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Council Considers Historic Recognition of Local Properties

By Julie BUTCHER

Early in Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council, Mayor Elen Asatryan commended Glendale's Dept. of Economic Development for the city's recent recognition as one of the five most business-friendly cities in Los Angeles County.

Next, the Council reviewed requests for several properties to be included in the city's register of historic properties and for the approval of Mills Act contracts.

A Mills Acts contract is a formal agreement between a local government and a property owner that provides property tax relief in exchange for the preservation of historic properties.

The first property the Council considered is located at 1504 Bel Aire Drive. Built in 1926, the house was designed by British-born architect Robert B. Stacy-Judd, a prominent Los Angeles architect. The two-story family residence was built in the style of French Eclectic. The proposed Mills Act contract sets several conditions including the restoration of a gridded leaded glass window at the front of the home.

Glendale YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) representative Shane Lee spoke against the item.

"We are generally opposed to historic designations," she said. "As is noted in the Mills Act, they get a property tax reduction. If we start reducing the taxes of wealthy homeowners that means we don't have money for school lunches and road improvements. We should be encouraging rather than discouraging development. Hundreds of people could live there."

Local resident Allan Durham spoke in support of the move, noting that there are fewer than 200 properties in Glendale currently considered historic.

"It's not like we're designating thousands of buildings – and the city has already lost a lot of its history," said Durham.

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Come Home to Montrose This Holiday Season

By Mary O'KEEFE

Tired of crowded malls and rude store clerks? Well, it's time once again for a Montrose Old Town Christmas.

Each year during the holidays the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) reminds shoppers there is a place they can go that does not have crowds packed into a mall and where a personal shopping experience is still alive and well.

This year it all begins on Nov. 29 with Plaid Friday.

"That Friday was formerly known in the Montrose Shopping Park (MSP) as 'White Friday' as a number of businesses would white-out the sales tax for that weekend," explained Dale Dawson, business administration and events for MSPA. "We changed it to 'Plaid Friday' to emphasize the diversity and creativity of our



Photo by Giancarlo DIAZ, 2022
 The community is invited to celebrate the kick off of the holiday season at Plaid Friday on Friday, Nov. 29 in Montrose.

many shopping park businesses – going toe-to-toe with the big box stores [during their] Black Friday [events]."

After a full day of finding bargains in MSP on Plaid Friday, an evening event at Ocean View Bou-

levard and Honolulu Avenue will kick off the official Montrose holiday season. It includes a tree lighting ceremony featuring Santa, carolers and the Glendale Fire Dept.'s Cram-A-Classic toy drive featuring a vintage fire engine on-site as

a stage and backdrop.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with The Hummingbird Conservatory Carolers. The Jingle Singers will also be strolling up and down Honolulu Avenue from 5:30 p.m.

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A Bear Becomes a Falcon

By Mary O'KEEFE



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 The exploits of a young bear (seen here in a tree in the 2900 block of Mary Street) captured the attention of local residents.

Crescenta Valley has the San Gabriel Mountains to the north, the Verdugo Mountains to the south and San Rafael Hills to the east. So it is no wonder that sightings of mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes and bears are constant; but there are some wildlife visitors that seem to capture the interest of many.

Over a decade ago, Crescenta Valley was all about Meatball the bear. This male bear first captured the hearts and minds of locals when he dined on frozen meatballs in a Whiting Woods garage freezer. Sightings around town of Meatball were a normal thing – even after he was tranquilized by Fish & Wildlife personnel. He was repeatedly taken to Angeles National Forest but continuously returned to the Crescenta Valley until finally, for his safety, he was taken to a sanctuary near San Diego.

On Tuesday, shades of Meatball

reappeared as the Crescenta Valley was visited by a young bear. He first appeared in the tree of a residence off Ramsdell Avenue near Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS).

A construction worker across from the residence told the resident he had noticed the small bear enter his yard. The resident looked in the backyard and found the young bear sleeping in a pepper tree.

"He said, 'You have a bear in your yard,'" said the resident.

The residents called the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station and deputies responded. They contacted Fish & Wildlife but because the bear was in a private yard Fish & Wildlife agents were not going to respond to the situation and the deputies were assigned to keep an eye on the bear. The initial thought was the bear on his own would find his way back to the woods.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Goodbye to a Longtime Friend

Years ago when I worked at another paper I received a phone call from a local minister. Rev. Beverly Craig ("Rev. Bev") was miffed at me because I had stalled on placing a story in the paper about a quilter in her church (the Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta, formerly the La Crescenta Church of Religious Science).

Fast-forward a couple of years and Rev. Bev called me with an idea to have a feature in my newspaper, the CV Weekly, that focused on issues of faith. We batted some ideas around and came up with the title of Spiritually Speaking. For years she coordinated with local faith leaders to answer questions with a faith-based slant that were posed to her. This section, at least for me, was thought-provoking and interesting.

At one point a few years ago there was room to add a board member onto the CV Chamber of Commerce. I put forth the name of Rev. Bev and without much fanfare she was made a board member.

Rev. Bev rarely missed a chamber board meeting (they used to be held on the morning of the first Wednesday of the month). Even during COVID, she made sure to be on the Zoom call so her voice could be heard on a variety of issues.

Rev. Bev also took part in most of the mixers the chamber hosted, bringing a prize for the opportunity drawing (many times a box of See's Candies – a highly prized gift). She was a constant

source of support for Prom Plus, too, always making sure that plenty of pizza or pasta was supplied for the all-night event.

She was a regular at Foster's Donuts, always making sure copies of the CV Weekly were there, and often meeting there with friends and congregants.

Rev. Bev also lived in an apartment below where my son, his wife and daughter lived. Consequently, we shared stories of being a mom and grandmother.

About a month ago I got a call from Rev. Bev that she was in USC-VHH so I set aside some time to go visit her. A day or two later and she was released to go home. She called me to make sure that everything was okay with Spiritually Speaking, which it was.

Unfortunately, a couple of days after that Rev. Bev landed back in the hospital.

Mary O'Keefe and I went to visit her and this time things weren't so good. She was intubated so she couldn't talk and it hurt my heart to see her so uncomfortable.

It was only a couple of days before Rev. Beverly Craig died. Rev. Bev was one of those "quiet forces" in the Crescenta Valley, someone who saw a need and stepped in to get it done.

She was a powerhouse and will be missed.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley.

Normally this is when I would write about the weather, climate change – yes it's still a thing – and other issues of sustainability; however, this time I would like to just share a very special meeting that was held on Tuesday night.

As most know I have been involved for years with Prom Plus (PP), the after-prom program whose mission is to "save lives one prom at a time." I had announced that I had to step down because I just couldn't get anyone to support this important organization. Try as we might, the PP board could not get parents involved.

Robin Goldsworthy was PP president for many years until she stepped down during COVID. We had two presidents who followed her – Joy McCreary and Megan McCarty – but they soon stepped down. I continued on as vice president, Kyle Studebaker and Harry Leon (our grill master at school barbecues) also stayed on the board. My daughter Molly then joined but we still could not get new parents to step up. So with a very heavy heart I had to write that PP would end. Robin and I were resigned to the fact that the organization was going to end after 30 years. But I should never underestimate my daughter Molly because she started networking and inviting so many parents to the after-prom party ... and then these parents began to step up.

On Tuesday night the new executive board of PP was introduced to the public during a Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce mixer. First, the mixer was held in a perfect setting – the YMCA of the Foothills. This is where the PP event has been held for decades. The YMCA has been a strong supporter of the PP organization and of the students of

Board members include the new president Drew Massingill, vice president Asia Bribiesca-Hedin, secretary Jon Allen, treasurer Corey Park and Molly is the PP Club mentor. These members, along with other parents who have stepped up to be on the board or members of various committees, are quite honestly saving lives.

I cannot put into words how much this means – not just to me but to the army of volunteers that have supported PP over the last 30 years. This organization started after the tragic murder of CVHS senior Berlyn Cosman. She was attending an after-prom party at an Anaheim hotel when she was shot and killed while she slept. The murder and following trial tore the community apart. Community members and parents decided they needed to do something to give kids an alternative to an unsupervised after-prom party and PP was born.

In a future news article I will write more about PP and its new board but for now I just want to let this new group of PP champions know how much I appreciate that they stepped up and are ready to roll up their sleeves and support PP.

I also want to take time to thank those who supported PP over the years. I will highlight some although I know I cannot mention all of them because there have been quite literally hundreds of supporters – but here are some that I worked closely with.

Mary Pinola. I met Mary when she was selling scarves at one of our PP annual boutiques. She donated the funds to PP but what I didn't realize was this generous scarf lady was actually the head of the Mary Pinola Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Cinnamon Apple Cranberry Sauce

INGREDIENTS:
2 cups cranberry juice
1 (6-oz) bag sweetened dried cranberries
1 cinnamon stick, broken in half
1 cup sugar
2 Gala apples, peeled, cored and diced
2 teaspoons cornstarch

PREPARATION:
1. Add the cranberry juice, cranberries, cinnamon, and sugar in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil and let cook for 5 minutes. Add the apples and cook, stirring occasionally, until the cranberries have softened and the apples are tender, about 5 minutes.
2. Remove 1 cup of the liquid to a small bowl and whisk in the cornstarch. Slowly add the cornstarch-juice mixture (slurry) to the cranberry mixture, stirring constantly. Cook for an additional 5 minutes. Remove from heat and pour into a serving bowl. Refrigerate until thickened, at least 30 minutes. Remove the cinnamon sticks and serve.

The Harb & Co. Team are grateful for you!
For those of you hosting, here are two of my favorite recipes that you can prepare a day or two ahead.

Creamed Corn

INGREDIENTS:
1 (20 oz.) package of frozen kernel corn (or 3 cups fresh kernels)
½ C. whipping cream
½ C. milk
½ Tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. sugar
Pinch of white or red pepper (to taste)
1 Tbsp. butter, 1 Tbsp. flour

PREPARATION:
Combine corn, whipping cream, milk, salt, sugar, and pepper in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer, covered, for 8 to 10 minutes or until corn is thawed and milk is bubbling (5 minutes for fresh corn). (You can cook the corn up to this point.) Reheat the corn before proceeding. Melt the butter in a separate skillet (or microwave) and stir in flour until smooth. Add to corn mixture and mix well. Heat through (for at least one minute), stirring; then remove from heat. It only makes 6 servings, so you may want to double or triple.

For those who don't wish to cook, the best Thanksgiving Meal to buy to bring home is at France Café. Their turkey, ham, and stuffing are the best I have ever had! They are open Thanksgiving Day for pick up and their portions are very generous.
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NEWS

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday, Nov. 17. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

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

CCLCF THANKSGIVING DAY 5K RUN/WALK

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge's Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk returns on Thursday, Nov. 28. The professionally timed race, now in its third decade, begins at 8:30 a.m. at Olberz Park, One Civic Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. Cash prizes will be given to the top three finishers in the men's and women's categories and winners in each age category will receive handmade ceramic medals. The kids' mile will be timed this year and will begin at 9:30 a.m. The top three finishers for boys and girls will receive trophies.

The race will feature a new route and a costume contest.

For more information visit CCLCF.org/run or call (818) 790-4353.

INPUT SOUGHT ON GLENDALE SPEED SAFETY PROGRAM

The City of Glendale's Public Works Dept. is launching of its new Speed Safety Program, a proactive initiative aimed at improving traffic safety and reducing speeding in key areas throughout the city.

The California State Legislature authorized a speed safety camera pilot program for six designated cities, Glendale being one of them. Glendale will implement speed safety cameras. The Glendale Speed Safety Program has already begun to collect data, such as speeding citations and collisions, to determine speed safety camera locations. The next phase gathers input from the community about safety challenges related to speeding. Based on data and public input, a recommended list of nine speed safety camera locations will be released in early 2025.

To add to the City of Glendale's input regarding safety camera locations, a virtual community meeting is being held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. Join via Zoom or watch the live meeting on YouTube. There is also an in-person community meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center at 201 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

For information and the survey, visit GlendaleSpeedSafety.com.

GRAND OPENING OF YOUTH SPACES AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

The community is invited to the grand opening of the new Youth Spaces at Glendale Central Library. The day will be filled with excitement, creativity and fun as these new spaces are unveiled.

Included are a redesigned Children's Space, Teen Space and Sound Space. The grand opening is on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glendale Central Library is located at 222 E. Harvard St.

CCLCF Prepares for Thanksgiving Day Run and Food Drive



This year a costume contest will be part of the Thanksgiving Day run.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The traditional Thanksgiving Day Run and Food Drive continues in La Cañada Flintridge on Thanksgiving

Day.

The event is a collaboration between the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) and the City of La Cañada Flintridge. The 5K Run/Walk and Kid's Mile Run has been a local tradition for three decades.

The professionally-timed race begins on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at 8:30 a.m. at Olberz Park, One Civic Center in La Cañada Flintridge. Cash prizes will be given to the top three finishers in the adult men's and women's categories and winners in each age category will receive handmade ceramic medals. The Kids Mile will be timed this year and will begin at 9:30 a.m. The top three finishers for boys and girls will receive trophies, according to the CCLCF.

Bib pickup and late registration begins at 7 a.m. A 5K warm up with Rose Gold Fitness begins at 8 a.m.; the adult run actually starts at 8:30 a.m. The Kids Mile is for runners 12 years old and younger; the fee to participate in the Kids Mile is \$25 plus a \$3.19 service fee. For ages 13 and up registration is \$50 plus a \$4.88 service fee. The fees increase on the day of registration to \$60 for adults and \$30 for kids; service charges are additional.

For runners 12 years old and younger, through Nov. 23 a Kids Mile training takes place. The training is free and is located at CCLCF; for more information visit cclcf.org/2024/08/23/run.

"We have 13 kids registered and they are having a good time," said Sarah Rodriguez, CCLCF program director.

There is an addition to the run this year – a costume contest. It has been a tradition for many runners to dress in costumes, including costumes that are Thanksgiving-themed, so now a contest has been created.

"There are two categories: best Thanksgiving costume and most unique. It is free for everyone to enter," she added.

Those who want to enter the costume contest can do so at check-in at 7:45 a.m. A Polaroid photo will be taken of each contestant and judges will review the photos during the race; the first, second and third place winners will be announced at 9:15 a.m. after the run, Rodriguez added.



File photo ABOVE: Runners will take to the streets of La Cañada Flintridge for the Thanksgiving Day Run and Food Drive on Nov. 28.



Each runner, and those cheering them on, is invited to bring a donation for the food drive.

"But it's not just food; we are also donating all types of non-perishables, toiletries and gift cards from grocery stores," Rodriguez said. "And dog and animal items are also welcome donations."

The items will be given to Sue's Garden, a local food bank.

Last year CCLCF registered 1,200 runners and they are on track for that many this year.

For more information and to register for the Thanksgiving Day run go to <https://cclcf.org/2024/08/23/run>.

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Lutheran Church Prepares

The Anthem Chorale from Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) will be among several choirs performing in a free concert to honor veterans and promote unity.

“United We Stand! A Veterans Day Musical Tribute” will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at 4550 Raymond Ave. in La Crescenta. The event is a collaborative effort between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (La Crescenta), LCIF, Holy Redeemer-St. James the Less Catholic Church and other local churches. The Anthem Chorale will present two anthems then join other churches for the “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” All are invited to this patriotic event.

Additionally, LCIF invites the community to its weekly Wednesday night social gatherings, known as TOWN (Together on Wednesday Night).

Bakers will especially enjoy the gathering on Nov. 13. Come to the church’s Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. to get a jump on Thanksgiving pie baking. Community members are encouraged to bake pies to either take home or donate to the church’s Thanksgiving Eve

Service and Pie Social on Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.

And, to help make the Thanksgiving holiday brighter for people in need, LCIF is collecting non-perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off during regular Sunday worship with Pastor Rick Hall at 10 a.m. or during the week at the church office.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

UUCVH Having Friendsgiving Potluck

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills welcomes friends, families and those soon-to-be friends to take part in a friendsgiving potluck on Monday, Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the church friendship hall, adjacent to the sanctuary.

RSVP needed and plan to bring a dish to share!

UUCVH, 4451 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta info@uuverdugo.org

Mt. Olive Offers A Breakfast Bible Study & A Community Lunch

Mt. Olive invites the Crescenta Valley community to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Drive, Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. A study of the Book of Second Corinthians will begin on Nov. 16.

Also, a weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Lastly, Mt. Olive offers a community luncheon every second Wednesday through May. For a suggested minimum donation of \$5, a delicious lunch is offered including a brief uplifting devotion and some great entertainment provided by various local artists.

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

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 Nov. 17, & 24. 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



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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.

More Layoffs at JPL

By Mary O’KEEFE

On Wednesday the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), a NASA Center that is administered by the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), reduced its workforce by about 325 employees, about 5% of its total staff, through layoffs following an assessment of its funding, according to Rep. Judy Chu (CA-28).

This is the second major layoff for the Lab since February when it cut 530 employees in addition to 40 contractors. Wednesday was another gut-punch to the scientific community.

Rep. Judy Chu, whose district includes JPL and Caltech, on Wednesday released the following statement:

“I’m once again disappointed with hundreds of JPL layoffs announced today, coming on the heels of hundreds of others earlier this year, and my thoughts are with the dedicated, experienced workers who will be impacted. I have been a steadfast champion of JPL as a national asset, which has helped us accomplish some of the greatest feats in space and science for decades. Every layoff devastates the uniquely talented workers and their loved ones and threatens future scientific discoveries. NASA science

missions continue to unlock some of the greatest questions humankind has, inspire the world and demonstrate American leadership in technology. We must work to accomplish the highest priorities of the Decadal Surveys, and Congress must unite to support our national assets, people and missions that enable these discoveries. It is my sincerest hope that the layoffs will cease with stable funding moving forward, and I’m helping lead the fight with my colleagues in Congress to ensure we provide the necessary funding in upcoming spending bills to fully support our vital missions and promote the kinds of scientific discovery JPL has been on the frontlines of.”

A memo was sent on Wednesday to JPL employees from JPL Director Laurie Leshin:

“This is a message I had hoped not to have to write,” she wrote. “Despite this being incredibly difficult for our community, this number is lower than projected a few months ago thanks in part to the hard work of so many people across JPL. The workforce assessment conducted as part of this process has been both extensive and thorough and, although we can never have perfect insight into the future, I sincerely believe that

after this action we will be at a more stable workforce level moving forward.”

All employees were required to work from home on Wednesday. They were to standby their computers to find out their fate.

“Our approach is to prioritize notifying everyone via email as quickly as possible whether their role is being affected by the layoff or not. Then we can rapidly shift to providing personalized support to our laid-off colleagues who are part of the workforce reduction, including offering dedicated time to discuss their benefits and several other forms of assistance,” Leshin wrote. “To reiterate to you all, I believe this is the last cross-Lab workforce action we will need to take in the foreseeable future. After this action, we will be at about 5,500 JPL regular employees. I believe this is a stable, supportable staffing level moving forward. While we can never be 100% certain of the future budget, we will be well positioned for the work ahead. This may not help much in this difficult moment, but I do want to be crystal clear with my thoughts and perspective. If we hold strong together, we will come through this, just as we have done during other turbulent times in JPL’s nearly 90-year history.”

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MSPA Welcomes the Holidays with Annual Wine Walk

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

On Saturday evening, Nov. 9, the merchants and businesses in the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. hosted their sixth annual Montrose Holiday Wine Walk. At check-in at Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard, members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club gave ticketholders a map, wristband, souvenir wine glass, \$10 in Montrose Shopping Park scrip and tickets for 15 wine tastes being poured at 30 stations throughout the shopping park. All of this swag was inside a decorative shopping park tote bag.

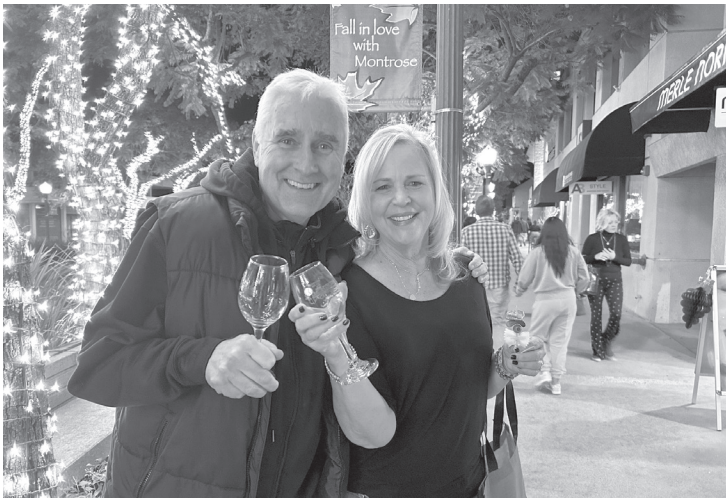
Several of those who partook of the event were returning customers. Amanda Granier was one of those whose face was familiar.

"It's always a fun time," she said.

Other familiar faces included Rob and Karen Tyler and their friend Rick Houghton.

"Rob and I are 'repeat offenders,'" Karen said adding that Saturday night was the first time Houghton had attended. "We were all very impressed with the pours at [Empire Cigars & Spirits]."

One of the most popular stops along the wine path was Once Upon A Time bookstore at 2207 Honolulu Ave. Like many of the participating shops, in addition to delicious wine – poured by "Mr. B" Brent Beaty – Once Upon A Time offered bites of



food that paired well with the wine.

In addition to the food and wine, live music was heard throughout the shopping park and many of the shops offered discounts on their merchandise.

Pleasant evening weather rounded out an enjoyable evening.

The shopping park is next

preparing for the holidays. Come Home to Montrose kicks off with a tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 29 at 6:15 p.m.

Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
TOP: Cary Burch and Amanda Granier.
ABOVE: Pourer extraordinaire Brent Beaty was found at Once Upon A Time bookstore.

Veterans Remembered at Two Strike Park

Members of American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1614 gathered at Two Strike Park on Monday morning to commemorate those who served in the armed forces.

The community was invited to attend the ceremony and about 50 people were on hand. Honored guests included VFW commander Jack Wunderlich, American Legion commander Johnie McDowell and Declan Floyd, field representative for State Senator Anthony Portantino.

Emcee and veteran Victor Bustillos led the ceremony, which included the playing of the popular Armed Forces Medley. This collection is of the official songs of the six services of the United States Armed Forces: Army, Marine Corps,

Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force (unfortunately the flag for Space Force was unavailable). Members of the American Legion and VFW each held the appropriate military flag as its song was played while audience members stood who served in that branch of the military.

Ron Bularz, chaplain for Post 1614, offered a benediction.

The singing group Monday@JoJo's performed patriotic songs, inviting the audience to sing along.

Memorial Day, recognized on the last Monday in May, is a time to remember those who died in service to their country whereas Veterans Day is a day to celebrate the contributions of those who served, and are serving, in the military. The difference between the holidays was explained by veteran Dick Clubb.

Clubb also welcomed veteran Robert "Bob" Keiter, a Purple Heart recipient. In appreciation of his service, Clubb presented Keiter with a challenge coin that included components of the Purple Heart.

Story by Robin GOLDSWORTHY

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During the "Armed Forces Medley" members of American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 display the flag from each branch of the military.





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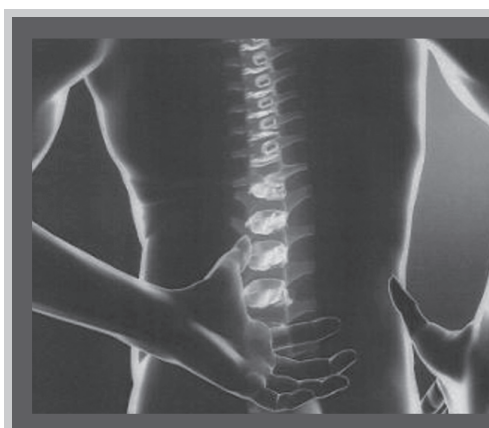
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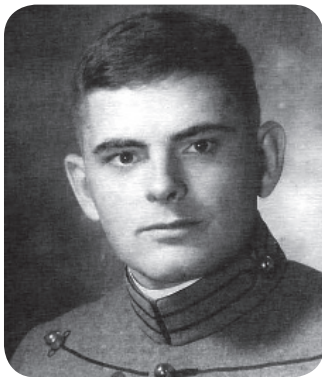
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Obituary

David Francis Belden



Feb. 20, 1947 – Oct. 17, 2024

David Francis Belden, 77, passed away on Oct. 17 in Glendale. His battles in recent years with serious medical issues gave him the chance to show his courage in facing life's challenges to the very end with hope and a smile. As a devout Christian, David passed with the peace of knowing that he would be going to his heavenly home.

Born to William and Patricia Belden on Feb. 20, 1947, David grew up attending Sunny Valley School House and Chippewa

Falls Senior High School in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

David graduated from the West Point United States Military Academy and dedicated five years of his life to the United States Army, achieving the rank of captain. He was also a Vietnam veteran.

Following his military service, David embarked on a distinguished career as a radiation safety officer and health physicist – a field in which he worked for over 30 years.

One of his greatest career achievements was being the owner and president of Belden Engineering, Inc., where he was able to use his accumulation of knowledge and experience to help businesses – both in the United States and internationally – advance in areas of medicine as well as industrial applications.

Known for his intelligent wit and sense of humor, David was a loving husband, father and grandfather who was always generous with his time and affection. He enjoyed reading, playing computer games and spending quality time with his family.

Although in his later years David was not able to actively

attend church, he loved the Lord and had a list of Scriptures he read daily. One of his favorites is from Micah 6:8 – "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." David exemplified this every day of his life.

David is survived by his wife and love of his life for 55 years Kathy Belden; his children Wendy Belden, Daryn Belden, Alyssa (Bryan) Ruiz, and Aimee Belden; his grandchildren Justin and Jill Myrant, Nolan and Nathaniel Mendoza, Bennett, Brandon, and Abigail Ruiz; and his siblings, William Huse, Camie Teerink, Lanette Belden, Linda Wirth and Sandra Gibson. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Sherlyn Belden, Teresa Oliver and Vicky Huse.

David will be honored in a memorial service to be held at Bloomer Baptist Church, 2620 Duncan Road in Bloomer, Wisconsin, on Nov. 30 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in David's memory to the West Point Association of Graduates or Vietnam Veterans of America.

CRIME BLOTTER

Nov. 8

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an informant reported that two male adults entered the store at the location and stole merchandise. Suspect No. 1 was wearing a black and gold hoodie, ripped denim jeans and turquoise shoes and was carrying a black duffel bag. Suspect No. 2 was wearing a black hoodie and black sweatpants and carrying a pink backpack.

The theft occurred at 9:50 p.m.

Nov. 7

4600 block of Leir Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a deputy observed a shattered glass window at the rear of a residence. Deputies made entry into the location but found no suspects. The home had not been ransacked but the security system panel in the living room had

been ripped off the wall.

The resident reported she had received a phone call from her daughter notifying her the alarm company had contacted her that sheriff vehicles were outside the home. The resident returned home to find that his safe had been stolen and the circuit breaker box had been turned off.

The residential burglary occurred between 11:45 a.m. and 3:19 p.m.

4600 block of Grand Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned home to find several rooms had been ransacked and the sliding glass door had been shattered. The resident was unable to determine if anything had been stolen at the time.

The residential burglary occurred between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

500 Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an informant reported that a male adult, referred to as Suspect No. 2 and described as about 5'5" tall, weighing 150 lbs. and wearing a gold chain and all black clothing, entered the store, took a bottle of liquor and walked out of the store. An employee followed the suspect out of the store and into the parking lot to take a photo of the suspect's license plate. The suspect's vehicle was described as a black Honda Civic. As the vehicle turned to leave the parking lot the employee placed his body in front of the vehicle, making the vehicle stop. A suspect, referred to Suspect No. 1 came out of the driver's seat and confronted the employee/victim. Suspect No. 1 punched the victim in the face, then returned to the vehicle and drove away.

The theft occurred at 12:40 p.m.

Nov. 6

4400 block of Rockland Place in La Cañada Flintridge a woman reported she had been cleaning out items from her vehicle that was parked in the driveway of the residence. She placed a tote bag on the driveway that contained several medications and apparently forgot it was there. She went into the residence and when her alarm went off indicating it was time to take her medication she realized she had left it on the driveway. When she went out to the driveway she found the tote bag was gone.

Surveillance footage revealed a suspect, described as a White male adult wearing a red shirt and tan shorts, driving to the driveway. The suspect exited the vehicle, approached the tote bag, looked inside it, picked up the tote bag and placed it into his vehicle and drove off.

The theft occurred between 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.



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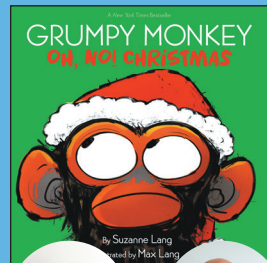
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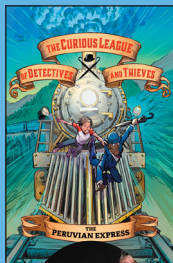
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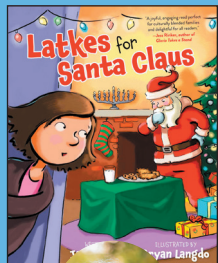
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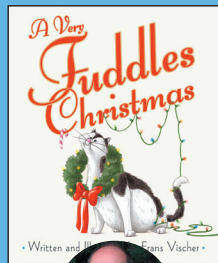
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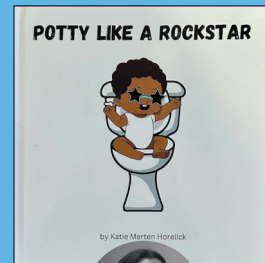
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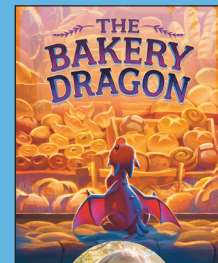
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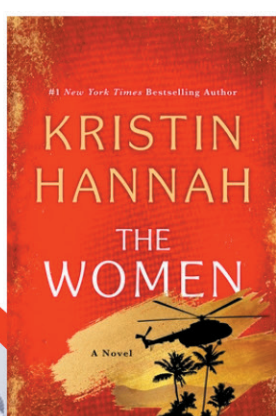
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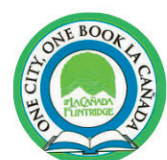
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GCC from Cover

“There aren’t that many Mills Act properties; it’s not like this is a rampant movement to declare unhistoric properties as historic resources.”

The Council approved the recommendation from the city’s Historic Preservation Commission to add the property to the historic register and to approve the Mills Act contract with the conditions indicated in the report.

The next property considered for inclusion in the historic register is the Porter House, a Mid-century Modern post-and-beam house built in the Chevy Chase Canyon neighborhood in 1961 for Mrs. Sylvia Porter. The one-story single-family home was designed by Frank B. Wilson and is nestled into lush landscaping highlighting the indoor-outdoor lines of the architectural style.

The Council approved the designation and Mills Act contract pending a review of the legality of the remodeling work done over the years.

Finally, the Council considered a Mills Act contract for the Derby House at 2535 E. Chevy Chase Drive. Previously included in the initial adoption of the Glendale Register of Historic Resources in 1997 as No. 22 of 37 properties, the house was included in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. The city’s principal planner Jay Platt identified the Derby House as “one of the most prominent and interesting houses in the city.” It was designed by the son of Frank Lloyd Wright, Lloyd Wright, in 1926 and it uses a system of concrete blocks known as texture blocks in its early American style. The Council approved the contract with six conditions, primarily focused on weatherproofing and on the repair of several deteriorated features.

According to city attorney Mike Garcia, the Council will consider two ordinances at its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19: one regarding camping in the city and another related to sidewalk vendor licenses.

At a special meeting of the City Council on Tuesday afternoon, the body approved the next design steps for an eight-story, 105-unit multi-family apartment building in the downtown area at 820 N. Central Ave. The property will include one studio apartment; 37 one-bedroom apartments; 61 two-bedroom apartments; six three-bedroom apartments; 15,183 square feet of outdoor space for residents; 3345 square feet of publicly accessible open space; and 215 parking spaces at both street level and in three levels of subterranean parking.

BEAR from Cover

The residents, who have lived in the area for several decades, were very calm while the bear took a nap in their tree. There were some concerns, however, of what would happen when CVHS students left the campus for lunch or at the end of the school day. As the day went on the little bear decided to leave his pepper tree and walked down the block to the front of CVHS at the corner of Community and Glenwood avenues. At first the bear tried to climb the fence that was between the parking lot and the campus but it was unsuccessful, so it climbed a tree in the small parking lot and once again took a nap.

The bear was calm but school administrators had a situation on their hands they hadn’t expected on a Tuesday afternoon. They had been informed about the bear earlier in the morning so they had already limited lunchtime student release; however, when the bear came to the school it was time to adjust again.

The school implemented its shelter-in-place protocol, and once again a call went out to the Fish & Wildlife Dept.

“We are aware of the bear and are getting a scientist to the area,” said Steven Rodriguez, Fish & Wildlife spokesperson.

In the meantime deputies monitored the bear, which CVHS principal Christine

Benitez was calling Buddy, and a plan was made on how to release students. Principal Benitez sent out notices to parents and guardians keeping them informed of the situation. Students who were in CVHS’ 8000 building took photos of their little visitor before being safely released at the end of the school day with administrators and deputies lining their exit.

The little bear stayed in the tree and tried to get some sleep, which was increasingly difficult as word was out the bear was there. Many onlookers stopped by with their cellphone cameras and parents brought their children to look at the little bear. It was relatively quiet and the kids, and parents, were all smiles as they caught a glimpse of the newest Falcon. It seemed the helicopters flying overhead were keeping the bear from his nap.

“We will wait until dark,” said a Fish & Wildlife environmental scientist who was at the school. “We will continue to monitor the situation.”

One of the concerns centered around what was thought to be the baby bear’s mother that was seen in the area with another cub. Earlier in the morning, around 3 a.m., the mama and two cubs were spotted walking through the CVHS campus looking for food. It was after leaving the

school when the cub got separated from its sibling and mama.

The mama bear and cub were seen walking toward CV Park and into the woods; they were then lost among the trees.

The cub did leave CVHS on Tuesday evening and made its way

to the woods – hopefully to rejoin its mother and sibling.

“We don’t know if it met up with its [mother] but bears have a strong sense of smell so they will probably find each other,” Rodriguez said. “We are continuing to monitor the [situation].”

PET OF THE WEEK



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Our Ancient Grove of Oaks

Maria giggled as Jose snuggled close to kiss her neck.

"Stop now, I'm serious," she scolded him. "I don't believe my father's ready for this. Perhaps we should wait."

"No, mi amor," Jose responded. "I shall ask for his blessing today. I can wait no longer."

Later that afternoon, as Don Juarez arrived home after a day of overseeing the needs of his rancho, Jose inched his way forward.

"Don Juarez, sir, I was wondering if, if ... I was thinking perhaps that maybe, just maybe, I could have your blessing for your daughter's hand in marriage."

Don Juarez squinted and gave Jose a long stare. He then turned to his daughter where he had noticed her peeking from the shadows. His face became stern and he turned back to Jose.

"No! Absolutely not!" he retorted loudly. Before Jose could respond, Don Juarez swiveled and stomped off. "And that's final!" he yelled.

Later that evening, Jose and Maria gathered the belongings they would need to flee. They would run away and elope despite her father's decision. In the wee hours of the morning they left the rancho and disappeared into the darkness.

As the first rooster began to crow, a banging came on the bedroom door of Don Juarez. His ranch hand delivered the news of the young lovers' departure. The Don's reaction was swift. He leapt from his bed and nearly ripped the door from its hinges as he burst forth. He made a beeline for his stable, mounted his fastest horse and was off in a cloud of dust.

Don Juarez was an experienced

tracker and he easily followed their trail where it ended at a large grove of ancient oaks. He dismounted his horse and headed into the shadows beneath the looming trees. There he came upon the two, laughing together without a care in the world – until Maria saw her father and let out a terrifying scream. Without hesitation, Don Juarez bounded toward Jose, who scrambled to his feet. Taking great strides, the Don pulled a large blade from its scabbard and, with his daughter's cries filling the air, plunged his sword deep into the chest of her lover. Jose crumpled to the ground and breathed his last breath.

This incredible story is that of a legend that was shared in the pages of the Los Angeles Daily Herald on Sunday, Oct. 17, 1886. It was a tale of the lore behind the ancient grove

of oaks we now call Sunland Park. These events were purported to have taken place many decades before the printing. I must admit that I've added the names (as those did not travel well through time) and some colorful details and dialogue, but the story is essentially the same. The purpose of the newspaper article was to announce the founding of Monte Vista, declaring it the most delightful place on the California coast. But before the century was out the name was changed to Sunland.

In addition to this scene of murder, the Herald also told of the notorious Mexican bandits Tiburcio Vasquez and Joaquin Murrieta who rendezvoused under these trees. It stated the pair buried great sums of money in the grove and it remains there still.

The old adage, "Don't believe

everything you read in the newspapers" comes to mind but who really knows what unimaginable things may have happened in our distant past? I can tell you unequivocally that the history of Sunland Park is really quite amazing even if these two tales are forged by imagination. There is a reason why this ancient grove is situated where it is and it has most likely thrived for thousands of years. It can't be proven but I believe it's likely that indigenous Tongva peoples congregated there to gather the acorns they would need for their sustenance.

Much more in two weeks about this truly historical place.

Craig W. Durst, AKAThe History Hunter, is a historian of the Tujunga Rancho and President of the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. He can be reached at craig@thehistoryhunter.com.

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » FRIDA BAGHDASSARIAN

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I reflect on the importance of gratitude and the collaborative spirit within the Crescenta Valley Town Council. Unexpectedly transitioning from vice president to president

has given me valuable insights into the significance of teamwork and community involvement. I am incredibly thankful for the support of the executive committee – Vice President Jeffrey Rodriguez, Corresponding Secretary Kerri Bräutigam, Recording Secretary Daniel Kim, Treasurer Donna Libra, chairlady of Streets and Roads Committee Dede Mueller and chairlady of the Land Use Committee

Ines Chessum. Their dedication and commitment play a crucial role in planning and executing initiatives that enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Crescenta Valley is gearing up for the holidays with the 10th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. This is a great event for everyone. Supervisor Kathryn Barger will attend and music and treats will be available for everyone courtesy of Friends of the Library. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be followed by the 46th Annual Montrose Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec.

7, which begins promptly at 6:10 p.m.

Participating in these hometown events highlights our council's commitment to creating engaging experiences for the community. We encourage families to come out and enjoy the holiday cheer.

I also want to remind everyone of our meeting at the La Crescenta Library next Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. This meeting will be an important opportunity to discuss pressing issues, share ideas and explore new initiatives. Your input is crucial in shaping our agenda and addressing the needs of our community.

As your council members, we

are residents just like you and we volunteer our time in addition to our other commitments. The responsibilities associated with our roles can often feel as demanding as a full-time job. We are here because we care about our community and want to contribute positively to its growth and well-being. While it is perfectly natural to have differing opinions on various issues, I encourage everyone to recognize the hard work and dedication that goes into our efforts. A spirit of gratitude and respect can foster a more constructive dialogue within our community.

Remember that our council members are here to listen, learn

and serve you. We value your perspectives and appreciate your engagement, even when opinions vary. We can create an environment that encourages collaboration and understanding by supporting one another and expressing our thoughts thoughtfully. Together we can celebrate our collective efforts and work toward making Crescenta Valley an even better place to live.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

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Recap of Cross-GUSD LEGO Robotics Scrimmage

On Oct. 26, the Glendale Unified School District LEGO robotics scrimmage was co-hosted by Cerritos Elementary School and Crescenta Valley High School Falcon robotics. The scrimmage provided teams across the GUSD to learn about robotics and compete in FIRST LEGO League (FLL).

Sixteen 16 LEGO robotics teams (grades 4-8) competed featuring about 66 students participating from Cerritos Elementary, Wilson Middle, Rosemont Middle, Mountain Avenue Elementary, Monte Vista Elementary Lincoln Elementary, Dunsmore Elementary, Valley View Elementary, La Crescenta Elementary, Glenoaks Elementary and Fremont Elementary school.

Participating teams played three rounds each of the FLL challenge



robot game. The season theme was "Submerged." Additionally, teams presented to a panel of volunteer judges as part of the FLL Innovation Challenge, in which the students must research a problem related to

oceans and develop creative solutions. Special thanks are extended to host Cerritos Elementary and in particular Principal Dr. Diana Hernandez, Robotics Coach Peter Ayala and Custodian Elmer. Not



Photos provided by Heather ABRAMS

only did Cerritos share its space, it provided four fields and jumped into the FLL robot game with us.

Glendale Educational Foundation (GEF supported the Oct. 26 scrimmage and the initial support

for Cerritos Elementary School to compete with FIRST LEGO League.

Thanks were extended to several GUSD entities, FLL coordinators, coaches and others who made the scrimmage possible.



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CVIM Makes Histroy

By Jabe BELL

Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) band made history at its recent competition at Gahr High School in Cerritos earning a score of 89.775, which is the highest score in the history of CVHS. The previous high score was attained during finals competition in 2019 when the band earned 89.5 at Huntington Beach High School. Since the new high score wasn't set during finals there are still two more chances to soar above that.

In many ways, the 2024 Marching Falcons and 2019 Marching Falcons couldn't be more different. Among the differences are a new crop of students and parent volunteers, brand new uniforms and new hires on the coaching and creative teams. But in many ways the creative and musical spirit that fuels the entire CV Instrumental Music

program has stayed in full force.

This year's show, titled "Oasis," explores the story of the search for water in a vast and dry desert. In addition to complex music featuring many styles and soloists, "Oasis" boasts some of the most visually and mechanically impressive props CVHS has ever put to the field. These set pieces include front-drops with an oasis design, clusters of palm trees, sand dunes that the band and guard members walk upon and in the finale a massive piece of blue fabric sweeps over the field that represents water. There are so many moving parts that an additional U-Haul truck was needed to transport everything to and from performances.

The final performances for the CVHS Marching Falcons are this Saturday, Nov. 16 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. at California High School, 9800 Mills Ave. in Whittier and the CSBC state finals on Saturday Nov. 23 at Huntington High School, 1905 Main St. in Huntington Beach (time TBD).

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Planting Wisdom: The Benefits of Native Plants

The Lanterman House will sponsor a talk on the history and benefits of native plants by Richard Toyon on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lanterman House Visitor Center. The talk will be followed by a brief tour of the Lanterman House Native Plant Garden and refreshments made from native plants.

Speaker Richard Toyon, a 14th generation Native Californian, will talk about the history and traditional Tongva uses of plants native to this area. The lecture will be followed by a tour of the native plant garden by Girl Scout Cozette Rinde, who spent the past year maintaining and adding to the garden as part of her Gold Award project.

As part of her project, Rinde also created an educational webpage and print flyer, which will be available to visitors.

"I hope visitors to the garden gain the insights I've learned while cultivating it. Native plants are not only beautiful but also crucial to our ecosystem and well-being. This project has deepened my appreciation for their importance and why we must continue to incorporate them into our lives," said Rinde.

Seating for the talk on Nov. 17 is offered on a

first-come basis with a maximum occupancy of 50. No reservations are necessary. The event is free.

If visitors wish to take a tour of the historic Lanterman House prior to the event, they can make a reservation for the 1 p.m. tour. For more information, visit lantermanhouse.org.

The Lanterman House is a bungalow-style historic house museum in La Cañada Flintridge. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The House was commissioned by Dr. Roy Lanterman in 1915 and was built by A.L. Haley, who was a prominent builder of both residences and commercial buildings in the Los Angeles area.

The Lanterman House also features a historical archive of the Crescenta/Cañada Valley. The archive is available for research by the public on Tuesdays and by appointment.

The Lanterman House is located at 4420 Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. It is open for docent-guided tours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first and third Sunday of each by reservation.

For more information, please visit lantermanhouse.org or call (818) 790-1421.



Crescenta Valley Lions Club Boutique and Food Drive Fundraisers Benefit Fire House and Bailey Center

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is hosting its Annual Holiday Boutique in La Crescenta on Saturday, Nov. 16. The event is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. at the historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2563

Foothill Blvd.

Several of the community's most talented artisans and craftspeople will fill the church courtyard and parish hall to sell their most unique creations: handmade arts and crafts,

popular home and beauty products, one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces and books and other unique specialty items. In addition, there will be a bake sale and barbecued lunch available for purchase. The local women's singing group Monday@JoJo's will perform holiday music from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Along with the holiday boutique, a food drive will be held. Food items collected are dedicated for the Bailey Human Care Center. The food drive is between 10 a.m. and noon; collection is curbside on Cross Street at the back of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Food items that are most needed are canned and boxed food items, specifically breakfast cereal, canned meats (chicken, tuna), pasta,

soups, canned fruits and vegetables. The Bailey Center is located in Tujunga and serves the needs of food-challenged individuals and families across the foothill communities.

Proceeds from the boutique will help support the Fire House youth center, located on the St. Luke's campus. The Fire House has been a location for youth to meet for about 14 years and is the home of important youth and service organizations like Prom Plus, the iMPACT Foundation, The Crescenta Valley Substance Abuse Coalition and others. It also provides direct support to many of the area's young people such as the Wednesday morning breakfast for Rosemont Middle School students on "banking days" when volunteers cook

pancakes and sausages for students arriving an hour before classes begin. Subject to the availability of resources, The Fire House has also hosted such programs as the after-school homework café featuring free tutoring for interested young people, specialty seminars and discussions on important topics, recreational opportunities and many others. All of these services are provided for free to the students.

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, one of 49,000 Lions Clubs International.

For more information on this event and Crescenta Valley Lions Club, contact Diana Tyson at lions91214@gmail.com.

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People Making News

Biola University welcomed incoming students Tae Young Kwon of La Crescenta, majoring in business management, Silas Lee of La Crescenta, majoring in business administration, Emin Matevosyan of Montrose, majoring in Bible, theology, & apologetics, Ian Rho of La Crescenta/Glendale, majoring in kinesiology and Prisca You of La Crescenta majoring in health sciences,

to the Biola community this fall as they start their journey as an Eagle.

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Faith Choi of La Crescenta, majoring in allied health, Emily Low of Sunland, majoring in comm sciences disorders., Melissa Dunnigan of Sunland, majoring in English and Jakob Torres of La Cañada Flintridge, majoring

in kinesiology, were among approximately 1,500 students named to the Biola University dean's list in spring 2024. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

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Catherine Sullivan of La Cañada was among 1,300 students who graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She graduated from the College of Letters and Science, with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism. University of Wisconsin-Madison graduates received doctoral, bachelor, master and professional degrees in August 2024.

» TASTY TREATS

Don Francisco's Coffee Presents a Festive – and Spiked – Holiday Treat

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What Is Needed

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 - 1 oz. coffee liqueur, such as Kahlua
 - ¼ cup dark chocolate chips
 - Whipped cream
 - Chocolate shavings
 - Sprinkles
- Makes 1 serving

How to Make

Melt chocolate chips in a shallow dish by microwaving for 30 seconds at 50% power, stirring, and microwaving an additional 15 seconds until smooth.

Dip the rim of a coffee mug in melted

chocolate, then shake sprinkles along the rim. Set in refrigerator for 15 minutes for chocolate to harden.

Add brewed Don Francisco's French Roast to the prepared mug followed by the coffee liqueur, schnapps and half and half. Stir.

Top with whipped cream, sprinkles, and chocolate shavings.



Montrose Haunted House Deemed 'Big Success'



A steady stream of trick-or-treating families had great fun touring the largely revamped annual haunted house maze hosted on Halloween night by the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills in Montrose.

Several new and extraordinary features greeted this year's visitors. A séance attended by dressed skeletons riveted children's attention as did a creepy oversized vulture, both designed by volunteer Burton Carraher. A new witch, the toxic waste room and a graveyard with a real coffin were part of the mix. The whole experience was elevated by an appropriate spooky soundtrack in each area created by volunteer and professional sound engineer David Kitchens – and of course there was lots of candy.

Families emerged with big smiles on their faces.

"That was crazy scary" and "So spooky!" and "So creepy – such good decorations!" were just some of the things overheard. Several families said they come back every year and that waiting in the line was "totally worth it!"

"The Church created a perfect haunted house for the kids, spooky but not scary and, most



importantly, the kids got plenty of candy!" said local resident Eric Smith, father of four.

Mission Holder Stacy Kitchens said, "We really had fun creating this year's haunted house for our community and are thrilled that everyone seemed to enjoy it. We love being part of Montrose's tradition of providing a safe Halloween experience for families."

The Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills has been part of the Montrose/Glendale community for 42 years. The Mission delivers communication and study courses for children, 20 life improvement courses and other Dianetics- and Scientology-

related services and counseling for adults. In addition to activities open to the public such, as the haunted house and Easter festivities, the Mission also supports various community outreach programs such as relationship and drug education seminars and our upcoming toy drive. To learn about these, email events@scientology-montrose.org or call (818) 957-1500.

TOP: Mission director Stacy Kitchens on Halloween night gives candy to children waiting to enter the haunted house at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.

ABOVE: A boy peers at the toxic waste room at the haunted house.

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Fiato Quartet to Perform for GNC

On Nov. 20 from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts will feature the Fiato Quartet performing Beethoven's "Harp" String Quartet in E-flat major, Op. 74. Members of the Fiato Quartet are Carrie Kennedy – violin, Joel Pargman – violin,

Aaron Oltman – viola and Ryan Sweeney – cello. The Glendale Noon Concerts are performed at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

The Fiato Quartet, winner of the 2022 Beverly Hills National Auditions, was formed in 2008. The members of Fiato hold

degrees in music performance from the University of Southern California, Rice University, Northwestern University and the Stony Brook University in New York.

The musicians of Fiato currently have active concert careers throughout Southern California. They are members of

the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Master Chorale, Pasadena Symphony, Long Beach Symphony, New West Symphony, and Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra. As studio musicians in Los Angeles, they also record music for motion pictures, television and records.

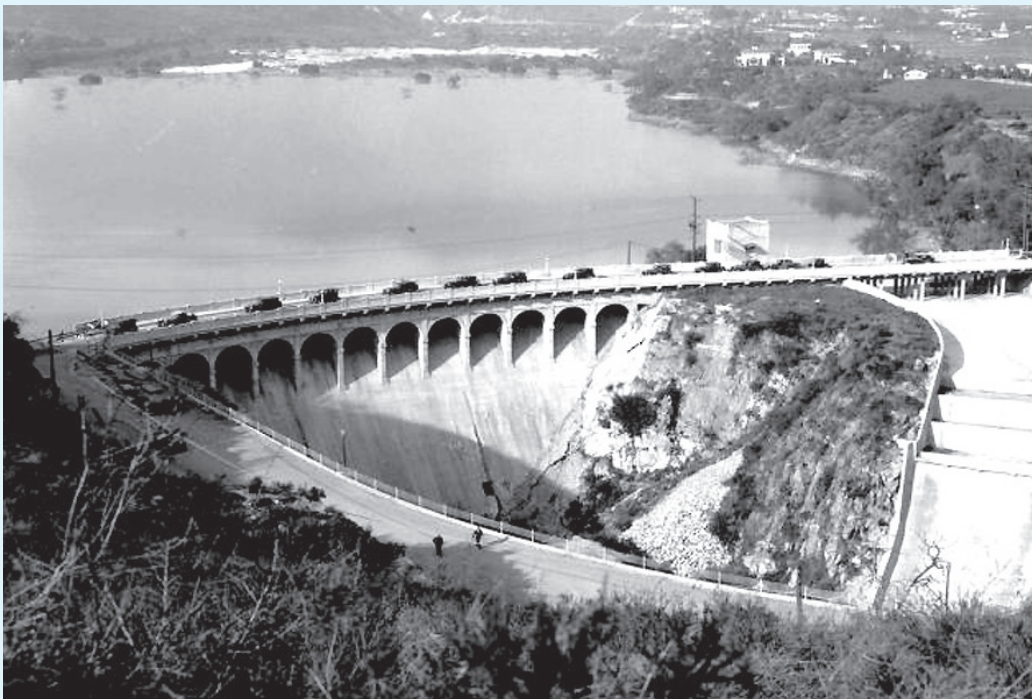
Fiato has performed on many chamber music series in the Los Angeles area including The Music Guild, South Bay Chamber Music Society and South Pasadena Library's Restoration Concert Series. In August 2012, Fiato toured Costa Rica as part of the

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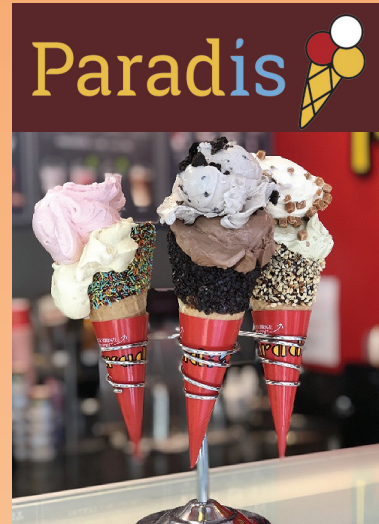
Devil's Gate Dam Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN » A series of floods ravaged the Arroyo Seco Canyon, particularly in 1914 when 10 bridges were destroyed, 40 homes lost and 43 people died. As a response, the LA County Flood Control District was formed in 1915 with its first major project to be the control of water flowing through the Arroyo. Devils Gate Dam was dedicated in 1920, the first of a series of flood control dams (oversize debris basins, in effect) to be built in Los Angeles. Its secondary role was that of a reservoir. As seen by the cars along the top, it also served as the main traffic artery between Pasadena and the Crescenta-Cañada Valley.



NOW » Oak Grove Drive and the 210 Freeway criss-cross the Arroyo at the dam's face, nearly obscuring it. Every few years the dam plays an important role in flood control – regulating the flow of water down the Arroyo, smoothing out the peaks created by cloudbursts with a steady flow of water over the spillway (on the right side of the photo) and catching debris that would have crashed down the Arroyo. Most residents of the valley were used to seeing the dam dry, a result of the '71 Sylmar quake rendering the dam to be considered seismically unsafe. In 1997 the County of Los Angeles retrofitted the dam to seismic standards so that it can hold some water.



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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.

KIWANIS CLUB OF THE VERDUGOS HOSTS BINGO NIGHT

On Saturday, Nov. 16 the Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos is hosting a bingo night at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; games start at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$25 for 10 game cards. Bingo is limited to 150 players; advanced ticket purchase is recommended. Sponsorships are available. Food and beverages available for purchase.

A sock drive supporting Glendale Police Dept. community outreach is being held. Those who bring in three

or more pairs of new socks (any size or style) will receive one free pre-game opener bingo card.

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CCLCF BOASTS SEVERAL EVENTS

Standard pricing for participants of the Thanksgiving Day Run continues: \$50 for adults, \$25 for children. Volunteers are needed for an assortment of duties for the Thanksgiving Day Run. Prices increase on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

Drop bins from NASA Services for the CCLCF food drive are available at local schools and select businesses in the area. The food drive ends Nov. 21.

Looking ahead, CCLCF is having

its annual ceramics holiday sale on Dec. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit the CCLCF website at cclcf.org or call (818) 790-4353.

END OF YEAR MIXER AT PORTO'S

The community is invited to join GLA for a mixer at Porto's Bakery & Café, 315 N. Brand Blvd. in Glendale today, Nov. 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. when GLA partners with the "Cops For Kids" holiday toy drive and announces GLA's 2025 honorees.

The Porto's year-end mixer features a delicious dinner including dessert. Ticket buyers will contribute to raising vital funds for scholarships.

Tickets available at: <https://www.glendalelatinoassociation.com/donations/>.

FOOD DRIVE AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is having a food drive benefiting the Bailey Center on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. Curbside drop off is

available on Cross Street, one block north of Foothill Boulevard, behind the church.

Questions? Contact Diana Tyson at lions91214@gmail.com or call (818) 625-5221.

Also on Nov. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Lions Club is having a boutique featuring handmade items, a raffle, bake sale and holiday music. All proceeds benefit the Fire House youth center.

CELEBRITY BOWLING PARTY

The annual Bowl For Ronnie celebrity bowling party, benefiting the RonnieJamesDioStandUpandShout Cancer Fund (www.diocancerfund.org), is set for today, Thursday, Nov. 14. The event, to be held at PINZ Bowling Center in Studio City, will again be hosted by television and radio personality Eddie Trunk, who is heard on SiriusXM's 103 Faction Talk channel. Bowl For Ronnie will feature

a celebrity bowling tournament and a raffle drawing for prizes and memorabilia. Last year's bowling event sold out in advance and raised more than \$80,000 for the cancer charity, now in its 15th year of raising awareness and much-needed funding for cancer research.

The evening of fun, food and, of course, bowling with rockers and celebrities competing for trophies kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with open bowling and a VIP pre-party for lane sponsors, celebrities and their guests. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the Bowl For Ronnie will go to the Dio Cancer Fund (www.diocancerfund.org).

Lanesponsorships are now on sale and participants are encouraged to gather friends, family and co-workers for the ultimate bowling team.

The Pinz Bowling Center is located at 12655 Ventura Blvd. in Studio City.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com November 11, 2024 - November 17, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You digest ideas and mental concepts as well as food. Some may be more easily assimilated than others. If you're taking the time to research issues associated with your well-being, go to a source you trust. Make sure that the next batch of ideas you consume really suits you on all levels. If they do, it will be easy to apply them.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may have been under pressure to reach deadlines on time. You'll find it easier to cope if you slow down and relax. When you work, you sometimes you find it hard to switch off. But this is the key to creating a healthy balance in life. When you leave your job, think pleasant thoughts and take it easy!

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Let your renewed enthusiasm for good health and wellness infect you with a powerful desire to work out daily and eat nourishing food that's good for your body. Your diet may have more of an impact on you than you realize. Check for food intolerances and sensitivities so you can tailor your diet to your needs.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The pounds may pile on if you aren't careful. If you're going to be doing more socializing, the temptation to indulge may be too great. There are a few measures you can take to help yourself. Drink plenty of water to help you feel full. Drink hot water and lemon to dull a sweet tooth.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Take good care of yourself and check any symptoms rather than wait and see what happens. A powerful aspect that affects your health may bring a few surprises your way. The problem is nothing new, but over the coming days you may find a solution that will help you cure it for good. This period is great for a new start with a diet and exercise routine.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Don't be surprised if treatments are delayed or there's confusion over health issues. If you feel that a diagnosis is incorrect, get as many other opinions as necessary. If you're eating out, find a restaurant that has good reviews. There's a chance you may eat something that disagrees with you.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You may have been through a period of cleansing on all levels. Letting go of resentment or bitterness is every bit as important as clearing out toxins from your body. If you haven't tried a short detox yet, perhaps you could make it a regular habit. You'll feel so much better.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may decide to go back to a treatment that you experimented with in the past. You could be inspired by the results others have had and by glowing testimonials. You may think of it as a luxury and wonder if you could do without it. But it will be worthwhile if it helps you in any way. Listen to your intuition and go from there.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The Universe is encouraging you to look more deeply into current health issues. A lot of what you're experiencing could be caused by deeply held resentments and toxic emotions, which are known to have a negative effect on well-being. The more deeply you understand this and the more willing you are to explore your past, forgive, and move on, the healthier you'll be.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

The desire to enjoy too many rich and fatty foods may be too strong to resist. No matter how good you've been recently on your latest diet, you may find it easier to enjoy the ice cream than to push it aside. It's no great sin to veer off course now and again. Just don't make a big thing about it. Enjoy it and then move on. Don't beat yourself up over it!

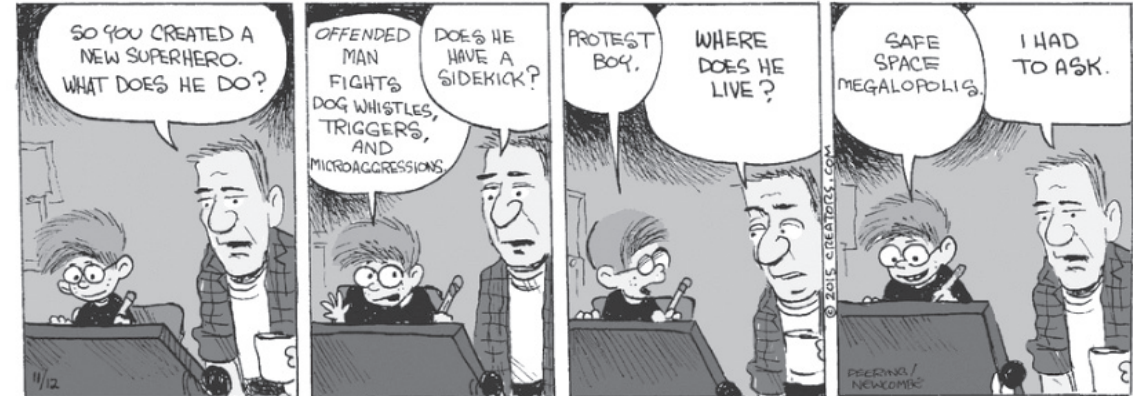
♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This may not be the best time for any sort of cosmetic surgery. You may not be happy with the outcome. Whether it's a minor or major procedure, consider putting it off for a few weeks. The whole process should go more smoothly if you can wait. It may be easier to improve your looks by drinking plenty of water and eating good food.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You're always impatient when it comes to health matters. You dislike the inconvenience of illness and the time wasted convalescing. You're equally impatient when it comes to getting fit or losing weight. You tend to give 100 percent for a while and then burn out. Perhaps you could take your time. You'll feel better.

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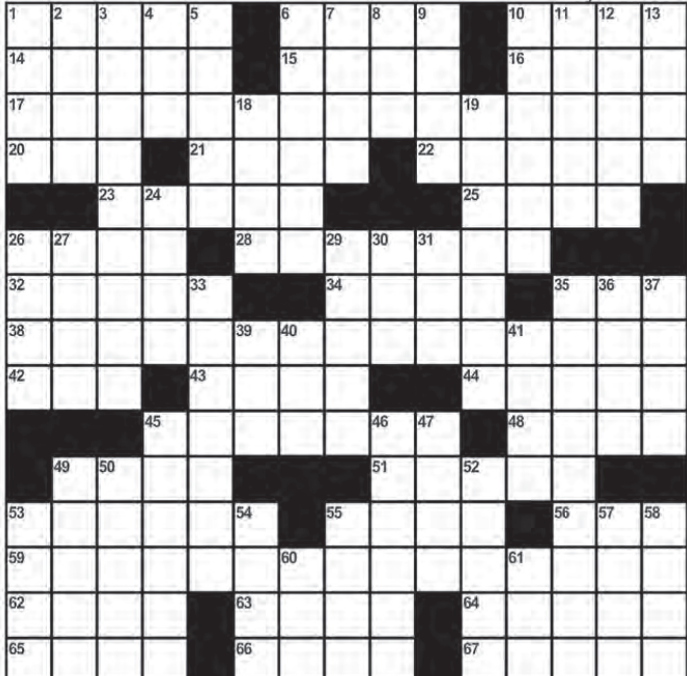
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- 34) Anjou, e.g.
- 35) "20/20" ailer
- 38) Two new things?
- 42) "___ no hooks"
- 43) Measure of medicine
- 44) Checks for fingerprints
- 45) Readies a hard drive
- 48) Police officer's patrol
- 49) Christian the fashion designer
- 51) Takes a backseat?
- 53) Northern Mexico state
- 55) Fast food staple
- 56) "Amazing Grace" verse ender
- 59) Three new things
- 62) Audition reward
- 63) Less than average tide
- 64) High abode
- 65) Raised racehorses
- 66) Raggedy ___ (some dolls)
- 67) Leveled, in London

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- 1) Weakens, as support
- 2) Skin lotion ingredient
- 3) Extra fee
- 4) Hallow conclusion?
- 5) Window covering
- 6) Hod filler
- 7) Song for a diva
- 8) Washroom, for short
- 9) Vivacity
- 10) Put on a happy face
- 11) Possessed, old-style
- 12) Butter alternatives
- 13) Schematic
- 18) Finger decoration
- 19) Jimmied
- 24) Tibet's Sasquatch
- 26) Hindu gentleman
- 27) Fish eggs
- 29) Sleeper's breathing problem
- 30) Dowel
- 31) Pilgrimage
- 33) Small country between France and Spain
- 35) Their job is taxing
- 36) Software prerelease version
- 37) Dermatological diagnosis, sometimes
- 39) "___ gloom of night ..."
- 40) Suffix with "real"
- 41) Country hick
- 45) Deceived
- 46) Scouting groups
- 47) Missile "house"
- 49) Transplant need
- 50) Fireplace nook
- 52) Africa's westernmost capital
- 53) Balkan native
- 54) "Black Beauty" author Sewell
- 55) Scottish family
- 57) Albany-to-Buffalo canal
- 58) ___ out a living (just got by)
- 60) Bear quarters
- 61) Positive reply

MODERN TIMES

By Rob Lee



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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

My Motorola phone freezes up. Why can't I get this fixed?

Steven Waechter's Motorola phone freezes up and so does the replacement it sends him. How can he get the problem fixed?

Question: My Motorola Edge phone is defective. It crashes daily and reboots, sometimes several times.

Motorola's tech support says I should just factory reset it or run it in safe mode. I have done that. It doesn't reboot when it's in safe mode. It works fine after being factory reset, which deletes all apps and content.

I didn't buy this phone to use without apps. It can run apps and that's why I bought it. Motorola has replaced it once but I'm still having the problem. It's the type of phone apparently. I asked them to replace it with another model (I have had Motorola before with no problem). They have refused to do anything except make me return the phone for replacement.

I wrote to all of the executive

contacts on your site but got no response at all. Motorola clearly wants to keep me busy until the warranty expires.

I bought the phone from Best Buy but it won't help me either. I need to either get this replaced with another model that does not have these technical problems or return it for a refund so I can buy something else. Can you help me?

—Steven Waechter, Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Answer: Motorola should have offered you a refund or replaced the phone with a different model, which was still under warranty. So why didn't it?

Motorola gives you 14 days to return your purchase. If you keep it longer then the device's warranty applies and the manufacturer can

repair, replace or refund it. And of course it will always try to repair because that's the least expensive option.

I have to say, I'm baffled by your case. You're saying that Motorola sent you two non-working phones. Is that possible? Yes. A quick online search for Motorola Edge problems suggests this is a known issue. The phones reportedly freeze up and need to be restarted. This is one reason why conducting careful research before buying a phone is essential. I realize you've had a Motorola phone before but, as you note, not all Motorolas are created equally. There are other more problem-free models.

And how about Best Buy? It also has a 14-day return policy but in addition it charges a \$45 return fee for "activatable" devices like your phone. That's not helpful.

So how to avoid this? Careful research and maybe buying through another online retailer. Amazon.com and most sellers on the platform offer returns for items within 30 days of receipt of shipment. During that window, there's also no restocking fee. One month would have been enough to determine that your Motorola phone was a dud.

You might have appealed your case to an executive at Best Buy. I list the names, numbers, and email addresses of the Best Buy and Motorola customer service executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. I see you tried the Motorola contacts but no one responded. That's very unfortunate because they could have prevented this article from being written by simply replying to your message. How hard is that? You say you reached out to Best Buy but

its executives brushed you off as well.

I contacted Motorola on your behalf. A representative contacted me and said Motorola had been providing "continuous support" since your purchase.

"We have assigned him a personal technician from our highest level of support as well as an engineer to assist," he added. "We have also offered to upgrade him to a ThinkPhone unit at his request, which he has accepted."

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/. © 2024 Christopher Elliott

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DEUKMEJIAN WILDERNESS WORKDAY

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to help water big cone spruce and coast live oak trees, assist with trail repairs and remove invasive plants

form the park. Wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and bring water; tools and gloves provided. Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome.

In case of rain, this event will be

cancelled.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mryazmfv>.

HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

The Glendale Elks Lodge #1289 will be holding its annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at the gym at Rosemont Middle School, 4725 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.

Youth ages of 8 - 13 are eligible to participate. There is no cost to participate and winners have the opportunity to advance to the district, state, regional and the national finals in Chicago in April 2025. Six national champions will have their names and photos displayed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

There are six categories - ages: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 for boys and girls.

Please contact Hoop Shoot Director Chris Sullivan at 66csully@gmail.com or call (818) 472-6264 if interested.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

Community members are invited to join the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club, a community of stamp enthusiasts that meets regularly to share their passion for this timeless hobby.

The Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club meets every third Tuesday at the LA County Library - La Crescenta located at the corner of La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, 2809 Foothill Blvd., at 7 p.m. in the second floor community room.

For more information about the club and upcoming meetings, call (818) 903-4451.

GYO PRESENTS OPENING CONCERT

On Nov. 17 the Glendale Youth Orchestra presents the 36th season opening concert celebrating composers and music that have spanned a century of time. The concert will feature Fauré, "Sicilienne from Pelleas et Mellisande" (100 years since Fauré's death); Puccini, "Intermezzo from Manon Lescaut"

(100 years since Puccini's death); Gershwin, "Rhapsody in Blue" (piece is 100 years old) and Mancini, "A Tribute to Henry Mancini" (100 years birthday for Mancini). Additional music to be performed includes Tchaikovsky, "Dances from Nutcracker Suite" and Guaraldi, "Charlie Brown Christmas." Music director and conductor Henry Shin will also be joining the orchestra performing as the piano soloist for "Rhapsody in Blue."

The GYO is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Dept. of Arts and Culture.

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased from the Alex Theatre box office. Students, children and seniors may purchase tickets for \$16 each. The Alex Theatre is located at 216 N. Brand Blvd. in Glendale.

For more information, visit www.thealex.com.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society have its next club meeting on Thursday morning, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church at 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

Club member Beverlee Nelson will present the learning lab of "Planting an African Violet Leaf." The program will be playing "Leaf Bingo." Members are to bring named African violet leaves - two to a plastic bag with the ends wrapped in a cotton ball and aluminum foil. Members and guests will enjoy playing lively games of bingo with winning the African violet leaves.

There will be a raffle and silent auction tables. Show-and-tell, questions and answers will be part of the program. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. For more information telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website: www.burbankafriaviolets.weebly.com.

INTERPRETIVE HIKE, "GOBBLE, GOBBLE, TURKEY HIKE," AT DEUKMEJIAN

The City of Glendale is hosting a calorie-burning hike on Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with some interpretation about plants and birds

along the way. The hiking trail is moderately difficult with stops along the way for discussion, stories and activities.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/La Crescenta.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yj67u3un>.

THE TOWNE SINGERS' HOLIDAY 2024 CONCERT

The Towne Singers is having a holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena. This 75-voice choir, under the direction of Lance Merrill and accompanied by Richard An, will brighten the start of the season with festive selections such as "Gettin' In The Mood (for Christmas)," "Hallelujah Chorus," "Cjannukah in Santa Monica," "I Saw Three Ships," "Jingle Bell Rock," "O Holy Night," "O Magnum Mysterium," "The Yodel Carol" and "White Christmas."

The performance includes narrative and choreography and a special visit from Santa Claus, who will be available for photos with kids during intermission. During intermission entertainment continues with a rousing game of "Name that Holiday Movie."

Tickets are \$30 each for adults, \$25 each for blocks of 10, students (13 & up) are \$20 and children (12 & under) are free. Tickets are available online at <http://www.TowneSingers.org> or at the door.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena.

For more information call (626) 604-6231 or email townesingers87@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise or dance or are interested in art, theater, or knitting, the Center has something for everyone. Sunland also hosts bingo on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and a movie matinee on the big screen at 1 p.m. on Thursdays; on Mondays and Fridays there is country line dancing from noon-1:30 p.m.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS

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BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CVCOC » OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS

As the year draws to a close (it's hard to believe we're already making plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas) the CV Chamber is re-dedicating itself to our community. Whether attending community events, like the Montrose Christmas Parade, or hosting them, like the Hometown Country Fair, the board members of the CV Chamber want to let you know we have rolled up our sleeves and are ready to go to work for you.

In addition to hosting regular mixers that provide the chance for local businesses (and residents) to get to know each other, the CV Chamber attends monthly legislative meetings. These meetings are attended by members of other chambers, the GUSD and law enforcement, among others. Not only is our representative able to share concerns of our membership but she is also able to collect information that she brings to the chamber board.

Today, Thursday, Nov. 14 is election day for the CV Chamber

board. We invite our members to stop by the offices of the CV Weekly (which shares facilities with the CV Chamber of Commerce), 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 in La Crescenta, to cast a ballot before 5 p.m. for those running for office. Some of these names may be familiar: me as president, Robert Manciero as vice president, Molly Shelton as treasurer and Dwight Sityar as honorary mayor. Wanted is a new secretary to attend the meetings and take minutes.

In addition we have two board members – Win Saw and Christine Benitez – who have stepped off the board and one – Rev. Beverly Craig – who recently passed away. In addition to two board members who have converted to advisor positions, we have many seats on the board that need to be filled. Voting continues from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sadler Hall, 2563 Foothill Blvd. (at the corner of Rosemont Avenue). I encourage members to stop by and cast their ballot.

Anyone interested in being part

of this dynamic team is asked to please call us at (818) 248-4957.

Restokleen at 3600 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta hosted our October mixer. Restokleen offers a variety of services including restoration services relating to fire damage, flood damage and water damage. It also offers sewage cleanup services. It was crowded at the offices of Restokleen – and I'm sure the delicious food and drink played a part! Thank you to the team at Restokleen for hosting our mixer.

On Tuesday night, the YMCA of the Foothills was the site of our most recent mixer. Hosted by Prom Plus, the outgoing officers of this illustrious group were given a fond farewell and the new board was introduced. Thank you to Prom Plus for hosting this mixer!

We welcome our newest members: Juniper Eyewear, LAB Lagree and R.R. "Pat" Harris Plumbing.

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Are you interested in becoming a member of the CV Chamber? Come to one of our mixers! If you sign up for membership that night you'll not only have the processing fee waived, admission to the mixer will be free for one person!

If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business, or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crestentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto: "Our Business is Your Business."

*Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce*

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER » SARA DARBY

MVCC October Recap & November Preview

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 45th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest, presented by Babaians Law Firm! Seeing our community come together for this cherished tradition made the event truly special and we're grateful for your enthusiasm and support.

Our heartfelt thanks to Babaians Law Firm, our presenting sponsor,

for its generosity and commitment to the community. We also extend special thanks to Anheuser-Busch, our platinum sponsor, for providing all beer and seltzer. Our gold sponsors – The Nahle Group, J's Maintenance, Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital, Supervisor Kathryn Barger and St. James Holy Redeemer – were vital to the event's success,

as were silver sponsors including Nicole Schlueter with Think Real Estate, Caspian Services, Athens Services, CV Weekly and Glendale Area Schools Credit Union. Their support made a meaningful impact and we're incredibly thankful for their partnership.

A big thank you goes to our talented photographer Sean Doorly

for capturing the unforgettable moments that we'll cherish for years. We're also incredibly grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, including local high school students and JROTC members. They all worked tirelessly to ensure a welcoming and joyful experience for all.

We owe the success of Oktoberfest

to our event committee. Their hard work brought every detail to life. Special thanks are extended to Chris Waldheim of J's Maintenance, Laurie Jo of Laurie Jo Designs, Joe Allen, Adam Franko from YMCA of the Foothills, Kim Fraise from Daniel Fraise Insurance, Sara Darby of Compass, and Greg Manouchehri of

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 This organization has dedicated itself to supporting numerous non-profits that have a strong focus on kids. Her funds support robotics, science and medicine, Fire House youth center and PP. This woman works so hard for her Education Fund. She is constantly looking for ways to raise funds and to support the community.
 Her Smart-A-Thon is her most successful fundraiser and an event she never stops championing. But beyond that, Mary is one of the most optimistic people on the planet. She always has a nice thing to say to our volunteers and to the students we all support.
 Chris Waldheim with J's Maids and Maintenance. Anyone in the Crescenta Valley and Glendale know of Chris' generosity and support, even though he works really hard to stay in the background. He works with Mary Pinola on her Education Fund, he supports local food banks,

he supports multiple non-profits and he has supported PP. His support is very personal to me because at the end of an all-night PP event, I used to clean the Y. Then Chris had his employees stay at the Y all night during PP and help clean. At the end of the night the cleanup was so much easier. Before Chris stepped up I spent many early mornings scrubbing floors at the Y. And his workers are so kind and so supportive as well.
 Lisa Yeghiayan was at PP before I joined. She was in charge of the kitchen and her daughter Aimee started helping her at a very young age. Lisa became the cheerleader for PP. She could walk around a room and in just a few minutes not only know everyone's name but had most of them sign up to either donate or volunteer at the event. Her energy was contagious and everyone seemed to move just a little faster and laugh a little louder when she

was around.
 Aimee Yeghiayan started as a young student helping her mom; when she was in high school she joined my daughter Molly and their friend Jacob Magana in the formation of the Prom Plus Club. They actually started PPC because they wanted to help their moms. Lisa and I really did carry all the tables at the events and Molly and Aimee wanted to stop us from doing that. So they started the club with the simple idea of helping out their moms. But this club quickly grew into a volunteer force for the community. When PPC volunteers came to your event you knew they would be respectful and would work hard. Their tagline is "We are the first to arrive and the last to leave, and we carry all the tables." And they did. Beyond volunteering they became a safe place for fellow students. They supported each other and helped their fellow PPC

students move through high school and even supported each other through college.
 And this brings me to PPC members. I cannot list all of the members of the PPC as each one has made the sure the club continued its mission and helped it grow. The presidents of the club after Molly and Aimee left worked hard to keep the PPC reputation of a strong and respectful workforce. The presidents since then have included Dylan Sylvester, Jessy Shelton (Molly's sister), David Green and Ainslie Covington. The current co-presidents are Ryan Franklin and Diego Ovilla. This club has been so strong and so important to the community and to PP.
 State Senator Anthony Portantino has been a longtime supporter of PP and has shown his support by showing up to the event and volunteering in the casino room. Most of the time the students didn't

realize he was a state senator; they just saw a parent volunteer; however, once they found out this senator thought enough of them to volunteer to stay up all night to support them ... well, they were blown away.
 Similar is Nayiri Nahabedian, a former member of the Glendale Unified School District board of education. She was always at the casino supporting PP. As a member of the GUSD board it was very important that students saw that she supported them. She stayed all night as the students joked with her and had a great time.
 Julie Dowse and the entire Maluccio family. Jean Maluccio, the mom of Mike and Julie, supported PP and became a friend to Molly. This family spends a lot of time behind the scenes but without them this organization could not happen.
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of Cashnet Solutions for their invaluable contributions. Additionally, we appreciate the Glendale Police Dept. for its ongoing support in ensuring a safe environment for all.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make Oktoberfest 2024 a success. We look forward to seeing you next year for another unforgettable celebration.

Meet the newest business members of the MVCC:

- **Right Design** – Provides professional face painting services that add a creative and colorful touch to any event. Their talented artists use high-quality, skin-safe paints to create vibrant designs that delight guests of all ages, from playful characters to intricate art. Learn more about their offerings at frightdesign.com.
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...and welcoming back renewing members:

- **Crescenta Valley Insurance** – Serving the La Crescenta and surrounding communities, Crescenta Valley Insurance offers a full range of insurance services for individuals and businesses, from auto and home insurance to specialized commercial policies. Known for its knowledgeable team and personalized approach, they work to provide tailored solutions to meet clients' unique needs. Reach Crescenta Valley Insurance at (818) 248-4500 or visit crescentavalleyins.com.

MVCC and Member Updates/
Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, Nov. 21 at noon: ribbon cutting at Panos Productions Photography, 3501 Ocean View Blvd. in Sparr Heights 91208.
- Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.: MVCC Dine Out at Pizza Man, 3857 Foothill Blvd #12 in La Crescenta-Glendale.

Remember to shop local!

Sara Darby
MVCC Secretary

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Festival De Musica Credomatic with performances in Guanacaste, San Jose, Hacienda Pinilla, and Villa Caletas. As of 2012, Fiato Quartet is an official ensemble of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

In addition to the standard quartet repertoire, Fiato has a passion for new music. Over the years it has premiered 10 new string quartets by local composers, including works by Julia Adolphe and Adam Schoenberg. Each member of Fiato brings a unique set of experiences and training to the ensemble having studied with the Tokyo, Takacs, Guarneri, American, Miami and Emerson Quartets. The Fiato Quartet has come together out of a love for chamber music and a common goal to share this passion with others through both formal and outreach concerts. <https://www.fiatoquartet.com/>

The Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating 17 years of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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to 8 p.m. There will be a community sing-along at 6 p.m. and local dignitaries will be on hand to light the Montrose Christmas tree at 6:15 p.m. Then from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. it will be time for pictures and a visit with Santa.

The Glendale firefighters will be collecting new toys during their Cram-A-Classic toy drive from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"MSPA is the sole sponsor for all Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday activities as well as Old Town Christmas activities every Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 30 through Dec. 22," Dawson said.

Small business Saturday is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It was started in 2010 by American Express and encourages people to shop locally.

"When your dollars stay in your community, you help small businesses thrive and your neighborhood prosper," according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Old Town Christmas in Montrose is exactly how it sounds. Shoppers can walk along the MSP, meet and greet friends and shop owners who are always welcoming. From Nov. 30 to Dec. 22 photos with Santa will be on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. and

on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be free horse-drawn trolley rides along Honolulu Avenue from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Free hand-led pony rides for young children take place on weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live holiday music can be heard throughout the MSP on weekends and, of course, the Harvest Market will be held on Honolulu Avenue from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

"The MSPA sponsors all of these activities to be a destination- and family-friendly alternative to the malls and big box stores by offering shoppers an old-fashioned Christmas experience with a personal touch," Dawson said.

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