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## Magic Visits the Falcons

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Basketball players and supporters get a surprise visit by basketball royalty.*

Yes, those photos that many have been seeing on social media are real, not AI generated. Earvin "Magic" Johnson, thee Magic Johnson, was at Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) on Tuesday at a girls and boys basketball game.

"We have a very giving community and someone reached out to give us this opportunity for our basketball players," said Principal Christine Benitez.

Johnson was there to give the athletes words of inspiration.

"Thank you for allowing me to come," Johnson said to the players and audience. "I want to say, first see MAGIC on page 6



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Standing with Magic Johnson (center) are (from left) assistant principals Dr. Adriana Guerrero-Pestonji, Miguel González, Principal Christine Benitez, Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson and GUSD board president Jennifer Freeman.

## Sagebrush – Appeal Denied

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Jan. 18 the California State Board of Education (SBE) denied Glendale Unified School District's (GUSD) appeal concerning the Sagebrush transfer. In 2019, the LA County Committee on School District Organizations had approved the petition that would lead to the transfer. GUSD then appealed, but the issue was delayed due to COVID. Last Thursday the issue was finally in front of the board.

To anyone who was listening to the proceedings, it was pretty clear from the beginning that the decision was going to be in favor of La Cañada Flintridge; however, GUSD representatives held out some hope. Both sides presented their case but it was the presentation by the SBE board staff that seemed to seal

the deal for La Cañada Flintridge.

The denial of the appeal means that students who live within the area of Sagebrush, which is part of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, would now be going to La Cañada Flintridge schools. Prior to the decision, students who lived in this section of La Cañada Flintridge attended GUSD schools – primarily Mountain Avenue Elementary School, Rosemont Middle School and Crescenta Valley High School.

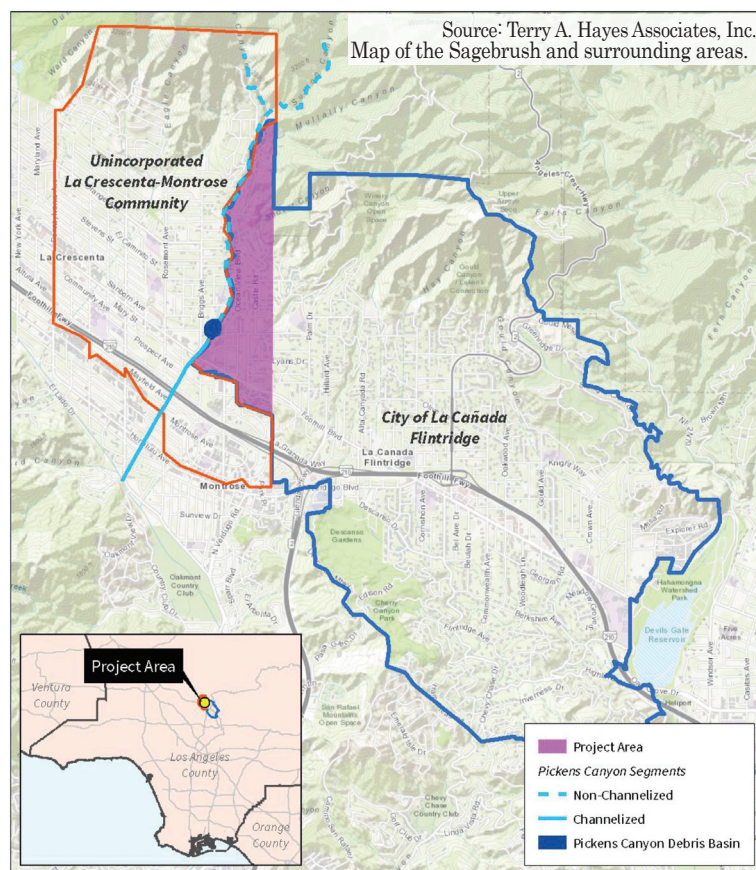
The transfer now goes to a vote; the date has yet to be determined. Only those who live within the Sagebrush area will be allowed to vote on this issue, which was another decisive win for La Cañada Flintridge.

The area of Sagebrush is the see SAGEBRUSH on page 19

Transfer of Territory from Glendale USD to La Cañada USD Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

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# B-I-N-G-O in the 'Hood

Last week, CV Weekly spotlighted several bingo games that are taking place in town. The La Crescenta Woman's Club, the Glendale Quilt Guild, the Crescenta Valley Columbus Club and the CV Chamber of Commerce are all inviting the community in for a good time, the chance to reconnect with friends ... and possibly win some money.

CV Chamber's bingo game is this Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the first bingo game is at 6 p.m.

You might wonder why there are so many bingo games going on. The answer is simple: bingo is a great way to enjoy community time while raising needed funds for the organization that is hosting the bingo night.

I remember as a kid that our local church held bingo every single Friday night. My mom won enough money to buy a new refrigerator! I don't know if the years passed and bingo lost its allure or folks forgot how much fun it is to play – I'm just thankful that bingo has returned.

As most of you know, I am president of the CV Chamber. We've planned a historic bingo night, meaning that between games players will learn some interesting facts about our Crescenta Valley.

The chamber has undergone some dynamic, but scary, changes these past few months. One way our board discovered the

support of our community was in planning Saturday night's bingo. We've raised some money by having folks and organizations sponsor games and more money will be raised through ticket and food sales.

We have some people who are making pulled pork sandwiches for dinner and there will also be other food available for purchase. The veterans will be on hand to oversee the games we look forward to filling up the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall with players, armed with their daubers, eager to be the one to yell "Bingo!"

On Friday, a woman died who was like my second mom. Elaine Mandel was the mother of my friend Amy and I've known her since I was 14. She attended functions at her daughter's junior and senior high school, hired me at the temporary employment agency she worked at as manager and danced at my wedding. After having my first son and I was ready to get back to work, she hired me as a temporary employee, giving me the chance to work at some terrific places and learn some important skills.

I am lucky that I have some treasured memories of Elaine and will forever be grateful that she was in my life.

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

I spend part of each day checking Instagram. I do this to get quick information on what is going on in the world of social media. Now there is a lot of empty information there but there are times that something makes me pause. One of those times happened recently.

There was a post in which an elderly woman asked a male neighbor to turn off his rope lights. She said it was keeping her awake; he first reminded her that they had gone through this before and the lights were not directed at her home and that when the police were called they too said the lights did not affect her. But she said they did. And then something amazing happened. This man, who was Black and much younger than this White elderly woman, said he would turn off the lights at 10 p.m. The woman's attitude immediately changed.

"Is that okay?" she asked.

Then she repeatedly said she was sorry, and the man said he thought he knew what was going on – she needed to come over to his house when she was lonely. They would have something to eat and they would talk. He even invited her and her son to come over and sit on the front porch if he wasn't home. He said he loved her.

I have spoken before about the affect of these small acts of kindness and how overwhelming they are in people's lives. We may remember when someone was threatening or mean, but acts of kindness shape our lives and make a forever change in us. It just takes someone to step up and change the narrative from combative to kind.

As is my nature, I went beyond this simple act and started thinking about how kindness can also get a response from animals and the environment. And that brought me to sea lions and Monterey ... naturally.

I spent a lot of time in Monterey when my kids were young. Every night when I finished

work my son and I would go to the pier and look out over the ocean, and almost every single night we would see at least one injured sea lion. Most of the time their injury was caused by fisherman's netting. There were a lot of large fishing ships off the coast at the time and they used plastic nets to capture fish; however, often sea lions, sharks and dolphins were the unintended prey.

I found the phone number to report injured sea lions (yes there was a number specifically for them because they were injured so often). We would call them so often the responders and I knew each other by our first names. The statistics on how many sea lions are injured or killed by nets in California do not seem to be accurate. It is a self-reporting program by fisherman and therein, I think, lies the problem.

"While information is scarce for many years and species, there is sufficient data between 2005 and 2012 for California sea lions and harbor seals to draw significant conclusions. In those eight years fishery participants self-reported 100 incidents of set gillnets catching and either injuring or killing a California sea lion or harbor seal, an average of approximately 12 each year. In contrast, National Marine Fisheries Service estimates that over the same period there were actually 1,698 sea lions or harbor seals – approximately 212 per year – caught and harmed by California set gillnets, based on fishery data acquired on trips where an observer was on board," according to usa.oceania.org.

Just from what my son and I witnessed I would tend to believe there were even more than 212 per year.

San Diego City Council voted to close a stretch of Point La Jolla in 2023 because so many people were taking selfies with the sea lions that came ashore to give birth, nurse and breed. Not only would these "visitors" take selfies with these creatures but they would also fly drones

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### BINGO TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are now available for the “historical bingo game” on Saturday, Jan. 27 that benefits the CV Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$25 each, which pays for 10 games, up to 40 chances to win cash, and a dauber. The game is held at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at the offices of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, at KNA X Clawssy at 3156 Foothill Blvd. and Bob Smith Toyota, 3333 Foothill Blvd.

### CALTRANS ANNOUNCES OVERNIGHT CLOSURE

Caltrans announced an overnight closure from Saturday, Jan. 27 at 11 p.m. to Sunday, Jan. 28 at 8 a.m. to remove a defunct pedestrian bridge. The closure will be the southbound Harbor Freeway from the 10 Freeway to Exposition; and northbound from Adams to the 10 Freeway

### BIRDS OF THE ROSEMONT PRESERVE WITH JODHAN FINE

On Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the community is invited to tour the Rosemont Preserve with Jodhan Fine who'll teach participants about the birds seen and heard on the walk.

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

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

The Preserve is located at the

north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. Please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., and not in front of neighbors' homes. Those with mobility issues requiring a closer parking spot can contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [rosemontfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rosemontfriends@gmail.com). Wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail and water to drink.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CVCA

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its first meeting of the year tonight, Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. This will be a live, in-person meeting in the La Crescenta Library community room. Just prior to the CVCA meeting, the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is for residents who live in the Glendale portion of La Crescenta between Lowell and Pennsylvania avenues, but all are welcome to attend. Both meetings will include topics important to the greater Crescenta Valley.

The La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with any questions or to be added to the meetings notification list.

### COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM

The seven candidates running for two open seats on the Glendale City Council will attend a candidates' forum, sponsored by Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association, on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

The location is Brand Library Auditorium, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Brand Park in Glendale.

This community event is open to all interested residents. For more information, call (818) 754-8274 or email [nwglendale@gmail.com](mailto:nwglendale@gmail.com).

## Friend to Dog and Man – Gary Ireland



Photo by Mikaela STONE

Gary Ireland, center, has been dubbed the mayor of Two Strike Park and can be found there most mornings.

By Mikaela STONE

The sight of dogs running full tilt across Two Strike Park in the early morning typically means one thing: They are on their way to see a very special man. Crescenta Valley local Gary Ireland has been dubbed the mayor of Two Strike Park by park regulars for his uplifting presence and service to the community. Every morning from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., Ireland brings people together during his daily walk through Two Strike Park. By introducing first the dogs and then the owners, he has brought a group of dog walkers together, many of whom credit Ireland as the reason they continue to visit the park.

Easily distinguishable by his burgundy colored jacket, pair of canes and choice of shorts (no matter the weather), Ireland walks along, picking up trash and going as far as elbow deep into trash bins in the pursuit of recyclables to give to others. Many of the park regulars join to pitch in as well, noting the park “has never been so clean” as it is under Ireland's care. One dog walker who receives recyclables from Ireland donates the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House charity, which provides a “home away from home” where families with sick children can stay while they receive treatment. Other forms of donations from Ireland include sports equipment and balls that have been abandoned for a week or more. They are donated to a downtown LA boys and girls club for under-served children. This project has also become a group effort for the regular dog walkers of Two Strike Park. While Ireland's efforts are much appreciated by those who have seen the difference he makes in the community, Ireland remains modest, insisting that he is “nothing special.”

However, in the nine years since Ireland started walking Two Strike Park he has drawn people together. Walking Two Strike Park became his early morning routine after he broke his back and then had an operation to fix it and was in

search of a level place to exercise.

What he sees as “just a group of friends” has become a multigenerational group of roughly 30 dog walkers brought together by their love of dogs and Ireland, whose tight knit ties go beyond a club seeking fresh air. They have become friends who notice when one misses a day at the park. If a walker does not show up, members of the group will text each other to verify each is okay.

A Vietnam veteran, Ireland is fighting cancer and he checks in on the other dog walkers who he knows are fighting medical battles of their own. Each of the group keeps tabs on how far they are in their medical journeys and cheer on one another. When one of their ranks moved away to attend game warden school, the friends held a coffee klatch to send him off – and his dog is now brought to the park by one of the friends he made through Ireland!

His relationships with fellow walkers has evolved to Ireland

opening his home during the holidays to people who do not have other places to go. He also hosts barbecues for the community.

As his friends extolled the impact he had made upon them, Ireland groused, “Are you going to tell them I walk on water, too?” to which another dog walker replied “Yes!” The walker then proceeded to remind Ireland he fit that description because he attended Two Strike to beautify the park – rain or shine.

In spite of the groups' excitement to share how much Ireland meant to the community, Ireland was hesitant to talk about himself, insisting he was “nobody special ... just an old guy at a park who likes to feed the dogs.”

About the dogs, however, he was much more forthcoming saying, “As far as cute, they're all cute, but they each have their own personality.” To illustrate, he pointed out Makana the doodle whose sunny

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# NOTES & NODS

## Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is celebrating the accomplishments of member Olivia Brandt who came up through the church's youth group and is now officially "Dr. Olivia Brandt."

Brandt successfully completed her Ph.D. at the Purdue School of Materials Engineering. Her work focused on fabricating a novel ceramic heat exchanger for improved thermal efficiency of turbine engines. Brandt begins work next week as a researcher at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC. She will work in the Spacecraft Division. Brandt received her undergraduate degree from UC Riverside, majoring in Materials Science.

Throughout her academic journey, Brandt remained active in her hometown church, see NOTES & NODS on page 7

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# LCPC Parent Education Gala



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The LCPC Parent Ed team prepares for its 45th gala, "One for the Record." Pictured from left in the front row are Amanda Baughman, Sarah New, Julie Milbrodt, Katrina Harbers, Jenn Kliewer, Teresa Chiu, Annie Hewett and Eleanor Hewett; middle row are Anne Bierling, Beth Shupper, Katy Riddell, Elizabeth Angiuli, Nanette Brown, Kelsey Hendrix, Melanie Frey, Sarah Montes and Lauren Gallodoro; and the back row are Cathy Lukesh, Jan Roberts, Tracy Tobias, Stephanie Ferguson, Charlotte Miller, Jenny Ryan, Natasha Wood, Betty Bredemann, Debbie Barsom, Carrie Kingston, Lynne Graves and Ashley Barret.

LCPC Parent Education announced its annual gala "One for the Record" on Saturday, March 2 at the Oakmont Country Club. This night is especially meaningful because it celebrates the legacy of Parent Education as it celebrates its 45th year. Tickets are only \$145 each: bit.ly/parentedgala24.

Since 1978, Parent Education has been a bedrock in the community, bringing together parents and caregivers and strengthening families through education, love and support. The program strives to encourage loving and effective parenting, concepts of human development, strategies for building stronger families and an appreciation for the uniqueness of both parent and child. Over Parent Education's 45 years, the program has experienced continued growth and expanded impact. It now has classes for parents from birth through young adult and even

grandparenting! As an annual tradition, Parent Education tithes back 10% of all net fundraising proceeds to a charity that impacts families and children. This year, the Parent Education board has chosen The Oasis of Hollywood, a multi-faceted faith-based ministry located in the heart of Hollywood, serving the next generation and their families. See oasisofhollywood.org.

To ensure the continued work of Parent Education and its growing impact on families, support from the local community is requested. The program relies on the generosity of volunteers and donors as tuition alone does not cover operational costs. Supportive community members are sought to consider underwriting a portion of this important event. These gifts will ensure the continued mission of Parent Education benefiting families, community and its

philanthropic partners and help make this year "one for the record." To sponsor or donate, go to bit.ly/parentedgala24.

The annual fundraiser will be March 2 and includes an online auction from Feb. 26 - March 4. This is a great opportunity for businesses to serve an impactful program while also connecting to the local community. Individuals and businesses that desire to donate to the online auction can do so by mailing, emailing or dropping off auction items to the LCPC Ministry Hub by Feb. 7. The online auction will open for viewing on Feb. 14 at 8 a.m. and close on March 4 at 11:59 p.m. Additionally, for the first time, Parent Ed is offering business ads for purchase. All business ads will be printed in the gala program and can be purchased online. Please contact lpc.pe.auction@gmail.com with any questions.

# CVTC Looks at Past as it Prepares for Future

By Mikaela STONE

The first meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council in 2024 began with a look back at the year prior to acknowledge all that the council accomplished.

Outgoing President Chris Kilpatrick recounted how 2023 had a terse beginning with the loss of several sponsors the council had relied on. In spite of this rocky beginning, the Crescenta Valley Town Council enjoyed a successful year, reporting a 20% reduction in traffic accidents, an increase in council meeting attendance and a new generation of CV students awarded council scholarships for both college and trade school – a step toward bringing more talented craftspeople into the Crescenta Valley area. The council can now deliver news to the community via an eblast system.

Kilpatrick also thanked the LA County representatives for attending council meetings to address short term rental issues, the county fire safety department for unveiling its new evacuation zone app, and local first responders who demonstrated how prepared they were for Hurricane Hilary, which (thankfully) passed by the valley.

2024 has brought new changes to the council via officer elections with Harry Leon taking back the

president position from his mentee Kilpatrick.

Kilpatrick said he was surprised by the vote that ousted him as president.

“I started doing [with council] because I love this community and we did an excellent job [during my presidency]. I feel going back to the old [leadership] is a step backwards,” he said. “I am going to continue for work for the community as a councilmember whether or not I am an officer.”

Frida Baghdassarian found herself double-booked with two position wins, but ultimately chose to accept the role of vice president, leading to the council picking a bashful Jeffrey Rodriguez by popular demand to be the recording secretary. Also elected to positions were Donna Libra as treasurer and Kerri Lewin as corresponding secretary. Elizabeth Ahlers, Chris Kilpatrick, Dede Mueller, Aram Ordubegian, Dr. Young Suh, and the returning Daniel Kim made up the rest of the council after Ted Yu’s decision to step down. Each of the council members wished Yu well in future endeavors and acknowledged his four years of service to the council. Yu’s unique perspective as a Ph.D.-trained educator will be missed.

Alongside officer elections, the Crescenta Valley Town Council recognized the high schoolers who

have been elected to the CVTC Youth Council: Ashley Kim, Chloe Baghdassarian, Christopher Baghdassarian, Caden Park and Sabrina Ordubegian.

The first responders present at the meeting reported that there were no fires in either November or December and announced that should any locals need sandbags to shore up their property for any expected rain, supplies are available at Station 63 (4526 Ramsdell Ave). Additionally, sheriff’s department representatives said the vendor beside the Ralph’s parking lot has poor refrigeration and presents a risk of food poisoning.

Crescenta Valley Water District representatives reminded locals that Metropolitan Water District, which is responsible for 45% of the valley’s water supply, will be shut down for scheduled maintenance between Feb. 5 and Feb. 9, then as needed until Feb. 14. Officials urged locals to conserve water during that time by taking shorter showers, not using water to clean sidewalks and driveways (as usual), and shutting off irrigation.

Crescenta Valley Honorary Mayor Dwight Sityar and Montrose Christmas Parade Grand Marshal Steve Pierce, referred to by Leon as “the godfather of La Crescenta,” took the mic to encourage CV locals to come to an upcoming


historic bingo game at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall on Jan. 27. Tickets are \$25 and on sale at the offices of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, KNA x Clawssy Nails and Bob Smith Toyota, not only provides entry into the bingo game, game cards for 10 games and a dauber, but also offers access to root beer floats with ice cream courtesy of Moo Moo Mia in Montrose.

The Crescenta Valley Library, which hosts 12,000 visitors a month and is a community “safe place,” is having several events in the upcoming weeks. Locals can look forward to the April 8 solar eclipse event when the Library will distribute eclipse glasses. Personnel will also show children how to build a solar oven to learn how the sun works. For Valentine’s Day, children are welcome to learn about love and kindness as they create handmade crafts to give to their loved ones or keep for themselves. Ongoing events include a virtual book club that is aimed at seniors, although anyone is welcome, and “smarty-pants storytime” for toddlers and preschoolers.

The next general meeting of the CV Town Council is Thursday,

Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library community room, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

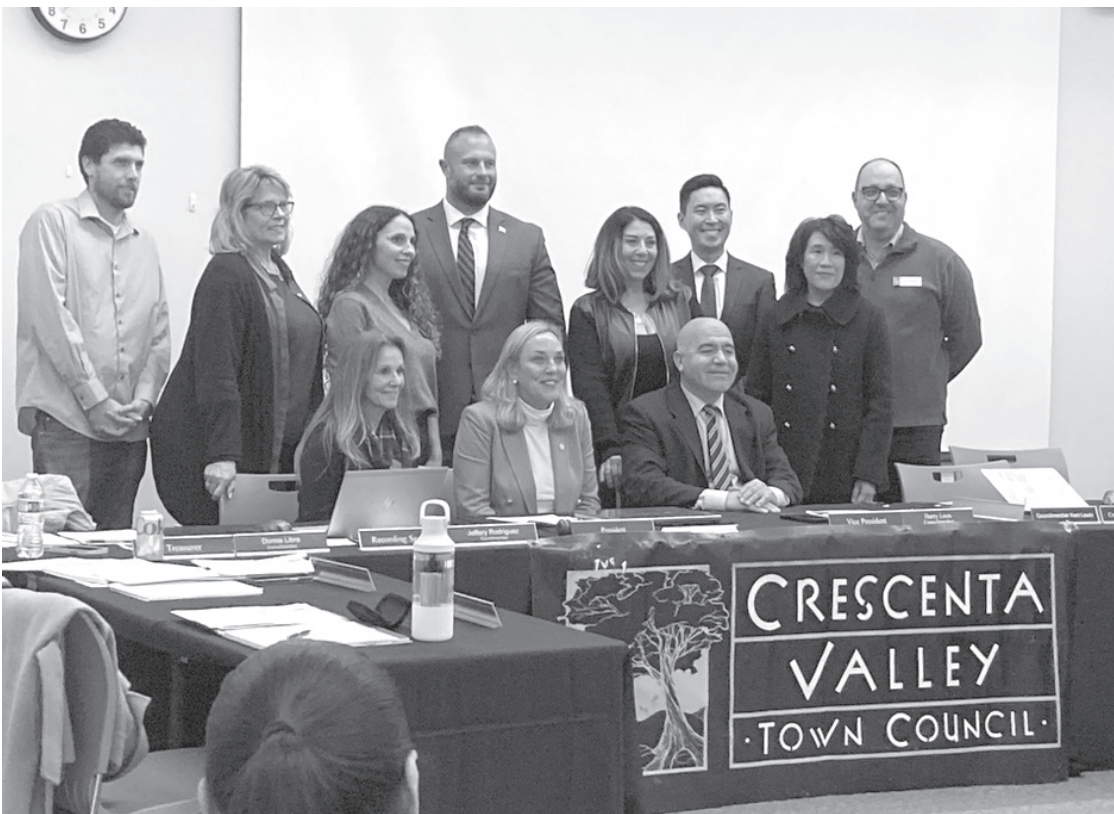
Mary O’Keefe added to this story.




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ABOVE: The council (back row from left) is Jeffrey Rodriguez, Dede Mueller, Frida Baghdassarian, Chris Kilpatrick, Kerri Lewin, Daniel Kim, Elizabeth Ahlers and Aram Ordubegian; seated are Donna Libra, Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Harry Leon.  
BELOW: The Youth Council was sworn in during the meeting.

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Obituary

Reverend John W. Rieck



May 1, 1933 – Jan. 15, 2024

In 1933, with the passage of the 21st Amendment repealing Prohibition, the Reverend Norman W. Rieck and his wife Martha (Stenske) Rieck of Marble, Minnesota might have raised a glass to celebrate the arrival of their second born son John Wilbur Rieck. The middle of three boys, John would be faithfully raised in the Lutheran Church along with his brothers Norman ("Bucky"), 1931, and Jerome, 1936.

John attended high school at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan, continuing his education at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He received his seminary training at Concordia Theological Seminary of St. Louis, Missouri, graduating in June 1957. There he honed his theological insight and prepared for a life of spiritual leadership serving the Lord for 60 years through the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

On June 8, 1957 in Rochester, Minnesota, John married his sweetheart Julia Ann Schwerman. A beautiful ceremony was officiated by the father of the bride, Reverend Earl Schwerman, and father of the groom, Reverend Norman Rieck.

In 1958, John and Julia moved to Casey, Illinois serving two churches, one in Casey and one in Marshall. In 1959 they moved to Orange, California where John served as a vicar and was mentored by the Reverend Victor

Behnken at Immanuel Lutheran Church. In 1966, John and Julia, along with their three young daughters, moved to La Cañada and then La Crescenta. There, with a heart full of compassion and a booming voice that resonated with wisdom, John provided guidance, comfort and inspiration to countless individuals both within his congregation, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, and beyond.

Along with his love of God and family, John was an avid enthusiast of the great outdoors. As a keen ornithologist, John especially loved the study of ducks. His friends and family were often impressed with his ability to identify every single duck species and were frequently gifted with his beautiful, hand-carved decoys.

Preceded in death by his parents, brothers and wife of 63 years, he is survived by his children: Ruth Martha of Spokane, Washington, Rebecca Ann Rieck (Robin) of Burbank and Elizabeth Mary Crawford (Larry) of Lakewood; grandchildren Jonathan Bot, Sarah Foster (Blake), Andrew Bot, Rachyl Spacca (Cris), Eliza Crawford, John Paul Crawford (Kathy) and Julia Ann Crawford; great-grandchildren Emma Foster, Harper Bot and Bennett Foster.

On Saturday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. a memorial service will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2723 Orange Ave. in La Crescenta, Pastor James Edwards officiating. Friends are invited to arrive early, at or after 9 a.m., for a viewing. Following the service, the family will travel to Mountain View Cemetery, 2400 N. Fair Oaks in Altadena for his committal service.

Pastor Rieck's life reminds us of the profound impact one person can have when they live by faith, love genuinely and serve selflessly. His legacy will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, The Sierra Club or Ducks Unlimited.

GPD Crime Report

On Tuesday at 3:50 a.m., Glendale Police Dept. found broken glass from a front door to a business located in the 4100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Officers did not find any suspects at the time. Surveillance footage from the business revealed that two men broke the glass door and entered the business just after midnight. There was unknown loss and detectives are continuing their investigation.

On Tuesday, Glendale officers stopped a man riding a bicycle without lights a little after 4 a.m. near La Crescenta and Sierra Vista avenues. The man reportedly said he was riding his bike to his car, described the vehicle and showed officers a car key. When officers searched for and found the car in the area, they ran the license plate to discover it was reported stolen. After confirming that the key the man presented belonged to the stolen car, officers arrested the man for taking a vehicle without consent.

Crime Blotter

DEC. 28

2200 block of Waltonia Drive in Montrose, a person reported that he had a package stolen from his front porch. Surveillance footage revealed a black SUV-type vehicle parked in front of the victim's residence. A female, described as White, in her 30s with red hair and wearing a gray sweater and black pants, exited the vehicle. She walked to the front porch and grabbed the packages, walked back to her vehicle and drove away at 11:36 a.m.

deputies arrived and they found the business had been ransacked. Nothing was reported stolen at the time.

The business burglary occurred between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

JAN. 14

3000 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta, residents returned home and found the window of the master bedroom had been smashed and jewelry was stolen from the residence between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

JAN. 13

4500 block of Briggs Avenue in Montrose, a resident reported that the catalytic converter on his vehicle had been stolen overnight.

JAN. 17

200 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a deputy responded to burglar alarm and observed the front glass door to the neighboring business had been shattered. The deputy also found a large hole in the drywall that connected the two businesses. Other

MAGIC from Cover

to all the seniors, good luck; make sure that you [take time] for yourself."

He told seniors to enjoy this time and to look forward to graduation, then going on to college or a trade school.

"To both teams, I want to say good luck, always play the game the right way," he added.

He told the athletes being there to support their teammates is the most important thing.

"These are precious days, precious games, because when you look back it's gone [quickly]," he said.

He told the students to make sure to thank their parents for their support and to support their school.

"Participate, participate, participate," he said. "Make sure you never take these days for granted."

Johnson was there not to just

support CVHS girls' and boys' teams and their opponents – Burbank's John Burroughs High School – but also to reveal two new plaques in the gym that honored the 2022 CIF champion girls swim team and girls lacrosse team.

He climbed to the top of the bleachers and removed the covering that had been over the two plaques.

Benitez was told to keep the news of Johnson's visit quiet in an attempt to control crowds. For the people who were at the school supporting the basketball games, it was a bit of controlled chaos.

"This was a special moment for our teams and for our school," she added.

She added she was impressed with Johnson's kindness, sincerity and generosity.

He took a lot of photos with many onlookers, shook hands and signed autographs – always with

a smile on his face and a kind word to share.

Everyone who met him was excited, regardless of their age; however, his visit seemed to mean even more to the younger students.

"He touched the top of my head," said a very happy young student.

Despite the added excitement in the gym, the basketball players kept their head in the game. Falcons' girls and boys basketball teams won their games against Burroughs.

PET OF THE WEEK

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<p><b>WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, 7PM</b> Chevy Chase Estates Assn and Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Assn Candidate Forum Location: The Chevy Chase Country Club 3067 E Chevy Chase Dr.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 6:30PM</b> Rossmoyne Mountain Homeowners Association Candidate Forum Location: Glendale Civic Auditorium 1401 N. Verdugo Road.</p>

**We encourage all residents to learn about the candidates and vote.**

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# Remembering Every Person Has A Name



File photo  
 Rachelle Miller, (right), office manager at CV Weekly, took part in reading the names at a previous 'Every Person Has A Name' event.

By Mary O'KEEFE

January 27 is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"International Holocaust Remembrance Day [is] a time to remember the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution," according to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

As time moves on there are fewer Jewish witnesses to the Holocaust that occurred during WWII. According to a report released on Tuesday, there are an estimated 245,000 survivors of the Holocaust still alive globally.

The report was released by the Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, or Claims Conference, and according to the Global Demographic Report on Jewish Holocaust Survivors, 49% of survivors live in Israel, 18% in North America and 18% in Western Europe. At the time of the report publication, the median age of survivors was 86, but ages range from 77 years old to over 100 with birthdates that reach back as far as 1912.

This means the witnesses to history are an aging population that may no longer be able to share, like many have in the past, their story with an audience. One example is Joseph Alexander who turned 100 in November 2023.

Alexander has been touring the world for many years telling his audiences the story of his survival and of those who did not survive. He has said in interviews with CVW that he speaks for those who cannot speak, and he always points out how important it is to tell the story of the Holocaust to as many people as he can. Alexander is still sharing his story.

The loss of the Holocaust survivors is not lost on Jason Moss, executive director of the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. Each year Moss and his team organize "Every Person Has a Name," a 25-hour Holocaust commemoration and vigil in recognition of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The program begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 27 and ends at 8 p.m. on Jan. 28. The first hour features local elected officials and other dignitaries, then at 8 p.m. volunteers begin their 24-hour vigil reading the names of the lives lost in the Holocaust.

The readers come from all walks of life, faiths and cultures.

"By bringing the community together, we remember that each person killed was someone who lived and whose life was cut short. They are not just part of the 6 million lives lost but had their own story and their own individual experience. While our readers and those who listen may not know the people they are reading the names for, they are remembered by saying their names aloud. With every

passing day, survivors are dying and with them go their stories. My concern is that the memories will be dying as well," Moss stated.

This event is important to show respect to those who died and to remind people of what happens when hate takes over, he said.

"I want people to experience reading the names of people and seeing where and when they were murdered. There is something that just rings out; you can't describe it," he said.

Moss is on-site the entire time and when he goes up to the readers to tell them they are finished, they often tell him it feels like they only started.

"People are so moved by the experience," he said. "It impacts them at their core."

Some are reading the names of their family members who were lost in the Holocaust, and that can be very powerful.

Moss said the reading has an added importance – not just because the witnesses are getting older and passing but because of increased antisemitism.

"Prior to Oct. 7 there was a rise in antisemitism, but after [that date] there has been an unprecedented rise," he said.

According to the Jewish Council of Public Affairs, a recent poll found a steep increase about antisemitism after Oct. 7.

On Oct. 7, Hamas terrorist fighters attacked Jewish communities along Israel's southern fence with Gaza, thus starting a war with Israel.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, between Oct. 7 and Dec. 7, 2023, a total of 2,031 antisemitic incidents occurred in the U.S., up from 465 incidents during the same period in 2022, representing a 337% increase year-over-year.

"[Antisemitism] has become so normalized," Moss said.

He added this type of behavior should never be accepted, but people seem to feel comfortable to spread this hate in chat rooms and via other online outlets.

"[Our] organization has been working hard with our local cities to denounce antisemitism and all forms of hate," Moss said.

The organization started this outreach to cities in March 2023 – well before Oct. 7 – because even then they saw a rise in threats. They focused on cities to create a resolution that stands against hate speech for all, not just for Jewish people. They did this because Moss said there seems to be a lack of willingness to sit and listen to one another and to accept ideas from others. Glendale is one of the cities to pass the resolution.

"When we [listen to each other it creates] a far greater opportunity to learn and to be able to come to an understanding," he added.

The "Every Person Has a Name" event is open to the public and volunteers are needed to read. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Jewish Federation at (626) 445-0810 or email federation@jewishsgpv.org.

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village in Michoacán, Mexico to become an astronaut in the International Space Station. Activities for younger kids will be provided during the movie. Dessert follows at 8:30 p.m.

Then on Sunday, Feb. 11 Christian worship is at 10 a.m. (Sunday school and nursery care are provided) followed by a light lunch. Everyone is invited!

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**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**

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. 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.

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

# SCE Offers Weather Tips

Southern California Edison (SCE) customers can report or inquire about power outages by calling (800) 611-1911 and get the latest outage information at [sce.com/outages](http://sce.com/outages). Downed power lines should be treated as if they are electrified; never approach a downed wire and call 9-1-1 immediately to report an electrical emergency.

The below recommendations can help customers stay safe during wet weather:

- Never try to remove a broken tree limb or branch that has come in contact with a power line.
- Install surge protectors to help safeguard valuable electronic equipment, such as computers and home entertainment systems.

- Those who have an automatic garage door or gate should learn to open it manually (without power).
- Check vehicle's wiper blades and tire tread, use caution when driving and do not enter flooded areas.
- Contact city or county emergency services offices for flood preparation and sandbag locations.
- Customers should make a safety preparedness plan for their family that includes a list and location of emergency items such as water bottles, flashlights, first-aid kits, extra blankets, etc.
- Be prepared to meet the unique needs of infants and elderly or disabled family members. Also, plan how to care for any pets.

# Robbery Suspects Arrested

Two men were arrested last week in connection to several armed robberies, including one in Burbank.

On Jan. 6, a masked man used a handgun in the course of robbing Macy's, 200 E. Cypress Ave. in Burbank, of jewelry. He escaped to an awaiting vehicle driven by another suspect. The Burbank Police Dept. began an investigation into the robbery, in partnership with the Los Angeles Organized Retail Crime Task Force. During the investigation, detectives connected the same two individuals to four additional armed robberies and an attempted armed robbery in the cities of Manhattan Beach, Downey, and Los Angeles:

On Dec. 27, Macy's, 3400 N. Sepulveda Blvd., City of Manhattan Beach

On Dec. 29, Macy's, 400 Stonewood St., City of Downey

On Jan. 5, Bloomingdale's, 10250 Santa Monica Blvd., City of Los Angeles

On Jan. 7, Verizon Wireless, 3700 S. La Brea, City of Los Angeles

On Jan. 7, Macy's, 14000 Riverside Drive, City of Los Angeles

Two men from Los Angeles, 32-year-old Ivory McFarland and 33-year-old Craig Stewart, were quickly identified as suspects in the robberies. Arrest warrants were issued for both men, who each have extensive violent criminal histories.

On Jan. 12, the Burbank Police Dept. – Special Investigations Detail located McFarland in the 1200 block of Spring Street, in the City of Los Angeles and took him into custody. On Jan. 17, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Dept.'s Gang and Narcotics Division and United States Marshal's Task Force, Stewart was taken into custody in the 14000 block of Gault Street in the City of Van Nuys. Evidence linking the two men to the crimes was located during their arrests.

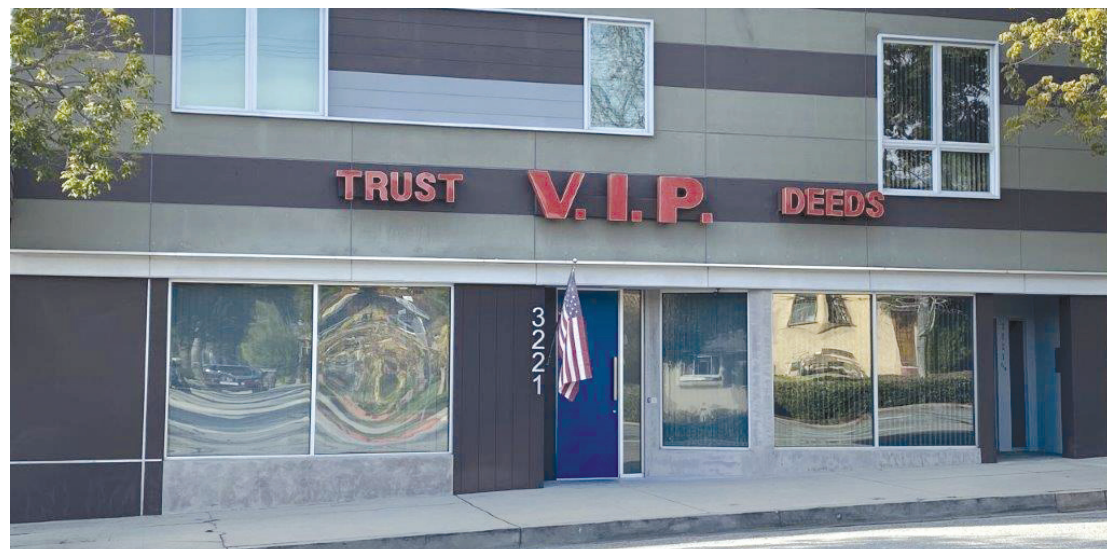
The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed this case. Several counts of robbery and one count of assault with a firearm were filed against McFarland. He is currently being held on \$1,325,000 bail. McFarland is due to appear in Pasadena Court on Feb. 7. Two counts of robbery were filed against Stewart, who is currently being held on \$150,000 bail. He is due to appear in Pasadena Court on Jan. 24.

This case remains under investigation by the Burbank, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach and Downey Police departments. The Burbank Police Dept. is grateful for the partnership and collaborative working relationship with the Los Angeles Organized Retail Crime Task Force and other involved allied agencies.

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to contact the Burbank Police Dept. – Detective Bureau at (818) 238-3210.

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LCIF, serving as acolyte and lector. LCIF members most recently enjoyed Brandt's warm presence during her reading as lector for its Christmas Eve service. Brandt is the daughter of LCIF members Renee and Jeff Brandt, and the sister of Frederic.

LCIF reminds the community of its upcoming meeting for anyone interested in becoming a member of the church. Pastor Rick Hall will hold a New Members Meeting at the church on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 9:15 a.m. Regular Sunday worship will follow at 10 a.m.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951.

The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Soundbath Healing at CSL-La Crescenta**

The Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta is having a soundbath healing on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m.

A \$25 donation is requested.

For more information, call (818) 249-1045. The Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. (at Santa Carlotta) in La Crescenta.

**Free Parenting Course Continues at La Crescenta Presbyterian**

Parents, grandparents and

caregivers are invited to a free six-week course on "Parenting the Love and Logic Way" at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church began on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Practical skills will be taught for raising kids from toddlers to high schoolers. Participants will laugh at the common struggles that all parents face and may find the courage to try something new with their children or grandchildren.

Facilitated by Pat Chambers, director of the Center for Children at La Crescenta Presbyterian, the class will take place from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings to Feb. 28 at the church campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. The class will not meet on Feb. 14.

Sign up for the "Love and Logic" class at [center4children.com/lov](http://center4children.com/lov).

The course is part of La Crescenta Presbyterian's Praise and Education for Adults and Kids (PEAK) program, which also offers free child care for infants and toddlers; classes for children from pre-school to sixth grade; and Abide, a safe and welcoming environment for middle school and high school students.

All programs begin at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and the community is invited to come early for a nutritious and delicious meal for the whole family, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

For more information, visit [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) or call (818) 249-6137.

**Mt. Olive Offers Community Luncheon, Breakfast Bible Study**

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.

**Friendship Weekend**

Bethel Church in Sun Valley is hosting special events for the whole community the weekend of Feb. 10-11. On Feb. 10, there will be a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. showing of the movie "A Million Miles Away" (rated PG) about the inspiring real-life story of NASA flight engineer José Hernández. It tells the story of Hernández who embarks on a decades-long journey from a rural

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close to their faces, throw sand and kick them.

So a stretch of beach was closed – not due to rogue waves or dangerous toxic water levels but because of mean people. You can't even excuse these people as being ignorant or uneducated about sea lions. When you throw something at a creature you pretty much know it could hurt that creature. It is because these people were mean.

In the case in San Diego, as well as what my son and I witnessed, these "mean people" were usually in a group. It was not one person who went after a sea lion but many and they seemed to feed off each other. Can anyone say, "The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street"? This Twilight Zone episode is the quintessential example of what happens when a mob turns mean.

According to an article titled, "The Psychology of Mob Mentality" in Psychology Today, social psychology gives these causes of mob mentality: "Deindividuation – When people are part of a group, they experience a loss of self-awareness. Identity – When people are part of a group, they can lose their sense of individual identity. Emotions – Being part of a group can lead to heightened emotional states, be that excitement, anger, hostility, etc. Acceptability – Behaviors that are usually seen as unacceptable become acceptable when others in a group are seen carrying them out. Anonymity – people feel anonymous within a large group, which reduces their sense of responsibility and accountability. Diffusion of responsibility – Being part of a group creates the perception that violent or unacceptable behavior is not a personal responsibility but a group one. The larger the group or crowd, the more likely there will be deindividuation and diffusion of responsibility."

So when one person throws something at a sea lion or dodges them with a drone, the others who are watching feel empowered by this action. They feel superior, and that can even be the feeling that occurs when a group of fishermen sees that plastic

netting around a sea lion. They may not see it as cruel but as through the lens of a superior being.

But here's the thing: it takes great strength of character to put the brakes on cruelty or meanness if you are in the middle of these groups.

My son and I saw that power of kindness when we were watching as the mean people were taunting the sea lions. There were others on a Monterey beach who were closer to the sea lions. They were keeping people away from the injured creatures as they awaited the animal responders. These people were so kind. They didn't yell at those who wanted to get closer; they just explained that it could be dangerous for them and for the sea lion. These strange people who thought it was their right to exploit this injured sea lion started out very aggressive but then, because the sea lion protectors were so quiet, calm and kind, they became quiet. And all of a sudden they too were concerned for the sea lions. It didn't happen with everyone but it

happened enough to see the difference. In fact, when we would see some of these formerly aggressive people on the pier later they talked about their role in saving the sea lions.

Come to find out, according to Cedars-Sinai, acts of kindness release hormones that contribute to a person's mood and overall sense of wellbeing. The practice is so effective it's being formally incorporated into some types of psychotherapy.

"We all seek a path to happiness," said Dr. Waguih William IsHak, a professor of psychiatry at Cedars-Sinai. "Practicing kindness toward others is one we know works."

"Most research on the science behind why kindness makes us feel better has centered around oxytocin. Sometimes called 'the love hormone,' oxytocin plays a role in forming social bonds and trusting other people. It's the hormone mothers produce when they breastfeed, cementing their bond with their babies. Studies have also linked random acts of kindness

to releasing dopamine, a chemical messenger in the brain that can give us a feeling of euphoria. This feel-good brain chemical is credited with causing what's known as a 'helper's high,' according to Cedars-Sinai.

In addition to boosting oxytocin and dopamine, being kind can also increase serotonin, a neurotransmitter that helps regulate mood.

Last week was Kindness Week in GUSD schools. My first thought was, "Isn't it too bad we have to bring attention to being kind, something we should practice every day?" But after seeing the Instagram post and thinking about those animal protectors of my past, I realized that being reminded to be kind is something we all could use every now and then.

So we need to be kind to each other, taking the road that as of late has been less traveled; however, we also need to be kind to the environment. We should use our kindness to help prevent damage. Maybe we should think on how we can be kind to the animals and

plants around us – how we can change the dialogue from being complacent about climate change to being kind to the Earth by truly caring about the planet.

I don't think society will ever reach the utopian era that science fiction writers tell us about; there is always a price to pay for perfection. However, I do think that if we tried using more kindness rather than aggression we could find a path that all could walk on together.

Temperatures will slowly begin to rise and by Saturday and Sunday we should be seeing temperatures in the high 70s and possible low 80s. This is about 10 degrees above normal, according to Mike Wofford, NOAA meteorologist.

We can't get too comfortable with the warm weather because after Tuesday cooler temps will begin as another storm moves toward the Crescenta Valley. It is expected to bring rain and winds to our area by Thursday.



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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Fighter Jet Crash in Glendale

Here's a long forgotten event that happened just outside of the Crescenta Valley, actually in north Glendale, in July 1957. It involved a fighter jet crashing in a residential neighborhood – fortunately and amazingly with no fatalities.

The fighter jet involved was the Douglas A-4 Skyhawk, a single engine, single-seat light attack aircraft. Fortunately for this incident it was a very small plane. It had a delta configured wing with a wingspan of only 26 feet – so small it didn't need folding wings for aircraft carrier use. The plane was developed in the early

1950s for the Navy and Marine Corps and by 1956 the Douglas Aircraft Company was delivering operational jets. It was the primary attack aircraft used by the Navy in the Vietnam Conflict.

In July 1957 Navy Commander Paul Durap was taking delivery of a new A-4 Skyhawk from the Douglas plant in El Segundo. In the late afternoon he took off for an acceptance flight and headed out over the ocean. He was flying at 25,000 feet when the plane began having engine trouble. Heading back and losing altitude, he ended up over Glendale. He radioed his position to the airfield and reported that he was bailing out. At a mere 2,000 feet he finally

ejected, probably hoping the plane would hit the Verdugo Mountains just in front of him. (Looking at the map one can see that the crash site was just a couple of blocks from what was then bare hillsides.)

Instead the plane dropped down quickly and hit perhaps the only vacant lot in a heavily populated residential area of North Glendale. The vacant lot was behind 301 Parkwood Drive. (Parkwood Drive is below Kenneth Drive, just west of Central.) The vacant lot was heavily treed with oak, avocado and walnut. The pilotless jet plowed an 80-foot furrow in the ground, but was slowed by three oak trees in its path. Nonetheless parts of the plane scattered onto the houses and flames from burning jet fuel shot up 200 feet in the air.

It was a quiet Tuesday evening and Mrs. Dudley of 301 Parkwood Dr. happened to be standing in her yard just a few feet from the crash. Miraculously, parts of the plane landed on both sides of her but left her untouched. But the impact,

noise and heat from the flames left her stunned. Inside her house, her sister was missed by inches when a piece of the wreck shot through her bedroom window.

Next door at 303 Parkwood Dr., a man was sitting in his den when his house shook and the window next to him shattered inward from being hit by airplane debris. The flames from the crash set two garages on fire but responding fire crews got the flames out right away.

The pilot came down hard and fast in his parachute, landing on a ridgeline of the Verdugo Mountains. When he hit the ground he tumbled several hundred feet down a brushy, rocky hillside. By the time he came to rest he had broken his shoulder and fractured his ribs, legs and back. It took Glendale firemen and volunteers an hour to reach him. They carried him out on a rescue litter, bloodied and semiconscious. He was heard muttering "Oh, dear God."

Hundreds of Glendale residents

heard the crash and saw the flames shooting up, yet no one was injured. It was absolutely amazing that a fighter jet could crash in a densely populated area of Glendale without hitting anything on the ground.

One witness to the fiery crash commented, "I don't think the plane could have fallen into a better place in the entire city, even if the pilot had stayed with it and aimed it as it crashed."



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

### PET OF THE WEEK



Lola she's a 14-year-old corgi/chihuahua. She has unlimited amounts of love for her mom and her afternoon naps. She loves chicken flavored anything and her best feature is her glorious coat.

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small caption to [steve@cvweekly.com](mailto:steve@cvweekly.com) to share your lovable pets with the community!

### » NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion co-authored by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn directing the County's chief executive officer to explore creating an office to exclusively coordinate Los Angeles County's work and partnerships with houses of worship and other faith-based organizations.

"Faith-based entities are essential and trusted partners that can quickly help the County reach those who are most in need," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "I'm convinced that when we work together, the County is able to support and uplift communities more efficiently. This is about standing shoulder to shoulder with the organizations that are already serving their communities

and working smarter." "Our faith and community based organizations are treasured, trusted parts of the communities that they serve," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "As a safety net for our most vulnerable residents, the County's work is complemented and enriched by the collaboration of these groups, and I look forward to deepening our engagement with them through this office. It's a natural partnership and one we haven't taken enough advantage of."

The office would serve as a broker that proactively connects County initiatives with faith-based organizations and would offer technical assistance to help houses of worship do business with the County. The office would also establish uniform countywide guidelines to help departments address questions raised about church-state separation.

The motion highlighted the City of Pasadena's Clergy Community Coalition as a model that has successfully reduced administrative burdens and onerous insurance requirements, and helped that municipality reimburse local faith-based organizations that sheltered people experiencing homelessness during inclement weather.

A report back to the board of supervisors is due in 90 days. It will include a recommendation for the most appropriate department for the future office to reside.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Weird Tujunga Presented at Bolton Hall



Historian and author Mike Lawler joins the Bolton Hall Museum presenting stories about crazy, spooky and sometimes “out of this world” past. The Tujunga Wash is well known as an historical UFO hot spot! Tujunga’s name is thousands of years old! Who created the name and what does it mean? Norma Jean Baker, aka Marilyn Monroe, had a favorite hangout here. Why was a famous hippie commune located here? And what happened during the Big Tujunga train crash of 1942? Come to this program and get answers to these and more questions about our past. This event is on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. It is free to attend and open to the public; everyone is welcome. Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or via email llhs@boltonhall.org.

## Village Poets Starts the New Year with Poets Judith Terzi and Karen Greenbaum-Maya

Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga invite poets and friends of poetry to its monthly reading held in-person on the fourth Sunday of the month – Jan 28 – at 4:30 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave in Tujunga. January features Judith Terzi and Karen Greenbaum-Maya.

Judith Terzi is the author of “Museum of Rearranged Objects,” as well as of six chapbooks, including “Casbah” and “If You Spot Your Brother Floating By” and “Ghazal for a Chambermaid.” “Now, Somehow” is her latest chapbook, a collection of poems about confronting a pandemic, cancer and other health-related urgencies. Her poems have been included in literary journals and anthologies such as the Atlanta Review, The Examined Life Journal, Lunch Ticket, The Main Street Rag and Solstice Literary Magazine where she was a finalist for the Stephen Dunn Poetry Prize. BBC/

Radio 3 featured her poem “Ode to Malala Yousafzai” in an episode of Words and Music. She holds an M.A. in French language and literature and taught French for many years at Polytechnic School in Pasadena as well as English at California State University, Los Angeles, and in Algiers, Algeria.

Karen Greenbaum-Maya is a retired clinical psychologist, former German major and restaurant reviewer, and two-time Pushcart and Best of the Net nominee. Her work has appeared in journals including Comstock Poetry Review, B O D Y, Rappahannock Poetry Review, CHEST and Spillway. Her collections include three chapbooks, “Burrowing Song,” “Eggs Satori, and, Kafka’s Cat” and “The Book of Knots and their Untying.” A collection of poems about her late husband’s illness and death from lung cancer in 2018, “The Beautiful Leaves,”



Judith Terzi



Karen Greenbaum-Maya

was published in August 2023. She co-curates Fourth Saturdays, a poetry series in Claremont as well as Garden of Verses, an annual day-long reading of nature poems in Claremont California Botanic Garden.

Two segments of open mic will be

available and refreshments will be served. Suggested donation \$5 per person for the cost of refreshments and to donate to the Little Landers Society that manages the Bolton Hall Museum, a Los Angeles historical landmark built in 1913.

More information is available at:

<https://villagepoets.blogspot.com/>  
**Upcoming Village Poets Readings:**  
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## Ed Morales Elected President of 2025 Pasadena Tournament of Roses

Newly installed Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Ed Morales announced the 2025 Pasadena Tournament of Roses theme, “Best Day Ever!”

Throughout his tenure as a volunteer member of the Tournament of Roses, Morales has been the driving force behind numerous committees, wielding his expertise in areas such as Community Relations, Membership, Queen and Court and Media Operations.

Beyond his involvement with the Tournament of Roses, Morales is a member of the Pasadena Optimist Club and serves on the Foundation Board for the California School of the Arts. Professionally, Morales is a partner with the Law Offices of Borton Petrini, LLP. He received his undergraduate degree in history from UCLA, followed by a juris doctorate from Loyola Law School.



# Ewing Named PSHA Benefit Chair

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts announced the appointment of Dotty Ewing as Benefit chair for the 2024 Pasadena Showcase House of Design, one of the nation's oldest, largest and most successful home and garden tours. This crucial volunteer position is responsible for this year's Showcase House while raising funds to help support the organization's mission of providing music and art programs to children and adults through the Greater Los Angeles area.

Ewing joined the all-volunteer organization in 2017

after a long and successful career in marketing, mainly for cable television networks, and was named Woman of the Year by the Southern California Chapter of Women in Cable and Telecommunications. Since joining Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts seven years ago, she has taken on several positions within the organization, including serving as Membership chair as well as working on the Public Relations/Marketing Committee. As a seasoned volunteer and philanthropist, Ewing has served on the board of directors for UNICEF and continues to be an active member with the Shakespeare Club of Pasadena serving as its current vice president.

"The Pasadena Showcase House of Design is our organization's only fundraiser," said Ewing. "It's an immense role where we need to blend the talents of our designers, the dedication of our members and the desires of our homeowner and that brings new challenges every day."

But, she added, she feels incredibly supported by those members that

have done the job before and all of the members that have stepped up to take on various responsibilities. "I have always been impressed with the teamwork of our organization and how members work together to make this all happen."

This year's Showcase House, the Potter Daniels Manor, is an English Tudor Revival Style Mansion erected in 1902 for Gertrude Potter Daniels. Ewing and her team recently selected

27 professional designers, many returning "veterans" and several new to the process, to transform the estate into a stunning showpiece. Plans call to refresh the Tudor style design by adding contemporary elements that include light, texture and pattern.

"Our army of designers are well versed on the current design trends and standards," said Ewing. "I'm excited that guests will have an opportunity to tour our Showcase House

which will highlight various perspectives on decorative treatment and themes."

The 59th Pasadena Showcase House of Design will be open on April 21 and continue through May 19. Golden tickets are on sale now and timed entry tickets go on sale Feb. 1. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [pasadenashowcase.org](http://pasadenashowcase.org) or call (626) 606-1600.



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### Article Three

Article Three establishes the judicial branch of the United States government by creating the United States Supreme Court and authorizes Congress to establish the inferior, or lower, courts. It also outlines the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Unlike European democracies, our judicial system is a co-equal branch of government with the President and the Congress. This co-equal status is an important part of why the U.S. Constitution is the foundation of the longest running government in the world today.

Congress established the lower court system with district courts and circuit courts of appeal. Today we have 94 district courts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and

the Territory of Puerto Rico. The district courts are the trial courts and render judgments of guilt or innocence in federal criminal and civil cases.

We have 13 circuit courts of appeal in the United States, including one in the District of Columbia and one in the circuit court of appeal for the Federal Circuit. The Federal Circuit court of appeal hears various specialty cases including patents, trademarks, government contracts, veterans' benefits and federal employee benefits. They do not hear criminal or civil appeals. Decisions of all circuit courts of appeals set precedents that can only be changed by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court hears cases where the constitutionality

of a law is in question. While hundreds of cases every year are appealed to the Supreme Court, the Court usually accepts less than 100. This process of judicial review was established in 1803 in the Supreme Court decision *Marbury v. Madison*. President Thomas Jefferson disagreed with the decision; however, he accepted it, cementing the authority of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court also has jurisdiction over cases where one state is suing another, where an international treaty is involved and where a foreign embassy is involved.

I will close with the advice of Thomas Jefferson who admonished us to accept Supreme Court decisions we dislike and move on for the benefit of the country.

Comments? Contact the Glendale Moose Lodge 641 at [Lodge641@gmail.com](mailto:Lodge641@gmail.com).



## People Making News

Students at Utah Tech University demonstrated outstanding academic performance during the Fall 2023 semester, with nearly 10% earning president's list recognition.

A total of 1,233 students were included on the president's list; to qualify, students had to achieve a semester GPA of 3.9 and higher as well as complete at least 15 credits.

Sam Cook of La Crescenta was among the 1,233 students honored on the president's list for the fall 2023 semester.

Utah Tech University has experienced significant growth in the last five years, expanding its programs from 188 to 276, representing an increase of 47%. The University's diverse offerings include eight graduate, 57 bachelor's, 64 certificates, 48 minors, 76 emphases, and 23 associate degree programs.

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Anna Heur was named to the Siena College president's list for the fall 2023 semester. Heur is

from La Cañada Flintridge.

The president's list requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Andrea Asatourian of Glendale, who is studying veterinary medicine, was among the more than 10,800 Iowa State University students recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2023 dean's list. Students named to the dean's list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2023-24 academic year. Among those on the list were Hanan Phillips, class of 2026, undeclared major, from La Cañada Flintridge and Sara Cooperson, class of 2027, undeclared management major.

Students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

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### Medi-Cal for Older Adults

At CRCA we have worked with many individuals who could benefit from being enrolled in Medi-Cal but had no idea what it is, how it can help, how to qualify or how to apply for this assistance.

One caller was a 70-year-old who needed to use catheters for the rest of his life. He couldn't afford the co-payments required by Medicare. He was low-income and could apply for Medi-Cal but didn't know what it was and how it worked with Medicare. We discussed the benefits, his concerns and helped him secure an appointment with a local eligibility worker who helped him apply for and obtain Medi-Cal.

Another caller was concerned about how to care for a parent who was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's. The parent met the Medi-Cal eligibility requirements but they were unfamiliar with it. Medi-Cal provides access to in-home supportive care resources that can decrease the worry of a parent that is alone while others are at work.

*What is Medi-Cal?*

Medi-Cal is California's

Medicaid health care program that pays for a variety of medical services for children and adults with limited income. Low-income seniors (age 65) with Medicare can also qualify for Medi-Cal that can provide additional health insurance coverage, in-home care support and even assisted living/nursing home if the need arises.

*How can it help?*

For seniors needing extra help to stay safely at home, Medi-Cal acts as a secondary insurance to Medicare for those who qualify. Medi-Cal will pay for Medicare premiums and co-pays that can provide needed additional income to low-income seniors. Medi-Cal also provides dental, vision and hearing aid coverage that Medicare often does not cover.

*How to qualify?*

Medi-Cal applicants must have an annual income of no more than \$20,121 (individual) or \$27,214 (household of two). For larger households, visit Covered California at [coveredca.com](http://coveredca.com) for eligibility.

Applicants can own the home they are living in and own a car.

There is no asset test for eligibility. Prior to July 2022, applicants could not have more than \$2,000 in total assets and from July 2022 to December 2023, there was an individual asset limit of \$135,000. On Jan. 1, 2024, the cash asset limit was eliminated.

*How to apply for Medi-Cal?*

Covered California provides the most convenient way to apply for Medi-Cal. Visit the Covered California website at [coveredca.com](http://coveredca.com) or call them at (800) 300-1506. There is no cost for this service.

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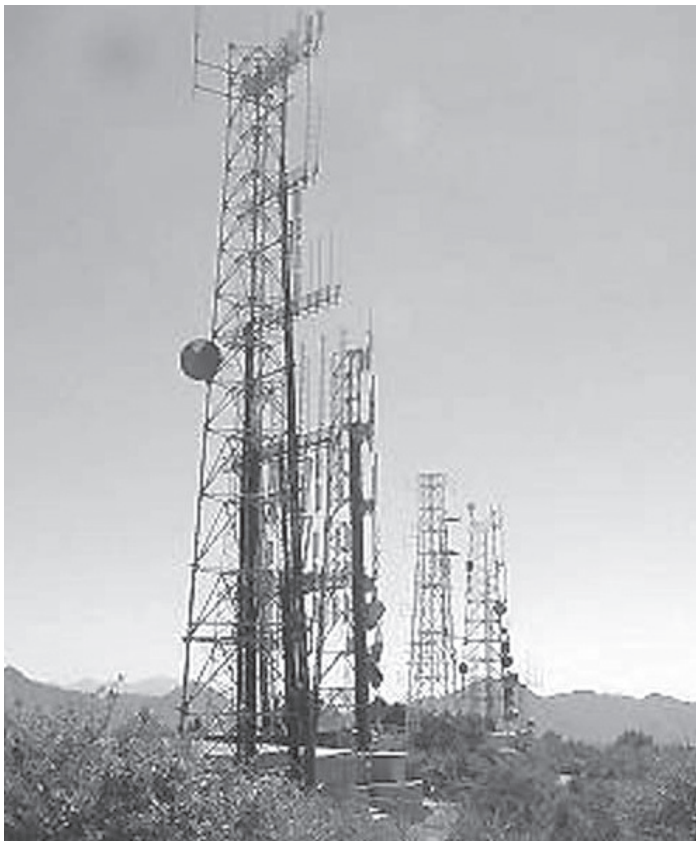
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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## THEN & NOW *Mt. Lukens* Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**THEN** » Shown here is the Mt. Lukens fire lookout tower. After a disastrous series of wildfires in the mountains in the late 1800s and early 1900s, some of which reached down into the Crescenta Valley, an “early warning system” of fire watchtowers was conceived. The peak of Mt. Lukens straight above the Crescenta Valley received the first of the towers on the front range in 1923. They were supplied by the pack mules shown in this photo, which brought supplies to the rangers from both Big Tujunga Canyon and the Crescenta Valley. The CV base camp was in the old Briggs barn at the intersection of Freeman and Canyonside on Briggs Terrace. From there the pack mules went up Canyonside, past the Pickens water tunnel, and wound up a steep mountain peak trail that had been used by locals for decades and probably by Tongva Indians for hundreds of years before that.



**NOW** » Shown here is the Mt. Lukens fire lookout tower. After a disastrous series of wildfires in the mountains in the late 1800s and early 1900s, some of which reached down into the Crescenta Valley, an “early warning system” of fire watchtowers was conceived. The peak of Mt. Lukens straight above the Crescenta Valley received the first of the towers on the front range in 1923. They were supplied by the pack mules shown in this photo, which brought supplies to the rangers from both Big Tujunga Canyon and the Crescenta Valley. The CV base camp was in the old Briggs barn at the intersection of Freeman and Canyonside on Briggs Terrace. From there the pack mules went up Canyonside, past the Pickens water tunnel, and wound up a steep mountain peak trail that had been used by locals for decades and probably by Tongva Indians for hundreds of years before that. Communication of the locations of fires was the reason for the Mt. Lukens fire watchtower and today communication is still the name of the game at the peak of Mt. Lukens. Shown here are some of the dozens of microwave relay towers that forest the peak now. Mt. Lukens is also a popular destination for thousands of hikers and mountain bikers each year via several trails and fire roads that can be used to reach the peak.

## Violinist Tsai and Cellist Cho to Perform for GNC



The Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts series has returned to live performance at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale. On Feb. 7 from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., the Glendale Noon Concerts will feature violinist Sakura Tsai and cellist Stella Cho performing duos by Maurice Ravel and Reinhold Glière.

The program includes Maurice Ravel’s “Sonata for Violin and Cello” and selected movement(s) from Reinhold Glière’s “8 Pieces for Violin and Cello, Op. 39.”

Violinist and educator Sakura Tsai enjoys a multifaceted career having performed nationally and internationally as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Tsai earned degrees (B.M., M.M., and D.M.A.) in violin performance from the University of Southern California’s Thornton School of Music where she was honored the prestigious Order of Areté and became a member of Pi Kappa Lambda. Her mentors and teachers included Midori Goto, Kathleen Winkler, Hagai Shaham and Alice Schoenfeld. Additional fields of study while pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree included music theory and analysis, violin pedagogy with Andre Granat, and kinesiology.

A dedicated educator, Dr. Tsai is artist teacher of violin at the University of Redlands. She is also on faculty at California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley, California State Summer School for the Arts, Junior Chamber Music (Inland Empire), and, most recently, Montecito International Music Festival. Dr. Tsai makes frequent appearances as an adjudicator and serves as a clinician in schools around Southern California where she mentors aspiring young musicians. In 2018, Dr. Tsai was selected to be the guest conductor of the San Bernardino County High School honor orchestra. She coaches instrumentalists in the Walnut Valley Unified

School District at both Diamond Bar and Walnut high schools while being actively involved with the Diamond Bar High School Performing Arts Academy Advanced Music Program. In addition, Dr. Tsai has a robust private studio and has previously held faculty positions at Marymount California University and Idyllwild Arts Academy.

As a performer, Dr. Tsai is currently a member of the Redlands Symphony Orchestra and the Long Beach Symphony. She performs in several regional orchestras and has spent summers at the Lucerne Festival (Switzerland) and Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival (Germany) academies, and Music Masters Course Japan (Japan). Dr. Tsai maintains an active career as a chamber musician winning honors at international competitions such as the International Young Artists Peninsula Music Festival and the Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition. As a violinist with chamber ensembles Definiens, Duse!Forty58, and the What’s Next? Ensemble, Dr. Tsai has championed works of numerous living composers. An avid performer of contemporary music, extensive collaboration with young composers with these ensembles included residencies and performance projects at institutions such as Idyllwild Arts Academy, California State University, Northridge and Long Beach, University of California, Riverside, and University of Southern California. Dr. Tsai’s solo and ensemble performances have been featured live on world-wide television and radio broadcasts such as classical KUSC, KRTU-FM, Norddeutscher Rundfunk (Germany), and Japan Broadcasting Corporation – NHK (Japan).

South Korean cellist Stella Cho made her London solo debut at the Royal Albert Hall at 15 years old. Since then, she has concertized in South Korea, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland,

Violinist Sakura Tsai and cellist Stella Cho will be performing duos by Maurice Ravel and Reinhold Glière at the Glendale Noon Concerts on Feb. 7.

Germany, Austria, Croatia and the USA. She has been featured on national television and radio on numerous occasions. Cho was also selected as one of the Holland Music Sessions’ “New Masters on Tour” and gave solo recitals across Europe, including prestigious venues Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and the Slovak Philharmonic Hall in Bratislava.

Cho has been invited to numerous renowned music festivals around the world, including Yellow Barn, Ravinia Steans Institute, Aspen Music Festival, Casals Festival, La Jolla SummerFest, Banff Chamber Music Festival, the Perlman Music Program and IMS Prussia Cove Open Chamber Music. She has also collaborated with eminent musicians such as Ralph Kirshbaum, Jaime Laredo, Sharon Robinson, Joseph Kalichstein, Joseph Silverstein and Borromeo Quartet.

Cho earned her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees with honors at the respected Gregor Piatigorsky Studio at USC’s Thornton School of Music under Ralph Kirshbaum and furthered her studies at the New England Conservatory with Laurence Lesser. She completed her Doctorate of Musical Arts degree at University of Southern California and was honored as the outstanding DMA graduate.

Cho is a dedicated teacher and she holds positions as cello faculty at Loyola Marymount University and Colburn Community School of Performing Arts. As an active performer, she regularly performs in the SAKURA Cello Quintet and the self-conducted chamber ensemble Delirium Musicum, with whom she recently recorded their debut album with Warner Classics.

For information on upcoming concerts, visit <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

# African Drum Magnet Workshop



The community is invited to create a personalized wood cutout magnet. While creating the magnet, participants will learn the history of the djembe African drums in West Africa and why they play an

important role in every aspect of life, including the physical, emotional and spiritual.

Attendance is limited to the free Feb. 12 class from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library; advance registration

is required. To sign up, see library staff or register online at <https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/10002030>.

The Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

# Us vs. The Climate Change



The Campbell Center associates' installation, which is on exhibit through March 22, reflect their challenges with global warming. The associates have decorated umbrellas that reflect the stress and anxiety that climate discourse causes them. The umbrellas are turned upside to symbolize shelter

and protection, and recycled cactus pillows at the base of the installation reflect the environments unknown.

The Campbell Center aims to showcase the work of its associates through Us vs. The Climate Change, and demonstrate opportunities for growth in expressing

themselves through art.

Since 2018 The Campbell Center has held open house events and galleries that contain the art of various artists with disabilities. Its associates have showcased their work through watercolors, acrylic paint and community murals during these events. <https://thecampbell.org/>

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Jan. 26, Farrell Hirsch, CEO of The Muckenthaler Cultural Center, will be speaking to the Club.

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.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Montrose/Verdugo City/Sparr Heights Neighborhood Association invites Glendale voters to attend the candidate forums held by the neighborhood associations.

On Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. the Verdugo Woodlands West Neighborhood Association and the Verdugo Woodlands Dads' Club are hosting a forum at the Verdugo Woodlands Dads' Club, 1728

Cañada Blvd. Metered parking available in Lot 34; free two-hour parking in neighborhood to the north.

On Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m., the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association is hosting a forum at the Brand Library auditorium in Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., the Chevy Chase Estates Association and Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association is hosting a candidate forum at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 3067 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale.

On Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m., the Rossmoyne Mountain Homeowners Association is hosting a candidate forum at the Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale.

All residents are encouraged to learn about the candidates and vote.

### CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is having the following classes and programs:

Book Club today, Jan. 25 from 1-2 p.m. in the Music and Dance Room

Medicare 101 with Center for Health Care Rights on Friday, Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coming in Spring: New intramural programs for adults ages 18-plus.

Kickball Kickback will be on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Four-week session begins Feb. 28.

Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

### BINGO COMING

On Saturday, Jan. 27 there is a bingo planned at the Verdugo Hills

American Legion Post 288 at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Tickets are \$25 each, which pays for 10 games, up to 40 chances to win cash, and a dauber. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at the offices of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, at KNA X Clawssy at 3156 Foothill Blvd. and Bob Smith Toyota, 3333 Foothill Blvd.

Proceeds benefit the CV Chamber of Commerce.

### JAZZ NIGHT AT THE CAFÉ

Tickets are now available to purchase for the Feb. 9 Jazz Night at the Café featuring the CV jazz band. The dance is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Crescenta Valley High School café at the corner of Glenwood and Prospect avenues. Tickets are \$15, which includes admission and dessert. A dance lesson is provided at 7:30 p.m. Advance purchase available

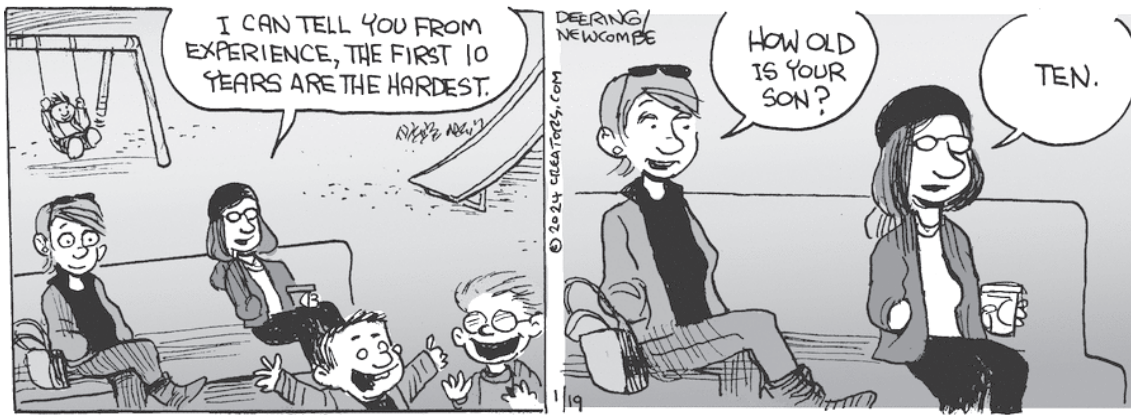
from any CV instrumental music student or via Venmo @CVIM-Foundation. Tickets may also be available at the door.

### EVENING OF SLAVE SONGS AND SPIRITUALS

In celebration of Black History Month, bass-baritone Michal Dawson Connor will be performing his own arrangements of spirituals at Saint Andrews Catholic Church, 311 N. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. These sorrow songs, or slave songs, are a living testament to the grit and determination of the African people – laboring under the yoke of bondage in America. In these musical footprints they passed down, the slaves sang into existence a new heaven and earth ... with their ecstatic, rapturous and mournful prayers for freedom. "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've

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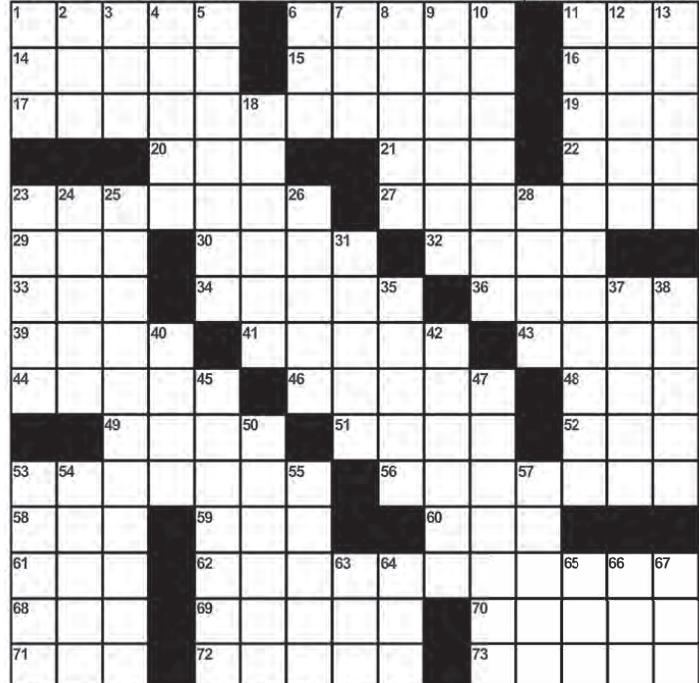
- 1) Some muffins
- 6) Curtain material
- 11) Like one hatter
- 14) Eastern Christian
- 15) Wizards play in one
- 16) Butler in "Auntie Mame"
- 17) It may be full of junk
- 19) \_\_\_ Lanka
- 20) Absorbed, as the cost
- 21) Fish eggs
- 22) Preacher's subject
- 23) Casino affliction
- 27) Postman's burden
- 29) Commotion
- 30) Barely made (with "out")
- 32) Low, sideless cart
- 33) Banned insecticide, briefly
- 34) Serious or solemn
- 36) Suit to the circumstances
- 39) Suddenly inhale
- 41) Full, at last
- 43) Diving bird
- 44) World's fairs
- 46) Louis-Dreyfus' "Seinfeld" role
- 48) Bad temper
- 49) Ages on end
- 51) Tenant's payment
- 52) Baldfaced bit
- 53) No longer single
- 56) Most sinewy and thin
- 58) "I am the greatest" claimant
- 59) Not at hand
- 60) Bled
- 61) "Smoking or \_\_\_?"
- 62) Likely to be first on a track
- 68) P.I.
- 69) "Get outta here!"
- 70) Calliope relative
- 71) Havana hanging
- 72) Made a slip
- 73) Moth-eaten

### DOWN

- 1) Token transportation?
- 2) Geneticist's letters
- 3) Be ill
- 4) Kind of base or reserve
- 5) Rodin art
- 6) Oil can letters
- 7) Let it all out
- 8) Furnish guns again
- 9) An invasion or hostile attack
- 10) Fortified dessert wine
- 11) Fail to come close
- 12) Building courtyards
- 13) Cost of \_\_\_ business
- 18) Small tropical lizards
- 23) Every cop is behind one
- 24) Spiral-horned antelope
- 25) Printer stat
- 26) Skewered steak
- 28) Youngsters
- 31) Block or dissuade
- 35) Extend, as a library loan
- 37) Sprites' kin
- 38) Sound from the birdcage
- 40) Shoddy in quality
- 42) "Grudge Match" star
- 45) Cold sufferer's sound
- 47) Airborne machine-gunner
- 50) Pre-painting application
- 53) Skate's kin
- 54) Succulents that soothe
- 55) Gloomy, to a poet
- 57) Prefix with red or structure
- 63) Nervous time, maybe
- 64) Danson of TV
- 65) Type of meal?
- 66) Baseball's "The Little Giant," Mel
- 67) Play (with)

### FOR GOOD MEASURE

By Ossie Lindbrook



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

January 22, 2024 - January 28, 2024

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You might benefit from an alternative treatment. Aromatherapy can have a powerful effect on one's mood, especially if you suffer from mood swings. Regular massages with essential oils will help you feel lighter and less worried. You might also find benefit in flower or gem essences for certain health issues. Be willing to explore various options.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Pace yourself this week. The cosmos could open your eyes to an ongoing health problem. This could be something that has already manifested or it could emerge if you indulge in certain habits. You could become more aware of your own mortality and feel the need to make the most of each day.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

No matter how much you exercise, watch your health, or try to eat well, unexpected events could interrupt your best intentions. These could have the effect of knocking you off course and causing you to lose your enthusiasm. Don't give up, no matter how many times this occurs. Start again where you left off and try your best. You'll reach your goal eventually.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 21

You're full of good intentions. Now you want to make instantaneous progress, which isn't possible. Family and friends may regard you as something of a fad enthusiast as you hop from one health or weight-loss plan to another without much progress. Now it's going to be different. Stop hopping and stick to one method.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

There's a lot of energy in your life now, so try to make use of it. It's good for working out or any form of endurance training that requires stamina. Use this opportunity to release any anger and other damaging emotions that may be caused by stress. If you exercise vigorously, you'll feel reborn.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Nurturing seems to be very important now. The cosmos suggests that you need to look into this further. Does your diet really suit you? Do you need to take more or different supplements? Are you eating healthfully or grabbing whatever you find on the run? Digestive issues could cause you to reflect on what you eat and why.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your mind seems to be very malleable right now. It's like a clean sheet of paper ready for a drawing. This is a good time to observe the way you talk to yourself and see how much of it is positive or negative. Are most of your thoughts uplifting or draining? If you can change your thinking, you'll automatically begin to feel physically and mentally better. Keep it up!

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

New beginnings are on the horizon. It's time to think about how much money you want to spend on your health and fitness. Take a look at what you currently spend and see if you can afford to lay out a little more. You might want to invest in a gym membership or some exercise equipment for your home.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This is a good time for new beginnings, especially where your health is concerned. You have the opportunity to make a fresh start. Plan a new eating plan and exercise routine and get moving. If you feel like a personal trainer would help you on your way, it would be worth the expense.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

There's a gradual shift in the cosmos that coincides with detoxing your body and your mind. Take a new approach to your well-being and get ready to start again if you've fallen off track. It might help to eat a simpler diet of vegetables, fruits, and water. Stay off the fat and sugar for a while and see how you feel.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The more you try to overcome your eating issues, the more frustrated you get. At least this seems to be how things are going now. The cosmos indicates that you may be sabotaging your own best interests the harder you try to succeed. You need to find a way to break out of this vicious cycle. Begin by accepting yourself as you are and go from there.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The cosmos indicates that a friend needs some TLC. He or she might be feeling a little under the weather. Your presence and ability to make people feel at ease will be welcome over the coming days. Meanwhile, keep up the good work with your exercises, especially if you have a sedentary job.



CALENDAR THIS from previous page  
Seen," "Steal Away To Jesus," "Deep River" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" are a few of the timeless melodies being performed by Connor.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for students and kids 16 and under; children 10 and under are free.

**CALTECH JAZZ BAND PRESENTS ANNUAL JAZZ GUEST ARTIST CONCERT**

Caltech Jazz Band presents its annual jazz guest artist concert featuring legendary percussionist/drummer Alex Acuña and saxophonist/flutist Mary Fettig on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. in Caltech's Beckman Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 for students, seniors and faculty; \$10 for general admission, and can be purchased by calling the Caltech Ticket Office at (626) 395-4652. Parking is free.

Caltech Beckman Auditorium is located at 332 S Michigan Ave. in Pasadena.

**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.

**FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATED BY P.E.O.**

The P.E.O. Glendale Reciprocity Bureau will hold its Founders' Day on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. Members from the 11 chapters in Glendale and three Burbank chapters will be attending. Guests are welcome. To make a reservation, email Pat Steen at patsteen@pacbell.net. Reservation deadline is Feb. 2. Cost is \$45. "Golden Girls," women who have been members for over 50 years, will be honored.

The mission of P.E.O., Philanthropic Educational Organization, is supporting women's educational goals by offering scholarships, grants, awards and loans. For more information about membership and activities, visit https://www.peocalifornia.org.

**SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR AT WESTRIDGE**

Parents are invited to start planning their child's summer adventure on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Summer Opportunities Fair held in Pasadena at Westridge School. Explore summer camps and programs for kids' ages 5-18. Enjoy food, games and activities for the whole family.

Free and open to the public. More info available at www.westridgesof.org.

Westridge School is located at 324 Madeline Dr. in Pasadena.

**FOOTHILLS DANCEMAKERS**

Foothills Dancemakers, founded in 2019 as a consortium of modern dance companies in the shadow of the San Gabriel Mountains, is having its third concert in February. Benita Bike's DanceArt, Pennington Dance Group, Nancy Evans Dance Theatre and Lineage Dance will present a joint concert on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. at Lineage Performing Arts Center in Pasadena. For tickets visit www.lineagepac.org.

The goal of the Foothills Dancemakers is to work together to support and bring visibility to concert modern dance in the foothills of the San Gabriel and San Fernando valleys. The directors of the four companies represent 150 years of combined experience producing dance work for the stage. Through this collaboration, the Foothills Dancemakers promotes a variety of invigorating dance activities serving its community and encourage joint projects by area dancemakers.

Tickets are \$25 (general admission) and \$20 for students and seniors with valid ID. Lineage Performing Arts Center is located at 920 E. Mountain St. in Pasadena. Parking is available on site. For tickets visit www.lineagepac.org and click on "Foothills Dancemakers."

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE 2023 LA CAÑADAN OF THE YEAR**

Nominations for the La Cañadan of the Year opened on Jan. 15. The general public is invited to submit the name of an individual, or a couple, who has provided exemplary service to the La Cañada Flintridge and foothill neighborhoods.

The deadline to submit a nomination is Monday, Feb. 12. A noon-time luncheon celebration will be held to announce the name of the recipient and a date to celebrate based on the recipient's availability.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the La Cañada Flintridge City Hall at the LCF Chamber of Commerce counter. The application submittal forms may be requested by emailing Trish McRae at LCOY@lacanadakiwanis.org.

Completed forms must be submitted by email to LCOY@lacanadakiwanis.org or mailed to Kiwanis Club of La Cañada - La Cañadan of the Year, c/o Trish McRae, P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012. Those with questions can call Trish McRae at (818) 568-6411.

**VHHS PLANS REUNION**

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

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

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

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

**PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT**

How do I get PayPal to reverse a fraudulent charge for \$2,600? Can you help?

*PayPal won't refund an unauthorized charge on John Boham-Cook's account, even though it reversed two others by the same fraudster. How can he get the company to see things his way?*

**Q** I had three unauthorized transactions on my PayPal account recently. PayPal blocked one of them and issued a refund. A short while later, PayPal refunded the second fraudulent transaction. But the third transaction, for \$2,600, is still in my account.

All of these transactions were made by the same fraudster at the same time from Dortmund, Germany. It looks like the scammer somehow got my password. But I have never published my credentials and they are not held on my computer - only on an encrypted USB stick accessed when I need the info. Also, I always use PayPal from the same IP address.

I have contacted PayPal by phone numerous times and appealed. PayPal has refused to acknowledge the fraudulent transaction.

In the meantime, I have changed my password and set up two-step verification. I blocked my bank from sending any money to PayPal but I would like to settle this dispute and wondered if you could help.

-John Boham-Cook, Augsburg, Germany

**A**: PayPal should have blocked all three transactions. But its fraud-detection systems aren't perfect so here's what probably happened. One transaction went through without any red flags. PayPal flagged the second one from the same IP address and blocked the third one. In other words, its systems were reasonably confident that the third transaction was incorrect, so it stopped the transaction. PayPal reversed the second one eventually. But it wasn't quite sure about the first one.

It appears its systems were not sophisticated enough to tie them all to the same fraudster. I don't want to go any further because it would only give future fraudsters a roadmap to defraud PayPal users.

Here's what really concerns me. You said you were using a password USB key to access PayPal. That means the only person who can access your account is someone with the physical key. How did a criminal manage to get into your account without the key? That is a serious problem and, unfortunately, there's no evidence PayPal has done anything to address it.

You could have contacted one of the PayPal executives I publish on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. A brief polite email to one of them might have escalated your case. I also publish a free guide on how to reverse an unauthorized charge on PayPal. I'll give you the Reader's Digest version: Keep a meticulous paper trail and, when necessary, appeal to one of the PayPal executives.

I contacted PayPal on your behalf. You also reached out to one of the executives. And that worked.

"They have finally refunded the money," you reported. "I will never understand how PayPal works and I'm not sure I want to continue to use PayPal."

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

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT HINZE CASE NO. 24STPB00531 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate of both of ROBERT HINZE:

A Petition for Probate has been filed by CAROLYN HAMMONDS in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION for Probate requests that CAROLYN HAMMONDS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: March 1, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 67 at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: AMY CANNON, ESQ. SEASIDE LAW PC 1563 SPINNAKER DRIVE, SUITE 203B VENTURA, CA 93001 (805) 626-7343 Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly January 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: SERJIK GHAREH PETIAN SARAYE MALEKI. Case number 24GDPC0009. Superior Court of California, Glendale Superior Court, North Central District, 600 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner SERJIK GHAREH PETIAN SARAYE MALEKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: SERJIK GHAREH PETIAN SARAYE MALEKI to Proposed Name: SERJIK KARAPET. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: MARCH 28, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: E Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

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SAGEBRUSH from Cover

far west side of La Cañada Flintridge, west of Rosebank Drive to Pickens Canyon. This is known as the Sagebrush area because “years ago it was a patch of sagebrush, which parents on both sides did not want their children to walk through,” said Jeannie Roeper, former La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD) school board member and former petitioner, in an earlier article regarding one of the public forums held to discuss the issue.

A discussion about the territory transfer has been ongoing for decades but until recently had failed to be officially approved. This recent push for transfer actually began in February 2013 when candidates who were running for the La Cañada Flintridge City Council expressed support for the Sagebrush transfer. In May of that same year, then-resident Tom Smith, founder of Unite LCF, a grassroots La Cañada Flintridge organization, sent a letter to the City Council requesting the City’s support and endorsement of the transfer. In June 2013 the Council adopted a resolution to support the transfer.

Around this time representatives with LCUSD met with the GUSD superintendent and a school board member. The discussion about the transfer then began in earnest and at times became very contentious between those in the GUSD area and those in LCUSD.

In 2014, CV Town Council sent a letter in opposition to the territory transfer.

The discussions continued dealing with not only the loss of students at Mountain Avenue Elementary, Rosemont Middle and CV High schools but specifics on boundaries.

There were community meetings where residents from both areas continued sharing their

concerns and frustrations about the transfer decision.

Now the decision has been made but exactly what that means to residents in both districts will need to be evaluated. Some of the issues that will be looked at include when the vote for the transfer will be held and how much will each property owner have to pay. If the transfer is approved by voters, a parcel tax in La

Cañada Flintridge will have to be recalculated to include Sagebrush area homeowners. Also, a bond measure – Measure S – that is being paid by GUSD homeowners will have to be recalculated once the Sagebrush homeowners are transferred out of the area.

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temperament brings joy to others as she trains to be a therapy dog for hospitals. While Ireland has no dogs of his own, he carries a variety of treats ranging from bacon to vegan to gluten free, even going so far as to memorize each dog’s dietary restrictions along with their name.

One such dog is Strummer who arrives in a basket because one of his legs is paralyzed. Because of Strummer’s medical issues, he cannot eat the usual bacon treats but seems just as happy eating vegan treats out of Ireland’s hand.

Ireland doles out two treats to each dog and has trained them to understand that when he holds up two fingers, they have reached their limit for the day. Bella, one particularly shy pup, will not eat treats from anyone but her owner; however, she still runs to Ireland each morning “for the experience.”

Several dog owners have credited him with helping their rescue dogs warm up to people. To these dogs and their owners, Ireland has made a difference. He, however, hopes people will recognize such an impact could be made by anyone, because this community is “full of interesting people, if you just take the time to talk to them.”

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