



GPD Responds to Public Calls

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale police responded at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday to the 3600 block of Foothill Boulevard regarding vandalism at a business. When officers arrived they found a window had been broken; however, it did not appear that anyone entered the business.

While officers were at the location a passerby alerted them to a businesses in the 3800 block of Foothill Boulevard that also had shattered windows.

The incidents are under investigation.

On Monday at about 8:24 p.m., Glendale patrol officers responded to a traffic collision on Glenoaks Boulevard near Elm Street. The incident involved two vehicles, resulting in a fatality, significant injuries and an arrest.

The initial phase of the investigation determined a black BMW lost traction while traveling westbound on Glenoaks Boulevard at a high rate of speed. Subsequently, the car reversed over the center median into oncoming traffic on the eastbound lanes. The BMW collided with a silver Honda that was traveling eastbound on Glenoaks.

The passenger in the silver Honda succumbed to his/her injuries almost instantaneously. The driver of the Honda sustained significant injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

The driver of the BMW was identified as Karo Margarian, 23, of Glendale. Margarian was the sole occupant of the BMW and suffered head injuries. He was also transported to a local hospital.

Following medical treatment, Margarian was released from the hospital and taken into custody for felony reckless

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How to Keep Healthy in the New Year

By Mary O'KEEFE

Whether trying to lose weight or avoid the flu, all month long CVW will share insights from the pros.

During the month of January, CVW focuses on mental and physical health. Many people look at the beginning of the new year as the kick-off of that diet they had been planning to start or with every intention of exercising every single day. For some, maintaining those goals continues throughout the year; however, many people start out strong but then, as life takes over, those goals disappear as focus wanes. CVW will be looking at some of the most popular diets, talk to experts on how to stay goal-oriented and how mental health plays a role in a person's physical health.

We will also be looking at what viruses are making the rounds and

how early detection of a variety of illnesses can make a big difference in health care.

We begin with our kids. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or just a family friend who has young ones there has probably been a time when you go to hug that perfect little munchkin ... and they sneeze in your face. Germs spread at an alarming rate.

A sneeze can expel tens of thousands of droplets from the nose at up to 100 miles per hour, according to the American Lung Association. And a cough can travel as fast as 50 mph and expel almost 3,000 droplets in just one go.

"There is a bit of everything going around currently," said Dr. John Rodarte, pediatrician in La Cañada Flintridge.

He added there is some COVID, but also RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) that can give anyone a prolonged cough; however, the youngest and oldest are hit more severely.

There is also influenza making

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File photo Local physician Dr. John Rodarte reminds people that it's not too late to get the flu shot.

Just a Few of the Many New California 2024 Laws

By Mary O'KEEFE

There are quite a few new laws that will go into effect in California this year, and they deal with a variety of issues from social media to housing and what kids are taught in school. Here are just a few new laws to be aware of:

AB587 requires social media companies to post terms of service, including company contact information, for users with questions about terms of service, the process that will be used by the company that users must follow to flag content, groups or other users that they believe violate the terms of service and a list of potential actions the social media company may take against an item of content or a user.

The companies must submit a service report to the office of the California Attorney General that must include the current version of the

terms of service of the social media platform and a detailed description of any changes to their terms of service among other requirements.

As is imagined some social media companies are not at all happy with this requirement for transparency including X, formerly known as Twitter, owner Elon Musk who asked the courts for a preliminary injunction regarding AB587. U.S. District Judge William B. Schubb denied the motion.

There is a lot about housing; here are just a few:

AB12, starting in July, prohibits landlords from charging more than one month's rent as deposits.

SB4 Starting on Jan. 1, 2024 SB4 allows churches, faith institutions and non-profit colleges to build affordable housing on their land and bypass most local permitting and environmental review ordinances/rules.

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File photo Assemblymember Laura Friedman addresses a group regarding AB645 that allows cameras in areas where known traffic issues occur.

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Being Invisible

I had a lot of fun during my “down time” last week. My friend Terri and I attended a candle-making class at Banter and Bliss in Pasadena. While we were waiting for our candles to set, we had dinner at Mi Piacce, a delicious Italian restaurant on Colorado Boulevard.

I’ve known Terri since 1976 – a couple of years to be sure – and we’ve experienced a lot over the decades: marriages, divorces, children, aging parents and death, among others.

I had always felt like an amazon standing next to Terri. I’m 5’6” while she is more of a petite 5’2”. Growing up she was truly an Italian beauty – dark hair, dark eyes and a fantastic figure. I remember going to a restaurant for breakfast one day and a guy walked by and actually dropped a note into her lap telling her how beautiful she was and asking if he could call her.

Yeah – nothing like that ever happened to me.

Over the years we have grown up ... and out. She and I are both heavier (i.e. fatter) than we used to be and our hair (beneath the color) is a little bit grayer.

When we were talking on Saturday night I shared that I just don’t feel my age (which used to sound oh-so-very-old but now – not so much). She agreed for the most part and said that a friend of hers

asked her when they became “invisible.”

I understand. I’m sure that Terri no longer has anyone dropping notes in her lap. Despite aging like a fine wine, older women are treated more like old cheese. There are books on the subject that delve into this world “that is designed by men.”

But the long and short of it is that many women are more aware of the passage of time – spending time examining new wrinkles and crow’s feet and searching for (and usually finding) the dreaded cellulite.

It seems wiser to me to quit looking – take off your glasses and give it a rest. After all, good work is going to last longer than good looks. That’s what I’m banking on.

However, it is the new year and like millions on this planet it’s a time for resolutions. As CV Weekly kicks off our annual healthful living month, sharing information regarding the challenges and successes in today’s world of health, I resolve to drop those 20 pounds that have attached themselves to me. I know it’s nice to have more of me to love – but there is a point when I can go too far.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

It is 2024 and for many of us this year, more than any other (at least in most of our lifetimes), brings uncertainty and concern. But we are not the first to wonder what the new year will bring in uncertain times ... and we will not be the last.

The first known record of New Year’s celebrations was around 2000 B.C. in Mesopotamia, according to resolutiondenver.com.

So then the New Year occurred not at the end of December but in March at the time of the vernal equinox, which in 2024 will be on March 19. Babylonians would have a religious festival named Akitu, from the Sumerian term for barley. This celebration would last 11 days. This, of course, was also the time when the Babylonian sky god Marduk defeated the evil sea goddess Tiamat.

Around the world the celebration of the New Year occurred during different times of the year; the Egyptians celebrated the New Year at the start of fall and the Greeks celebrated during the winter solstice.

The origin of Jan. 1 as New Year’s Day occurred around 46 B.C. when Julius Caesar developed the solar-based Julian calendar, after the old Roman lunar calendar was no longer effective. As with most holidays, religion played a role in the Jan. 1 celebration as it was a time to honor the Roman god of beginnings – Janus – who had two faces. This seems to be the perfect god for the old year passing and new year beginning as his two faces can look back at the past while looking toward the future.

There are several traditions that go along with the New Year including what food to eat. In Spain it is traditional to eat 12 grapes on New Year’s Eve as the clock counts down to midnight. In other countries it’s all about round cakes; some with toys or coins inside. In Austria, Portugal and Cuba it is lucky to

eat pork – it’s not really that lucky for pigs but for humans apparently it is a thought to attract prosperity. Eating soba noodles symbolizes the journey from the old year to the New Year in Japan.

And then of course there is the underwear tradition. Apparently in countries like Latin America there is a superstition that you can manifest success and prosperity if you choose the right color of underwear. For example, people who want to be lucky in love and relationships wear red; those who want money and happiness wear yellow, according to resolutiondenver.com.

That kiss at midnight can be traced to Saturnalia, a pagan festival in ancient Rome that included a lot of singing, dancing and drinking. Now that kiss can bring a lot of responsibility as well. In German and English culture it is thought that the person you kiss at midnight contributes to the fate of your year.

The practice of New Year resolutions is as old as the celebration themselves. Ancient Babylonians included this practice in their celebrations. They would include resolutions like being a better person or paying off debts in the New Year.

According to WalletHub, on average 44% of Americans make a New Year’s resolution and only about 31% of people stick with those self-imposed promises; a whopping 81% fail by February.

So here is my hope for New Year’s resolutions that we can all keep. We remember that littering, even just a little bit, is too much; we all will try to reduce our carbon footprint; and instead of wondering what we can get from our planet, we ask what can we do to protect her.

The weather word this week is “cool” – maybe even Southern California cold – with highs in the low 60s. Oh my goodness – the words “cold” and “highs in the low 60s” sound weird to my Midwestern ears but I have been

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NEWS

La Cañada Flintridge Blooms at the Rose Parade



By Charly Shelton

The 2024 Rose Parade, a bacchanal of floral beauty, creative design and plant-covered characters, once again captivated viewers with its botanical masterpieces earlier this week as they rolled down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. Among the floats, the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association's entry "Flower Power" was notable not just for its tie-dye design and anthropomorphic flower musicians, but also for the community spirit it embodied. This year's float, part of a tradition dating back to 1978, was a culmination of thousands of volunteer hours, encapsulating the community's dedication to artistry and innovation.

"We made it the whole way," said Jennifer Lazzo, Decorating chair for the LCFTA, "both the [main float and the] satellite, which is the little mini bus that was on two electric skateboards. Let's just say that there were a lot of questions about that one's capability of making it the whole way and a lot of surprised faces when we drove into the Floatfest area on our own power."

After the Rose Parade ended, all the floats were parked at Pasadena High School for Floatfest, an event in which the public can pay to get up close and personal with the floats for two days after the parade. But while all of the floats were

available to see and take pictures of, the La Cañada float was more than a visual delight – it was an interactive experience. The Association welcomed guests onto the float for a unique opportunity – to pose for pictures and walk away with a rose plucked directly from the float. This gesture of sharing added a personal touch to the event, turning spectators into participants in this floral celebration.

The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses parade float is a testament to the power of community. Entirely reliant on donations, every dollar raised goes toward materials and equipment, underscoring a collective commitment to not just building a float but nurturing a sense of community and shaping a future. Skills learned and shared during the float's creation, from welding to project management, extend far beyond the parade, preparing volunteers for real-world opportunities.

"It's a really fun float," Lazzo said. "We're very, very pleased. This is our first time ever winning the Golden State Award banner [for most outstanding depiction of life in California], so that was an exciting one for us."

This weekend, the La Cañada float will be on display on Foothill Boulevard at Memorial Park in La Cañada for one last showing before it is dismantled for the season. This event offers a final chance to witness the community's craftsmanship

and to be part of a tradition that has been bringing joy and beauty to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association's New Year's Day Parade for decades.

"Saturday is our last big day," Lazzo said. "Then we start the deconstruction process. We want to recycle as much as we can. We reuse all the vials every year; we'll actually take them off, clean them out and use them again next year."

For more photos, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

Photos by Charly SHELTON

TOP LEFT: La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association's entry "Flower Power" won the Golden State Award and also invited guests to climb aboard.

TOP RIGHT: The American Armenian Rose Float Association's 2024 float entry "Armenian Melodies" won the Grand Marshal Award for Most Outstanding Creative Concept and Float Design at the 135th Tournament of Roses.

ABOVE: Thousands of viewers crowded onto Pasadena High School for Floatfest, an event where the public can pay to get up close and personal with the floats after the parade.

IN BRIEF

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 through Jan. 16. All lights, ornaments, decorations, tinsel, nails, metal/plastic/wood stands must be removed. Trees/foilage 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/foilage 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/performanceseries> to apply. Applications close on Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

The Jewel City Concert Series is an outdoor concert series taking pace 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.

For more information, contact info@rainbarrelsintl.com or call (818) 602-6316.

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» ELECTIONS 2024

And So It Begins ...

By Mary O'KEEFE

The final list of qualified candidates has been released that will appear on the LA County primary election ballot on March 5, 2024.

There are so many candidates running for so many seats it is not possible to mention them all, but below are a few. For a complete list visit <http://tinyurl.com/bdew49sm>.

Twenty-two candidates are running for the office of President. That includes eight candidates from the Democratic Party, nine from the Republican Party, one from the Green Party, one from the Libertarian Party and three from the Peace and Freedom Party. Some of those candidates include Joseph R. Biden Jr., with the Democratic Party, and Chris Christie, Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley and Donald J. Trump with the Republican Party.

U.S. Senate full term candidates: There are 27 candidates for this race with 11 Democrats, 10 Republicans, one American Independent, one Libertarian and four stating no party preference. Some of these candidates include democrats Sepi Gilani, Barbara Lee, Christina Pascucci, Katie Porter and Adam Schiff. From the Republican Party are Eric Early and Steve Garvey.

U.S. Senate partial/unexpired term: This election is to complete the term of late Senator Diane Feinstein. The candidate who is elected in the March primary election will complete Senator Feinstein's term from March 5, 2024 to Jan. 3, 2025.

The top two candidates who receive the most votes in the full term election in March will go on to the November election. The winner of the November election will win the Senate full term seat.

There are seven candidates who are running for the partial/unexpired term and for the full term.

From our readership area, U.S. House of Representatives District 28: There are four candidates including Judy Chu, Democrat, April A. Verlato, Republican, Jose Castaneda, Libertarian and William Patterson, Peace and Freedom.

U.S. Representative District 30: Fifteen candidates are running for this seat, which is presently held by Rep. Adam Schiff who is now running for U.S. Senate. The candidates include one with No Party Preference, two Republicans and 12 Democrats. There are some familiar names on this list including Mike Feuer, Laura Friedman, Antony Portantino, G "Maebe" Pudlo and Ben Savage. All are running under the Democratic Party; and Republican candidates Alex Balekian and Emilio Martinez.

State Senate District 25: There are five candidates for this seat: four Democrats and one Republican. This is the seat that is presently held by Anthony Portantino, who is running for U.S. Congressional seat District 30.

Those running for this seat are Democrats Teddy Choi, Sandra Armenta, Sasha Renée Pérez and Yvonne Yiu; also running is Elizabeth Wong Ahlers under the Republican banner.

State Assembly District 44: There are eight candidates for this seat that is presently held by Laura Friedman who is running for U.S. Congressional District 30. There are six Democrats, one Republican and one No Party Preference. The candidates are Democrats Elen Asatryan, Carmenita Helligar, Ed Han, Steve Pierson, Adam Pryor and Nick Schultz. For the Republican Party, the candidate is Tony Rodriguez and the No Party Preference candidate is Adam Summer.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Office Fifth District: There are five candidates who running for this seat.

They are incumbent Kathryn Barger, Perry Goldberg, Chris Holden, Marlon Marroquin and Konstantine Anthony. This seat is non-partisan.

For LA County District Attorney there are 12 candidates including Jeff Chemerinsky, George Gascón, Jonathan Hatami, Nathan Hochman, Dan Kapelovitz, Lloyd "Bobcat" Masson, John McKinney, David S. Milton, Craig J. Mitchell, Maria Ramirez, Eric Siddall and Debra Archuleta.

For Glendale City Council there are two non-partisan seats that are up for election in March. There are seven candidates for these two seats including: Ardy (Ardashes) Kassakhian, Vartan Gharpetian, James Clarke, Vrej Agajanian, Andre Haghverdian, Karen Kwak and Denise Miller.

There is one seat for **Trustee Area 5** for the Glendale Community College (GCC) board of trustees. There are two candidates for the non-partisan seat: Armine Pogosyan and Sevan Benlian.

For Trustee Area 1 for the GCC board of trustees there are two candidates for the non-partisan seat: Desirée P. Rabinov and Harry Leon.

There are three candidates running for one non-partisan seat in the **Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) Trustee Area A** (which includes Crescenta Valley): Jordan Henry, Telly Tse and Shant Kevorkian.

For GUSD Trustee Area E there are two candidates Aneta Krpekyan and Neda Farid.

There are three seats up for the **La Cañada Flintridge City Council** election with five candidates running for those seats. The candidates for the non-partisan seats are Keith Eich, Jeanne Kim Hobson, Rick Gunter, Stephanie Fossan and Quemars Ahmed.

CVW will be inviting candidates to be interviewed solely for the purpose of sharing their positions on various issues. Those who respond to our invitation will be included in our articles. Again, it should be noted that our reporters will follow specific CVW guidelines for candidate interviews and will not print personal attacks or hate speech. We simply want to know how the candidates will serve their constituents and how their experience in the area of the office they are running for makes them the best choice.



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The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Set the Holidays in High Gear with the ‘TERRIFIC Kids’ Program

The joy in the room was evident when the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada recently held its TERRIFIC Kids program, recognizing 18 local sixth grade students at a special luncheon. The event, hosted by the Kiwanis members at the La Cañada Congregational Church, drew nearly 100 attendees.

Selected from their classrooms, it was the first time all the recipients from La Cañada, Palm Crest and Paradise Canyon elementary schools were able to rally together. Joined by their family members, the students were applauded for displaying such character traits as good citizenship, kindness and positivity.

Kiwanis of La Cañada President Joe Radabaugh said, “This is one of my favorite days of the year! It is such a wonderful tradition to recognize and celebrate so many ‘terrific’ local La Cañada kids.”

TK Program Coordinator Nancy Leininger added, “We are happy to commend these amazing students who strive to do their best to make the world a better place.”

A few weeks ago, Kiwanians Nancy Leininger, Dr. Michael Leininger and Tom Slaughter visited each school to announce the honorees and present

them with certificates at their rallies or classrooms. Established by Kiwanis International worldwide, “TERRIFIC” stands for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, and Capable.

Those who attended the TERRIFIC Kid festivities included the City of La Cañada Flintridge Mayor Rick Gunter; La Cañada City Council members Keith Eich and Terry Walker; LCUSD Governing Board Members Joe Radabaugh and Octavia Thuss; former board member Kaitzer Puglia; LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette; LCUSD Associate Superintendent Anais Wenn; La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Pat Anderson; LCF Chamber of Commerce chairman of the board and TK Coordinator Dr. Michael Leininger; City of LCF Parks & Recreation Commissioner Jeanne Hobson and former City of LCF Mayor Don Voss.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Kiwanis of La Cañada and would like to attend a meeting that includes featured speakers, email president@lacadakiwanis.org or visit <https://www.lacadakiwanis.org>.



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Among the attendees at the TERRIFIC Kids celebration were (front row from left) LCF City Councilmember Terry Walker with Paradise Canyon Elementary School – TK recipients Allie Hartford, Autumn Bender, Cary He, Andrew Chang, Carson Di Tullio, Ella Chase and Kiwanis TERRIFIC Kids Coordinator Tom Slaughter. Middle row from left are LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette; Kiwanis President & LCUSD Governing Board Member Joe Radabaugh; Palm Crest Elementary School – TK recipients Caitlyn Hur, Caroline Beyer, Lucia Phifer, Lorentz Chen, Lori Garabedian, Maya Whitesides with LCUSD Governing Board Member Octavia Thuss and La Cañada Elementary School Principal Kelly Duncan. Back row from left are LCF Mayor Rick Gunter with La Cañada Elementary School – TK recipients Shailen Natarajan, Morgan Niemiec, Juliana Barsom, Schyler Wokosin, Armaan Taylor, Isabella McArthur and Kiwanis Terrific Kids Program Coordinator Nancy Leininger; Palm Crest Elementary School Principal David Santiago-Speck, and Paradise Canyon Elementary School Principal Carrie Hetzel. Far back row are Kiwanis Terrific Kids Coordinator Dr. Michael Leininger.

From Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA: Skywatching Highlights for January 2024

The year kicks off with the Quadrantid meteor shower, which peaks after midnight tonight, Jan. 4. Light from the third-quarter moon will brighten the sky on the peak night, causing fainter meteors to be lost from view. But the shower does produce a decent number of bright meteors, called fireballs, so it can still be worth the watch. If viewing from a dark sky location, people may see 20-25 meteors per hour at the peak. They can catch a few meteors in the days before or after as well.

In fact, the shower is active through around Jan. 12, so a fireball might be seen in the week after the peak when the Moon has moved out of the predawn sky.

On Jan. 8, in the hour before sunrise, look for brilliant Venus rising with a slim crescent Moon in the Southeast. Bright star Arcturus hangs high above them. The Moon will appear quite close to the red giant star Antares, the fiery red heart of Scorpius, that morning. And for observers in parts of the Western U.S., the Moon will actually occult, or pass in front of, Antares as the pair is rising that morning. For those who have a view of the horizon, this is also a good morning to spot Mercury before the sky brightens. It's quite low, but rises above 10 degrees off the horizon as dawn warms the sky and it will be shining even brighter than Arcturus.

Next up, the crescent moon visits Saturn on Jan. 13 and Jan. 14. The pair will be found in the southwest for a couple of hours following sunset

both nights. Then the Moon pairs up with Jupiter in the evening on Jan. 17 and Jan. 18. This is actually a great week to pull out the telescope or binoculars because as soon as it's fully dark people can work their way across the sky, starting with Jupiter and its moons, Earth's own Moon, the Pleiades, Aldebaran and the Hyades star cluster, and the Orion Nebula.

One of the things that makes skywatching so interesting is that the sky is always changing. The stars rise in the east and set in the west each night. The Moon gradually waxes and wanes as it goes through its monthly cycle. And likely it's been noticed that the stars seen on a given

night change slowly over the course of the year. The bright stars and constellations seen on warm summer nights are not the ones that fill the chilly sky in winter.

This is because the stars rise four minutes earlier each day – and these minutes add up over time. In just one week, a given star will rise 28 minutes earlier than it does tonight. And in one month, the same star will be rising about two hours earlier. So at four minutes per day, or two hours per month, after six months, the stars of summer are rising a full 12 hours earlier than they did back in June, placing them high in the daytime sky. But in their place, the

evening sky belongs to the stars of winter.

This slow-motion cycle in the sky plays out annually as Earth moves in its orbit around the Sun. The view outward into space during the night depends on where Earth is in its orbit. At one part of the year, the view of space from Earth's night side looks in one direction, and six months later the view is in the opposite direction. And so the nighttime view of the

cosmos changes over the course of the year because the stars aren't moving – Earth is! And that change happens at a pace of four minutes per day.

Here are the phases of the Moon for January. Stay up-to-date on NASA's missions exploring the solar system and beyond at science.nasa.gov.

Preston Dyches, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, “What's Up” for January.

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CRIME BLOTTER

DEC. 30

700 block of Angeles Crest Highway in Tujunga, a woman parked her vehicle near the Switzer Falls picnic area. She and her friend locked the vehicle and went into the forest. When they returned they found a small front driver's side window had been shattered and several personal items had been stolen between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

DEC. 29

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, someone stole a woman's yellow backpack from the upper basket portion of a shopping cart at a store while the woman was shopping. Her wallet and several pieces of personal information were stolen between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

DEC. 28

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a call concerning a report of a suspect, described as a heavy-set White male, about 5'10" tall wearing a grey hooded jacket with the hood over his head, ski mask and blue shorts, who entered the business and handed a note to the pharmacist to receive medication. The pharmacist stated he was not certain what the medication was for. The suspect became agitated and the victim was concerned for his safety.

The suspect then exited the store at 7:03 p.m.

DEC. 27

4600 block of Ocean View Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman received a notice from her security system that someone was at her door. She looked at her security cameras and saw what appeared to be a woman wearing a brown jacket with blue jeans walk away from her door. The suspect was carrying a kettle bell and Jack Skeleton package that was delivered earlier that day.

The theft occurred at 5:37 p.m.

1600 block of Fairmount Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported leaving his home secured and when he returned found the glass sliding door had been shattered, several rooms ransacked and items stolen between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

DEC. 23

3600 block of Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a person reported that he and his wife drove to the location, locked his vehicle and went for a hike. When he returned he found several items, including personal

information and electronics, had been stolen from the vehicle. The front driver's side door lock had been punched and damaged.

The theft occurred between 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

2100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee at the store reported that s/he noticed another employee attempting to stop a suspect, described as a male Hispanic, from taking a clothing rack with multiple handbags on it. The suspect walked past the cash registers and through the theft prevention sensors with the metal rack with handbags attached. One employee attempted to stop the suspect from taking the property. The suspect reportedly pulled the rack from the employee's grasp. The suspect walked out of the store with the metal rack, and threw the rack and merchandise on the ground in the parking lot. The suspect then began to walk away with the merchandise. The employee got close to the suspect who then threatened the employee. The rack and attached handbags were recovered.

The incident occurred 1:50 p.m.

DEC. 14

900 block of Big Briar Way in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a "burglary just occurred" call that indicated two male suspects, one in a white hoodie and black ski mask, attempted to pry open a back door. The call further indicated the suspects fled southbound in a gray, four-door sedan, possibly a Honda.

The informant stated she was in her bedroom when she witnessed two shadows walking westbound across her window in the backyard. She heard a "beeping and booping" coming from the backyard, then heard a doorknob jiggle. She walked into her living room and looked into the backyard patio. She reportedly saw a male about 6' tall, weighing anywhere from 140 to 160 lbs., wearing a white hoodie and black ski mask. The suspect was lying on his stomach looking into the living room. A second suspect, described as a male, 6' tall, 140 to 160 lbs., wearing a dark-colored hoodie and ski mask, was standing a few feet behind the first suspect. She screamed at the suspects who immediately ran toward the side gate of her property and out toward the front yard. They got into a gray four-door sedan that was parked on a nearby street. She then called 9-1-1. While she was on the phone she heard a crackling noise, which came from a shattered kitchen nook door. A three-to-five inch hole was found in the lower portion of the glass door.

The incident occurred at 9:37 a.m.

LAWS 2024 from Cover

SB423 continues SB35, which was set to expire soon, and streamlines multifamily housing production in cities and counties that are failing to build their fair share of state housing.

Other laws include:

AB1288 prohibits employers from discriminating against a person in hiring, terminating or any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalizing a person for using marijuana off the job and away from the workplace. Typically, THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) is detectable for up to 90 days in hair, and anywhere from one day to a month or longer in urine. Therefore, some tests do not show that a person is under the influence at the moment of the test. This law passed in 2022 but went into effect on Jan. 1. There are exceptions for construction workers and companies that must conduct drug tests as part of federal contracts. The bill does not allow employees to possess, be impaired or use cannabis while at work.

SB478 goes into effect in July. This will require websites to show the cost of a service or item up front. This includes charges from hotels, short-term rental stays, event tickets and food delivery services.

AB436 stops cities and counties from imposing cruising bans on city streets.

SB345 provides legal protections for health care practitioners in California who provide or dispense medication or other services for abortion, contraception or gender-affirming care to out-of-state patients.

SB616 Previously employers were required to provide three days of paid sick leave annually; that changed on Jan. 1 with an increase to five paid sick days per year.

AB701 This law increases the penalty for selling or distributing more than one kilogram of fentanyl with an automatic addition of three years added to the original sentence. The penalties continue to increase by weight with a maximum of an additional 25 years for trafficking in weights exceeding 80 kilograms.

SB848 requires businesses to grant employees up to five days following a reproductive loss, including a miscarriage, stillbirth or failed adoption, in-vitro fertilization or surrogacy. The law applies to both people in the couple.

AB645 was passed with bipartisan support and would allow cameras in areas where known traffic issues occur like near school zones and safety corridors. They will not be placed on freeways. These cameras would automatically capture the license plate information and ticket drivers who are traveling at least 11 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. The first violation up to 15 mph over the posted limit will be a warning; the second time a citation of \$50 is sent to the owner of the vehicle. The charges will increase slightly with every 10 miles traveled over the speed limit.

AB873 highlights the growing reliance of news consumed by young people on the internet and social media. This law would integrate media literacy instruction into the core subjects that all students learn from kindergarten through 12th grade. The law was in effect on Jan. 1; however, students will not immediately see a disruption to their curriculum. This law starts the work of updating the curriculum to encompass the subject. New Jersey, Texas and Delaware have passed similar legislation on media literacy.

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The deadline to submit an application is Friday, Jan. 12 at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Launched by the LA County Board of Supervisors and administered by The Center by Lendistry, the program will distribute over \$68 million in financial support to qualified landlords adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rent Relief Program will provide up to \$30,000 per rental unit to landlords for past due rent and eligible expenses dating from April 1, 2022 to the present. The Program aims to curb tenant evictions and ensure the continued provision

of housing.

DCBA has implemented a prioritized review process for the LA County Rent Relief Program applications. Applications submitted will be systematically evaluated with priority given to those demonstrating the most substantial financial distress, those catering to the most vulnerable tenants and properties located in areas of highest need, as identified by the LA County Equity Explorer Tool.

Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

Fire at Local House

Battalion Chief Brooks from Glendale Fire Dept. reported that a call came in on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 11:37 a.m. in the 5100 block of New York Avenue. After arriving firefighters at the location saw smoke coming out of the south side of the house. They looked into the first and second floors of the house and realized that the fire was in the chimney space. The fire appeared to have burned through the framing of the house near the chimney. Firefighters accessed the fireplace through the attic.

Firefighters cut the area around the chimney on the rooftop and dismantled the chimney to make sure that the fire was fully extinguished.

Neither the firefighters nor civilians reported any injuries.



GPD Arrest of a Robbery Suspect

On Monday, Glendale police arrested a man who allegedly attempted to rob a local business.

A storeowner called police to report that a man had entered his store, stuck his hand in his pocket and demanded the money. The suspect fled after an employee yelled for help. When officers arrived they spoke to

the employee and searched the area. Soon after officers found a man who fit the description of the suspect provided by the informant in a parked car near the store.

Glendale officers arrested the suspect for attempted robbery. The business did not sustain any loss.

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HEALTH from Cover

the rounds, mostly type A, that bring high fevers that last up to a week, body aches, headaches and sore throat, he said.

“There’s been some Strep off and on, more commonly in the older school-aged kids, and adults. We’ve seen a stomach virus with vomiting and diarrhea, and just a regular old cold virus (commonly a rhinovirus),” Rodarte said.

How can parents and kids avoid getting sick this season? That is not a question with an easy answer.

“Sometimes it’s unavoidable to catch something in the household or at school/work. But if you have a fever you should definitely stay home. If the cough is not too severe, you can consider going back to school but you may want to wear a mask to reduce spreading to others,” he said. “Of course, the tried and true washing hands, eating right and getting enough sleep helps the body stay strong to fight off getting sick.”

And he reminds everyone that it is not too late to get a flu shot for the season.

“Fall and winter are times when

viruses that cause respiratory disease usually circulate more heavily in the community. Before COVID-19, two viruses – flu and RSV – were the main causes of severe respiratory disease during this time of year. Although some people have mild symptoms when they catch flu or RSV, others get sick enough to be hospitalized. Some seasons are more severe than others based on strains of the viruses circulating and our immunity to these viruses. One measure of the severity of a season is how many people are sick enough to be hospitalized, because this can stress the health care system,” according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In December 2023, the CDC announced it is tracking JN.1, one of the many variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. As of Dec. 23, 2023, JN.1 was projected to account for about 39% to 50% of circulating variants in the U.S. However JN.1 did not appear to pose additional risks to public health beyond that of other recent variants.

GPD from Cover

driving. Traffic investigators are still exploring additional charges. Margarian posted bail and was released pending further legal proceedings.

The Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) extends its condolences to the family and loved ones of the deceased and wishes a swift recovery to those injured in this incident. The investigation remains ongoing.

In the early hours of New Year’s Eve, GPD officers found a man who was apparently hiding in the bushes outside

an apartment building in the 400 block of Pioneer Drive. The man had allegedly been attempting to break into a unit in the building when residents called the police to report a crime in progress. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of burglary.

GPD reminds residents if they see something suspicious say something and report it to the department by calling 911 for crimes in progress and/or (818) 548-4911 for non-emergent situations.

WEATHER from page 2

California long enough that those temperatures actually sound cold.

NOAA expected some showers last night through early this morning but there doesn’t appear to be any thunderstorm activity. There should be snow down to the 4500 to 4000 foot levels. Today through Saturday should be cool but clear but then there is another system moving in this weekend –

on Sunday – that for our area should bring more breezy conditions instead of being a real rainmaker. The chance of rain is at 30% on Sunday.

NOAA only forecasts seven days into the future; however, looking at the rest of January we could see an above normal chance of rain, according to meteorologist John Dumas.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Bride Shops in Montrose – 1937

Our former local newspaper, The Ledger, was always touting the benefits of shopping locally rather than in Glendale or Pasadena. With that in mind, in 1937 they sent two reporters out posing as a bride and groom shopping together to outfit their new home. The idea was to show that everything a couple could need could be purchased locally.

This article contrasts with the way a modern couple might shop for their post-wedded life. Whereas a couple today might make most purchases online (perhaps all through Amazon) in 1937 the shopping trip was on foot and involved visits to multiple stores. Here's the bride's report on her "honeymoon tour" of Montrose. (I'll cover the groom next week.)

The first stop was the hardware store. The bride was miffed when the first thing they were shown was a garbage can. Her interest perked up at their large selection of the new Pyrex ware, featuring innovative clear glass cookware.

"One could watch the food cook!" gushed the bride. She also settled on a whistling teakettle.

The next stop was the jewelry store where a selection of rings was viewed. At the furniture store, an economical and practical

studio couch was chosen, along with some rustic outdoor furniture for lawn and garden use. But the prize was a maple bedroom suite. Maple wood furniture was all the fashion.

In a stop at the Moise Electric Shop, the bride was taken with the all-new Westinghouse electric roaster. It included nested glass baking dishes and an accessory grill for hot cakes and chops.

"This roaster will cook everything that can be cooked on an electric stove!" However an electric range was viewed at the Home Appliance shop. It was a Woolwine stove, made right here in Los Angeles, which would be lower priced because of no need to pay freight.

The drug store provided the usual needed bathroom items such as bandages, tape, toothbrushes, soap and talcum powder, along with some items we don't see much of today such as bicarbonate of soda and iodine.

Across the street was a dress shop. The bride selected several outfits, including one with a sharkskin jacket, and another with a charming new ankle-length dress. She pronounced her selections "very ducky."

Shopping for refrigerators required trips to three different

stores. She liked the G.E. refrigerator simply because it offered a foot pedal door opener. Kelvinator offered an exterior thermometer that told the inside temperature. The Hotpoint refrigerator was best for making ice, able to produce 12 pounds at a time. Unusual in the mix was the Electrolux refrigerator that, despite its name, was not run by electricity but instead by natural gas.

"There is heat at one end and ice at the other," promoted the salesman.

A local gift store supplied the couple with a 32-piece dinner set along with vases and ashtrays. Scanlon's Dress Shop rounded out the purchases with bed and table linens, washcloths and towels, along with lingerie and pajamas. They now had all they needed to outfit their new home.

And that brings us to their last local purchase – a lot on which to build their newlywed home. Three different realtors were consulted. The first realtor showed them a lot on Hermosa Avenue in Verdugo City. It faced north with a view of the mountains and had many trees on the parkway. The soil there was not too sandy – perfect for a garden.

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Boulevard offered a lot high up in the valley, between Rosemont and Briggs avenues. It was a lot carved out of the old olive orchards and was shady and well-treed. It had a beautiful view of the valley.

The last was a lot offered by Vista Realty. It was right on Montrose Avenue facing north; a quiet neighborhood but easy walking distance to the Montrose shopping district. (That area would all be apartments today.)

This 1937 article showed a slice of life from a long-ago era when nothing could be purchased online. This was the bride's report but the groom had a different take, and I'll cover that next week.



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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Spring Forward

Throughout my lifetime, I've noticed that people follow a particular pattern during the period from November through January. I don't know if it's related to the changing seasons from fall to winter, the celebration of many holidays in succession or simply the winding down of the current year and preparing for the next. It seems that no matter where individuals are in their lives they begin to evaluate their circumstances and make plans to get things in order.

Some people start thinking about the job they are doing and wonder if it is time to move on to further their careers. Some consider the broken relationships they have and whether it is worth it to make amends or to let them go. Others may decide to make better personal choices to improve their mind, body and spirit. This often comes in the form of resolutions or commitments to do better in the coming year and setting goals. Year-end assessments can be a

time of great personal growth and healing, but they can also be a time of great sadness and reflection.

If a person has experienced severe stress or illness during the year or is grieving someone who has passed, heading into a season when days are more gloomy than bright may be quite difficult. They may not feel like participating in holiday celebrations, being out among the masses or even wanting to get out of bed. It is important to honor the feelings of those who are struggling but also remind them that they are not alone. Encourage them to seek help, if needed.

After having lost three parents within a year, my husband Jeff and I certainly felt the absence in our holiday celebrations. Through the strength of our family, we were able to push through the loss and embrace the holiday season with joy in our hearts. We cooked a fabulous Thanksgiving feast, went to the Montrose Christmas parade and decorated our yard with festive holiday décor. We also attended

a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at Highlands Church in La Crescenta that set the tone for the season and filled us with Christmas spirit. The Charles Dickens story that we all know was interwoven with traditional Christmas songs and well presented by an exuberant cast dressed in period holiday wear. It was a wonderful distraction from missing our loved ones.

I also found great joy in holiday gifting. I like to create little surprises for our neighbors or displays for the volunteers at work to discover. I really don't care if anything comes my way because the mere act of giving is so much fun, but I certainly do appreciate it if someone selects something special just for me. In addition, I like to make year-end contributions to help others like supporting veteran organizations or conservation efforts in our community. It makes me feel like I am part of something bigger even though my donation may be small

by comparison. There are so many charities to choose from; it is often hard to decide so I give broadly. I truly admire those who take giving to the next level by coordinating community events like toy, food or blood drives or doing hands-on work like serving in a soup kitchen. That would probably be included in my next set of resolutions if I weren't already spread so thin. For now, I will continue to focus on my own physical and spiritual wellness as well as honor all my current volunteer commitments like writing for the CV Weekly.

Wherever you are in your renewal process, I hope you come out the other side feeling healthy, invigorated and ready to meet the sunshine. Find the strength to grow your relationships, get your proverbial house in order, and don't forget to take time to tiptoe through the tulips when they emerge. Spring is right around the corner.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor Grade by HJTA

Once again, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association gave your representatives (and mine) a failing grade.

Last fall, Assemblyman Chris Holden, Assemblywoman Laura Friedman and Senator Anthony Portantino voted for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA1), described by HJTA as "a direct attack on Proposition

13" (passed in 1978). If approved by voters in March, the measure would lower the threshold for property taxes from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority.

Laura Friedman believes that you can afford to pay higher taxes if you own property (or more rent if you don't). Not surprising from a legislator who voted for Assembly Bill 5 (AB5), which forced employers

to reclassify independent contractors as employees and, in effect, reduce the opportunities for entrepreneurs and freelancers.

Like his Democratic colleagues, Chris Holden claims that Proposition 13 has effectively "starved" the government for tax revenue. Translation: tax dollars to shovel into money pits

like affordable (subsidized) housing, health care for illegal immigrants, high-speed rail and (if Democrats ever get their way) reparations for slavery.

Funny how that \$95 billion budget surplus in 2022 dissolved into a \$68 billion deficit in 2024.

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Annual Tree Lot Ends with a Strong Finish at the Y

Neighbors, friends and family came to support the tree lot at the YMCA of the Foothills this year buying over 1,400 trees and making a direct impact on the Y's teen programming. Each tree purchased supports the young adults' growth and potential. Funds from the tree lot allow the Y to provide financial assistance to those interested in participating in the Y's Model United Nations, PILOTs and Youth & Government programs. This year's tree lot, in partnership with J's Maids, Gomez Landscaping and Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, raised over \$235,000, making 2023 one of the most successful years in its 59 years of hosting the traditional annual event.

The YMCA Tree Lot brought the Christmas spirit to the Foothills community since 1964. Carl Meseck, a young YMCA professional who went on to become the CEO of the Glendale Y and became known as "Mr. Snowman" for his love of Christmas trees, developed the program as a creative way to

raise funds and bring Christmas cheer to his community. Fifty-nine years later, Meseck is still stirring up that holiday wonder in the hundreds of guests who come to visit the lot and continue to make tree lot part of their annual Christmas tradition.

"Our daughter went to college this year and she's not home yet. We wanted to take a photo and text it to her because she was bummed ... she was missing out on joining us this year at tree lot," said a local parent and Y supporter as she asked Y staff to capture a photo of her seated next to her husband in the tree lot sleigh.

One of the three areas of impact the Y serves is youth development with the intent of empowering young people to reach their full potential through education and leadership. Those greeting and assisting tree lot guests were local high school students in the Y's Youth in Business program and Youth and Government delegates all gaining business management skills during their shifts.



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Funds from the tree lot allow the Y to provide financial assistance to those interested in participating in the Y's youth programs.



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Kiwanis International Cal-Nev-Ha District, Local Division 3 Installs 2023-24 Officers

The Kiwanis International's California-Nevada-Hawaii District (Cal-Nev-Ha) recently held its 2023-24 installation for the Division 3 lieutenant governor and officers. Officiating the installation was the Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Carole Farris, who oversees the most populace Kiwanis District in the world, which includes Division 3. The ceremony at the Elks Lodge in Glendale also showcased the eight local Kiwanis Club presidents and leaders comprising Division 3 and boasted the newly branded tagline "Service is Sweet."

With over 60 attendees, master of ceremonies Marko Swan kicked off the festivities with 2017-18 Lt. Governor Sam Engel Jr., conducting the "Star Spangled Banner," joined by 2013-14 Lt. Governor Ron Baker leading the Pledge of Allegiance, with an inspiration recited by 2005-06 Lt. Governor Laurel Patric.

The program featured 2022-23 Lt. Governor Cathy Keen, who gave shout-outs to her leadership team. A special gift from Division 3 club members for Keen's exemplary service was presented by Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Immediate Past President Trish McRae with the 2023-24 Key Club officers and members introduced by 2023-24 Kiwanis Region 7 Advisor Patricia Larrigan.

Gov. Farris installed the 2023-24 Division 3 officers: Lt. Monica Sierra, Lt. Governor-Elect Trish McRae, Treasurer Bob Praun and Secretary Alice Perez. As part of her acceptance speech, Lt. Governor Monica Sierra acknowledged her newly inducted officers and recognized the Division 3 presidents and representatives.

The 2023-24 Division 3 Club presidents are Kiwanis Club of Eagle Rock President Linda Allen; Kiwanis



Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Division 3
ABOVE: Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District, Division 3, 2023-24 Lt. Governor Monica Sierra.

Photo courtesy of Jose SIERRA
BELOW: The 2023-24 Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Division 3 officers are (from left) Treasurer Bob Praun, Secretary Alice Perez and Lt. Governor-Elect Trish McRae. Looking on is emcee Marko Swan.

Fil-Am Metro Los Angeles Club President Mauricio Lopez; Kiwanis Club of Glendale President Irma Villegas; Kiwanis Club of Greater Highland Park President Heinrich Keifer; Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Joe Radabaugh of La Cañada; Kiwanis Club of La Cañada-La Crescenta President Chris Ecker; Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos President Miryam Finkelberg; and Kiwanis Club of West Glendale Gateway President Wilbur Gin.

The evening was filled with good cheer as attendees looked forward to the coming year, highlighted with service for youth and the community.

Any residents interested in learning more about the Kiwanis International Organization and want to locate a club in their vicinity, visit www.kiwanisinternational.org.

Submitted by Alice PEREZ



Glendale Memorial Hospital Donates Holiday Gifts to Students at Cerritos Elementary School

To celebrate the giving spirit of the holidays, employees, physicians, board members and volunteers at Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center donated wish list items for nearly 500 students from Cerritos Elementary School in the Glendale Unified School District. The LA Galaxy Star Squad joined in the festivities along with Glendale police and fire personnel to help distribute gifts to the students at Cerritos Elementary. Presents were distributed to all of the kids and included science kits, soccer balls, games, art supplies and other requested items from the children’s wish lists.



LEFT: Employees, physicians, board members and volunteers at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) donated wish list items for students from Cerritos Elementary School. GMHHC was joined by the LA Galaxy Star Squad, Glendale police and fire personnel, as well as GUSD superintendent and board members, to help distribute gifts to the students at Cerritos Elementary. RIGHT: Pictured left are Dr. Darneika Watson, GUSD superintendent, Diana Hernandez, principal of Cerritos Elementary School, and Jill Welton, president and CEO of Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, helped Santa Claus deliver wish list items for students at Cerritos Elementary School.

Photos provided by Dignity Health

Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Buying A Flip

Dear Phyllis,

I really appreciate your take on the real estate market and have a new topic for discussion. My son will be relocating to the Foothills soon and has been working with his Realtor, who sold his home. As prices have risen dramatically since he left, he won't have many options. One of the homes he found online and sent to his Realtor was a flip. His Realtor does not advise him to buy a flip because he says, typically, the quality is poor. Although he is loyal to his Realtor, I hope I am not imposing for asking your opinion.

Mama Bear

Dear Mama Bear,

This is a great topic! Often, shortcuts are

taken when a property is being flipped. They typically look all shiny and new but frequently have underlying issues. Sometimes, the issues don't come to light during an inspection and aren't known until the buyer moves in.

It makes sense that when remodeling for yourself, one would typically use the best quality and materials as their budget allows. But the point of a flip is to maximize profit. Past issues my clients have encountered have been windows that were not properly sealed. Inspectors typically don't inspect sprinklers, which are often not working properly. We also had a client with a problem with an incorrect dishwasher installation that didn't come to light until they used the appliance several

times. If your son opts to buy a flip, have his agent ask for copies of all warranties (windows, appliances, etc.)

There are two types of flips. One is where a home is listed, and an investor purchases it. In this instance, it is wise for the buyer's real estate agent to ask for the disclosures from the previous sale. The more information the buyer has, the better.

The second instance is when the investor buys the home off the market. I have encountered this scenario several times where the investor claims no disclosures were provided to them by the previous seller. Even though California law requires disclosures in every residential real estate sale. In these escrows, I had the seller's real estate agent state in writing there were no disclosures provided at the time of their purchase.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – January 2024

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

It's a new year and our local theaters have lots of new offerings to partake. 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 their 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 definite plans are made.

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

"An Evening with Groucho" Starring Frank Ferrante, the two-act comedy consists of the best Groucho one-liners, anecdotes and songs including "Hooray for Captain Spalding" and "Lydia, the Tattooed Lady." The audience literally becomes part of the show as Ferrante ad-libs his way throughout the performance in grand Groucho style. Accompanied by his onstage pianist, Ferrante portrays the young Groucho of stage and film and reacquaints us with the likes of brothers Harpo, Chico, Zeppo and Gummo, Charlie Chaplin, W.C. Fields and Marx foil Margaret Dumont. A show perfect for all ages!

Written and directed by Frank Ferrante, it runs today, Jan. 4 through Jan. 7 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit www.lagunaplayhouse.com.

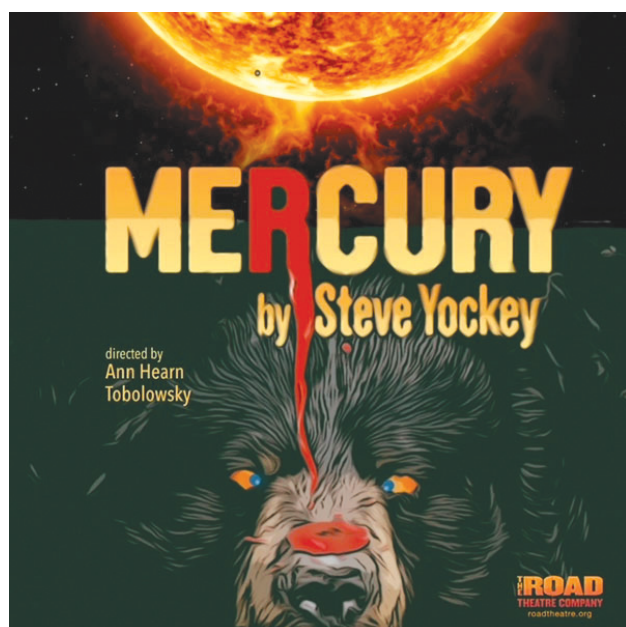


"Beau Jest" Sarah Goldman is worried that her Jewish parents will not be accepting of her WASP boyfriend, so she hires an actor to pose as a Jewish doctor she's dating. However, he turns out not to be Jewish either, but is so convincing in a role that he could just win over her parents ... and quite possibly Sarah as well.

Written by James Sherman and directed by Jonathan Fahn, it runs Jan. 12 through Feb. 18 at the Theatre Palisades Playhouse in Pacific Palisades. For tickets, call (310) 454-1970 or visit www.theatrepalisades.org.

"Mercury" Three stories cross outside of Portland, Oregon in a pitch-black comedy with an illicit affair, a couple hanging on by a thread, bears at the window, the deadliest curiosity shop on the west coast and a missing dog named Mr. Bundles. No one is happy, people stop being nice and blood spills. This mash up of myth, missing empathy and "good neighbors" explore what happens when the mercury rises.

Written by Steve Yockey and directed by Ann Hearn



Tobolowsky, it runs Jan. 12 through Feb. 18 at the Road Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 761-8838 or visit www.RoadTheatre.org.

"Pretty Woman the Musical" centers on the relationship between Vivian Ward, a free-spirited Hollywood prostitute, and Edward Lewis, a wealthy businessman who hires her for a week to be his escort for several business and social functions. Before long, the two learn that their connection goes beyond a simple transaction.

Written by Garry Marshall, with music by Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance, and directed by Jerry Mitchell, it runs Jan. 12 through Jan. 14 at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center in Thousand Oaks. For tickets, visit www.BroadwayInThousandOaks.com.



"Sukkot" is the hilarious and heartwarming story of the Sullivan family, a half-Jewish-half-Irish-Catholic family attempting to rejoice by celebrating an obscure Jewish holiday that no one has ever heard of. One year after losing his wife to cancer, Patrick Sullivan is still unable to overcome his overwhelming grief until a rabbi introduces him to the little-known Jewish holiday of Sukkot — the only holiday when God directly commands us to rejoice! Suddenly energized by the holiday, Patrick builds a sukkah (a Jewish hut) in his yard and forces his three grown children to celebrate with him as they gather at the family house to attend their mother's unveiling ceremony.

Written by Matthew Leavitt and directed by Joel Zwick, it runs Jan. 13 through Feb. 4 at the Skylight Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit www.the6thact.ludus.com.



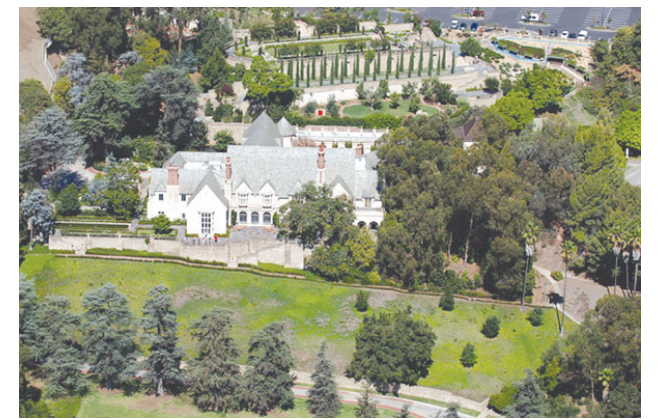
"Kate" In her widely celebrated one-woman show, revered comedian Kate Berlant explores the events of her life that have brought her to this moment. Embodying many characters in this tour de force performance, she expertly morphs before our eyes and exposes a truth she has, until now, kept hidden.

Written by Kate Berlant and directed by Bo Burnham, it runs Jan. 17 through Feb. 11 at the Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 356-7529 or visit www.pasadenaplayhouse.org.



"The Manor- Murder and Madness at Greystone" The show is a roman a clef, a fictionalization based on real events with the actual historical characters given new names. To lend authenticity to the presentation, the show is presented in the grand and glorious architectural landmark in which the events of 95 years ago actually took place. Audience members are led from room to room in the lovingly restored marvelous Greystone Mansion as different scenes of the narrative are portrayed, leading up to a shocking and apparent murder and suicide. "The Manor- Murder and Madness at Greystone" depicts momentous changes in the fortunes of the fabulously wealthy MacAlister Family (fictional surrogates of the oil-rich Doheny Family). Family patriarch and mining tycoon Charles makes an illegal if well-intentioned loan to Senator Alfred Winston (a stand-in for Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall). Both men face imminent disgrace and worse in the oncoming Teapot Dome bribery scandal, which will engulf the Warren Harding administration. A scion of the MacAlister family faces violent death.

Written by Kathrine Bates and directed by Martin Thompson, it runs Jan. 18 through Feb. 3 at the Greystone Mansion in Greystone Park in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 364-3606 or visit <https://theatre40.org>.



"Strangers on a Train" Two young men meet on a train: one an ambitious architect, the other a playboy with a taste for danger. As the train takes them to their destination, the two travelers speculate on what it would be like to commit the perfect murder. With a private investigator on their case, little do they know that their lives will soon become forever fatally linked.

Written by Craig Warner, based on the novel by Patricia Highsmith, and directed by Jules Aaron, it runs Jan. 18 through Feb. 18 at the Theatre Forty in the Mary Levin Cutler Theatre in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 364-0535 or visit <https://theatre40.org>.

*"Confessions of a Prairie B*tch"* Alison Arngrim offers a riotous evening of anecdotes, stand-up comedy and multimedia content about life as the scorned yet beloved devious pre-teen, complete with frilly petticoats and curls. The one-woman stage show made its debut in New York City in 2002 and has since become a global sensation, drawing packed houses in the U.S. and abroad.

Written and directed by Alison Arngrim, it runs Jan. 19 through Jan. 28 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse in Sierra Madre. For tickets, call (626) 355-4318 or visit www.sierramadreplayhouse.org.

"(Im)migrants of the State" An unflinching, emotional, thought-provoking evening of theater, weaving together self-reflection and humor through authentic voices on their journey toward redemption and healing. An original new work, created and performed by an ensemble of Prison Project alumni with over 240 years of combined incarceration, telling powerful, inspirational stories that speak to anyone who has ever lost hope or lived their life in fear and regret.

Written by Jeremie Loncka, Richard Loya and members of The Actors' Gang Alumni Advocacy Project, and directed by Jeremie Loncka and Richard Loya, it runs Jan. 19 through Jan. 28 at the Actors' Gang Theater in Culver City. For tickets, call (310) 838-4264 or visit www.theactorsgang.com.



You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

Soprano Suzanne Falletti and Pianist Brendan White Performing for GNC

The free admission Glendale Noon Concerts series has returned to live performance from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

On Jan. 17, the Glendale Noon Concerts will feature soprano Suzanne Falletti (right) and pianist Brendan White performing “20th Century Art Songs” – works by Poulenc, Obradors, Duke, Hageman and Bolcom.

Performed will be the works of Francis Poulenc (French, 1899-1963) including *Airs Chantes*, Fernando Obradors (Spanish, 1897-1945) including *Canciones Clasicas Espanolas*, John Wood Duke (American, 1899-1984) including “I Can’t Be Talkin’ of Love” (1947), Richard Hageman (Dutch-born American, 1881-1966) “At the Well” (1919) and William Bolcom (American, b. 1938) *Amor from Cabaret Songs* (1978).

Lyric-coloratura soprano, Suzanne Falletti is a two-time Grammy Award winning artist and was a member of the full-time Metropolitan Opera Chorus for 24 seasons. She attended the University of Northern Iowa earning a B.A. in music and

a Master of Music degree in opera performance and music literature from the Eastman School of Music. Falletti was a regional winner and finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. As an adjunct voice faculty member of NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, many of her students have appeared on Broadway. Falletti was a guest speaker at both the Eastman School of Music and The Boston Conservatory, offering students practical wisdom and insights into having a sustainable career in a highly competitive opera business. <https://www.suzannefallettising.com/>

Born in Jackson, Tennessee, but now based in Los Angeles, pianist Brendan White appears frequently in solo recitals and chamber ensembles and as a soloist with orchestra. As soloist, White has performed with *Musica Nova* (Eastman School of Music), *Vicente Chamber Orchestra*, *Symphony of the Verdugos*, *Crown City Symphony*, *Delta Symphony Orchestra* and *Jackson Symphony Orchestra*.

As a recording artist, White was featured on Danaë Vlasse’s Grammy Award-winning

album *Mythologies*. White’s collaborations in Southern California have included the *Mühlfeld Trio*, which won the prestigious *Beverly Hills Auditions*, the *Speakeasy Society*, and *Eighteen Squared*. He is an original member of the *Sunset ChamberFest* in Los Angeles. White’s repertoire spans many centuries and genres and he has worked with well-known composers such as *Thomas Adès*, *Stephen Cohn*, *Donald Crockett* and *Danaë Vlasse*.

White is also a composer of original music. Local recital appearances include: *Piano Spheres Emerging Artist Series*, *Soundwaves in Santa Monica*, *Silicon Beach CO Recital Series* and *Glendale Noon Concerts*. He attended the *Eastman School of Music* and the *Thornton School of Music*, *University of Southern California*.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 16th year of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community. Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.



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January 4th Specials!

THEN & NOW

Montrose Businesses Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN: The Montrose Pharmacy was built in 1923 by 21-year-old Joe Belanger and was, due to the huge growth of the valley during that period, an instant success. This photo taken in the '30s shows that, just like all old-time pharmacies, it also had a small soda fountain and grill in it.



NOW: Montrose Pharmacy became the iconic Rocky Cola Café and is now Gus & Andy’s Kitchen and Bar. The Economy Market next door is now Once Upon A Time Bookstore, America’s oldest children’s bookstore.

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The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Jan. 5, Tim Wolkiewicz will be speaking to the Club on the "Trials and Triumphs in Foster Care."

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.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

IMAGINARIUM'S FINAL DAYS

The electrifying holiday light show Imaginarium at Fairplex in Pomona continues through this Sunday, Jan. 7.

For more information, visit <https://imagination360.com/fairplex>.

ADULT FLOWER MAKING CLASS

On Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. the La Crescenta Library invites adults to welcome in the new year by creating hyacinth flowers. Hyacinth flowers symbolize forgiveness, joy and sincerity in life. As attendees create the flowers, they'll learn more about the history of having these flowers in their home.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. To register, see library staff or Visit. LACountyLibrary.org/events and filter by date or location.

This free event is for adults only.

La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta

COME LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING

A new 13-week beginner's class on modern square dancing is starting on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7:45 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. The first two classes are free. Meet new people while getting exercise for both your body and mind. Learn the Steps to Fun!

For more info email illi313@yahoo.com or visit www.setsinstep.org.

HEALING CALIFORNIA ON LCWC AGENDA

The Jan. 10 program of the La Crescenta Woman's Club will be the Michael Allen, executive director of Healing California, a local Alhambra-based 501(c)(3) non-profit that is dedicated to bringing healthcare and dental care to needy

families.

Healing California utilizes mobile units that go every day into the community.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting at 10 a.m. with program at 11 a.m. followed by luncheon. Contact Betsy Mortimer (818) 429-0251 for reservation information.

NEWCOMBE FILM PRESENTED

Shadow Hills resident Carl Howell served as a naval aide to Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon and later as a Secret Service agent assigned to President Nixon's retirement. In his film "Carl Howell - Witnessing History," John Newcombe talks to Howell as he recounts some of his experiences of the 1960s and '70s during key times in America's history.

Local filmmaker Newcombe has presented several very interesting films at Bolton Hall Museum in recent years. On Jan. 13 he will also

share his experience interviewing Carl Howell for this film.

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

It takes place on Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society by calling (818) 352-3420 or visiting BoltonHall.org or emailing llhs@boltonhall.org.

PSHA IS LOOKING FOR TALENTED, LOCAL, YOUNG MUSICIANS

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts is looking for talented musicians who play a brass, woodwind or string instrument to have an opportunity to exhibit their talents at the 37th Annual Instrumental Competition. Applications are now being accepted for full-time students ages 14-19

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ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE

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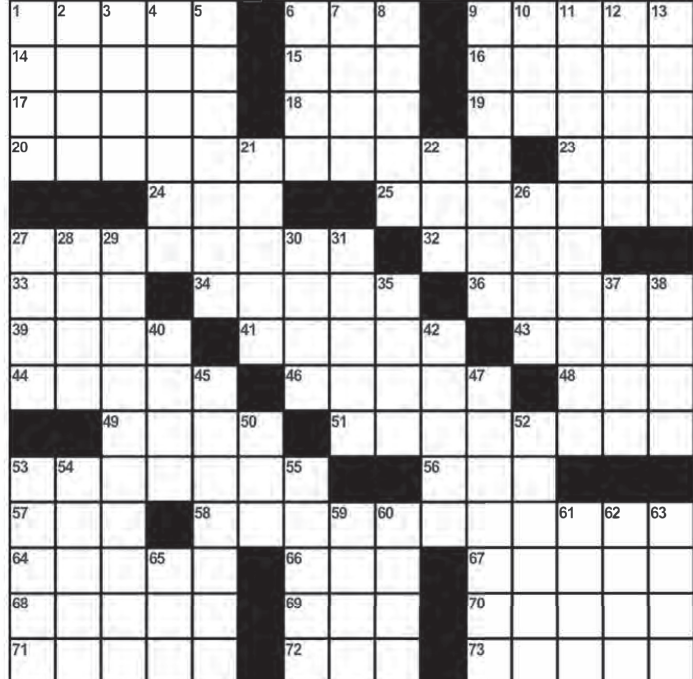
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- 9) Sum
- 14) Stage readings
- 15) Finless wonder
- 16) "Fear of Fifty" author Jong
- 17) Singleness of purpose
- 18) It's "company"
- 19) Helps in a crime
- 20) Uninvited guest
- 23) Spelling contest
- 24) "NOW I get it!"
- 25) Makes available
- 27) Prepares for a second attack
- 32) Musical ditty
- 33) Eggs in a lab
- 34) No longer sit
- 36) What a broad jumper does
- 39) Belt one out
- 41) Fruits of the blackthorn
- 43) Distort
- 44) Aquarium gunk
- 46) Took the Series in four, e.g.
- 48) Chapter of history
- 49) Jolt provider in a car
- 51) Cookout treat
- 53) Whiskey from corn mash
- 56) Topic from the pulpit
- 57) "Call of Duty: Black ___"
- 58) Particle accelerator
- 64) Hall's partner
- 66) Step up to the plate
- 67) Pear-shaped tropical fruit
- 68) Trade allowances
- 69) Soapmaker's solution
- 70) Was at fault
- 71) Shelter dog
- 72) Finish the course
- 73) Crystal ball consultants

DOWN

- 1) Wooden nickel
- 2) Turner or Fey
- 3) Handling the task
- 4) Crater causer
- 5) Thriller villains, often
- 6) ___ poor example
- 7) Mass seating?
- 8) Greeting at a lauu
- 9) More than sad
- 10) Royal symbol
- 11) Crucial vote
- 12) Was part of a cast
- 13) Emits coherent light
- 21) Trounces
- 22) Immature salamander
- 26) Small bills
- 27) Civil rights pioneer Parks
- 28) Devil's specialty
- 29) Bane of organized criminals
- 30) Close associates
- 31) "The ___ Of Kilimanjaro"
- 35) Like one end of a pool
- 37) Prefix for "scope"
- 38) Deck mop
- 40) Massive Asian wild ox
- 42) Muscle jerk
- 45) Ambassador's office
- 47) Prioritizes medically
- 50) Kettle critic?
- 52) Make certain
- 53) Foul-weather footwear
- 54) Eyeball-bending drawings
- 55) Aristocratic
- 59) Yucatan dweller
- 60) Proofreader's "keep it"
- 61) Fabled tortoise competitor
- 62) Happily ___ after
- 63) X-ray dosages
- 65) LAX or JFK guesstimate

VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

By Carla Azure



see ANSWERS on following page

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

January 1, 2024 - January 7, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your health is looking good now, with no real problems to contend with. Things look quite stable no matter what your current level of well-being. You may find that swimming or another water sport appeals to you. You might also want to explore new philosophies that encourage you to adopt a different lifestyle. If it feels right, go for it.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Your health and thinking are closely linked. Now you're beginning to realize just how delicate the balance is between the two. Stress brought on by worry and fear will cause a reaction that could weaken your immune system and cause stiffness and muscle tension that gradually wears you down. Exercise and stress management techniques could help.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The cosmos could be encouraging you to become more flexible. You may have a tendency to be rigid in certain respects, and this can translate into bodily symptoms. The more you can focus on becoming flexible, the easier it will be to relax and feel good. Yoga, tai chi, or swimming would be fabulous for you. Give your best effort to whatever you choose!

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

With a positive focus on your health zone, your health seems to be blossoming. The only drawback may be a lack of energy. As long as you pace yourself and don't overindulge in too much junk food, you'll feel better and better. Take good care of your liver and you'll thrive. Go for it!

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Your health may have been up and down recently, but soon it should show signs of improvement. Part of the problem could be stress about career or job issues. Things should begin to change for the better next week. In the meantime, take good care of yourself. Try to exercise regularly so you can relax more deeply and feel better mentally and physically.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Take care if you're doing any repair projects around the home. The cosmos points to the possibility of a minor accident, which could cause some inconvenience. Be especially careful if you're doing anything electrical. Get professional help if you need it. You could feel more inclined to participate in sports now.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Burnout could be one problem that you encounter now. You may notice the stresses and strains of life more than usual. Your social zone is highlighted, so you might be working late and partying hard. Don't subsist on junk food even if your life is hectic. The best investment you can make is in your health.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This is one of those tricky weeks when life could be more complicated than usual. Aside from this, the cosmos is going to make things emotionally intense. Be prepared to chill out and save your energy. Yoga, tai chi, or meditation might help you feel more centered and ready for anything. If you feel tired and drained, take a step back and relax.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Relationship issues could affect the way you feel now. You may lack energy and feel less motivated. Boost your system by eating the right foods and perhaps taking some supplements, too. Some herbs, royal jelly, or some energy drinks like those made from guaraná can also give you an extra lift when you need it.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's time to reflect on your life as a whole and decide which parts of it contribute to good health and which may be causing problems. Certain symptoms could come to a head due to toxic overload. These are the ones on which to concentrate. Take special note of any bad habits and give them the boot. Soon you'll be glowing with good health.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The cosmos is encouraging you to aim for good health and total wellness. The problem is that it's like walking uphill against a strong wind. The effort seems enormous. It won't be so bad if you break your plan down into baby steps. Start with one area you'd like to improve. Small adjustments over time will lead to greater health benefits.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The healthier you are, the better your chances of the success you've always dreamed of. If your energy level is high, you'll have no problem facing any challenge that comes your way. If you're under the weather, life can seem much more difficult. You could now decide to make a resolution to look after yourself more carefully.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

My BMW doesn't work! Why won't they fix it?

Jim Ogden's new BMW is a lemon, but he can't get his dealership to fix it or take the car back. What are his options?

Q: I recently purchased a used 2023 M240i Coupe with 3,200 miles and a full factory warranty from Stevens Creek BMW in Santa Clara, California. After completing the transaction but before even leaving the lot the technician who was demonstrating the operation of the car was not able to connect the car to my BMW "ConnectedDrive" account.

The dealer advised me to wait another day for BMW to connect my account and see if the problem resolved itself. It did not.

Fast forward to today. The car has been in the service department for the last six weeks. Since taking the car to the shop, the problems have gotten almost infinitely worse. The dealer has replaced the instrument console and other electronic modules. The current status, according to the service department, is that "the car has four modules that will not code" including the new instrument panel.

They have been unable to repair the vehicle and have turned the car over to BMW where it has been for several weeks. There is no ETA for a fix.

The dealership has made it

crystal clear that it will not take any responsibility for the car and that this is between me and BMW. The general manager at the dealership advised me that the car meets all the requirements for a buyback and advised me to contact BMW and start the buyback process.

I made the buyback request to BMW last week and am supposed to hear back this week but am not optimistic. Since then, I have contacted several reputable lemon lawyers for advice dealing with BMW. To my surprise, all told me variations of the same thing: I'd have a great case if the car were brand new but they will not take on any cases of used cars, and my odds with BMW are very low. Can you help? - Jim Ogden, Los Gatos, California

A: The M240i Coupe is a gorgeous car and I commend you on an excellent choice. A non-working M240i Coupe, however, is not an excellent choice. But you had a red flag or two before you even drove the vehicle off the lot.

I run into this issue with rental cars all the time and my advice is the same: If something is wrong with the car, do

not accept it. You could have ripped up the contract and walked away - and maybe you should have.

I've purchased a few cars in my lifetime and the fact that they were selling you a vehicle with just 3,200 miles on it should have also raised a red flag. I would have wondered what BMW used the car for. Was it a courtesy vehicle? Or did someone return it after driving 3,200 miles because something was wrong with it? I might want to get a straight answer - as well as any relevant repair records - from the dealership before buying the car.

You can get a deal on a used car from time to time. I once bought a car with just 1,000 miles for a price that seemed too good to be true. I found out later that the dealership owner's wife had used it as her personal car and just didn't like it. The likely reason? The model was being discontinued.

The fact that your car was pre-owned should have had no bearing on its warranty, which would have covered all your repairs. But clearly, BMW should have taken the car back if it was so deeply flawed. We've had

a few complaints about BMW in the past, including one customer who had a problem with her title. But they are few and far between. The company fixes most customer service problems when you appeal to one of the executive customer service contacts at BMW, which I publish on my advocacy site Elliott.org.

I contacted BMW on your behalf. The company agreed to take back your car and offered a discount on a new

vehicle, which you accepted.

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

ANSWERS for 12/21/23

12/21/23 crossword puzzle grid with answers: ELSE, NAMES, NAB, ROLL, ALEUT, PERI, IDEA, KOALA, OWEN, NEWSLETTER, META, TED, REMODEL, MONIKERS, RANI, OPEC, YUMA, PATES, RAW, RESOLES, IRA, ELOPE, TRET, BONY, REEL, EXAMINES, MILLDAM, GAP, ASEAN, NEWZEALAND, SLAG, DRIER, ALEE, SANE, ULNAE, NARC, EMS, PEELS, EWOK

ANSWERS for 12/28/23

12/28/23 crossword puzzle grid with answers: TAMER, SERUM, SUP, IRATE, PREFIGURE, TEACHERS, COLLEGE, ISM, ERIE, EDEN, BANG, ILLNESS, REBUTS, OLIOS, OVER, ALIEN, SPA, TEARS, OFLAUGHTER, ERR, TRIAD, EAST, NEARS, SMARTS, STEEPLE, FEAR, ARCH, ILAY, SEC, TEARON, ESELF, AWAY, INSURABLE, LHASA, NTH, EMBER, YAMEN

ANSWERS for page 14

Page 14 crossword puzzle grid with answers: STOMP, SPA, TOTAL, LINES, EEL, ERICA, UNITY, TWO, ABETS, GATECRASHER, BEE, OHO, AFFORDS, REGROUPS, TUNE, OVA, STAND, LEAPS, SING, SLOES, SKEW, ALGAE, SWEPT, ERA, BUMP, SPARE, ERIB, BOURBON, SIN, OPS, ATOM, SMASHER, OATES, BAT, GUAVA, TRET, LYE, ERRED, STRAY, EAT, SEERS

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years of age who currently reside and attend high school in Los Angeles County.

The competition is on Sunday, March 3 when finalists compete in front of a panel of esteemed judges. Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts will award individual prizes that range from \$500 to \$4,000 to help further the education of the young musicians.

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 GetAcceptd. The application portal can be found at https://app.getacceptd.com/pasadenashowcase.

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

SIERRA CLUB PRESENTS 'WILL REDWOODS SURVIVE CLIMATE CHANGE?'

Join the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club for an informative virtual presentation via Zoom, "Will Redwoods Survive Climate Change?" on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. The Santa Cruz mountains are coast redwoods' stronghold at the southern end of their limited and diminishing range. Learn what scientists predict for their future in a time of climate change, and how innovative partners are ushering in a new era of conservation stewardship so redwoods might thrive and survive.

Matthew Shaffer, Marketing and Communications chief officer of Sempervirens Fund will be giving this presentation. Sempervirens has been preserving redwood forests since 1900. sempervirens.org

Use this link to register for this upcoming presentation: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register.

ARTIST SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR CITY OF GLENDALE PUBLIC ART LANDMARKS

PROJECTS

The Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Dept., on behalf of the City of Glendale's Arts and Culture Commission announced that artist submissions are now open for the Public Art Landmarks project. As part of the city's arts and culture initiatives, up to 10 long-term to permanent artwork installations will be commissioned, developed and established over the course of the next few years. The objective of the Public Art Landmarks project is to create world-class public artwork in a diverse range of mediums that are designed to engage the community, showcase the cultural diversity of the city and enhance the various civic and public spaces.

The application portal is currently accepting submissions through Friday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. PST.

WORKSHOP AND READING

A Glendale poet laureate workshop and reading features Glendale poet laureate Raffi Joe Wartanian. Participants will develop poems and explore crafts alongside featured poets Shahé Mankerian ("History of Forgetfulness"), Brian Sonia-Wallace (West Hollywood poet laureate, '20-'23), and Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo ("Posada: Offerings of Witness and Refuge"). All levels of experience and language backgrounds are welcome!

Free and open to the public, light refreshments provided and activities include reading, writing, workshopping and discovering.

Learn more and submit poems at glendalelac.org/poetlaureate.

SHOSEIAN TEA HOUSE

Shoseian Tea House hosts Cass Magda who will give an introduction to the Indonesia martial art of Pentjak Silat, which has been described as "Indo-Jujitsu" since it has a very well-developed methodology that includes devastating strikes, efficient takedowns, effective joint locks and a very interesting approach to how solo forms (known as Jurus)

are practiced. The class is on Sunday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and space will be limited. The cost is \$45 per person; visit GlendaleTeaHouse.org to pre-register.

DANCEART COMING TO DISCOVER CUBE - LA

On Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m., Discovery Cube Los Angeles, a STEM-based children's museum, opens its doors once again to an educational dance performance by dance company Benita Bike's DanceArt. Benita Bike's DanceArt will present two dances followed by a Q&A session and a final "try-out-the-moves" session with DanceArt's professional dancers.

A limited number of free tickets to the museum are available to those who pre-register by emailing benita@danceart.org with their name and the number of guests in their party. General admission tickets can also be purchased at www.discoverycube.org/los-angeles/. Admission to the dance performance will be also be included with general admission or a valid membership.

This performance is supported, in part, by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Dept.

Discovery Cube Los Angeles is located at 11800 Foothill Blvd. in Sylmar.

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.

Team 74 is collecting names and numbers of classmates; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the information outlet.

RELIGION

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Question: My husband Justin lost his job three months ago when the company he was working for moved to another state. We could have moved with the company but both of our families live here. We have two children, ages 6 and 9.

To say finances have been a struggle is putting it mildly. I work and he is getting unemployment. Our pastor knows of our situation and asked if he could put our family on a list for assistance from a local organization. The organization provides food and toys for the kids. This has turned into a minor argument between my husband and me. He says he doesn't want to be known as a charity case. I tell him this doesn't have to last forever and, right now, we could really use the help. He is actively looking for another job. I don't see anything wrong with temporary help, do you?

~ Financially Cramped

Dear Financially Cramped,

Growing up, my mom raised five boys as a single parent on a teacher's salary. We were poor but proud that we only relied on family to help—and only when we were desperate. In high school, I became involved with a church. We soon found ourselves the recipients of an anonymous donation that changed our lives. Our first reaction was to reject the gift, but we couldn't; we didn't know who gave it.

In my ministry, I have had the chance to do for others what was first done for me. Each time, as the saying goes, I have found it more blessed to give than to receive. There are people who want to make the world a better place for others. It is an act of faith to receive such a

blessing. I would encourage you and your husband to see this moment as an opportunity to simply receive the goodwill of others.

When you get back on your feet, I think you will find a heart to pay it forward, to help those in the way you've been helped. And the truth of the matter is that you will end up giving far more in your life than you would receive!

When I was young, my instinct was to reject even simple gifts from others. My pastor gave me great advice: the best prayer you can say is "thank you." Receiving from others opens your heart to grace, to knowing that you are loved without anything needing to be given in return. That can be a hard lesson to learn in a world when everything is a transaction. But as the heart grows tender in acknowledging our own needs, it also grows to see the needs of others around us and gives us imagination of how we might help.

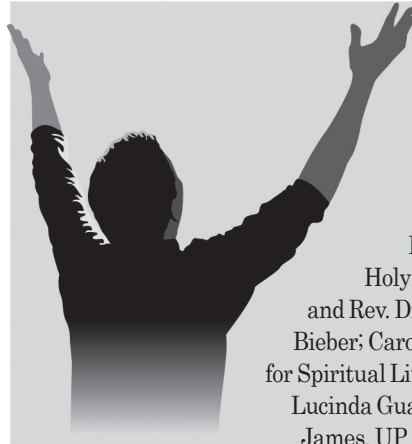
My hope is that you have the merriest of Christmases knowing that you have a beloved community of support and care and that in that knowledge you give peace and joy to others throughout the year.



Rev. Kyle Sears
kylesears@lacanadachurch.org

Dear Financially Cramped,

It's a challenge facing the situation you're in but it's important



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to remember that it is temporary. Asking for help can be one of the most difficult things to do. Your husband may feel disheartened or maybe even ashamed, but those feelings won't solve the issue. It takes courage to ask for what you need. Success can be defined as accomplishment and attainment of a goal. The road to success includes deciding what you need and the path to attaining it. Refusing to avail yourself of all the opportunities to further your progress is counteractive and defeating. There are numerous assistance programs that were created to help people in your exact situation. If your husband wasn't taking any initiative to move on and find a job that would be a different story. You can look at this acceptance of assistance as an embarrassment or as an act of courage that you reached out for help when you needed it.

The principle of Religious Science is the study of the Law of Life—the

law of cause and effect. For every action there is a reaction. How we respond to circumstances will determine if they serve us positively or negatively. That means that whatever we focus our attention on will expand and draw more of the same to us.

A good way to glean the best from any circumstance begins with asking what is the gift this brings to my life? What message is the spirit waking me up to? It may sound odd, but it's best to seek the benefits of any situation rather focusing on the difficulty because, in the end, it's all for goodness sake, even if it doesn't appear to be so at the time. Encourage your husband to contemplate where he is putting his belief—in hopelessness and shame or support and success? Changing his belief will bring about a change in results.

Think of a radio station; when we dial into a particular station's frequency we are able to receive

that station. It is the same with our desires. The Law of Attraction is simply responding to our vibration or how we are directing our energy and providing more of the same. When we dial into faith that everything is working for good in our life; not only is our attitude uplifted but results will shift. With the right mindset, focusing on faith and trust in the ideal solution and the belief that life is improving, it will happen.


Continued success in your resolutions!

In Light,



Rev. Mary Morgan
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Question: *I'm feeling guilty because of an attitude I can't shake. I know we're supposed to love, not hate. I can't say I really hate anyone, but I do have a problem with several politicians who, in my opinion, are letting their constituency down by thinking only of their respective parties instead of what's good for our citizens.*

I've looked up their bios and have found many good qualities these folks have and I try to dwell on those but the frustration keeps coming back. Do you have any suggestions on what I could be doing to rid myself of the judgments I'm experiencing?

~ Love the USA

Dear Love the USA,
I'll go out on a limb here and suggest that you're not alone in your quandary. We watch the world change and have trouble believing, not to mention trusting, the people we elect to administer our desires. Sometimes we confuse the individual's qualities with the office where they sit and then have difficulty reconciling the two. During these times of confusion we begin to wonder if the problem is with the person/people we've elected or with us. I believe it's a little of both.

Let me explain. We listen to the speeches, use due diligence to research and make the best choices possible during the election process. Then we're challenged when there are changes or things we assume would be handled appropriately but are left unaddressed. We might simultaneously feel that we've missed something or that the elected official lied to us. Finally, we're frustrated, anxious and angry and begin to question the decision-making and election processes in general.

The democratic system is supposed to uphold the people's wishes, right? Elected officials support the parties' overviews and ensure their constituents' voices are heard and adequately implemented. The challenge comes with human nature. Sometimes we make mistakes, misunderstand and underestimate our sway. We're not privy to what happens "behind closed doors," which leaves us wondering how powerful our voices are or if they're even heard.

A passage in Deuteronomy 17 addresses the qualities of a king (or leader in this case). In verses 18-20, we learn that officials should review a copy of laws daily to understand and digest the essence and truth. They are encouraged to carefully follow the regulations and not consider themselves better than others. They must remain focused on the facts and serve well the people.

When a leader ceases to embrace the specifics of their appointment, things can go south quickly. Stuff happens. We're all human. We read in

Esther how things can quickly change with appropriate action. Esther revealed the negative human qualities of Haman, albeit straight-up narcissism, to the king, who swiftly acted in dynamic ways to correct the disrespectful actions.

We're human and respond to being let down or feeling deceived by people we've chosen to represent us. Therefore, a key component is remembering our collective humanity from a faith-based perspective. This aspect of humanity reminds me of verse 2 of Psalm 36: "For with his flattering opinion of himself, he does not discover and hate his iniquity." (CSB)

And Luke 6:32: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them." (TLV)

We're counseled to love the sinner and hate the sin. Perhaps the way to refrain from judging is to look inward to discover the salient reasons we're triggered by the action or lack thereof. And maybe we cut ourselves some slack for being human and judging others, even though we know and believe it's pointless.

Matthew 7:3 reminds us: "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (ESV)

Please understand: This reference is not an admonishment, merely a reminder of our responsibilities. In addition, we have a voice to speak out when we see iniquity. Joshua 1:9 encourages us to: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV)

We have a right to be miffed about incorrect action or shoddy work. However, we are also responsible for taking appropriate measures to bring attention to the things that necessitate change. Unfortunately, we can get sidetracked in how we accomplish that goal, so let's pay attention to the feelings that arise. What we do from there says more about us than it does about those creating the problem.

Be well & be blessed!



Lucinda Guarino
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Dear Love the USA,
You are not alone in your frustration. What you said reminds me of something attributed to former British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill. He was apparently upset with the way things were going in Parliament and he blurted out, "This is the worst

kind of government known to mankind ... except for all the others that have been tried from time to time!"

Churchill's point, I believe, is that democracy is messy but there is nothing better! Another thought: The legislative process is a little bit like making sausage; the end result is good, but you wouldn't want to see how it was made!

In all seriousness, the "American experiment," as somebody called it, is still an experiment: Can we really govern ourselves? In 1776 we got rid of the Divine Right of Kings concept and replaced it with self-rule ... which means that people who are as petty as you and I are running things. You and I are not perfect and neither are the ones for whom we vote. Therefore, it seems to me, sometimes we are forced to choose between the lesser of two evils, not the "best" candidate.

But don't quit! Don't throw up your hands in frustration and say, "They're all bad!" No, they are just like us: sometimes good and generous, and sometimes mean and petty. I agree with you that often politicians seem to be more concerned for their own careers than what is good and right for the people. But we are stuck with democracy, so don't disengage. If you do disengage then you let the extremists win.

As Ben Franklin was emerging from a meeting, somebody yelled, "What kind of government have you given us?" He yelled back, "A Republic ... if you can keep it!" So that's your job and my job: to keep up the fight to keep our democracy a democracy. And right now in America not all politicians are as concerned as they should be. My advice: vote for those who want to keep our democracy and vote against those who would destroy it.

Sincerely,



The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
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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 January, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Jan. 14, Jan. 21 & Jan. 28. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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

The Year Ahead

Looking at 2024, the CV Chamber has some big plans. Among them is a bingo game extravaganza on Jan. 27 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall of the American Legion/VFW at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. We'll be opening the doors at 4:30 p.m. with the first game at 6 p.m.

Not only will the bingo games offer chances to win some money, but they will also give players a peek at some of the businesses in the area that sponsor games. For only \$100 minimum, sponsoring businesses can submit a video that will be part of a composite played prior to the start of the games. Learn about local sponsors and chamber supporters! What a great idea!

The cost to play is just \$25 per person, which includes a dauber and

four cards per game – that means 40 chances to win some money! Plus more cards can be bought. There will also be food for purchase, too. It's going to be a fun night!

To sponsor a game, contact Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195.

Another goal of the chamber is to reintroduce itself to the community – both our residential and business community members – by providing a weekly email that spotlights local events. This weekly email "blast" includes information only provided by our members that is of interest to the community overall. This is another great reason to become a member of the chamber – whether a residential or business member! Call Rachelle at (818) 248-4957 to learn how to sign up or visit our website

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at our rummage sale on Dec. 16. We had some real bargains plus chamber board members were on hand to help customers when needed. Special thanks to board member Mary O'Keefe and St. Luke's of the Mountains for arranging for this event.

We're already looking ahead to February when the CV Chamber officiates at a ribbon cutting for LA Smile Co. Orthodontics at 500 E. Colorado St. #200 in Glendale. It's from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – mark your calendars now!

Happy New Year from all at the CV Chamber of Commerce. We wish everyone health and prosperity.

*Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce*

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER » SARA SHAHMORADIAN DARBY

A New Year's Ode to Reviving Traditions and Embracing New Opportunities with Optimism...

As we bid farewell to the challenges of the past few years, the Montrose-Verdugo Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to ring in the new year with a sense of optimism and a commitment to revitalizing our community. The journey through the pandemic has been arduous, but we are proud to announce that we have weathered the storm and are now ready to regain traction with our members and offer more to the vibrant community we serve.

This year marks a significant milestone for the Montrose-Verdugo Chamber of Commerce as we celebrate our 101st year of existence. Over the past century, we have been dedicated to fostering local businesses, promoting economic growth and enhancing the quality of life in the Montrose Verdugo area.

As we embark on this new chapter, we are pleased to welcome Mindy Morrison from Back Office People to our board as our new treasurer.

Mindy brings a wealth of experience and expertise that will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of the Chamber and its initiatives.

Recognizing the importance of adaptability, the Montrose-Verdugo Chamber of Commerce has invested considerable time in revising our bylaws to align with our current values and board structure. This ensures that we remain dynamic and responsive to the evolving needs of our community.

In the spirit of supporting education and the future leaders of our community, we are thrilled to announce the revival of our Scholarship Awards program. We will be honoring and supporting local students on their academic journeys with the funds we have collected over the past year with our dine-out fundraiser collaborations with local restaurants. These scholarships not only provide financial assistance but also inspire young minds to pursue

their dreams and contribute to the community's growth.

Another revival this year is our annual meetings where members come together to reflect on the past year's accomplishments, discuss future initiatives and strengthen their collective commitment to the community. It serves as a moment of unity, symbolizing the resilience and solidarity of Montrose and Verdugo

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