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## Council Discusses Dog Park Locations

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council voted to approve a resolution requested by the Glendale Police Dept. to use Axon Enterprise Inc. as its integrated technology ecosystem. The integrated technology ecosystem brings together several technology services used by police departments including drones, interview cameras tasers and the technology app evidence.com. Evidence.com will allow the department to share information with partners like the cities of Pasadena and Burbank, the Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Dept. and LA Police Dept. and LA County District Attorney.

This resolution will be used to upgrade several technological advancements including body-worn cameras and adding more of those cameras. It will also add license plate reader technology that will be in all 91 police vehicles. This technology will support Flock Safety cameras that are already placed throughout the City. Flock Safety cameras use automatic license plate recognition technology that can read the plates of passing vehicles. Flock cameras are stationary.

The cost of this resolution is \$873,166 for this year, and the costs for future years will be placed within the GPD budget.

Regarding the forming of a human relations coalition, the majority of the Council was not in favor of having this coalition being part of the City agency but tended to move toward a more volunteer organization like a similar coalition in Burbank. The Council voiced its hope that this coalition would be community-based with residents' input. Mayor Dan Brotman spoke of the importance of creating an organization where people can have difficult conversations in

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## Spirit of Giving (and Fun) Alive and Well

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

*In addition to donating to various causes, this time of year brings Santa out for a quick visit.*

For the last several years, Santa Claus has visited various neighborhoods within the City of Glendale accompanied by members of the Glendale Police Dept. This year is no different as the "jolly old elf" makes his way across Glendale neighborhoods once again.

For those living on the west side of Glendale, Santa and his entourage will be making their way through neighborhoods on Dec. 13. On Dec. 14, look for him on the east side of town; on Dec. 18 he'll make his way through the north side, which includes the Crescenta Valley, and on Dec. 19 he'll finish his tour of the town by covering the south side of Glen-



File photo Santa will make his way through Glendale neighborhoods starting on Dec. 13.

dale.

It's typically not hard to find Santa in his travels: he is usually waving merrily to those he sees as he is perched in a SWAT vehicle. Several GPD enforcement vehicles, including several motorcycles, accompany him, lights blazing and sirens blaring. (The

social media accounts for the city may have more information as the dates draw near.)

In addition to making sure that Santa makes his Glendale rounds easily, the GPD hopes to make the holidays merrier for those who may not have a lot to share. Donation bins have been placed

throughout the area to collect toys that will be distributed within its service area. One of the bins is located in the lobby of the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union.

"We're collecting for families that might need assistance to have a merry Christmas," said

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## Election Season Officially Begins

By Mary O'KEEFE

Get ready – we are quickly approaching election season 2024. Although campaigning has already begun there is a process that must be followed before a person can be declared an official candidate; simply stating they are running for office is not enough.

Candidates are required to file completed paperwork at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk headquarters on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8.

Becoming a candidate is a process that includes creating a candidate statement that is truthful and not misleading; candidates must submit nomination papers and must have a number of signatures from registered voters. The necessary number of signatures depends on the office for which the candidate is declaring. The candidate must also be a registered voter at the time of nomination.

The interest in this coming elec-

tion is expected to be high not simply because it is a Presidential year but because the division in America is high – not just between parties but also within parties. However, it does appear that although among voters there is interest there is also burnout.

According to an October survey from the Pew Research Center, two-thirds of Americans say politics are "exhausting." This survey polled over 13,000 Americans in June and July.

Locally almost all races will be watched closely because there are many incumbents who have chosen not to run again while familiar representatives are running for new offices. Congressman Adam Schiff is running for the Senate seat that was long held by the late Diane Feinstein, which opens up his District 30 Congressional seat where familiar faces like State Senator Anthony Portantino and Assemblymember Laura Friedman are bidding to take his Congressional place. This in turn



File photo Before depositing their ballots, voters have the chance to learn more about the candidates.

opens up Portantino's State Senate District seat and Friedman's Assembly 44 seat. Both of those

seats will be hotly contested.

About our coverage: CVW will begin its election coverage next

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# Celebrations

On Saturday night, members of the Crescenta Valley Weekly and CV Chamber of Commerce gathered in the parking lot of the CV Weekly to decorate a vintage truck and a convertible. The two vehicles were used to transport the CV Weekly crew and chamber board members and its executive director down Honolulu Avenue for the annual Montrose Christmas Parade.

First, let me say how much I appreciate the time these folks dedicated to making our vehicles look so good. To be honest, I'm not all that creative and these busy bees used tinsel, lights and garlands to make our vehicles look great. This, of course, made us (the passengers) look great.

Second, I want to express my appreciation to all of those who came out to the parade and waved to us as we made our way down Honolulu. Hearing the words, "We love you, CV Weekly!" brought a big smile to my face and to the faces of my fellow CV Weekly-ers.

You have to remember that I started the newspaper 14 years ago and had no idea how it would be received by the community. Over the years, though, the CV Weekly has been celebrated as one way that ties together the community—even though not all the news we print is of a "happy" nature. It's hard when we have to report on the less-than-stellar activities of those we think we know and respect. But that's the responsibility we have: to report the news and not offer our opinion or tell our readers how to think. After all, they're smart and don't need us to tell them that.

The celebrations continued yesterday

when I was honored with a Women in Business Award by State Senator Anthony Portantino. What an honor! And to see the names of those with whom I was honored was truly humbling. Though the luncheon was held yesterday, Wednesday (production day for the CV Weekly), Mary O'Keefe made sure she was there to cheer me on (as were some other notable folks). Again—a very humbling experience that I was very proud to be a part of.

On Senator Portantino's website (<https://tinyurl.com/26padb67>), it reads, "The event will honor local women who have contributed to the economic vitality and diversity of the 25th Senate District. Women in Business will also celebrate women who have contributed to the greater good of our community. These honorees inspire others, stimulate our workforce, and lead some of the most impressive non-profits, healthcare organizations and businesses across with 25th Senate District."

"The Senator's office received several hundred nominations from the community, making our 25th Senate District team's decision-making the most difficult yet. Every one of the laudable women nominated by their peers, co-workers, family and friends is deserving of special recognition."

High praise indeed. I hope I've earned it—and continue to do so.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window By Mary O'KEEFE

According to Adobe's holiday shopping data, \$86.6 billion has been spent on retail items from Nov. 1 to Nov. 24. That's a lot of stuff and eventually that stuff will find its way to the garbage. If we are lucky, some of it will be recycled but for the most part those once treasured gifts will end up in a landfill.

On Monday, LAist's program "All Things Considered" focused on fair trade sustainable gift-giving in a report titled "Sustainable Shopping" by Erin Stone. (LAist was formerly NPR's KPCC.)

"While not guaranteed to always be better for climate pollution, buying fair trade certified products and from local small businesses often has a lower carbon footprint, and always has bigger benefits for supporting local economies," according to the report.

"There's definitely the whole politics of consumption, whether we actually need all of these goods that we're purchasing, and are there other ways to show our love for each other besides buying a present," Ellen Reese said in the article. "But [when we do need to buy gifts] then we need to consider, 'Where are all these goods being sourced?'"

Reese is a professor of Society, Environment and Health Equity at UC Riverside.

Sustainable and fair trade shopping has become more popular over the years.

According to Retail Dive, in a study published on Nov. 15, 2022, 40% of shoppers stated they were open to paying extra during the holidays for eco-conscious products, and 43% would be more willing to buy from brands with sustainability practices like carbon-neutral shipping or low-waste operations.

"Nearly two-thirds of shoppers [63%] would recommend a product if they think it isn't very harmful to the planet. The same share of respondents said they are researching more to find brands that are fulfilling their climate ambitions, prioritizing items with eco-friendly packaging and purchasing goods from local businesses to lessen the environmental impact, the survey

found," according to an article concerning the study in Retail Dive.

I can tell you this topic was inspired by my daughter Jessy who works for two non-profits. One is BleuWorld, which teaches people to be citizen scientists to help gather ocean data; the other is California Greenworks based out of South Los Angeles.

For 20 years, Greenworks has focused on environmental justice and climate equity, sustainable, community-based restoration to eliminate urban blight and promote green space development, create innovative, modern and actionable green education and curriculum and advocate for green job creation and economic development.

Jessy followed in her siblings' footsteps of volunteering, which they all learned through this amazing community. One of the events she is planning is on this Saturday, Dec. 9. "An Eco Holiday Boutique" was inspired by previous Prom Plus boutiques, though Jessy added her environmental protection twist.

This is the first year of the Eco Boutique and it has been kept small, offering just a few vendors, but they are all eco focused. Some will give back to environmental non-profits while others sell sustainable products.

As mentioned in the LAist story, many small businesses carry eco friendly or fair trade items. All of the vendors featured in the ecoboutique are small businesses, and all give back to their environmental communities.

Shoppers will find artists who use trash as their medium, as well as jewelry designers and a zero refill store.

"[One vendor has] a soap that is derived from vegetable and cooking oils from South Bay restaurants," Jessy said.

That oil is turned into soap that can be used for cleaning. This vendor is also a refill business; people can either bring their own bottles to be filled with a variety of shampoos and lotions or they can purchase a bottle that can be refilled over and over again.

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be working on the trail, weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants that pose a fire danger to the Preserve!

Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

### CVTC NEXT MEETS IN NEW YEAR

The CV Town Council will not be meeting in December. Its next meeting is in January.

### MUSIC GROUPS WANTED

Performance groups are invited to apply for the Jewel City Concert Series and the Brand Summer Music Series. Music ensembles must be trios or larger to participate. Interested musicians may visit <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/performanceseries> to apply. Applications close on Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

The Jewel City Concert Series is an outdoor concert series taking place in the fall on the Artsakh Paseo located in Glendale's Downtown Arts & Entertainment District. Performances are scheduled for Saturdays in October from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and must be one set, 60 minutes in duration.

Performance groups will receive a stipend of up to \$1,200 per performance.

The Brand Summer Music Series is an outdoor concert series located on the hillside area behind the Brand Library & Art Center. Performances are scheduled for Fridays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and must be one set, 90 minutes in duration. Performance groups will receive a stipend of up to \$1,700 per performance.

### 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).

# Thousands Turn Out for Montrose Christmas Parade



Photos by Rachele MILLER and Valerie QUINTANA  
 TOP: Santa brought up the rear of the parade making his way down Honolulu Avenue at the Montrose Christmas Parade on Saturday night.  
 LEFT: Members of the CV Chamber of Commerce (from left) executive director Rachele Miller, Christine Benitez, Craig Fisher and his wife Nicole get ready to board their entry in the parade.  
 ABOVE: Members of the CV Weekly was carried down the parade route in a vintage truck owned and driven by Bill Covey.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Another successful Montrose Christmas Parade is now part of history. The parade took place on Saturday and featured cheering crowds and, as is its tradition, over 1,400 people marched down the Honolulu Avenue parade route representing local officials, organizations, businesses and schools.

There were 100 entries total in the parade this year and the parade watchers were there to support them.

"Everyone said the crowd looked like the [largest] ever," said Cheryl Davis, parade coordinator and member of the Montrose Christmas Parade Assn. "Normally the crowd is a little thin from Rosemont Avenue to Wickham Way but not this year."

The conservative estimate is anywhere from 18,000 to 20,000 people were in attendance to support the parade along the route.

Even though the Montrose Christmas Parade has continued having a small town feel, it takes a lot of volunteers – and a lot of hours – to make the parade seem effortless. In addition, it takes local sponsors who help finance the annual event.

"In addition to our sponsors and the incredible work by the Glendale Police Dept., I want to thank our incredible all-volunteer parade team. There were a few challenges outside of our control and the parade marshals stepped up and resolved every issue with cool heads, thinking outside the box, and just getting it done," Davis said. "It's a privilege to work with this team because they love the community and they love this event." She added that this year there were 85 student volunteers.

Most of those students came from high schools within Glendale Unified School District. There has been positive feedback for how happy and helpful they all were.

Glendale fire and police departments brought emotional support dogs to the parade to help them acclimate to the crowd, kids, noise, horses and the bands, Davis added.

Santa made two impressive appearances in the parade,

first in the Glendale police airship as he flew over the crowd to kick off the parade and then on Glendale Fire Engine 29 at the end of the parade.

"The parade marshals continued the tradition of following Santa on truck 29 in our golf carts at the end of the parade and it was amazing to hear the kids yelling to Santa Claus," Davis said. "We even got some thank yous from the crowd."

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# Newsom Introduces Homeless Encampment Fund

By Eliza PARTIKA

Last week, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced the introduction of a \$350 million Encampment Resolution Fund, the first of its kind to assist California cities with the underlying issues causing homeless encampments and help unhoused people get back on their feet.

Newsom emphasized that four years ago no funds were directed specifically for encampments. The funds in the grant will enable 10,000 more people to get back on their feet after living in encampments, said Newsom.

“Subsidized housing, supports – whatever is needed – we leave that to the discretion of cities and counties to determine what’s needed to resolve these underlying issues so we can clean up these encampments,” Newsom said.

All cities, towns, counties and communities of care are encouraged to apply for the grant.

“These resources will provide funds for intentional and very deep engagement and also real and immediate services,” said Megan Marshall, executive officer at the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Caltrans will be working with cities that won grants in order to focus on clearing encampments near highways and rehousing the people who live

there.

The increase in homelessness funding statewide reflects the rising homeless population. In Glendale, the number of homeless individuals has increased from 169 in 2020 to 195 in the most recent homeless count conducted in January 2023, according to the Glendale 2020 Homeless Count and Survey final report.

As of Nov. 30, charitable organizations throughout Glendale and the Glendale Police Dept. have assisted 691 households facing or currently experiencing homelessness.

A report with details from the Glendale Homeless Count, the result of a partnership between the City of Glendale Continuum of Care (CoC) board of directors, Community Services & Parks Dept., and Homeless Service Providers in Glendale, revealed 42% of the unsheltered people counted were age 55 and older, and 44% identified as Hispanic/Latino. Only 1% of Glendale’s homeless sleep in tents with most choosing benches outdoors on which to sleep. Almost 50 of those counted said they became homeless for the first time in Glendale. From the Glendale Homeless Count, the City and nonprofit organizations in Glendale can determine how to allocate resources to community members most in need.



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# CVCA Discusses Several Projects at Last Meeting of Year

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Crescenta Valley Community Association (CVCA) held its final meeting of the year on Nov. 30. The group discussed the lack of action by the City of Glendale in protecting Rockhaven, a historically significant property, and expressed

concern that winter rains could further damage the buildings that still have open roofs and mold. The Friends of Rockhaven have been banned from entering the property to evaluate the damage.

The recent denial by the California Court of Appeal in the Snowball West Investments LP

vs. the City of Los Angeles case means that the owner of the former Verdugo Hills Golf Course property will not be able to build the 229 homes as planned. The appellant can still file to have the case reviewed by the State Supreme Court.

One member shared her recent experience attending the Glendale Community Police Academy program. She expressed that the 10-week program was effective in bringing law enforcement and

community together and that attendees had the opportunity to interact with staff, tour facilities, learn about the K9 unit, view crime scenes and officer camera footage, and participate in mock scenarios.


Beginning in January, the group will alternate between live and Zoom meetings every month, according to the CVCA steering committee. In-person meetings will be held in the La Crescenta library community room.

"The group looks forward to

seeing each other again after a long hiatus and growing the organization this year," said Susan Bolan, organizer of the CVCA.

At its next meeting in January, Bolan and the CVCA plan to discuss emergency preparedness and the annual meeting of the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Assn.

More information about the CVCA and meeting agendas can be found by emailing [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com).



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## Obituary

### Sandra (Sandy) Jean Saltsman



Dec. 3, 1936 – Nov. 17, 2023

Sandra (Sandy) Jean Saltsman passed away comfortably at home on Friday, Nov. 17 with her loving family by her side. Sandra was born on Dec. 3, 1936 in Akron, Ohio to Stanley William and Mabel Brewer. She was the oldest of two; her younger brother William was born in 1938.

Sandra graduated from North High School in Akron, Ohio in 1954 with her high school sweetheart

William (Bill) Saltsman.

Sandra Brewer married William Joseph Saltsman on Oct. 4, 1958 in Akron, Ohio. They have been married for 66 years and are the proud parents of Jeffrey (Ellen), Tricia and Andrew. Their grandchildren include Ryne, Sabrina, Kyle (Jeffrey) and Tanner, Loman, Victoria (Tricia). They are very proud great grandparents to Ashton, Violet, soon-to-be one more (Victoria), Nolan, Kendall, Hazel (Tanner), and Haunani, Kamalani (Sabrina).

Bill and Sandra moved from Akron, Ohio to Southern California in 1960. Sandra spent numerous years as an office manager for local doctors in the area. She was very involved in the PTSA for all three of her children, served on the Falcon football booster club and in various roles in the Crescenta Sports Association. Post retirement she spent time with her husband traveling yearly to Las Vegas and Carlsbad. She was devoted to the Crescenta Valley community as a longtime supporter of Crescenta Valley High School and a member of

the Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, and served on countless committees during her time.

Sandra was a very passionate fan of her beloved Los Angeles Dodgers!

Sandra made an impact in her La Crescenta community, was a faithful and loving friend and a passionate woman in all aspects of her life. Above all, she leaves a legacy of loyal and heartfelt love for her family. As a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and mother-in-law, Sandra will be missed more than words can be expressed. She loved her kids with all of her heart and found great enjoyment in sharing in each of their lives. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her passion and she spent endless hours with them. She was the pillar of her family and the core strength in all of them.

There will be a private burial on Dec. 13 at the National Cemetery in Riverside where she will join her husband (Bill) who passed away in October 2021.

## Obituary

### Warrienne Delmar Dutton



Dec. 2, 1928 – Nov. 20, 2023

Warrienne Delmar Dutton (Jay) passed away on Nov. 20 in Glendale after her fight with degenerative heart failure. Jay passed away just days before her 95th birthday.

Jay was born in Santa Barbara on Dec. 2, 1928 and grew up in Santa Barbara and spent most of her life in her native state.

When she was 16 and working in a soda shop in downtown Santa Barbara in 1945, she met and fell in love with a young Coast Guardsman visiting from Philadelphia. His name was George Leonard Dutton. Evidently she broke a soda glass in the sink and attempted to fish out the sharp shards from the sudsy dishwasher when George drained

the water first. Their romance continued because George would hitchhike on the weekends from San Diego to Santa Barbara. This all happened, of course, during World War II. They married on June 17, 1948 in Santa Barbara.

Jay and George would both continue to work while studying at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They both graduated and had their first son, Tom, during the Korean War. Dave and Paul would soon come later—about three years apart—while in Canoga Park.

Jay kept busy raising three boys while George continued in the Army Reserve leaving Jay at home to raise three boys for many weekends out of the year ... for 25 years!

Jay felt a pedagogical tug and returned to school to get her teaching credential. Jay eventually became a successful grade school teacher teaching for 36 years at Apperson Street Elementary School. Later, she used her experience and knowledge to help guide and mentor the next generation of educators at the school. Jay received extensive awards from her peers for her innovation in teaching at Apperson Street Elementary School.

When they moved to Shadow Hills, Jay and George became very active at The Tujunga United Methodist Church. She joined the

United Methodist Women's Club (UMWC) and continued to support and lead as the director of the UMWC for years helping the church in every event possible. She also spent years quilting and making things for the annual Church Christmas Celebration. Jay would continue to volunteer for years at the Church's Bailey Center.

Later, Jay and George would become very active in their square dancing group The Apaches. They would dance almost every weekend and enjoy going on trips and RVing together!

After retirement they would travel extensively on The American Queen river trips, take Canada Railway trips and cruises to the Mediterranean and Alaska! They even toured Europe—twice!

Jay was blessed with five grandkids. Nathan and Nolan, Kate and Logan and Jennifer were all the absolute joys of her life. Jay would spend all of her spare time visiting and spoiling her grandkids!

Jay was preceded in death by her husband George and son Tom. She is survived by Janis (Tom's wife); two sons: David (Mary) and Paul (Lisa); grandchildren Nathan (Jennie), Nolan (Laura), Kate, Logan, Jennifer; and great grandchild Lauren.

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# Neighborhood Associations Consider Pros and Cons of Districts

By Eliza PARTIKA

As Glendale City Council delays its decision to the November 2024 ballot on district-based elections, neighborhood associations are considering the pros and cons of the remaining proposed maps after months of community outreach by the city.

Stephen Meek, president of the Adams Hill Neighborhood Association, said he feels constructing districts that meet the needs of all Glendale neighborhoods is challenging but he hopes the district structure, if it comes to fruition, will make it easier for residents to interact with members of council.

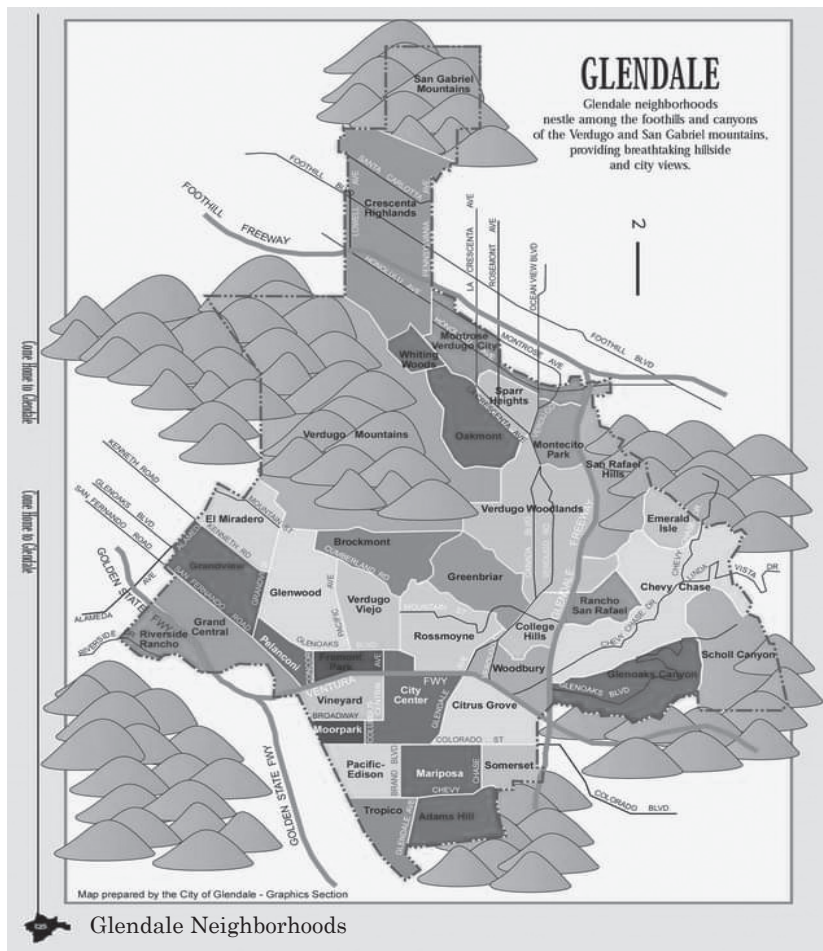
“It will get people to know their neighbors and their representatives [better]. Representatives will attend more events. Neighbors in these districts will know someone who lives in their community is looking out for them,” he said.

A transition to district elections and expanding City Council from six to seven members is expected to reduce the cost of running for a seat by dramatically decreasing the cost of outreach. Hopefully the transition to district elections will also increase the pool of candidates running for election. In addition, Council hopes districts will increase the likelihood that Council members are renters or who live in South Glendale, according to the Map Glendale website.

“Districting is a complex issue. Individual neighborhoods have different characteristics that make them unique. Collectively, the neighborhood associations want the district maps to respect neighborhood boundaries to ensure the districts are cohesive and best represent the neighborhoods that comprise them,” said Grant Michals, president of the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council, the organizing body of the neighborhood associations in Glendale.

Michals said districting could make the political involvement of neighborhood associations challenging if voting districts split neighborhoods.

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## CRIME BLOTTER

DEC. 1

Big Tujunga Canyon Road in Angeles National Forest, after a hike a woman returned to her vehicle and discovered her wallet had been stolen. She began receiving notices from her credit card company regarding fraudulent charges.

The theft occurred between noon and 2:30 p.m.

NOV. 30

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, two women described as Black and both wearing green jackets walked into the store. The two suspects were reportedly seen carrying multiple women's ski jackets and walking out of the store. The suspects were seen entering a black Hyundai sedan and driving away from the area at 6:28 p.m.

Santa Inez Way and Del Monte in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

4300 block of Commonwealth Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that he received an alert from his surveillance camera. He witnessed a male suspect, described as White, about 25 years old and wearing a black baseball cap and black T-shirt, walk onto his property. The suspect reportedly walked toward the cars in the driveway and attempted to open the driver's door of the Tesla but was unsuccessful in entering the car. He then walked toward another of the vehicles parked in the driveway and was able to

enter one of the cars. That vehicle was found to be ransacked and several items stolen.

The theft occurred at 1:09 a.m.

NOV. 29

400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman was shopping and when she went to the cash register and reached into her purse for her wallet she realized it was not there. At first she thought she left her wallet at home but found it was not there. She then began to receive calls from her credit card companies about several charges made on her card without her permission. She reported the loss to deputies. She reported that while she was shopping a woman, described as White, middle aged with blonde hair wearing a light colored jacket, sparkle slippers and a pearl bracelet, approached her and asked her about bread. The woman now feels those questions were a ploy to distract her while her wallet was stolen from her purse, which was left in the child seat of the shopping cart.

The theft occurred at 4 p.m.

NOV. 25

800 block of Day Street in Sunland, a man went hunting with his friends and when he was done he left his firearms in the trunk of his vehicle and locked it. He drove home and left the firearms in his trunk for three days. When he opened his trunk to get the firearms they were missing. He did not see any damage to his vehicle.

The theft occurred between Nov. 25-28.

## How Ceramics Can Help with ADHD



My name is Armand DesHarnais and I'm opening a studio at 1740 Broadview (at Ocean View Boulevard) in January. I'd like to tell you a little about myself and how Filthy Habit and I have a little different outlook.

I have ADHD and my work in ceramics has been, for many years, not just a career but also essential to my sense of peace. But recently a strange thing seems to be happening: There seems to be almost an ADHD epidemic. And not just among youth; people who were "normal" a few years ago seem to be exhibiting symptoms. A recent study found that the adult American attention span is down to an average of seven seconds. A goldfish has an attention span of eight. And no one has any idea what's causing this ... I'm kidding. Absolutely everyone knows: it's the phones.

So how can working with clay help? The first way is that

(according to another study) working with clay soothes and stimulates the part of the brain (right parietal-temporal lobe) that helps filter out distractions and sustain focus.

The second is that wheel-throwing in particular forces us to move slower than we normally do ever. You simply must slow down, relax and focus to have success.

And the third is the simplest of all: You can't reach in your pocket and take out your phone even if you want to because your hands are covered with clay! All this adds up to a practice that is inherently meditative, healing, fun and challenging.

If you'd like to know more about ADHD and clay, please visit [FilthyHabitClay.com](http://FilthyHabitClay.com). And while you're there, why not get holiday gift certificates for classes for those you love and start the new year off with a shared adventure?!

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Winners announced in the December 28th issue.

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**1. Christmas Story Award**

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(best use of music and technology)

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**SANTA from Cover**  
Wesley Walton, CEO of the credit union. For those who want to make a donation, the bin will be available for donations through Dec. 15 – perhaps longer.

ServiceMaster Commercial Clean in Glendale, a family-run business, is having its first annual toy drive.

According to co-owner Natalie Avakian, “We have partnered with the Salvation Army to bring children the magic of the holidays. We’re aiming to collect new, unwrapped toys for children in need across our community.”

The ServiceMaster Commercial Clean toy drop-off event is on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3521½ Ocean View Blvd. in Sparr Heights/Glendale.

On Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., CV Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave., is hosting a toy distribution. The event is open to the public.

**ELECTION from Cover**  
week and will continue to the March 2024 primary election and on to the November 2024 general election. CVW takes a different approach to interviewing candidates; we do not report on hate speech or candidates’ opinions of their opponents. We think there is enough of that back and forth rhetoric on the campaign trail. We think our readers want to know what candidates plan to do if elected. How will they add to the growth and integrity of the office they are campaigning for? How will they help not just the larger community they would represent but local communities as well? We will ask the interviewees fact-based questions and we expect fact-based answers. We believe in the intelligence of our readers – once they get the factual information they can make up their own minds as to who they will vote for. We do believe that in this sometimes hostile climate anyone who is running for any office deserves respect.

**GCC from Cover**  
a “safe place.” He added it is important to let people know that the City will have their back when facing issues like hate speech.

Staff will look at forming a human relations coalition and reach out to local organizations to see how they can support it.

Then the discussion went to the dogs.

Council heard information on the Dog Park Feasibility Study where information had been collected both in person and online. There are 5,000 active dog licenses within the City of Glendale, and the majority of those surveyed stated they take their dogs to dog parks to run and socialize; most visited

Griffith Park.

There were three areas presented for placement of a dog park including Brand Park, Palmer Park, Lot 11 (a parking lot across from the Armenian American Museum location) and the Garfield Campus/Glendale Community College (GCC). The City is looking at areas with at least one acre available for the park.

The staff reported that they have reached out to the college but did not get a positive response; however, it would like to take the issue back. This location rose to the top of

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the other suggestions because many other parks have a lot of community gardens and are heavily visited, like Brand Park where a lot of activities are held.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian made a motion to have staff move ahead with a focus on communicating with GCC concerning using the Garfield Campus, to review having a smaller, temporary dog park at Palmer Park and have the staff continue to look for more options for a dog park within the City.

The motion was approved.

**WEATHER from page 2**

“I think people want [sustainable] options for gifts,” Jessy said.

Another issue is wrapping those gifts.

“When you wrap your [gifts] think about using paper bags or some reusable material,” she added.

According to Brightly, an eco-friendly organization that empowers consumers, Americans create 25% more garbage between Thanksgiving and New Year’s than any other time of the year. About 2.3 million pounds of wrapping paper end up every year in a landfill.

And putting your discarded wrapping in a recycle bin doesn’t necessarily mean it will be recycled. Some paper cannot be recycled and will end up in a landfill anyway.

There is a misconception that buying sustainable or eco-focused products is too expensive; in some cases items are more expensive – but not always, just like in any shopping

experience.

“Ideally, to make the biggest impact we would change the way Amazon and Walmart packages their [items],” Jessy said.

Changing big box ways of doing things will take a long time and it is understandable that many people buy from large companies that offer deals that can stretch a dollar; however, making small changes will lead to bigger changes.

“It is about changing the mindset of people,” Jessy said, “to create a buzz that you can have a limited amount of waste lifestyle especially during gift giving holidays.”

The Eco Holiday Boutique is on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Stoneview Nature Center, 5950 Stoneview Drive in Culver City.

And because I will be focusing on trees for the next few weeks it seems like a perfect time to mention that

Greenworks is offering free trees for planting to those who qualify. There are several tree types, including African fern tree, Tipu tree, sycamore and Chinese photinia. To find out if you qualify go to CalEnviroScreen; applicants must score 80 or above.

It looks like pretty nice California holiday shopping weather in the near future. Today there will be winds from the north/northwest that see gusts of 20 to 30 mph in the foothills with gusts of 30 to 50 mph in the mountains. Friday will see a decrease in winds but then Santa Anas will be back for the weekend.

“On the weekend there will be similar winds as [Thursday and Friday] but may be a touch stronger in the mountain areas,” said Ryan Kittell, forecaster at National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

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# VIEWPOINTS

IEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## I Can See Clearly Now

Sometimes I feel like the Burgess Meredith character in the “Twilight Zone” television series. In the episode “Time Enough at Last,” Henry Bemis just wants to be alone, away from all distractions, to read his pile of books. When the end of the world comes and he is the sole survivor, he finally gets his chance. But then ... he accidentally crushes his glasses, leaving him feeling lost and truly alone.

I can relate to Henry Bemis as someone who really values my quiet time away from people and as someone who is completely lost without my glasses, to the point of panic if I can't find them quickly. One of my biggest fears has been losing my specs in an emergency and not being able to function without them.

When I was young, my parents didn't realize that I was extremely nearsighted and that my eyes didn't work together. This condition is called strabismus or is described as having a “lazy eye.” A doctor identified it and fitted me for glasses at age 2. My mom shared with me with a pang of guilt that after I got my first pair, I would just look around and marvel at what I saw. The glasses by themselves weren't enough to fix my vision completely. At age 2½, I had strabismus eye surgery to align together the two visions. It is my earliest memory, being in a crib in the hospital and wearing an eye patch afterward. I was told that upon leaving the hospital, I refused to open my eyes, likely because it hurt to do so. When my siblings saw me with my eye bandaged up, they exclaimed, “What's wrong with Susie?” I then opened my eyes to find out.

Sadly, the first surgery didn't help to pull my visions together. For the next 20 years, my brain simply adjusted to the double vision by ignoring the blurry right eye. The world was flat but I didn't know any difference. I got my

depth cues from learning that things that were far away were smaller and things closer up were larger. I was able to play baseball, shoot pool and drive well.

When I was 22 years old, I got contact lenses that improved my vision so much that it triggered my brain to see double again. I had another strabismus surgery that was successful and had depth perception for the first time ever. My mind was blown as I marveled about being able to see the front and side of things at the same time! On top of that, I knew for sure where those parked cars were when I drove.

As my eyes aged and my vision declined over time, I lost my binocular vision and again struggled to see. My confidence waned while driving at night and I needed a lot of light to see anything small. The glasses were no longer working well and I felt helpless. My ophthalmologist suggested surgery and I jumped at the chance to finally fix my eyes.

In the last few months, I had two surgeries to replace my natural lenses with multi-focal artificial ones. Although I have had many surgeries in my lifetime, being claustrophobic and anxious I was nervous about the confined procedures and the adjustment period afterward. Despite my fears, the process went well and my new eyes are clear and working together again. I wake up in the morning and can see the beautiful day outside the window without reaching for my glasses. I can see depth and detail like never before and I just stare and marvel about what lies out in front of me. Whoa! Sometimes it's too much for my brain to receive but I am adjusting quite well to my textured world. Just don't toss anything to me quite yet.

Susan Bolan

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Memories of La Cañada's Blacksmith

Jim Huntington came to La Cañada in about 1914. He paid \$90 for a building to open a blacksmith business. (That building is now an appliance store at 1428 Foothill Blvd.)

Huntington embarked on a career in metalwork that brought him nationwide fame. Huntington Iron Works' products in the form of iron gates and fences were in demand all over Los Angeles, Hollywood and Beverly Hills, and can be seen locally at St. Francis High School and Rockhaven Sanitarium. During WWII he forged and produced parts for Liberty Ships. He was an innovator and inventor and is sometimes credited with creating the first portable barbecue in 1939. He acquired secondary fame as “The Barbecue King” with a radio show and a book and as chef at many large public barbecues. Jim Huntington died in 1984.

Sometime in the 1960s, he was interviewed about some of his memories of early La Cañada:

“Early autos were restricted not only by rough horse-and-buggy roads, but by lack of places to buy gas. The first gas pump in the area was at La Cañada Garage. (Today, that's Rose Gold gym at 1424 Foothill Blvd.) The pump was installed next to the curb and motorists wanting a tank full would simply pull up to a parking place in the street next to the pump. There was little parking problem then so the arrangement worked satisfactorily. The garage became La Cañada's first automobile agency when it obtained its Ford franchise.

“Whitey Womack ran two other automobile facilities, the Flintridge Garage at Haskell and Michigan (now Angeles Crest and Foothill) and the Union station across from

Union Street.

“J.W. Stultz had a grocery store at the corner of Union and Michigan (now Foothill). In a period in which the horse and buggy was still a common conveyance, Stultz was the only resident who owned a motor truck, which he used to journey to Pasadena for supplies.

“Another establishment, the general store of Ernest Metcalf, was located on Michigan Avenue. Metcalf also sold grain and feed to the local ranchers.

“Two well known dairies of that period were the Cornwell Dairy, on the south side of Foothill between Oakwood and Commonwealth, and the Durand Dairy on the south side between Alta Cañada and Hillard.

“In those days the Crescenta-Cañada Valley boasted two wineries. Toskey's was on the south side of Michigan Boulevard (now Foothill), while the Mesnager Winery was at the top of Pennsylvania Avenue.

“The first avocados in the area were raised by Dr. Shepman on his ranch at the top of School Street (now La Cañada Boulevard). Citrus growers P.H. Johnson and Wilber Seawright owned separate groves but ran them more or less in common. Johnson's place was above Commonwealth while Seawright's bordered along Haskell (now Angeles Crest Highway). Seawright also owned one of the area's biggest chicken ranches and supplied eggs to homes all over the valley.

“Carpenter's pigeon farm was widely known, for its pigeons were purchased all over the nation.

“A prominent leader in turkey breeding was Blackman. On his ranch, located between Haskell and School Street (Angeles Crest

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# YOUTH

## Celebration of the New Oak of Peace



Under the leadership of Amy Toczek, the Daughters of the Revolution orchestrated a captivating journey through California's history on Oct. 22 that shaped the City of Glendale. Toczek curated a diverse array of exhibits that offered both education and

immersive experiences within the Catalina Verdugo Adobe Park. The event marked a significant occasion featuring the dedication of the new Oak of Peace that memorializes the original tree that died of root rot in 1987, and the historic reenactment of the meeting between Don Jesus

Pico and General Andres Pico on Jan. 11, 1847, establishing the separation of California from Mexico.

Troop 319 played a vital role in showcasing the art of adobe brick making. Spearheaded by Troop 319 dad Ramone Arellano, along with the assistance of Boy Scouts

Thomas Arellano and Peter James, the demonstration was a testament to Ramone's firsthand experience in adobe craftsmanship having dedicated five years of his youth to working on adobes alongside his father Isidro Arellano. Ramone adeptly conveyed the intricacies of the craft to patrons with the

enthusiastic support of the Scouts. Together, they skillfully blended dirt, clay, straw and water, expertly filling frames to create adobe bricks ensuring a hands-on and memorable learning experience for all involved.

*Story and pictures by Nicolas JAMES*

## Musical Melodies and Holiday Cheer Brought by CVHS Concerts

By Lori BODNAR

The holiday season has begun, which means festive music! For those who would like to enjoy some live holiday melodies, Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) student musicians are performing an instrumental music concert on Dec. 8. The winter concert follows on the heels of the Feast of Light concert that was held on Friday, Dec. 1.

On Dec. 8, the CVHS symphony orchestra, conducted by music teacher Mathew Schick, will join the CVHS choir for a rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

"The first Feast of Lights was on Dec. 13, 1961," said CVHS Principal Christine Benitez. "The auditorium was not built until the second semester of the first year of CV's existence."

On Dec. 8 the CVHS instrumental

music groups will be hosting a winter concert from 7-10 p.m. Tickets for the CVHS instrumental music winter concert are \$10 and can be purchased at the door with cash or Venmo. Over 250 CVHS student musicians will be performing at the CVHS instrumental music winter concert.

"This will be the 24th year I've had the privilege of conducting the instrumental winter concert at CVHS," said CVHS music

director Matthew Schick. "All of our instrumental music groups will perform, including wind ensemble, string orchestra, jazz band, symphony orchestra, marching band, drum line and color guard."

"We will play a variety of pieces from 'Shalom,' a traditional Hebrew folk song, to the original orchestral arrangement of 'The Nutcracker Suite.' We will perform the Count Basie version of 'Jingle Bells' by the

jazz band as well as a fun piece called 'Five Ukrainians in a Bell Tower.' The marching band will perform the two marches they played in the Montrose Christmas Parade, their field show 'It Takes Two' and a non-traditional 'Sleigh Ride.'"

"We have been practicing music in class for the winter concert since Oct. 30," continued Schick. "We had a fall concert, 'Spooktacular,' see MUSICAL MELODIES on page 23



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## Bingo Players Fill Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall



By Ruth SOWBY

There's nothing more excited than a Kiwanis bingo player hoping to rake in the dough. But first a little dough must be expended - \$25 for 10 games of bingo, a few dollars for food and beverages, and an optional contribution of new socks for the Kiwanis Sock Drive. If they feel flush, \$500 for a game named after them. Kiwanis member Kathryn Van Houten and

the Finkelberg and Finkelberg Law Offices together accounted for a generous contribution of \$1,000. In November, the Verdugo Hills Kiwanis held a bingo night that kicked off with Vietnam vet and Kiwanis member Mike Baldwin leading the flag salute. Bingo Kiwanis President Miryam Finkelberg got the games rolling by shouting out, "We're gonna have fun; play loudly!" Retired Glendale top cop Carl Povilaitis did just that.

When asked, "How's retirement?" he answered, "I'm not complaining." More VIPs taking part included Anita Quinonez Gabrielian, former member of the Glendale College board of trustees. But on that night she was strictly a Kiwanian helping with whatever needed doing. She also brought family members to the night's game. They were in the overflow room downstairs. Declan Floyd from State Senator Anthony Portantino's office was spotted playing the game. He

also presented the Club with a State Senate Certificate of Recognition. As a chorus of "bingos" filled the night, some still needed a few pointers. Glendale resident Janie Perez tutored her mom, Alice Perez: "Catch any five random numbers, call 'bingo' and you win." Community non-profits were the winners though. Net proceeds from the event were going to programs serving children, youth, homeless and veterans.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY  
LEFT: Former Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis enjoys retirement with pizza and bingo at the Verdugo Kiwanis bingo night.  
MIDDLE: Declan Floyd, District Rep for State Senator Anthony Portantino, presented Verdugo Kiwanis with a Senate Certificate of Recognition at bingo.  
RIGHT: The Sock Drive at Verdugo Kiwanis' bingo night pulled in dozens of pairs of socks - some scarier than others.

## Time And Ally Financial Honor La Crescenta Dealer

The nomination of Peter Smith, dealer and general manager at Bob Smith Toyota in La Crescenta, was announced by TIME for the 2024 TIME Dealer of the Year award. Smith is one of a select group of 49 dealer nominees from across the country who will be honored at the 107th annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in Las Vegas, Nevada on Feb. 3. The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted

honors. The award recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service. Smith was chosen to represent the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association in the national competition - one of only 49 auto dealers nominated for the 55th annual award from more than 16,000 nationwide. "Carrying on a remarkable family tradition in the automotive business has been most rewarding to me," nominee Smith said. "As the fourth

generation in the Smith family to own and operate a franchise, I am grateful for the wisdom and leadership of generations before me." And it all began in 1917 when Smith's great grandfather opened car dealerships in and around San Francisco. He later moved to Southern California in the 1930s and, over the years, the dealership group and the family expanded. In the 1960s, Smith's father, Mike, ran the Volkswagen/Porsche/Audi store in Hollywood and that's where Smith fell in love with the

auto business. "As a young boy, I dreamed of working with my dad at his car dealership," he said. "By the age of 6, I had already made up my mind about a career." Smith started washing cars, stocking parts, cleaning the services bays, and training on the sales floor during high school and on college breaks. "I learned the business by stepping into each role at the dealership," he said. "Sales was my favorite as I loved matching a customer's needs

and wants with the different products and services we offered and figuring out the best way to make the numbers work." When he graduated from Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut, with a B.A. in history in 1992, he decided to stay on the east coast to be with his college sweetheart, Christine, who later became his wife. During that time, he worked at MetLife in Bridgewater, New Jersey but he never gave up his dream.

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# University of Redlands and Woodbury University to Explore Strategic Integration

The University of Redlands has signed a letter of intent exploring the strategic integration of Woodbury University into the University of Redlands.

“The University of Redlands and Woodbury University are united by a common mission: a commitment to a transformative education for our students,” said University of Redlands President Krista Newkirk. “Adding Woodbury’s strong and distinctive academic programs to the University of Redlands family provides opportunities for both institutions’ students, faculty, and staff and creates a dynamic environment where our combined impact is greater than what either institution can do alone.”

Located 75 miles apart in Southern California, both private nonprofit universities are well known for delivering innovative and individualized educational experiences to their students on Woodbury University’s Burbank campus and the University of Redlands campuses in Redlands, Marin County outside of San Francisco, and in Salzburg, Austria. The mission and values of the two institutions are similar, with a commitment to small class sizes and hands-on educational experiences.

“We have a tremendous opportunity to join with an ideal potential partner like the University of Redlands,” said Woodbury University President Dr. Barry

Ryan. “We have been exploring a university integration to enhance our institution’s financial stability and, after conducting a thorough assessment of our options, the University of Redlands emerged as a strong partner in providing a long-term solution for Woodbury. Their strategic mission is an ideal fit for us, and this potential integration will enable our students to continue receiving a world-class education while providing additional opportunities to University of Redlands students.”

Signing the letter of intent marks the beginning of discussions for a potential integration of Woodbury with Redlands. This exploratory phase does not bind

either institution, and there are more stages ahead, including creating and signing an agreement and seeking approvals from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College & University Commission (WSCUC) and the U.S. Dept. of Education.

The University of Redlands and Woodbury University have collectively chosen to announce this letter of intent in order to allow for transparent discussions among their respective communities. Through a series of town halls and information sessions, both groups will solicit the input of their stakeholders, including students, staff, alumni, and trustees.

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### Ask Phyllis! Buyer Taking Possession

Dear Phyllis,  
I find your real estate questions and answers so interesting, thank you! After a year, my daughter and her husband finally had an offer accepted and closed escrow. They had a quick escrow of just 30 days. The owner had moved out before the house was put on the market, but her daughter remained for the sale. Although she had a week to move after closing, they were concerned that she hadn’t begun to pack at the time of their inspection. Things were in disarray when they did their final inspection just before closing, so they felt more confident of her getting out on time. Apparently, she didn’t hire professional movers, and when moving the washer and dryer, the shut-off valves broke. So, her “movers” turned off the water in the house. After waiting a week for

possession, my daughter didn’t have water to begin cleaning the home. The seller’s plumber couldn’t get there until after the weekend. When the plumber came on Monday, he told her that the water was turned off without unplugging the recirculating pump, and the water heater needed to be replaced. So, it took another two days to install the new water heater. Fortunately, my daughter’s real estate agent had the seller leave \$5,000 in escrow as a security deposit. My daughter used \$500 for patching, repairs and painting. I think my daughter should keep the entire deposit. What are your thoughts? *Amber*

can only tell you what I think is “fair.” As your daughter was without water for four days, I think it’s “fair” that the seller reimburses her for her daily PITI (principal and interest, taxes and insurance). I understand that your daughter did not want to move into the home before it was cleaned. In addition, I believe it’s “fair” that the seller pays for the patching repair.

I have never encountered this scenario in 30 years of selling real estate. It’s interesting that saving money by not hiring moving professionals cost the seller more in the long run than if they had hired professional movers. Fortunately, your daughter’s agent negotiated the deposit, which saved your daughter a lot of hassle.

*Phyllis*



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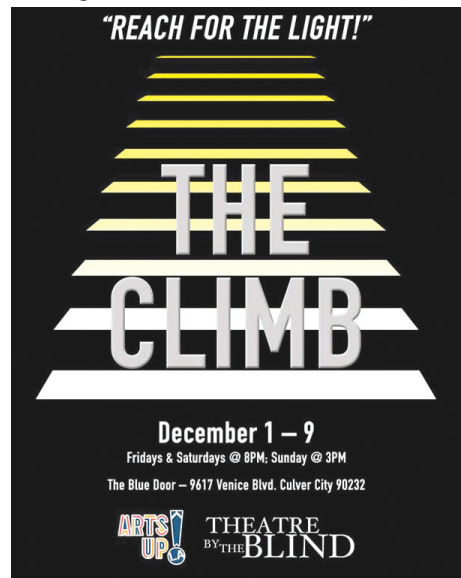
By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

The holiday season is in full swing now and local theaters are joining in with a bevy of new offerings. It's time to treat yourself to the magic of live theater by going to a local production!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is its current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theater before making definite plans.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month or are already running:



"The Climb" Led by two blind actors who lost their vision in their 20s, "The Climb" tells the true story of their journey using original rap, poetry, spoken word and classic songs

to take the audience along as they share their most vulnerable moments. The show answers questions that most people might be curious about, but never ask directly. These brave performers share their stories of their blindness and their journey to find a greater sense of self.

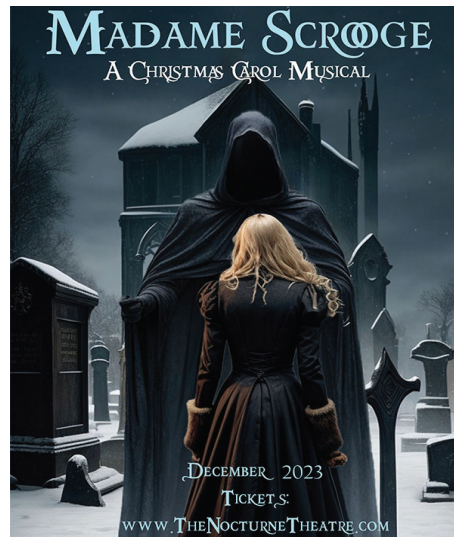
Written by Ronnie Chism and Maliaka Mitchell, and directed by Greg Shane, it runs through Dec. 9 at the Blue Door Theater in Culver City. For tickets, visit [www.bluedoorculver.com](http://www.bluedoorculver.com).



"It's a Wonderful Life - On Air" It is Christmas Eve 1947 in the studio of radio studio WNBC in New York City and a major snowstorm has hit the Big Apple. None of the Broadway stars who were scheduled to perform WNBC's annual live radio broadcast of "It's A Wonderful Life" were able to get through the storm so the station's general manager has to scramble to gather a cast of anyone still left in the building - the copy boy, secretaries - even a nun soliciting donations for homeless orphans! During the broadcast, everything that could go wrong does! But in

the end, this merry band of misfits delivers one of the funniest and most heartwarming renditions of the holiday classic ever to go out over the airwaves. Performed as a "live" radio broadcast complete with live foley sound effects, "It's A Wonderful Life - On Air" is a hilariously fun way to celebrate the holidays with the entire family.

Written and directed by Fred Helsel, it runs through Dec. 23 at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center in Simi Valley. For tickets, call 805-583-7900 or visit [www.simi-arts.org](http://www.simi-arts.org).



"Madame Scrooge: A Christmas Carol Musical" This unique holiday adaptation will be performed in one of the oldest theaters-in-the-round in the country and features a Broadway-style musical score written by the award-winning Hollywood composer Chris Thomas. The show will be packed full of unique choreography, over the top costumes, high-end creature suits, and vocals from our leading lady Madame Scrooge that will knock the audience out of their seats. Additionally, Meyer2Meyer Entertainment will include some of its typical immersive elements into

the show; you might be involved in a snowball (soft plush) fight! Fun for the entire family!

Written and directed by Justin Patrick Meyer with music by Chris Thomas, it runs through Dec. 23 at The Nocturne Theatre in Glendale. For tickets, visit [www.TheNocturneTheatre.com](http://www.TheNocturneTheatre.com).



"Mary Poppins" The story follows the Banks family as it receives a visit from the magical nanny Mary Poppins who takes them on a series of unforgettable adventures. Along the way, they learn the importance of family and the power of imagination. As audiences join the Banks family on its adventure, they'll be swept away by classic songs such as "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and "Chim Chim Cher-ee."

Written by Julian Fellowes with music by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, additional music and lyrics by Anthony Drewe and George Stiles, and directed by Tim Nelson, it runs through Dec. 17 at the Rose Center Theater in Westminster. For tickets, call (714) 793-1150 Ext. 1 or visit [www.RoseCenterTheater.com/Disneys-MaryPoppins](http://www.RoseCenterTheater.com/Disneys-MaryPoppins).

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displays, synchronized music, elves, snowmen and a shimmering LED Christmas tree. Additionally, Cirque Legacy entertains crowds nightly with a performance of fantastic human feats.

“I’m excited that Southern California will have a shared experience filled with wonderment,

lights and the spirit of the holidays right here during a season when we could all use a little holiday magic,” said “Imaginarium” CEO Lulu Huang. “Imaginarium” is the creation of the International Culture Exchange Group, founded in 2011 by a team of entertainment fanatics who set out to stage

the first-ever Chinese Lantern Festival in the U.S. They went on to successfully launch over 50-plus family entertainment attractions.

“Imaginarium” at Fairplex is presented from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday through Jan. 7. General admission tickets are \$29. Discount ticket prices are

available for children ages 3 to 12, seniors 62 years and older, and military with valid I.D. Family packages are priced at \$100 and include admission for four guests. Children under 3 are free.

More information and tickets are available at [imaginarium360.com](http://imaginarium360.com) and by calling (725) 272-2700.

## Director Carter Thomas Presents ‘A Christmas Carol’

By Mikaela STONE

It is time to again embrace holiday cheer and hurry to the Highlands Church production of “A Christmas Carol” lest one be visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve!

Local resident and director Carter Thomas returns to the Highlands Church stage after a successful summer production of “The Sound of Music.” Thomas boasts a relationship with “A Christmas Carol” that spans 20 years, starting when he played Tiny Tim as a tot. Glendale Center Theatre’s most famous running show was its yearly production of “A Christmas Carol,” which allowed Thomas to “delve deeply into the timeless tale.”

Several of the 25 actors performing in this production have likewise been involved in The Glendale Center Theatre. The community of cast and crew that make the production a holiday tradition have the unique talent of making a well known story feel fresh; this year Thomas promises a rustic aesthetic with a pop of color via more modern color-changing set pieces. Though artistic in his adaptation, Thomas is careful to honor Charles Dickens’ original intent and it is Thomas’ desire that the audience members connect with each of Dickens’ many characters.

While Charles Dickens was paid by the word, often resulting in denser, more repetitive prose, Thomas has the freedom to

portray a paragraph’s worth of description in the visuals he directs. These staging choices allow the modern viewer to appreciate the foundation of Dickens’ story while still appreciating the author’s rich imagery as conveyed through set, props and costumes. Thomas said that this year he has pushed himself to take a deeper look at the story than ever before “and create the best production [he is] able to.”

He also noted the talent of his “spectacular actors... [I] can’t wait for the audience to see them!”

Given the rich history among those involved with the production of “A

Christmas Carol” the community would do well to see how Thomas and his veteran cast outdo themselves this year.

The production will be running Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Dec. 8 to Dec. 16. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays

and Sundays, with Saturday matinees beginning at 2:30 p.m. The show will have tasty treats available at intermission from the pop up sweet shop Shared Piece of Cake.

Highlands Church is located at 4441 La Crescenta Ave.

### THEN & NOW

### Foothill Boulevard Canyons Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**THEN:** When Foothill Boulevard (then called Michigan Avenue) was first laid out as a straight road by Edward Haskell in the late 1800s, it had to traverse the many canyons and gullies that cut across the valley floor. Across some of the ravines wooden trestles were built, the largest being at Hillard Avenue in La Cañada. In 1901 the ravines were filled by dumping dirt off the bridge from wagons until the fill finally reached the level of the bridge roadway.



**NOW:** Today the intersection of Hillard and Foothill also serves as the end exit for the 2 Freeway. So much fill and earth movement has occurred that that original view is unrecognizable. Somewhere deep below the pavement of Foothill are the beams of the trestle bridge and the original stone culvert.

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# RELIGION

**Q**uestion: I am the oldest of a family with two brothers and one sister, who is the youngest. My mother is still alive and my father passed away several years ago. I know my parents did the best they could but I am still wrestling with the memory of dad's many violent outbursts when we were growing up. He would oftentimes get physical, mostly with my mom, who was a devote Christian. The boys got the brunt of the brutality. We've all done our best to forgive him in our own way.

My concern is for my little sister who is now in her 40s. I remember one incident when she was a baby in a highchair when she wouldn't eat her vegetables and threw the plate on the floor. My father got very angry and slapped her hard across the side of her face and ear. Now ever since that incident as a baby she has had constant problems with ear infections in that ear. I wanted to suggest that she go for a hypnosis session or something to get to the bottom of what's causing the ear problems. Mom has prayed but it doesn't seem to do any good. Am I wrong to suggest that she deal with a childhood memory that she might not even remember but could be affecting her health?

—Concerned

Dear Concerned,

It saddens me to read of the trauma and abuse each member of your family has endured. As the oldest child, I imagine your shoulders carry a great amount of responsibility to

take care of all the members of your family and their feelings while still carrying your own trauma.

As adults, we try our best to forgive the wrongs of our parents. Yet those traumas are hard wired into our brains affecting us in ways we may not associate with actions you witnessed as a child. My hope is that each of you has had your own individual therapy as adults to heal attachment wounds that can last a lifetime if not addressed.

You seem to have a great understandable concern for your younger sister. You did not mention if she has gotten sound medical attention and a diagnosis for her ongoing ear issues. Without knowing if a doctor has treated her, I will try to answer a couple of ways.

If she has been medically treated, it appears that you feel there is an unresolved psychological component to her continuing ear issues. If she has not been medically diagnosed and treated for the ear problems, it could be that you are perhaps feeling, and projecting, an unresolved trauma issue. If you feel the latter is the case, I recommend that you independently get solid individual therapy. It is my recommendation as a licensed therapist that you bring that up to her.

You sound like a loving brother. The best suggestion you can lovingly give her is for her to enter into therapy. With this said, you also would benefit greatly from individual therapy, if you have not already done so. In addition, if you both have had therapy there are often times when we take time off

from clinical therapy there is further reason in another season of life that requires us to go through it again. This brings even deeper healing and insight to understand why we do what we do: including our ways of protecting loved ones and ourselves and gain deep wisdom into why we feel and do the things we do.

As far as hypnotherapy goes, I cannot in good conscience give direct advice about that adjunct mode of treatment without knowing why you are mentioning that modality. You did not provide some missing pieces such as any medical treatment or previous psychotherapy treatment.

A good therapist might bring up hypnotherapy if s/he felt it could be effective, but not before medical treatment and trauma therapy had

first been addressed.

I believe one of the most loving things we can do for those we care about is to suggest any necessary treatment that can bring wholeness to their lives.

You are a very loving brother. Please keep in mind that the order of treatment is to rule out medical issues and get a diagnosis, individual trauma and attachment therapy, then perhaps after a bond is established between a patient and therapist a referral for other modes of treatment would be adjunct, not a replacement for individual therapy.

I truly hope that you each have received or turn to professional therapy for permanent healing and relief. I've been blessed to see it change lives for 17 years now.



Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian  
LMFT, Psychotherapist  
Montrose

Dear Concerned,  
I am so sorry for the physical and emotional abuse you and your family suffered at the hands of your father. As  
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## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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# NOTES & NODS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS

The season of Advent has arrived and with it comes new music at Lutheran Church in the Foothills.

"I've written new liturgy music for the season, which I hope the congregation will find meaningful and easy to sing," said Mark Anzelon, the director of music at LCIF. From the Latin word "coming," Advent is a time when Christians begin the liturgical year with preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

"We're in the wonderful season of Advent and Christmas when we get to sing those familiar carols that make the season special," said Anzelon. All are invited to sing along each Sunday in December during LCIF's 10 a.m. Advent worship with Pastor Rick Hall.

And calling all chefs ... LCIF will hold a "Pot Luck Fellowship" on Dec. 10 following Sunday worship. Bring a dish and celebrate the holiday season. Store-bought items are appreciated as well. A congregational meeting will follow the potluck.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](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.

## EXPERIENCE THE NATIVITY

Community Christian Church of the Foothills in Tujunga invites the community to experience the joy of Christmas at its drive-thru nativity Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and Dec. 9 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Guests will drive past various scenes of the nativity story with actors portraying Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angel, and the wise men.

Approximately 2,000 people are expected to experience the drive-thru nativity, now in its 24th year.

Community Christian Church, 10193 Tujunga Canyon Blvd.,

Tujunga is just north of Foothill Boulevard and next to the post office.

To learn more about Community Christian Church, visit [CommunityChristianChurch.info](http://CommunityChristianChurch.info), or phone (818) 353-8080.

Weekly Sunday worship is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Night Kids program is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and Thursday night Bible study is at 7 p.m.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT CSL

The Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta presents award-winning actor and storyteller Harry Hart-Browne. On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. he will perform his adaptation of the fascinating classic of the paranormal, "The Boy Who Saw True" by Anonymous. Tickets are \$20.

On Saturday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Iyashirochi presents "Sound Bath Healing with Yumiko and Dennis" in the sanctuary. Donation is \$25.

The Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta is located at 4845

Dunsmore Ave. (at the corner of Santa Carlotta Ave.).

## MT. OLIVE OFFERS MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

The sacred calendar of the Christian faith begins with the season of Advent, the season of hopeful expectation in which we simultaneously prepare for both the annual celebration of Christ's first Advent over two thousand years ago and the coming second Advent of Christ when he returns to establish God's kingdom in its everlasting completeness on the Earth.

So prior to the full flowering of Christmastime each year, those at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church prepare their hearts, minds and souls for the celebration of the nativity of our Lord by gathering together for our "Holden Evening Advent Services" on the Wednesdays leading up to Christmas.

The Holden Evening Service is a beautiful and peaceful service of music and prayer, and it's a beloved service in many Lutheran congregations at this time of year.

These services will take place at Mt. Olive on the Wednesdays of Dec. 13 and 20 at 7 p.m.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church reminds the public that it hosts a community luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month through May. There is "wonderful food and amazing entertainment." Cost is just \$5. All are invited.

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

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On Saturday, Dec. 16 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Bethel Church invites the community to enjoy Christmas crafts, desserts, cookie and ornament decorating, nativity photo backdrop, trivia contest, Christmas carols, tree lighting, candles and gifts for kids. All free!

## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING from page 17

I'm sure your mother knows, such evils are the reason Jesus came into the world. God calls fathers to protect and bless their families, not to do harm.

Your compassion and insight for your sister are insightful. Sounds like you have done a lot of the hard work of forgiving your father. And yes, I would agree with you that often such physical assaults have lasting effects because they cause emotional and even spiritual trauma as well – even when we don't remember them. Many people continue to suffer illness from the emotional and spiritual traumas of their past. So you are right to recommend your sister deal with a childhood event she doesn't even remember because her spirit does.

In the church, we often guide people in healing such traumas in prayer. Some churches are more fluent in this than others. And some prayer ministers are more gifted in this kind of prayer than others. In any case, such prayer ministry always begins in naming the fault (sin) and forgiving it. Then we invite God's healing light into the memory. Years ago, Agnes Sanford coined the term "healing of

Then, on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Bethel Church celebrates the birth of Christ. There will be Christmas carols, a Biblical message, special music, candle lighting and refreshments. All are welcome!

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., is in Sun Valley; (818) 767-4488; [bethelsunvalley.com](http://bethelsunvalley.com)

## 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 days) at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose in room 24: church narthex. Gathering is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, contact Jo Ann Stupakis at [jostupakis@yahoo.com](mailto:jostupakis@yahoo.com).

## WALK AND WORD

In December, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Dec. 10, 17, 24 & 31. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at [jnlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jnlavieri@earthlink.net).

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

memories" when teaching on this kind of prayer.

I can't recommend hypnosis. In fact, I would advise against it. But I can definitely recommend healing prayer ministry. I have done this kind of prayer with all kinds of people and it brings great spiritual, emotional and physical freedom. Harvest Rock Church in Pasadena has an entire department dedicated to this kind of ministry. I highly recommend them.

May your sister and entire family find greater healing, life and peace. It sounds like your intuition is leading you there already.

Rev. Rob Holman

St. Luke's Anglican Church





# JUST FOR FUN

## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. This Friday, Dec. 8, Holy Family Choir will be presenting a Christmas program.

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.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

The YMCA Christmas Tree Lot is open Monday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday-Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The lot is located at the Crescenta-Cañada Y at 1930 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge.

Proceeds benefit the Y's numerous youth-focused programs.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND CURRENT PROGRAMMING AT CV PARK

On Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CV 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.

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT LANTERMAN HOUSE

On Sunday, Dec. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., celebrate the holiday season at the Lanterman House. The free event will include peeks into the festively decorated Lanterman House, light refreshments and live holiday music. There is a gingerbread house contest open to all ages and skill levels. Members of the LCHS Chamber Singers will perform. There will be craft tables for visitors to create holiday themed ornaments. Visitors can also shop at a holiday boutique, filled with hand-crafted art, ceramics and other gifts made by local artists, including members of the Verdugo Hills Art Association.

For more information, visit [www.lantermanhouse.org](http://www.lantermanhouse.org).

No reservations are necessary. The Lanterman House is located at 4420 Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

December 4, 2023 - Decembner 10, 2023

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

The pounds could pile on if you aren't careful. If you're going to be doing a lot of socializing, the temptation to indulge could be too much. The weekend might be the worst time, but there are a few measures you can take to help yourself. Drink plenty of water - it will help you feel full. Drink hot water and lemon to dull a sweet tooth. Take control and don't let your discipline disintegrate.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It's time to cleanse your system, especially if you feel more tired than usual. Exercise is a great solution, especially if you do it regularly. You need to get a good sweat going to coax the impurities out of your body. If you combine this with a diet of fresh food, juices, and plenty of water, your skin will glow and you'll feel refreshed.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Pace yourself. When it comes to exercise, you might need to do more. Perhaps you love good food but don't care for the thought of working out. You don't mind the pressure and stress at work because these are about security. Work stress combined with too little exercise and too many gourmet meals creates a recipe for a health disaster. Delegate some work, eat more healthfully, and learn to love exercise.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your enthusiasm for good health and a fit body is about to reach a new level. This isn't just about feeling great. It's also about looking fantastic and feeling great about yourself and your life. Whatever you're doing, don't burn yourself out. You may want to take it to the limit, but spare a thought for your body.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

It's time to look after your ankles and feet, especially if they tend to get swollen or puffy after a day at work. This condition could be frequent. Don't ignore it or any other signs of distress in your lower legs. Get any foot problems treated as soon as possible. If you have the time and inclination, neaten up your toenails yourself or get a pedicure.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

How do you use your energy every day? If you feel tired for no reason, look at your eating habits and daily routines. If you suffer from nervous tension, find the root of it and eat foods that feed your nerves and brain. It might help to cut back on caffeine or eliminate it completely. Good or bad health depends on whether your habits contribute to well-being or keep you from being well.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It might be hard to resist rich, fatty foods. No matter how closely you've followed your latest diet, you might find it easier to enjoy that cake or ice cream than push it aside. It's no great sin to veer off course now and then. Just don't make a big deal about it. Enjoy it and then start over. The cosmos will help you get on the right track.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This might be a good time for a cosmetic procedure. If you want to improve your image, you'll be happy with the outcome. Whether it's a minor or major fix, things should go well. The cosmos will bring more wonderful blessings to your health zone. The tendency to indulge may mean you put on some extra weight. If you aren't exercising regularly, this is a good time to start.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You can be impatient when it comes to health matters. Perhaps you dislike the inconvenience of being ill and the time wasted convalescing. You could be equally impatient when it comes to getting fit or losing weight. Perhaps you give 100 percent for a while and then injure yourself or burn out. Just this once, take your time. You'll feel much better. It might help to hire a personal trainer, too.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You digest ideas and concepts as well as food. Some may be more easily assimilated than others. If you're taking the time to research issues associated with your well-being, go to a source you trust, one that feels right. Make sure that the next batch of ideas you consume really suits you. You'll find it easier to incorporate them into your life.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

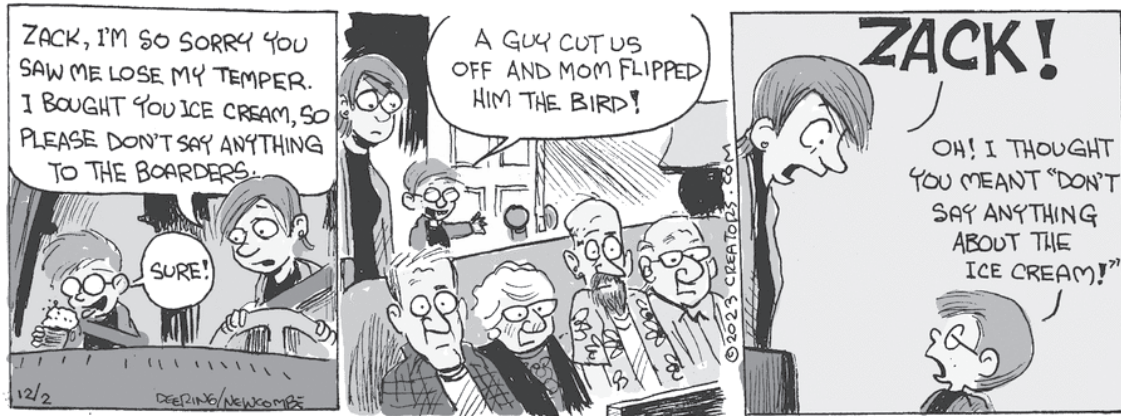
You may be under pressure to deliver work on a deadline. You'll find it easier to cope if you can slow down and relax. When you work, you really work, and sometimes you find it hard to switch gears. But this is the key to creating a healthy life balance. When you leave work for the day, think about pleasant things and take it easy!

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Let your renewed enthusiasm for health and wellness fill you with a powerful desire to exercise daily and eat nourishing food. Your diet might have more of an impact on you than you realize. It would be a good idea to check for food intolerances and sensitivities so you can tailor your diet to your needs. Ongoing symptoms could suddenly disappear. That would be a real relief.

ANSWERS for last week's issue.

### » ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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### ACROSS

- 1) Salvage aid
- 6) Herd of whales
- 9) Defeat decisively
- 14) "Home \_\_\_\_" (1990 film)
- 15) Branch of the U.N.
- 16) Learner at a desk
- 17) Warbles
- 18) Delay
- 19) "Remember the \_\_\_\_!"
- 20) Churches and such
- 23) "Terrible" age
- 24) Length x width, for a rectangle
- 25) Store convenience, for short
- 28) Dividers in biology
- 30) Airline overseer (Abbr.)
- 33) Group of lions
- 36) Eight-angled figures
- 39) Be in the best possible position
- 42) Harm
- 43) Mike holder
- 44) 551, in old Rome
- 45) Indian silk center
- 48) Broadway time zone
- 49) Creole veggie
- 51) Person of action
- 54) Some inner-city developments
- 61) Monte of Cooperstown
- 62) "The Matrix" hero
- 63) Word on old gas pumps
- 64) Jousting's mount
- 65) Manning of the NFL
- 66) Pancake relative
- 67) Bygone autocrats (Var.)
- 68) Tennis grouping
- 69) Hauled to the body shop

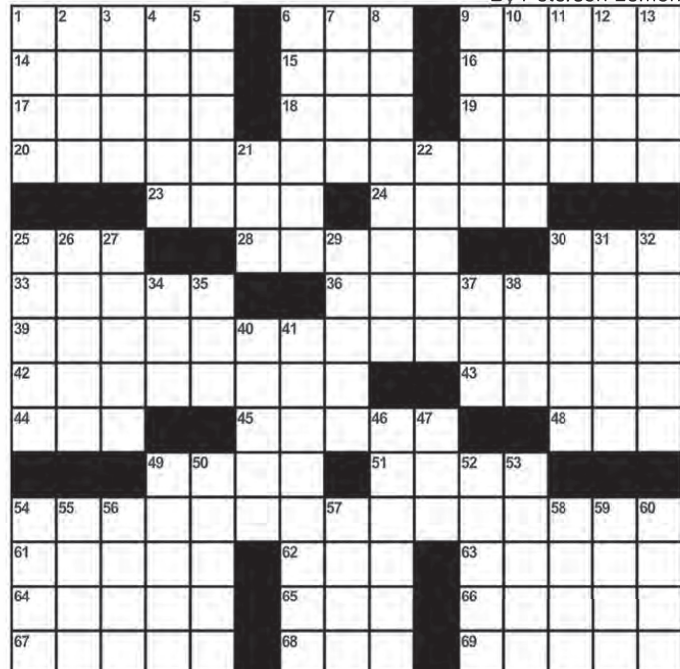
### DOWN

- 1) Obi, e.g.
- 2) Vaudeville shtick
- 3) Unfit for highborn Brits
- 4) Unfocused dread
- 5) Adjust, as a hem
- 6) Covered with soft hair
- 7) Norway's patron saint
- 8) 16:00 to 20:00, on a boat
- 9) Bowler's feat
- 10) Second-largest city in Oklahoma
- 11) Brilliantly colored fish
- 12) Drew Carey's nemesis, once
- 13) Alka-Seltzer sound
- 21) Shipwreck signal
- 22) Provide an address
- 25) Food for a ladybug
- 26) Dweller under a bridge, in fairy tales
- 27) Lip syncers \_\_\_\_ Vanilli
- 29) "Designing Women" co-star
- 30) Jedi's power
- 31) Chilean range
- 32) Good looks, in Hollywood
- 34) Banned bug killer
- 35) Listening device
- 37) Crackerjack
- 38) Pinup's leg
- 40) Be educated
- 41) Some baked Italian dishes
- 46) Cleverly skilled
- 47) Cow comment
- 49) Basket-maker's willow
- 50) Varieties
- 52) Button in Bond's car
- 53) Nostalgic, in a way
- 54) H.S. subject
- 55) Dog bowl bits
- 56) Eye layer
- 57) Brazilian soccer legend
- 58) Prepare to swallow
- 59) Pound a keyboard
- 60) Gravity-powered vehicle

see ANSWERS in next week's issue.

### SANTAS COMING II

By Peterson Lemon





PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# I returned my hearing aids, but the company never returned my money.

Michael Trimble's Audious hearing aid doesn't work, so he returns it. The company will not refund his money. What's going on?

**Q** I purchased two hearing aid sets online from Audious. The company promised a full refund if I wasn't pleased with them.

**A** I returned them for a refund within the allotted time. I received an email confirming the receipt of the returned items. But I never received my money. I have emailed Audious at the only two email addresses I could find. I do not think Audious intends to return my money. Can you help me get my refund?

— Michael Trimble, Hayward, California

**A** A quick online search reveals a huge number of complaints about Audious hearing aids. But at the time you contacted me, it was what I didn't find – rather than what I found – that was the most troubling. The company didn't have a working website and the top search result online was for a podcasting app by the same name. I wasn't sure if Audious, the hearing aid company, was still in business.

Let's go back to those reviews. Before you make a purchase, you have to do your research. And if you had, I'm sure you would have never paid \$354 for your over-the-counter hearing aid. The reviews are brutal. The company doesn't even respond to inquiries from the BBB.

I reviewed the correspondence between you and Audious. The company warns that there is

typically a three-week transition for your ears to adjust to its devices. It can take that long for the aid to calibrate properly to your specific hearing loss.

"So don't panic if you experience whistling or discomfort for a bit," it adds. "The more you wear it, the better it will work for you."

But you tried the device for a few weeks and it did not work for you. Since you were within your 90-day return period, you sent the hearing aids back for a full refund. Audious verified that it received them but did not return your money. You waited four months before contacting me for help.

You had all the tools you needed to fix this problem yourself. You had evidence that you had returned the hearing aid and an email from the company promising you a refund. You had

also waited patiently for your money back.

Fortunately, you made this purchase with a credit card. I advised you to file a credit card dispute under the Fair Credit Billing Act. I have advice on how to file a credit card dispute on my consumer advocacy site.


If that had not worked, my advocacy team would have happily helped you. Fortunately, it did. A few weeks later, your credit card company contacted you with good news: It had returned the \$354 you spent on the hearing aids.

*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/.*

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**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 closed 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.

## Make the holiday season merry and bright!

**Holiday in the Park**  
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 Dec. 16, 2023, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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# BUSINESS

## NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER » "OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS"

The Chamber board is celebrating a successful (and fun) mixer held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at St. Luke's of the Mountains and hosted by CV Weekly. In addition to enjoying great food (provided by Gail's Gourmet a go go) and drink, our members were able to vote on a slate of officers and directors. In addition to naming me president, for the next year

our new vice president is Robert Manciero, secretary is Donna Libra and treasurer is Molly Shelton. Our board retains the expertise of Mike Baldwin, Rev. Beverly Craig, Craig Fisher and Steve Pierce as directors.

The Chamber is now preparing for a huge rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 in the parking lot of St. Luke's of

the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. (enter on Cross Street). I've seen some of the items up for sale and they will make wonderful gifts! I hope you take time to stop by.

Looking ahead to 2024, the Chamber is planning a bingo game! Of course, sponsors are needed (as are players). Please pencil in Jan. 27 on your calendar and plan to make your way to the

Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. for a night of fun (and hopefully some money, too!). As plans are firmed up details will be in this newspaper.

On behalf of the entire CV Chamber of Commerce, we hope you have a wonderful, joyful and relaxed holiday season.

*Robin Goldworthy, President  
CV Chamber of Commerce*



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## NEWS FROM THE MV CHAMBER » MAVIL AGHADJANIAN

# End of the Year MVCC Wrap

We had an exhilarating 2023. The Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce celebrated 100 years of executing our mission to actively support and enrich the community, vitality and pride of Montrose, to help preserve the historic district and small town atmosphere, to promote economic stability and positive, productive relationships within Montrose and the surrounding communities.

We hosted our annual events like our Easter "MVCC Egg My Home," Montrose Craft Beer Fest, bi-monthly mixers, monthly ribbon cutting ceremonies and, of course, the Montrose Oktoberfest. We also got a new website that is more user-friendly where community members can check out upcoming events of our business members, find offers and see who is hiring locally.

Lastly, we were fortunate enough to be able to support our community and local non-profit organizations through sponsorships like: the YMCA of the Foothills Community Prayer Breakfast, the Lincoln Lions Dad's Club Poker Night, Fremont Elementary's new mosaic wall, the CVHS jazz band combo at our Centennial plus Community Awards Dinner, MVCC restaurant members who participated in our Montrose Craft Beer Fest, local families with

Easter baskets delivered by GPD, and the many non-profits that assisted us with Oktoberfest.

We feel fortunate to have the opportunities we have had to contribute to our community and hosting events for families to get together and become better acquainted with our local businesses. We cannot wait to do this – and more – in 2024.

The MVCC wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

*Meet the newest business members of the MVCC:*

\* *Amore Nail* – Fabulous nail care located in the heart of Montrose, north of the Honolulu shopping strip. It is located directly in front of Paper Rabbit, just south of Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill Restaurant. (818) 275-3848

\* *Property By Us* – A "one stop shop" brokerage. <http://propertybyus.com>

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# LEGALS & CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGALS

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On Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., MVCC Dine Out at Divina Cucina, 3730 N.

Verdugo Road in Montrose. Come join us for a dine out dinner at Divina Cucina! You will be supporting a local business as well as local high school students in the Class of 2024! This is a fundraising effort of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. We are happy to have started up the MVCC scholarship again stopping it during the pandemic. Drop your receipt in the provided box and \*15% of your check will go towards the 2024 MVCC Scholarship Fund. \*Only applicable on dine-in, takeout and phone orders.

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"The purpose of a neighborhood association is to engage the community and organize feedback. Having one association fall into two different districts would compromise the goal of districts representing communities of interest," he said.

Mary-Lynne Fisher, president of the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association, said her main concern in her neighborhood is that a councilmember hasn't lived there in at least 10 years. She hopes the requirement that district-elected council members live in the district they represent will give her neighborhood a better voting representation and that it will offer more potential for community involvement.

"I think the primary advantage of having districts is that Glendale is such a large city and so diverse geographically that the various areas, particularly the contrast between

representation in Crescenta Highlands and down in South Glendale, are large and they have different interests and different priorities," she said.

In a presentation on Nov. 7, Doug Johnson, the contractor in charge of the districting process, emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was not to choose a final map, but to narrow down the decision to maps with different attributes that would encourage conversation and engagement from Council and the public.

"As you are pondering this, we expect a lot of public input and you can change your mind down the road," Johnson noted as Council debated pros and cons about each map during its Nov. 7 meeting.

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In 1995, the couple returned to California and Smith officially began his career at the new Toyota store that his father established in La Crescenta upon selling the Hollywood store. He returned to sales and rose to new-car manager, general sales manager, general manager, and then dealer principal and owner of Bob Smith Toyota in 2011.

"It was the pinnacle of my automotive career and an honor to continue my family's legacy," Smith said. "With each generation, our commitment to providing exceptional service, ethical practices and a deep connection to our community has grown stronger."

He also credits the unwavering support and dedication of his employees for the dealership's continued growth and success.

Smith is passionate about advocating for fellow dealers to keep the industry strong. He has served on the board of the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association for more than 13 years

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Highway and La Cañada Boulevard), he developed the wide-breasted bronze strain of turkeys.

"The Hi-up Ranch of H.S. Bissell (Bissell Vacuum Cleaners) was at the top of Los Angeles Street (now La Crescenta Avenue).

"In the early days, there were no road contractors ready at hand and no heavy equipment. Mike Kraus and Grant Ashworth, however, were the next best thing. Using pick and shovel they lowered the steep grade on Verdugo Boulevard above Honolulu, then hauled the dirt and rock away in old-fashioned dump wagons.

"Getting off to a very small start with only one deep well and several water tunnels driven into the side of the mountains, the Valley Water Company grew over the years until now it's affiliated with the Metropolitan Water District in supplying water to the surge of new residents."

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on Oct. 28, so they were able to get performance experience; however they will be performing all new music on Dec. 8. We use all proceeds from concert ticket sales to purchase new music, instruments and needed equipment."

"The winter concert brings in the holiday spirit by performing familiar holiday and winter-themed music for all to enjoy," added Schick. "The winter concert brings the community together. My hope is to provide an experience where people forget their daily routines, inconveniences and possible troubles, and get lost in the wonderful healing sounds of music to find the courage and hope to enjoy themselves in what can be a very stressful time. Our young musicians are remarkable and even though we expect parents and family members to attend our concerts, the community really needs to show up to witness these kids performing. They will not believe the level of talent and skill our musicians display. It will give them faith in today's youth and put smiles on their faces."

The CVHS instrumental music winter concert is on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

and has played a key role in the group's workforce development initiatives, from mentoring dealers to nurturing young technicians.

Giving back to the community that has supported his family for a century is part of Smith's corporate ethos ... and his DNA. He is on the board of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce and actively supports local schools, youth sports, area events and fundraisers. As a member of the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association, he has contributed to this longstanding tradition that brings joy to the community each year on the Fourth of July.

In support of the Dolores Mission School, a Catholic parish grade school in Los Angeles, Bob Smith Toyota sponsors the annual Jesuit Charities Golf Tournament, which raises funds for scholarships.

"These scholarships cover a portion or the entirety of tuition costs, making quality education

accessible to low-income families and underserved students," he said.

Smith is also a board member of the YMCA Quarterback Club, which raises funds through weekly luncheons during football season and other donations to support football programs and scholarships for student athletes at area schools.

Additionally, Bob Smith Toyota supports Verbum Dei High School's corporate work study program. As a Verbum Dei Jesuit partner, young men from this South Los Angeles high school are employed on a part time basis at the dealership and in turn, gain valuable career experience along with responsibility and commitment as well as tuition assistance.

Dealers are nominated by the executives of state and metro dealer associations around the country. A panel of faculty members from the Tauber Institute for Global Operations at the University of

Michigan will select one finalist from each of the four NADA regions and one national Dealer of the Year. Three finalists will receive \$5,000 for their favorite charities and the winner will receive \$10,000 to give to charity, donated by Ally.

In its 13th year as exclusive sponsor, Ally also will recognize dealer nominees and their community efforts by contributing \$1,000 to each nominee's 501(c)3 charity of choice.

Nominees will be recognized on AllyDealerHeroes.com, which highlights the philanthropic contributions and achievements of TIME Dealer of the Year nominees.

"At TIME, we are proud to uphold the decades-long tradition of honoring automotive dealers who make a positive impact and show dedication to their communities through our TIME Dealer of the Year award," said TIME CEO Jessica Sibley. "We are excited to keep this tradition of applauding

these community contributions together with our partners at Ally."

Doug Timmerman, president of dealer financial services, Ally, said, "Auto dealers nominated for the TIME Dealer of the Year award have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to not only the industry but to their respective communities through volunteerism, sponsorships and supporting charitable causes, no matter the market climate. Whether their clients are purchasing a first car or upgrading for a growing family, these selected dealers have successfully extended their relationships beyond the showroom and have been steadfast in driving their communities forward."

Smith was nominated for the TIME Dealer of the Year award by Bob Smith, executive director of the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association. He and his wife Christine have three children.

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