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## Drug Trends Shared at CV Alliance Presentation

By Jason KUROSU

CV Alliance, which strives to increase community awareness about drug abuse, hosted a parents only meeting at the Crescenta Valley High School library Tuesday night entitled "Current Trends and What to Look For." Deputy Eric Matejka of the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. spoke to parents about what the most popular and typically used drugs are, bringing both his expertise and visual aids, such as drug paraphernalia, to the event.

Though Matejka ran through the gamut of drugs, both legal and illegal, he said that marijuana and alcohol use are what he most frequently sees within the neighborhood.

Matejka covered marijuana extensively, saying that the biggest change in marijuana is the relative strength of THC in marijuana today. Along with increased THC potency, marijuana is being consumed in different forms that accentuate the THC, such as butane hash oil (BHO) or wax. Synthetic marijuana or "spice" is a legal substance that is gaining popularity, though it is

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## Storm Damages Stone Pine Sentinel

*A long-standing pine tree in a local neighborhood cracks "like a wishbone."*

By Mary O'KEEFE

Part of a giant Stone pine tree that had towered over a neighborhood for more than 80 years crashed onto that neighborhood street, when the soil from recent rains became saturated.

"I was sitting in my chair watching the news when I heard crack, crack, crack then it sounded like a freight train," said Rich Jessup describing the tree just outside his home when the trunk split in two, and half crashed to the ground.

"It is like a [broken] wishbone," Jessup said.

The 3600 block of Malafia Drive is lined with large pine trees. The tree in front of Jessup's home had thick branches that shadowed his home and street. He felt lucky the piece that fell was closest to the street and not his house.

Neighbors described the noise as "very loud" and said that when the tree fell it shook the ground "like an earthquake."

"There was a huge dent in the



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

After the soil from recent rains became saturated, this Stone pine tree on Malafia Drive cracked and a branch fell, narrowly missing a nearby, occupied car.

ground between the lawn and the branch," Jessup said.

Neighbors who came to look at the damage said they were surprised, and grateful, that no one was hurt.

The tree missed one neighbor's vehicle by 18 inches. A grandmother was waiting in her vehicle for her grandchild who was at a nearby home. She had parked on the north side of Jessup's property when

the tree fell. Branches swept the front of her car but there was no damage.

The City of Glendale Dept. of Public Works was sent to assess the damage on Tuesday night. Workers tied back the larger branches that still lean over Jessup's home. Workers returned on Wednesday and cleaned the area.

Public Works continues to assess the situation to determine if the

entire tree needs to be cut down or if part of it can be saved, according to Tamara Hadjimanoukian, spokeswoman for the City of Glendale.

The rainstorm was significant, and needed.

"We broke the record for downtown [Los Angeles]," said Eric Boldt, meteorologist with the

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## Weather, Crowds a Go for Christmas Parade



File Photo

One just never knows who will be found along the Christmas Parade route. This year's parade is on Saturday, Dec. 6 along Honolulu Avenue.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The weather is expected to cooperate for the 38th Annual Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade on Saturday.

The small town parade will carry on its tradition of highlighting local organizations, schools and community members.

Over 800 Boy Scouts will parade down Honolulu Avenue, along with bands and sport teams from the Glendale Unified School District.

Each year the parade committee chooses a theme, a grand marshal and a junior grand marshal, and honors specific groups that best portray that theme. This year the parade committee is honoring "Made in the USA."

This year's grand marshal is Johnny Harrison, who is being recognized for his strong support of kids and education. Harrison helped fund, and

continues to support, many projects within GUSD schools. He learns what needs to be done and finds a way to help.

The junior grand marshals are Prom Plus Club. The Crescenta Valley High School club is the youth arm of the Prom Plus organization. For 20 years Prom Plus has given CVHS seniors and their guests a safe alternative to an after prom party. Prom Plus Club was founded five years ago to promote the main organization and has since become a strong community service club.

This year, the VIPs will be riding down Honolulu Avenue in Ford Mustangs spanning several eras. The parade will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ford Mustang.

The parade will also be honoring local World War II veterans.

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CVHS FALCONS TAKE ON THE DOWNEY VIKINGS TOMORROW, FRIDAY, NIGHT AT 7:30 P.M. AT MOYSE FIELD IN A CIF SHOWDOWN.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Ding, Ding, Ding Goes the (CVW) Trolley

If you are like me, you are counting down the hours until the Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade. This Saturday marks the 38th anniversary of this down home tradition that is a much anticipated community event. Thousands of volunteer hours are dedicated to the parade – from those who get their groups together to make their way down Honolulu Avenue to the behind-the-scenes people who pull it all together.

Since I started the paper in 2009, CV Weekly has been proud to not only be a sponsor of the parade but to also give parade participants who line up outside our window at 3800 La Crescenta Avenue (at the corner of Honolulu Avenue) cookies, hot cider and hot coffee. Sometimes local bakeries donated these items and I was happy to promote these businesses (if you'd like to donate cookies for Saturday, just let me know). I know the hot coffee and cider, as well as the treats, had been especially welcome these last few years when it was a little rainy on parade night.

Come 6 o'clock, we'd slide closed our window facing Honolulu and climb aboard a flatbed truck provided by Crosstown Towing. Joe and Lisa have been angels to CV Weekly over the years, pulling into our parking lot early so we could load up the flatbed with hay bales

and decorations before climbing aboard for our trek down Honolulu. How much fun was it to see everyone who came out for the parade while listening to Jane Kane and Rick Dinger introduce the parade participants? The crew aboard has grown over the years, too, as our writing staff, design staff, columnists and other friends of the paper joined us.

While you can expect to see CV Weekly making its way down the parade route yet again this year, the flatbed will be absent. This year, we decided to go a little fancier and, if it rained, a little drier. Please keep your eyes peeled for a trolley provided by American GTS and filled with CV Weekly folks! We are so excited by our updated mode of transportation that reflects an old fashioned style that fits perfectly with our old fashioned Montrose.

Look for us waving from inside the trolley!

The flatbed won't be the only thing missing this year from CV Weekly. Our dear friend, driver Jay Eatherton and his family who have traveled Honolulu every parade, have moved to Alaska. A big bear of a man with the ultimate "can do" attitude, Jay is one of the nicest people you could ever meet and it was a pleasure

working with him.

CV Weekly will also be minus one of our treasured sales people. Lisa Yeghiayan, who was with CVW since the early days when we started the paper on my dining room table, has decided to take advantage of a new career opportunity.

Lisa was one of the hardest working people here at CV Weekly. She could be found at any of the many mixers, ribbon cuttings or other events celebrating local business. I often kidded her that she needed to wear roller skates to get everywhere she wanted to be. Her dedication was not lost on her clients and they grew to love and respect her.

While I am sad that she moved on, I am happy for her new path. And I'm not entirely missing out – Lisa will still be a member of the Prom Plus team.



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# Weather in the Foothills



"A landscape does not exist in its own right, since its appearance changes at every moment; but the surrounding atmosphere brings it to life – the light and the air which vary continually. For me, it is only the surrounding atmosphere which gives subjects their true value."

~ Claude Monet

The above quotation seems apropos for either an artist or meteorologist. Sunday, as I drove north on the 2 Freeway, it was evident the first storm had settled in. Dark clouds blanketed the entire Crescenta Valley. Not a single landmark was visible, for the appearance of the landscape had changed – or at least transformed for the time being. In spite of "surrounding atmosphere," I was assured my home was there, somewhere amongst the clouds.

With slightly more than a half-inch measured here, the coastal areas totaled well over an inch. A lull between storms provided just enough time for a brisk Abby-mandated dog walk. Tuesday and into Wednesday the second storm doused our "neck of the woods" with 1.80 inches of rain. A few more drops were expected.

El Niño has yet to be officially declared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the start of November, there was a 58% chance of development; soon an update will be released. The recent rain pattern and weather maps hint of a hopeful outcome. Recent atmospheric patterns over the Pacific waters and North America are beginning resemble those of an El Niño year.

One pattern seen in the most

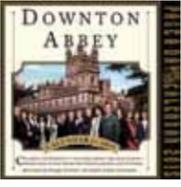
recent storm supports an El Niño condition. To the northwest, a low-pressure center swirled counter-clockwise, causing a sub-tropical band of moisture to be transported into Southern California. The delivery system is known as the "Pineapple Express." Sounds more like a train traveling through the Hawaiian Islands than a term used by meteorologists and weather reporters. The descriptive name comes with scientific implications as well. Pineapple Express events are often renowned for bringing significant multi-inch rainfall totals to Southern California in El Niño winters. As mentioned, more information is forthcoming. Until then ...

"Santa Claus is coming to town ..." for The Montrose Christmas Parade. A precautionary umbrella and cozy jacket are advised along the route; temperatures expected around 50 degrees with a few lingering clouds are in the forecast. Into next week, mild days in the 70s are expected. Come Friday, the rains return once again.

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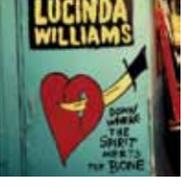
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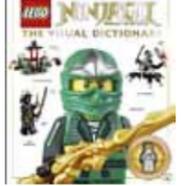


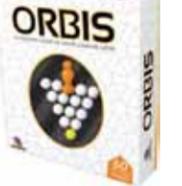
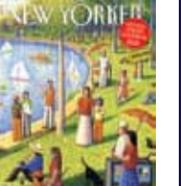



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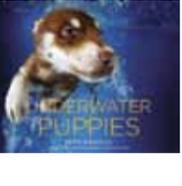



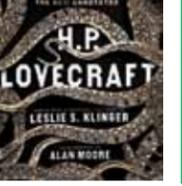
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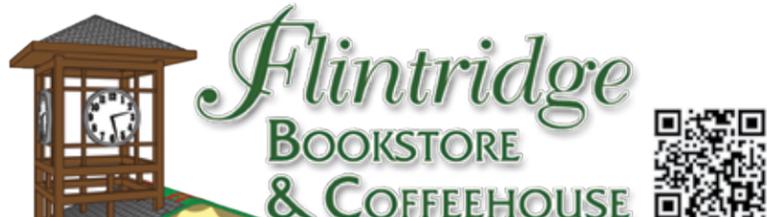


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# NEWS

## Santa Speas Came to Town

*The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. – Mohandas Gandhi*

By Mary O'KEEFE

The holidays are a time to share with one's family and for many that family includes pets.

On Saturday, Dr. James "JD" Speas, owner of Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital, continued a tradition that began about five years ago: Santa Speas – Pet Portraits.

Pet parents showed up at Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital with their animals all dressed and ready to celebrate the holidays with a family portrait including Santa Speas.

"It is fun," Speas said. "But taking photos with pets isn't that easy."

Getting a child to sit on Santa's lap is one thing but to get a dog to stay calm and look into the camera takes a lot of patience.

"Some are a little intimidated by Santa," Speas said.

But luckily Santa Speas has help from several elves who understand how to get that perfect holiday card photo.

"We just wanted to do something fun for the holidays," said Jessica, Speas' daughter and co-worker. "And [Speas] was willing to dress up as Santa so we wanted to do it."

The event has become very popular and the staff added an extra hour this year to make certain every pet had their 15 minutes of paparazzi time.

This year the photos were taken outside so most of the pets were dogs, but there was at least one brave cat named Snowball who posed for the perfect picture.

"This is the first time we [did this]," said Narineh Avant.

She and husband Jason had put a harness on Snowball and got her into her crate to bring her to the event. When asked how they got the cat's cooperation, especially surrounded by so many dogs, Jason answered, "Food snacks. We gave her lots of treats."



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#### ROAD WORK TO BEGIN

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CVWD requests that the community observe the temporary traffic controls for everyone's safety. Questions can be directed to CVWD's main office at (818) 248-3925 or email [colmedo@cvwd.com](mailto:colmedo@cvwd.com).

#### GWP LAUNCHES APP

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) is piloting its first free mobile application through its Smart Customer Mobile engagement program that offers customers a new and interactive app to better manage their energy and water usage on a SmartPhone, tablet and web anytime and anywhere. The user-friendly portal platform, provided by Smart Utility Systems (SUS), delivers real-time usage

information and two-way communication between the customer and GWP.

The new mobile app, called GWP-Mobile My Connect, features the GWP logo and will allow customers to view current and historical bills as well as pay bills, set budget goals, submit service requests, view/report outages, send messages directly to GWP and obtain electric vehicle or solar panel usage information. The pilot program is free and will be offered to the first 2,000 Glendale residential customers.

For more information on the mobile app visit [www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com](http://www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com). View a short video on the app, <http://youtu.be/ggb65HPbicM>.

#### GCC CONCERT SINGERS FALL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

The Glendale Community College concert singers are performing on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 pm. Songs performed include "Chansons des Roses" by L.A. composer Morten Lauridsen as well as music of Burchard, Esenvalds, and Layne plus some holiday favorites.

The concert will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 134 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale.

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# Billy's Board Shop Gets New Owners – and a New Look

By Mary O'KEEFE

Billy's Board Shop is changing hands. The board shop has been in Montrose since 1976 and will continue to maintain its loyalty to all things skater while expanding its reach to appeal to everyone in the family ... skaters and beyond.

Former owner Tim Shepard sold Billy's Board Shop to Christian and Jackie Cuesta and, although there is butcher-block paper lining the windows at present, it won't be there for long.

"We will have our soft opening this Saturday," Christian said.

Christian said the purchase of Billy's seemed like the right thing to do at the right time. He is a general contractor and was looking into flipping houses when he and Jackie noticed that Billy's had a "Business for Sale" sign in its window. The couple lives in Montrose and knows the business well. Jackie had worked at a retail company and felt

that the sign was a real sign of what they should do.

The store is closed briefly while they redesign the business. The skate equipment will stay but is being moved to the back of the main room. New additions include large screen televisions the Cuestas have brought in.

"The [skaters] will be able to bring in their skate [films] and we will download them and put them on the screen," Christian said. Instead of just skater movies from production companies, the store will highlight local filmmakers.

Local artists will also be highlighted at the store and, in fact, skaters can bring in a design that can be scanned and placed onto the deck. This will make Billy's one of the only board shops able to print onto a skateboard.

Beyond skaters, the new owners want to expand to be more of a family store where, skater or not, a shopper can find what they

are looking for. They are bringing in clothing from companies like Tommy Bahama and Articles of Society. There will be candles and other home décor as well.

"But with a beach feel," he added. The new owners are excited about the business but have realized how much work starting a small business takes.

"[We] have been working day and night," he said.

One main impression made when speaking to Christian is his excitement for the new business. Not only is he looking forward to expanding the business with more clothing and other items but he is also excited about being on Honolulu Avenue as part of the community.

"We are going to [also] honor local artists," he said as he continued to think of more and more things his new business will offer.

Billy's Board Shop is located at 2227 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.



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## CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive

The California Highway Patrol is collecting toys for its CHiPs for Kids program. Officer Ryan Bejar spoke at the November Crescenta Valley Town Council meeting asking for support from the community for the program.

Officers collect the toys within the CHP Altadena area communities and distribute the toys to those in need in local communities.

Those who want to donate are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to a collection site. Several locations in the area have been set up to receive the toys. Below is a list of where donations are being received:

Walgreens, 3001 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta

Crescenta Cañada YMCA, 1930 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada

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**XMAS PARADE from Cover**

There will be two commentary booths that will announce to parade-goers the entrants. Rick Dinger and Jane Kane will be at the booth on Honolulu at Market avenues. Their commentary will be televised and live streamed. Leila and Vince Bell will be at a booth at Wickham Way.

The parade begins at 6:10 p.m. and will travel along Honolulu Avenue from Rosemont Avenue heading east to Verdugo Road. Those who are walking in the parade will check in on Honolulu Avenue just east of La Crescenta Avenue, unless otherwise advised.

Anyone with questions can find a volunteer who will be wearing a yellow, green or red "parade" jacket.

Those who don't want to come to the parade route can still view it live on GREG TV on Charter Cable channel 15 and on U-Verse channel 99 Glendale Community Access. It can also be viewed streaming live on the web via a link on www.MontroseChristmasParade.com.

Below is a list of entries in their order of appearance on the parade route.

- Glendale Police Helicopter - Santa Claus
- Glendale Police Motorcycle Officers Brigade
- Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade
- San Fernando Rangers
- U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff
- Glendale Fire Dept. Chief Harold Scoggins
- Jr. Grand Marshal - Banner
- Jr. Grand Marshal - Prom Plus Club
- AYSO Region 88 VIP Program
- Air Force Jr. ROTC Color Guard
- Jr. ROTC Drill Team and Cadets
- Angelo Chiarot, U.S. Navy
- Russell & Virginia Bartoletti, U.S. Navy
- Mel & Virginia Paulson, U.S. Army Air Force
- Bud Bogust, U.S. Army Air Force
- American Legion Post 288 & VFW Post 1614
- Scout Contingent No. 1
- Glendale High School Marching Band & Cheer
- Roosevelt Middle School Marching Band & Cheer
- Wilson Middle School Marching Band & Cheer
- Wilson Middle School ASB students
- Montrose Christian Montessori School
- Happy Mom Music
- City of Glendale (Platinum Sponsor)
- Mayor Zareh Sinanyan
- Mayor Zareh Sinanyan Family
- Councilmember Laura Friedman
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- Councilmember Dave Weaver
- Councilmember Paula Devine
- Ardshes "Ardy" Kassakhian, Glendale City Clerk
- Glendale Police Dept. Chief Robert M. Castro
- Campbell Center and Glendale PD
- St. Francis Drumline
- St. Francis High School Mountain Bike Team
- Scout Contingent No. 2
- Montrose Shopping Park Association (Platinum Sponsor)
- Montrose Shopping Park Association - Board of Directors
- Unto Us a Child is Born
- Los Angeles Citywide Children's Christian Choir (LA4C)
- CA Senator Carol Liu
- Scout Contingent No. 3
- Village Christian Crusader Band & Cheerleaders
- Our Lady of Lourdes Tujung Spirit Squad & Flag Football

- Cloud Preschool - GUSD
- Tiny Tots Gymnastics
- CA Assemblyman - Mike Gatto
- YMCA Tribes Program
- The Honolulu Avenue Strolling Strummers
- Glendale College Parent Education Association
- Scout Contingent No. 4
- U.S. Forest Service & Smokey Bear
- Montrose Travel (Platinum Sponsor)
- CVHS Falcons Marching Band
- CV Falcons Lacrosse
- CV High School Mountain Bike Team
- CVHS Robotics 589 & LCHS Engineering Club 2429
- Horace Mann Cheer
- Grand Marshal Banner
- Grand Marshal - Johnny Harrison
- GreySave
- California Youth Spirit Corp
- A World of Service, Soroptimist of the Verdugos
- Korean-American Federation, North L.A.
- A Moveable Feast (Friends of Rockhaven)
- Lincoln 500
- MB2 Raceway
- Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA
- Rosemont Middle School Band &

- Drumline
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## Job Opportunities at HireLive

By Isiah REYES

Anyone looking to get hired during the holidays could get their chance at HireLive's sales and management career fair on Dec. 11 at the Hilton in Pasadena.

HireLive will be working with multiple Fortune 500 Companies, industry leaders and local businesses. Job opportunities at the event include sales representatives, retail managers, customer service, human resources and account executives, among others.

Marketing coordinator Lauren Baker said the people who show up to the event will get a chance to do interviews on the spot. Professional

dress is required.

"Basically it is a sales, retail, and management-specific career fair so it's a great opportunity for people who are either currently unemployed or just looking for new career opportunities," Baker said. "Because it is the end of the year, a lot of companies are hiring for 2015."

Candidates looking for employment are expected to bring at least 10 copies of their resume and to research companies before attending the event. Pre-registration is not required.

Some of the companies that will be present at the Pasadena fair include MassMutual, New York Life

and American Solar Direct. The full list of companies will be updated on Dec. 5 on HireLive's website.

HireLive hosts career fairs across the country. Other Southern California locations include San Fernando Valley, Orange County and San Diego.

"We definitely welcome people who know anybody else who might be looking for employment to bring them along," Baker said.

The Pasadena career fair will be on Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Pasadena, located on 168 South Robles Ave., Pasadena. Parking is free on the street or \$11 for valet. For more information, visit [www.HireLive.com](http://www.HireLive.com).

### CV ALLIANCE from Cover

banned in some states.

The ease of availability has also undergone a change, as anyone over the age of 18 can receive a letter of recommendation from a doctor for marijuana.

"Originally [medicinal marijuana] was intended for people with cancer or glaucoma, serious illnesses. Nowadays, it's just about anything you can get a doctor to say. I've heard leg pain, I eat too much, can't eat, can't sleep, sleep too much. All they have to do is tell that to the doctor and they can get a recommendation letter."

Matejka said that though there are state issued medical marijuana cards, recommendations from doctors are much easier to obtain.

Matejka covered some legally obtainable substances, like prescription drugs and cough syrup, which are easy for kids to obtain out of medicine cabinets or stores. Matejka urged parents to drop off expired and/or leftover prescription drugs at the CV Sheriff's Station at its drop box or at drug stores on designated collection days.

"It may not even be your kids that you're worried about," said Matejka. "Maybe your friend's kids who come over."

Other legal substances Matejka discussed included e-cigarettes, which vaporize "juice," solutions that come in various flavors. Matejka noted that not all juices contain nicotine, but the lack of regulation makes it unclear what is exactly in each juice.

"The thought initially is that smoking these will get you to stop smoking cigarettes. I've talked to a lot of people who say the only difference is they're smoking both now."

Matejka also tried to educate the parents about the culture surrounding certain drugs, in addition to the substances themselves. Raves and rave culture were discussed to familiarize the parents with some of the things associated with MDMA or ecstasy use.

"Ecstasy is a social drug," said Matejka, who described lightshows, PLUR (Peace, Love,

Understanding and Respect) and other characteristics of the rave scene.

Though Matejka said he typically does not encounter these drugs in schools around La Crescenta and La Cañada, Matejka also covered some of the harder, more addictive, illegal drugs such as methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and MDPV, a drug commonly found in products referred to as bath salts.

In addition to a slideshow, Matejka illustrated his points with a glass case full of confiscated materials, ranging from pipes to containers for surreptitiously hiding substances to other paraphernalia such as "kandi" bracelets worn at raves. Matejka told the parents to be vigilant in watching for telltale signs of drug use, but to balance that vigilance with communication.

"Look at the totality of the thing. The main thing is to communicate," he said. "If your kid comes home with one of these bracelets on, that doesn't mean they're doing ecstasy. Talk to them. Get the whole picture."

## Cars, Food, Music and Dancing – All at Taste of the Foothills

By Isiah REYES

Taste of the Foothills will offer more than just a great selection of restaurants at the Dec. 10 evening event. There will also be live dancing and car displays for everyone to enjoy.

Dwight Sityar is one of the organizers of the event. He wanted to make Taste of the Foothills community-oriented where the food was easily viewed from all angles of the venue. So Jean Maluccio of the CV Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, said, "Show me."

"I drew up a proposed floor plan that Jean and Steve Pierce brought to the chamber board for their approval," Sityar said. "Part of the venue will now include having the 'ambience' of the '40s and '50s by having the Crescenta Valley High School jazz band play big band music plus Latin cha-cha, and we have started teaching Prom Plus Club members some additional dance steps since they already know the basics."

The dancers will also be fitted with swing attire to fit in with the theme.



File photo

Local students filled their plates at the Taste of the Foothills.

Sityar is a member of the Early Rodders, which teamed up this past summer with Just Tires to showcase classic cars and hot rods in La Crescenta. To add to the scenery, Sityar will include two Cadillacs at the event to complement the throwback style of the '50s.

"By having these added attractions we hope to make it livelier and fun so the community can enjoy the food, music, dancing and cars under the stars," Sityar said.

Taste of the Foothills will take place on Dec. 10 at Ralphs Shopping Center located at 2629 Foothill Blvd. Hours are from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults (13 and over), kids are \$10 (age 5-12). Senior discount ticket price is \$18. Tickets are available at the CV Chamber of Commerce office at 3131 Foothill Blvd. 'D' in La Crescenta and at the office of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #101, La Crescenta. Tickets will also be on sale at the event.

# Kids Find Food, Minions and Fun at Annual Universal Event



Photos by Jason KUROSU



By Jason KUROSU

Children from schools across the L.A. area packed into Universal Studios on a recent Thursday morning, not only to enter the park and enjoy the attractions and rides, but also to receive much needed clothing and school supplies during the 10th annual Day of Giving. Nearly 250 students arrived at the park during the day and received donations of shoes, socks, jackets, backpacks, books and uniforms, as well as complimentary lunches and a free trip inside Universal Studios.

According to Nancy Gutierrez, coordinator of LAUSD's Homeless Education Program, over 30 schools participated in the annual event.

"We started with 150 kids at the beginning and have been trying to increase the number each year," said Gutierrez. "It's been a good experience."

Operation School Bell, which includes volunteers from the Anne Banning Auxiliary of Assistance League of Los Angeles, partners yearly with Universal Studios' Discover a Star Foundation to put on the Day of Giving event. Two hundred Universal Studios employees participated, from handing out backpacks to helping kids try on shoes to helping kids get school uniforms, all of which items were loaded inside Operation School Bell's semi-truck on the premises.

"It's important for children who are homeless to be mainstreamed," said Dorothea Scattaglia, Universal Studios director of Community Relations, who also said that the kids would receive front of the line passes to rides in the theme park, along with the donated items.

Marjorie Knoop, a 27-year employee of Universal Studios,

gave out jackets throughout the day.

"It makes you feel great for the help that we're able to give the kids," said Knoop.

After the clothing drive and lunch, the kids were able to enter the park and meet with Universal characters, especially the minions from the "Despicable Me: Minion Mayhem" and "Super Silly Fun Land" play zone.

Universal Studios volunteers also participated in five other charitable events that day, including events at AIDS Project L.A., the Pacific Lodge Boys' Home, M.E.N.D.'s Educational Training Center, Shane's Inspiration and L.A.'s Downtown Women's Center.

Data from LAUSD's Homeless Education Program indicates that there are currently over 13,000 homeless students within the Los Angeles Unified School District.

## CRIME BLOTTER

**Dec. 1**

4000 Glenwood Avenue in La Crescenta, a window was damaged, jewelry was stolen and several rooms were ransacked at a residence between 8:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Nov. 28**

2900 block of Highridge Road in La Crescenta, documents, cash and personal items were stolen from a vehicle overnight.

1000 block of White Deer Drive in La Cañada, personal items and cash were stolen from an unlocked vehicle overnight.

1000 block of White Deer Drive in La Cañada, a global positioning system, cash and personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle between 3 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.

**Nov. 27**

Altura and Rosemont avenues

in La Crescenta, a 53-year-old Montrose man was arrested on suspicion of possession of a narcotic resembling methamphetamine after he was stopped while riding his bicycle in a dangerous manner at 4:52 p.m.

1000 block of White Deer Drive in La Cañada, personal items and cash were stolen from an unlocked vehicle overnight.

1000 block of Ridgecliff Lane in La Cañada, clothes and sunglasses were stolen from an unlocked vehicle overnight.

**Nov. 24**

1500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, at the 76 service station a person witnessed a van, possibly white or silver, with tinted windows drive up to a gas pump and remove the key pin pad at 11:40 p.m.

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As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes

that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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# Have You Seen This Woman?

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department/Crescenta Valley Station is asking for the public's assistance in locating and identifying a woman that stole a wallet and used the victim's identity to steal funds.

On Nov. 21 at about 2 p.m. a

woman stole a wallet from the victim who was shopping at Ralphs market in La Cañada Flintridge. About 20 minutes later the woman used the victim's stolen credit card to make a \$2,000 cash advance at a bank in Montrose. She then made two more unauthorized transactions using the victim's credit card at local retail stores.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Rodger Burt at (818) 236-4014.



## DAMAGES from COVER

with the National Weather Service Oxnard.

On Tuesday, 1.21 inches of rain was recorded in L.A. city. That

broke the record set in 1961 of 1.10 inches. At LAX, the rainfall was 1.21 inches that also broke a record set in 1966 of .73 inches.

Boldt said that along with the rain, added snowfall in the Sierras will also help with the drought Southern California is experiencing.

"Every little bit helps," Boldt said. "[Effects from] the drought took several years and it is going to take [a while] to get [out of it]."

It is too early to tell if Southern California is looking at a wet winter. The area gets most of its precipitation in January and February.

Today, Thursday, is expected to be dryer with more sunshine, but another significant storm is expected on Dec. 12.

With every raindrop in Southern California comes a higher chance of vehicle accidents.

"Rain does not cause traffic collisions," said Officer Edgar Figueroa, California Highway Patrol. It is drivers who do not adjust their driving habits during a rainstorm.

"When it rains, [drivers] need to change the way they drive," Figueroa said.

On Tuesday there were 118 traffic collisions from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the streets and highways patrolled by CHP. A week ago, Nov. 25, without the rain there were 69 traffic collisions.

Drivers are advised to slow down, keep a safe following distance, turn on the vehicle's headlights, make certain windshield wipers are on, tires are good and there is enough gas in the vehicle. Running out of gas on busy, wet streets creates a dangerous traffic hazard.

"I would slow down dramatically. Leave enough time to get [to your destination]," he said.

In addition, regardless whether there is rain, it is important to not drive distracted. Cellphones and even passengers can be a distraction.

"With a [rainstorm], visibility is lower ... a driver needs to stay focused," he said.

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## Obituary

### Ronald George Rittenhouse

Nov. 18, 1949 - Nov. 28, 2014



Ronald George Rittenhouse, 65, beloved son, brother, father, uncle, fiancé and friend, passed away at home surrounded by family on Nov. 28 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ron was born on Nov. 18, 1949 in Glendale to George and Joan Rittenhouse. As a young, adventurous, and energetic child, Ron took part in many activities throughout the growing La Crescenta community. He developed a love of baseball, and became an exceptional pitcher for the Crescenta Sports Association Mustangs.

Ron was an enthusiastic Boy Scout, which sparked an interest in survival skills and his love for camping. As a young adult, Ron enjoyed being a camp counselor for Camp Fox on Catalina Island.

Ron graduated from Crescenta Valley High School in 1968 and continued his education at Glendale Community College, studying criminology. In 1970, Ron joined the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1974.

Ron will be remembered for his outstanding sense of humor, engaging story-telling and his love for his children, his family, the beach, fishing and camping.

Ron is survived by his daughter Tawnya Rittenhouse; fiancé Imelda Cruz; father George Rittenhouse; mother Joan Rittenhouse; brothers Jim and Timmy Rittenhouse; three nieces, Ashley Rittenhouse, Alexis Myers and Addison Rittenhouse; and his fiancé's sister and nephew Christine Ascencio and Albert.

His son Thomas and brother John preceded Ronald in death.

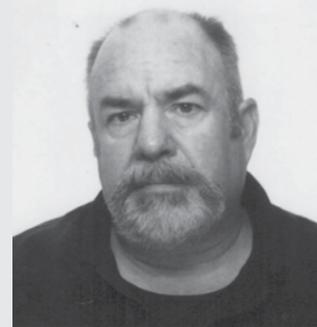
For those who remember Ronald Rittenhouse and would like to pay their respects, a viewing and service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Crippen Mortuary at 2900 Honolulu Ave. in La Crescenta-Montrose.

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## Obituary

### Glen Allen Reed

July 26, 1953 - Oct. 10, 2014



Glen Allen Reed died at the age of 61 while hospitalized in Los Angeles. He leaves two daughters, Alexandra Graddy-Reed and Acacia Graddy-Gamel; mother Carmela Reed of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, sister Janice Reed Rotella of Plymouth, Massachusetts; as well as four nephews, two nieces, two great-nephews and one great niece. He also leaves dear friends Michael Brandman, Joanna Miles, Miles Brandman, HT and Catherine Graddy, and Elizabeth Graddy as well as many un-named friends throughout his life and career. He was pre-deceased by his brother Franklin C. Reed II and father Franklin Reed, formerly of Coventry.

Glen grew up in Coventry, Rhode Island, graduating from Coventry High School. He attended Rhode Island Junior College and Memphis State University. He received his B.F.A. from Memphis State University in 1976.

Glen had a successful career as a lighting and technical design director of many live shows with United Artists. He worked on shows with public television in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before moving to California. He was a successful producer of television and movies with his company G.A. Productions in Los Angeles.

Glen died after multiple illnesses, a long decline and finally cardiac arrest.

There will be a graveside committal and memorial service on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. at Woodland Cemetery in Coventry, Rhode Island. Family and friends are invited to this committal and memorial service to celebrate Glen's life with shared memories. Arrangements are being handled by Iannotti's Funeral Home in Coventry, Rhode Island. The family is requesting no flowers but welcomes memorial donations in Glen's name to the following charities: L.A. homeless services - the Los Angeles Mission, 303 E. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013/P.O. Box 60127, Los Angeles, CA 90060-0127 and/or National Alliance on Mental Illness through its website, online donations at http://www.nami.org.

Condolences for the family can be sent to his sister Mrs. Jan Rotella (P.O. Box 1933, Manomet, MA 02345).

Please visit a memorial tribute for Glen on CrippenMortuary.com

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# VIEWPOINTS

## NEWS FROM THE CVCA

» SHARON WEISMAN

Two major transportation issues have the potential to cause negative changes for the Crescenta Valley. As anyone who has lived in the area for any length of time knows, there is tremendous pressure to extend the 710 Freeway from its current end in Alhambra to connect to the Foothill (210) Freeway. International corporate interests and others who would profit from a huge construction project have used the legitimate need to reduce traffic congestion to convince Caltrans and Metro that a tunnel is the best answer.

There are many flaws with this reasoning. The tunnel would need to be nearly five miles long, the longest in the U.S. The only other tunnel of similar large diameter, the Alaskan Way Tunnel in Seattle, has run into problems and cost overruns and is currently halted. Any link-up with the 210 would result in increased traffic, particularly trucks carrying freight, and generate much more noise, particulate matter air pollution, and danger of accidents in our valley. And it is unlikely to solve the problem. Studies of recently completed freeway widening projects indicate little relief of traffic congestion. Demand simply increases to fill any added capacity.

Caltrans and Metro continue to spend scarce transportation funding on the potential tunnel while ignoring the benefits of faster, less expensive and more readily implemented solutions such as increased light rail and bus service and changes in the configuration of the end of the 710 and surrounding surface streets. Our tax money could be better spent and generate faster results.

The Stopthe710 Yahoo group, No710.com, or the No 710 Extension group Facebook page all have details, links to documents and further background on how bad this tunnel idea really is.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report on the project is scheduled to be released in February 2015 and an alliance of five cities opposed to the push for a tunnel have joined together to share responsibility for responding to it. There is typically a short time period for comments and it is wise to divide the various areas of consideration, such as geotechnical and hydrogeological elements, transportation, air and noise pollution, among experts. This avoids duplication of effort and maximizes the public input. Glendale agreed to join South Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, Sierra Madre and Pasadena in a coordinated response.

Support for this effort was on the Nov. 4 Glendale City Council agenda and the discussion among the council members was quite disappointing. There was a motion to direct staff to work with consultants to prepare for the DEIR response. Despite pledging support for the Stopthe710 effort during their respective campaigns, Mayor Sinanyan abstained and Councilmember Devine joined Councilmember Weaver in voting no. With only Councilmembers Najarian and Friedman voting yes the motion failed. A subsequent motion to merely note and file the report passed 4-1 with only Councilmember Najarian voting no.

Councilmembers Devine and Weaver must stand for re-election in April 2015. I urge every voter in Glendale who cares about using tax money effectively to attend the candidate forums and ask pointed questions about this project. It is very important to elect those who not only speak of their support but will also act in their constituents' best interest.

The other threat to this area is the high-speed rail project. The California High Speed Rail Authority has been working for years to develop the Palmdale to Burbank section along the existing route of the Antelope (14) Freeway. In August, our county supervisor, Mike Antonovich, proposed an alternative through the Angeles National Forest. Either route would start at the Palmdale Transportation Center and end at the Burbank Airport station. Each would require roughly 20 miles of tunnels. While the forest route might reduce impacts on some communities along its route it would severely impact Lake View Terrace and Shadow Hills. There are a series of public meetings to inform the public of the recent consideration of alternatives. See [www.hsr.ca.gov/](http://www.hsr.ca.gov/) for more information on this project.

Mass public transportation has the potential to provide environmentally sound options to travel the length of our beautiful state but we must be watchful to make sure the impacts on local communities are not too high.



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## TREASURES OF THE VALLEY

» MIKE LAWLER

# The Man for Whom Mount Lukens is Named

The namesake of the peak above the Crescenta Valley is Theodore Lukens, one of the founding citizens of Pasadena. He made a fortune in real estate in the late 1800s, was elected mayor of Pasadena, and was the president of the Pasadena National Bank. They named a nearby mountain after him, a mountain that already had a name, "Sister Elsie Peak." So far it sounds like the naming of Mount Lukens was nothing more than a political favor, another tribute to wealth. But read further, and you'll find as I did that the tribute was truly deserved and that its naming also holds irony, and a challenge for the future.

Theodore Lukens was a man born and bred to love trees. He was born into a family that owned a tree nursery in Ohio and, as a young family man, he started his own tree nursery business. When his young daughter had health problems, he and his family joined the migration of health seekers moving to the foothills of the San Gabriels.

Settling in Pasadena in 1880, Lukens found himself in the right place at the right time for real estate, and he made a fortune in the land boom of 1886. Now a wealthy man, he involved himself in banking and community service.

But he was never able to shake his love for trees. He spent his off hours tramping the San Gabriels, carving trails as he went, treating the land as he would a vast tree nursery. Anytime he found tree seeds on the ground he would make a hole in the dirt with his walking

stick and plant the seed, being sure to carve drainage channels in the dirt above it so that rainfall would gravitate to the new seed. He carried a tree saw with him, and trimmed diseased branches wherever he found them. The notebooks he carried on his hikes were filled with rainfall measurements and tree growth records. He called the trees his "children."

As his knowledge of the mountains grew, he spoke to all who would listen about his findings – his philosophies of tree propagation, fire prevention and water management. Horticulturists and conservationists from across the country began to seek his counsel. He became great friends with John Muir, and was an early member of the Sierra Club. As mayor of Pasadena he provided political leverage for the establishment of the Angeles National Forest.

By 1897 he couldn't ignore his true love for the wilderness any longer, and resigned from his bank presidency to promote conservation full-time. John Muir wrote to him: "I'm glad the bank is off your back, so now you can go free in the woods." Lukens became involved with the U.S. Forest Service, rising to the position of supervisor of the newly created San Gabriel preserve. He built up backcountry firefighting capabilities, and began tree-planting to reforest the San Gabriels, which had been devastated by uncontrolled lumber and mining operations. In 1903 he established a huge tree nursery halfway up Mount

Wilson at Henninger Flats, still in operation today.

Another local legacy of Lukens is Hahamongna Park (formerly Oak Grove Park) in La Cañada that he advocated for before his death in 1918. He's buried in Mountainview Cemetery in Altadena.

In the '20s Lukens was honored with a peak of his own, a 5,000-foot mountain standing high above the Crescenta Valley, whose previous name of Sister Elsie Peak was nebulous (no one knows who Sister Elsie was). The naming of this peak after a man who was deemed "the father of modern forestry" carries great irony. The heavily forested slopes of Mount Lukens had been clear-cut in the late 1800s and have never grown back. But the future of Mount Lukens is being shaped in a way Theodore Lukens himself would approve of. Volunteers have planted hundreds of trees – native big-cone Douglas firs and oaks – snaking up Dunsmore Canyon in Deukmejian Wilderness Park on the slopes below Lukens' peak. Lukens' challenge of reforestation is being met today, right here in the Crescenta Valley.



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Working at CV Alliance has taught me not to step in and fix all of her problems. I'm not going to tell teachers to teach, be nice or at least hide their disdain. I won't give her directives, like "You should tell the

teacher to quiet annoying girl." I'm going to listen, hug her, feed her, drive her and love her unconditionally. I remind her she's brilliant and she's going to college.

That's me. What about you? Please attend our last parent session this year on ways to communicate with your child and bolster their self-esteem. Julia Rabago, my colleague, has taught me many of the things you've seen listed in paragraph two of this article, and she is speaking! Parents matter and we all want to be the best we can be in this role. We're meeting at CV High in the library from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The address is 2900 Community Ave. Adults only!

December can be the season of stress. And December has risks. Roads

may be wet and drivers inebriated. Progeny return from college and entice younger siblings and friends to experience new things. Let us promise to take a deep breath, think kindly of others, to get out and have fun instead of sitting home watching reruns and drinking ourselves into slumber, and to keep things in perspective. Don't over-spend, over-eat, over-party, over-criticize or make it easy for our children to make bad choices by making alcohol and drugs accessible.

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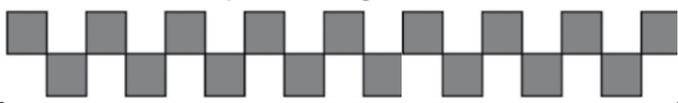
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**School Boards Battle it Out over Sagebrush**

The ongoing debate between the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) and the La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD) bring to mind the struggle the world is experiencing with Vladimir Putin, the president of Russia, who is hell-bent on achieving power at the expense of logic and peace. From my perspective, it is difficult to understand this man's motives. I also have the same difficulty understanding the motives of the Glendale school board members who are behaving in a very Putinistic manner in negotiations with peace-loving LCUSD board members over the Sagebrush area transfer of students.

Like Putin, this group of so-called public servants keep upping the ante from an original \$7 million to over \$20 million with no justification apparent other than they wish to overcome the will of the people of Sagebrush who have for many years wanted to have their children attend La Cañada Flintridge schools and be fully integrated in the LCF community. Glendale's tactic is to make the transfer untenable due to its ridiculous inflated dollar value – "If we up the ante enough, they'll give up and we'll win."

The Sagebrush neighbors live in La Cañada Flintridge where they own their properties and where they identify with their neighbors as members of the LCF community. Their only connection to Glendale is their forced association by having the education of their children controlled by the people of the Glendale school board.

The whole mess smacks [of] unfairness and a power struggle at the expense of the Sagebrush neighbors and their children. The La Cañada school board members have been very gentle and tried over the years to work peacefully, calmly and cooperatively with the bullies from Glendale; their patience seems endless and now apparently unwarranted. They need to bite the bullet and go to the Los Angeles County Board of Education or the State of California for a ruling to end this long and tedious battle now.

I've lived in LCF 28 years and

it seems this story has been in the news for at least that long. History has proven, time and time again, that you cannot negotiate with people like Putin who will tell you what you want to hear and then turn around and betray your goodness and sense of fairness. I really don't like putting Putin and the GUSD in the same category, but if it quacks like a duck, it must be a duck.

*Dr. Al Restivo  
 La Cañada Flintridge*

**The Fate of the American Thanksgiving**

The Thanksgiving table is set, yet we are missing one important ingredient: gratitude. Let Congress lead us into prayer, for God to bless America, and rid themselves from the gluttony they have portrayed over the years. Congress greedily cuts the turkey, and cuts the budget, as opposed to giving gratitude. They have forgotten that gratitude is the essence of Thanksgiving rather than avaricious shopping mentality provided by corporations.

The roasted stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie have been consumed by Congress leaving We The People, once again, with cold turkey and a side of budget pie crumbs.

JFK's wisdom echoes, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Congress' gluttonous appetite is stuffed with taxpayers' labor, time and money, forcing the celebration to cease our home-sweet-homes as many homes have been foreclosed and possessions repossessed.

"I tell you that virtue is not given by money, but that from virtue comes money and every other goods of man, public as well as private," Socrates said.

We would like the state to generously return our gifts and distribute the wealth towards education, social benefits, the space program, and Medicare. Gratitude is the gift that will be the agent of change in our economy and become the bearer of new life to Americans.

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all other virtues," Cicero said. Gratitude is a virtue and the

motivator of behaviors.

We would like the budget to serve its virtue as a gift and not turn into Socrates' metaphor of the "leaky jar," where the budget is constantly replenished, yet remains insatiably empty.

Dear Congress, adorn the bountiful cornucopia to express the art of gratitude, hold the budget in place, and prevent any leak of debt, deficit and greed. It is then we can enjoy a pumpkin pie with a dollop of sweet whipped cream. The American Dream will be restored and the tradition of Thanksgiving will be saved.

*Rachel Melikian, former GCC  
 Woman of the Year  
 Glendale*

**Pleas for Governor to Halt CARB**

A plan by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to impose new cap and trade taxes on fuel will take effect Jan. 1 unless the Governor acts now to stop gas price increases. Cap and trade taxes are imposed on us as a penalty for green house gas emissions and global warming, but many people now realize that global warming was just another ruse to increase the size of government. This much is true, however; the predicted 4-19% tax will raise the price of fuel by 16 to 76 cents per gallon based on current prices.

A 76¢ per gallon increase will harm California's struggling economy. Even without the tax, businesses are reluctant to hire and many have chosen to flee to lower tax and less restrictive states. Higher gas prices are the last thing we need right now.

The pain of over taxation is always felt by the workers of the world. When business owners abandoned Detroit and Chicago, those left behind suffered from bankrupt cities, broken families and crime. California businesses are increasingly choosing to surrender or become refugees in other states. We don't need any more taxes; we need more business and more jobs.

How does a 76¢ per gallon tax increase ride with you? We need to give a "shout out" to the state: no more taxes!

*Rex Nishimura  
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## CVHS Mock Trial Team Places Third

By McKenna MIDDLETON

The Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) mock trial team completed its competitive season in late November.

The CVHS mock trial team has been a club at the school for the past 18 years. The club encourages students to explore a career in the area of law, even while in high school. Attorney coaches Patti Choi, William Monterroso, and Mark Winn share their knowledge of the legal system with CVHS students. Each summer, the team meets once a week to learn legal procedures and mock trial competition rules. In early September, the group receives a case packet that details the hypothetical case they are to study.

The team is split into two sides that examine the prosecution and defense side of the case. Some participants portray attorneys while others act as witnesses, bailiffs, or clerks.

This year's case, "People vs. Shem," followed an art history graduate student accused of stealing a valuable painting from his professor and replacing it with a forgery. The CVHS mock trial team analyzed the case for months, discovering

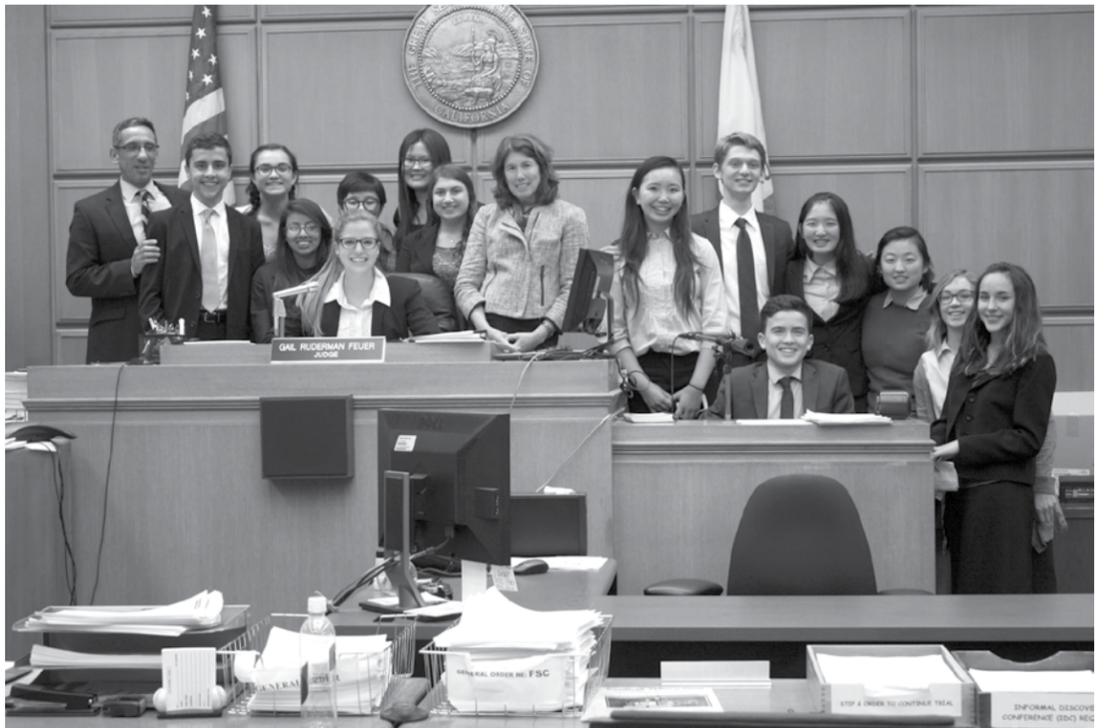
new angles and arguments for both the prosecution and defense cases.

"We have assembled the most competitive team in CVHS history. I am extremely proud of everyone," Monterroso said.

On Nov. 3, the Los Angeles County Courthouse hosted 94 high school mock trial teams. Each school is guaranteed two rounds to compete so that each side of their team, both defense and prosecution, can compete. Judges presided over the case, listened to the trial and rendered a verdict. The verdict has no bearing on which team wins the mock trial competition; there are two or three scorers that give attorneys and witnesses points. These points determine which teams will move beyond the preliminary rounds.

CVHS mock trial president and lead defense attorney Taylor Middleton led her sub-team to victory in the "Sweet-16" round against St. Francis High School. In the quarterfinals round, CVHS mock trial vice president and lead prosecution attorney Matthew Schetina had equal success against Arcadia High School. The team made it all the way to the semi-final round this year before being beaten by Palos Verdes High School.

Last year, the team placed



fifth in the Los Angeles County competitions and this year, the club ended the season as the third place team. The victory is supplemented by the bond that was forged among teammates over the past few months.

"When we all started, we were strangers coming from different places, but when we ended, we were a family and a team," Middleton said.

Many of this year's competitors will participate on the CVHS mock trial team next year, but there will be auditions to accept new members for the 2015 mock trial season in a few months.



Photos courtesy of CVHS Mock Trial

TOP: CVHS mock trial president and lead defense attorney Taylor Middleton, seated in the judge's chair, with her team. The CVHS team placed third in this year's competition.

MIDDLE: Ara Mandjikian portrayed expert art witness Jamie Sardegna in the sweet 16 round of the mock trial competitions.

RIGHT: A drawing of the scene by the team's courtroom sketch artist.



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# CV, LC High Schools Host Debate

By Joyce LEE

The Crescenta Valley High School speech and debate team recently reached a milestone when it co-hosted a tournament with the La Cañada team on the CVHS campus for the first time. The 2014 Southern California Debate League (SCDL) Fall Debate is an important competition for both novice and varsity debaters.

The theme for the fall debate was the outback. To create the mood reflecting the theme, members from the CVHS and LCHS speech and debate teams decorated the CVHS campus with colorful directional signs and welcome posters simulating a safari. Student volunteers wore tropical hats and fake binoculars to further promote a wilderness setting.

“Many coaches from other schools scoffed upon hearing that the tournament would be held at CVHS because they thought it was far away in the Wild West,” said CVHS senior and varsity debate member Brett Tyler. “Our coaches took hold of the joke and used it as a badge of honor and themed our tournament.”

Fall debate required over a week’s worth of dedication by the members to prepare. CVHS’s speech and debate participants – regardless whether they planned to compete – signed up for shifts, prepared food for the bake sale, and stayed after school to perfect the event.

“We had to do a lot of planning in order to make sure this event ran smoothly and efficiently,” said CVHS speech and debate co-coach Christina Manukyan. “We spoke with other coaches in our league who hosted tournaments to have an accurate idea of what to expect. We also emailed parents about the tournament and had lots of parent volunteers.”

The tournament would not have been possible without the help of LCHS students who visited CVHS over the weeks to aid in organizing. The cooperation demonstrated between the two schools is not new; CVHS coaches Manukyan and Amber McLeod have grown close to the LCHS coach Susan Moore. In the past, the two schools have held scrimmages and co-hosted Follies’ Night.

“When our coaches, Ms. McLeod and Mrs. Manukyan,

announced that CVHS would be hosting fall debate, I initially thought that it would require a lot of work and we were a little over our heads,” said CVHS senior and debate captain Becky Suh. “But all the members of CVHS and LCHS speech and debate teams stepped up, so my job primarily was composed of delegating tasks to different people.”

On Nov. 21, the novice competition was held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Among the 100 participants, Elin Aboolian and Becky Im snagged a first place victory in parliamentary debate. On Nov. 22, the varsity competition saw approximately 400 competitors. Despite the stiff competition, CVHS students were able to snag trophies. Senior Nicholas Mayer placed second in Lincoln Douglas Debate and senior Tyler placed 11th in Congress.

“Mrs. Moore, Ms. McLeod, the students of CVHS and LCHS, and I are proud of successfully hosting fall debate,” Manukyan said. She added that she hoped the hard work of everyone involved was successful in introducing the community to what speech and debate is all



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RIGHT: Students outfitted in “outback” gear.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Helping guests get around were students dressed as animals that might be found in the outback.

BELOW: A team is dressed for success and ready to take on the competition.

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## YOUTH NOTES

### Feast of Lights Concert

The Crescenta Valley High School Feast of Lights concert has moved to tonight, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium due to the CIF championship football game on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Moyle Field. CV versus Downey Vikings. Gates open at 5:30 pm.

### ComedySportz

Crescenta Valley HS varsity ComedySportz team will take on Loyola HS on Friday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Underground Theater at CVHS. The theater is located at the front of the school at 2900 Community Ave.

Student tickets are \$5 and adults are \$10. Arrive early as the small theater often sells out.

## SPORTS

## CIF Title, Perfection on the Line

*The Falcons are in the CIF championship game, thanks in part to the drive that kept them alive.*

By Brandon HENSLEY

The cameras of Fox Sports picked up quarterback Brian Gadsby as he walked onto the field for what could have been the final drive of his career, and the Falcons' season. It was the CIF semifinals, with just 2:50 left in regulation and the ball on the Falcons' 30-yard line. Trailing 36-35, a chance to go the championship game was on the line. Gadsby clapped his hands several times, looked around for direction from his offensive assistant coach Hudson Gossard and went to work.

Seventy yards for the season, he told his team in the huddle. We need to score or the season is over.

"We all got fired up. No one wanted to see our season end," Gadsby said.

Of course, you know by now the Crescenta Valley football season did not end there. The Falcons edged La Serna last week at Glendale's Moyle Field 41-36 in a thrilling back and forth affair that will be remembered for a long time in the Falcon family.

The drive ended with Gadsby scoring from two yards out with 1:08 left, and La Serna's last offensive gasp failed, and the Falcons (13-0) were headed to the CIF Southeast championship game. That game is Friday vs. the Downey Vikings at Moyle Field at 7:30 p.m. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for students.

It would be hyperbolic to compare that last drive to something John Elway or Joe Montana used to do for their teams, but considering it's been 41 years since CV's football team won CIF, that drive has to be the biggest moment for the program in some time, with one more game left to make even more memories.

"This was our shot," Gadsby said. "The defense did their part to get the ball back and now it's our turn."

This wasn't the usual game the

Falcons were used to. True, they took a 21-7 lead in the second quarter, but La Serna, the defending CIF Southeast champions, roared right back. It was 21-14 at halftime, and in the second half things began to unravel after CV led 28-14.

La Serna kept scoring, including points off a terrible turnover from CV in which a trick play ended up as an interception. The Lancers took the lead, an unusual sight to see not only because CV's offense usually puts the game away by the fourth quarter, but because the defense had been excellent all year. The most points it had given up were 26 before last week.

But the defense came to life late, forcing an incompletion on third down from midfield. A short punt gave the ball to CV at the 30-yard line, and it was time to go.

"When our defense got them to punt, I had some particular plays I was thinking of running," said Gossard.

The first play he called was a sprint out pass to Chase Walker, but it was incomplete.

"After that my plan just went out the window," Gossard said.

Maybe that was a good thing. The next play was a 15-yard pass to Connor Van Ginkel over the middle. Then a screen to Walker for 22 yards and a first-down run up the middle by Jonathan Jun. Two plays later, it was a 15-yard completion to Bostin Lakin near the left pylon that everyone thought was a touchdown, but was called down at the 1.

Two plays after that, Gadsby took it in himself, and said he remembers falling on top of right tackle Bryan Wong, looking him eye to eye and thinking, "Wow, we just scored."

"Everyone did what they needed to do," Gadsby said. "We ran the ball, blocked, caught the ball. It seemed like almost the perfect drive."

A perfect, yet improvised drive.

"Certain plays stick out in your mind that you know are kind of your comfort plays, I guess," Gossard



Photo by Greg COOK

Falcon Chase Walker flies over La Serna defenders during Friday's CIF semifinal game at Moyle Field. CV won 41-36, propelling the Falcons forward to the finals on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Moyle against the Downey Vikings.

said. "In addition, during the game you make mental checks of the types of plays that have been successful. With all that being said, after that first (incompletion to Walker), the rest was just pure instinct. Those were the calls that popped in my head."

In their three playoff games, the Falcons have not scored fewer than 35 points. Gadsby is averaging 287 passing yards in the playoffs with a 62% completion percentage. But it's not just the passing attack. Jun has run for over 100 yards the last two games with three touchdowns.

Defensively, there were problems against La Serna. Take the 55-yard rushing touchdown from Kevin Ramos in the first quarter. After leading by 14 points in the third quarter, La Serna scored 15 unanswered points and 22 out the next 29, before CV's final drive.

Then again, it did come up big on the last two Lancer drives. Quarterback Enrique Pacheco was one for his last six attempts,

including three incompletions to end the game (he was also sacked on the drive).

Moyle Field was rocking last week, and this week figures to be a sell-out. This game is, after all, 41 years in the making.

"School is a lot of fun. Everyone's saying congratulations and good luck," Gadsby said. "It's really cool to have the school and the community behind you. It's a neat feeling."

"We're staying humble. We know we're nothing yet; 13-0 is great, but 14-0 is a lot better."

#### Preparing for Downey

Downey (10-3, 5-0 in the San Gabriel Valley League) comes into the title game having beaten up on California High School in the first round. The Vikings barely got by Cathedral 21-18, and then handled Salesian by 21 points in the quarterfinals.

CV will have its hands full with junior running back Daevon Vigilant, who has 1,799 rushing yards. He averages nine yards a

carry and has scored 11 touchdowns. The passing game is more modest for Downey. Quarterback Trevor Hill averages 154 yards passing, with nine touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Defensively, lineman Chris Blanton is averaging two sacks a game, for a staggering 26 sacks on the season. He leads Downey with 71 total tackles.

The keys to the game will be how CV's defense stops Vigilant. The last time the Falcons played a run-heavy team, they did well, beating Harvard-Westlake in the first round.

Also look to see how much time Gadsby's offensive line gives him. Gadsby likes to pump-fake and stay in the pocket as long as he can. It may come down how well Jun performs, or at least how many times the CV coaches call his number to take pressure off of the passing game.

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# Recap: CIF State Cross Country Championships

By Leonard COUTIN

Woodward Park, just outside the heart of Fresno, was the site for the 28th annual CIF state cross-country championships. Ten top races were seeded, ranging from Division 1 to 5 in both boys and girls races. Favorites were challenged individually and the validity of pre ranked team outcome scores was tested.

## Division 1

Not surprising, Division 1 favorite Phillip Rocha from Arcadia took a commanding lead in the last loop of the course to win with an impressive time of 14:58 (the best time of the day on the course). The outstanding Great Oak team, both boys and girls, achieved winning marks to record a team victory in both races. The Pacific League boys' best team – John Burroughs – scored an impressive fourth place title. Junior Fiona O'Keeffe from the Sac-Joaquin section of Davis took the win in the girls' individual competition – nothing new as she won last year's championship title – with a time of 16:57. Pacific League's Candela Fernandez of Burbank captured a fourth

(17:42) individual record win.

## Division 5

The Flintridge Prep boys and girls teams proved that they were contenders for the championship titles. Junior Jack Van Scoter scored second place running 15:32 to lead his team to a third place title. The boys' team was comprised of Van Scoter (15:32), Jonathan Vahala (23rd running 16:39), Evan Patinelli (25th running 16:41), Rab Moran (26th running 16:47), Riley Coan (34th running 16:58), Sham Patel (47th running 17:14), and Chris Tan (71st running 17:39).

The Flintridge girls won first place championship title led by Maria Cohen (19:15). The team scored a low 58-point team wins. Team winners were Maria Cohen (8th running 19:15), Natalie O'Brien (9th running 19:16), Ashley Lara (10th running 19:28), Lacy Coan (11th running 19:29), Gabi Bennett (20th running 19:43), Marissa Langley (67th running 21:20) and Isabella Williams (98th running 22:31).

For a breakdown by division and team,



Photo by Leonard COUTIN  
Flintridge Prep's Maria Cohen helped lead her team to first place.

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## Gladiators Conference Championship Results

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# CV Alumni Maintains Dominant Streak Over Varsity Boys

By David O'CONNOR

The Crescenta Valley alumni team overpowered their junior opponents on Nov. 26, handily defeating the school's varsity basketball team 70-51 in a game steeped in tradition.

Matt Oliver, a former Pacific League player of the year who led the Falcons to the league title in his senior season and played for Azusa Pacific University, fueled the alumni's offense with a game-high 17 points. Narbeh Ebrahimiyan, an All-League selection, captain and team MVP for the Falcons and former San Diego State University player at the NCAA tournament, chipped in with 15 points.

Although it was fun to reconnect with teammates from yesteryear and it seemed like time stood still when their halcyon days ceased, Oliver emphasized the competitive nature of the alumni and how much

pride is on the line in a traditional contest that has bragging rights at stake year-round.

"It's just a lot of fun coming out here seeing guys you don't see all the time. It's like we've been playing together forever," Oliver said. "A lot of us look forward to this all year long. There is so much tradition and pride here and we can't let them win because there is too much competitiveness on our team."

Oliver opened the alumni team's scoring with a crafty steal and spectacular slam-dunk and backed this up by quickly feeding key member of the 1999 team, Matt Ray, for a pinpoint trey. Oliver was well-supported by two time All-CIF player and captain of Harvard's basketball team Jimmy Goffredo, who asserted himself outside the perimeter with two three-pointers as the alumni jumped out to an 18-5 lead just before the first quarter ended.

Co-captain senior guard Berj Krikorian brought the varsity boys back to life with an aggressive drive and an eye-catching spin that led to a lay-up with a minute left in the first quarter. Junior guard Tadeh Taverdian also rejuvenated the Falcons' stale shooting with a much-needed triple.

Varsity head coach Shawn Zargarian praised the alumni's impressive starting lineup which that contained several former college Division 1 athletes. Though the graduates possessed a myriad of strengths that the varsity squad couldn't contain, he is hopeful that his side will take the lessons from this challenging game into the rest of their season.

"The alumni is just a [heavy] load and it's that way every single year. Their first five were Division 1 basketball players. They're big, they're strong, they're smart – it's really hard to defend," Zargarian said. "Hopefully [this year's team] learned that you've got to be competitive, you've got to be tough, you've got to be physical, you've got to compete for 32 minutes. We

didn't do that tonight, obviously, but it's a learning experience."

Eric Strangis, a former All-League player, ex-USC starter and current assistant coach of the varsity team, didn't go easy on junior Arin Ovanessian by putting him in his place with a bulldozing foul early in the second quarter. The varsity boys didn't let this intimidate them and reduced the margin to a three-point deficit with penetrative offense.

Oliver came to his team's rescue when he drove the lane with a leaping finger-roll that turned into a three-point play when he was fouled in the process. The alumni's big men kept their petite rivals in check with smothering defense, which allowed Oliver to grow his team's lead to 39-22 at half-time due to another three-pointer.

Oliver showcased more of his skills in the second half by producing an around-the-back pass and dribble which left the Falcons defenders scratching their heads. The alumni continued to direct their offense toward Oliver's capable hands as he ran rings around the varsity players he has addressed as one of the guest speakers for Coach Zargarian's annual basketball camp for CV youngsters.

Known to the CV basketball family as "Coach Z," Zargarian praised junior Gabriel Ajemian and sophomore Journey Shank despite a disappointing performance overall from his team.

"I really liked the way Gabe Ajemian played," Zargarian said. "I thought he was physical, I thought he rebounded the ball and wasn't scared. I thought Journey off the bench gave us some really good minutes, [but] overall I don't think we played very well."

"We're a work in progress right now," he added. "We have a lot of work to do for next week's Buckley tournament. We always shoot to be great, but right now we're not. Our toughness and competitiveness is really lacking. We're just going through the motions."



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Community Members Give Donations – and Thanks – During Annual Turkey Trot

By Samantha SLAYBACK

There's no better time for people to gather and give back to their community than Thanksgiving, and that's what foothills community members did this past holiday. On Thanksgiving Day, the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge hosted its 21st annual Thanksgiving Day Run and Food Drive, also known as the Turkey Trot.

The event began at 8 a.m. Thanksgiving Day and concluded around 10:30 a.m. Runners and their families met at La Cañada Memorial Park to prepare for the run and grab some water and coffee to start their day. The Turkey Trot consisted of a 5K (3.1 mile) run for adults and a one-mile run for kids that started and ended at the park.

Community Center Program Director Amanda Balcazar has been coordinator of the Turkey Trot for the past three years, and said that the event has grown each year. Volunteer and coordinator Maureen Bond added that this year they saw at least 15,000 participants.

"We had the biggest event in the 21 years for our run," said Bond. "The community is really something – we probably had three to four generations present."

Along with all of the participants, there were close to 80 volunteers helping ensure the event ran smoothly.

"The event is a great volunteer opportunity for high school students," said Balcazar. "It wouldn't be possible without the help and support of our volunteers."

Not only was this a big year for the number of participants, it was also a very successful year for food donations. According to Bond, seven schools participated in the food drive, filling all 24 bins at the Community Center. All of the food donations will be dispersed to families in need throughout the foothills.

The funds raised by the Turkey Trot will be used to support the many programs and services the Community Center offers all year, such as the enrichment programs for children and adults of all ages.

"The 5K Run and Food Drive is a major fundraiser for the Community Center as well as an opportunity for supporters to squeeze in a workout and to donate non-perishable food items to those in need," said Balcazar.

Being a non-profit organization, the Community Center values any and all support it receives, ensuring that a little support goes a long way.

"We are very thankful to the community, the city, and the Sheriff's Department," shared Bond. "This event wouldn't be possible without all of our wonderful sponsors and supporters."

Making sure not to waste any time, the Community Center is already working on planning the Turkey Trot for next year.

To learn more about the La Cañada Flintridge Community Center or to get involved, visit their website at CCLCF.org

Photos by Samantha SLAYBACK

TOP: Community Center Program Director Amanda Balcazar with a new Community Center member after the completion of the Turkey Trot.

MIDDLE: A Nescafe Dolce Gusto station was set up to give early morning runners a pick-me-up.

BELOW: Families socialized at Memorial Park with coffee and balloons after completing the Thanksgiving Day run.



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## USC VHH Provides Free TB Screening for School Volunteers

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health requires all school volunteers to undergo a tuberculosis (TB) screening. To help satisfy this requirement in the local community, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH), together with the La Cañada Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council, recently administered complimentary TB screening sessions to La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD).

This annual community outreach effort served more than 200 LCUSD parent volunteers. The free TB screenings have become an asset to the school volunteers.

"The TB screening was overall a great experience,"

said LCUSD parent volunteer Andrew Cornell. "It was easy and the hospital nurses hardly took any time out of my day. Best of all, it was free."

Tamar Tujian, La Cañada PTA Council president, said the Council was honored to partner with USC-VHH.

"By providing free, convenient screenings, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital ensures that our parents have an easy way to comply with county TB screening regulations," said Tujian, mother of three children who attend schools in the LCUSD. "Thanks to USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, we can test our volunteers early in the school year and help provide our schools with much needed parent volunteer help."

## Sharing Doll Talk at Club



A recent meeting of Glendale's Jewel City Doll Club featured speaker Chloe Lehmann, a sixth grade student at Monte Vista, who spoke about her doll collection and her recent first place win for her collection at the L.A. County Fair. Chloe is shown

above with her dolls and club president Faith Olson and club member Julie Budimir.

The Jewel City Doll Club will hold its 37th annual Doll Show and Sale at the Glendale Civic on Saturday, March 28, 2015. This event is open to the public.

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## Theatre Scene in LA



By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

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*Opening*

*"Into the Woods"*: A modern twist on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tales. Beloved storybook characters, including Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (of beanstalk fame) and the Baker and his Wife take on startling complexity as they discover wishes come with a price. Witches, wolves, giants and mysterious strangers force the heroes to face the music and look past "Happily Ever After." Written by Stephen Sondheim, with music by Stephen Sondheim, and directed by Amanda Dehnert, it runs through Dec. 21 at the Bram Goldsmith Theater, Wallis Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills.

For tickets, call (310) 746-4000 or visit [www.thewallis.org](http://www.thewallis.org).

*"A Christmas Carol"*: Set in a poor section of London, England during the Industrial Revolution (1800s), "A Christmas Carol" presents the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a greedy miser who is given a second chance at becoming a loving, generous person. Original music beautifully accompanies this uplifting retelling, which truly captures the true spirit and magic of the holiday season. "Bah, Humbug!" Ebenezer sings, dooming himself to visits from three Christmas spirits. With the first spirit, he sees his sister Fanny as they sing "One Last Christmas." Next, Scrooge is taken to the home of his employee, Beth Cratchit, where Tiny Tim sings "God Bless Us, Everyone." Finally, Scrooge watches as the entire town celebrates with "He's Dead and Buried!" Ebenezer's revelation that "Life Was Meant to Live" brings a heart-warming conclusion to Dickens' beloved tale. Written by Charles

Dickens, it runs Dec. 4 through Dec. 21 at the Fremont Centre Theatre in South Pasadena. For tickets, call (323) 960-7612 or visit [www.plays411.com/christmascarol](http://www.plays411.com/christmascarol).

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## VIDEO GAME REVIEW »

## "Wolfenstein: The New Order" – Is it New Enough?

By Michael WORKMAN

Does the world need another game about fighting Nazis? The answer is a resounding maybe. Gamers have been fighting virtual national socialists pretty much since the beginning of first-person shooters. But this isn't just any old game where you fight Nazis; this is the "Wolfenstein" series. A name that any old school PC gamer would recognize that conjures images of some of the first 3D graphics used in a video game. Also, it conjures images of "Mecha Hitler," the over-the-top finale boss of "Wolfenstein 3D" where the leader of the Third Reich is sporting dual chain guns and encased in robot suit armor. The "Wolfenstein" series definitely has a rich history of success, but does this mean its latest title will bring some much needed life to a genre that may be becoming somewhat stale?

"Wolfenstein: The New Order" begins in an alternate history. The year is 1946, and Germany has gained the upper hand against the allies and the Nazi war machine is now producing terrifying advanced technology that seems unstoppable. You assume the role of Captain B.J. Blazkowicz, a special forces operative sent on a last ditch mission to destroy a Nazi research facility in order to stop the Germans from producing any more advanced weapons. The mission goes horribly wrong and the player is wounded and ends up in a Polish asylum in a completely catatonic state. Fourteen years pass before B.J. finally snaps out of his stupor, only to find that the Nazis now rule the world.

Returning fans of the series will notice some big gameplay changes since the last "Wolfenstein" game. Players can dual-wield various guns, from pistols to assault rifles (which is utterly insane to attempt in real life, but this is a video game after all). There don't seem to be any drawbacks to using two assault rifles in the game other than a slightly longer reload time. Accuracy strangely shows no sign of suffering even when using both guns. Another new addition to the series is a cover system for firefights.

It's unusual to feature cover systems in first-person shooter, as it is much more of a staple for third-person, but we are seeing it more and more for games with a first-person view. Basically, you press B.J. against a wall and press the cover command and the camera leans out diagonally allowing the player to shoot at enemies, while taking considerably less damage than if caught out in the open.

Ubisoft's "Far Cry 3" had a similar cover system, but executed much more effectively allowing the player to smoothly peek out from corners. "Wolfenstein: The New Order" features a strange mechanic that allows B.J. to lie prone in order to fire at enemies' feet if an opening low to the ground permits. It comes off as just awkward and doesn't come up enough to really justify its existence in the game.

The game's artificial intelligence – AI – doesn't strike me as incredibly smart, as it was advertised, but it isn't glaringly stupid either. Enemies take cover if there is any available and will try to make their way to attack your exposed flank in larger areas that allow more movement. But any experienced player still has a huge advantage over the AI. Players can easily exploit the predictable movements of most enemies and get through the game with little difficulty. Only later in the story do you encounter armored battle robots that require more strategy to take out and could cause some problems. While playing the game I noticed something that precious few games ever try to show: They didn't entirely dehumanize the enemies.

World War II is famous for its war propaganda, and nearly every country involved tried to portray its enemies as monsters or even vermin. The Nazis are notorious for this, but the Allies engaged in some rather shameful propaganda as well. "Wolfenstein: The New Order" ironically lets players read a letter that a German soldier wrote that captures the reality that these enemies being killed are people, too. The soldier writes how he used to attend university and that he wished to profess his love to a girl back at his hometown. He also tells a ghastly story of his comrades being massacred by tribal natives in Africa. This letter could be easily overlooked by players who don't have time to read stuff and want to keep shooting but it offers a glimpse of humanity rare in a game of this type.

The big question for this game is this: Is "Wolfenstein: The New Order" just another Nazi shooter game? The answer is mixed. It offers a fresh twist on the story line and has very unique out-of-this-world enemies who don't appear in many World War II type games. However, it doesn't seem to innovate enough with gameplay and AI to really make it stand out.

"Wolfenstein: The New Order," reviewed for the PC, gets a 3 out of 5.

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Art really enjoys a good beer and has worked hard to get over 40 good quality beers on tap. (We are currently at 48). We have several craft beers, several different IPAs, 3 different Ciders, a couple of fruit beers and even one Radler. We also carry many different bottled beers, including several non-alcoholic beers. For those that don't drink beer, like Susan, we have a good selection of wines, by the glass or bottle.

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The Income Tax Store, 3795 La Crescenta Ave., Suite 100 (corner of Honolulu Avenue).

### BIRD TALK ON THE RIVERWALK

On Saturday, Dec. 6, there will be a bird watching tour and photography opportunity on the Los Angeles River at the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk. The morning starts at 7 a.m. and participants will spend a couple of hours walking and talking about birds with Raul Roa, photojournalist and bird watcher.

Please bring binoculars, bird books and cameras. Limited space, so RSVP at (818) 548-3795 to reserve a place.

Meet at 300 Paula Street in Glendale at the corner of Garden Street.

Hosted by City of Glendale Community Services & Parks.

### ANNUAL LUNCHEON BENEFITS NON-PROFITS

The Philoptochos of St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church in Pasadena is hosting its 45th annual Christmas benefit luncheon, "Here We Come a-Caroling," on Saturday, Dec. 6 at The Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena.

Proceeds will benefit the Pantry at Friends In Deed that serves supplemental food to 200 low-income and homeless households in Pasadena each week, the Bad Weather Shelter that provides shelter for homeless individuals and families during the winter season, and other charities.

The benefit begins at 10:30 a.m. and features a Christmas boutique and a Santa's Kitchen. The program will continue with a fashion show and conclude with the grand awards drawing featuring a seven-day cruise, weekend getaways and much more.

Tickets are \$85 per person for adults and \$60 for children 12 and under. For reservations and more information, contact Leah Pastis at (626) 285-8286 or Athena Dallas at athenad2015@gmail.com.

### 'THE WONDERS OF WINTER' CONCERT BY TOWNE SINGERS

Towne Singers is having a holiday musical celebration on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pasadena. "The Wonders of Winter" concert will feature a blend of traditional, contemporary and familiar music that will appeal to all kids from 1 to 92. The evening includes a visit by Santa Claus.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 3 to 10 presale; at the door are \$25 and \$12. Group rates for groups of 10 or more. For more information, email townesingers87@gmail.com

or call (818) 275-4117 or visit www.townesingers.org.

United Methodist Church of Pasadena is located at 500 E. Colorado Blvd.

### LCWC HOSTS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The junior section of the La Crescenta Woman's Club is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 per person that includes breakfast, a photo with Santa and a small gift for each child. There will be crafts for the children and lots of holiday cheer.

The event is located at 4004 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta. For tickets or information, please contact Dawna at (818) 957-6939. Tickets can also be purchased online at lacrescentawomansclub.org/juniorsection.htm.

### SALON DE MUSIQUES NEXT PRESENTATION

The next presentation of Salon de Musiques chamber music concert series is on Dec. 7 and features four composers, including three USA premieres: Mikhail Gnesin, Jean Cras, Maurice Ravel and Arnold Bax. It will be introduced by musicologist Julius Reder Carlson and the concert performed by world-renowned artists Angela Wiegand (flute), Marcia Dickstein (harp), Jessica Guideri and Erik Arvinder (violins), Rob Brophy (viola) and John Walz (cello).

An informal Q&A with the artists will follow the performance and a gourmet buffet dinner provided by Patina with French champagne will be served.

Tickets are \$39 for student, and \$75 for general admission (includes dinner and drinks).

The performance takes place at 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, fifth floor, 135 N. Grand Ave, Los Angeles.

### VENDORS WANTED

Our Lady of Lourdes is having its Annual Pancake Breakfast w/Santa & Holiday Craft Faire on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come show and sell your wares, handmade, new/used, manufactured; \$25 per table/discount if you bring your own. Canopy sites are \$35 (canopy not provided). Vendor keeps all proceeds.

Our Lady of Lourdes auditorium is located at 7324 Apperson St. at the corner of Tujunga Canyon. Door prizes throughout the morning and grand opportunity drawing; prizes to be announced.

Contact Kathy Koch (818) 425-0503 (phone or text) for tickets and tables or more information (no voicemail) or email kate61644@aol.com or kkocho@accuratetelecom.com.

### S-T HOLDING ART AUCTION

The Sunland-Tujunga Art Association will be hosting a holiday art auction on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Center for Spiritual Living in La Crescenta.

There will be a potluck dinner followed by the auction.

The Center for Spiritual Living is

located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

### CCLCF HOLDING CERAMICS SALE

The ceramic artists at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge are glazing and firing thousands of pieces for the upcoming holiday ceramics sale on Dec. 12-14. Nearly 75 local artists will have ceramic art on sale for the largest ceramics show in the foothills communities.

The sale opens with a reception with refreshments at the community center on Friday, Dec. 12 between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The sale continues on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive, La Cañada

### SONS OF NORWAY

Julebord celebration for Christmas is on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. with the Sons of Norway Edvard Grieg Lodge. There will be a special program with traditional Norwegian and American Christmas carols, smorbod potluck; everyone welcome - family, friends and children.

Meeting at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills Fellowship Hall, 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. Call Cara Clove for more information at (818) 279-7371.

### LITTLE LANDERS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Little Landers announces the return of The Randy Van Horne Singers for the Bolton Hall holiday program on Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum. The program features performances by Franny McCartney of Sunland-Tujunga and the space age pop music sound of the Randy Van Horne Singers. Visitors will join in for Christmas carols and the Little Landers Holiday gift drawing. Refreshments are served after the program and some recipes from the Little Landers Cookbook will be featured.

This program is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

Parking is available a few doors uphill at the Elks Lodge. Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or www.littlelandershistoricalsociety.org or email littlelanders@verizon.net.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga

### HOOVER TOUR OF HOMES

Tickets are now on sale for the 57th annual Hoover Tour of Homes on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit www.itsmyseat.com/HooverPTA.

Guests will tour four stunning homes, festively decorated for the holidays, and enjoy live performances from the Hoover High School choir, orchestra and jazz band. Hoover students will also serve as tour guides, providing a bit of family history and

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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December 1, 2014 - December 7, 2014

Mars sextiles Saturn on Monday, which is helpful for planning ahead. Thursday is filled with activity, too, as the lovely Venus/Jupiter aspect is great for socializing and business. Mars moves into Aquarius that same day to encourage independence and a love of all that's different. The Sun trines Uranus, too, spotlighting a desire for unique experiences. Mercury trines Uranus on Friday, improving intuition and inspiration. Finally, Saturday's Full Moon looks good for parties or other celebrations.

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Get down to work early on and plan to cross off the biggest items on your to-do list. After that you'll be less eager to tackle complex jobs that demand attention to detail. As Mars glides into your social sector on Thursday, you'll be ready to join in the festive fun. This is your opportunity to make new friends and mix and mingle in general. Saturday's Full Moon in Gemini might coincide with an attraction to someone with stories to tell.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Thoughts about security may act as a catalyst to get you thinking about how to earn more money. You may have a strong urge to start a business or expand one you already own. You may decide to pool your resources and talents with those of someone else, increasing your chances of success. The presence of Mars in Aquarius makes you more competitive where career and professional matters are concerned. Finally, the Full Moon on Saturday might encourage you to shop. Go easy!

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The festive season gets off to a fabulous start for you - your social life is a blur of activity! You may not have much time to relax, especially if others place demands on your time. You're also in your element, networking and connecting with many people. This could be one of the happiest times of the year for you, with a chance to make new friends and perhaps find love. The Full Moon encourages you to share your feelings, but think first!

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

A down-to-earth aspect on Monday can help you plan ahead for the festivities or encourage you and a significant other to think about a vacation. The focus gradually shifts as Mars zips into your zone of shared finances. You may be marching to a different tune, but it helps to avoid alienating your banker. Keep others in the loop and don't give in to the impulse to buy more than you can afford. The weekend is for relaxation and fun!

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Get everyday tasks sorted out as soon as possible and then work on organizing your festive agenda. By midweek you'll be ready for some fun! Romantic options look superb, with every indication that a love adventure is coming to you. This is a good time to treat your partner to a special date. Restlessness prevails, and with Mars in Aquarius you'll find it hard to stay still for long. Fortunately, with so many social options it's unlikely you'll have to.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

A focus on your home zone means you'll be busy removing clutter, sprucing up your place, and getting everything ready for an extravaganza. Unexpected guests might start to arrive, and your extended family could show up, too. If things get too hectic, get some rest and alone time. If you schedule in periods of quiet, you'll find solutions to problems and discover creative ideas you can play with. You may enjoy celebrating and partying over the weekend.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

E-mails, letters, and phone calls could keep you busy answering messages. You may be in a hurry to get cards and presents in the mail, adding to your list of chores. A desire to connect with friends from near and far and see what they're up to over the coming weeks could result in making plans. Romance sizzles as Mars moves into Aquarius. Your focus tends more to pleasure and fun times. You'll want to let your creative side out, too.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You seem to have taken the festive season to heart, especially when it comes to buying gifts and enhancing the feel-good factor. However, to avoid feeling the pinch later, create a budget before you spend your first cent. Set limits and stay in control. Home and family come into focus as Mars jogs into Aquarius. If anyone asks you what you want for Christmas, it will probably be a gadget. You can't get enough of them, especially if they save you time.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're in your element this week as you entertain, share ideas, and organize events to start the festive season. Fun seems to take the place of work, with a number of planets encouraging you to kick back and enjoy the many social opportunities coming your way. You seem to be in an adventurous mood and willing to take a gamble with an idea or plan. Travel and the chance to expand your horizons may also set you thinking of ways to escape from routine.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

A desire to volunteer at a charity function may keep you busy. You could be motivated to sacrifice your own enjoyment to give a hand to others in need. Once Mars moves into Aquarius and your money zone, you might also be eager to donate to good causes. Your generosity will come back to you, though this might be the last thing on your mind. Finally, the Full Moon in Gemini this weekend could coincide with a party or fun get-together.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The festive season gets off to a sociable start. The fabulous planetary lineup brings options for dating, networking, and generally hanging out with pals. You'll have no shortage of kisses under the mistletoe, as the week hints that an instant attraction or the potential to make a new friend who seems to support your ideas and ideals. Mars in Aquarius from Thursday activates a desire to move on plans that have been on the backburner.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The lineup in your career sector highlights important goals and key ambitions this week. If you've dreamed of expanding your options, reach out to others who can share their experiences and general knowledge. As Mars moves into Aquarius on Thursday you may find your intuitive awareness ratchets up, helping you make almost instantaneous decisions and come up with ideas with creative potential. Saturday's Full Moon can be perfect for a gathering at your place.

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interesting historical facts about each home. It's a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!

Tickets are \$25 through midnight on Dec. 6 and \$30 after Dec. 6. Tickets available online or at Art's Meat Market & Village Deli, 1404 W. Kenneth Road in Kenneth Village. Cash or checks only when purchasing at Art's. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available for purchase at Art's and at the two homes designated as starting locations. All purchases are final; tour will be held rain or shine.

**LEARN FARSI AT THE YMCA**

The Y is offering Farsi language class every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crescenta Cañada YMCA.

The purpose of this class is to further Iranian (Persian) language and culture for all ethnic groups. Students will learn basic reading, writing and speaking skills for the Farsi language. This is for all levels and all ages.

For more information, visit [www.ymafoothills.org](http://www.ymafoothills.org) or call (818) 790-0123.

Crescenta Cañada YMCA, 1930 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada

**PROUTY OFFERS CONCERT**

The Second Saturday Series presents organist Kristin Holton Prouty on Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. at Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church. Prouty is director of worship and music at Victory Lutheran Church, and has performed and competed throughout Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, the Netherlands, Mexico, and the United States.

This concert will include compositions from Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and Franck. A reception will be held following the concert to meet the artist. Freewill donations are received at the door.

For more information, visit [www.glendalecitychurch.org](http://www.glendalecitychurch.org) or call (818) 244-7241.

Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church, 610 E. California Ave., Glendale

**FOOTHILLS PRO GROUP**

The Foothills Professional Group meets every Wednesday morning from 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Leon Lounge and Café. The group provides a structured and supportive system of

giving and receiving business. It does so by providing an environment in which participants develop personal relationships with many other qualified business professionals. By establishing this "formal" relationship with other people, you may have the opportunity to substantially increase your business.

The cost is \$15, which includes breakfast.

Leon Lounge and Café is located at 2519 Cañada Blvd., Glendale.

**FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN**

The Church of Scientology - Mission of the Foothills is hosting free workshops for children on how to make good choices in life. It gives a clear-cut guide to making good choices and finding the way to happiness. The booklet "How to Make Good Choices," based on the book "The Way to Happiness," will be used.

This workshop is for children 6 to 11 years old. It is on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Snacks served.

Call to reserve seat (818) 957-1500.

Church of Scientology - Mission of the Foothills, 2254 Honolulu Ave., Montrose

**BLOOMIN' SQUARES SQUARE DANCE CLASS**

Bloomin' Squares square dance classes are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Sunland-Tujunga Municipal Building.

Sessions are open to everyone, no partner required, LGBTQ\* and friends.

For those who think of square dancing, images may arise of hillbillies stomping around in a barn shouting "do-si-do," blue-haired ladies in silly dresses, and horrible times spent in gym classes in grammar or high school listening to fiddle music while a bored gym teacher read out of a book.

The Bloomin' Squares square dancing program is nothing like that! There's no dancing in a barn or wearing silly clothes, and members dance to pop, rock and country music! Casual comfortable clothing is encouraged. Only \$6 a class.

Bring a snack to share if you'd like! For more information, call (818) 945-1189.

Sunland-Tujunga Municipal Building, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

**DBSA OFFERS SUPPORT GROUP**

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) has a support group meeting every Tuesday at Vallejo Drive Adventist Church in Glendale every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. DBSA provides hope, help, and support through peer-based, recovery oriented empowering services, and resources when people need them and how they need to receive them.

For more information, call Wanda Sellers at (818) 352-4346, email [dbsalosangelesne@yahoo.com](mailto:dbsalosangelesne@yahoo.com) or visit [dbsalosangelesne.org](http://dbsalosangelesne.org).

Vallejo Drive Adventist Church, 300 Vallejo Dr., Room 106 in Glendale.

**NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA BRANCH LIBRARY**

The bookstore of the Friends of the Sunland-Tujunga branch of the library, which is located inside the library, is filled with used books on almost every subject. There are books on psychology, religion, self-help, cooking, classics and many more subjects. It is open during library hours (except evenings). Prices range from 10 cents to a few dollars. All books are donated.

All monies collected from the sale of these books support the Sunland-Tujunga Branch Library in purchasing new books, DVDs and equipment. The Friends also supports programs for children and young adults as well as adults. It is a 501(c)3 organization, so donations are tax deductible. Arrangements can be made to pick up large donations. Call the library at (818) 352-4481 to schedule a pick-up.

Sunland-Tujunga Branch Library, 7771 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

**TOPS OFFERS LOCAL MEETINGS**

T.O.P.S. - Take Off Pounds Sensibly - is a self-accountability group meeting held every Monday. Weigh in is from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

An hour meeting follows in the education building of Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore (at Santa Carlotta). For more information, call and leave a message for T.O.P.S. at (818) 957-8442.

A meeting is also held in Sunland on Thursdays. Weigh-in is at 6:30

p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 10438 Oro Vista St., Sunland. Contact Jeanie Druebert at (818) 353-5015.

**GLENDALE ONE TOASTMASTERS**

Glendale One Toastmasters meets from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at Shakers Restaurant in Glendale. Toastmasters is a non-profit organization developing public speaking and leadership skills through practice and feedback in local clubs since 1924.

For more information, call (818) 314-4964.

Shakers Restaurant, 801 N. Central, Glendale

**FREE DIABETES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS**

The Diabetes Care Center at Glendale Adventist Medical Center invites the community to a free diabetes community education class held every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the hospital (Committee Room A).

Participants will learn more about living with diabetes - care and treatment, healthy eating strategies - the importance of blood glucose monitoring and AIC and tools for a

healthy lifestyle to reduce the risk of complications.

For more information or to RSVP, call (818) 409-8100.

Glendale Adventist Medical Center (Committee Room A - Ground Floor), 1509 Wilson Terrace, Glendale

**BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP AT Y**

The Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA, in partnership with the La Leche League, is hosting a monthly lactation and infant development support group to help support new mothers. This monthly group meets on the third Friday of each month from noon-1 p.m. This group is free and open to the community and will answer all breastfeeding-related questions that new mothers may have.

The Y is also offering a Mindful Parenting Course designed to help parents connect to their children and raise them to thrive. This course is adapted from the work of Dan Siegal, M.D. and will focus on reducing daily stress while connecting with your child. The classes meet weekly on Tuesdays. The course is open to all and there is a fee to attend.

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# RELIGION

## Mannarelli Elected ICF President

Mark G. Mannarelli, a 27-year resident of La Cañada Flintridge, was elected president of Branch 374 of the ICF organization at St. Bede the Venerable Roman Catholic Church. This will be Mannarelli's second term; he served previously for two years in the 1990s. His term and the terms of a new board of directors begin on Jan. 1. Installation of officers and board members will take place on Feb. 8 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank when officers of 18 branches of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District will be installed.

Mannarelli was born in Detroit, Michigan and grew up in Alhambra from age 8. He graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in history and finance. He earned a

masters degree in business at the University of Southern California where he met his wife of 36 years, Emerita.

The Mannarellis have two children, Joni and Michael, who attended La Cañada Flintridge schools. They have two granddaughters, Isabella and Rosemary. He and his wife have been parishioners at St. Bede for 27 years. Mannarelli is a Certified Financial Planner.

Along with Mannarelli, other officers and directors elected were First Vice President Ron Baisely, Second Vice President (outgoing current president) Al Restivo, Orator Phyllis Harb, Treasurer Joseph Vinci, Financial Secretary Don Monteleone, Sentinel David Carpurso and Corresponding Secretary Sherene De la Motte.

Directors include Fiora Marcucci Murphy, Paul Clinnin and Connie Hockens. The Reverend Monsignor Antonio Caccipuoti, pastor at St. Bede, is branch chaplain and Archdiocesan director of the Italian Catholic Federation.

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is a non-profit fraternal organization for practicing Catholics of all cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Founded in 1924, the federation's mission is to uphold and develop the religious spirit among its members and to spread that spirit throughout the community. As Christians, ICF continues the tradition of love, hospitality, and works of charity as signs of Christ's peace among us.



## Thalassemia Disease: Killer Of Children, Subject of St. Bede Program

Laurice Compagno Levine, a surviving victim of thalassemia disease and spokesperson for the Thalassemia Outreach Program at Children's Hospital Oakland, traveled recently to the Italian Catholic Federation from Children's Hospital in Oakland to present a comprehensive program on her experiences as a victim of the disease. She made the presentation to the members of the St. Bede the Venerable Roman

Catholic Church branch 374 of ICF. Thalassemia disease is a genetic blood disorder that if left untreated can be deadly by age 5 (treatment now enables people to live into their adulthood). Every year it takes the lives of thousands of children under 5 from Italy, Greece, Africa, East Indies, and countries of southeast Asia including Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, China, Burma and Indonesia, and

Middle Eastern and East Asian countries. Victims also include children with Armenian, Georgian and Azerbaijani heritages. Those afflicted are not able to make enough hemoglobin, which causes severe anemia. The disease is also known as Cooley's anemia.

"Because more babies are born each year with Thalassemia, it is becoming a growing healthcare concern," said Levine who is a buoyant and upbeat victim of the

disease. Her life story is a story of painful transfusions, the removal of her spleen and two episodes of congestive heart failure before the age of 25.

Levine noted that testing is available to detect the trait. It involves having a single blood sample drawn. The tests can identify most types of Thalassemia: hemoglobin electrophoresis with quantitative hemoglobin A2 and hemoglobin F; CBC, complete

blood count; iron studies (free erythrocyte protoporphyrin, lead, ferritin, and/or other iron studies). A patient with thalassemia requires routine blood transfusion every two to four weeks. As a result of frequent blood transfusions, the body is at risk for iron overload, which is toxic and, if left untreated, can lead to premature death. In Levine's struggle, she has blood transfusions every two weeks and follows a daily regimen to remove iron from her body.

Branch 374 of ICF at St. Bede has been an ongoing contributor of funds to help the researchers at Children's Hospital in Oakland conduct on going research to find a way to treat and cure this disease. Work is also jointly underway at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Since the 1990s, the national organization of ICF has contributed over \$1.4 million from its many branches in districts in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Chicago.

Levine is available to speak to any organization that wishes to know more about thalassemia. She can be reached at (510) 428-3885, ext 5427.

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### NOTES & NODS

#### Lesson and Carols at St. Luke's Anglican

St. Luke's Anglican Church presents the Annual Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

This holiday service, modeled after the famous tradition at King's College in Cambridge, England, will feature choral masterworks by Handel, Rachmaninoff, Bach and Holst, as well as cherished Christmas carols.

This event is free and open to the public.

St. Luke's Anglican Church, 300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale.

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# BUSINESS

## » MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK NEWS

### Shop Small in Montrose This Christmas!



She said she was going to do it and she's true to her word! Glendale Councilwoman Paula Devine was among many who came out to Shop Small in the Montrose Shopping Park last Saturday. The word is out! It's "in" to shop local and as Once Upon A Time Bookstore says, "Put indies first." It's not hard to do in a town like Montrose that seems like a living Christmas card. We are the original small town shopping experience that modern day developers are trying so hard to copy. It's actually peaceful and nostalgic to shop here, what we call good for the soul.

## Let There Be Light!



Were you here last Friday night to witness the holiday magic? Norman Rockwell would have had his paintbrushes going furiously! Hundreds of families cheered in unison as the wonderful Prom Plus Club kids threw the switch and the town was lit up before our very eyes. Snow fell, carols were sung, and good cheer abounded! To recapture the feeling, check out our Montrose Shopping Park Facebook page for pics and video. Thanks to the mayor, Glendale City Council and all who joined us on this amazing night!

## These Horses Have A Big Load to Pull at the Parade!



I just love the Montrose Christmas Parade, don't you? The merchants of the Montrose Shopping Park are proud to be a platinum sponsor of the parade. Please watch and wave this Saturday when you see our horse drawn wagon as MSPA leaders Andre Ordubegian, GiGi Garcia, Ken Grayson, Kim Kelly and Dale Dawson ride down Honolulu Avenue. I was invited to ride with Glendale City Clerk Ardy Kassakhian this year so please shout "QISmaS Quch Daghajaj" when you see us. It's "Merry Christmas" in Klingon. LOL! Thanks for reading and shopping Bedford Falls. I mean Montrose! shopmontrose.com

Mary Dawson  
Montrose Shopping Park Association  
"Come home to Montrose!"



## » MONTROSE VERDUGO-CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Shop Local, Shop Montrose Something for Everyone

The busy shopping season is upon us. At the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, we want to encourage you to Shop Montrose for the holidays. Remember when you come to Montrose to shop you are doing so much more than picking up the items you want and need. You are helping to sustain our area and our local economy. That is why we encourage you to "shop local first." This beautiful town will not exist without the support of the community.

Why shop at a locally owned business first? Here are a few reasons: By shopping here you support yourself by keeping dollars in the local economy, you help keep our community unique with our one-of-a-kind businesses that add distinctive character to Montrose, help create good jobs among other things and, most importantly, save a trip to the overcrowded mall!

There are so many great businesses in town and I am confident you will find something for everyone. Shop for the perfect gift at Faye's, Cigar World, Honolulu Wood and Things, Lara's Gifts, Mountain Rose Gifts, Needle in a Haystack, Quilt 'n' Things or The Antique Store and go for a "joy" ride on the horse or the motorcycle outside of Critters. Visit longtime Montrose business Tom's Toys for the kid in you or the one on your list. Diamonds are a girl's best friend so if you are in the market for something dazzling, visit Executive Jewelers, Fancy Facets Jewelry and Watches, Honolulu Jewelry, La Perla Design Gallery, Mardo K Fine Jewelry, Montrose Jewelers, Time Machine and Vitorio's

Jewelers. Many of these jewelers can design and create custom made jewelry just for you! For our pet lovers we have Andersen's Pet Store, Montrose Pet Hospital, Bath and Biscuit and Julian's Dog Gone Cute. Get in shape at CrossFit Montrose, Pedal Spin Studio, Yoga Rocks, Crossfit Array and Wunderbar Pilates. Sign your kids up for dancing or self-defense classes at Revolution Dance Center, Fred Villari's Studio, Helen's Dance Studio, Kung Fu and Tai Chi, Master's Tae Kwon Do. For the sports enthusiast in your life, check out a gift from Landry's Sporting Goods. Get "camera ready" for the holidays in Montrose where you can find a variety of places to get your hair and/or nails done or get a pampering spa treatment. Quality cosmetics for yourself can be found at Merle Norman Cosmetics. If you need holiday attire for yourself or someone in your family, stop by J'Adore Boutique, Bellies, Babies and Bosoms, Holiday Hats and Gowns, Pattye's Closet, Revelation Tops, The Clothing Market, Shoe Fantasy and Walk This Way. Get ready to hit the slopes with gear from Billy's Board Shop and Ocean View Board Sports. Paint your own handmade gift at Color Me Mine. Add life and flavor to your holiday dinners with an exotic oil or vinegar from Gelsingers Amber Road. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a bag of goodies from the Montrose Candy Company. Bowl a few rounds at Montrose Bowl. Pick up a book at our local bookstore, Once Upon A Time. Buy something for the rock star in your family at Grayson's Tune Town.

Dine at some of the best restaurants in the Crescenta Valley! With over 30 quality restaurants, bakeries, cafés, and sweet stores in the shopping park you are sure to satisfy any craving you might have this holiday season. And don't forget to take a pie home for the family.

Wow, that's a lot of stuff for such a small town. For information about all of these businesses please logon to [www.shopmontrose.com](http://www.shopmontrose.com) where you will find a complete list of businesses.

Have a great holiday season and enjoy the beauty that is the Montrose Shopping Park.

Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce: Your source for all things local! Our mission is to actively support and enrich the community, vitality and pride of Montrose, to help preserve the historic district and small town atmosphere, to promote economic stability and positive, productive relationships within Montrose and the surrounding communities.

#### Coming up

Montrose Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:10 p.m. in the 2200, 2300 & 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue in Montrose.

Installation & Community Recognition Awards Dinner on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Dr., Glendale.

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## » CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Our Business is Your Business"

### Meet Lisa Dupuy and Get Ready for Taste

I am thrilled to take over the reins as executive director here at the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce. Lisa Mitchell has skillfully and patiently brought me up-to-speed on the various responsibilities of this job. I am proud to be part of an organization that is so committed to the people and businesses that make up our singular community.

First order of business... the always delightful Taste of the Foothills. I've attended the Taste in years past and enjoyed the laid back, friendly feel of the event, not to mention the lively entertainment and good food. This year promises to be just as enjoyable.

Happening this Wednesday evening, Dec. 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Ralphs Marketplace Shopping Center, the Taste will feature '40s and '50s music by the CV High jazz band with swing and cha-cha dancing by the Prom Plus Club Dancers. Participants stroll around the grounds, moving from booth to booth sampling the

finest our local restaurants have to offer. Brand new restaurants like Montrose's La Fleur Pastry and Etc. Gourmet Kitchen will be there. So will old favorites like Pepe's and El Charro. Blaze Pizza, Baja Fresh, Gio's Baguettes, Tees on the Green, Kebab Daddy and many more will also be serving up tasty morsels. Orchard Flats will have cold pressed juices to try and Cold Stone Creamery will sample the store's top five flavors. My mouth is watering just thinking about it.

All you need is a ticket and a wristband. You can buy these at the event for \$20 (seniors and children 12 and under cost less) or stop by the chamber office weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to pick them up in advance. Tickets are also available at the CV Weekly office at 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #101. If your child attends a nearby elementary school, look in this week's Thursday folder for a Taste of the Foothills flyer. Bring the form to the Taste and earn some money for your school. In the event of

heavy rain, the event will be canceled.

Look for the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce in Saturday's Montrose Christmas Parade. We'll be the ones on the vintage fire truck! Wave hello to the newly elected president of the board of directors, Aram Ordubegian, and shout out a "Thank you!" to our outgoing president, the unsinkable Steve Pierce. Yours truly will be on board as well.

I'd love to meet any community members who believe in the value of the chamber of commerce, so stop by the office any weekday to say hello.



Lisa Dupuy, executive director  
CV Chamber of Commerce  
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# Dilbeck Real Estate Goes Independent

Dilbeck Real Estate, a leading real estate brokerage based in La Cañada, announced that the company has returned to its independent roots. Formerly known as Dilbeck Real Estate Real Living, the firm has been invited to affiliate with Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® (LeadingRE), the world's largest network of premier independent real estate brokerages producing over one million transactions annually.

Dilbeck Real Estate is a family-owned organization dating back to 1950 with deep roots in the communities it serves. The company has 14 offices with approximately 600 sales associates, and annual home and commercial sales of nearly \$1.5 billion.

"We have always been independently owned and operated," said Mark Dilbeck, the company's president, "and our franchise relationships have served us well in the past. We believe, however, that our strong local presence, coupled with the global connections and resources provided by our new affiliation with LeadingRE, will deliver value to our clients and associates in the years to come."

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Mark Dilbeck, president, Dilbeck Real Estate with Pam O'Connor president/CEO | Leading Real Estate Companies of the World.®

30,000 and 40,000 annual client introductions occur among members throughout the network. Its prestigious membership list includes 15 of the top 25 residential firms in the country. Based in Chicago, the organization also has offices in London and Singapore.

In addition to its Christie's International Real Estate affiliation, Dilbeck Real Estate is becoming a member of Luxury Portfolio International®, the elite property division of LeadingRE. Luxury Portfolio International® is known for re-defining "New Luxury" for today's experientially-focused, sophisticated affluent consumer and features \$45.5 billion in high-end real estate on its LuxuryPortfolio.com award-winning website.

As a result of the transition,

Dilbeck Real Estate will add a variety of resources, including a new website, an online learning platform and customer relationship management system for its associates and managers, a new consumer review program, and many other enhancements to benefit clients and associates.

"We are delighted to welcome the Dilbeck team to the LeadingRE family," said Pam O'Connor, president/CEO of LeadingRE. "The company's impressive history, high standards and established local strength and reputation make it an ideal fit for our strong global network, which promotes the growth of market-leading firms through a robust menu of business tools and exposure to the finest brokerages around the world."

# Mountview Celebrated with Ribbon Cutting

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**BURBANK:** Keith's Annual Winter Snowland - 529 N. Florence Ave.  
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**PASADENA:** Courville House - Monte Vista St. between Allen Ave. & Sinaloa Ave.  
 • Upper Hastings Ranch, Michillinda Ave.  
**ALTADENA:** Balian House - 1960 Medocino Ln.  
 \* Christmas Tree Lane - Santa Rosa Ave. & Woodbury Rd.  
**LOS ANGELES:** LA Zoo Lights Nightly - thru 1/4, 6 PM - 10 PM - 5333 Zoo Drive  
**WOODLAND HILLS:** Candy Cane Lane - Labao Ave. & Oxnard St.

## Holiday Celebrations, Events & Parades

- LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE:** Breakfast with Santa at Descanso Gardens - 12/20, 8:30 AM  
 \* Memorial Park Festival Of Lights - 12/5, 4 PM  
**MONTROSE:** Montrose Old-Town Christmas - thru 12/25, 11 AM - 3 PM  
 \* Holiday Hops - 2418 Honolulu Ave. - 12/15, 6:30 PM  
**TUJUNGA:** McGroarty Art Center Holiday Boutique - 12/6, 10 AM - 5 PM  
**GLENDALE:** Alex Theatre - Nutcracker Ball - thru 12/14  
 \* Adventure to Santa at the Glendale Galleria - thru 12/24 - 100 W. Broadway  
**PASADENA:** Snow Day at KidsSpace Museum - 12/26, 9:30 AM - 5 PM  
 \* Castle Green Holiday Tour - 12/7, 1 PM - 5 PM - 99 S. Raymond Ave.  
**S. PASADENA:** Tree Lighting - 12/4, 4 PM - 7 PM - Meridian Ave. & El Centro St.  
**LOS ANGELES:** Lighting Ceremony - 12/5, 5 PM - 9 PM - 845 N. Alameda St.  
 \* Las Posadas at Olvera Street - 12/16, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM - 845 N. Alameda St.  
 \* Holiday Ice at LA Live - thru 12/31 - 777 Chick Hearn Cr.  
 \* Holiday Lamplight Celebration - 12/6 - Starts at 4 PM  
 \* LA County Holiday Celebration - 12/24, 3 PM - 6 PM - 135 N. Grand Ave.  
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