Renovations

By Mary O'KEEFE

After about 10 years since the project was first introduced the Fremont Park renovation is officially beginning.

"I can tell you this is one of my favorite parks," said Assemblymember Laura Friedman. "This is where my [daughter] learned to ride her bike. This is where she learned to ride her scooter. I know every bit of playground equipment here."

Fremont Park is located at 600 Hahn Avenue in Glendale. This 100-year-old park is about eight acres and is the center of activity for many of the residents that surround the area.

Friedman was at the park last week to announce the state funding of \$933,000 that she had acquired to help in the park's renovations.

"They have been planning this renovation at this park since 2014. This has been a long time coming," said Stephen Meek, president, Glendale Community Services Commission. "I really love this park. I am here at least three times a week."

Mayor Dan Brotman and Glendale City Councilmember Elen Asatryan were on hand to celebrate the additional funding and the beginning of the renovation.

Brotman said there had been a lot of "rumbling" in the past concerning the costs of the renovation, about \$26.6 million, but he added the park is very important to the community and is one of the largest parks that is near so many multifamily residential areas.

"This is a heavily used park," he said.

He praised the unique community

feel of the park, which includes a railroad club and a very active tennis court academy.

Brotman said the future renovations will reach even more people with an additional "splash pad" to help keep kids cool during the hot summer days.

There will also be a new community room that will be used by the community in a variety of ways.

Asatryan called Fremont Park her "childhood park" and pointed out the park is near the future affordable housing development that will include "340 units" for residents.

Onnig Bulanikian, director of Community Services and Parks, said the construction would begin on Oct 16 and is scheduled to be completed by February 2025. He added there would be a new basketball court,



a multipurpose field that could be used for football and/or soccer, a designated area for art, a walking path, exercise equipment and the City's seventh pickle-ball court.

"I am very pleased to say the state is going to help the City of Glendale

make this an even greater park," Friedman said.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
From left, City of Glendale Councilmember Elen Asatryan, State Assemblymember Laura Friedman and City of Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman with the check for \$933,000 to begin renovations of Fremont Park in Glendale.

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Forum Scheduled about Frances Avenue Facility

By Mary O'KEEFE

Residents near a business that will be opening in the 3000 block of Frances Avenue in La Crescenta are still very troubled about the nature of the business.

Residents and community members have been sharing their concerns about U Matter Luxury Resort on social media and at the monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC). They have also called elected officials. They may finally get answers at an upcoming in person meeting with County officials and the owner of U Matter Luxury Resort.

"The CVTC will be hosting a community forum on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the La Crescenta Library Community Room (2809 Foothill Blvd). We have invited a representative from U Matter Luxury Resort and they have confirmed they will attend. There will also be a representative from the LA County departments that regulate such facilities [including the Office of Planning – LA County Dept. of Public Health and Los Angeles County Building and Safety]. We encourage all interested residents to attend," stated President Chris Kilpatrick, CVTC.

The issue came to a loud crescendo at last month's CVTC meeting when the standing room only crowd shared its displeasure, fears and issues about U Matter Luxury Resort. The topic was not on the CVTC agenda.

According to several residents, concerns began with a basic "bad neighbor attitude" from the owner of the business. Many residents at the meeting, as well as those who have reached out to CVW, have voiced their strong disappointment and anger that nothing was shared with them prior to the

creation of the business in their neighborhood. They are also concerned about what they say are ongoing inconsistencies, including what they have seen on the company's website – content that changes including what amenities the business offers and how many bedrooms will be available.

U Matter Luxury Resort, according to spokesperson Prescilla Cardenas, describes the facility is a "wellness center." A tour of the facility reveals a high-end resort that is advertised as an "intense detox program" that includes a private chef and is similar to an all-natural European spa.

The issue for residents, especially those who live close to the facility, is what the term "spa" encompasses and how their privacy will be affected, as well as how their home's real estate values may drop due to the nature of the business.

There have been phone calls to the office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger as well as the creation of a petition that boasts nearly 700 signatures; however, according to LA County Regional Planning, all permits have been approved and there have been no violations.

"I have confirmed that the services [U Matter Luxury Resort] plans to offer are considered appurtenant to the adult residential facility and would not constitute a medical facility, as long as they don't open it up to walk-in guests. According to their website and a conversation with [their representatives], all their guests will be residents of the facility and walk-in guests (including visitors) will not be allowed," stated Alex Garcia, assistant deputy director, LA County Land Use Regulation Division, in an email interview with CVW.

Regional Planning will continue monitoring the

facility to ensure the business stays at six or fewer persons as guests at a time, the upper threshold of which is permitted within the zoning code.

One neighbor told CVW about a drone they witnessed flying over his backyard. He stated he saw the drone had a camera and this heightened his concern about privacy. He followed the drone back to the U Matter Luxury Resort - Frances Avenue facility and called Cardenas, who explained the drone was "a child's toy" and had been operated by that child. However, due to the lack of transparency, the neighbor is still very concerned about his privacy.

Garcia added that he spoke with Cardenas about the drone and related that [type of] action does not help relieve neighbors' anxiety.

"I also informed her that we continue receiving complaints due to the inaccurate information in their website and lack of outreach," he said. "She said she would make sure the website is modified to not list medical treatments and take out the video that advertises eight bedrooms."

She also stated U Matter Luxury Resort is working on community outreach. To that extent, the CVTC, Supervisor Barger's office and LA County departments involved in general permitting oversight, as well as representatives from U Matter Luxury Resort, are working together to schedule a public meeting that will address concerns.

Garcia added he will personally monitor the business to make certain it is operating as an adult residential facility in compliance with the zoning code and take the appropriate enforcement actions if it is operating in violation of the zoning code.

The facility has yet to open.



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"We will also have Montrose Search and Rescue, CHP (California Highway Patrol) and [LA County] Fire Department (on-site)," said CV Station Community Officer Sgt. Armstrong.

There will be booths set-up from Ralphs Market and the La Crescenta Woman's Club as well.

Visitors to the event will be able to buy food including hotdogs, chips, pizza and baked goods.

"There will be a costume contest, games and music," Armstrong said.

She added trunk or treat is a community event where kids can have fun and interact with law enforcement and fire fighters.

Admission is free.

The next day, Oct. 29, another trunk or treat will be held – this time at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills (LCIF). This annual event is held in the daytime and begins at 11:30 a.m.

"The community event is a safe, daytime opportunity for kids to wear their Halloween costumes and trick or treat among decorated car trunks in LCIF's parking lot," according to LCIF.

LCIF is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

On Halloween night the annual Montrose Halloween Spooktacular will once again take over the 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue

in the Montrose Shopping Park.

The fun, family event will see shop owners handing out candy to trick or treaters as they stroll down the avenue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday night, Oct. 31.

Admission is free at all of these events.

For those decorating their houses for Halloween, CVWeekly is hosting Fun & Frights in the Foothills, an annual event that spotlights houses that embrace the season of spook. Addresses of participating houses will be printed in the Oct. 26 issue of the CV Weekly. Those who want to make sure and include their address should email their information to HollyWeen@cvweekly.com.

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GUSD Elementary School Coach and Aide Charged With Molesting at Least Six Boys

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced last Thursday that an after school coach for football and other sports and aide for disabled students at elementary schools in Glendale has been charged in the molestation of at least six boys.

“Those we entrust with our children should be beacons of support and guidance, providing a safe and nurturing environment where our children can learn and grow,” District Attorney Gascón said. “It’s heartbreaking and deeply disturbing when someone entrusted with such a role, and especially someone acting as a guardian to such a vulnerable group of children, chooses to violate the sacred trust that exists between educators, students and their families. We will not tolerate such despicable acts within our community.”

Pedro Antonio Tellez was charged in case with eight felony counts of lewd acts upon

a child under age 14. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment on Thursday, Oct. 5, in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

It has been alleged that between 2018 and 2023, while working at various elementary schools in Glendale, the defendant molested at least six boys by touching them inappropriately and with a sexual intent.

There are still more potential victims who have come forward and are being interviewed.

The case is being investigated by the Glendale Police Dept. Anyone who may be a victim of the defendant is encouraged to call the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4840 and ask for an Assaults detective.

MVCCOC from Cover

also support the businesses in the area with sponsorship opportunities. Many businesses on Honolulu Avenue have reported that Oktoberfest is always their busiest day of the year. Lastly, the memories shared at this event are everlasting. We’ve heard everything from businesses forming because of two partners meeting at Oktoberfest (Arin James LLC) and a local mother remembering going into

labor at Oktoberfest and now returning every year with her son. Core memories are always had at this event while actively supporting and enriching the community, vitality and pride of Montrose.

Over the years, the Chamber has retained its mission to “actively support and enrich the community, vitality and pride of Montrose, to help preserve the historic district and small town atmosphere, to promote economic stability and positive, productive relationships within Montrose and the surrounding communities.”

“When we have business members reach out to us about how much our effort has paid off for them it’s always the most rewarding,” said Aghadjanian. “Sometimes it takes longer for some to reap the benefits of being a member but it always proves to be fruitful. Also, [it’s very rewarding] when we see our business members catch the ‘community love’ bug. Some members join at a very busy time in their careers but will still make the effort to show up at our mixers and other events. When we see them show up again and again to support their new relationships within the community [it’s] a wonderful feeling.”

A few tickets to the dinner are available by contacting the Chamber office at (818) 249-7171, Monday – Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to the dinner, local community members and businesses will be honored for their contributions to the area.

“The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce would like to thank every single community member for always supporting our efforts and believing in our mission,” said Aghadjanian. “We do this for them so to see them appreciate the wonder of Montrose and give back to it for 100 years now is truly magical. Keep Montrose in mind and keep shopping locally.”

Obituary

Glady Odian Kabateck



Sept. 13, 1926 – Sept. 26, 2023

Our mom would be seething if she knew we were revealing that she was 97.

Her amazing life is best described in five remarkable phases. She was born in Chicago during the Roaring '20s before Lindberg crossed the Atlantic. Her parents, Arousiag and Nerses Odian, both survived the Armenian Genocide. Even 97 years later, she could remember the cold wind blowing off Lake Michigan.

By the time Glady reached high school, her father was called to the ministry and offered an Armenian church in Detroit. In 1945, she was working at radio station WJLB where she interacted with the music stars of the Big Band era. Glady loved music and, by then, was an accomplished pianist. Even at 97, she could sit down at a piano and play by ear. In 1947, her father became the first permanent parish priest at St. Paul's Armenian Church in Fresno. By 1951, she moved to Los Angeles to start the second phase of her life.

She arrived in Los Angeles during the Golden Age of television. She moved into the Hollywood Studio Club, where she lived with other young women getting their start in the entertainment industry, including Kim Novak, Florence Henderson and Rita Moreno. One day in 1951, while in the employment office at KABC-TV in Los Angeles, she met a young man named Jack Kabateck, who was also applying for a job. Glady was hired and went on to work on many TV shows, arranging and selecting music including for Lawrence Welk and Jack Lalanne. But it was her job working with Ernie Kovacs that became her favorite. In 1958, after seven years of dating, Jack and Glady married. In 1960, they bought a home in Glendale and Glady became one of the first people of Armenian descent to live there. In 1961, their first son, Brian, was born. Ernie Kovacs made Glady promise that she would return to work, but she never did.

Glady started the third phase of her life: being a mother. Glady raised Brian and in 1968 their second son, John, came along. In 1972, they bought their forever home where Glady remained until she passed away.

The fourth phase of her life found Glady wanting to do more. First, she became a teacher's aide at a local school. She then returned to university and earned a master's in education. She took a job at Glendale Community College as a counselor and launched the adult reentry program helping (mostly) women returning to school.

She received accolades for her programs and leadership. Glady retired from the college in 2006, just before she turned 80.

The fifth and final phase didn't really start with her retirement because Glady and Jack didn't just live in Glendale – they were in Glendale. She had countless friends and belonged to many organizations. Sometimes her own children had to make an appointment to get on her busy schedule for lunch or dinner. Glady and Jack traveled as much as they could but were mostly involved in numerous local activities.

After Jack passed away in 2014, Glady lived in the same house and drove (even after her license expired during COVID) until just a few months ago. Glady loved to talk and going to a meal with her was like attending a one-woman show. Glady had one of the most incredible memories for people of any age. She was blessed with great health until early 2023 and, even then, resisted home health care because it was interfering with her social schedule. She was an adoring grandma to John's two children, Lily and Simon. Brian would call Glady every day and along with his wife, Roxanne, they would entertain Glady whenever she could fit them into her schedule. John and his fiancé, Heather, would often travel from Sacramento and Cardiff to spend time with Glady.

Her death, while tragic to her small family, is a reminder of a life well lived. She remarked when she turned 90 that as a small child no one lived to 90, yet she made it to 97. Just two weeks before she passed away, she celebrated her 97th birthday at her favorite restaurant, complete with a margarita, salad, steak, baked potato and cheesecake. She had a strong faith in God and touched many lives over many years. She is smiling right now because she is reunited with her Jack.

There will be a memorial service at La Cañada Presbyterian Church on Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to follow. Mom loved flowers, so flowers are most welcome.

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Watson Named New GUSD Superintendent



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Newly named GUSD Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson, center, with board of education members (from left) Ingrid Gunnell, board president Jennifer Freemon, Shant Sahakian, Nayiri Nahabedian and Kathleen Cross.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, the Glendale Unified Board of Education unanimously approved a contract to affirm Dr. Darneika Watson as the next Glendale Unified School District superintendent of schools. Family, friends and colleagues filled the GUSD boardroom to join in celebration of the announcement.

Dr. Watson has served as the district's interim superintendent since the previous superintendent, Dr. Vivian Ekchian, retired at the end of June. She has been the district's chief officer of Human Resources and Operations since 2020. As a dedicated academic and operational leader, Dr. Watson has served students, educators and families across Los Angeles for more than 30 years. She spent 26 years with the Los Angeles Unified School District as a bilingual teacher and coordinator, school administrator and executive director of district operations. Prior to coming to GUSD, Dr. Watson worked at the Los Angeles County

Office of Education, providing operational support to the Inglewood Unified School District.

"Dr. Watson is an exceptional educational leader who is committed to building positive relationships with our students, educators, staff, families and community," said Board President Jennifer Freemon. "She shares our board of education's priorities to maximize achievement for all students, foster a positive culture of learning on every campus and protect the health and safety of students and employees. Her steadfast leadership as interim superintendent over the past few months has proven that Dr. Watson is the right person to lead GUSD."

"I am humbled, overwhelmed and thankful to the board of education for the opportunity to serve this amazing district. I look forward to continuing the transformative work of my predecessor and mentor Dr. Vivian Ekchian in collaboration with our students, families,

educators, support staff and community members," said Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson. "Student safety, including the mental and physical wellbeing of every child in our district, is my number one priority."

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Long Lost Community Names

Developers and land speculators have left their marks on the Crescenta Valley in the form of town names. La Crescenta, Montrose and Flintridge are all civic names we are familiar with, yet they started as mere subdivisions, the names chosen by the developer/land owners.

Some of the names live on in the names of neighborhoods. Sparr Heights, Whiting Woods, Alta Canyon and Pinecrest are all neighborhood names that live on. But they were originally the names of the subdivisions. Why they never made it to a status like La Crescenta and Montrose is perhaps a function of having never gotten their own post office. It's really hard to say why for sure.

Verdugo City, another subdivision, got its own post office but somehow lost its status as a neighborhood. Highway Highlands, which I covered a couple of weeks ago, got its own post office but then lost it, and so

the name faded into obscurity. Let's take a look at some of the names that didn't stick, going back to the boom years of the 1920s.

At the center of La Crescenta was the subdivision of Burton Heights. The namesake, Mr. Burton, had been the general manager of the Glendale and Montrose Railway and was familiar with the idea that you needed a trolley line to sell real estate. When the tracks for the Glendale and Montrose Railway were extended along Montrose Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, Burton went into real estate at the end of the tracks. He subdivided a 20-acre tract centered about where the 210 Freeway crosses Pennsylvania today. It had been a vineyard – and that was part of the attraction: the grapevine covered lots. He started sales with a big barbeque and laid the promotion on thick.

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La Crescenta to be the most healthful spot in the United States, and Burton Heights is right in the heart of La Crescenta. La Crescenta is the garden spot of America. God kissed this wonderfully favored section."

Burton reportedly sold \$54,000 worth of property that first day.

A similarly named tract was Landon Heights owned by developer H.N. Landon. It was on Ramsdell Avenue between Honolulu Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. Lots here started at \$700 – \$50 down and \$15 a month. Landon Heights promoted its access to recreation: "Trails lead almost from the very doors off up into the beautiful hills."

Honolulu Acres was, obviously, spread along Honolulu Avenue west of the business district. Its 50 acres offered a profusion of large oak trees, unlike the sagebrush-covered land farther north in the valley. Honolulu Acres offered a business opportunity as well as home sites.

"It's an ideal spot for city folks

and others who wish to get out of town for a weekend to build a cabin. On the other hand, it offers wonderful possibilities for poultry and rabbits."

Here's an unusual name for a subdivision: Sans Souci, a French term meaning "without a care." It was also located along Honolulu. Note that all the subdivisions are below Foothill in the 1920s. Above Foothill were largely rocks, sagebrush and a scattering of weekend cabins, ranches and large estates.

Over on the La Cañada side there was Alta Canyon Terrace, which promised parkways with extensive landscaping. Promoters said the subdivision was just being opened up to "the greedy lot-buying public," perhaps to stress the urgency of buying a lot today. The promoters also promised: "Beautiful Alta-Canyon Canyon, consisting of 100 acres, has been reserved for the perpetual use of the purchasers in this tract."

Rounding out the La Cañada

subdivisions was the aptly named La Cañada Acres "with lots facing on the boulevard." Orange Manor was probably carved out of a La Cañada orange grove in the same way Sparr Heights was carved out of Mr. Sparr's lemon groves.

In the 1920s, local real estate was king and the community names, some fanciful, others practical, were plentiful. Most of those names fell away as they melded into the larger town names around them and are now largely unknown.



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NEWS FROM THE CVTC » CHRIS KILPATRICK, PRESIDENT

Pancake Breakfast, Forums and More

As we move into the fall season, the Crescenta Valley Town Council is hard at work in the community.

We are proud to announce that our annual pancake breakfast will be held this Saturday, Oct. 14 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains church located at the corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. This is a great opportunity for the community to gather at a very special local landmark. Tickets are \$12 and all proceeds go towards the CVTC youth scholarship and outreach efforts. All tickets are sold at the door.

As a way of showing our support and appreciation, we invite all first responders to eat for free. This year, our brave law enforcement officers, firefighters and medical personnel have been there for the community and we look forward to building this partnership.

As many are aware, the La Crescenta Motel property located at the corner of Foothill and Briggs Avenue is in the early application phase for the construction of a five-story apartment building. Through building a certain number of affordable housing units, the developer has obtained waivers that allow for reduced parking, the ability to exceed

the height limit and for reduced landscaping and ground floor transparency. These waivers are mandated by the State of California and leave very little discretion to the local building departments (in this case, Los Angeles County Planning).

Last week at its monthly meeting the CVTC Land Use Committee hosted a representative for the developer as well as the project architect. About 50 residents attended and many voiced concerns about the project. Also in attendance was LA County Planning and representatives from the county supervisor. Major concerns voiced by residents included the height, project design and safety concerns related to the proposed driveway location on Briggs.

CVTC and the Land Use Committee are reviewing the facts from the presentation and resident concerns voiced at the meeting. Members are also in contact with the developer and LA County Planning. Since this project is "by right" (meaning the owner has the right to build what s/he is proposing), venues for addressing all concerns are limited. However, we will do our very best to ensure that the community has a voice in

the matter. There has been significant concern among residents regarding a proposed "holistic detox and wellness center" slated to open on Frances Avenue in La Crescenta.

The CVTC will be host a community forum on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the La Crescenta Library Community Room, 2809 Foothill Blvd. We have invited a representative from U Matter Luxury Resort and s/he has confirmed that s/he will attend. There will also be a representative from the Los Angeles County departments that regulate such facilities (Planning, Health and Building and Safety). We encourage all interested residents to attend.

The next CVTC general election will be held on Nov. 10 and Nov. 11. Up for election will be three regular positions (each for a three-year term) and three alternate positions (each for a one-year term). Information regarding the candidates and voting location as well as absentee ballots will be available on the CVTC website (<https://thecvcouncil.com/>) and social media. We encourage everyone to participate.

With the school year underway, safe driving has never been more important. Please remember to slow down and obey all rules of the road. The life you save might be yours or that of your neighbor or a child.

Our next general meeting will be held on Oct. 19 at the La Crescenta Library. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Chris Kilpatrick, President
CV Town Council

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good-bye to a Longtime Friend

Recently Jenny, the owner of Classy Cuts in Montrose, suddenly passed away. We had started going to Classy Cuts in 1997 and her service with a smile kept us as customers for over 25 years. She did the hair for both of our daughters for their proms at CV High and their hair for their weddings and all the times in-between.

She was a mother and grandmother; she started trimming the hair of our grandson Peter. Peter only wanted "Grandma Jenny" to cut his hair.

Her smile and friendship all these years will be sorely missed.

Valerie and Chuck Andrew
Glendale

Editor's note: A service for Jenny will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at noon at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills - Old North Church, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive in Los Angeles.

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Homecoming Crowd Delighted with Big Win and Crowning of Royalty

By Jerome SILVERMAN and Mikaela STONE

The CVHS Falcons' homecoming game on Friday against the Burbank Bulldogs left a sour taste in the mouths of the Bulldogs.

After playing poorly against Muir in a losing effort last week, the Falcons were hell-bent to return to their winning ways. Burbank took the opening kickoff to start the game and, despite making a decent drive down the field, the Falcons' defense put the clamps on the offensive push and stopped Burbank on a fourth down attempt. The Falcons' offense took over, gutting Burbank's defense. With an arsenal of bullet passes and a solid ground attack, CV capped a drive with a touchdown run from senior BJ Hermansen, making an early score of 6-0. Burbank scored on its ensuing drive, but CV answered right back. Quarterback Jacob Deno found sophomore receiver Xavier Thompson on a quick pass to the outside and Thompson made a dazzling run of dodges and jukes, going 72 yards for a touchdown. The Falcons added one more touchdown before halftime on a spectacular one-handed touchdown catch by BJ Hermansen, taking the score to 20-7 going into the break.

The Falcons started the second half strong receiving the Bulldogs' kickoff. Junior Tyler Matsuda, on his first ever kick return of his career, made a sensational dash to the end zone, going 94 yards and putting

the Falcons up 27-7. This play gave the Falcons the boost the team had been looking for and it carried over into the defense. The Falcons' defense swarmed Burbank the rest of the game making every yard gained a struggle. The Bulldogs had a promising scoring opportunity in the fourth quarter, but it was not to be as CV senior captain Jake Dunlavey intercepted a pass and brought Burbank's scoring drive to an abrupt halt.

CV added one final touchdown in the fourth after sophomore Leo Grant punched one in from two yards out to give the Falcons a commanding 34-7 lead. The Falcons got a big win in front of a very crowded homecoming crowd and it was perhaps the best game the Falcons have played this season.

The final score was 34-14 Falcons, and CV improved to a very impressive 5-2 record.

The Falcons hit the road on Friday to take on Pasadena High School where they hope to keep the momentum rolling.

Last Friday's game was historic in that it marked the last Crescenta Valley High School homecoming game played on another school's field. While the Falcons await the construction of new bleachers so that home games can truly be held at home, the band played on and this year's homecoming royalty was crowned. The court consists of freshmen Shabazz Anderson and Cassidy Chung, sophomores Anashay Boghosian and Jennie Nakano, juniors Lucas Cho and Amanda Sales, and seniors Sabrina Soh, August

Anderson, Tao Tokikawa, Claire Kim, Hannah Ampil, and Rena Jeoung.

Before the halftime ceremony Rena Jeoung, a member of the royal court and the CVHS marching band drum major, still conducted the band through the school song whenever the Falcon football players scored, wearing a beautiful silver homecoming dress. Homecoming court members Sabrina Soh and August Anderson both said that neither of them had expected to be nominated by their peers.

Soh noted that what made the experience the best was "the people [they] were chosen with. That it is senior year with people we know well makes it rewarding."

Anderson praised the Associated Student Body, saying that the ASB made her feel very comfortable. While Soh was surprised by being chosen for the court, the crowning had a bigger revelation in store for her: she was crowned homecoming homeo while the crowd cheered. The student body crowned Tao Tokikawa beside her as homecoming king – a victory he hopes to celebrate by "just [having] a good homecoming [and] hanging out with friends." A number of these friends from the CVHS dance team showed up to support him.

Although the homecoming court had fun and had photos taken at the football game, the work does not stop for royalty. Many of the court members, including Tokikawa, took the SAT the next day.

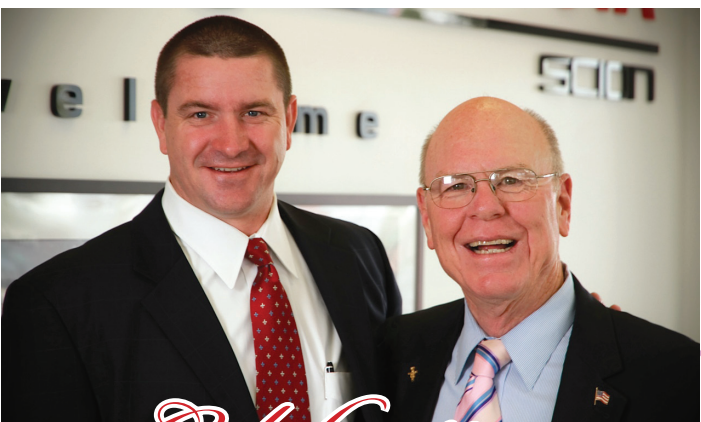
The festivities continued throughout the game with the marching band showcasing the color guards' new red and black uniforms that acknowledged the tango theming of their field show "It Takes Two"



and the addition of a light post for ambiance. Perhaps bolstered by it being their home game, the Falcon football players won the game, adding to what was hopefully a happy homecoming game and dance for everyone who attended.

Photo by Mikaela STONE
Newly crowned homecoming princess Rena Jeoung, who is also the CVHS marching band drum major, still conducted the band through the school song whenever the Falcon football players scored, with her silver gown peeking through her uniform.

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The application is completed online and must be submitted by the Nov. 13 deadline. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2024. The top 20 national finalists will participate in the leadership weekend in Chicago

and receive \$30,000 scholarships. The remaining 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships.

This year, the Elks National Foundation is investing more than \$4 million in college scholarships. MVS scholars – all of whom demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and a commitment to service – are graduating from college at a rate of 90%, 30% higher than the national average.

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University to study agricultural engineering.

"My ultimate career goal encompasses working as an agricultural problem solver through mechanical development and usage education," said Jones. "This goal centers around creating or improving efficient machines to feed today's world as well as the world of my children, their kids, and the generations beyond."

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Lunch will be served from 11:30 am - noon. Talk begins at noon.

Armen Gregorian, MD, is a board-certified general and colorectal surgeon who completed a subspecialty fellowship in colon and rectal surgery at Brown University. He has been recognized as a top physician, including being named as one of the top colorectal surgeons in Southern California by Los Angeles Magazine. Dr. Gregorian is committed to providing surgical care outside the United States, participating in annual surgical charity missions.

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Hometown Boy Scores Big at Glendale International Film Festival

By Ruth SOWBY

It was standing room only for the screening of Brett Calkins' 18-minute student film "Black Whole" at the Glendale Laemmle Theatre, shown as part of the Glendale International Film Festival (GIFF). The film explored parenthood, with the fear and awe that goes with it, and is based on the experiences of Calkins and his wife. A La Crescenta resident, Calkins is a recent graduate of American Film Institute directing program.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

ABOVE: La Crescenta resident and filmmaker Brett Calkins strikes an angelic pose at the Opening Night Party of the Glendale International Film Festival.

BELOW: The Opening Night Party kicked off the Glendale International Film Festival sponsored by Glendale Arts. On September 28th, the rooftop of the Glenmark Hotel was the sparkling setting for networking among filmmakers and other festival attendees.

For the second year, GIFF has been presented by Glendale Arts. The festival kicked off with an opening night party on Sept. 28 on the rooftop of the Glenmark Hotel in Glendale. Calkins and other film students had the opportunity to rub shoulders with industry professionals.

The festival, which continues through today, Oct. 5, will screen 26 films representing 12 countries and nine states across the United States.



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Ask Phyllis!

Probate Disclosure Requirements

Dear Phyllis,
My husband passed, but he didn't have a living trust. He purchased the home before we were married, and I was never put on the title. Therefore, the home had to go to the probate court, which took forever. When my brother became terminal, I moved into his Glendale home and spent most of my time there.

Apparently, my real estate agent gave me limited disclosures because the home was probated. Two months after the buyer moved in, they contacted my agent and told them I failed to disclose a recent roof leak and repair. My agent knew about the leak because he was the one who gave me the name of the roofer. My agent told me to contact a real estate attorney. My attorney told me that because I was recently living in the home, I should have completed all of the disclosures, including the Transfer Disclosure and Seller Property Questionnaire. He believes my agent was at fault and wants to write a demand letter

for him to pay for the roof repairs demanded by the buyer. The Realtor is a family friend; I don't want to do that. What are the probate disclosure requirements? Do you agree with my attorney?

Dear CLM,
I am sorry you find yourself in this situation. As a real estate agent and not an attorney, I can only speak from my experience. If you had not lived in the home for some time, I don't think you would be required to complete the Transfer Disclosure or Property Questionnaire. However, you had firsthand knowledge of the home, so those forms should have been completed.

Because this was a probate sale, the form you completed was the Exempt Seller Disclosure, which just asks eleven questions. However, the last question reads "Any other material facts or defects affecting the property of material documents in Seller's possession affecting the property not otherwise

disclosed to buyer."

In my opinion, this would be a "material fact". Typically, I use the Receipt for Reports and attach all recent invoices and estimates as a disclosure to the buyer. Since your agent knew about the roof repair, he could have either had you add it as a material fact on the Exempt Seller Disclosure, used the Receipt for Reports, or had you completed the Seller's Property Questionnaire. Had either of these methods been used, this would have likely eliminated the situation you find yourself in.

Likely, your Realtor used a Transaction Coordinator (T.C.). The T.C. knew this was a probate sale but was likely unaware that you had recently lived in the home. This is why I prefer handling my paperwork and not using a transaction coordinator. I can't advise you on how to proceed with your Realtor, but I hope my answer helped clarify things for you.

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Oboist Catherine Del Russo to Perform for GNC



The Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts (GNC) series has returned to live performance in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale. The programs are from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. and are free to attend. On Oct. 18, the GNC will feature oboist Catherine Del Russo performing solo works by Cyril Plante, Benjamin Britten and Los Angeles composer Jeremy Gilien.

On the program are Deux pièces pour hautbois, Opus 272, and Trois pièces pour hautbois solo, Opus 164, by Cyril Plante, Six Metamorphoses after Ovid, Op. 49, by Benjamin Britten and Mora for Solo Oboe by Jeremy Gilien.

Catherine Del Russo received her Bachelor of Music degree and performance certificate at the Eastman School of Music where she studied with Robert Sprenkle. She also received her Masters of Music degree from Ohio University where she studied with John Mack in Cleveland.

Since then, Del Russo has performed around the world.

To learn more about oboist Catherine Del Russo, visit www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE.

To learn more about GNC, visit <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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Fall 2023 Brand Associates Music Series at Brand Library & Art Center

The Brand Associates Music Series for fall 2023 will feature three concerts by virtuosos from Southern California performing chamber music repertoire favorites and new music by living composers. The concerts will be on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the Brand Library Recital Hall, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale. The series is sponsored by the Brand Associates (AssociatesofBrand.org). The performances are free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

On Oct. 19 Ensemble Flame will perform. Ensemble Flame is an

Early Music ensemble including Eric Tinkerhess playing viola da gamba, Mana Tinkerhess playing triple harp and Robert Wang performing on the theorbo. Ensemble Flame is composed of instruments that were at the heart of the king's court in France in the 17th and 18th centuries. Dedicated especially to French music, Ensemble Flame transmits the instruments' warmth by imagining the music as a poem, appeasing our wavering spirits invaded by the passions of the soul. EnsembleFlame.com

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Dunsmore and Mayfield
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN » This photo shows some vacant land in (perhaps) the 1920s. It's looking southwest down an unpaved Dunsmore Avenue at the intersection of Mayfield Avenue. It looks magical – the Verdugo Mountains shrouded in fog and an oak forest shading the chaparral. This is what many subdivisions with lots for sale would have looked like.



NOW » A hundred years later the view of Dunsmore and Mayfield avenues is unrecognizable. In fact, there is no Dunsmore and Mayfield intersection today because the 210 Freeway ran right over the top of it in the late 1960s.

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The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

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

RIVERWALK WORKDAY

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Oct. 14 to work next to the Los Angeles River on the City of Glendale's Riverwalk. Volunteers will remove invasive plants from the

landscaped areas along the LA River. Please wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and bring water. Tools and gloves will be provided. Families, individuals, clubs, and students needing community service hours are welcome.

In case of rain, this event will be cancelled. Riverwalk Workday is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meet at 300 Paula Ave. in Glendale.

For more information or to RSVP, call (818) 548-3795 or visit www.GlendaleCA.gov/Trails.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT MCGROARTY

All are invited to McGroarty

Art Center commemorating the centennial anniversary of this historic landmark house belonging to John Steven McGroarty, poet laureate and congressman in the 1930s. The event will feature a dedication ceremony by the offices of Representative Adam Schiff, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Senator Caroline Menjivar, Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez. There will also be a guided tour of the historic property. Celebrate the history, legacy, and ongoing cultural contributions of Tujunga's still-thriving institution.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served. The celebration takes place on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga. Street and lot parking. Wheelchair access.

For further information contact Joe Aguirre at (818) 383-2239.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Oct. 14 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.

THE LONE WOMAN OF SAN NICOLAS

In 1835, when her people were removed from Haraasnga (San Nicolas Island), a lone indigenous woman was left behind. She lived

alone on the island for 18 years. At the Oct. 14 program at the Bolton Hall Museum, attendees will learn about the circumstances of her abandonment, her subsequent rescue and more recent discoveries made on San Nicolas.

The presenter for this program is local historian Craig Durst who will share his research on San Nicolas' indigenous people and their relationships to local Tongva, founders of the village of Tehunga. An abbreviated screening of the film "Island of the Blue Dolphins," based in the story of the Lone Woman, will follow the presentation.

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

The presentation is on Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

INTERPRETIVE HIKE AT DEUKMEJIAN

The public is invited to an interpretive hike in Deukmejian Wilderness Park and a nature craft, nature-themed games and a tour of the Stone Barn Nature Center on Oct. 14. Provided are water, snacks and bus transportation from Pacific Community Center, leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 12:30 p.m. (Program time begins at 9 a.m. at Deukmejian Wilderness Park.) Those who choose to meet at the park should arrive by 8:45 a.m. The program ends at noon and bus riders will return to

Pacific Community Center by 12:30 p.m.

Important information:

- A free bus leaves from Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave. at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 12:30 p.m.
- Those riding the bus should arrive by 8 a.m. to check-in with the staff.
- Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and a hat or cap.
- Adult supervision is required! One adult for every three children (17 and under) is required.
- RSVP by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/mtxts5b>. For more information, call (818) 937-7428.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale.

CV HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 PLANS 50TH REUNION

CVHS class of '73 is planning a 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Clearman's North Woods Inn in San Gabriel. Reservations are required. Menu choice includes steak, chicken, cod or vegetarian. The event begins at 5 p.m. Make out checks to Luanna (Koury) Lindsey and mail to 2210 San Gorgonio, La Cañada, CA. 91011 or send payment via Venmo to Laurie (Huber) Garcia @countrychick55. Additional information available at 'CVHS Class of '73' Facebook page, or email luannalindsey@me.com or laurieahgarcia@gmail.com.

Clearman's North Woods Inn is located at 7247 Rosemead Blvd. in San Gabriel.

In addition, the class is holding a mixer on Friday night, Oct. 13 at Gus & Andy's Kitchen & Bar, at 2201 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose at 5 p.m. All CV alums from any year are invited to mix and mingle.

Gus & Andy's offers a full menu and full bar. This event is in addition to the formal 50th reunion dinner being held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Northwood's Inn, which requires pre-paid reservations.

THE 23RD ANNUAL LOS ANGELES POTTERY SHOW+ 2023

The Los Angeles Pottery Show+ 2023 will be held the weekend of Oct. 14-15 at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. On Saturday the show is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Sunday, the show is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(No entry 30 minutes prior to close of show on each day)

The annual Los Angeles Pottery Show is the largest art pottery event of its kind on the West Coast. This yearly event hosts thousands of attendees each year and exhibitors from across the U.S. since 1999.

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My GE microwave never worked. What can I do?

Donette Plaisance's GE microwave oven is cursed. Sometimes it stops mid-cycle. Sometimes it continues to run, but without any lights or heating. Can she return it?

Q Last fall I bought a GE 24-inch sensor cooking microwave oven from Home Depot. It never worked. We have had service call after service call. We've had parts shipped to our home. It has been a never-ending issue and now I want my money back.

The appliance does all kinds of crazy things. Sometimes it stops mid-cycle. Sometimes it continues to run, but without any lights or heating. The only way to shut it off is to go into the basement and flip the breaker.

Every time I call GE for help, it is weeks until repairmen can come. And then they don't fix it. I have spent hours on the phone and stayed home from work waiting for the technicians multiple times. Still, six months later, we have never had an operational microwave.

I want my money back. They can take the microwave. Can you help me get a refund for the \$1,528 I spent?

—Donette Plaisance, Newark, Delaware

A: You received a cursed microwave. GE should have worked with Home Depot to replace it quickly instead of

sending a seemingly endless parade of technicians to your home.

Home Depot recommends that you check your appliance carefully when it's delivered. I guess that means you run the microwave to make sure it doesn't suddenly stop or start. Once you accept delivery, Home Depot only allows a return "if the defects and/or damage are identified and reported to Home Depot," it notes in its return policy.

In the paper trail you provided between yourself, Home Depot and GE, I don't see where you notified Home Depot in writing about the defective microwave. But you later clarified that you did, indeed, contact Home Depot right away. You should have been able to get a quick exchange if you'd brought the issue to Home Depot first.

By the way, I publish the executive contacts for both GE and Home Depot on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. Again, contacting one of them might have stopped the parade of technicians.

A closer look at the microwave you purchased shows that while it looks sleek and functional, it is neither. It rates four stars out of

five on Home Depot's own site, but customers have complained that it is easy to break and poorly built. Or, as one reviewer put it, "A WASTE OF MONEY!"

If nothing else, your case underscores the importance of avoiding shoddy appliances through careful research. Remember, manufacturers give themselves the option of a repair, replacement or refund when something goes wrong with an appliance, as I noted in my complete guide to an appliance repair. And they almost always choose the cheapest option: the repair.

I contacted GE on your behalf, and it chose door number two – a replacement. I hope your next microwave isn't possessed. But if it is, now you know whom to contact.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

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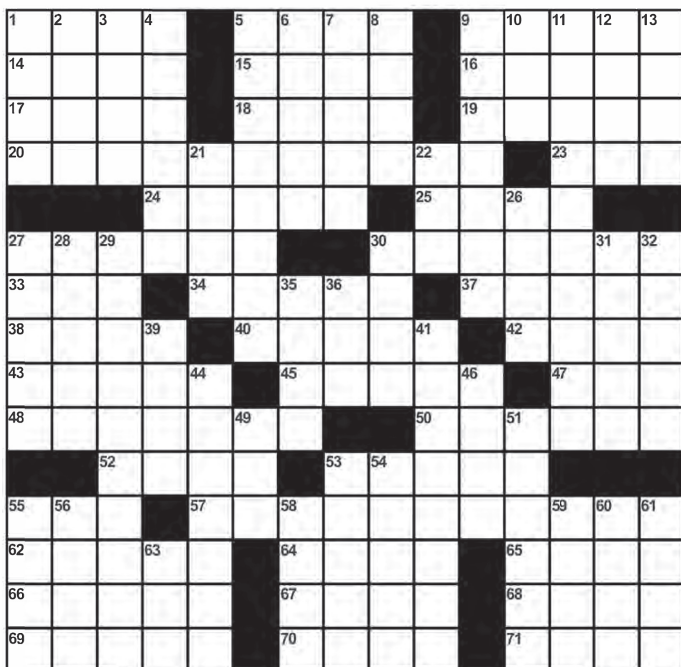
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- 5) Parting words
- 9) Errand runner
- 14) Common cosmetics ingredient
- 15) Prefix for "dynamic"
- 16) Caterpillar, initially
- 17) Turkish currency
- 18) Car wash supply
- 19) Had a home-cooked meal
- 20) Wild fights
- 23) Forest denizen
- 24) Breakfast staple
- 25) "___ I care!"
- 27) Do more origami work
- 30) Visible blight
- 33) Geller with the spoons
- 34) Bear that's not really a bear
- 37) Indication of police action
- 38) Fail to see
- 40) Flounder in water
- 42) Easy dupes
- 43) Group of eight
- 45) Place for a barbecue
- 47) Romanian currency
- 48) Parents and some poker players
- 50) Car front
- 52) "Big Brother" host
- 53) Very pale
- 55) Brain of a PC
- 57) Feature of a disorderly fight
- 62) Certain shooting iron
- 64) Aquarium growth
- 65) Doing nothing
- 66) Like Santa's workers
- 67) Department store section
- 68) Exciting star
- 69) Some bridge seats
- 70) Young winged god of the Greeks
- 71) Happy and appreciative

DOWN

- 1) With no need to part?
- 2) Miscellaneous assortment
- 3) No longer new, as clothing
- 4) Primitive shelter
- 5) Bridgetown's place
- 6) Decade makeup
- 7) Grain bane
- 8) "Eh"
- 9) Spectacles
- 10) Horse's nibble
- 11) Wild melee
- 12) There is no good in it
- 13) Captain or general, e.g.
- 21) Egg part
- 22) Mary ___ cosmetics
- 26) Egyptian goddess
- 27) Bit of gossip
- 28) Longtime "All My Children" character
- 29) Brawl ingredients
- 30) Point to the right?
- 31) Drive away
- 32) Follow, as a consequence
- 35) High mountains
- 36) Hawaii's Mauna ___
- 39) Window frame
- 41) Elaborate Catholic ritual
- 44) Intensifies
- 46) Black-and-white cookie
- 49) Biochemistry abbr.
- 51) What six outs constitute
- 53) Freud contemporary
- 54) Music-score sign
- 55) Ship workers
- 56) Carpet feature
- 58) Everyone has one
- 59) Heroic person, to some
- 60) Edible seaweed
- 61) Honey-based drink
- 63) On, as a candle



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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October 9, 2023 - October 15, 2023

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19
Most of your problems with ill health seem to stem from worries about joint financial affairs. You're encouraged to continue to try to resolve this issue. Give yourself a break and let your body rest and repair. Constant anxiety affects the immune system. It drains the life energy you need for more constructive purposes. Get away for a few days if you have a chance.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20
Life is easier, but don't think that means you have the OK to return to bad health habits. You don't do it consciously. You just go back into old routine of hurrying to get things done and piling too much on your plate. Make a determined effort to not let pressure keep you from taking care of your health. Make an extra effort now.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20
Do a little experiment this week. Notice how much healthier you feel when you feel good about yourself. If you don't feel so good about yourself, then do something to change that. It might mean buying a new outfit, trying a different haircut, or exercising. If your self-worth is intact and you feel great, you'll feel good all over.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22
Despite the fact that you get annoyed over some issues, you're still ready to bop. Your only problem could be too much of a good thing. Don't fall for the misapprehension that if you exercise more, take more supplements, stay in the sauna longer, or get more massages, you'll be even fitter. It's possible to overdo it. You'll feel better if you find a balance.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22
You may have been on a continuous detox for a while. If you really want to ensure vibrant health, you could help yourself by going along with the cycle that nature has prepared for you. This means not giving in to your moods, and eating a wholesome diet as often as possible.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
The best advice for you now is to see everything in perspective. Know that whatever seems like a big problem now will eventually go away. While you may be facing more challenges and pressures than usual, it helps to stay relaxed. No matter how busy you are, schedule time in your calendar to find your focus and stay centered.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
You might feel very tired. You may not have the energy you usually count on. You need to rest. You also need to introduce some playfulness into the proceedings, and the cosmos will help this along. It will encourage you to look on the brighter side. It will be good for your health. Try healthy, exotic dishes to vary your mealtimes.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
However you feel, exercise is one way to enhance all aspects of your life. If you can do a full workout, it will help you mentally, emotionally, and physically, and give you extra confidence. If you can't do that much, just do whatever you can. It's important to stay supple and flexible and not let your mind or body become too rigid.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
This week you could feel a surge of power and feel the need to do something with it. The best way to balance this is probably to get plenty of exercise, but don't get injured and sabotage your efforts. Relaxation is essential on the weekend, so take a walk in nature. You might want to splurge on some new exercise gear.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
If you need a massage or any other kind of treatment, get it. You need to give yourself the love, care, and attention that you quietly crave. There's no need to give yourself such a raw deal. You have every opportunity to get started on the healthiest time of your life. You're more active than ever. Enjoy the feeling of getting fit.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Deeper psychological tensions may affect you more than any outer events. The cosmos is stirring up your subconscious and rooting out hidden issues that need acknowledgement. If you can find a way to process the emotions, you'll find new energy flowing through you. It could be an "aha" moment, when something clicks into place. Healing could come through talking or counseling.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
You're going to be busy. You might also work late. Your social life is rather hectic, which could affect your body. Remember to eat healthfully and get plenty of sleep to keep your immune system working at its best. Perhaps soothing baths would ease away the tension. Try to drink lots of water and cut back on caffeine and alcohol.

PET OF THE WEEK
CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!
Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!



RELIGION

Reprinted from Sept. 26, 2019

Question: I retired five years ago when I was 65. Since then, I've been busier than I ever was when I worked because I volunteer in several local organizations. And I'm happier than I ever was when I had a full time job that I really liked.

The reason I'm writing is I know many retired people who don't volunteer. One of them told me she just wants to do nothing. I can understand that but doing nothing can be boring! Please suggest words of encouragement that may help people decide to volunteer.

—Happy Volunteer

Dear Happy Volunteer,

It is so wonderful to hear that you feel happier and satisfied with your volunteer work. What a delightful way to enjoy your retirement years! As I read your inquiry, a verse in Ecclesiastes, in the Bible, came to mind. It says: "To everything there is a season..." (Eccl. 3:1 - NKJV) or, as another version puts it: "There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth" (The Message version).

When people retire, some want and need a "season" of rest to unwind, unplug, and regroup, "play" and doing nothing. This may be the season your friend is in. After a time of refreshing comes a more opportune and right time to get involved again and do something that benefits others and gives us a purpose. As Rick Warren stated in his book "The Purpose Driven Life," God created us for a purpose. We were created to uniquely fill a place in this world that was designed for our abilities, interests and personalities. It has always been God's intention that we be vital and active and that our latter years be greater than the former. Whether it's through our work in earlier years or volunteering in retirement years, we can utilize our gifts and talents for God's objectives. Some people, like you, make significant contributions by volunteering with charitable or service organizations. Some "volunteer" by helping to take care of and inputting into the lives of their grandchildren. Others

are unpaid caregivers to a relative, friend or acquaintance who's debilitated or aging. Whether it's ministering to family, your neighborhood, community or even other parts of the world, we can make a significant difference.

God's Word tells us, "Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back – given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way" (Luke 6:38 – The Message version). By volunteering, we get blessed and gain renewed purpose, fulfillment and a longer, more vital life. Let's all look for ways to give our lives away and be a blessing those around us and to our world. Blessings to you,

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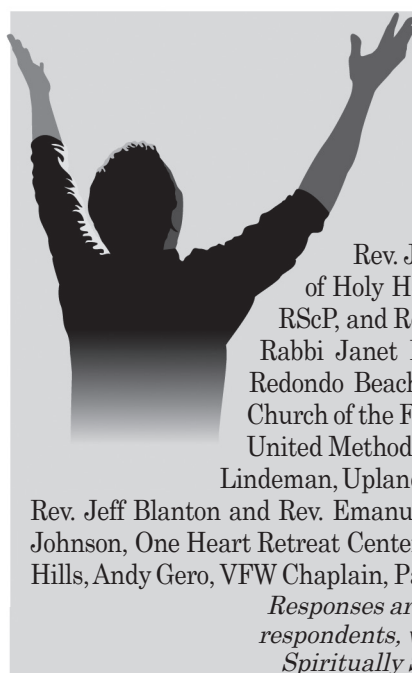
Dear Happy Volunteer,

I am very inspired by the way in which you are living your retired life. I can relate to you. My mother retired in her late 50s and I envisioned a lot of traveling and volunteering for her.

Over time, I realized that my vision for her retired life was different than hers. She stayed home, went for walks, cooked, watched TV, took naps and enjoyed the visit of her children and grandchildren. Thinking that this was a boring life, I arranged for her to meet with the head of a public retirement home to explore volunteering. After visiting the place, my mother told me that, although it was a good opportunity, she'd rather keep doing what she was doing.

Eventually I realized that I had to honor and respect my mother's wishes for her retirement. This happened almost 30 years ago and my mother is still alive and healthy, and doing whatever she has decided to do – not what I wanted her to do. I know that you are coming from a good place and that you would like for other retirees to be as happy as you are. I invite you to consider that maybe your retired friends are content and that maybe they are not as bored as they seem to be.

I invite you to keep in mind that



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words, as inspirational as they may be, are not always the best way to move people to action. What could you do to inspire your friends to try on volunteering? To start, listen attentively to their vision for their retired life. Maybe they are already living that life and that is what matters. Also, when you listen without judgment, you may become that person who they go to if they want to try other things.

I also encourage you to invite them to the volunteer activities that you do, not with the intention for them to volunteer but to spend quality time together.

When we feel listened to and we are companions to others, then we may be inspired to try new things.

Continue enjoying your retirement!

Father Antonio Gallardo
Formerly with St. Luke's of the
Mountains

Question: I live next door to a wonderful family with two children, ages 5 and 7. They've always been good neighbors but have been particularly protective of me since my wife passed away a year and a half ago. In other words, we're like family. The 5-year-old left his bicycle in the front yard and it was stolen. He had been told to always put his bike in the garage when he was through riding it. The mom asked if they should scold him. I

told her I didn't think so since the loss of the bike was hard enough for him to have to deal with. I told her to just keep reminding him and his sister about keeping their belongings safe.

I bought each of them a new bicycle – I'm not telling you this for you to tell me how nice I am. I just want them to trust in what life brings. At this time they're wary of anyone coming into our neighborhood, even someone out for a walk. Please help us say something to them that will help restore their sense of safety and trust.

—Troubled Neighbor

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is preparing to send much-needed items to people around the world. A total of 106 backpacks, loaded with school supplies donated by church and community members, will be distributed. In addition, LCIF's Quilting Group hand stitched more than 30 quilts to be used as bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. The backpacks and quilts will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief. The items to be distributed will receive a special blessing during this Sunday's 10 a.m. worship service with Pastor Rick Hall. A potluck will follow in the church's Fellowship Hall.

A new food drive is underway at LCIF. People are encouraged to bring canned goods to the church for those who are hungry, homeless or unemployed/underemployed. Canned goods can be dropped off during Sunday worship or any time at the church's office. They will be distributed to the food pantry at Heart of the Canyon Church in Tujunga.

LCIF is planning its annual "Trunk or Treat," which will fall on the Sunday before Halloween. The community event is a safe, daytime opportunity for kids to wear their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat among decorated car trunks in LCIF's parking lot. This year's event will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details. 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 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Rummage Sale

The Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta is hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items for sale include clothes, tools, jewelry and treasures!

Coffee and cookies will be available for purchase. Cash only.

Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. (at Santa Carlotta) in La Crescenta.

All Invited to Support Group

Around the Rainbow, a support group for families of LGBTQIA individuals, meets weekly on Tuesday nights at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose in room 24. Gathering is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, contact Jo Ann Stupakis at jostupakis@yahoo.com.

Women's Nondenominational Bible Study

Seasons of Life Bible study offers two classes to choose from, the Joy of Living class will be studying II Samuel and the Book of Job. The Women of Faith class will be studying the books, "Ten Women of the Bible" and "Life Changes in Minor Prophets" by Max Lucado. Classes are on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and began on Thursday, Sept. 21; they continue through April 4 at Highlands Church, formerly First Baptist Church of La Crescenta, (4441 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta).

If interested, contact Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or lyndahessick@gmail.com

Walk and Word

In October, 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 Oct. 15, 22 & 29. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional. Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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Dear Troubled Neighbor,
Even though you don't want any recognition for buying new bikes for your neighbor's kids, I have to. What nice neighbors you both are for looking after each other! This is what neighborhoods should look like. That said, you are right in telling Mom not to punish him and that losing his bike is punishment enough, and I'm sure he and his sister will be more careful. This could be a lifetime lesson.

Next, you need to acknowledge their feelings ("You must be ..." sad, scared, angry or whatever they are feeling) and then reassure them that this doesn't happen all the time. Hopefully this is true.

Time will help. If you had something stolen, you could share that story and how you felt better over time. My son had his bike stolen and I actually felt worse than he did.

Carolyn Young, LCSW
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Dear Troubled Neighbor,
Let me see if I have the facts right. Your next-door neighbors with whom you have a good relationship (a true blessing) always warn their children to put their bikes in the garage when they're done riding them. The youngest forgets that warning and leaves his bike out in the front yard and it's stolen. As a result, they are wary of people (who may be potential thieves) coming into the neighborhood.

After the dust has settled, your take on this situation is this: these neighbor kids and their parents just need to "trust in what life brings." And despite their parent's warnings, I am supposed to write something to help foster this "sense of safety and trust" in what life brings, despite the recent theft from their front yard. Do I have it

right?
Thank you for being a kind-hearted neighbor. So many wish they had someone like you. Thank you for caring about the kids. I think they're lucky to have you next door.

But the parents are shooting straight and your aim is skewed. They're parents; safety is their No. 1 job. They can't afford to "trust in what life brings." Had their youngest listened to them, he'd still have his first bike. And the kids won't always have a kind neighbor to make their wrongs right again.

They need to keep their eyes on new people coming into the neighborhood. They need to put their bikes away. They need to listen to their parents.

Until the entire world has a gracious heart like yours, maybe you should start listening to your neighbors.

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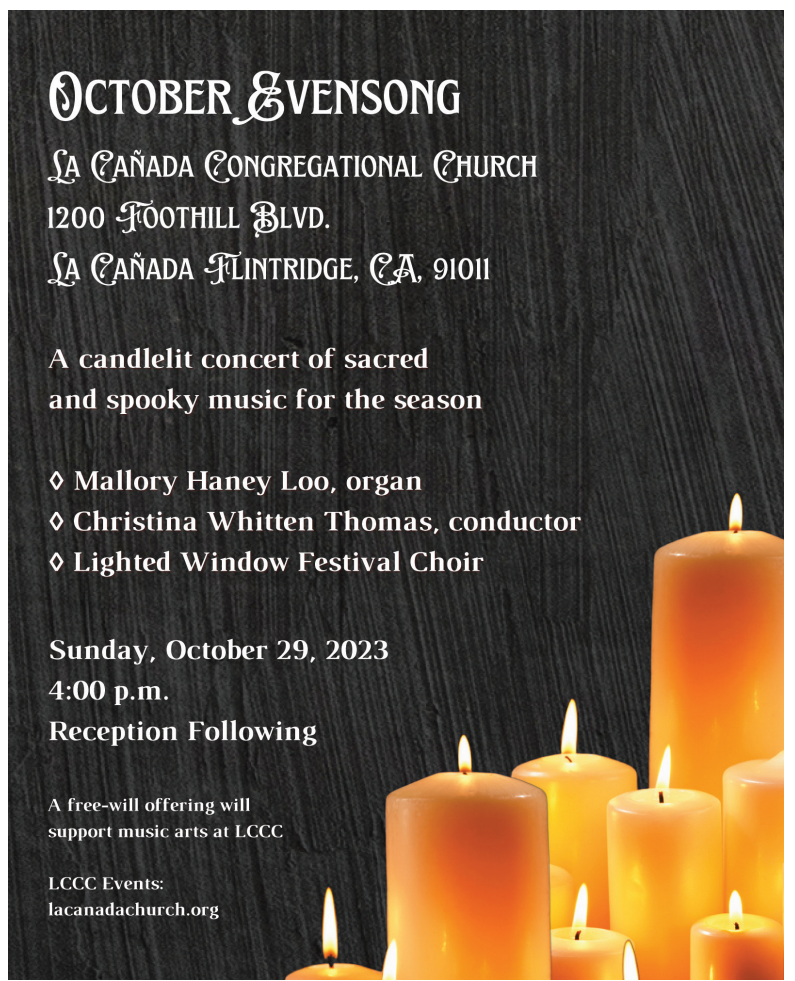
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excessive use of pavement. She used natural materials like gravel to prevent the heat from reflecting off the ground. She also included trees around the building to cast shadows and provide protection from the sun.

"Their roots are fed from an underground cistern that collects rainwater off the building's roof," stated NPR.

Really, we have to learn from the past going forward. Before incorporating a "modern lifestyle" people used to build their homes – in fact, entire towns – by using materials they found within that particular environment. But as modern conveniences made it easier to adapt the environment to buildings rather than buildings to the environment – like a desert to an oasis – it ignored the effects these would have on the natural surroundings.

One great local example of how natural material was used is our own Crescenta Valley stone houses. Unfortunately many of them have been torn down so more "modern" structures could be built without any thought as to why the original structures were made of stone in the first place.

La Crescenta is affectionately called "Rock Crescenta" because you cannot dig into the ground without hitting rocks – lots and lots of rocks. Instead of plowing all of them out, builders of the past used these rocks to create unusual and creative houses and buildings. One of these buildings that still stands is St. Luke's of the Mountain Episcopal Church on the corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The church was built in 1924, as was the former Fire Station 19, now the Fire House youth center, which is part of the St. Luke's property. These buildings were built of stones from the surrounding area. In fact, as the story goes, S. Seymour Thomas, an American artist who made La Crescenta his home, worked with the community to build the Episcopal church. He sat across the street from where the church is now and painted his design of a stone church. He, along with others, gathered rocks and boulders from the surrounding area – mostly from Angeles National Forest – and used them to build the church.

Due to the walls of the church and the youth center being made of natural stone, they are thick and offer amazing insulation to keep the buildings cool in the summer and warm in the winter. These buildings still need air conditioning and heating for our modern expectations but the natural sustainable insulation is appreciated as the utilities are used at a moderate level even on the hottest, or coldest, days.

These historical lessons may be the only way to move forward though our resources are dwindling. When I see buildings being developed I realize this housing is needed but I also see lots of windows facing the rising and setting sun, balconies that cannot be used during the day because there are no awnings and trees and natural vegetation being incorporated into the design as an afterthought. So it seems, as my great grandma used to say, we are "robbing Peter to pay Paul." We are creating more housing but at a cost to our

environment by putting a strain on our resources. We don't need to stop building; what we need is to change the way we look at new development.

Fall in Southern California is like none other because we never know

what the weather will bring. There are times when October sees cooler and almost crisp temperatures, then goes up to the high 80s ... all of that can happen within a few hours. So get ready for our roller coaster fall

weather to continue.

Today, Thursday, we will see temperatures with highs in the low 80s and lows in the 60s. There may be wind gusts up to 20 mph. Friday the high is expected to be in the upper 70s

and the lows in the mid 50s. Then on Saturday and Sunday we are back up in the 80s.

There does not appear to be any rain in the next seven days, according to NOAA.

ISRAEL from Cover

"I stand strongly with Israel in the face of this terrorist attack by Hamas and declaration of war on the people of Israel. Israel has a right to defend itself, and the U.S. must do all it can to assist Israel as it protects its citizens and takes all necessary steps to recover the hostages taken. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those lost and wounded. Israel is experiencing its own 9/11 this weekend, and there are no both sides to this attack. Hamas is a terrorist group mass murdering hundreds of innocent Israelis and taking women and children hostage. The U.S. must stand ready to provide Israel with the support it needs to defend itself including humanitarian aid and funding for the Iron Dome," Schiff stated.

However this has taken a personal toll on those who have loved ones in Israel including Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum from the Chabad of the Crescenta Valley.

"[I have] two first cousins and their families living in Tel Aviv. I also have some extended family [in Israel] as well," he said.

He is concerned for his family members but also has the responsibility of those of the Chabad.

"People have been messaging me non-stop and we've been doing our best to lift spirits and just lend a shoulder to lean on and to cry on – sometimes that is the best thing we can do. Plans for a community-wide prayer service and unity event for Israel is in the works," he added.

He is also concerned what this

attack may mean for the future of Israel.

"The people of Israel have been receiving rocket fire for years – to a point that (sadly) it's been virtually accepted by every Israeli that a few nights a year they are to spend in bomb shelters. Thanks to the incredible technology and security of the Iron Dome, for the most part they have remained safe – only a few casualties each year. Thus the evil perpetrators and terrorists have been able to remain alive," he said.

It appears that the nation is only beginning to realize how brutal this terrorist attack has been. Grossbaum believes that the Israel Defense Forces [IDF] will be able to carry out a "complete decimation of Hamas." He believes once this

terrorist group is stopped it will lead to peace.

"I believe that the peaceful future for the citizens of Israel and the Palestinian people will begin to blossom," he said.

When asked what people can do to support families in Israel he replied, "First and foremost we can all do our part in assisting the people of Israel and the IDF in their missions of uprooting terrorism by donating money to the various organizations that are committed to doing just that. Visit colechabad.org or idf.org to donate."

Chabad of the Crescenta Valley will be holding a Unite For Israel event today, Thursday, Oct. 12 at the La Cañada Country Club. To RSVP, visit cvchabad.org/uniteforisrael.

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