

### Citigroup's Illegal Discriminatory Practices Target Armenian Americans

Glendale City Councilman Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian at a special meeting of the Glendale City Council on Tuesday requested that the Council discuss the possibility of filing a lawsuit against Citibank after it was revealed that the banking institution discriminated against Armenian Americans.

Glendale is home to the largest concentration of Armenians in the nation and the highest outside of Armenia.

The topic of the possible lawsuit will be put on the agenda at the next Council meeting on Nov. 30 when the Council returns after the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Nov. 9, Representative Adam Schiff issued the following statement on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) announcing a \$25.9 million fine against Citibank for illegally discriminating against Armenian American credit card applicants.

Schiff's serves as vice chair of the Congressional Armenian Caucus.

"It is shameful that Citibank deliberately discriminated against Armenian Americans, denying credit to people on the basis of their last names and ethnic origin," reads his statement. "All personnel responsible for participating in and then attempting to cover up this unlawful practice should be terminated from the company."

"While I welcome the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's action, I'm committed to holding banks and other institutions accountable for any such actions. We must ensure that overt discrimination like this never happens again."

Consumers who applied for a Citi Retail Services Credit Card between Jan. 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2021, and are identified as having been denied the credit card based on national origin discrimination, are eligible for redress. Consumers can submit complaints about financial products and services by visiting the CFPB's website or by calling (855) 411-CFPB (2372).

## 45 Years and Still Going – the Montrose Christmas Parade

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Four decades strong, the community continues to turn out to celebrate the holidays.*

Dec. 2 marks the 45th year of the Montrose Christmas Parade, a family tradition that has kept its small town roots throughout the decades.

Although several miles away, the Montrose Christmas Parade has Hollywood to thank for its beginning. In the early 1950s, Dennis Morgan was an MGM star. He was known for his tenor voice and starred in many films. He lived locally and several of his famous friends would often visit the area. One afternoon he and his friends created a holiday parade that traveled down Honolulu Avenue.

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Thousands are expected to line Honolulu Avenue for this year's Montrose Christmas Parade on Dec. 2. This year's grand marshal is Steve Pierce (inset). File photos

## The Results are In: The CVTC Election 2023

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Town Council election was held last weekend. There were six seats open, three regular seats and three alternates with four candidates running. Unfortunately two additional candidates were found not eligible because they did not live within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County Montrose/La Crescenta.

Kerri Lewin Brautigam took 31% of the vote, Chris Kilpatrick had 28.5% and Jeffrey Rodriguez had 21.5%; all were elected to regular positions. Daniel Kim secured a place as an alternate with 19% of the vote.

"The Council can appoint two people on a temporary basis as alternates," said Kilpatrick, the current CVTC president.

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Crescenta Valley Town Council members who were not up for reelection manned last weekend's election process. From left, CVTC Vice President Harry Leon, Frida Baghdassarian and Dede Mueller with a voter.



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# Holiday Calendar Is Filling Up

As we approach Thanksgiving, I see my calendar filling up with events. The fun started on Thursday night with the Salvation Army's Kettle Kick Off show.

Most people really only think about the Salvation Army during the holidays when they hear the ringing of the bell outside stores soliciting donations and raising awareness of the organization. But the Salvation Army works year round to provide services to those in need. Thursday night's show featured comedians Christopher Titus, Rachel Bradley and Billy Gardell and the trio kept everyone in stitches. If you weren't able to attend, you can still donate at <https://westernusa.salvationarmy.org/glendale-ca/>.

Friday afternoon was the 19th Hole banquet and awards presentation of the Chace Taylor Malone iMPACT Foundation golf tournament. Headed by Victoria Malone, the afternoon/evening event was a testament to the love felt for Victoria's son Chace who died unexpectedly a couple of years ago. (As an aside, kudos were extended to Mary O'Keefe for her ongoing work with the iMPACT Foundation).

On Saturday night it was the Montrose Shopping Park's twice-annual Wine Walk. My friend Amy and I made haste on Saturday night to the

ticket booth on the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. We weren't alone; the line of ticketholders stretched down Honolulu Avenue past Holiday Hats & Gowns. In her wisdom, Amy (who arrived earlier than I did) got into line so our wait wasn't too bad. The lovely ladies of the La Crescenta Woman's Club were there to greet us and hand us our bags (newly designed and looking spiffy) and our swag – including tickets for the wine tastings. Amy and I stopped in some of our favorite spots, including La Cañada Furniture & Design, Benjamin & Co Jewelry and Merle Norman Cosmetics. We then enjoyed dinner at Joselito's Mexican Restaurant.

I have such a good time at the Wine Walk. I see folks I rarely get to see, like Alice Perez and her sister Trish McRae, and visit stores I usually don't have time to visit ... and in such a fun and stress-free environment.

Looking ahead, the day after Thanksgiving is the shopping park's "Plaid Friday" (more in next week's

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

I began writing as a journalist because of science. As I have stated multiple times in the past I love science fiction; the reason I do is because it takes science and pairs it with imagination that goes beyond.

When we moved to the Crescenta Valley and discovered the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) was just down the street we knew we had to take advantage of being close to this historic location.

I found that once a month it had seminars on missions it was on or planning. My son and I started going whenever we were in town; I traveled a lot on location so we weren't always around but when we were here, we were there. He was 3 when we started going to the seminars and continued going as our family grew. It was so fascinating to learn about the amazing things being done at JPL and my son was entranced by everything. He has always been excited about learning. We would listen to the scientists and engineers talk about their plans or show discoveries of distant worlds. Then at the end of the seminars the speakers would set aside time for questions and would then stay longer to talk individually to people. When my son was 6 or 7, he was fascinated by physics so there were always questions.

One day as we were walking into a seminar my son, who I love so much, turned to me and said, "If you have a question why don't you ask me first?" He did this not because he thought he was smarter than the speakers but because he was afraid I would relate my question to a "Star Trek" episode, which in all honesty I would have. Just to be clear – there was always someone in the audience or sometimes the speaker,

who would relate the science to "Star Trek" ... I'm just saying.

When my daughter was born we started taking her to these seminars and she was also enthralled. She wasn't quite as serious as my son though. She was more fascinated by who the engineers and scientists were, and if it was a woman speaker it was guaranteed we would stay after to talk to her. Then with my third child – well it was a little different. She was terrified of space, anything to do with space. This doesn't make a lot of sense and she is not even sure where the fear came from but I have my suspicions that her older brother may have told a terrifying tale of space. That would explain why my little daughter would come running in from the yard terrified that the "black hole" would eat her and my son following her with a smirk on his face.

Despite the fear of outer space, we continued to attend the annual JPL open house, and any other event offered to the public.

This trip down JPL memory lane was inspired by a recent notice that only a few weeks are left to add your name to a microchip that will ride aboard a spacecraft on the mission Europa Clipper. That spacecraft will be exploring Jupiter's moon Europa. Isn't that amazing? We can be part of this exploration. Now I know how hard all JPLers work to get from the "what if?" phase to actual exploration, and I don't want to minimize that, but holy cats! We can be part of this mission just by adding our names.

This is actually a tradition at JPL/NASA.

Pioneers 10 and 11 carried small metal plaques "identifying their time and place" see WEATHER on page 19



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## IN BRIEF

### RUMMAGE SALE RESCHEDULED

Due to expected inclement weather the rummage sale scheduled for Nov. 18 at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta benefiting the CV Chamber of Commerce has been rescheduled to Saturday, Dec. 16.

For more information, email [Mary@cvweekly.com](mailto:Mary@cvweekly.com).

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE EVENTS

On Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Birds of the Rosemont Preserve will be presented by Jodhan Fine. Fine will help guests learn about the birds that are seen and heard while on a walk.

Jodhan is an Occidental College student and a member of the Moore Laboratory of Zoology. He has a keen interest in birds and has published research papers on unusual bird sightings. Bring binoculars and consider downloading the free Merlin bird app in advance by accessing <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/download/>. Be sure to download Merlin's "US: West Coast" bird information.

Registration required; please RSVP to [rosemontfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rosemontfriends@gmail.com).

Then an "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19. 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 2 p.m. to 4p.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. Please park at Two Strike Park rather than in front of the homes of neighbors. Those with mobility issues requiring a closer parking spot can contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [rosemontfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rosemontfriends@gmail.com). Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail and bring water to drink.

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

### CVCA RESCHEDULES NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Crescenta Valley Community Assn. will be on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. rather than on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. The organization will be dark in December.

A Zoom link will be available in an upcoming issue of the CV Weekly.

### NWGHA ANNUAL MEETING

Glendale's new police chief Manuel Cid will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the

Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association tonight, Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Brand Library auditorium.

All Glendale residents are invited to attend. Chief Cid will answer audience questions. There will also be an election for board of directors to NWGHA.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and the Brand Library auditorium is located in Brand Park at 1601 W. Mountain St. For information, call (818) 754-8274.

### GWP HOLDING FINAL IRP MEETING

Glendale Water & Power is having its fourth and final Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) townhall meeting tonight, Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way in Glendale 91208.

The final townhall will present results from the modeling of future energy scenarios developed by GWP and the IRP Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group (STAG). These scenario results will show different ways GWP could meet its future energy needs and the scenarios' implications on costs, renewable energy generation and system reliability. The public will have a chance to ask questions and provide comments on results before the IRP is finalized in the coming months.

Translation will be available in Armenian and Spanish. This meeting will be recorded and posted publicly for those who can't attend. For questions and comments on this townhall or the IRP in general, please email [GWP-IRP@GlendaleCA.gov](mailto:GWP-IRP@GlendaleCA.gov).

### CVWD LOOKING TO FILL BOARD VACANCY

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) will have a vacancy on its board of directors beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

Board members provide general oversight, guidance and direction to District staff concerning operations, finances and customer relations. The board typically meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m., and board members are assigned on one to three committees that meet twice a month on average.

The board of directors seeks a board member who has the desire and ability to contribute to informed decision-making and to represent the best immediate and long-term interests of the community. The board also values diversity of opinion and experience.

The position is open to every registered voter who lives within CVWD's district boundaries and the term lasts until the next election in November 2024.

A copy of the District map is available at [www.cvwd.com/board-of-directors-recruitment](http://www.cvwd.com/board-of-directors-recruitment).

To apply, send a Statement of Interest (resume/CV optional) to [employment@cvwd.com](mailto:employment@cvwd.com) or the District's office by Friday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the District's general manager James Lee at (818) 248-3925 or [jlee@cvwd.com](mailto:jlee@cvwd.com).

# Wine Enthusiasts Converge on Avenue



Photos by Charly SHELTON  
 ABOVE: At Moo Moo Mia, champagne flavored sorbet was offered to ticketholders as well as some fine wine.  
 BELOW: Jeannie Bone, formerly of Casa Cordoba, returned to pour some of her favorite Spanish wines.

By Charly SHELTON

On Saturday, the 5th Annual Holiday Wine Walk was held in the Montrose Shopping Park to a nearly sold-out crowd, a testament to its growing popularity.

At one point, the line for check-in snaked half a block down, starting from the check-in booth at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue and stretching to the shop It Takes a Village. Wine enthusiasts gathered, eager to explore the offerings of the 35 "pour stations" set up by the participating businesses in the Shopping Park. Each station presented a selection of red or white wines, each chosen by the business owner to showcase their own tastes and favorite wines. Many of the stations were complemented by small bites, ranging from charcuterie spreads to samples from some of the local restaurants, and even scoops of ice cream at Moo Moo Mia.

New to the event was Montrose Bowl, recently reopened under new management. This iconic venue added to the event's charm, infusing a fresh and vibrant energy.

Guests enjoyed not just the wine and food but also the live music that filled the air as bands lined the boulevard, creating an ambiance that invited guests to linger between pouring stations, enjoying their wine in the cool night air.

In addition to the wine, each wine walker received \$10 in Montrose scrip, usable throughout

the Shopping Park. As the holiday season approaches and the Shopping Park gets ready to welcome Plaid Friday on Nov. 24, this will surely be of use for the holiday season.

The Montrose Wine Walk proved to be more than just a wine tasting event; it was a night when the community came together to celebrate life, culture and the simple joys of good company and good food. And according to Dale Dawson, events coordinator for the Montrose Shopping Park Association, many of the merchants who have taken part in the event year after year said that this was the best event yet.

For more information on other upcoming events in the Montrose Shopping Park, including Plaid Friday, visit [ShopMontrose.com](http://ShopMontrose.com).



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# Montrose Haunted House Delights Families

Wide-eyed children looked forward to seeing what was around the corner at the annual Haunted House maze hosted by the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills in Montrose on Halloween night.

Ghosts, zombies, mummies, witches and the like were waiting to be discovered in the mock mini-graveyard, the spooky mansion room, the witch's lair with her potions and pet dragons, and more.

"The Church's Haunted House is so much fun to go through. I love taking my child and her friends there. It's really well done, kid-friendly, and they get to do some trick-or-treating inside. It's always our first stop when we go to Montrose on Halloween," said Alicia Toth, a Foothills resident. The most frequent comment heard was "So awesome!" with others adding it was "perfect,"



Photos provided by Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills in Montrose. Trick-or-treater receives candy from witch Virginia Wenzel in the Haunted House at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.

"spooky," "amazing," "very well designed" and "professional." Mission Holder Stacy Kitchens said, "Being family-oriented, we

love being part of Montrose's tradition of providing a fun and safe holiday experience for children in the foothills area. see HAUNTED HOUSE on page 8

## NOTES & NODS

### Lutheran Churches To Celebrate Thanksgiving

Pumpkin pie and worship is on the menu at a special Thanksgiving Eve event hosted by Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta and Lutheran Church in the Foothills, 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Worship will begin at 7 p.m. at Mt. Olive in La Crescenta on Wednesday, Nov. 22 followed by fellowship and plenty of homemade pumpkin pie. All are welcome and more details can be found by contacting either church's office or websites.

Additionally, Lutheran Church in the Foothills reminds the community of its ongoing food drive to help feed the hungry. Canned goods can be dropped off during Sunday worship or anytime at the church's office. They will be distributed to the food pantry at Heart of the Canyon Church in Tujunga.

For those looking for breakfast and prayer, LCIF extends an invitation to join Pastor Rick Hall each Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at the McDonald's, 449 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. Regular worship with Pastor Hall is held at 10 a.m. on Sundays

at LCIF, with Children's Church beginning at the same time.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for details. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto: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.

All Invited to Support Group Around the Rainbow, a support group for families of LGBTQIA individuals, meets monthly on the first and third Tuesday nights (note the new

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Also, Operation Christmas Child is coming. This year Mt. Olive is going to make this a fellowship event! Participants will meet at the church on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m. and together fill the boxes with goodies. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be provided.

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

### Walk and Word

In November, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Nov. 19 & 26. 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 [inlaviere@earthlink.net](mailto:inlaviere@earthlink.net).

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

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» PART II

# Concerns Abound Regarding Neighborhood Business



It was standing room only at the Nov. 1 meeting to discuss concerns regarding U Matter Luxury Resort.

By Mary O'KEEFE

A meeting on Nov. 1, hosted by the Crescenta Valley Town Council, gave the community the chance to ask questions regarding a new business in its neighborhood. U Matter Luxury Resort had representatives at the meeting as well as speakers from the Los Angeles County agencies that deal with public health and permitting.

U Matter Luxury Resort is permitted as an adult residential facility in the 3000 block of Frances Avenue in La Crescenta. Neighbors have voiced their concerns about the facility for some time and welcomed the chance to talk with representatives of this business that is planned to open in their neighborhood. The initial concerns grew as more people shared their thoughts on social media. Neighbors who lived close to the business site were especially worried about the ever-changing business model as reflected on the company's website.

U Matter Luxury Resort's website has had many changes over the last several months including a description of the facility as a detox center from alcohol and drugs. This description concerned neighbors who feared a drug rehabilitation center was planned in their

residential neighborhood.

At the center of the concerns expressed by those in attendance at the Nov. 1 meeting was the fluid business model that was represented on the company's social media. It appeared that the website was in constant flux causing many of the residents to take screen shots of the varied offerings by the company.

Julie Herasymenko, the former marketing executive for U Matter Luxury Resort, is a freelance employee who lives out of the country. She said most of her contact with the company was via the messaging application WhatsApp. The constant changes to the U Matter Luxury Resort social media are something Herasymenko is keenly aware of. CVW interviewed her via phone.

"They were changing their minds," she said, "sometimes [numerous times] during the month."

She worked on the U Matter Luxury Resort account for a month.

At one point one of the community members at the Nov. 1 meeting said they felt the business model was changing because of complaints received from the community. Herasymenko said the community's response was part of the conversation between her and representatives of U Matter Luxury Resort as more

changes were proposed.

"They changed their minds so often. They were a wellness resort, then a wellness center," she said. At one point the company's social media stated U Matter Luxury Resort was a retreat.

Herasymenko said with other clients she had worked with changes like these would not be done publicly and the site wouldn't go "live" until final approval was given. She said changes are often made when establishing a business; however, once a website and social media goes public changes are usually minimal.

But this was the main concern voiced at the meeting by residents who continued to want answers as to what type of business is U Matter Luxury Resort.

One community member asked why the business would allow children to be at the rehab/detox center. U Matter Luxury Resort representative Prescilla Cardenas stated children are not allowed at the facility and that even though the website allows a child to be added to the client list, when completing a reservation the child would not be included in the costs or the person making the reservation would not be allowed to complete the booking.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/NEWS](http://CVWeekly.com/NEWS)

CVTC from Cover

Kilpatrick is excited about his new term on the Council and what it will be working on in the future.

"[The Council has been] tackling so many emergency issues lately," he said.

Those issues include a new business on Frances Street – U Matter Luxury Resort – and proposed development at the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue. He said he is looking forward to continuing the Council's work on these issues but also working with law enforcement regarding traffic issues in the area.

"We have done [or are in the process of completing] almost a dozen traffic studies," he said.

The Council will also keep a watchful eye on new laws from Sacramento and new ordinances from LA County.

Although those on the Council are elected, the Crescenta Valley Town Council is not an official government entity. It is a private non-profit membership

organization that acts as the liaison between the unincorporated area of LA County Montrose/La Crescenta and the supervisor for the fifth district of LA County (currently Kathryn Barger).

Council meetings are held the third Thursday of the month in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., at 7 p.m. The next meeting is tonight, Nov. 16.

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# Part of Interstate 10 Closed due to Fire



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Caltrans reports that it is working “around the clock” with Cal Fire, California Highway Patrol and local agencies to reopen the I-10 between Alameda Street and the East LA interchange as quickly as possible. The corridor was severely damaged due to fire on Nov. 11. Gov. Newsom

proclaimed a state of emergency in Los Angeles County to facilitate clean up and repair work to better help this key transportation corridor safely re-open.

The I-10 Freeway in Los Angeles is expected to partially reopen to traffic in December with complete repairs estimated

at taking an estimated three to five weeks. According to Caltrans, critical materials for the repairs are already on-site.

Cal Fire believes the fire was caused by arson. Tips or leads can be sent anonymously to the Cal Fire arson hotline at (800) 468-4408 or arsonbomb@fire.ca.gov.

# LA County Candidate Nomination Filing is Open

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced the candidate nomination filing period for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election is now open. Candidates are required to file and return completed paperwork to the RR/CC headquarters on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9.

Candidates wanting to file paperwork in person

are encouraged to make an appointment before visiting the RR/CC Norwalk HQ. Appointments can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/2dppjrrv> or by calling (800) 815-2666, option 4.

Alternatively, candidates may request their paperwork be issued to them by email or U.S. mail if requested in advance of the deadline.

In observance of Thanksgiving, all RR/CC offices will be closed on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24.

Candidates interested in running for office are encouraged to review the March 5, 2024 Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide at <https://tinyurl.com/3bvr6uvj>.

The handbook and resource guide includes a variety of details and critical deadlines to be eligible for this election.

For more information, call the Election Information Section at (800) 815-2666, option 4, or visit our <https://tinyurl.com/ym7jubmw>.

# CRIME BLOTTER

## NOV. 12

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that a female suspect, described as White and wearing a colorful floral dress, entered the store. She walked directly to the vitamin aisle, grabbed multiple assortments of vitamins and stuffed them into a pocket underneath her skirt. The manager came around the corner of the aisle and noticed the theft. The suspect left the store without attempting to pay for the items. A witness reported seeing the suspect get into the passenger side of a white van and drive out of the parking lot at 8 p.m.

2500 block of Whittier Drive in La Crescenta, a man reported receiving a call from a family member who lives at the location saying the power was being turned off at the home. The man returned to the home and found the breaker panel door that was located at the exterior of the home was opened. The resident's power was off. He walked to the front of the home and heard vehicles leaving the area. He reported seeing a white four-door sedan

and red flatbed truck quickly leave the area. He found the front door to the residence was still locked and nothing missing or stolen. After an investigation it appeared the suspect/suspects had turned off the power to the residence to turn off alarms and surveillance cameras.

The incident occurred at 1:10 a.m.

## NOV. 9

700 block of St. Katherine Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a burglary alarm was triggered at a home. A witness reported seeing two males running from the location. The witness stated that he heard an audible burglary alarm coming from the nearby home. It was dark and he heard the two people running through bushes. He then heard the sound of a car door slam and witnessed a light colored sedan drive away from the area. A witness reported seeing a suspicious vehicle, described as a gray Honda Civic, parked in the area earlier in the day. The witness thought it was the same as the vehicle the two suspects got into. Deputies found the home had the activated

alarm had a shattered glass door in one of the bedrooms. Cash was reported stolen.

The burglary occurred at 8:10 p.m.

400 block of Commonwealth Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, while out of town a resident was contacted by a family member and told that several rooms at a residence had been ransacked. Surveillance footage revealed three male adults climbed onto the home's master bedroom balcony and entered the residence. The suspects broke a glass door and entered the home. The suspects were described as being 5'6" to 5'8" tall. One suspect was wearing camouflage pants; all were wearing grey hoodies and carrying backpacks. All suspects appeared to be wearing gloves. Several items were reported stolen. Deputies reviewed surveillance footage and saw that one of the suspects crawled in the master bedroom into the closet. Apparently he was crawling to avoid activating the security system.

The burglary occurred at 6:10 p.m.



# Veterans Throughout the Area Honored



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Allen Brandstater salutes the fiery remains of the flag during the retirement ceremony.

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Mary O'KEEFE

Members of the American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 held their annual Veterans Day commemoration at Two Strike Park on Saturday morning.

An estimated 60 people, including veterans, members of the CV Sheriff's Station, Glendale Police Dept. and several Boy Scout organizations, were on-site to honor those who served in the military.

Veteran Mike Baldwin welcomed guests and was emcee for the event, which included comments from dignitaries State Senator Anthony Portantino and CVTC member Elizabeth Ahlers. Fellow veteran Jerry Burnham gave the invocation and, in full uniform, Allen Brandstater led the pledge of allegiance. The boys and girls of Troop 288 spoke on the history of Veterans Day and the solemnity of retiring the American flag, a ceremony that was held toward the end of the commemoration.

A couple of highlights of the day were the singing of the national anthem by The Carothers Family Singers and the playing of "The Armed Forces Medley." "The Armed Forces Medley" recognizes the various branches of the military and attending veterans stood and saluted when the song representing their branch was played. Commander Robert Wollenweber recited the poignant war poem "In Flanders Field."

Several people in the audience took strips of the American flag that were to be retired and placed or tossed them into the flames of a rack set up for the occasion.

On Friday, the Don Jose Verdugo Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) placed a wreath at the Montrose Vietnam Memorial in recognition of Veterans Day.

"We have been [doing this ceremony] for three years," said Julianne Ellis-Rainey, DAR

member. "[We want] to honor all of those who have served, those who [are active] military and those who have passed."

She added that it is important to continue to honor veterans, especially with the violence in the world and the division of the country adding it was time to get back to basics.

"The courage of our veterans, and how they fight for our freedom knowing they could die for our freedoms without even knowing us, is amazing," said Caroline Craven, DAR member.

Crescenta Valley High School 2021 graduate Ryan Nelson was at the ceremony. He presently serves with the U.S. Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego.

"I like to come back home and see family when I have the chance," Nelson said. "It important to give recognition to those who have [served] and sacrificed."

During the brief presentation, Craven highlighted the history of Veterans Day.

"It was the 11th [hour] of the 11th day of the 11th month," she said.

The war officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, which was signed on June 28, 1919; however, the fighting had actually ended seven months earlier when armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect ... on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

"It was a 'war to end all wars,'" Craven said. "But it wasn't the end of war."

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. President Dwight D. Eisenhower actually issued the first Veterans Day proclamation in 1954.

According to the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organization, amended the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. On June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. Then in

1967 the Uniform Holiday Bill was intended to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. It was thought these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities but many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original days. The first Veterans Day under this law was observed (with much confusion) on Oct. 25, 1971.

This date didn't have any significance to history, like the original Armistice Day and so in 1975 President Gerald Ford changed it back to Veterans Day.

The DAR has admitted over one million members since its founding 133 years ago. It is a non-profit organization with a mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

For those interested in joining, it is advised to do some ancestral legwork first, including researching one's own family history. It does take some time.

"[Anyone interested] can go online and reach out. The DAR will put you in touch with someone in the [organization]," said Ellis-Rainey.

Prospective applicants will need documents including the birth certificates of mother/father and grandparents as well as death certificates for those family members who have passed.

"It is quite a long process," she said. "It took me three years."

So getting as much information linking one's family to the time of the American Revolution is advised.

The DAR website is www.dar.org.

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To apply, please send a Statement of Interest (resume/CV optional) to [employment@cvwd.com](mailto:employment@cvwd.com) or the District's office by Friday, December 1, at 4pm.

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Our staff and parishioners really enjoy creating the Haunted House as a gift to our community, and we try to improve on it each year."

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In addition to activities open to the public such as the Haunted House, the Mission also supports various community outreach programs such as relationship and drug education seminars. See [www.scientology.org/our-help-is-yours](http://www.scientology.org/our-help-is-yours).



TOP: Families waiting outside to enter the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills' Haunted House on Halloween night  
LEFT: Pumpkin room of the Haunted House at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.  
RIGHT: Graveyard scene in the Haunted House at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.

MONTROSE PARADE from Cover

The parade was during the day, back then, and hosted grand marshals that included fellow stars Jackie Cooper and Jack Carson. The parade became a very popular event for locals; however, when Morgan moved away from the area the parade ended.

Then in 1976 Montrose businessman Frank Roberts decided to bring the Montrose Christmas Parade back to the neighborhood. It was a way to bring business to the local shops as well as celebrate the town he loved so much.

Known as the founder of the Montrose Christmas Parade, Roberts died in 2005. That year the parade was dedicated to his memory, according to the Montrose Christmas Parade Association (MCPA).

Cheryl Davis is the parade coordinator. She and her large group of volunteers are busy working on this year's parade. Though always a difficult choice, this year the MCPA selected Steve Pierce as the parade grand marshal.

"Steve Pierce has given his entire life to volunteering and serving his community and his country. He is a Navy veteran (having served in Vietnam) and he has served on almost every board for local non-profits and community events - the CV Chamber, CV Fireworks, Montrose Christmas Parade Association, CV Town Council, etc. He maintains the war memorial in Montrose, and is the [Montrose Shopping Park Association's film liaison]," Davis said. "It's a little known fact that one year, when the Montrose Christmas Parade coordinator was

unable to continue due to personal reasons, Steve stepped up without skipping a beat and took over coordinating the parade. I always refer to him as 'The Man Who Saved the Christmas Parade.' He is everywhere in our community and he is the ultimate example of selflessness, volunteering and loving his community."

Davis said during the time she has been acting coordinator of the MCPA she has seen the event grow.

"We always say that you're either in the parade, watching the parade or helping and volunteering with the parade," she said.

The MCPA is an all-volunteer group that exists solely to put on the annual parade, and the volunteers are what make the parade possible. It's a lot of work but the results are well worth it.

"As the parade coordinator, my favorite thing is seeing and hearing the kids' reaction to Santa. Every year it reminds me of why the hundreds of parade volunteers spend so much time to help bring this wonderful tradition to the kids, families and parade viewers," Davis said.

Santa is always a welcome addition to the parade.

"The Montrose Christmas Parade Association wants to help the community kick off the holiday season celebrating and encouraging each other by enjoying our hometown parade featuring local schools, bands, cheer groups, churches, non-profits and scouts, and saying thank you to our business sponsors," Davis added.

For those who have visited the parade before they know there

is another tradition attached to that event and that is the rows of lawn chairs that are placed along Honolulu in advance of the parade. There are requests the MCPA asks the public to respect.

"We ask that parade viewers not place their chairs and blankets on Honolulu Avenue before noon (on parade day) as the Montrose Shopping Park stores and restaurants are still open that day. No pop-up tents or drones are allowed for the safety of parade viewers and participants. There is temporary no parking around and within the parade perimeter from Honolulu on the north, Broadview on the south, La Crescenta Avenue on the west and Verdugo Road/Montrose Avenue on the east so carpooling and arriving early are encouraged," she added.

For safety reasons no outside vendors, or street vendors, are allowed along the streets and sidewalks of the parade route.

So far the organizers have received several new entries and sponsors for this year's parade.

"We started receiving inquiries about applications and sponsorship opportunities much earlier than in past years so we're excited for this year's parade," Davis said. "We also hope to have additional volunteers from Glendale Community College since many of them have probably been in the parade in the past."

For those who would like to be in the parade the deadline to submit an application is Nov. 19. For those who would like to volunteer or would like more information email [info@montrosecristmasparade.com](mailto:info@montrosecristmasparade.com).





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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The Development of the Montrose Shopping Park

The Montrose Shopping Park is really something special. Its mature trees make shopping pleasant all year round and its many seating areas make enjoyable spots for eating an ice cream cone or enjoying a coffee. It's a pedestrian's paradise, a great place to take a stroll. The dominance of the mom-and-pop retail stores makes shopping an adventure. The vast selection of small restaurants makes for memorable meals. And the weekly Harvest Market is a great place to greet your neighbors while stocking up on fresh locally grown foods. It is truly a gem of our valley and it attracts visitors from all over Greater Los Angeles.

But it wasn't always so. In the late 1950s, the Montrose businesses were starting to show their age. Many had been built in the '20s. There were no trees along Honolulu Avenue, so the unshaded sidewalk was hot and unpleasant in the summer. The

"shopping mall" concept was just beginning to challenge aging shopping districts like Montrose. Business was starting to drop off.

In 1958 a La Cañada architect named Steve Sander submitted a proposal to the local paper. His sketches showed a radical change for the Montrose shopping district including blocking off traffic and making Honolulu a pedestrian-only zone, similar to the Golden Mall in Burbank. While this concept didn't take off, it planted a fruitful seed in the minds of Montrose merchants. What grew from that seed was the idea that Montrose needed a radical change in order to survive and thrive in the future.

A Montrose Beautification Committee was formed. Its first act was to introduce at least a little vegetation to Honolulu in the form of some small crepe myrtle trees along the sidewalk. It was a start, but more

was needed.

By 1960, a core group of visionary Montrose merchants got serious about reimagining the shopping district.

With their own funds they traveled to several other shopping districts to see how others had handled the situation Montrose was up against. They found the spark of inspiration in a shopping district in Grand Junction, Colorado. Grand Junction had created a winding street allowing cars to drive through. Wide pedestrian walkways accented with lush landscaping made the area attractive and friendly to shoppers. Some parking was available on the street but the majority of the parking was behind the stores.

Based on what they found in Grand Junction the group gave to the Chamber of Commerce their recommendations for something similar for Montrose, and the wheels began to turn. La Cañada architect Jack Simison produced a series

of concept drawings of what the shopping park would look like. Not surprisingly they looked very much like the final product.

In June 1966 the Glendale City Council voted to move forward with planning the shopping park. There was still some resistance though, mostly centered around parking. The shopping park plan eliminated much of the street parking on Honolulu. The parking problem was solved when the City purchased several homes behind the 2200 block of Honolulu, demolished them and created that huge parking lot we now enjoy. The storeowners were tasked with creating back entrances to their businesses and with paying some of the cost of the shopping park.

Construction began in March 1967, and was completed by fall. Even though this seems quick, the project was delayed by spring rains creating some muddy situations. The total cost

of the project was \$300,000, about half of that financed by the merchants themselves. On a warm Friday evening, Sept. 1, 1967, the shopping park was dedicated. Amazingly, 10,000 people showed up for the opening, a good sign for the future of the Montrose Shopping Park.

The next year the Montrose Shopping Park Association was formed to create a "business improvement district." Through assessments from its members the shopping park put on special events, like the Harvest Market and the car show. It also insured the Montrose Shopping Park remains the charming shopping experience we've come to love.

We're truly fortunate to have such a beautiful gem in our valley.

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

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

## Giving Thanks

It's that time of year when we give thanks, when we look back and reflect. But this year, like most recent years in this decade, feels precarious. Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Artsakh and Armenia: all of these conflicts are far away. They're also affecting us right here at home. I

represent the largest Armenian population outside of Armenia and Los Angeles' Jewish community is the second largest federated Jewish community in the United States. Our Ukrainian and Russian populations are also sizable.

Like so many of our neighbors and community members, I have

friends and family directly impacted by these foreign wars. And we are hurting because of it, even while we are safe. It is truly a gift to wake up in the morning to the peace this country affords its citizens. This country was built by immigrants and it is still the country that the world's war-torn children look to for

refuge. There is never a day that I am not grateful to call the United States home.

It is a gift to represent a country and district I love every day in the California State Assembly, which leads me to the next thing the last few years have really hammered home. I am so grateful for our

democracy that has proven both fragile and resilient in recent years. We face challenges here at home not seen since the Civil War that once tore this land in two. Jan. 6th was a reminder that democracies must be continuously upheld. They are, at

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**Judging will be done between December 21st - 24th.**

Winners announced in the December 28th issue.

### JUDGING CATEGORIES

#### 1. Christmas Story Award

(traditional or nostalgic use of lights and decorations - Leg Lamp use gets extra points)

#### 2. Clark Griswold Award

(excessive use of lights and decoration - more is ALWAYS better, can we see it from space?)

#### 3. Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree Award

(best use of music and technology)

#### 4. Santas Coming to Town Award

(best use of Santa or Santa's in decor)

#### 5. Most Original Award

(not your usual every-day holiday decor)

#### 6. Best In Show Award

(ya blew the judges minds)



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# YOUTH

## CVHS Launches Garba Event



This year the Crescenta Valley High School South Asian Club hosted its first Garba event on Friday, Oct.

13. The event was splendid, according to organizers. The Garba event was vibrant and colorful

and displayed the rich Indian culture. The event was not only about dancing but also about coming together as a community to

celebrate culture, share delicious traditional food and foster a sense of unity and joy.

*Submitted by Aashi YADAV*



## CV United Softball 12U Wins Its Division



The Crescenta Valley United Softball 12U team won its division in the Burbank City Fall Softball League.

“We are so proud of these athletes for working hard and having fun,” said parent Paul Weinberg.

The girls were led by coaches Kris Bruvold, Daniel Shepard, Mike Herman and Christian Soto.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## The 2023 Book & Author Luncheon Hosted Doesn't Disappoint



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

By Ruth SOWBY

Each year, book lovers look forward to the LCFOG luncheon where they hear their favorite authors discuss their newly published books. With purchased books in hand, customers get to have the authors sign their books.

On Oct. 24, this year's books and their authors were honored at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club.

Featured were "The Love Scribe" author Amy Meyerson, "Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club" author J. Ryan Stradal and "What the Bears Know" authors Steve Searles and longtime Los Angeles Times columnist Chris Erskine. (Erskine has appeared three times at the LCFOG Book & Author Luncheon.) Erskine's books were sold out during his book signing.

Before the authors were presented, a special guest was honored.

Alison Rentena, 9, a patient at the Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children, was introduced by Luskin OIC Foundation Assistant V.P. Mary Beth Perrine. Alison has had several surgeries, which allow her to not only stand straight but also dance – skills she showed off at the luncheon.

No stranger to the limelight, Alison said, "Most of all, I like to be on stage dancing."

Proud mother Carolina Mejia

agreed. Author book signings and silent auction bidding followed.

The mission, in part, of the Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children: "We provide orthopaedic care for children, regardless of their ability to pay." The practice was started in 1911. Proceeds from the luncheon were donated to Luskin OIC. Over the years the Guild has donated more than \$840,000 to benefit children.

FAR LEFT: Chris Erskine, co-author of "What the Bears Know," was a hit at the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild Luncheon.

LEFT: The Book & Author Luncheon, held at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, attracted close to 200 book lovers who wanted to meet their favorite authors.

RIGHT: Luskin OIC Foundation Assistant VP Mary Beth Perrin introduces Alison Rentena, a 9-year-old patient of the Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children.

ABOVE: Sandy Hannozi, first time guest at the luncheon (left), enjoys the company of Guild Membership Chair Jeanne Long.

## Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Hosts 'Apples for Teachers' Luncheon



The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada recently held an "Apples for Teachers" luncheon program to welcome the incoming LCUSD kindergarten to 12th grade instructors and staff. As LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette addressed the crowd, a sense of joy was felt in the room as she talked about the excellent team assembled to help students reach their best potential.

With Kiwanis member Dr. Michael Leininger serving as the event liaison, school principals introduced their respective instructors and staff members and talked about the exemplary experience they brought to the district.

The "Apples for Teachers" event is a Kiwanis International worldwide program whose mission is to recognize those individuals who help and encourage youth.

Anyone interested in learning more

about the Kiwanis of La Cañada and would like to attend a meeting that includes featured speakers, email [president@lacanadakiwanis.org](mailto:president@lacanadakiwanis.org) or go to <https://www.lacanadakiwanis.org>.

Photo courtesy of Megan McRAE

Among the attendees celebrating the new instructors and staff were (front row from left): Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President–Elect Alice Perez; Ronit Liberman, Stephanie Dobbins, Samantha Winch, Daniella Laset, Dr. Dao Humphreys, LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, Jessica Johnson, Rebecca Murchie, La Cañada Elementary Principal Kelly Duncan and Krissy Paszkiewicz. Middle row (from left): Ty Allen, Andrew Mendoza, Emmanuel Brossard, Emily Hunter, Tiffanie Fung, Tricia Goldsworthy, Chelsea Wild and Desi Banta. Back row (from left): Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Immediate Past President Trish McRae, LCUSD Governing Board Clerk Caroline Anderson, Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President and LCUSD Governing Board President Joe Radabaugh, LCUSD Governing Board Vice President Josh Epstein, Dr. Nam Okeke and Palm Crest Principal David Santiago-Speck.

### Local Geology

Join us on Monday, November 20th, 7:00 p.m.

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We're fortunate, or perhaps unfortunate, to live in an area that is extremely active geologically. The San Gabriel Mountains above us have been described as one of the fastest growing and fastest eroding mountain ranges in the world. Fastest growing because of earthquakes and fastest eroding leading to the debris flows of fractured granite and mud that occasionally devastate our valley.

Our speaker this month, Doug Given, is a geologist with the US Geological Survey in Pasadena, and is the coordinator of the Earthquake Early Warning System.

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# USC-VHH Health Expo Draws Record Number of Visitors



By Ruth SOWBY

Hosted by the USC School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the free Health Expo at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital in Glendale offered something for everyone. In October, over a dozen booths were on display providing health services such as anxiety screening, blood pressure screening and hands-on CPR training.

The free flu shot booth was the most popular. It was standing room only as people lined up for the vaccine given by students from the USC Mann School of Pharmacy. Montrose resident Michael Hartman was happy to get his flu shot after his insurance was canceled due to the SAG-AFTRA strike. Hartman works in film and TV

production.

Another popular booth was the Glendale Medic Program administered by the Glendale Fire Dept. Paramedics provided information on the Glendale Medic Program that covers any ambulance fees not covered by insurance, or provides a 50% discount for members without insurance. All family members of the immediate household would also be covered. The cost is \$60 per year. For further information, call (818) 548-4041.

More booths included the La Cañada Flintridge Community Center booth manned by Joanna Burke ("Miss JoJo") who teaches dance classes at the Center for children, teens and their parents.

LEFT: Montrose resident Michael Hartman is happy to get his free flu shot administered by USC pharmaceutical student Calvin Nguyen Tan Duong.

MIDDLE: Glendale Station 29 Fire Fighter Paramedic Jeff Harris gives hands-on CPR training at the USC VHH Health Expo.

ABOVE: At the La Cañada Flintridge Community Center booth, Joanna Burke ("Miss JoJo") gets into the Halloween spirit at the USC VHH Health Expo.

BELOW: Parked in front of USC VHH for the Health Expo is a Glendale Fire engine from Station 29.



## Food Bins Ready for Donations

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge has partnered with Nasa Services for its 30th Annual Food Drive. Decorated food drive bins can be found at CCLCF, LCF schools, and select businesses throughout the area including Gelson's Market, 635 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge; Sprouts Farmers Market, 920 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada; Bob Smith Toyota, 3333 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta; Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital, 3502 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta; Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union, 528 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada; Citizens Business Bank, One Civic Center Drive, Suite 'B' in La Cañada; and Rose Gold Fitness, 1424 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

Donations are needed of soups,

canned vegetables, pasta, boxed milk, cereal, baby formula, juice boxes, granola bars, rice and other non-perishable foods. Food donations will be distributed to those in need this holiday season by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station. Last year 45 bins of food were collected, which helped feed 150 families.

Food can also be brought to the Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk and Kids Mile on Thursday, Nov. 23. The professionally timed 5K race begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. at Memorial Park, 1301 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. The kids' mile/ half-mile run is a family-fun event geared for children 12 and younger. The Kids' Mile run will begin at 9:30 a.m. for kids 12 and under followed by a second



start for those 8 and under for the half mile.

The Community Center, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La

Cañada Flintridge, is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1949. For more information on the

Thanksgiving Day Run and Food Drive visit CCLCF.org or call the main office at (818) 790-4353.

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# Adams Hill Arts Festival Has Something For Everyone

By Ruth SOWBY

A sweltering day greeted visitors to the second annual Adams Neighborhood Association Arts Festival in October. Several dozen art lovers strolled among vendors' booths, most of which featured local artists selling their wares. Musicians from the Joal Ryan Band sang, all under sunny skies in Glendale.

Popular was The Clay Palette booth of tile mural artist Cheryl Rosa who showed off her tiles and ornament tree. Miniatures of Yoda from "Star Wars" fame hung in all his variations – from holding a pumpkin to a quickly-sold ghost Yoda, white sheet and all. Rosa also specializes in tiles for kitchens, bathrooms and addresses. She may be reached at claypal.store.

More art on sale included origami, handmade jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, papier-mâché sculptures, original prints and canvases.

Guitarist-singer-songwriter Joal Ryan from the band of the same name sung and played background music as sales were being made.

Foodies gravitated to Ruby Guerrero's booth of Filipino food. Visitors enjoyed lumpia, adobo, and fish and squid balls.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY  
**ABOVE:** Tile mural artist Cheryl Rosa Shows off her holiday Yodas at the Adams Hill Arts Festival. The ghost Yoda in the center already has a "Sold" sign. Hands off!  
**RIGHT:** Adams Hill resident Jenny Flores picks out which artist's booth she wants to go to first at the Adams Hill Arts Festival. She is joined by niece Emma Beristain, 11, from Echo Park. This is their first time at the annual festival.



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# Glendale Memorial Hospital Earns an 'A' Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group

Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center earned an "A" hospital safety grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit watchdog that sets standards for excellence in patient care. Leapfrog assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D" or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections as well as the systems hospitals have in place to promote patient safety, and prevent harm.

"Achieving an 'A' grade is a direct result of the hard work, dedication and passion for excellence that the Glendale Memorial Hospital team demonstrates every day," said Jill Welton, president at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. "We are honored by this recognition and will continue to prioritize

patient safety and maintain the highest standards of care."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program exclusively based on hospital prevention of medical errors, infections and injuries. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually – in the fall and spring.

"Earning an 'A' grade means Glendale Memorial Hospital made a true commitment to put patients first," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the leadership, board, clinicians, staff and volunteers who all had a role to play in this achievement."

To see Glendale Memorial Hospital's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

# People Making News

Katherine Festen of La Crescenta was named to Purchase College's dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. Festen is studying theatre and performance, anthropology.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

Purchase College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY) network of 64 universities and colleges, was founded in 1967 by Governor Nelson Rockefeller. For more information about the College, visit www.purchase.edu.

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or greater. The following earned dean's list honors: from La Cañada Flintridge Veronica Habashy, Rucha Kadam and Caroline Nowak. Kadam and Nowak graduated from Tufts University in May.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States.

Sarah Hansen, whose parents are Christopher Hansen and Lloyd Wong and is studying Chinese, was named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the spring 2023 semester.

The dean's list recognizes students with a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale.

One of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges, St. Olaf challenges students to excel in the liberal arts, examine faith and values, and explore meaningful vocation in an inclusive, globally engaged community nourished by Lutheran tradition.

Sophomore Willa P Gore from Glendale, who attends University of Minnesota – College of Design, was named to the 2023 spring semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

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A journey from the underbelly of American society to the doorway of Hollywood success, "Corina: From Lap Dance To Sundance" is the story of thousands of people who make Los Angeles their home. It is the story of every child who has a dream and who does not give up on it.

"My play depicts my own personal story as an adult dancer when I was in my teens and 20s living in Austin, Texas," said Corina Calderon, writer and

star of the show. "I didn't see many opportunities for myself, so I went out and created them. My transformative journey took me out of a toxic environment and gave me the courage to believe in myself to pursue a better life. Along the way I learned how to navigate my destiny. By doing so, I experienced a catharsis that has led me to embrace my true authentic self and to be who I genuinely am."

The world premiere play of Corina Calderon's life story is a testament to her unwavering determination that a person can achieve anything in life if they set their minds to it."

Warning: This play contains adult themes of a sexual nature, strong language and depictions of violence. It will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 4 p.m. for a five-week run from Nov. 17 - Dec. 17 in the recently dedicated Gloria Molina Auditorium at CASA 0101 Theater, 2102 E. First St. (at St. Louis Street) in Boyle Heights. Discounted preview will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. For further information, visit [www.casa0101.org](http://www.casa0101.org).

Tickets for \$25 per person for general admission; \$22 per person for students and seniors 60-plus and \$20 per person for Boyle Heights residents and groups of 10 or more. Discounted tickets for the preview performance on Thursday, Nov. 16 are \$12.50 per person. There will be no performances on Fridays, Nov. 24 and Dec. 15.

Advance reservations are highly recommended. For tickets, call the CASA 0101 Theater box office at (323) 263-7684, email [tickets@casa0101.org](mailto:tickets@casa0101.org), or buy online at [www.casa0101.org](http://www.casa0101.org).



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### THEN & NOW Montrose Shopping Park Construction Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**THEN:** This newspaper photo from June 1967 shows the new curbing being finished for the soon-to-open Montrose Shopping Park. We're looking east down Honolulu Avenue from Ocean View Boulevard.



**NOW:** The "bump outs" from the original sidewalk edge are now filled with mature trees making the Montrose Shopping Park a beautiful garden spot, perfect for strolling.

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Nov. 17, Deacon Ron Baker will lead a service project benefitting Autumn Hills Health Care Center in Glendale. The Club will be dark on Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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.

### BOWLING TOURNAMENT IN STUDIO CITY IS A CANCER FUNDRAISER

The Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund's annual "Bowl For Ronnie Celebrity Charity Bowling Tournament" is tonight, Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. (VIP pre-party is from 6:30-8:30 p.m.) at Pinz Bowling Center, 12655 Ventura Blvd. in Studio City.

More info at <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ca-los-angeles/ronnie-dio/>.

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### BINGO BENEFITS KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of the Verdugo is having a bingo on Friday, Nov. 17. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; first game at 6 p.m. Admission is \$25, which includes 10 games.

Bingo will be held at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta. Advanced ticket sale is required as bingo is limited to 150 players. For tickets and questions, call (213) 984-4611.

Food and beverages available for purchase. Sponsorship opportunities available!

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND CURRENT PROGRAMMING AT CV PARK

On Friday, Nov. 17 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the community is invited to a Harvest Festival - Community Dinner (no registration required, completely free, all ages) at CV Park.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Park is hosting Breakfast with Santa. No registration is required to this free event that is appropriate for all ages.

Ongoing programs at the Park include: Everybody Plays, an afterschool program for ages 7-17 featuring homework help, gardening, indoor games, free play, sports, nature walks and more! (No registration required, completely free); Senior Club - with the help of the department of Mental Health and Public Health, the Park is hosting mental health workshops and group sessions, as well as painting days targeted to seniors, and exercise classes. No registration required and these are free; Tiny Tots - an afternoon program for kids from ages 3 to 5 (who are fully potty trained) is an interactive program with three-four week sessions (\$45/week) where parents are encouraged to stay while their children interact with others and practice fundamentals.

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### ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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### ACROSS

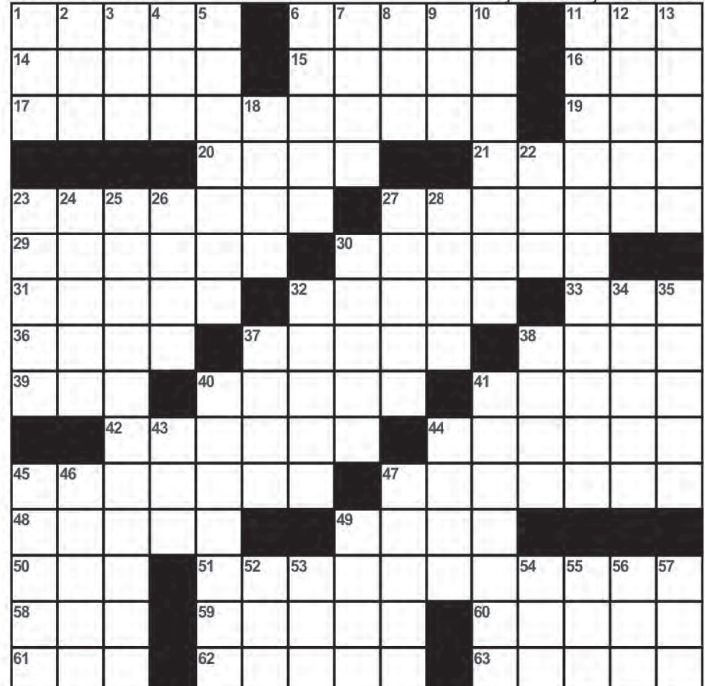
- 1) It precedes an important delivery
- 6) Certain construction girder
- 11) Director's shout
- 14) Obviously shocked
- 15) Woman from uncle?
- 16) A wee hour
- 17) They make waves
- 19) Noshed
- 20) A Great Lake
- 21) Kind of campus protest
- 23) Primary color, to a printer
- 27) Grinds together, as teeth
- 29) Calls off, as a mission
- 30) Puzzle that's a stumper
- 31) Absolute bedlam
- 32) Thing to shift
- 33) Negative vote
- 36) Has the \_\_\_ for (is attracted to)
- 37) Castle ditches
- 38) Eye with desire
- 39) "The Lord of the Rings" creature
- 40) Performers of plays, collectively
- 41) Edible freshwater fish
- 42) Raspy
- 44) "Goodness!"
- 45) How inferior goods are made
- 47) Snitches
- 48) Some court hearings
- 49) Song performed singly
- 50) Downs counterparts
- 51) Words after "snap," "bring" or "call"
- 58) "Aw" follower
- 59) Bicker
- 60) Romance or drama, e.g.
- 61) Spans of 60 mins.
- 62) Not just wants
- 63) \_\_\_ Domingo

### DOWN

- 1) Experimental place?
- 2) Long time follower?
- 3) Ewe can say that again?
- 4) Get off the fence
- 5) Takes the advice of a sidewalk preacher
- 6) Home of the Taj Mahal
- 7) It may be before one's time?
- 8) Electric fish
- 9) Star pitcher
- 10) Underlying theme
- 11) Things in many closets
- 12) Loosen, as laces
- 13) Adults-to-be
- 18) Partner of crafts
- 22) "Liberal" attachment
- 23) \_\_\_ Man Randy Savage
- 24) Dislike, and then some
- 25) Some dairy products
- 26) Winged god of love
- 27) Pesky little biters
- 28) Steals, old-style
- 30) Fill with happiness
- 32) Likely to make stern orders
- 34) "The Cradle of Texas Liberty"
- 35) Aden's land
- 37) A soil fertilizer
- 38) Face-to-face exam
- 40) Part of a tape recorder
- 41) Fits in
- 43) Relative of 17-Across
- 44) Editor's "remove it"
- 45) Do as the doctor says
- 46) Abnormally active
- 47) Lugs
- 49) Thing behind drywall, typically
- 52) Valuable rock find
- 53) Display longevity?
- 54) Oolong, for one
- 55) Quaint motel
- 56) Food crumb
- 57) "The Matrix" moniker

### OAT BRAND

By Timothy E. Parker



see ANSWERS on page 5

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com November 13, 2023 - November 19, 2023

### ARIES March 21 - April 19

Take note of any improvements you see in your health. If you've lost weight or kept your exercise routine going, you're doing well. Keep up the good work! Reward yourself for the wonderful things you're doing to stay in peak condition. You're worth the time and effort. It isn't possible to get rid of every bad habit at once. Do it slowly but steadily.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Take it easy for a few days. You might be in danger of overdoing it. Working out is meant to invigorate you, not make you so tired you can barely function. If you feel like you're taking one step forward and two steps back regarding your fitness program, reflect on your goals. Once you know your priorities, you can create a flexible routine that suits you better. Don't burn yourself out.

### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Don't get stuck indoors - enjoy the fresh air. It's important to maintain balance between working out in a gym and walking or jogging in the open. Watch your step or you might catch a cold from your partner. Don't be tempted to binge for emotional reasons. If you do slip up, don't look back. Keep going!

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

An emphasis on your health zone may coincide with a renewed interest in improving your fitness routine. It might be a good idea to go on a short detox diet. Juices, fresh fruits, and vegetables for a few days will give your body a pick-me-up and help you feel better than ever. You may lose a couple of pounds, too.

### LEO July 23 - August 22

Approach your fitness goals like you're embarking on an adventure that will bring wonderful discoveries. Make use of your priorities and recover your motivation to be healthy. Don't give in to moods - be disciplined and happy. You might get some inspiration from certain philosophical beliefs.

### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may be thinking about your health as a way to improve your image. It isn't just your image that needs boosting - your confidence does, too. If you look good, you'll feel good. If you work out and eat well, your whole appearance will glow with health. This will do more for you than all the plastic surgery in the world. Give yourself a chance to shine on the inside as well as the outside. It will transform you.

### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Unexpected events are likely to arise. These can include health problems. Unacknowledged stress is a major factor in illness. Perhaps financial issues are worrying you. Work on solutions, and don't let anything keep you from feeling as well as you can be. Nothing is as important as your health. Make it a priority.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It's possible that you're asking yourself some powerful questions that could have a big effect on the way you feel. You're certainly in the mood to cut back on any activity that asks too much of you. The cosmos is still encouraging you to reach a natural equilibrium. Go for it.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Health issues could arise unexpectedly this week. If you can relax, you may find that the cosmos has other plans for you. Sometimes getting a cold or spraining an ankle can be a wake-up call to slow down and rest. Don't despair, as something better could come your way. Right now you may be cursing, but soon you'll be laughing.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Working and playing hard can be fun, but it's also hard on the body. You may be focused on your social life. You need to give your body a chance to rest. Sleep is very important for many reasons. Weed out the activities you could attend but aren't really interested in, and use the time to rest. You won't regret it!

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Avoid mental stress that affects your nervous system. Although you might have a lot on your plate, there's a better way to take care of it all. Find it for the sake of your health. If your neck and shoulder muscles are tight and your posture cramped, do yourself a favor and unwind. Try a bath with added drops of lavender oil before bed for deeply refreshing sleep.

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Your health and energy level move through periods of highs and lows. It would be useful to weed out the boring and draining activities. Your energy will increase and your health improve in subtle ways. And don't ignore your feelings. Taking note of your dreams will help you get back in touch with your subconscious self and improve your well-being.

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Philips recalled my husband's CPAP machine. Now it wants us to wait for a replacement.

*Linda Jordan's husband's CPAP machine has been recalled. But delivering a new one to him may take a while. How long is too long to wait?*

**Q** My husband has been using the Philips Respironics CPAP machine for years. Last month, we found out that it was part of a recall they had two years ago. My husband filled out their form and then called a few days later to get a case number.

The recall website states that Philips has devices ready for patients and that it is making "every effort" to ensure they get into the hands of those who are waiting for them.

Philips is telling us that the replacement CPAP machine will be shipped in two months. This is unacceptable. My husband has congestive heart failure and there have been hundreds of people

affected by this problem machine. He can't reach anyone else on the phone about this. Their customer service is nonexistent. Can you help in any way? – Linda Jordan, Pleasanton, California

**A**: A CPAP machine (that's shorthand for "continuous positive airway pressure") is a device that delivers pressurized air to your nose and mouth while you're sleeping.

Philips voluntarily recalled your husband's CPAP machine after discovering a potential health risk related to a part. It should swap out the recalled machine with a fixed one immediately.

But before I get to that, I have a question. Why are you only learning about this recall now? Philips

should have sent you an email or letter notifying you of the recall. I'm not sure why it didn't, but I wonder how many other Philips customers are using a recalled CPAP machine.

You could have reached out to Philips's executives to underscore the urgency of your situation. Although I don't currently list the names and numbers of the Philips executives on my consumer advocacy site, you can find them by using my guide to locating the contact information of any CEO. A brief, polite email to one of them might have given you options.

One option: You could have rented a CPAP machine while you waited. Philips might have even paid for the machine if you asked nicely (although I can't guarantee

it). Or you could have persuaded Philips to double-time it on your husband's new CPAP machine.

I asked Philips about your case. "We regret the inconvenience that the recall has caused patients and have made providing the rapid replacement of devices our most urgent priority," a representative told me. "To date, we have produced approximately 99% of the new replacement devices and repair kits needed for patients under this recall. When we receive a new and complete patient registration today, we are generally able to provide a new device in about six weeks. We

inform patients of this anticipated timeline and in many cases are able to ship devices to patients more quickly."

You were one of those cases. Less than a week after I asked about your husband's CPAP machine, Philips sent you a new one.

*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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**VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS**

On Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., volunteers are needed to water the bigcone spruce and coast live oaks, assist with trail repairs and remove invasive plants from the park.

Meet at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/La Crescenta. To learn more and RSVP visit <https://tinyurl.com/2e7tuypt>.

Wear sturdy shoes and 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.

**CALTECH ORCHESTRA PRESENTS ENTERTAINMENT**

On Saturday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Ramo Auditorium, the Caltech Glee Club & Chamber Singers, directed by Nancy Sulahian, present its fall concerts in Ramo Auditorium. Program includes music by Victoria, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Brahms and folk songs from Korea, Romania, Scotland and the United States. William Schmidt will join as the collaborative pianist.

Admission is free and no tickets are required. For more information visit [pva.caltech.edu](http://pva.caltech.edu) or call (626) 395-3295.

**GLENDALE/LA CRESCENTA STAMP CLUB**

The Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club extends an invitation to all stamp enthusiasts and community members to attend their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the community room of the La Crescenta County Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. at La Crescenta Avenue.

Stamp collectors of all ages and experience levels are welcome to join the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club for an evening filled with the excitement of buying, selling and swapping postage stamps from around the world. This is a perfect opportunity for collectors to expand their collections or find that one elusive stamp they have been searching for.

In addition to the trading opportunities, club members will be available to provide free estimates of the value of inherited and other stamp collections.

For further information about the club or the upcoming meeting, please contact (818) 903-4451.

**PSHA NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2023/24 GIFTS & GRANTS**

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts has announced the launch of its 2023/24 Gifts & Grants program. Each year Gifts & Grants distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to local nonprofit organizations to support music and arts programs including underwriting community performances, academy and conservatory scholarships, music therapy and music education.

The application period will close on Nov. 30; awardees will be advised in April 2024. Applications are encouraged from qualifying nonprofit organizations and local schools whose programs are administered and conducted in Los Angeles County, with special consideration given to the greater Pasadena area. For more information and application guidelines, visit [pasadenashowcase.org/gifts](http://pasadenashowcase.org/gifts).

Funds for the Gifts & Grants program are derived from the organization's annual Benefit, the Pasadena Showcase House of Design. The 2023 Showcase House was held in Pasadena this past spring with nearly 25,000 attendees. Planning is underway for the 2024 Pasadena Showcase House of Design with details coming later this fall.

**OPEN HOUSE AT IMMACULATE HEART**

Immaculate Heart High School's open house for prospective students and their families is on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. No registration required. Meet IHHS faculty and staff and learn about their academic, extracurricular and athletic programs.

Immaculate Heart High School, 5515 Franklin Ave. in Los Angeles; (323) 461-3651; <https://www.immaculateheart.org/>

**VHWC PRESENTS WINTER CONCERT**

Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus (VHWC), under the direction of Ki Park, will present a winter concert on Dec. 3 at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church. The concert is at 4 p.m. Reservations and tickets are not required. A "free will offering" will be held and will support both St. Luke's and the Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus.

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta

**'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' AT HIGHLANDS CHURCH**

The past, present and future can be seen this holiday season when Carter Thomas presents "A Christmas Carol" at Highlands Church. The production is from Dec. 8 through Dec. 17.

To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/a-christmas-carol-tickets-144985>.

Highlands Church is located at 4441 La Crescenta Ave.

**VHHS PLANS REUNION**

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

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

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

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### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The County of Los Angeles (County) is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to notify agencies and the general public that a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) will be prepared to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the project and to solicit comments on the scope and content of the PEIR.

**DATE:** November 14, 2023  
**PROJECT NAME:** West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

**PROJECT NUMBER:** Project No. 2023-003982

**PERMIT NUMBERS:**  
Advanced Planning Case No. RPPL2023005880  
Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2023005884  
General Plan Amendment No. RPPL2023005882  
Zone Change No. RPPL2023005883

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Unincorporated communities of Altadena, East Pasadena-East San Gabriel, Kinneloa Mesa, La Crescenta-Montrose, San Pasqual, South Monrovia Islands, South San Gabriel, Whittier Narrows, and South El Monte Island.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) is a new community-based plan that focuses on land use and policy issues that are specific to the unique characteristics and needs of the WSGV Planning Area and its communities. The WSGVAP is intended to guide long-term growth within the WSGV Planning Area by encouraging development of housing options, preserving/sustaining open space, protecting community health, safety, and general welfare, increasing access to community amenities, and promoting areas suitable for growth. Goals, policies, and implementation programs would be developed for the WSGVAP to support these objectives. The WSGVAP would execute these goals primarily through, but not limited to, the following Project components: a General Plan Amendment to establish the WSGVAP as part of the General Plan, consisting of land use, mobility, conservation and open space, public services and facilities, economic development, and historic preservation elements; changes to land use and zoning designations to accommodate targeted growth and provide consistency; and, an amendment to Title 22 (County Planning and Zoning Code) to implement the goals and policies of the WSGVAP through the establishment of a Planning Area Standards District and updates to existing community standards districts (CSDs).

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** Potentially significant project impacts that will be analyzed in the PEIR will include the following environmental topics: Aesthetics, Agriculture/Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities/Service Systems, and Wildfire.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The public comment period associated with the release of this NOP will commence on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and end on Friday, December 22, 2023. Comments may be sent no later than 5:00PM on December 22, 2023 to Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, Attention: Evan Sensible, 320 West Temple Street, Rm. 1362, Los Angeles, CA 90012, or emailed to wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov. All correspondence received shall be considered a public record.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING:** The County will conduct one virtual public scoping meeting to present the project, and to receive public comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the PEIR. The scoping meeting will be held virtually, online via Zoom Webinar on Thursday, December 14, 2023, starting at 6:30 PM. The link to the virtual Scoping Meeting can be found on the project webpage at [planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/documents/](http://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/documents/).

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The NOP is available for public review online in English, Spanish, and Chinese at [planning.lacounty.gov/longrangeplanning/wsgvp/documents/](http://planning.lacounty.gov/longrangeplanning/wsgvp/documents/) or [planning.lacounty.gov/environmental-review/public-notice/](http://planning.lacounty.gov/environmental-review/public-notice/) (under "Advance Planning Projects")

**PROJECT WEBSITE:** For more information about the project, visit the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan website: [planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/](http://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/)

Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6427 o visite [planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/documents/](http://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/documents/).

如果您有任何疑問請致電 (213) 974-6427 或請參閱項目官網頁或造訪 [planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/documents/](http://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/documents/).

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of origin for the benefit of any other spacefarers that might find them in the distant future," according to JPL/NASA. (This is an important quote – remember it.) Pioneer 10 was launched on March 2, 1972 and was the first spacecraft to "visit," that is flew past, Jupiter. It was the first to cross the asteroid belt, was the first human-made object to leave the solar system and operated for 30 years before contact was lost. Pioneer 11 launched on April 5, 1973 and flew past Jupiter and Saturn. It was the first spacecraft to fly past Saturn and operated for over 22 years before communication was lost. But for me it was the Voyager 1 and 2 missions that really captured the imagination. JPLers placed a golden record on the space capsules "intended to communicate a story of our world to extraterrestrials," according to JPL/NASA. (Again – remember this quote, too.) The record contained sounds and images that portrayed the earthlings' diversity of life and culture. The contents were selected by Dr. Carl Sagan and contained spoken greetings beginning with Akkadian, which was spoken in Sumer about

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paper) and on Saturday, some of the park's merchants are taking part in Small Business Saturday.

Dec. 1 (Friday) is the Glendale Kiwanis Christmas Gala followed on Dec. 2 by the Montrose Christmas Parade! What a great time that is! This year, I'm not only part of the CV Weekly but also the CV Chamber of Commerce. Those Chamber board members who aren't involved with other organizations will have the chance to ride in the CV Chamber "float" (I use the term loosely). This year's grand marshal is someone near and dear to the Crescenta Valley community (to find out who that is, read Mary O'Keefe's cover story).

More plans are being made and I'm excited to share them with you as the weeks pass by.

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6,000 years ago, and ending with Wu, a modern Chinese dialect. It also included the sounds of nature including volcanoes, earthquakes and thunder, along with sounds from animals. It included music from Bach to chants from around the world, including America's blues with "Dark Was the Night" by Blind Willie Johnson, "Melancholy Blues" performed by Louis Armstrong and then "Johnny B. Goode" performed by Chuck Berry.

"The twin Voyager 1 and 2 spacecraft are exploring where nothing from Earth has flown before," according to JPL/NASA. (Remember this as well.)

The mission launched in 1977 with the primary mission to explore Jupiter and Saturn. The spacecrafts discovered active volcanoes on Jupiter's moon Io and gave us a really good look at Saturn's rings. Voyage 2 went on to explore Uranus and Neptune, still the only spacecraft to visit those outer planets. And now they have traveled past the heliosphere and are in deep space.

Voyager 2, as of August 2023, was located more than 12.3 billion miles from Earth, Voyager 1 is almost 15 billion miles away, and yet they are still both in communication with Earth.

With all the recent news of how evil and ignorant humans can be it is worth remembering how astonishing humans can be as well. And that brings me back to Europa Clipper.

JPL/NASA's mission will log a half billion miles during its orbits as the "spacecraft's payload of science instruments gathers data on Europa's subsurface ocean, icy crust and atmosphere to determine if the moon could support life," according to JPL.

The "Message in a Bottle" campaign invites everyone to put their name on this mission. The deadline to place your name is Dec. 31 at 11:59 p.m. EST. So far there have been about 700,000 names submitted. Imagine adding your name to those from around the world – having your name as part

of this family of earthlings that will be part of a spacecraft that flies to Jupiter's moon Europa.

And even the way it is going to be placed on the spacecraft is fascinating.

"Once all the names have been gathered, technicians in the Microdevices Laboratory at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California will use an electron beam to stencil them onto a dime-size silicon microchip. Each line of text is smaller than 1/1000th the width of a human hair (75 nanometers)," according to JPL/NASA.

The spacecraft will also include a poem, "In Praise of Mystery," written by U.S. poet laureate Ada Limón.

Again – isn't it wonderful that we are still sharing with the universe the best part of us, our art partnered with science and engineering? So put your name on this spacecraft. Be part of the exploration and offer friendship to future explorers.

Now for those quotes I asked you to remember. Just to let you

know, all of them can be related to a "Star Trek" episode. Regarding placing information for future space travelers see how many "Star Trek" episodes dealt with the results and/or consequences from that plot. And come on – Voyager 1 and 2 spacecraft are "exploring where nothing from Earth has flown before." That's just "Star Trek" avoidance speak for "where no one has gone before."

To add your name and to find out more about Europa Clipper go to: <https://tinyurl.com/426z8335>.

For earthlings, we will be seeing fewer stars and more clouds. According to Ryan Kittell, NOAA meteorologist, there is one storm on its way with "two organized periods of widespread rain." The first drenching will come from Wednesday to Thursday morning. The second one is predicted to be here from Friday night into Saturday. The brief breaks between the two will not be dry periods but scattered showers will continue. We should start drying up around Sunday late afternoon, early evening.

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