



Council Votes to 'Scrap' Experiment

By Julie BUTCHER

"It is outrageous to me that the fact that 76% of the respondents [who] oppose this project was not included in the staff report," Councilmember Ara Najarian criticized city staff early in Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council. His comment was in regard to the demonstration project the city has been conducting reconfiguring the street design of North Brand Boulevard to test bike lanes and other changes. By the end of a long night, the Council eventually voted 4 to 1 to entirely scrap the "complete streets" experiment and return the street to its previous configuration, at an additional cost of \$527,696. Councilmember Dan Brotman voted against ending the project.

"It's been a long road," said city manager Roubik Golanian who detailed the path the project has taken since the city answered the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) call for projects in 2018 and applied for a \$500,000 grant to try out various active transportation schemes. In June 2022, Glendale's Transportation and Parking Commission approved the design of the demonstration project on North Brand Boulevard after it had been vetted through both technical and community advisory committees. The Council approved the design in August 2022, adopted plans and specifications in June 2023 and awarded a contract for \$842,000 in December 2023 to make the changes, which were completed in May 2024 – the city's first complete streets initiative.

City engineers Armen Avazian and traffic engineer Pastor Casanova summarized input the city has received since May: 1,773 surveys plus 1,246 supplemental written comments, with 73% of the respondents living in or near the project corridor.

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CVIM Winter Concert Celebrates the Season

By Mary O'KEEFE

*"Where words fail, music speaks."
~ Hans Christian Andersen*

The annual Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music (CVIM) winter concert is tomorrow, Friday, at 7 p.m. in the MacDonald Auditorium in the 4300 block of Ramsdell Avenue.

"It is a holiday themed concert," said CVIM director Mathew Schick.

The concert will have a variety of music celebrating the holiday season including the holidays of Christmas and Hanukkah.

The well-known CVHS jazz band will be performing, with the audience enjoying favorites including "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," "Santa Baby" and "O Holy Night."

Every section of the CVIM talented musicians will be participating in the concert including the string

Photo provided by Mathew SCHICK
Director Mathew Schick, center (standing), directs the CVIM orchestra at a previous concert.



and wind instrumental ensemble. There will also be a cello soloist performing "Silent Night" – but not the one most are familiar with; instead it will be the German version, "Stille Nacht." This is a little dif-

ferent from the traditional English version.

This is the first time of the year the bands get to perform in the auditorium at the same time, Schick said. He added that most of the time

the student musicians rehearse and perform separately, within their own division. The winter concert gives all the musicians an opportunity to watch each other perform.

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County Board Approves West San Gabriel Proposed Land Use Policy and Zoning Plan

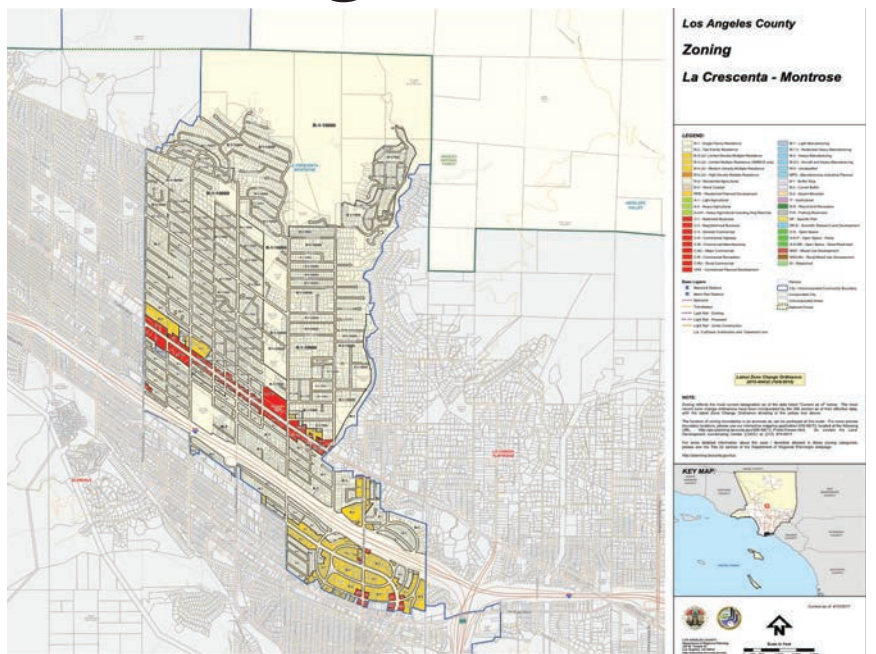
By Mikaela STONE

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the West San Gabriel Proposed Land Use Policy and Zoning Plan. This land use plan will replace the Altadena Community Plan adopted in 1986. The plan will affect residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County portions of Altadena, East Pasadena-East San Gabriel, Kinneloa Mesa, La Crescenta-Montrose, San Pasqual, South San Gabriel, South Monrovia Islanda, South El Monte Island and Whittier Narrows. The policy plans to use the next 20 years

to increase walkability, conservation of wildlife and old oaks, and increase traffic to small businesses. The plan is the result of 15 years of community outreach and research.

No actual demolition or construction of buildings come with the plan. The change is in law only. The passage also does not change income taxes on already purchased properties. The plan will not increase density in high fire risk locations. The plan's creation of wildlife crossings and the direction of plant growth away from high density locations are intended to preserve both human and animal life.

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Holiday Time

Isn't this a great time of year? We kicked off the holiday season with "Plaid" Friday on Nov. 29 and this past Saturday we saw Santa fly overhead to begin the Montrose Christmas Parade! My team and I were fortunate to be in a stakebed truck generously donated by Bob Smith Toyota and as we traveled down Honolulu Avenue we were greeted by supporters of the paper. I am always humbled by those who head to Montrose for the Christmas parade and take the time to shout out words of encouragement to us on the CV Weekly "float." It means so much.

This year we had a special guest too: former Glendale mayor Paula Devine rode with us down Honolulu Avenue! What a treat!

I had time to stop over at Town Kitchen & Grill prior to the parade and attend the pre-parade festivities. Special thanks to Jim Collins and his crew over there who made the reception extra special.

I don't know about you but I'm not nearly done with my holiday shopping (ugh!) so I plan on stopping by the Montrose Shopping Park to pick up a few things. Who knows? I may board the horse-drawn trolley or even see Santa (both available on weekends until Christmas).

And I look forward to seeing all the decorated houses for the holidays. As in years past, CV Weekly is accepting the addresses of those houses whose owners go beyond in creating the holiday spirit. (Note that we do not accept addresses that are not from the homeowner.) From those addresses we create the Merry & Bright

Holiday Light & Display Tour. There are even prizes given to the best decorated in a variety of categories!

To learn more, visit page 14 of this week's paper – and hurry; time is running out to have your address included!

Many thanks are extended to those who showed some financial love regarding the office break-in back in September. At the urging of CV Weekly supporters, a GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/0f90b728>) was set up so we could accept any financial help that our readers, advertisers and others wanted to offer. The funds will not only go to replacing some of our stolen equipment but also to purchasing and installing a security system.

I'll be honest – I initially fought the idea of setting up a GoFundMe page. But wow! Those who could stepped up and contributed. Thank you.

But the time has come to shut down the page. Though we didn't reach our goal I'm grateful to every single person who took the time to support us. So a week from tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 20, I'm going to instruct that the page be closed.

Once again I thank everyone who contributed to our recovery – it's really appreciated.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

The weather for the Montrose Christmas Parade was picture perfect. It is what Californians love showing their relatives in other states – but it hasn't always been that way. I have volunteered with the Montrose Christmas Parade Association for many years and have experienced a number of weather conditions from rain to very, very strong winds. However, no matter the weather this amazing hometown parade keeps chugging along.

I have volunteered for many organizations and events and it always amazes me on how many people actually step up to help. There are a few things you need to know if you volunteer in this community, including we work ... this is not a community of volunteers that sits around – we are all boots on the ground helpers. If someone needs a helping hand there is someone on-site before being asked. Also, if you volunteer in this community you will more than likely meet someone who asks you to volunteer for another organization. If you are like me the emotional side of your brain says "yes" before your logical brain kicks in.

There are over 200 volunteers who help with the Montrose Christmas Parade and many of them are students. I am in charge of finding student volunteers and I can tell you there has never been a time when I was not able to get students to help.

Since it was founded in 2010, members of the Prom Plus Club (PPC) have helped with the parade. Now not only do the current PPC kids help but many of the alums came back to lend a hand. These kids, and young adults, are inspiring as they continue to support the community. The alums actually contact me months before the parade to make sure

I have them on the volunteer list. Students from Clark Magnet High School and CV High School have volunteered. In years past Glendale and Hoover high school students have also volunteered. This year we had a Wilson Middle School volunteer. What amazes me is these kids are so willing to just step up and do whatever it takes to make the parade better. They may miss watching their friends march in the parade and may in fact not even see any of the parade, but they are in the background making certain everything goes off without a hitch.

These kids all feel like they are part of something – they are part of a community that supports them and they, in turn, support the community. I know there are times when we see middle and high school students making questionable choices or some of them talk in grunts and giggles but to be honest what I have noticed over the many years of working with the youth of this area is a real volunteer spirit. They don't complain about helping out but ask if there is anything else they can do. At the end of the parade when we were all ready to leave a couple of students who had finished their volunteer duties asked what else they could do.

"Can we help clean up?" they asked. That is the spirit that has made our community strong and what I feel is the spirit that will see us through this divisive period in history that we are now in.

The weather will be cool moving through the week with highs in the mid 60s. There is a chance of rain today, expected to start mid-morning. As of Wednesday there was a 40% chance of rain between 10 a.m and 4 p.m. We will most likely be experiencing morning fog through to the weekend. There is also light wind expected, according to NOAA.

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non-native plants, watering newly planted natives, doing some trail maintenance and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

Then on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., an “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve. 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 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 RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

HOLIDAY AT THE STONE BARN

The community is invited to a family-oriented evening of holiday entertainment on Dec. 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Stone Barn Nature Center in Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/La Crescenta. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Seating is limited. RSVP by Dec. 11 to glendaleca.gov.

CVCA Dark in December

The next meeting of the Crescenta Valley Community Association will be on Jan. 23. This first meeting of the year will be a combined meeting of Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association’s annual meeting and the CVCA regular meeting.

Items of interest include: Chamlian Armenian School - Conditional Use Permit/Variance Appeal; “A Christmas Carol” - now through Dec. 15 at

Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta; Los Angeles Regional Fire Safe Council, Virtual Town Hall Meeting - Thursday, Dec. 19 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Los Angeles County Outdoor Dining Ordinance - The Outdoor Dining Ordinance is now available for review. This Ordinance proposes amendments to Los Angeles County Code Title 22 - Planning and Zoning that enhance outdoor dining experiences while prioritizing safety and minimizing impacts on neighborhoods. More info at

<https://pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/municipal-services/dine-out/>.

GPD CONDUCTING A DUI CHECKPOINT

The Glendale Police Dept. will be conducting a DUI and drivers license checkpoint on Saturday, Dec. 14. DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes. The primary purpose of DUI checkpoints is to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

The Glendale Police Dept. reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Tournament of Roses Entry is Almost Parade Ready

By Eliza PARTIKA

As Jan. 1 approaches, the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association (LCFTRA) and over 700 local volunteers are preparing this year’s float, titled Rover Rendezvous, for the decorations that will create what is hoped is an award-winning entry. This year’s entry is a space-age sequel to the 2017 float Backyard Rocketeer in which the main character Morgan dreams of going to space and finding life on Mars.

Among this year’s team of volunteers are artists, set designers, electricians, welders, hydraulics experts and computer experts working around the clock to make the float shine.

Pat Wiedenbeck, who has been with the Association for 19 years, said that the Rover Rendezvous had its own unique sets of challenges as the LCFTRA pushed the boundaries of the possible when constructing its slice of Mars.

This is the first year the float will be partially electric – on one side will be four electric batteries that control the animatronics and on the other the traditional V8 engine powering the float’s forward motion. The float will also feature a custom non-chemical smoke machine.

This year’s float will also feature a flying drone constructed by local engineers from AeroVironment, the team that worked with NASA/JPL to design and develop a helicopter, Ingenuity, carried by the Mars rover Perseverance, and a model animatronic rover made to resemble the current Mars rover. The operator of the drone will be sitting inside the float, operating the drone from the interior.

One of the aerospace engineers who helped design the propellers on the drone said he is proud to see his skills come to life in a community project of this scale.

“It was a very cool match,” he said. “The team was very excited about helping out. [It’s a] very good fit and a very cool way to bring the legacy of what they did on Mars [to a] more general audience through the Rose Bowl.”

“[These are] always monster projects. If you keep doing new things, you keep not repeating yourself, you have to apply your skills in new ways,” Wiedenbeck said of the float.

LCFTRA President Ernest Koeppen said this year’s float is the closest to creating a hybrid electric. He said next year he hopes to go fully electric.

“[The float is] this wonderful combination of art and technology. It’s an awesome juxtaposition of old school manual power and hydraulics,” said Koeppen.

LCFTRA goes through several months of planning before coming to the final design for the float.

This year’s float is special said artistic designer Grant X because of the levels of volunteer involvement in the original idea to recreate a Best Day Ever on Mars.



Photos by Eliza PARTIKA

TOP: The LCFTRA entry in the upcoming Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1 is called Rover Rendezvous.

BELOW: A smattering of the local volunteers who work on the float with LCFTRA President Ernest Koeppen (middle in green shirt).

“We did a float a while back that was all about a kid whose dreams and aspirations are flying into space,” he said.

For this year’s float, when astronauts get to Mars they realize that a group of aliens has also arrived ... and they’ve found water. Then the astronauts rendezvous with the aliens; they make friends. They find the rover. They’re like, “Hey, let’s take the rover out for a joyride.”

“Taking the rover out for a joyride. I mean, what can be better than that, right?” he said. “And making friends with other life forms in the universe.”

Twelve volunteers from local high schools and middle schools assisted the LCFTRA with construction. Dustin Cleveland, an eighth grader and member of the La Cañada High School robotics team, said his favorite project to work on was the satellite float, a rolling UFO that will feature animatronic flowers that look as if they change colors as they rotate around the “lights” of the saucer.

“I like it, and it’s a [skill] I get to use in the future,” said Clarence, who is interested in becoming an electrical engineer. He also helped first-time volunteer Francisco with the electrical wiring of the float. Francisco said he and his daughter have found the experience working on the float to be incredibly rewarding.

“It’s refreshing and inspiring for her to reach her potential and foster her creativity,” he said.

Koeppen said although the challenge

has increased to retain young volunteers every year, he finds that giving them small projects to

test their interest in different skills, like welding, carpentry, or electricity, keeps them coming back to learn more and to teach their peers.

“It’s like a moth to a flame. Even the new kids I am teaching how to weld – it’s an experience. I bring out little pieces of a robotic arm and we learn how to do that on the table. They see one step, then the next. If they can build [a little thing], then [the bigger project] makes more sense later,” he said.

Donors and supporters gathered for a mixer in late November to help raise funds for the float and for local

teens’ graduation. Tim Grochow, donor for over 20 years, told the CV Weekly his family has donated to the Association since its inception, and he looks forward to seeing each year’s innovations.

“We look forward to donating each year,” he said.

Koeppen looks forward to raising the bar with every float.

“The float, to me, is a giant experiment, an art project where you can try new stuff out. You get to think about the cool stuff you don’t normally get to do, and breathe new life into it,” he said.

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Comparing Two Takes on a Classic Play

By Mikaela STONE

To celebrate the Christmas season, Glendale's local community theater scene offers two very different adaptations of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

At Highlands Church in La Crescenta, ticket purchasers will enjoy the traditional performance of "A Christmas Carol," adapted and directed by community theater advocate Carter Thomas, while at the Nocturne Theater "Madame Scrooge" is featured for a second year.

For a fourth year Stuart James Galbraith brings to life the Highlands' depiction of Ebenezer Scrooge. He likens Scrooge to a set of Russian nesting dolls that the ghosts must unbox one at a time. Not content to rely on the muscle memory of the play, Galbraith reads the book each year, saying "Dickens never fails" to entice him. Galbraith credits his portrayal of Scrooge to Carter Thomas.

"If I am the instrument, he is the conductor," said Galbraith of Thomas.

Just as dedicated to Dickens' text, Thomas looks for new ways to impart the story's morals each year, always seeking to outdo last year's performance. As a result, Galbraith's Scrooge is, at its kernel, a blunt but deeply insecure man reaching for the illusion of safety that money provides.

Melissa Meyer and Justin Meyer of Nocturne Theater and Meyer2Meyer Productions take



Photo provided by Nocturne Theatre
Ghost of Christmas Past in the Nocturne Theatre's production of "Madame Scrooge."

far more creative liberties with "Madame Scrooge," writing original songs for their genderbent Eleanor Scrooge.

At first glance, one might consider such an adaptation dubious: Scrooge functions as a caricature of the type of man that sent Charles Dickens' father to debtors' prison when Dickens was only 12 years old. Historically, the position of an unscrupulous mustache-twirling investment banker has featured a glass ceiling difficult for women to break through. However, with Stephanie Hodgdon playing Scrooge, the character comes to life in all her ruffled glory as she suffers the indignity of being wished a Merry

Christmas. The play does not take itself seriously, poking fun at Scrooge's seeming determination to stay miserable. However, Hodgdon's interpretation focuses this insecurity on Scrooge's relationships as Scrooge rejects others before they have a chance to reject her.

The largest difference between the Highlands Church and Nocturne adaptations is the tone. While it is an uplifting story, "Madame Scrooge" features frightening elements in a seemingly illustrated setting.

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Albertsons Kroger Merger is Over

By Mary O'KEEFE

What was thought to be a done deal appears to actually be done – just not the deal anyone expected.

On Tuesday, a federal judge temporarily blocked the acquisition of Albertsons by Kroger. This was projected as a \$24.6 billion deal. The decision was handed down in an Oregon court that found in favor of the Federal Trade Commission whose representatives argued against the deal stating it would violate antitrust laws. In addition, on Tuesday a King County judge in the State of Washington ruled that the proposed "merger of grocery giants Kroger and Albertsons is unlawful and cannot go forward," according to a statement from Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

On Wednesday, Albertsons Companies, Inc. announced it had "exercised its right to terminate its merger agreement with Kroger."

"Given the recent federal and state court decisions to block our proposed merger with Kroger, we have made the difficult decision to terminate the merger agreement.

We are deeply disappointed in the courts' decisions," stated Vivek Sankaran, CEO of Albertsons Companies.

The company, according to a released statement, is in a "strong financial condition" and stated it would continue with its plan of creating a "Customers for Life" strategy. The plans on how that will be done, as well as continuing to make money for its shareholders, will be released in January 2025.

Also on Wednesday, Albertsons Companies, Inc. filed a lawsuit against The Kroger Company claiming "breach of contract and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing arising from Kroger's failure to exercise 'best efforts'" according to the lawsuit filed.

"Kroger refutes these allegations in the strongest possible terms, especially in the light of Albertsons' repeated intentional material breaches and interference through the merger process," Kroger alleged in a statement on Wednesday.

The merger may be over but it does appear that the battle of the grocery chains has just begun.

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DEC. 7
3000 block of Frances Avenue in La Crescenta, the front glass door and the back office window of a residence was broken and several items were missing from the house.

The burglary occurred overnight.

800 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, wallets were taken from a locker while the owners were “working out” at a local business. The wallets were left in an unsecured cabinet located in the fitness area. The owners of the wallets contacted their banks and credit card companies and found that several attempts had been made to use the stolen cards that were contained in their wallets.

The theft occurred between 7:15 p.m. and 7:55 p.m.

DEC. 6
900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a person described as a male Hispanic wearing a tan and red hat, gray hoodie, black pants and black and white shoes, walked into the store and directly to the electronic aisle where he took two iPad Pros and a computer keyboard then walked out of the store without attempting to pay at 4:54 p.m.

2300 block of Caracas Street in La Crescenta, a resident returned home to find her front door was unlocked; the door had been secured when the resident left. The resident found several rooms had been ransacked and the circuit breaker had been shut off. It was not clear what, if anything, was missing.

The burglary occurred between 9:40 a.m. and 7 p.m.

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an informant reported witnessing a man – Suspect No. 1 wearing a red and white jacket with a black baseball cap and black pants – exit the supermarket with a basket full of wine and cheese without attempting to pay for the items. Suspect No. 1 then got into the passenger seat of a white box truck; the driver of the truck, Suspect No. 2, was wearing all black clothing. The truck then drove out of the parking lot.

The theft occurred at 4:27 p.m.

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Two Injured in VHHS Stabbing

Los Angeles Police Dept. spokesperson Tony Im. It was reported that both injured juveniles were transported to a local hospital. LAPD is now searching for four male suspects, all juveniles, who reportedly fled the scene in a white four-door Toyota Corolla.

Obituary Dennis M. Gurka



May 11, 1949 - Dec. 7, 2024

Dennis M. Gurka, 75, beloved husband, father, Pa and friend, passed away peacefully on Dec. 7 at his home in La Crescenta surrounded by family after a short but brave battle with cancer.

Born in Haverhill, Massachusetts on May 11, 1949, Dennis moved to Pasadena with his family when he was 10 years old and quickly embraced the Southern California lifestyle. He attended Blair High School where he played football and it was during those years that he met the love of his life Judy.

Before getting married, Dennis went on to proudly serve our country as an infantryman during Vietnam, something he was extremely proud of. After the war, Dennis and Judy married in La Crescenta and had two beautiful daughters, Allison and Jennifer, who he cherished.

Dennis spent over 40 years in various sales leadership and marketing roles as an executive, mentor and friend to so many. The outpouring from business friends and colleagues has been

a testament to the impact he had on so many, both personally and professionally.

Dennis loved to travel with his wife and daughters, taking countless trips all over the U.S. exploring the rich history, beautiful cities and gorgeous beaches that make up the country he loved and fought to protect. He loved to be in the water and had a real soft spot for Hawaii (where he was once stationed) and the California desert – Palm Springs and La Quinta, where so many beautiful memories were made – with his family and four grandchildren Lyla, Ben, Kate and Evan, who he adored.


Some of his happiest moments were time spent with his grandkids in the pool, working on fun projects together or attending their sporting events. Dennis was proud to have volunteered with the Boys & Girls Club for many years. Dennis also cherished his friendships, whether it was his war buddies, work friends or people he met in his daily life. He hosted an annual reunion of friends from high school at his home in La Quinta. Getting to share those endless stories and laughs together was something Dennis always felt was truly a gift.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife Judy, and daughters/sons-in-law Allison and Rich Grochola, and Jennifer and Will Selva. Dennis loved his family and we loved him. The beautiful memories we have with him will carry on forever. Funeral Mass will be held at St. James the Less Catholic Church, 4651 Dunsmore Ave. in Glendale/La Crescenta on Friday, Dec 13 at 11 a.m.

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Obituary
**Patricia
 “Patty” Marie
 Smith**



Nov. 10, 1948 - Oct. 11, 2024

Patricia “Patty” Marie Smith (née Olsen), 75, joined all the saints in heaven on Oct. 11. She peacefully passed away in the arms of her beloved husband after a day surrounded by family and friends.

Patty was born on Nov. 10, 1948 in Los Angeles, the third child and first daughter of the late Kenneth “Ken” Olsen and Dorothy “Dickie” Olsen. After graduating from high school in 1966 from Immaculate Heart in Los Angeles, she went on to study at USC in the footsteps of many of her relatives. It was while at school Patty fell in love and married Bob Miller in 1969. God blessed her quickly with a pregnancy but tragically Bob was taken from her only months later.

The Holy Spirit prevailed and introduced Patty to Michael “Mike” Smith through their parents who were friends. In pure Hollywood fashion, their “meet-cute” was a Valentine’s Day dinner date. Thus began a long and beautiful love story spanning

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While supporters look forward to these changes, many oppose the possibility of an increased population within these areas, fearing traffic will worsen and strain may be placed on resources. The zoning plan chose to increase house limits near places with public transportation in hopes to mitigate this. One critical citizen argued that he planned to build multi-generational houses for his family on his land, and would now be restricted due to his property being zoned for fewer housing units.

Kathryn Barger celebrated the plan’s “bottom up approach” by including regional planning groups within each community to focus on what each individual community needed. She expressed frustration with the state’s efforts to facilitate this from the top down.

“Despite our county’s efforts to

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“They will be watching the performance from the balcony,” Schick added.

It is also a great opportunity for the band to play in the auditorium and not have to battle weather elements, including wind and rain, which many (like band) has faced.

This is traditionally the most well-attended concert of the season and ticket sales help support CVIM. Prior to the concert, the CVIM Foundation will be hosting a fundraising bake sale and will also

more than 53 years that saw their family grow to include six children and 18 grandchildren.

Patty was not content to simply be the erstwhile homemaker and invented the term “domestic engineer.” In between raising the six children she birthed in nine years (and who gave her a good run for her money), she epitomized the Jesuit credo of being a woman for others through her humble and dedicated work at the Good Shepherd Shelter, ministering to female inmates in county jail, assisting the Homeboy and Homegirl Industries, taking her dog Quincy to visit the children at CHLA and serving on several school boards including Verbum Dei. She was also heavily involved in her La Cañada and St. Bede’s parish communities. All who knew Patty knew her to be someone who had a compassionate heart and an action mindset. She would do anything for anyone in need – and get it done yesterday.

Patty was indeed a force to be reckoned with and, as one of her sons-in-law coined, was always “direct with God’s love.” This served as a great example to her family, especially her daughters and granddaughters, that there is nothing wrong and everything right with being a strong woman.

Patty also had a soft side and was known for her fun spirit, love of travel, great parties, big smile and vivacious laugh. She leaves a cadre of family and close friends that could fill hours (if not days) with fun stories about her, her escapades and her carpe diem spirit.

Patty’s mind was as big as her heart and she was extremely well read. While her

complete the housing element update on time a few years ago, the state’s Dept. of Housing and Community Development was understaffed and unable to complete their review in a timely manner,” she said. She noted that it was only due to regional committees that legislation was able to bring the county into compliance.

Changes that will directly affect La Crescenta-Montrose include an increase of zoning from nine dwelling units to 18 per net acre along Montrose Avenue near where it intersects with Raymond Avenue. Houses close to the intersection of La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard will also be increased from nine to 18 dwelling units per net acre. A small plot off of Ocean View Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard will be rezoned from nine to 30 dwelling units

per net acre. A large strip of land where Foothill Boulevard turns into Cloud Avenue will be changed from commercial use to mixed use. A plot of land off of Ocean View Boulevard between Honolulu Avenue and the 210 Freeway will be changed from commercial use to mixed use. A triangle of land near Sanborn Avenue and Glenwood Avenue will be zoned from nine to 19 du/net ac. The northern most end of Goss Canyon Avenue will be zoned for water. All property owners on Foothill are advised to check whether their land has been rezoned to mixed use development. Three plots near the intersection of Mary Street and La Crescenta Avenue have been upped from single family residences to two-family residences. A property on the east most side of Barton Lane increased from single family residents to triple family residents.

Schick added he hopes the audience will come, relax and just enjoy the music. “I think whenever anyone performs you are reminded that music isn’t just about you. ... This story [is being told] to the audience. They can leave their troubles outside and just sit down in a darkened auditorium and have a story told to [them],” he said. “The [students musicians] get to understand what effect they have on people just by playing music.”

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early marriage interrupted her undergraduate studies at USC, later in life she returned to school and graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 1999 with a degree in theological studies. She could hold court with the best and brightest whether they be professors at LMU, priests, bishops, cardinals, authors of renowned books or any subject matter expert really.

Patty’s parents, Ken and Dickie, and elder brother Michael greeted her in heaven. She will be greatly missed by her husband of 53 years Michael, and their children: Peter (Christine), Kathleen (Henry), Meghan (Kyle), Tommy (Shannon), Will (Krista) and Carolyn (Kevin). Additionally, she leaves behind a legacy of 18 grandchildren: PJ, McKenna, Charlie, Abby, Luke, Mia, Cade, Micah, Clare, Grace, Reilly, Maggie, Cassidy, Clayton, Tyson, Conor, Madeline and Ryan. She is also survived by her beloved siblings Chris, Paul, Ken, Steve and Jodi. And, last but not least, she will be greatly missed by her ever faithful and loving dog Quincy.

Funeral services were held at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church on Oct. 19 and she is interned at the Cathedral of Our Lady Queen of Angels.

In lieu of flowers, Patty’s family kindly asks for consideration in making a donation to one of her beloved charities: Dolores Mission School, St. Francis High School or St. Bede Anew Campaign.

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Scrooge lives in a town populated by gregarious, outlandish citizens wearing strange masks – a nod to the Meyers’ favorite “A Christmas Carol” version, “A Muppet Christmas Carol.” Truly ghosts and not merely spirits, the beautifully costumed Christmas ghosts in this production do not let the audience forget they are there to haunt Scrooge. The Ghost of Christmas Past chooses to announce herself via a red rubber ball rolling with ominous intent onto the stage. The Ghost of Christmas Present’s segment ends with her and Dickens’ metaphorical orphans, Want and Ignorance, leaping upon Scrooge. This allows for shining creative moments, such as a ghostly ensemble dancing with their chains to Marley’s song in a startling, percussive number that may frighten children under 5.

The Highlands Church’s “A Christmas Carol” is more straightforward in the emotions it conveys, using well-known Christmas carols to set the scene. “Joy to the World” becomes the theme of the Ghost of Christmas Present when she shows Scrooge what he is missing. She brings the message, “Change only happens in the present,” a reminder not just for Christmas but for all year. By contrast, “In The Bleak Midwinter” heralds a potential future without Tiny Tim where a heartbroken Cratchit begins to emulate Scrooge.

“Madame Scrooge” uses the tune “In the Bleak Midwinter” at its beginning as Scrooge mourns her business partner Marley. The musical then turns to original scores, the most memorable is “Life Isn’t Fair,” Scrooge’s bitter anthem. The song features a slow angry build where Hodgdon again astounds with the sheer power of her voice.

In rewrites of “Madame Scrooge” Justin Meyer and Melissa Meyer not only extended Scrooge’s reunion with her nephew but offered a nod to her newfound position

as caretaker to Tiny Tim and friend to Bob Cratchit as they represent the family she chooses. Found family is at the heart of the Nocturne Theatre’s performance by gathering audience members who are thrilled by spooky reimaginings of beloved stories, find beauty in the horrific and collect the overlooked and misunderstood. The Nocturne Theater uplifts these values with its roster of upcoming shows such as “Shrek: The Musical” and “Dracula,” adapted from the Bram Stoker novel, which both feature found family.

For Carter Thomas, “the themes of human kindness, community and opening yourself to brotherly love are timeless.” Thomas and many members of the Highlands Church cast have devoted themselves to the messages of “A Christmas Carol” known for decades. In a fresh interpretation of the book’s end, Thomas takes care to add the narration “Even in the stillness of the night, Scrooge smiled” to show that Scrooge has found the precious realization that he is happy with who he is at present – an equally important takeaway.

Tickets for the Highlands Church production of “A Christmas Carol” can be purchased at <https://www.simplertix.com/e/a-christmas-carol-tickets-165649> or at the door. The show will run through Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on the Dec. 14 at 2:30 p.m. Highlands Church is located at 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

Tickets for “Madame Scrooge” can be purchased at <https://thenocturnetheatre.com>. The show runs through Dec. 23 with 7:30 time slots and 2 p.m. matinee performances on certain Saturdays or Sundays. The Nocturne Theater is located at 324 N. Orange St. in Glendale.

For children ages 4-9, the Nocturne Theater offers Reindeer Games, which includes a meeting with Santa, and holiday activities on select dates through Dec. 23.



Photos by Ryan FROST
 ABOVE: Greg Hardash, Jade Dailey, Kyle Kelley, Rebecca Allfrey, Gina Torrecilla, Joelle Tshudy, Trenton Muroaka and Kate Ponzio in “A Christmas Carol.”

BELOW: Lio Wightman and Christopher Showerman in “A Christmas Carol,” directed by Carter Thomas, at Highlands Church.



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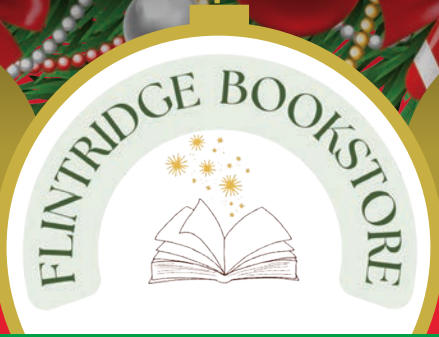
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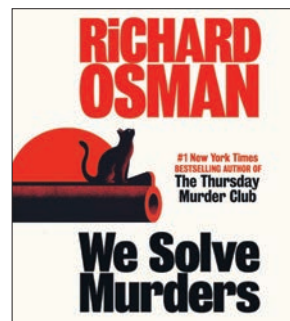
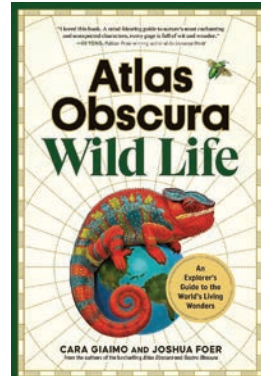


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IEWS OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

The Founding of Sunland as Monte Vista

In the fall of 1876, the Southern Pacific tunnel through the San Fernando Mountains was complete. This was no small accomplishment; at 6,967 feet it was the third longest in the United States and connected Los Angeles to the transcontinental rail. In the years that followed the tunnel was filled with the puffs and groans of locomotives bringing folks by the thousands from the east. Two men who made this journey west from Minnesota were Felix Cary Howes and Judge Sherman Page.

Mr. Howes arrived with his wife Clara and his four daughters after working for years in the banking industry. Mr. Page arrived with his wife Harriet, a son and daughter after serving as a state senator and then a judge for the 10th judicial district back in Minnesota. What their relationship was prior

to their arrival in Los Angeles is unknown but in 1883 the two stepped beneath the canopy of the ancient grove of oaks we now know as Sunland Park and perhaps had a conversation something like this:

“Well Sherman, this place is even more spectacular than you described.”

“I told you Felix, and did you notice the drop in temperature? It has to be 15, maybe 20 degrees, cooler.”

“It was quite a journey up here, Judge. We’d have to build a hotel for people to stay over.”

“Of course – I’ve got it all figured out, Felix. We purchase the 2,300 acres of farmable land for sale and then plot out our new village, using 40 of those acres surrounding these here oaks. They become the cool shaded park in the center of our town.”

“I like it!” nodded Felix. “And what about the hotel?”

“Just to the right of the old hunters’ lodge over there – that’s where we’ll build it, on the edge of the grove, so the sun can shine in.”

The two men would partner and do just that. They purchased the land, along with water rights, to Big Tujunga Canyon. Next, they constructed a system to divert water to the property and began raising the new hotel. It would have eight rooms, with four guest rooms upstairs and one bedroom and bathroom downstairs ... just enough for visitors to stay while surveying the lands for sale.

In early 1884 ads began to run. “Excellent farming land with water rights now offered for sale!” By 1885, with the hotel built they platted out the village they named Monte Vista. Their plat map laid out the streets, surrounding the old

grove as the town’s central park. Despite all these efforts, sales amounted to less than the two had hoped so when the opportunity arose just one year later to sell out completely, the two went packing.

The man who had purchased all of their interests – the land and hotel – was Frank Herbert Barclay. Mr. Barclay was a man of means and he had a vision that went beyond that of Page and Howes. He felt that what was needed was a more elegant hotel to draw in a new clientele. In 1886, Frank, his wife Susan and their three daughters moved into the Park Hotel and began construction of a new, larger, more elegant inn just one block away.

This would become the Monte Vista Hotel and was exactly what Frank set out to create. It was a beautiful four-story, Victorian styled hotel with a large porch

circumnavigating its lower floor and a fifth story open air observatory tower at its peak. Barclay hoped the new hotel would lure the wealthy who enjoyed “the country” in elegant style.

How did Monte Vista become Sunland? The story will continue. It’s important to share that neither of these structures of early Sunland exist today. The gorgeous Monte Vista Hotel was torn down in 1964 after falling into a state of disrepair and the original Park Hotel was damaged in the 1971 Sylmar Earthquake requiring its demolition.

To see a photo of the Monte Vista Hotel, contributed by Craig Durst, visit www.cvweekly.com/VIEWPOINTS.

Craig W. Durst, AKA The 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 » PRESIDENT FRIDA BAGHDASSARIAN

As we close out the year, we would like to inform residents that there will not be a general meeting in December. The council will take a hiatus for the month allowing members to regroup and prepare for the upcoming year.

We are pleased to announce that the newly-elected council members Dede Mueller, Chris Kilpatrick and myself will each serve three-year terms. The official swearing-in ceremony will take place on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. during our general meeting, which will be held at the La Crescenta Library. This event marks an important step for our council as we look forward to serving our community.

I want to highlight the

recent 10th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event at the La Crescenta Library that Dede Mueller spearheaded. With the assistance of Donna Libra, Kerri Bräutigam and myself, we managed the outdoor portion of the event. Inside, Head Librarian Marta Wiggins and the Friends of the Library added special touches that enhanced the festive atmosphere. There was a string quartet that played holiday music before the program started, the Charismatics from CVHS performed beautifully and Supervisor Kathryn Barger was in attendance, making it a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season. The community in attendance seemed to enjoy the event very much.

We also participated in the Montrose Glendale Christmas Parade where we rode in a car beautifully decorated by our very own Kerri Bräutigam, as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. It was a fun experience for all involved.

As the holiday season approaches the council wishes everyone a happy and joyful time filled with warmth and connection. We also extend our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to reconnecting in January.

*Frida Baghdassarian, J.D.,
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Community Center Preschool Works with Children’s Law Center of California, Los Angeles, to Give Gifts to Children-in-Need

This holiday season preschoolers will learn the importance of kindness through the “Adopt-A-Family” program at the Community Center Preschool of La Cañada Flintridge. In its 23rd year, this philanthropic program gives preschool students and parents the opportunity to provide gifts and holiday cheer to children-in-need with the Children’s Law Center of California, Los Angeles. This year the preschool will adopt eight children ranging in age from 8 months to 16 years.

“Adopt-A-Family” began as students returned from the Thanksgiving break and discovered a festive “Giving Tree” in the courtyard. The tree is decorated with paper ornaments that detail a “wish” from a child-in-need. These wishes vary from winter clothing and shoes to toys, diapers

and food. Preschoolers may pick one, or more, ornament(s) that their families will then fulfill. Lastly, students will bring the beautifully wrapped gifts back to the preschool. The items will then be delivered to the Children’s Law Center before Christmas.

“These wonderful children and their families often face overwhelming financial challenges and we hope to ease some of the financial burden and bring a little happiness to their holiday season,” said Danielle Caputo, director of the Community Center Preschool. “We also hope our preschoolers discover the importance of giving back, especially to those less fortunate than them.”

For more information about the Community Center Preschool’s activities contact director Danielle Caputo at (818) 790-8687 or visit www.communitycenterpreschool.org.



Photo by Shannon PONDELLA

DAR Hosted Holiday Lunch

Daughters of the American Revolution, Don Jose Verdugo Chapter, hosted its festive holiday luncheon Friday, Dec. 6 at a private club in Glendale.

The guest speaker was local author and nationally known columnist Chris Erskine. As an editor at the LA Times,

he was part of two Pulitzer Prize-winning teams. He is best known to readers for his weekly pieces on life in suburban Los Angeles.

Erskine’s latest book with co-author Steve Searles, “What The Bears Know,” takes the reader on a journey into

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This Holiday Season, Give the Gift of Servant Leadership

The holidays are a time of generosity and reflection, a season when we consider not only what we give but how we can create lasting change. Here in the Verdugo Hills, we're fortunate to live in communities that have historically embraced service and connection. How can we ensure the spirit of giving endures even as research shows us volunteerism is on the decline?

In Scouting, we teach the philosophy of servant leadership: putting people first and focusing on their growth and well-being beyond traditional items like goals and performance. Servant leadership challenges us to think beyond ourselves. It asks us to consider how we can leave a positive mark on the world, not by seeking recognition but by prioritizing the needs of others.

We can see this in the community, from the volunteers at Burbank

Temporary Aid Center who provide critical resources to those in need to those who give time serving as guest chefs at Ascencia preparing meals for shelter residents to the countless hours spent by residents helping maintain the trails of the Verdugo Mountains for everyone's enjoyment.

When we give the gift of servant leadership, we inspire others to do the same. It can be as simple as organizing a cleanup day at the park or volunteering at the library to support literacy programs. It can be mentoring a young person who dreams of making a difference or working alongside neighbors to ensure preparedness for emergencies. Opportunities are endless – from casual acts of good to formal, well-defined volunteer positions.

And as families are watching their budgets even more closely, servant leadership and

volunteering can be a meaningful way to contribute even when a financial gift isn't in the picture. These actions may seem small but collectively they strengthen the bonds that tie us together as a community.

This holiday season, consider how to lead through service. Perhaps it's joining a local non-profit or taking time to support community-building events. Maybe it's introducing your children to the importance of giving back through programs like Scouting, where community service is a core tenant.

The beauty of servant leadership is that it's accessible to all of us. You don't need a title or a specific skill set – just a willingness to help and a commitment to creating a better future for the Verdugo Hills, Los Angeles County and beyond.

*Contributed by Laura CLAY,
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People Making News

Aimee Janette Beck of La Crescenta earned a Master of Science degree in management: nonprofit and association management from the University of Maryland Global Campus in summer 2024.

Beck was one of more than 3,200 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the summer 2024 term.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland and continues its global tradition with online and hybrid courses, more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide, and more than 135 degrees and certificates backed by the reputation of a state university and the University System of Maryland.

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Kevin Taix of Glendale earned a Master of Science in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Taix was among approximately 1,720 undergraduate and graduate students who earned degrees during the summer 2024 semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The Institute offers degrees in business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences, as well as professional development and K-12 programs for fostering success at every stage of life. Its more than 53,000 undergraduate and graduate

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The University of Utah

congratulates more than 2,800 students who were named to the summer 2024 dean's list. Among them were Andrew Ignatian and Logan Woods of La Cañada Flintridge and Kylie Ray and Kathryn Saeva of La Crescenta.

To qualify, the students earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world.

CV Weekly on the Move



Cindy Jensen took the CV Weekly with her when she traveled to Jacksonville, Arkansas.

CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo.

You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

LCWC Holds Christmas Luncheon



Photo provided by Danette ERICKSON
Board members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club enjoyed lunch at the Athenaeum at Caltech.

The La Crescenta Woman's Club held its annual board Christmas luncheon at the beautifully decorated Athenaeum at Caltech on Dec. 4. It was a time to celebrate the club's new presidents Mary Nolte and Carol Stein plus the board members that include vice presidents Betsy Mortimer, Dawna

Berger and Denise Napiwocki, Treasurer Bob Mortimer and other board members Pam Mosher, Gwen Williams, Cindy Charles and Danette Erickson.

The club is planning its annual bingo on Jan. 25.

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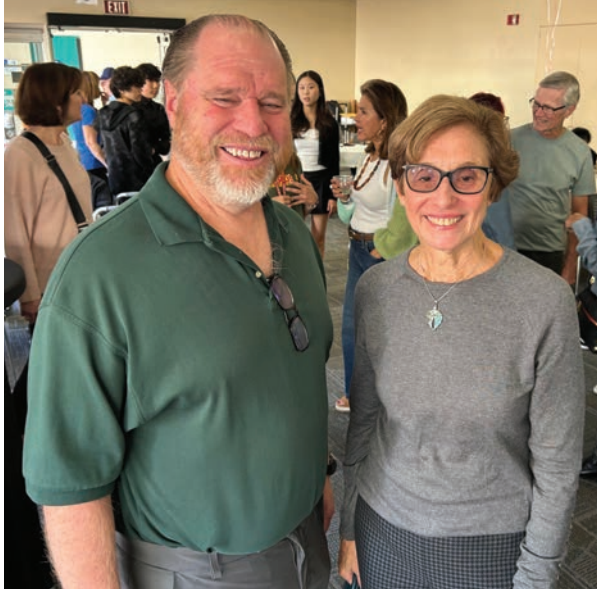
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Portantino Thanks Community for Ongoing Support



Outgoing State Senator Anthony Portantino (D) held a community appreciation event for members of the 25th District, which he represented, in November. The event, held at the Student Center at Glendale Community College, was an opportunity for Portantino to thank his constituents for their support over the last few years.

Portantino has a rich political history that dates back to being on the La Cañada Flintridge City Council then a member of the California State Assembly from 2006 to 2012 representing the 44th Assembly District before assuming the office of the state senate in 2016 representing the 25th District, which encompasses portions of the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys.

Portantino has a rich political history that dates

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LEFT: Carl Povilaitis and Debbie Hinckley in conversation during the event. MIDDLE: From left, Dr David Viar and Bruce Hinckley. TOP RIGHT: Left Mary Pinola and Ruth McNevin. ABOVE: State Senator Susan Rubio traveled from East LA to bid farewell to Portantino

CRESCENTA VALLEY WEEKLY PRESENTS

The 2024 Merry & Bright Holiday Light and Display Tour!

Share your merriment and brighten the spirits of your community this Holiday Season! From December 19th – January 4th families will be driving past identified houses that have been decorated festively for the season.

To include your address in the Merry & Bright Tour and be entered into our contest, send your address to **HollyWeen@cvweekly.com** by **5 p.m.** on Dec. 16. Your address will be included in all three issues of the CV Weekly that feature Merry & Bright Tour addresses! Entries received after Dec. 16 will be included in the following issue/s of the CV Weekly. Get your address in asap so families can create their own drive-by experience.

Judging will be done between December 20th - 24th.

The first 25 entrants will receive two tickets to the Holiday Exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Library. The winners will be announced in the January 9 issue of the CV Weekly!

JUDGING CATEGORIES

1. Christmas Story Award

(traditional or nostalgic use of lights and decorations - Leg Lamp use gets extra points)

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(excessive use of lights and decoration - more is ALWAYS better, can we see it from space?)

3. Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree Award

(best use of music and technology)

4. Santas Coming to Town Award

(best use of Santa or Santa's in decor)

5. Most Original Award

(not your usual everyday holiday decor)

6. Best In Show Award

(ya blew the judges minds)





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We are excited to announce that our collaborative Hybrid Doc Talks with the YMCA of the Foothills are continuing at a new venue!

Starting in January 2025, Hybrid Doc Talks will take place at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. We will still offer free lunch to go following each talk, but please remember to RSVP.

Stay tuned for more information about upcoming topics, speakers, and dates.

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For questions, please contact Marie Filipian at marie.filipian@med.usc.edu or (818) 952-2228.

TRAVEL & LEISURE

Pasadena Playhouse's 'La Cage Aux Folles' Competes with Small Business Saturday



By Ruth SOWBY

On Nov. 30, Old Pasadena celebrated Small Business Saturday,

showcasing nearly 200 locally owned businesses. But the shops and restaurants had some big competition. The 2 p.m. performance of "La Cage Aux

Folles" at the Pasadena Playhouse attracted dozens of theatre lovers despite the retail action on Colorado Boulevard.

The fictional La Cage Aux Folles is the hottest drag club in St. Tropez. Its performers are beautiful, bawdy and bizarre. With a book by Harvey Fierstein and music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, the musical opened on Broadway in 1983. At a time when the vast majority of

the U.S. population disapproved of same sex relationships, La Cage brought audiences together and expanded the definition of what family could mean.

In 2019, the Playhouse launched its American Musical Project doubling down on its commitment to classic American musicals. In January, the Playhouse will produce concert versions of "Anything Goes" and Stephen Sondheim's "Follies" at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

"La Cage Aux Folles" is playing at the Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molina Ave. in Pasadena, until Dec. 15.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: The Pasadena Playhouse has staged thousands of original productions since its founding in 1917.

MIDDLE: The courtyard of the Pasadena Playhouse was busy just before curtain.

RIGHT: Curtain call of "La Cage Aux Folles" with all its colorful characters brought down the house.

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Roth, Sánchez to Perform for GNC

On Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 12:10 p.m., the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed live in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale. Featured are violinist Nancy Roth and pianist Lorenzo Sanchez performing works by Christian Sinding, Claude Debussy and Robert Russell Bennett.

Nancy Roth, violinist (and violist), is currently the concertmaster of the Culver City Symphony and Marina del Rey Summer Symphony. She is also concertmaster of the Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay and a member of the Pasadena Symphony. She is a former member of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, was co-principal violist of the Graz Philharmonic in Austria and served many years as concertmaster of the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Carson-Dominguez Hills Symphony. Roth has been a featured soloist with numerous Southern California orchestras including the Culver City Symphony, Carson Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and Southland Symphony Orchestra. She has given recitals and radio broadcasts in the United States, Austria and Mexico, and is currently a member of the new music group TEMPO based at California State University Northridge. Roth is a member



of the String Family Players (quintet), which performs educational programs for the Music Center On Tour, and she has been on the faculty of the Max Aronoff Viola Institute Summer Music Festival. She has played baroque violin and viola with James Tyler in the London Early Music Group and Los Angeles Musica Viva. Roth holds a Bachelor of Music from CSUN, a Master of Music from the Juilliard School and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California.

Lorenzo Sánchez, pianist, has enjoyed interpreting music of a variety of styles and nationalities in the United States, Mexico and Europe. Sánchez premiered Robert Guillory's "Concertino for Piano and Orchestra." His interest in Polish music led to him giving several lecture

performances at the Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles. He has performed for African American composer George Walker and Japanese composer Mitsuru Asaka in Hawaii. He has played for several choirs touring Italy, The Vatican and several Filipino community celebration masses at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Los Angeles. Looking toward his heritage, Sánchez has edited and helped publish piano works by Mexican composer Domingo Lobato. He has recorded two CDs of Lobato's solo piano works and recently released a CD with clarinetist Virginia Figueiredo. Sánchez holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California.

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

Celebrate New Year's Eve in Unmatched Style at Vitello's

The air is electric as the final hours of 2024 tick away. Studio City's beloved Vitello's is gearing up to transform the night into a journey through music, style and unforgettable flavors. For this New Year's Eve, Vitello's invites the community to leave the ordinary behind and step into a world where every corner tells a different story – a celebration unlike any other.

Picture this: it's 10 p.m. The doors open and you're welcomed into an atmosphere of elegance and excitement. Each of Vitello's four iconic venues offers its own experience, creating a playground of entertainment, culinary delights and camaraderie. Whether you crave the sultry sounds of live jazz, the dazzling energy of a drag show cabaret or the whispers of a speakeasy's secrets, you'll find your perfect corner at Vitello's. In the Main Dining Room, the unmistakable voice of Lilli

Passero mingles with the deft piano of Jason Goldstein. It's smooth, it's soulful and it's the ideal backdrop for a toast to the year gone by. Glasses clink, laughter ripples and the music carries you into a refined kind of magic. Wander into The Velvet Martini Lounge where drag legend Manila Luzon and her dazzling cast take the stage. The performances are bold and breathtaking, a high-energy spectacle that radiates joy and glamour. It's a feast for the senses, every moment designed to wow.

Or maybe you're drawn to the understated chic of Dino's Den. With its sleek bar and simulated city views, it's the perfect setting to sip a crafted cocktail while watching the night unfold in effortless style. And then there's The Rendition Room. Behind its hidden door lies a world of Prohibition-era mystique. Here time slows down and the intimate glow of vintage aesthetics invite you to

savor every expertly crafted cocktail, every whispered conversation.

Of course, no evening at Vitello's would be complete without its renowned cuisine. The night's menu is a tribute to bold flavors and artful pairings with bites and appetizers curated to delight. Sip on a signature cocktail – each one a masterpiece – as you indulge in the culinary craftsmanship that has made Vitello's a Studio City institution. This is your moment to shine. Vitello's encourages you to embrace the festive spirit with attire that dazzles. Whether you lean toward timeless elegance or contemporary flair, let your style be a part of the celebration. Business casual



is the baseline, but let's be honest: New Year's Eve is meant for sparkle.

Tickets for this extraordinary night are just \$40, granting you access to all four venues and their unique offerings. Want a little more exclusivity? Reserve a table and secure a dedicated space to enjoy the festivities in comfort and style. But don't wait too long – this is one night that Studio City won't want to miss as Vitello's becomes a cornerstone of celebration, a place where memories are made. This New Year's Eve, let Vitello's be your

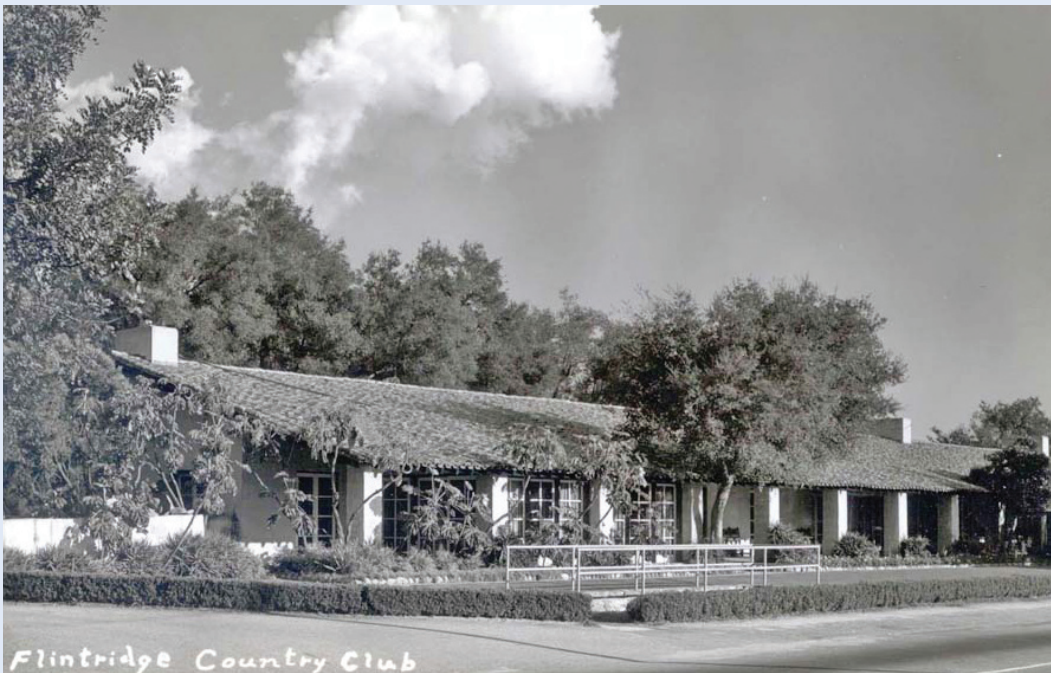
host as we bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025 in true style. The music, the food, the laughter – it's all here, waiting for you.

Tickets are going fast. Secure yours now through the Vitello's website at VitellosRestaurant.com/Events, or contact the restaurant directly for more information. Step into the new year with a night of elegance, entertainment, and unforgettable moments at Vitello's. The countdown has begun. Will you be there to toast to what's next?

Vitello's Restaurant is located at 4349 Tujunga Ave. in Studio City.

THEN & NOW

St. Francis High School Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: When Senator Frank Flint developed Flintridge in the late teens, he wanted three things for his upscale community: a posh hotel (now Sacred Heart Academy), bridle trails and a riding club (still used today), and a top-notch golf course and country club. The golf course fell to newer homes and portions of the 210 Freeway but the clubhouse was bought by the Capuchin Franciscans in 1945 for use as a seminary.



Now: The Franciscans expanded the seminary (with 25 aspirants into the Franciscan order) into a Catholic boys' school that now serves 600 students, grades nine to 12. The old clubhouse is now the administration building.

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LCPC Presents 'A World of Joy'

Christmas is a joyous time for music and singing. La Cañada Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and LCPC Orchestra have assembled a concert that has it all: music, videos and stories for everyone performed by a cast of over 120 musicians. "A World of Joy" will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. There is no cost for admission (freewill offering accepted).

This concert features the great carols of Christmas to excerpts from the John Williams music of the "Home Alone" movies, accompanied by video excerpts from the films, to a "Home for the Holidays" that goes to Grandma's house, celebrates the day after Christmas and includes Linus and Charlie Brown retelling the

Christmas story. There will be a drumline complete with lighted drumsticks and times to sing along to favorite carols with the choir and full orchestra. The choir and orchestra will present "A World of Joy" singing "Joy to the World" in Swahili, Spanish, Celtic and English. It is multimedia event featuring movie excerpts, video clips and pictures of favorite Christmas images.

The concert will be held in the LCPC sanctuary at 626 Foothill Blvd. The adjacent Worship Arts Center will be set up for children with a live broadcast of the concert plus activities and food, including hot chocolate and cookies.

The program includes familiar favorites "Silent Night," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "God Rest You

Merry Gentlemen," "I Saw Three Ships," "Still, Still, Still," and "Joy to the World," among many other familiar carols and songs of Christmas.

Prior to the concert at 1:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary, LCPC's director of Music & Worship Arts, Jack Lantz, will present a lecture entitled "How the Boomers Stole Christmas."

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

For further information, call the church office at (818) 790-6708 or visit lacanadapc.org.

For those who cannot attend in-person, the concert and pre-concert lecture will be live-streamed via LCPC's website, YouTube and Facebook.

NOTES & NODS

LCIF CELEBRATES A NEW SOUND THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This Christmas Eve, Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites all to join in a joyful celebration of the birth of Christ. At 5:30 p.m., the congregation will gather for an outdoor Christmas Eve service at La Cañada's Memorial Park. The community service is organized by several local churches. All are welcome to join in this festive event where the spirit of the season will be brought to life under the open sky.

Following the outdoor service, attendees can move to the warmth and comfort of the LCIF sanctuary for the 7 p.m. service. Inside the church will be filled with candlelight and Christmas carols as Pastor Rick Hall leads the congregation in a celebration of the holiday's spiritual significance. One of the highlights of the evening will be the tradition of singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

The true meaning of Christmas, according to the Christian faith, lies in the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, a pivotal moment in history that brought God's love to the world in the form of a humble child. The nativity story reminds Christians of God's promise of salvation, bringing light into the darkness and offering the hope of eternal life. For believers, Christmas is not just a time of festive cheer but also a sacred occasion to remember the gift of Christ and the message of peace and love.

For more information on LCIF's Christmas celebrations, or general information about the church, visit lcifoohills.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.

'MARY, DID YOU KNOW?' PONDERED AT MT. OLIVE

This year during the season of Advent at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church the question "Mary, did you

know?" will be addressed during the midweek Advent services. Come and ponder Mary's experience with heaven's perfect lamb (Jesus) at Mt. Olive's Holden Evening Prayer services at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

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

EXPERIENCE THE NATIVITY - A FREE GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

Community Christian Church of the Foothills in Tujunga invites the community to experience the joy of Christmas at its drive-thru nativity on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Community Christian Church of the Foothills will offer the opportunity to step back in time and experience the first Christmas via a drive-thru nativity. Guests will drive past various scenes of the nativity story with actors portraying Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angel and the wise men.

Community Christian Church is located at 10193 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga, just north of Foothill Boulevard and next to the Tujunga post office.

To learn more, visit CommunityChristianChurch.info or phone (818) 353-8080. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites the community to "How Great Our Joy," a Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Operatic baritone Joel Balzun and trumpet virtuoso David Washburn will join Sinfonia Orchestra members and the La Crescenta Presbyterian Choir for a selection of Christmas favorites arranged by Dan Forrest.

The concert in the church sanctuary, followed by a dessert reception, are free to the community; a free-will offering will be collected.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is

located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

'THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER' AT GLENDALE FIRST UNITED METHODIST

The Glendale First United Methodist Church Children's Ministry hosts "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" stage play. The play, based on the children's book written by Barbara Robinson, depicts the story of six siblings known as The Herdmans who have a reputation for being the worst kids in the world. However, when they take over the local church pageant, they teach a shocked community about the true meaning of Christmas.

Tickets for the family production, will take place in the Carlson Fellowship Center at Glendale First United Methodist Church, 134 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., may be purchased at the church office.

Following the play there will be an outside nativity scene that will include live animals, Santa, snow, hot chocolate and the opportunity to take pictures with the cast. Tickets are \$5 for adults; children are free.

For more information, please contact the church at (818) 243-2105.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with two family-friendly candlelight services along with a petting zoo that recalls the rustic surroundings of Jesus' birth.

The community is invited on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. for a contemporary worship service featuring LCPC's pastor the Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef who will deliver the message, "The Word Became Flesh!"

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com December 9, 2024 - December 15, 2024

ARIES March 21 - April 19
Soldier on with your training schedule. Don't give up just because you have sore muscles or feel tired. If you stick with it now, it will be a lot easier to carry on when the going really gets tough or when you feel you can't face another elliptical machine. If you have an exercise goal, this will help increase your willpower.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20
The cosmos is encouraging you to get a move on. You may have been procrastinating, but you can't do it any longer. Friends who look fit and healthy may inspire you. Make this a mind-over-matter issue and start. If you feel tired, try to delegate some work or chores and relax.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20
The aspects now may have an effect on your health. It's also likely that a health issue like excess weight or a bad habit like smoking may get the better of you and cause you to backslide. Things may culminate in a decision to lose weight and get back on a healthy track. You won't regret it if you start now.

CANCER June 21 - July 22
Your health may be indirectly affected by the cosmos now, since aspects are affecting your sports and risk-taking zone. Take care that you don't have an accident or pull a muscle. If you're competing, take all necessary precautions to ensure your safety. On the other hand, a sport you love could turn your health around completely.

LEO July 23 - August 22
The kind of nourishment you ingest continues to be critical. Pay attention to what you eat and drink. If you've been neglecting your diet, start a food log. It's that important. The way you eat and what you eat contribute greatly to your overall health and well-being. If you're living on fast food and junk, it may be time to change.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
You may want to invest in information or classes that will help you understand the issues associated with your current health. This might also be when you're inspired to hire a personal trainer to help you reach your fitness goals. The money you spend will be recouped many times over as your confidence soars and health improves.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Powerful forces are at work now. Emotions may run high, but one way to offset them is to work out regularly so you feel revitalized and ready for any challenge that comes your way. Eat well and lighten your schedule if you feel tired. A massage or relaxing in an aromatic hot tub will help if you're feeling stressed.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You'll no doubt feel the effects of the Universe now. If you're overcome by powerful emotions, try not to use it as an excuse to overindulge in food or drink. Maintaining a healthy routine will support you during times of intense challenge or high emotion. Start as you mean to carry on for the best results.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
This period may bring certain health issues to the fore. If you're suffering from certain symptoms, be sure to get them checked. If you need to resolve to lose weight or eat more healthfully, do it now. You'll lose the attachment to those extra pounds as the weeks go by.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Continue to use the power of your mind to improve your health. It's helpful to have realistic fitness goals that you can work toward. You could have a tendency to see fabulous results in an impossible timeframe. Be as realistic about your wellness program as you are in other areas of your life.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Concentrate on grounding your energy so you inhabit your body more fully. As long as you exercise daily, this will help you feel more focused, energetic, and clear headed. Make sure that the foods you eat aren't too light, as this may make things worse. Proteins and rich smoothies will help you stay on track. Don't forget to take vitamins and minerals.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
Watch out for the reappearance of tension and nervous headaches. They may coincide with interesting events coming up. Try not to overschedule your time, because you could get more bogged down than ever. Make time to relax. Get a massage. This isn't a luxury. Better still - take a break.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Dec. 13, GUSD superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson will give a presentation.

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.

FREE COMMUNITY CLINIC & FOOD DRIVE

A free community girls lacrosse clinic will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Crescenta Valley High School softball field and upper field. The clinic will be for girls in grades kindergarten through eighth; no experience needed. Skills and fundamentals of the sport will be taught.

There is also a food drive taking place. Unopened canned and/or boxed food for the Bailey Center will be collected.

This is all hosted by CVHS girls lacrosse. For more information, contact brookkebell@gmail.com or call (626) 497-4020.

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The community is invited to Bolton Hall Museum at 1 p.m. on Dec. 14 for the annual holiday program featuring a holiday performance by the Randy Van Horne Singers. The Singers will entertain with their renditions of holiday songs and will lead everyone in a carol sing-along. A drawing for great prizes and refreshments round out the afternoon.

Sunland-Tujunga's Franny McCartyney is the master of ceremonies.

Bolton Hall Museum's 2025 Annual Calendar will be available at the event for purchase and the Museum Gift Shop features creations by local artists, publications about local history and more.

This event is free and open to the

public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Friday (note new day) from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. There are no events on Dec. 27 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

FLOAT DECORATING OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer with the Kiwanis International Rose Float Project to decorate floats for the 2025 Tournament of Roses Parade! The float construction site is at Phoenix Decorating Company in Irwindale. This year, there will be a one-time \$5 registration fee for all volunteers, including Key Club advisors and chaperones.

New this year: All volunteers ... adults and teens ... will receive a Kiwanis Decorating Team shirt that must be worn while decorating. There is a limit of one free shirt per year, but additional shirts are available for a \$20 donation. A meal will be provided for each shift for everyone who signs up through the Kiwanis portal. Payments will be accepted online and in-person at the float site. Further details will be included in follow-up communications after sign up.

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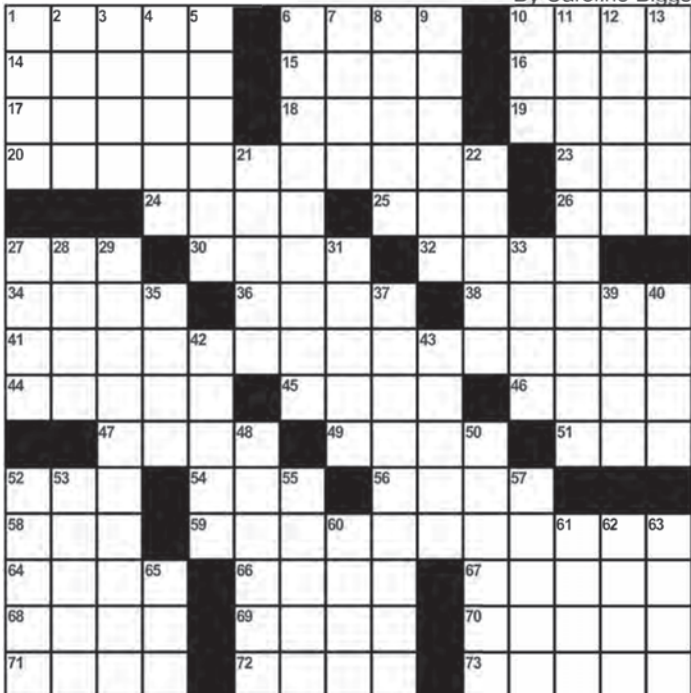
- 1) Campground abodes
- 6) Public scenes
- 10) Partly open
- 14) Open-eyed
- 15) "Citizen ___" (film)
- 16) Yield
- 17) Cut into smaller pieces
- 18) Felt sorry about
- 19) Some flock members
- 20) Wild West outlaw
- 23) Inventor Whitney
- 24) Meat cut
- 25) Grand ___ (wine label word)
- 26) Dawson or Deighton
- 27) And so forth (Abbr.)
- 30) Platoon leaders (Abbr.)
- 32) Ornery mood
- 34) Castle's watery defense
- 36) Sounds of discovery
- 38) A wise beginning?
- 41) When to be saved from the theme entries?
- 44) Knee-to-ankle bone
- 45) "___ all else fails ..."
- 46) Trompe l'___ (optical illusion)
- 47) Cold War foe, briefly
- 49) Go for ___ (take a nice run)
- 51) Cook an egg, in a way
- 52) Road covering
- 54) Brewed beverage
- 56) Individualized atmosphere
- 58) Fix, as a game's outcome
- 59) Fingernail filer, among criminals
- 64) Sea-girt land
- 66) Wine bottle feature
- 67) Socially smooth
- 68) Lively spirit
- 69) Work on one's muscles
- 70) Las Vegas attraction
- 71) Arid
- 72) "Don't expunge that!"
- 73) Shouts

DOWN

- 1) Like a lemon
- 2) Large pitcher
- 3) "The Eagle has landed" recipient
- 4) Biker's path
- 5) Like some patches
- 6) LeBron James' birthplace
- 7) Apply crudely, as paint
- 8) Year before A.D. began
- 9) Passover dinners
- 10) Expert fighter pilot
- 11) Crook interested in rock collections?
- 12) "Chasing Pavements" singer
- 13) Pine exudation
- 21) "Costa" or "Puerto" follower
- 22) ___-the-mill
- 27) Give off
- 28) "Beloved" novelist Morrison
- 29) Stealthy stealer
- 31) Spinal vertebrae
- 33) "Leave ___ Beaver"
- 35) "With ___ ring ..."
- 37) Common sight in Aspen
- 39) Arabian bigwig
- 40) Show faith in (with "on")
- 42) Bridge-seat occupants
- 43) "Days ___ Lives"
- 48) Responds to stimuli
- 50) Like an infamous Dallas knoll
- 52) Takes a stab at
- 53) Airline-seat locale
- 55) Like the game, to Sherlock Holmes
- 57) Type of angle
- 60) Eagle of the coasts
- 61) "Communist Manifesto" co-author Marx
- 62) Definitely not good
- 63) Salespeople, briefly
- 65) 67.5 degrees, direction-wise

A CROOKED PUZZLE

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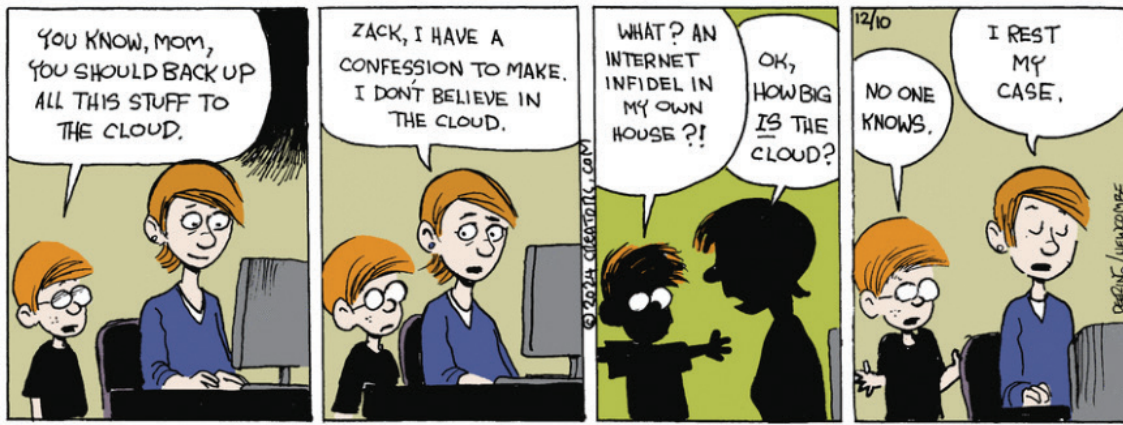
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Help! My Google Play account is frozen and it won't refund my \$115

Arjun Chhabra's Google Play account is frozen because the company suspects him of fraudulent activity. Can he recover the \$115 he spent?

Q I purchased \$115 in Google Play gift cards to use in their app store. Google keeps flagging my account as fraudulent.

Google asked for a bank statement, credit card statement or cellphone bill dated within the last four months or a photo of the credit or debit card associated with my account.

I've sent the information. Google then sends me a message that everything has been resolved but when I try to log in to use my credits, I can't.

I've updated the address and payment information and name, I've reverified all my payment methods multiple times and I am still stuck in the same situation.

After a month of back-and-forth, I am no closer to getting the credits usable or refunded. Can you help me?

—Arjun Chhabra, Burtonsville, Maryland

A: Google shouldn't have frozen your account since none of your transactions

were fraudulent. And once you verified your identity – several times – it should have released your funds.

So what happened? I called Google to find out. A representative explained that Google looks for patterns that suggest fraudulent behavior, such as large or small amounts of money being transferred or a pattern of purchases. Your online behavior triggered one of those fraud detection algorithms.

“Protecting our users against fraud is a top priority for us,” the representative explained. “When we suspect suspicious activity, we may prevent any further transactions until the issue has been resolved in order to protect the user.”

I can understand disabling your account until you can prove you made the transactions. But how many times do you have to prove it? A look at your paper trail – and by the way, nice job on keeping all your correspondence with Google – shows the company repeatedly asking for your ID and account information. You supplied that information repeatedly.

But what happened next is even more frustrating. Google claimed that it had fixed the problem but hadn't. I'm not quite sure how that could have happened, but you have it in writing.

A brief, polite email to one of the Google customer service managers I list on my consumer advocacy site might have helped. My Google contact also offered another option.

“We have a team of agents who work to ensure our users' questions and concerns are handled in a timely manner. Users who believe their issue wasn't resolved to their satisfaction can request an escalation,” she told me.

After I asked Google to review your case it released the \$115 – this time for real.

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

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Please note: Decorating shifts begin at the time listed. Volunteers must arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of their shift in order to be checked in and ready to begin on time.

Visit the Sign Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/mu3ye4vu> for more info.

CCLCF HAVING HOLIDAY CERAMICS SALE

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge will be closed from Dec. 24 - Jan. 1.

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.

CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta – an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before – don't worry; you will be taught! Come on Tuesday afternoons to play canasta from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

BACK TO SCHOOL EXHIBITION AT BOLTON HALL MUSEUM

Bolton Hall Museum is celebrating the history of Sunland-Tujunga's public schools. Its new

exhibit, Back to School with Bolton Hall, traces the history of local education from its humble beginnings as a one-room schoolhouse to the vibrant community of schools that exist today. Spotting each of the area's public schools, the exhibit features vintage yearbooks, textbooks, photographs and more.

Bolton Hall Museum is open for visits on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. This exhibit runs through spring 2025.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

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

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.

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On Saturday, Dec. 28, Pasadena Heritage invites the community to take walking tours featuring some of Pasadena's unique architectural treasures. Attendees have the opportunity to participate in two different walking tours. Please note: walking tours will last at least two hours and will take place rain or shine!

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/99aavmwa> for tickets and more information.

CHANUKAH FESTIVAL HOSTED BY CHABAD OF LA CANADA - LA CRESCENTA

The Chabad of La Cañada - La Crescenta is having a Chanukah Festival at Memorial Park on Sunday, Dec. 29 at 4 p.m. A special performance will be given by world renowned ventriloquist Chuck Field.

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Renowned Abolitionist's Gravesite in Altadena Becomes LA County Historic Landmark

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to designate renowned abolitionist Owen Brown's gravesite as a Los Angeles County Historical Landmark.

A commemorative rustic slab of stone and additional smaller stones placed to mark the presumed outline of Mr. Brown's body currently identify his final resting place in Altadena on a hilltop at the northern end of El Prieto Road.

The landmark designation concludes a nearly year-long process that included a public

hearing and administrative work by the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

"Honoring Owen Brown's gravesite as a Los Angeles County historical landmark is a powerful reminder of our shared commitment to justice and equality," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "His fight against slavery and unwavering commitment to treating all human beings with dignity and respect reflects his courage and vision. I am proud that we will add his gravesite to our County's

registry of landmarks today. This will help preserve his memory so that future generations can pay homage to his life's work."

In February 2024, Supervisor Barger introduced a motion to formally nominate the Owen Brown Gravesite as a historic County landmark. The nomination was catalyzed by the grassroots efforts of local organizations including Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Town Council.

During her remarks, Supervisor Barger also commended the Altadena community for their role

in the landmark's designation.

"I want to recognize and celebrate the bottom-up, community-driven approach that drove today's landmark designation," Supervisor Barger stated. "Altadena residents have a deep appreciation for the history of their community. Their efforts go beyond preserving a part of Altadena's story—they are safeguarding a unique piece of American history. We honor not only Brown's life and contributions, but also the unwavering efforts of the community members and

organizations who fought to preserve his legacy."

Owen Brown was born on Nov. 4, 1824 in Hudson, Ohio. He was one of 20 children from his father's (abolitionist John Brown) first family.

At the time of his death, Owen Brown was the last survivor of John Brown's historic raid on Harpers Ferry. He died in Altadena on Jan. 8, 1889. When his funeral was held two days later, a local newspaper at the time reported, "It was a historic day in Pasadena."

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Of those responding, 12.7% considered the project in a positive light while 76% deemed it negative with most citing issues of vehicular visibility, increased traffic congestion, reduced traffic efficiency and reduced bicycle use.

Staff laid out three options going forward. Option 1 would extend the test period while adding parking and a buffer, reducing the width of the bike lanes, adding a commercial loading zone for each block, adding a southbound travel lane in front of Incarnation Church (1001 N. Brand Blvd.) and adding additional street striping improvements. This option would cost \$235,120.

Option 2 would add a two-way bicycle track on the east side of the street, restore two southbound travel lanes, add striping improvements and commercial loading zones and would increase the width of parking stalls, at a cost of \$534,400.

For both Options 1 and 2, city staff recommend reviewing the status of the street after six months.

Option 3 would revert the street to its original alignment and would cost \$527,696.

Forty-one cards were submitted to speak at the Council meeting and 14 callers signed up to speak to the body by phone.

"I'm here tonight to urge you to vote for Option 3 to fully remove the bike lanes and associated changes to restore Brand Boulevard to its original condition. This demonstration project has already proven to be a major failure. Approving either of the two other options risks wasting another \$535,000 combined with the \$1.4 million already spent," Susan Broussalian began the public commenting.

"Maya" spoke in support of Option 1: "Let's be frank: Glendale is terrifying for anyone not in a car."

"Armen," another caller, has lived in Glendale for 40 years and has seen projects that make some sense and some that make less sense, he told the Council. When he saw the project on North Brand, he considered it a "monstrosity" and asked, "What the hell?" He compared the project to Beirut, Lebanon "during the war" and questioned "the illogicalness of it." The project has reduced bicycle usage and first responders have raised concerns about increased response time, he added.

Rossmoyne HOA president Lorna Vartanian spoke on behalf of the 1,300 families in the homeowner's association.

"Simply put and according to the data, this project is a failure in this location," she said. "It has put extra stress on our neighborhood and those who visit Brand Boulevard."

Tom Brown described himself as a 75-year-old senior.

"I don't have a car. I bike 30 blocks a day to the Pacific community pool using bike lanes where they're available, side streets where they're not. I know I'm in the minority here but something needs to be done to make North Brand less car-centric, less of a seven-lane wasteland, something on a more

human scales, more friendly to pedestrians, cyclists and cars."

Lee Straus reported that he has collected 2,233 signatures on a petition calling on the demonstration project to be ended immediately.

Tony Sardo Jr. also advocated Option 3.

"We love our town," he said. "Nobody's against bike lanes; you just have to put them in the right places."

"Cara" noted that as a demonstration project, the goal of the trial was accomplished. She pushed for Option 1: "Staff has incorporated public feedback; it costs less than other options; and it doesn't throw the baby out with the bathwater."

Randy Stevenson has a business at 1111 N. Brand Blvd.

"The results are in - the staff report unequivocally shows that the project had overwhelmingly negative effects on the neighborhood,"

Stevenson said. "Those results are underreported. The rate of accidents substantially increased - 11 collisions over the 141 days before the project and 12 during the 95 days of the project. Both the staff and consultant reports - until an hour ago - left out dramatic levels of opposition found in their own surveys."

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian reiterated his opposition to removing parking or travel lanes to install bike lanes and reminded the Council that he had not been part of voting for this project. He ran through the costs: \$900,000 with \$500,000 from SCAG, another matching \$100,000 and then \$800,000 for construction. Finally, Gharpetian opined that the project was meant "to get people out of their cars, to create congestion so people will get out of their cars."

Councilmember Najarian

added, "I don't want to tell anyone I told you so, but if you check the Council meeting video from August 2022, I raised every one of these concerns. I don't want to use the word 'boondoggle,' but this is one of the biggest misplaced policy directives that cost us a lot of money. I predict the same thing for La Crescenta Avenue."

Earlier on Tuesday, city staff offered a detailed study of the way Glendale Water and Power (GWP) sets its rates. While the utility is experiencing electric rates at the high end compared to local municipal utilities such as Burbank, Pasadena and Los Angeles, GWP rates are lower than those of Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas and Electric and Pacific Gas and Electric. As a municipal utility, GWP does not make a profit and sets its rates based on the cost of providing electricity to its customers. The staff report

is available at Item 1 at: <https://glendaleca.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=38415>.

At the beginning of the council meeting, a proclamation was adopted recognizing Dec. 13 as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Day.

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