



Budget Reviewed by Glendale Council

By Mary O'KEEFE

The California Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) had awarded grants specifically for the restoration of Stengel Field in Glendale in the amount of \$2 million, and for the Mountain Oaks Open Space Acquisition in the amount of \$2.5 million. On Dec. 19 the items were in the consent calendar and approved by the Glendale City Council.

The grants for Stengel will "provide critical improvements to a field that has served Glendale families and youth for decades," according to the City of Glendale.

Glendale City owns and operates Stengel Field, which has been under remodeling/reconstruction for years. Another grant for \$2 million is also earmarked for Stengel that will be put toward the project. The total for the restoration project is \$7.3 million.

The City Council then turned to the Annual Financial Report.

The City of Glendale received an "unmodified opinion" which, according to Jason Bradford, director of Finance, is the highest rating it can receive from its external auditors.

The auditors found that the City's checks and balances that are in place are sufficient.

This external audit is required for the City.

Glendale does have a reserve of 25%, which is similar to the cities of Burbank and Inglewood. Pasadena has a reserve of 20% and Anaheim has a reserve of 7%.

For the year 2022-23, the City exceeded its projected funding; however, as the years go by the City will find more expenditures, and expenditure increases requiring the Council to take a hard look at what it can do to increase revenue in the future.

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Tournament of Roses Float Gets Finishing Touches

By Eliza PARTIKA

As the big day approaches, volunteers are working feverishly to get the La Cañada entry parade-ready.

The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association and over 500 local volunteers are putting the finishing touches on this year's float, a reimagining of "Flower Power" in line with this year's parade theme, "Celebrating World Music."

The float, a giant replica of a '60s Volkswagen bus, will feature a band of flowers – a sunflower, snapdragon and daisy – playing 1960s classics like "California Dreamin" by the Mamas and Papas, "San Francisco" by Scott McKenzie and "Drive Your Car" by the Beatles. The 32-minute-to-one-hour set is a first for the parade, which normally allows only 30-second loops.

The "Flower Power" bus will feature many ambitious firsts for

the Association, including its recyclability. The foam board materials, steel and wood used to build the bus will all be taken down and reused in other floats or as additions to trailers and other essentials. It's also the biggest of the floats they've captained with enough space for three operators and beds in the top of the cabin for those who will watch the float the night before the parade.

President Ernest Koeppen said he is always trying to think outside the box – and even push it over – when he is coming up with ideas for floats.

"It becomes a collaborative effort," Koeppen said of the creative process. He said the committee fell into the idea for the '60s as they brainstormed.

"Music and flowers were the cemented ideas. Then we wondered, 'What if the flowers were playing like Mick Jagger with big lips,' and suddenly that locked us into the '60s because the big lips on the

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Photo by Eliza PARTIKA
A volunteer pastes seaweed to a wheel to replicate texture.

Arrests Made for Grand Theft, Resisting Arrests and Burglary

The Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) has been busy these last few weeks. On Dec. 18 at about 3:30 p.m. officers with the Downtown Policing Unit spotted two men with several sunglasses walking out of the door of Bloomingdale's at the Glendale Galleria. The suspects left the store without attempting to pay for the items. The officers contacted the suspects, who then ran. Officers were able to catch up with them and arrested the suspects for grand theft and resisting arrest.

The high-end sunglasses had an estimated worth of \$8,000.

Then on Dec. 19, GPD arrested three suspects in its ongoing effort to combat residential burglaries.

Felipe Leivasolis, 33, of Los Angeles, Francisco Alegria, 30, of Reseda and Juan Eduardo Salomon Castro, 31, were arrested on felony residential burglary charges following an extensive and ongoing investigation

by the Glendale Police Dept.

On Dec. 19 in the afternoon, GPD detectives and members of the newly formed Glendale Police Residential Burglary Taskforce intercepted the three suspects in Los Angeles. Two of the suspects attempted to flee on foot but were subsequently apprehended.

This operation represents a significant milestone in an ongoing, diligently pursued investigation initiated by burglary detectives over a month ago. CVW interviewed GPD Chief Manny Cid about this new task force (the story was published on Dec. 21).

The suspects are connected to residential burglaries in Glendale and are suspected of other burglaries in the region. Witness statements, video surveillance and advanced technology helped identify the three men.

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Photo provided by GPD
Suspects walked out of the door of Bloomingdale's at the Glendale Galleria without attempting to pay for the high-end sunglasses.



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Reviewing and Preparing

This is the time of the year that invites us to reflect on the past year while preparing for the new one.

Looking back I'm pretty pleased with the accomplishments of the CV Weekly. We have a dynamic sales team that has brought new business to the newspaper. I'm proud that these advertisers recognize the value of advertising their business and/or service within the pages of the CV Weekly.

In 2023, I was recognized by State Senator Anthony Portantino with a Women in Business Award. That I was nominated by women who felt I deserved the recognition meant so much to me and I'm forever grateful.

During 2023 I learned a lot from our proofreader Anne McNeill. Initially I learned about verb/noun agreement but throughout the years I've learned much more. It gives me great pride when I send a piece to her that I've already looked over and she returns it with no changes—mission accomplished!

Also in 2023 historian Mike Lawler introduced our readers (including me) to many different aspects of our area, from local rescues to our founding fathers. His column in Viewpoints is one of the most popular in the paper.

In 2023 we gained several talented writers including Mikaela Stone and Eliza Partika. These women not only have a nose for news but also enjoy sharing their stories with our readers—a key component to a successful community newspaper.

We had a robust turnout for our Fun &

Frights in the Foothills and Merry & Bright Light and Holiday Display Tour. Folks made a point to tell us how happy they were that we continued these tours that were created during COVID. We were also happy for sponsors ready to support these events.

Looking ahead I'm happy to report that The Finest will return to the pages of the CV Weekly. The Finest is the chance for our readers to cast their votes for businesses and services they feel are the finest in the area. Whether a bakery, auto dealer or chiropractor (and more) The Finest points readers in the direction to get the very best in services and businesses. You'll find the ballot in the CV Weekly beginning in January and also online; make your selections and get them to us so we can tabulate. We'll be announcing the winners in the summer.

One goal I have for the CV Weekly is to increase our home deliveries in 2024. Imagine waking up every Thursday morning to find the community's favorite newspaper in your driveway! Kudos to those who have already signed up for home delivery; let's get some more in 2024!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has made the CV Weekly a relevant and reliable resource for news. We work hard every week to meet those expectations and are grateful for those who appreciate that hard work.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

It is the end of the year. This year was the hottest year on record with January through November being 2.62 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than average since the preindustrial days.

I have often cited many examples of what science fiction has shown us about "what if." When a lot of these books and films were created they appeared to reflect a distant future but, as I have said before, these science fiction writers in many ways are societies' oracles. And like the oracles of the past they have been sought after by some and burned at the stake by others... it really all depended on the message people want to hear.

This column has allowed me to really look at weather and how climate change is affecting us on a daily basis. To be honest, I feel that scientists who specialize in this area really let us down. Years ago I attended a seminar at Caltech on climate change. Scientists on the panel spoke about their concerns for the future. They spoke with certainty of the increasing amount of carbon dioxide and what a warmer climate would mean to the Earth. There were a lot of scary scenarios discussed with a lot of scientific evidence put forth. To be honest, though, scientists were preaching to the choir. Most in the 2017 audience understood the basics of climate change and that it was a threat; it was

reaching those few who still did not believe in the science surrounding climate change.

During this seminar one of the panelists said he felt that scientists needed to be more aggressive (my word not his) in their concerns, and I agreed – both then and now. Scientists in this area seemed to say, "Well, we warned you." That is often the case in science fiction as well. In the end, the scientists say, "We told you so" over and over but that doesn't change the ending.

The issues of climate change are at our door. We can see these issues all around us if we just look up from our own lives. And each of us can do something to reduce our personal carbon footprint. It can be as easy as not throwing our garbage on the ground or walking through nature instead of driving through it.

So I leave 2023 with this quote from Rod Serling and the hope that we will learn in 2024 to do more to help our planet: "You walk into this room at your own risk because it leads to the future – not a future that will be but one that might be. This is not a new world, it is simply an extension of what began in the old one...."

According to NOAA, the cooling trend locally continues with temperatures from the mid-to-high 60s. Rain is more definitive; 80%, on Saturday with totals of ½ to ¾ inches. A weaker system will be going through on Monday morning with a 20% chance of rain.

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NEWS

Year In Review 2023

January 2023

The kids were 11 to 13 years old and, according to what they told MSAR members, were part of a Boy Scout troop. They had gone out prepared with tents, jackets and food; in addition, they had a Garmin inReach system they ended up activating. They were all rescued.

A two-day rainfall total brought 5.38 inches to La Cañada Flintridge. For the same period, Pasadena saw 5.41 inches, the Eagle Rock Reservoir recorded 5.9 inches and one of the largest total rainfall amounts was 18.31 inches recorded at Nordhoff Ridge Road in Ventura County, according to David Sweet, NOAA.

Five Glendale Unified Elementary District schools were recognized as 2023 California Distinguished Schools by the California Dept. of Education: they were Dunsmore, Fremont, Monte Vista, Mountain Avenue and Valley View.

Rockhaven Sanitarium, a historical property, celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The Glendale Teachers Association and Glendale Unified School District were still in negotiations. The teachers' contract term was from 2017 to 2020; they are now negotiating wages going back to 2020-21.

Chris Kilpatrick was named the new CV Town Council president. Harry Leon, who served as president for the last seven years, is now serving as vice president.

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

A vehicle came inches away from plowing through the front entrance of Robbin's Nest Preschool and Kindergarten in the 2900 block of Honolulu Avenue. No injuries were reported.

February 2023

Deputies arrested a man who had entered Crescenta Valley High School resulting in



File photos
 MAIN: Montrose Search & Rescue team members were called out to rescue eight people who needed help getting out of the Angeles National Forest (ANF). The three adults and five kids had gone on a weekend trip but found that, due to a turn in the weather, they needed help getting home.
 BELOW: Robbins nest.

a shelter-in-place and evacuation of the school.

"One of our deputies saw someone who matched the [man's] description in the 3500 block of Foothill Boulevard in Glendale," said Sgt. John Gilbert of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

The man was found inside a local coffee shop about 3 p.m. He was detained and a witness from CVHS was brought to the location. "The witness positively identified this was the person who was in the school. A search of [his person and bag] didn't reveal any weapons, drugs or devices," Gilbert said.

The man was arrested for trespassing but later released. A few days later he was arrested again and charged with possession of child (individual under the age of 18) pornography and the second count was criminal threats.

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IN BRIEF

CV WEEKLY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The offices of the CV Weekly will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday.

CVTC NEXT MEETS IN NEW YEAR

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

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

For Christmas tree disposal, the City of Glendale requires that all ornaments, decorations, bags, stands, bars, nails, and most tinsel (flocked trees and trees coated with fire retardant are acceptable) be removed. Trees taller than eight feet must be cut in half. Place tree at the curb or in the alley for pick-up on your refuse collection day.

In the unincorporated county of Los Angeles serviced by Burrtec, trees will be collected from Dec. 26 through Jan. 16. All lights, ornaments, decorations, tinsel, nails, metal/plastic/wood stands must be removed. Trees/foliage must be placed at the

curb next to regular trash receptacles on regular collection days. Note that customers cannot block streets, alleys or sidewalks. Also note that plastic trees/foliage are not recycled or accepted. Call (800) 325-9417 to schedule a bulky item pick up for those items.

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/performance-series> 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.

RAIN BARREL DISTRIBUTION

CV Water District and Foothill Municipal Water District are among the hosts of a rain barrel distribution event on Sunday, Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Foothill Municipal Water District.

The cost is \$65; however, rebates are available. Check with applicable water agency for more information. Maximum quantity is two rain barrel rebates per household.

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NOTES & NODS

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

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

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

Mt. Olive Offers Community Luncheon

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.

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.

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. 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 jlavieri@earthlink.net.

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

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LCPC Parent Ed Supports FosterAll in Christmas Toy Drive and Brunch



Photo by Willow BAUGHMAN

FosterAll Program Director Kathy Hernandez and Executive Director Lou Moore, with Parent Ed Assistant Director Amanda Baughman, LCPC Pastor Cindy Frost and Parent Ed Director Anne Bierling.

La Cañada Presbyterian Church's Parent Education Program (LCPC Parent Ed) recently hosted donation collections and events supporting its local mission partner FosterAll. To celebrate the holiday together and show appreciation to foster families who have opened up their

hearts and homes to children in need, LCPC Parent Ed held a Christmas toy drive from Nov. 13-29, collecting new toys for boys and girls aged 5-10. Answering the call, LCPC parishioners and Parent Ed participants donated 200 toys and \$1,015 for the toy drive for children in family and group homes.

Then, on Dec. 2, the LCPC campus was transformed into a winter wonderland for foster families to enjoy a fun-filled day that included games, crafts, music, entertainment, hot cocoa bar, delicious meal and Santa's Toy Shop. Children were invited to take books from Santa's library, shop in Santa's Toy Shop and take a photo with

Santa Claus himself. Families were treated to free family photos with a professional photographer. LCPC Parent Ed board members provided support for the event.

FosterAll's Kathy Hernandez organized the successful event with help from volunteers from many churches including La Cañada Presbyterian Church. Parent Ed's Amanda Baughman organized the toy drive, Carrie Kingston and her children assisted, Willow Baughman photographed the event and Lauren Gallodoro provided balloon decorations. LCPC Senior Pastor Ross Purdy welcomed families onto the campus, praying over the meal and the day.

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on a contract for the 2020-23 school years.

The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors appointed Anthony C. Marrone to serve as the 10th fire chief of the County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.

Eli Lilly announced a price reduction of 70% for its most commonly prescribed insulin and an expansion of its Insulin Value Program that caps patient out-of-pocket costs at \$35 or less per month.

Congressman Adam Schiff announced the Hollywood Burbank Airport will be awarded \$30 million as part of a grant program provided by

the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

A suspect was arrested in connection with a series of sexual assaults that took place on the campus of Burbank High School.

The Crescenta Valley High School symphony orchestra and concert band, directed and conducted by Mathew Schick, head of CVIM (Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music), once again performed at Carnegie Hall.

An emergency pipeline repair had numerous customers without water service for several hours. This was the second water interruption of the week; the first affected many of the same customers. The pipeline was located at Ocean View Boulevard near the on-ramps and off-ramps of the Foothill (210) Freeway.

In recognition of his achievements in poetry and his goal of promoting self-expression, finding common ground across communities and fostering solidarity that celebrates

and seven firearms were recovered,” said Officer Lopez, Los Angeles Police Dept.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council held a brush fire clearance meeting with members of the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. (LACoFD). During that meeting LACoFD Chief Pat Sprengel told the audience that brush clearance notices had been sent to residents in February and again in March. These notices were going to many more addresses than in the past because of the new fire zones that had been implemented.

The Burbank Police Dept. received a false report of a school shooting at John Burroughs High School from an unidentified caller.

Some parents and community members attended the Glendale Unified School District meeting voicing concern about their children being “indoctrinated” – though it was not clear what they were being indoctrinated into. However, the basis of the concerns of the parents focused on transgender students and the way the district approaches that issue.

The 22nd Annual Armenian Genocide Commemorative Event was held on the day of the Armenian Genocide Remembrance. The Armenian Genocide occurred 108 years ago and for years the nation asked the United States to recognize what happened to its citizens as genocide. President Joe Biden in 2021 was the first President to recognize the atrocities that occurred as genocide.

May 2023

The Glendale Police Dept. arrested a male suspected in the 2021 death of a Glendale/La Crescenta teenager. 23-year-old Heriberto Galvan of North Hollywood was arrested on May 5 in association with the death of Tevan Gevorkian.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) opened its doors to the public for in-person meetings after three years of Zoom meetings due to the pandemic. The main purpose of neighborhood councils is to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

The Writers Guild of America (WGA) officially went on strike both in New York City and Los Angeles. The WGA Negotiating Committee unanimously rejected the final offer of the Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers (AMPTP) before the midnight deadline.

June 2023

CVWD proposed a capital charge on the 2023-24 property tax roll. A public hearing was conducted to consider the proposed capital charge on the property tax roll to fund pipeline replacements. If approved, the capital charge would take effect on the 2023-24 property tax roll and, with annual board approval, continue for several years.



The Los Angeles Police Dept. made an arrest of an alleged arsonist who set fire to over 20 vehicles in the Sunland Tujunga area.

Across Los Angeles County, volunteers, city workers and law enforcement participated in the 2023 homeless count. The annual count is conducted through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The count included unsheltered, youth and housing inventory counts (a census of people living in interim and permanent supportive housing).

The Glendale police substation that was located at 3808 Ocean View Blvd. in Montrose was closed.

Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein announced that she would not run for reelection in 2024

Rep. Adam Schiff launched his campaign for U.S. Senate.

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. Montrose Search and Rescue team members joined other search and rescue departments and members of the military to search for the body of 22-year-old U.S. Army soldier Anna Laura Costa Porsborg.



The Perseverance rover celebrated its second anniversary on the surface of Mars.

A massive and destructive 7.8 earthquake devastated Southern and Central Turkey as well as parts of Northern Syria. Entire cities were leveled, millions were displaced and close to 50,000 lives were lost as a result. Seven members of the Montrose Search and Rescue team went to Hatay, Turkey in a six-day humanitarian mission to locate and rescue individuals trapped beneath the destruction.

March 2023

It snowed throughout Southern California, including in the Crescenta Valley.

The Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation LA hosted a Valentine’s Day discussion at Crescenta Valley High School that focused on how students, and adults, can practice loving who they are. The event was titled “Self-Love Seminar: Positive Self-Talk”

SoCalGas filed an application with the CPUC prior to the dramatic increases in natural gas bills. The application also included a request to include more price increases to be implemented until 2027.

Glendale Unified School District and Glendale Teachers Association bargaining teams reached a tentative agreement

diversity and individuality, Raffi Joe Wartanian was chosen as Glendale’s inaugural poet laureate.

The La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project, spearheaded by the City of Glendale, held outreach concerning the Alternative 1 choice of reducing La Crescenta Avenue traffic lanes from four, two in each direction, to two, one lane in each direction. According to the City, the project will improve walking areas and street surfaces, and include the installation of new curb ramps, the modification of traffic signals, the use of “cool” pavement to mitigate heat island effects, improve the sewer system and plant trees.

Glenoaks Elementary had a ribbon cutting for the school’s newly created “wellness room.” Glenoaks is the first elementary school to have one.

April 2023

This month marked the 20th anniversary of Maureen Palacios’ ownership of Once Upon a Time, the oldest children’s bookstore in the country. Palacios, who had no previous retail experience before buying the store, has worked tirelessly over the past two decades to keep Once Upon a Time thriving as a community hub.

A search warrant was served in the 2700 block of Foothill Boulevard. “Six adults, both male and female, were detained

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A volatile Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) meeting took place at the school board's regular meeting. Responding to recent GUSD board meetings that had become contentious, the Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) provided staff with some safety suggestions. The parking lot was cleared of all cars and blockades were placed at its entrances and exits. There was a large police presence and, as a safety measure, most of the GUSD staff left earlier in the afternoon to work from home. GPD officers attempted to deescalate the situation and three individuals were arrested on various charges including unlawful use of pepper spray and willfully obstructing officers in the course of their duties.



The 10th anniversary of the running and cycling racing event "Finish the Ride" took place.

The third annual Sunland-Tujunga Pride event was held at Sunland Park. The event was founded by a 15-year-old Verdugo Woodlands High School student. She felt the school wasn't welcoming to the LGBTQ+ community and wanted to create a safe event for her fellow students, and the community, to take part.

The Glendale City Council meeting turned contentious once public comment began, mirroring contention found at recent Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) meetings.

Councilmember Elen Asatryan and Mayor Dan Brotman spoke about recent acts of hate in addition to the GUSD demonstration that had turned violent at the previous week's school board meeting. These included the recent anti-Semitic flyers that had been distributed throughout the City, assaults on LGBTQ+ community members as well as vandalism of a vehicle that displayed an Armenian flag.

Crescenta Valley Water District hosted a public hearing regarding a proposed capital charge on the property tax roll. Disgruntled people arrived in droves, with attendees spilling out in two different directions toward the street.

Two men were arrested in connection with a carjacking of a pizza delivery driver.

Burbank Police responded to the 1500 block of North Naomi Street regarding a report of a carjacking that had just occurred.

Glendale City Council meeting was contentious and, at one point, Mayor Dan Brotman called for a "time out" to calm the situation. When the meeting resumed, due to ongoing interruptions by several audience members, City Attorney Michael Garcia suggested the mayor had been patient and advised it was time to think about clearing the chamber. The mayor gave the audience one more chance to act respectfully; however, the audience did not respond and the chamber was cleared.

Speakers during the public communication portion of the meeting focused primarily on Glendale Unified School District issues.

The Tuesday night Glendale Unified School District board meeting was once again the scene of chaos, anger and concern. Parents shared their opinions; some praised the district for its inclusivity of all students while others chastised the board for its LGBTQ+ policies, although there was nothing on the agenda concerning that issue.

At the end of the meeting Superintendent Vivian Ekchian announced her retirement from the District.

The Historical Society of Crescenta Valley (HSCV) held an informational tour of the recently renovated Montrose Bowl. HSCV is an organization that strives to keep history alive and historical places intact. Its members have been watching this famous Montrose landmark for a while and were very excited about its upcoming grand opening.

July 2023

The Montrose Shopping Park was packed as nearly 15,000 people turned out for the 21st annual Montrose Car Show. Over 300 vehicles registered for the event, filling the 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue. Though most of the cars were classics, there were a few newer models on display as well as motorcycles.

An awards ceremony was held, recognizing autos in a variety of categories. Among the winners was Ted Saraf who entered the car show with his 1968 Dodge police car, which displayed Pasadena police decals on the doors. It was also fitted with the old lights and sirens.



The Crescenta Valley Meher and Satig Der Ohanessian Armenian Youth Center held an "Evening with Glendale City Mayor Dan Brotman." Discussion turned to June 6 events at the GUSD board meeting when violence had resulted in the arrests of three people. Parents at the Armenian Youth Center meeting said they did not like how they had been characterized as being the issue when, in their points of view, it was antifa members who had caused the violence.

In addition, the mayor grappled with questions regarding the cost of living, which was on the rise, and traffic in Glendale.

Starting the Independence Day festivities was a parade down Foothill Boulevard in Sunland-Tujunga. About 7,000 people lined up to see the 60 entries that ranged from dignitaries to local businesses and non-profits. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council - Beautification Committee took on the role of grand marshal.

Later in the day, thousands of folks poured onto the Crescenta Valley High School track and field for the annual fireworks display. The event, which started at 4 p.m., included live music and food trucks.

Personnel from LA County Fire and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station responded to a fire at the restaurant Byblos Mediterranean Bakery at 2948 Foothill Blvd. at Ramsdell Avenue in La Crescenta. According to LA County Fire spokesperson Maria Grycan, the roof of the restaurant collapsed from the fire.

A firefighter was sent to the hospital with minor injuries.



Administrators at Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) confirmed that the track and field would be closed as construction began on new stadium seating.

"It will be closed to the public," confirmed CVHS Principal Christine Benitez.

The construction is scheduled to take nine months to complete so hopefully the area will reopen before graduation in 2024. For most of the school year the school should be able to hold regular sport and physical education programs when school representatives are present.

The construction base of operations will be the coaches' parking lot, which is the most southern parking lot on Ramsdell Avenue south of the gym.

Members of the Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) went on strike after talks with the studios stalled.

The strike continued for several months.

Thousands came to Brand Boulevard for the annual Cruise Night. The stars of the night were the vehicles. Whether classic or vintage, standard or "movie star," cars, motorcycles and more could be seen (and ogled) along the boulevard.

In addition to the vehicles, there was live music and the evening ended with a dynamic fireworks show indicating that folks should mark their calendar for next year's show.

Members of the Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) team accessed iPhone technology to find the victim of a car that careened over the side of the highway.

Newer iPhone cellphones signal when a vehicle is involved in a crash. In areas that may not have cell service available, like most of the Angeles National Forest, the phone's program would notify an emergency operator via satellite phone technology. That is what happened in this case.

After MSAR members found the victim he was transported to a local trauma unit.

August 2023

Goats were used to clear brush in Glendale's Brand Park in order to spare nearby homes from fires.

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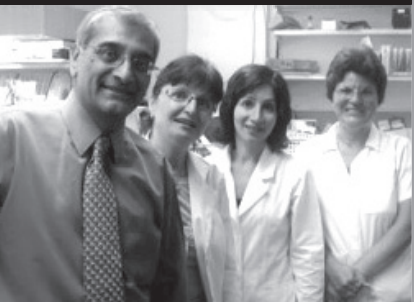
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Then-Glendale Fire Chief Tim Ernst oversaw the chomping goats with only several yards of a low voltage electrified fence to keep the goats in and curious onlookers out. The fences also protected the goats from predators, like coyotes, that roam the hillsides.

Once a year the Glendale Fire Dept. brings in the goats to clear the land in fire prone areas and an Australian shepherd dog does the goat herding.



Neighborhood residents gathered to meet their local law enforcement and safety personnel as part of National Night Out (NNO). The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station/Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. took part in the annual event hosting several information booths and handing out more than 500 free hot dogs. The station had representatives from public safety including LASD, California Highway Patrol, U.S. Forest Service with Smokey Bear and LA County Fire Dept. Montrose Search and Rescue team members were on hand to talk to people and answer questions.

The Glendale Kiwanis Club joined Home Again LA (HALA) for its annual Back to School Shopping Spree. HALA connected 25 volunteers from the Glendale Kiwanis Club with 25 children from their housing program. Through funding provided by HALA each child was given a \$100 gift card to purchase school supplies at Target for the upcoming school year.

As students prepared to return to school, drivers were put on alert as more law enforcement was present to control safety and prevent accidents. Officers were looking for anything that puts pedestrians/students in undo harm.

Fire and law enforcement agencies and a crew from Crescenta Valley Water District responded to a water main break in the 3000 block of Montrose Avenue west of Ramsdell Avenue. The water came up through the street buckling it. The pipe was apparently installed in 1961, according to James Lee, CVWD interim general manager. Sheriff deputies were blocking vehicular traffic along Montrose Avenue though north/south traffic on Ramsdell and Pennsylvania avenues was not affected.

CVWD reported that the damage was caused due to a lateral split along the pipeline main. According to Lee, the repair plan included replacing about a 10 ft. section of the main.



Hurricane Hilary was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it reached California. During its stay it dropped a lot of rain from the mountains to the valleys.

The brunt of the storm was felt in low desert areas like Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Coachella Valley.

A project was filed with Los Angeles County Regional Planning where the La Crescenta Motel is located at the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue.

The plan is for a new five-story, 81-unit multifamily development, including six units restricted to extremely low-income households. The plan includes 96 parking spaces provided in a surface lot. The applicant will utilize a 53% density bonus, as well as waivers for height, reduced rear yard landscaping, reduced parking and reduced ground floor transparency, according to the Dept. of Regional Planning.

Glendale police responded to a bomb threat at the

Americana at Brand. An object resembling a toilet was left on the property, along with a note indicating the object was a bomb.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. (LASD) – Bomb Squad was requested to assess the scene and the item. Using witness accounts and security footage, a suspect was identified. Glendale police officers successfully located and arrested 22-year-old Timothy Taratchila of Burbank for making a false bomb threat.

September 2023

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County approved a new set of bail schedules for suspects arrested in non-violent felonies and misdemeanor crimes. The new bail schedule, slated to take effect in LA County on Oct. 1, dictated one of three possible actions by law enforcement for an arrestee's release: Cite and Release (CR), Book and Release (BR) or Magistrate Review (MR). Capital offenses, such as murder with special circumstances and limited felonies, are not eligible for pre-arrestment, zero bail release.

The Sheriff's Dept. and all police departments in the County must comply with this protocol.

The neighbors in the 3000 block of Frances Avenue voiced their concerns regarding a new neighborhood business.

U Matter Luxury Resort purchased a home on a large parcel in the area and has created an oasis for "detox."

The resort is designed as an "intense detox program" that proposes to offer detoxification for a number of issues ranging from food allergies to over-indulgence with alcohol and drugs. However, Prescilla Cardenas, spokesperson for U Matter Luxury Resort, stressed the property is not a rehabilitation center for those who wish to go through a program that involves medical withdrawals.

The 10th Annual Patriot Day Motorcade made its way through the Crescenta Valley and La Cañada Flintridge on Sept. 11.

"Remember Honor Respect" was the focus of the motorcade – regarding the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. These included not only those who died on that day – Sept. 11, 2001 – but those who were at ground zero, including the emergency responders who came from all over the country days and months afterward to help. It was also a chance to honor and respect all emergency responders and military.

Among those who came out to watch the motorcade were firefighters and hundreds of school students waving flags and yelling "Thank you" to the emergency responders.

The motorcade ended with a barbecue honoring Jean Maluccio, co-founder of the event, at Twelve Oaks Assisted Living in La Crescenta.

CV Water District board member Judy Tejada announced her resignation from the CVWD board, effective Dec. 31, after serving more than 30 years.

For her years of service, the District dedicated a reservoir site in her name.



October 2023

It was a bevy of pancake breakfasts in October. Crescenta Valley Town Council members donned their aprons and grabbed their pancake spatulas as they hosted their traditional pancake breakfast. Unlike previous years, it was held in Sadler Hall at the historic "rock church" – St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church.

Rosemont Middle School then hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast and Concert. The funds raised were dedicated to the music program students to pay for instruments, music and supplies. Half of every ticket sold by students went toward their end-of-year trip to perform at Disneyland.

Montrose Oktoberfest, one of the biggest events and fundraisers held in Montrose, hosted thousands of celebrants who flooded Honolulu Avenue to enjoy live music, food, beverage, games, rides and more.

Longtime Crescenta Valley resident Don Norbut was honored with the World War II Registry of Remembrance. Norbut served in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1944. American Legion Post 288 member Dick Clubb created the plaque and registered Norbut.

The Glendale Unified Board of Education unanimously approved a contract to affirm Dr. Darneika Watson as the next Glendale Unified School District superintendent of schools. Dr. Watson served as the district's interim superintendent after the previous superintendent, Dr. Vivian Ekchian, retired at the end of June.

CVW was invited to an active shooter training involving Glendale fire and police departments.

Officer Andres Rico, a member of GPD's Training Bureau, and Battalion Chief Todd Tucker, Emergency Medical Services Bureau, led the officers in the training.



November 2023

Local Halloween events kept residents on their toes as ghosts and goblins converged on the Valley. Events included the annual Spooktacular hosted by the Montrose Shopping Park, "Mystery of the Verdugo Mines" held by the Dads' Club in Glendale, various "trunk-or-treat" events and the Haunted Hotel at 413 Whiting Woods.

The American Heroes Airshow celebrated its 30th year at its event held at Hansen Dam Sports Complex. Over 75 information booths were on-site ranging from vector control to law enforcement to fire departments to probation departments and more. A highlight of the day was the naturalization ceremony where about 50 people were administered the Oath of Allegiance becoming the newest U.S. citizens.

A special community meeting was held focusing on the business U Matter Luxury Resort, which has been permitted as an adult residential facility in the 3000 block of Frances Avenue in La Crescenta. Members of several Los Angeles County departments were present to answer questions from the standing-room-only crowd. This was the first meeting that hosted the owners and representatives of U Matter Luxury Resort.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council election was held. Incumbents Kerri Lewin Brautigam, Chris Kilpatrick and Jeffrey Rodriguez were elected to regular positions. Daniel Kim secured a place as an alternate.

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

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

Highlights of the day included the singing of the national anthem by The Carothers Family Singers and the playing of "The Armed Forces Medley." Commander Robert Wollenweber recited the poignant war poem "In Flanders Field."

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

The 5th Annual Holiday Wine Walk was held in the Montrose Shopping Park to a nearly sold-out crowd. Wine

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There were additional requests that include: Management Services requested \$75,000 for replacement and purchase of equipment for the city's TV channel GTV6; Glendale Water and Power (GWP) requested one clean energy officer position (the costs will be absorbed within GWP's fiscal budget for 2023-24); and the Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) requested funding for six new police services officer positions.

GPD Chief Manny Cid said these would be administrative duties including parking enforcement, writing reports and responding to traffic collisions without injuries. If accepted these programs could be a source of recruitment for the police department.

Bradford proposed some actions that could increase revenue including a business tax, occupancy tax increase, parcel tax, property transfer tax and a parking tax.

These taxes would have to be voted on: a general tax that would require revenues generated to be used for any legitimate government purpose and a special tax would require funds that are restricted and can only be used for certain purposes.

Another proposed tax includes a so-called

"mansion tax," which would be a tax imposed on a property sold above a certain threshold. That threshold amount would be studied and determined by City Council.

Other revenue generators suggested included looking at citywide fees including reducing the current 90-minute parking time limit and the addition of advertising billboards that would more than likely be installed along the 134 Freeway corridor.

The City can also look at leasing property out for development of housing and affordable housing.

City staff will now begin to research the proposed taxes and other ideas to bring in revenue and bring back the issues one at a time. It was noted that a parcel tax would have to be put before voters and must receive a two-thirds vote; a business tax would require a majority (50% plus one) vote.

The Council requested staff to first bring back the easier issues to research, including advertising (like the use of digital billboards), and ground leasing options. Some of the issues would have to include a deeper investigation.

Nothing currently required a vote by Council.

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In response to the surge in regional residential burglaries, the GPD proactively established the Residential Burglary Taskforce. The task force is composed of GPD patrol and motor officers, Special Enforcement Detail, detectives and undercover officers. Utilizing cutting-edge technology and saturation patrols, the task force achieved a quick turnaround, reducing incidents from double digits per week to zero residential burglaries in Glendale over the past week.

Despite the recent arrests, the enhanced patrols will continue to ensure community safety.

"We stand resolute in our duty to protect the sanctity of every home and ensure the peace of mind

for all residents. We will leverage every available resource at our disposal to confront those that threaten the safety and well-being of Glendale," said Cid. "I'm incredibly proud of the ongoing efforts of our officers and detectives in deterring and solving these invasive crimes."

All three suspects are in custody at the Glendale City Jail, awaiting magistrate review. Leivasolis also has a \$100,000 warrant out of Burbank for robbery.

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enthusiasts gathered, eager to explore the offerings of the 35 "pour stations" set up by the participating businesses in the Shopping Park. Each station presented a selection of red or white wines, each chosen by the business owner to showcase their own tastes and favorite wines. Many of the stations were complemented by small bites, ranging from charcuterie spreads to samples from some of the local restaurants, and even scoops of ice cream at Moo Moo Mia.

Glendale Unified School District board of education members recognized high achieving schools for their academic and student support successes at the board meeting. The board also recognized Holocaust survivor Joseph Alexander.

Alexander, a Holocaust survivor known for speaking about his experiences at local schools for Holocaust Remembrance Day, celebrated his 101st birthday on Nov. 20.

perched in a SWAT vehicle with several GPD enforcement vehicles, including several motorcycles, accompanying him, lights blazing and sirens blaring.

The Montrose Christmas Parade featured cheering crowds and over 1,400 people marching down the Honolulu Avenue 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.

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

Elf on the Shelf, aka Corky O'Rourke, was found in an assortment of places on the campus of College View School in Glendale. The school specializes in instruction in functional academics, life skills, communication, socialization and motor skills. Classrooms serve students ranging in age from 3 to 22 with severe intellectual and physical disabilities, according to the College View website.

December 2023

Plaid Friday and the lighting of the Montrose Christmas tree brought hundreds of people to the Montrose Shopping Park. Hummingbird Conservatory Carolers sang for the crowd and the Glendale Fire Dept. was on hand with their "Cram-A Classic Toy Drive" gathering toys for those in need this holiday season.

State Senator Anthony Portantino was joined by Glendale City councilmembers Ara Najarian and Paula Devine and Mayor Dan Brotman.

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station deputies responded to the 800 block of Berkshire Avenue in La Cañada regarding a trespassing call. Deputies arrived and during an investigation the property owner saw the suspects and pointed them out. The two suspects were detained without incident. They were arrested for burglary, driving a vehicle without owner's consent and possession of burglary tools.


They were booked at the CV Station and held in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

The Glendale Unified School District addressed a cybersecurity breach at its board meeting. President Jennifer Freemon said district staff worked diligently to resolve the issue and continued to monitor the situation. The ransomware incident disabled certain computer systems and networks causing many of the teachers to revert to using paper and pen to complete lessons.

The City of Glendale designated the intersection of Isabel Street and Broadway as Sadao S. Munemori Memorial Square. The dedication was done in the hopes that the bravery of Sadao S. Munemori will be better known. The Square contains a listing carved in stone of the names of Glendale locals who died in combat, extending from WWI to the present day.

Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) officers and volunteers delivered gifts to Glendale families as part of the Glendale Police Officers' Association Cops for Kids program. Members of the GPD and department volunteers adopt families during the holidays, delivering trees and gifts in time for Christmas.

This year, 25 families throughout Glendale, Montrose and La Crescenta received gifts.



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Newspaper Front Page Stories – 1937

A selection of news stories from a particular day in 1937 provides a slice of life of the Crescenta Valley in the past.

“Local man narrowly escapes death when attacked by dog.” James Barber, the proprietor of a laundry on Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada (across from today’s Memorial Park) was attacked by a neighbor’s St. Bernard. The dog was tied with a leash in the backyard of the house behind the laundry. It broke its lease and charged Barber. The massive dog sprang at Barber’s face but he blocked the bite with his arm, which fortunately was clad in a leather jacket. The dog lunged twice more but Barber was able to protect his face. The fourth lunge knocked Barber down, landing him on his back. His head hit the ground hard.

Barber was now on the ground stunned and the dog circled for another attack. At this point a neighbor ran between the two and swung a shovel at the dog. The dog retreated back to his yard where the owner corralled him.

Barber was able to drive himself home, but he fainted when he got there. He was transported to the hospital where he was treated for head injuries and bruises.

“Warn against quarantine violation – Valley dog owners face court unless rule obeyed.” More dog problems as the Valley was undergoing a rabies epidemic. However, several residents were uncooperative and their dogs, which were declared under quarantine for rabies, were allowed out.

“Save a life, gain a pet is Hoffman plea.” John Hoffman, the local Humane Society officer, was experiencing an overload of stray dogs at his privately owned kennel. He was trying to avoid euthanizing the animals and he put out a plea to those needing a pet or watchdog.

“Zip! Local lad almost severs nasal organ.” According to this article two boys were playing with a knife and one of them received a deep cut on his nose. The article didn’t record if it was an accident or an attack. The newspaper really made light of this one and had

a great deal of fun mocking the seriousness of the accident.

“To hold parents for damage done to fire equipment.” This article stressed that sheriffs were on the lookout for young kids who used firearms to vandalize items in the local hills. Fire equipment, water tanks, phone wire insulators and phone call boxes had been the targets. The article further went on to say as most offenders were underage, their parents would be held responsible.

“Four young people recovering from auto crash hurts.” Young drivers in 1937 drove too fast on Angeles Crest Highway then – just as they do now. This carload missed a corner and flew

off the edge, and went 400 feet down. Amazingly no one died, just received broken bones. This was before helicopters and the formation of the Montrose Search and Rescue team, so sheriffs enlisted help from young men from a nearby Civilian Conservation Corps camp to bring up the victims.

“Local woman is hurt when hit by passing car.” Mrs. Brown was walking at night across the intersection of Ocean View and Verdugo. Her leg was broken when she was struck by a car. Brown was wearing a dark suit and there was no streetlight. The driver simply couldn’t see her until it was too late.

“Rubbish dumper must face

court on law violation.” The dumping of trash on vacant lots had become a problem in 1937 – so much so that sheriff deputies set an overnight watch on a vacant lot at Montrose and Lauderdale. For the second time, they caught someone dumping a load of trash and issued a violation.

And last but certainly not least: *“Disappearance of flagpole is probe subject.”* Someone stole a flagpole from the front yard of Mr. Schmidt’s house on Foothill. The pole, which disappeared at night, was 30 feet high and painted white. Mr. Schmidt claimed the wooden pole cost \$12 and he feared that it was now firewood.

All the local news from a particular day in 1937; some quant, some laughable, and some similar to today’s news.



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With over 30 submissions, it was no small feat choosing the six that best represent the various categories in this year's Merry & Bright Tour. Hours were spent seeing each of the submissions then identifying the best of those. Special thanks are extended to Rachelle Miller who oversaw this year's festivities and to all of those homeowners who took the time to merrily decorate their homes then invited our readers to drive by to check them out. Not to be forgotten, many thanks are extended to our sponsors who support this community effort.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Glendale's Campbell Center Has Its 1st Toy Drive – A Part of Its Annual Holiday Celebration

By Ruth SOWBY

Instead of being the recipients of holiday gifts, this year Campbell Center developmentally disabled clients were the givers of gifts. About 30 clients, shopped for, wrapped and delivered gifts for needy families. The gifts were then collected by members of the Glendale Police Officers' Association who stopped by the Center on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

According to Campbell Center Executive Director Nancy Niebrugge, "This is part of our effort to support [our clients] as adults and structure programs and activities that give them choice, autonomy and a meaning place in our community."

Client Emil Farhadian, dressed like Santa Claus, was generous with the toys he donated. He bought them with money he earned throughout the year. Besides paid jobs, one of his volunteer duties



was collating folders for a local business, Western Drugs, a long-time supporter of the Center.

Center staff was generous with its time as well. Staff members took Center clients, or "associates" as they are also called, on a shopping spree where they worked

with a budget and purchased a toy of their choice to donate.

All gifts donated came close to \$600. The Glendale Police Officers' Association, also generous, gave a \$300 check to the Center for operating expenses.

The mission of the Campbell

Center is to partner with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, empowering them to successfully gain independence and attain their desired outcomes through opportunity and choice.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Campbell Center client Emil Farhadian plays Santa by donating the gift he bought to the Glendale Police Officers' Assn. for the Center's 1st Toy Drive. Center Employment Coordinator Abigail Espericueta helped Emil find a job so that he could pay for the gift himself.

ABOVE: The Campbell Center's Executive Director Nancy Niebrugge poses in front of one of several murals that decorate the Centers' interior and exterior. Eighteen months ago, the murals were painted by artists with developmental disabilities. The project was paid for, in part, by the non-profit organization Muralism. The Campbell Center also pitched in with funds.

People Making News

Biola University welcomed the following students to the Biola community as they start their journey as an Eagle this fall: Faith Choi of La Crescenta majoring in Allied Health; Jakob Torres of La Cañada Flintridge majoring in kinesiology and Jonathan Won of La Crescenta majoring in Bible, theology, and ministry.

Audrey Melillo and Skyla Park, both from La Cañada were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The

Society has chapters on more than 325 select colleges and universities in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10% of seniors and graduate students and 7.5% of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

Dec. 15 and Dec. 16 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Church earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the Office of Graduate Studies.

The graduates are from 48 countries; 39 U.S. states and the District of Columbia; and more than 150 Nebraska communities.

Chancellor Rodney D. Bennett presided over the ceremonies.

Dean's list eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tennessee, Belmont University comprises nearly 9,000 students from every state and 33 countries. Nationally ranked and consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report for innovation in higher education, the University offers more than 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 master's programs and five doctoral degrees.

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Brian Church of Glendale was among 1,159 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises on

Ian Camner from La Crescenta qualified for Belmont University's fall 2023 dean's list. Approximately 52% of Belmont's 7,338 undergraduate students qualified.

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The short Article Two of the U.S. Constitution outlines the Executive Branch of the federal government. It grants executive power, military power and legislative power to the President of the United States of America. The President must be a natural born citizen, at least 35 years old and a 14-year resident of the United States. Unique to our federal republic, the President is chosen by electors in the Electoral College. These electors are chosen in November every four years by the voters and the Electoral College meets in mid-December.

The executive power of the President includes the power to appoint the heads of the executive cabinet departments and other cabinet level officers. These appointments require confirmation by the U.S. Senate. The President also has the power,

subject to Senate confirmation, to appoint federal judges, justices of the Supreme Court, ambassadors and other ministers and consuls. When the Senate is in recess, the President has power to temporarily fill any of these vacancies, without confirmation, until the next election. The President has the power to make treaties, again subject to Senate confirmation.

The President executes his military power as the commander-in-chief of the United States military and the state militias when they are called to active service during times of war. The President appoints all officers of the United States Armed Forces.

The President has the legislative power to sign into law any bills sent to him by the Congress. He also has the power to veto them. Congress

may override his veto with a two-thirds vote of both Houses in the Congress. The President has legislative power to call the Congress back from recess into session under extraordinary circumstances and the power to adjourn the Congress if the two Houses cannot agree to recess. The President can recommend legislation to Congress.

The President can only be removed from office by impeachment in the House and a guilty verdict in a Senate trial.

The President has an annual duty to report to the Congress the State of the Union.

At the inauguration of the President, the President takes a specific Oath of Office, spelled out in Article Two. The President of the United States is the most powerful political leader in the United States of America.

Comments? Contact the Glendale Moose Lodge 641 at Lodge641@gmail.com.



Hugs Guaranteed When Nurses Give 35 Plush Bears To Patients



By Ruth SOWBY

USC Keck-VHH nurses teamed up with donors from Bloomingdale's Glendale, the hospital Foundation, and the community to make magic happen in the form of little stuffed bears.

For the second year, Project Hug-a-Bear is about

"brightening patients' holidays at a time when they are not able to be home with family and friends," said donor Vic Pallos.

The project was launched on Dec. 21 when the hospital's fourth floor lobby filled with dozens of nurses, Foundation board members, hospital administrators, donors (including two Bloomingdale's

staff members) and 35 stuffed bears. During the days that followed, the nurses made their bear deliveries. If previous years were any indication, Teddy bears aren't just for kids; they can bring comfort to adults as well.

Robert Burnett, Bloomingdale's Customer Experience leader, visited patients last Christmas season

and saw them, young and old, "light up" when they received their new bear. Burnett was joined this year by Morgan Lobell, also from Bloomingdale's Glendale.

Chloe Ross, Foundation board member and second-year project donor, said, "Patients cried when they received their bear ... but they were tears of joy."

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: USC-VHH nurses and administrators are ready to hand out 35 stuffed bears to patients as part of Project Hug-a-Bear.

ABOVE: Launching Project Hug-a-Bear are (from left) Kerri Yoder Hubbard, USC-VHH Foundation president; Vic Pallos, community member and donor; and Dr. Armand Dorian, USC-VHH chief executive officer.

'Thank You' Holiday Gifts Delivered to Fire Station

In the spirit of giving virtual school students of IQLA, a full-time online public charter school, met up to craft holiday cards for local heroes at the Glendale Fire Dept.

"The women and men of the Glendale Fire Dept. have dedicated their lives to serve and protect our city, each day," said Cheryl Getuiza, Community Liaison officer. "When members of our community go out of their way to thank the GFD for their unwavering dedication, it further affirms our commitment to our city. Thank you to IQLA for dropping by Fire Station 24 [on Canada Blvd. in Glendale] - seeing their smiling faces and getting homemade cards are truly the most rewarding gifts."

IQLA staff, students and their parents gathered at Verdugo Park in Glendale

to create and deliver holiday cards to show their appreciation for local first responders during this season of gratitude. The event was organized by iQ Academy of California - Los Angeles (IQLA), a full-time online public charter school authorized by the Rowland Unified School District.

Despite being online, the school offers a variety of in-person opportunities to

connect its students including extracurricular activities like this gifting event that is part of an IQ Cares program. IQLA is available to students in kindergarten through 12th grade who reside in Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

New Twist in Old Favorite: Nocturne Theatre Presents 'Madame Scrooge'

By Mikaela STONE

Glendale has waited for news on the Glendale Center Theatre's fate since its closure during the pandemic. Overall the hope has been that someone would purchase the beloved site then build on its rich history rather than demolish the site.

That someone is Meyer2Meyer Entertainment, headed by the husband and wife team of Melissa and Justin Meyer. Though they have renamed the Glendale Center Theatre the Nocturne Theatre, they continue to uplift the Theatre's past of 55 years of "A Christmas Carol" – with a twist. Throughout December, the Nocturne Theatre is hosting showings of its own version of "A Christmas Carol" called "Madame Scrooge."

The genderbent take on an old classic stars the powerhouse Stephanie Hodgdon as Evelyn Scrooge alongside a theater company that sings a repertoire of original songs with lyrics by Justin Meyer and a score written by Chris Thomas. That "Madame Scrooge" is happening in the former Glendale Center Theatre is serendipitous; the Meyers had already planned to perform an adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" before they went on the hunt for a place that fit their niche as both a sit-down theater and a proper space for the interactive theater for which their company is known. After two years of searching, the couple selected the Glendale Center Theater; it was only after the purchase they learned that they were taking up a mantle the locals missed dearly. During production, passersby would peek through the doors and ask whether they were finally open and if musicals were occurring again – two questions that can be answered with a resounding "Yes!"

Well known for esoteric events such as its Haunted Soiree, the gender of the Meyers' "Madame Scrooge"

is not the only creative choice that differs from a typical production of "A Christmas Carol." Meyer2Meyer lives up to the darkness implied in the Nocturne Theatre's name by adding, well, ghostliness to the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present, and Yet to Come as well as to the character of Marley. For example, in the classic scene when Scrooge's door knocker turns into the face of his former partner Jacob Marley, in this version Evelyn Scrooge finds not only Marley's face but his whole upper body reaching through her door with a terrible creaking of wood. Soon after, Marley arrives in Scrooge's bedroom accompanied by an entire dance crew of skeletons performing a rattling number with chain props while they glow under blacklights.

As Marley, actor Brayden Hades's attention-grabbing presence to the sound of cheery brass as he warns Scrooge of her possible fate is reminiscent of Robin Williams' performance in Aladdin's "Never Had a Friend Like Me." However, the song that received the largest round of applause from the audience was "Life Isn't Fair," a bitter song that Scrooge sings to the charity solicitors in growling altos and swooping belts, asserting a new take on Scrooge's cruel personality – she believes there is no such thing as right choices because life cannot truly be stopped. It is her belief that misery lasts a lifetime "and then you decompose." Delivered with its terse beat, audience members may not agree with Scrooge's morals but are quite likely to wish the Nocturne Theatre would release a cast album so that they might hear her treatise again.

Justin Meyer wrote the song with Hodgdon's voice in mind: Hodgdon's credits include the ongoing one-woman show "She Will Rock You" where she performs songs penned by rock and roll greats such as Stevie Nix and Freddie Mercury.

Without a strong Scrooge, any adaptation of "A Christmas Carol"

crumbles, but "Madame Scrooge" holds steady. Even more astounding, because "She Will Rock You" takes so much of Hodgdon's time, there was originally concern about her availability regarding this role. However, once Hodgdon looked into her calendar, she realized that she did have a short span where she was not working – a time that perfectly landed during the production of "Madame Scrooge." This, paired with the fortuitous purchase of the theater, really does seem like a real life Christmas miracle.

Unfortunately, the adaptation does fall into one tired trope – part of Scrooge's tragic backstory is that she cannot conceive children. Female characters driven to villainy due to infertility or a hysterectomy have appeared in media from Hitchcock to Marvel, running all the way back to Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth. However, both the writers and actors were aware of a need for nuance in Madame Scrooge's story. While the story is in many ways not constrained by any particular time period in spite of its historical fiction trappings, actress Hodgdon elaborated on the writing choice by explaining that "becoming a mother and becoming a wife were of the utmost importance at the time and since she couldn't do that ... she learned to assert herself in other ways." Hodgdon also noted that she didn't want Madame Scrooge's arc to be about her character going from the feminine to masculine — Scrooge's reformation is not about changing who she is as a person, but rather showing her that she does not need the armor she has put up to protect herself. The "kernel of who she is," as Hodgdon puts it, remains intact. She has buried the part of herself that knows how to have fun and appreciate life.

In the final scene, as she accepts that she does have the ability and responsibility to affect others' lives, she is not only learning to be charitable but also to have fun as



Art Courtesy of Nocturne Theatre

the audience saw her do as a young woman. This, combined with the fact that infertility is not the only motivating factor in Evelyn Scrooge's bitterness, allows her to remain a character rather than a caricature. The most notable heartbreak in her life is the death of her older sister and primary caretaker who sacrificed her own health and safety for the money to take care of her little sister. Seeing her sister's struggles is part of what inspires Scrooge to become a miser; the Meyers noted they did not want Scrooge's only personality trait to be her greed.

As enjoyable as the music and acting is, the crown jewel of "Madame Scrooge" is the costuming. Melissa Meyer acknowledged, "We didn't want it to just be grays and blacks and blues, we wanted to add our own twist." It is the costumes that elevate the show from being an interesting perspective on a classic to a spooky masterpiece that can stand strong beside Meyer2Meyer's soirees. The ensemble sports half masks that distort their eyes and nose, making them look like faerie tale creatures. However, it is the supernatural where the delightful costuming shines the brightest with the Ghost of Christmas Past dressed in an outfit resembling an ornament as she quite literally spins through Scrooge's former life, the Ghost of Christmas Present sporting a pair of curling horns above a mask reminiscent of celtic winter solstice art, and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come brandishing six arms tipped in long, brittle fingers peeking out from its robe. The ghostly ensemble dancing with Marley features very different costumes for each skeleton with some dressed in lacy white clothing from various periods to others whose bones are incorporated into their costume. One dapper ghost danced with a rib cage over his waistcoat. Most frightening of all were the masks donned by the devils Scrooge encounters when she visits

hell in her own future, singing "A Fate Worse than Death" – an effect achieved both simply and artistically through swirling red lighting. Almost alien in nature, the masks sported rounded nubs of horns and hollow eye sockets as their wearers wrapped a belting Evelyn Scrooge in chains. This, paired with their shambling movements, were enough to push the audience's reaction into the uncanny valley, preparing them for an all the more joyous contrast in the following scene when Scrooge awakens alive, well and changed forever.

Overall, Justin Meyer's writing contains all of the beloved elements of an old classic with the addition of several clever moments that will make audiences of all ages laugh. While the show is great for families, it is important to know how one's child will react to potentially frightening masks if they are particularly young. The show does contain smoke effects, strobe lights and loud noises. "Madame Scrooge" is expected to return Christmas of next year.

The Nocturne Theatre's upcoming shows to watch out for are the "Phantom of the Opera," "Beauty and the Beast," "Into the Woods" and "Cabaret" but that is not all the Meyers have up their sleeve. The couple has converted the upper office spaces of the former Glendale Center Theatre into interactive theater spaces, such as its children's program "Reindeer Games," where children can attend Santa's workshop and visit holiday favorites such as Rudolph and Jack Frost. For adults, the new La Brache lounge overlooks the street outside where the Meyers hope to host events to come. Should one hope to ring in the new year by celebrating Glendale's beloved theater's return, the Nocturne Theatre is throwing a Midnight Masquerade on New Year's Eve.

For more information, visit <https://thenocturnetheatre.com/>. The Nocturne Theatre is located at 324 N. Orange St. in Glendale.

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Doug Webb received a Bachelor of Music from Berklee College of Music.

He is featured on hundreds of recordings for artists including Horace Silver,

Freddie Hubbard, Sal Marquez and Stanley Clarke among others. He played for 15 years with The Tonight Show Band with Doc Severinsen. He has recorded music for hundreds of movies and television programs, including playing for the "Family Guy" orchestra.

He solos on the soundtrack for "Million Dollar Baby" and "Gran Torino."

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Josh Nelson is an American jazz pianist and composer. He produced his independent debut album First Stories at age 19. His second album, Anticipation, was released in 2004 with all his compositions. In 2007, Nelson signed with the jazz label Native Language Music and released his third album, Let It Go, with guests



LEFT: Doug Webb
RIGHT: Josh Nelson

Seamus Blake, Sara Gazarek and Anthony Wilson. His fourth album, I Hear a Rhapsody, was released in 2009 with Nelson's compositions, interpretations of standards and reinventions of rock songs. In 2011, he released his fifth album, Discoveries, which was influenced by the writings of Jules Verne, H.G. Wells and Nikola Tesla.

Nelson has worked with Jeff Hamilton, Peter Erskine and Sara Gazarek, for whom he was written songs and serves as musical director. He toured worldwide with vocalist Natalie Cole.

Nelson has been described by jazz critic Chuck Berg as a

"brilliant young player whose virtuosity suggest the urbane yet bluesy tradition of Oscar Peterson and Gene Harris and by journalist and critic Josef Woodard as possessing 'his own clean-burning modern mode of jazz.'"

<https://www.joshnelsonmusic.com>

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NOW: A few years later, Shopping Bag built an even bigger store less than a half a block to the east on Honolulu. This left the old store to be partitioned and occupied by a succession of smaller stores and restaurants, including Whelan Drugs, the first location of Tom's Toys, Bob's Valley Book Store and the Hick'ry Holler Restaurant. In the '90s, the building was refaced with a stone façade, and looks quite modern now.

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After Andrew Bottorff returns his surge protector to Amazon through a Whole Foods store, Amazon tries to charge him again. How can he get his money back?

Q I bought an Eaton surge protector on Amazon recently. It was not suitable for my use, so I returned it two days after receiving it to Amazon via the Amazon return counter at Whole Foods.

They scanned my return barcode at the counter. But the return center does not provide printed receipts. An email receipt usually shows shortly after your return, but by the next morning it had not arrived. So I returned to the counter the next day. The attendant remembered me and said the Amazon system “sometimes shuts down in the middle of the transaction” and that is what happened to my return.

The representative wrote an email and gave us a copy and sent

another notification to Amazon with an updated label.

Amazon refunded my money as a gift card, not to my credit card as I requested. A few weeks later I got an email telling me Amazon would charge my card if I didn't send the item back. Then Amazon charged my card.

Can you help me get my money back?

-Andrew Bottorff, Lake Dallas, Texas

A: Amazon shouldn't have charged you for the surge protector again. Instead, it should have worked with you and Whole Foods to figure out how your return got lost.

That said, there are a few things that don't make sense about your

case. Why would Amazon give you a gift card if it didn't have your return? And why would it then try to charge your card again?

It looks as if the answer is in a glitch with Amazon's return system. If you don't get some kind of return receipt – or some evidence that you gave Amazon your package – that should be a red flag. If an employee tells you the system sometimes shuts down, that's another red flag. Maybe you should be returning your products the old-fashioned way – by mailing them back to Amazon.

First things first. I publish the names, numbers and emails of Amazon's customer service executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. I reviewed your paper trail and noticed that

you hadn't appealed to one of the higher-ups. In this free guide I also have some helpful tips on how to return a product.

How do you avoid a problem like this? If you're going to return something through Whole Foods, make sure you collect evidence of the return. The Amazon system generates an email the moment the package is in the system, so wait for the email before leaving. Also, take pictures of the box, the inside of the box, even the associate helping you. All of those things could be important if your return gets lost.

As it turns out, this was not a problem with the Amazon return system. An Amazon spokeswoman said something may have gone awry during the return shipping process.

The box Amazon received was damaged and it's possible the surge protector fell out during transit with the carrier.

If you had a photo of the box with the surge protector inside it, that might have helped Amazon decide this case in your favor. Instead, it assumed that you sent it an empty box and kept the surge protector.

I contacted Amazon on your behalf, and it refunded the charge.

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

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Applications will be accepted until 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024. A résumé, proof of age and a performance video can be submitted online through GetAccepted. The application portal can be found at <https://app.getaccepted.com/pasadenashowcase>.

For complete information, visit the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts' website. For questions, please contact competition@pasadenashowcase.org.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at cls74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a

mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

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FLOATS from Cover snapdragon are supposed to be representative of the Mick Jagger period. Then it was okay - now we're in the '60s. That was a pretty good time for music. And then it kept growing. That's when we're like, 'You know what? Let's do this piece of Americana,' he said. It takes 13 months of work, from conceptualization to a fully built float, to bring each year's dream to reality. After a theme is decided on, a designer comes in to draw sketches of the final designs, which are then put to a vote. When the winning design is finalized, months are spent brainstorming what exactly the float will look like, what materials will be needed and how the float will be assembled. In March, after the mechanics of the design are ironed

out, hundreds of volunteers from Disney, local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and local businesses and schools come to put together frames and paint the body to ensure it looks as the designers intended. When the float has been painted (with places for flower vials marked out) the decorating begins. Between 20 and 30 people work decorating around the clock between Dec. 26 and 31. This year, 132 total volunteers worked on different pieces of the float. Al Brooks Rose Bowl Tours sends buses of volunteers to assist, along with donations for next year's float. Just before New Year's Eve, volunteers from Road Scholars will come to where the float rests under the 210 overpass to secure over 51,000 flowers to the VW bus

- 35,000 of them roses. Pat Wiedenbeck, who has been with the Association for 18 years, said she is delighted to see the float in its final stages. "When you're able to put on the final details, that's when the float comes alive. Right now you know it's a bus," she said adding that after adding the floral details, "When you put 'school bus' across the top and the lights, and all the bits and pieces, that's when it comes alive. That's when you see the soul of the designer." The team has won awards for its floats 15 years in a row. It's Wiedenbeck's hope that the La Cañada team will take home a banner for one of the categories for this year's elaborate design for which it is newly eligible: Queen

of the Roses, Isabella Coleman for Integration of Engineering, Float Building Techniques and Decoration, Golden State (for the California music themes) and lastly, the Leschmann Award, the top award for non-commercial floats. For Wiedenbeck the importance lies in flexing her planning skills and working with so many community members. "It's a community effort. It's an out-of-community effort," she said of local and outside of area volunteers. "Finding a way to make it all work - that's the challenge." For Koeppen, it's about recruiting kids from the La Cañada community who no longer have access to shop classes or community spaces in which to learn and grow. Building floats teaches kids and

adults welding, construction and design skills they can use. He calls this philosophy of pushing the boundaries with engineering and skilled trades DREAM: Design-Research-Engineering-Art-Maker. "The community floats represent creativity and adventure and pushing the boundaries. The floats to me are the dreams of the community coming together," he said. The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association is accepting on its website GoFundMe donations for next year's float. Donors can also visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/wd478-build-a-dream>. Design ideas for the 2025 float can be submitted on the website until Jan. 8, 2024.

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