

Now Available in
Burbank/Toluca Lake!
(see inside for specific locations)

CRESCENTA VALLEY

WEEKLY

THE FOOTHILLS' COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

ARIANNA
PHARMACY

COVID-19 SHOTS & BOOSTERS
PEDIATRICS COVID-19 SHOTS
FLU & SHINGLES VACCINES

WALK-INS WELCOME!

WE ARE HERE FOR ALL OF YOUR
PRESCRIPTION NEEDS!

3000 N. Verdugo Rd. • Montrose/Glendale • 818.957.9200

NOVEMBER 25, 2021

WWW.CVWEEKLY.COM

VOL. 13, NO. 13

Town Council Election Forum Shows Questionable Application of Bylaws

By Justin HAGER

With elections less than a month away, the Crescenta Valley Town Council hosted a forum Thursday night for candidates to share their perspectives on various community topics. The Town Council, a private, non-governmental organization, serves as an advisory body to local government officials such as County Supervisor Kathleen Barger and the Los Angeles County Land Use Commission.

Governed by its own internal bylaws, the CVTC elections drew controversy prior to the forum due to the disqualification of current Town Council alternate Johnny Brookbank. Brookbank was formally censured by the Council earlier this year for allegedly violating the organization's bylaws. Under those bylaws, the censure disqualified him from candidacy for the next two election cycles. However, the invocation of the bylaws to both censure and disqualify an otherwise active member of the organization was controversial given that only five of the 10 eligible councilmembers voted to disqualify Brookbank (Councilmembers Brookbank and Yu were disqualified from voting due to the conflict of interest in being candidates themselves and three other councilmembers were not present at the time of the vote).

Only two months ago, at the September public meeting, a majority of the council declined to follow specific provisions of the bylaws related to financial decisions for council events, such as elections. Council Vice President Aram Ordubegian stated that the election process was not bound by the specifics of the bylaws in an emergency situation such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The video of his statements and the subsequent discussions about the elections process, candidate filing fees and candidate residency requirements have never been

see COUNCIL on page 23

White Friday and Small Business Saturday in the Foothills

By Bethany BROWN

The Montrose Shopping Park will celebrate its traditional White Friday the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, Nov. 26. While many are familiar with the nationwide Black Friday, participation in Montrose's White Friday doesn't require waking up at the crack of dawn or standing in hours-long lines and fighting off hordes of people for parking.

Instead, White Friday offers normal business hours, easy and free parking in the neighborhood and the whiting out of sales tax by participating merchants. Keep an eye out for a snowflake in the window while strolling along Honolulu Avenue – shops will use this symbol to indicate their participation.

Glendale Fire Dept. and ABC 7, in conjunction with Community Services & Parks, will be holding their Cram-A-Classic Toy Drive from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. They invite the community to bring a new, unwrapped toy to help them fill their vintage, holiday-decorated fire engine. Glendale firefighters will collect and distribute all donated toys to underserved children in the community.

Further enjoyment can be found in listening to live music provided by The Hummingbird Conservatory Carolers and The Jingle Singers Strolling Christmas Carol-



File photo
Santa will be one of the many special guests at the White Friday celebration taking place at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. The free festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.

ers. The music and annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday signaling the official beginning of Montrose's Old Town Christmas and the ceremony's return after

being canceled last year due to the pandemic.

"Anything that we can all celebrate together as a community is needed more now than ever before," said Dale Dawson. "We

hope this event will be a kind of healing moment for everyone."

Dawson is the event coordinator for Montrose Shopping Park Association. He noted that while

see WHITE FRIDAY on page 8

Supporting Afghan Refugees

By Mary O'KEEFE

The International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA) satellite office in far north Glendale recently sorted donated bags and cases of groceries, along with other items, that are being given to refugees from Afghanistan who are being processed through their agency. These families and individuals were resettled in hotels and temporary housing rentals as they try to adjust to a new life in the United States. The refugees are tired, scared and worried yet grateful they are here and they are safe, according to Elma Betancourt, volunteer coordinator at IILA.

As of Monday IILA resettled over 300 individuals from Afghanistan.

IILA works with partners at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). As of late September, USCRI

see REFUGEES on page 23



Members of IILA assemble bags of donated goods that will be given to Afghan refugees.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE



Build Your Credit AND Earn Rewards
with a Secured VISA® from GASCU

Our secured VISA® credit card requires no credit check and is an excellent way to begin establishing or restoring your credit!

Great for students

Earn rewards on EVERY purchase

Perfect for that first job



GLENDALE AREA SCHOOLS CREDIT UNION



Better Banking for Everyone!

Apply today!

(818) 248-7425 or gascu.org



A GASCU Secured VISA card is a great way to build credit. You can pledge the funds in your GASCU share account and get a VISA with a rate as low as 9.90% Annual Percentage Rate (APR). Everyone can qualify for this great offer and there is no credit check. See website (gascu.org) for more details. Terms and conditions may apply. Promotion or product terms subject to change without notice.

Must qualify for credit union membership.

NMLS ID #536925



YOUR SAVINGS INSURED TO \$250,000 PER ACCOUNT

AMERICAN SHARE INSURANCE

By members' choice, this institution is not federally insured, and if the institution fails, the Federal Government does not guarantee that depositors will get back their money. The credit union is not insured by any state government.

» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



Life's Too Short

Over these past few weeks I've had the chance to share my thoughts on the brevity of life and how we spend it. In my opinion there are two ways at looking at it: 1) life is too short to spend time around people who don't bring you joy and 2) life is too short to hold onto grudges; let things go.

I admittedly subscribe to option No. 1. I believe life is too short to be around people who don't make you happy (simply put). I think that we already have to deal with unpleasant people – take, for example, the driver/s who cut you off then flips you off (happened to me two weekends ago) or the rude service person at (insert name of restaurant, gas station, supermarket, etc.) or the habitually unhappy person who just has to make everyone else around him/her miserable. So I choose to avoid these folks when I can.

I understand that certain aspects of option No. 2 can keep the peace but I am unwilling to be (in my eyes) the doormat to be walked on for that to happen. I also think that option No. 2, when honestly applied, can bring about a calmer, healthier life. After all, when you're not stewing about something, your blood pressure is probably lower and you probably sleep better at night. So option No. 2 is not a bad option at all.

Perhaps I should aspire to be a follower of No. 2...

Happy Thanksgiving! To me, this day is set aside to reflect on those things – and people – that have brought joy, happiness and peace to my life and to be thankful for them. It is also a day that I think on the

things that I have done, the ways in which I have strived, to bring joy, happiness and peace to the lives of others. I openly admit that I have fallen short on some of these ideals.

Temper, fright and anxiety have all lent themselves to my failed attempts at bringing peace and joy to others. It's hard, after all, to bring joy to people who make you cringe when you think of them. (They probably don't think much of me, either, which surprisingly brings me a modicum of comfort.)

I do want to thank some of those folks who bring me – and, by extension, you – happiness because these people all contribute to the CV Weekly: "weather girl" Sue Kilpatrick; columnists who include historian Mike Lawler, CVTC president Harry Leon and Susan Bolan; writers Lori Bodnar, Bethany Brown, Justin Hager, Brandon Hensley and Charly Shelton; office manager Rachelle Miller; designers Matt Barger and Steve Hernandez; our proofreader extraordinaire Anne McNeill; and our lead reporter Mary O'Keefe (who listens to every second guess I make). I would also be remiss in not thanking my family members who have supported me these past 12 years. And, of course, thank you to our advertisers and subscribers who help us keep the lights on. I am grateful to all.

Robin Goldworthy is the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She can be reached at robin@cvweekly.com or (818) 248-2740.



Weather in the Foothills

"When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself."
~ Chief Tecumseh (*Crouching Tiger*), Shawnee Nation, 1768-1813

None of the pilgrims were practicing meteorologists. However, clues to their experiences lie in the stories left behind. Whatever the weather may have been, it played a major role in the day of the first Thanksgiving.

They arrived in 1620, one year prior to the known "first Thanksgiving." Their ocean voyage and first year in the New World were harsh. Rough seas across the Atlantic Ocean made for ongoing seasickness among the men, women and children. If eating had been even a possibility, the food was likely unhealthy, rat infested and spoiled. Portions were meager, as well. Unusually severe weather and disease further contributed to sickness and death. Even after making landfall scurvy and pneumonia – resulting from poor diets and lack of shelter – followed them through the first winter.

We believe the first Thanksgiving feast held by the pilgrims of Plymouth colony in 1621 was probably in September or October. According to the only two written, firsthand accounts of the event, 53 pilgrims and 90 Native Americans gathered for the three-day celebration of a bountiful harvest. Only one half of the original colonists survived the Mayflower journey and first winter in the New World.

"The fact that they were able to gather for three days, that they were able to play sports together, that they were able to exercise their arms, which is the 17th century meaning for military demonstration and practice, the weather must have been good," said Richard Pickering, deputy executive director of Plymouth Plantation.

On the first Thanksgiving, as written by Mayflower passenger Edward Winslow, in 1621 the weather was mild; it was very different from the year before. He wrote in his personal diary, "The air is very clear and not foggy, as hath been reported; I never in my life remember a more seasonable year than we have here enjoyed." Winslow's account is given a month or so after the first Thanksgiving. No mention of any major adverse weather event is given regarding those days of eating and giving thanks; they were enjoyable as well.

Today's (Thanksgiving) weather has little resemblance to that one exactly 400 years ago. Warm winds and clear skies reign from now into next week. In the words of Chief Tecumseh, give thanks "for the food and joy of living."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service. Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.

INSIDE	NEWS.....	3	SPORTS.....	13	JUST FOR FUN.....	18
	VIEWPOINTS.....	10	BETWEEN FRIENDS..	14	RELIGION.....	20
	YOUTH.....	12	LEISURE.....	17	CLASSIFIEDS.....	22

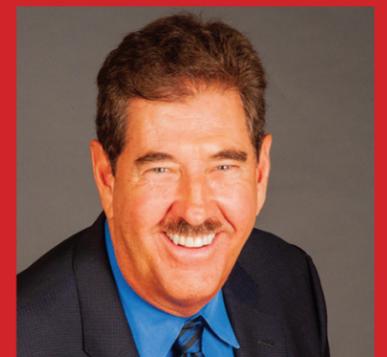


Happy Thanksgiving!

May your home be filled with health, happiness, laughter and love

Dutton Real Estate
The Company You Can Trust!

To Paul Dutton, We wanted to thank you for the Incredible job you did in selling our house earlier this year! You set up 98 Listing Appointments in the middle of strict Covid regulations that resulted in 21 offers! Not in our wildest dreams did we think we would receive \$450,000 over the asking price! I also want to complement you on your Professionalism and dedication to us, you went above and beyond in the time spent selling our house! Rick



KW REAL ESTATE SERVICES
KELLERWILLIAMS

Your La Crescenta Agent

Each Office independently Owned and Operated. Realtor DRE #02087435

(818) 378-5440

842 Foothill Blvd, La Cañada-Flintridge
DuttonRealEstate@yahoo.com
PaulDuttonRealEstate.com

NEWS

IN BRIEF

CV Weekly Offices Closed for Holidays

The offices of CV Weekly will be closed today, Thursday, Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

CVWD Holding Canned Food Drive

CVWD will be conducting a canned food drive through the holidays to help those in need by replenishing stock at Valley Food Bank.

Folks can donate by dropping off non-perishable food donations to CVWD at the main office at 2700 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta and contactless doorstep collection by appointment (see www.cvwd.com/canned-food-drive for details).

CVTC Streets and Transportation Committee Agenda

On Nov. 30 at 6 p.m., the CVTC Streets and Transportation Committee will have a virtual presentation by Laura Iannaccone, manager of Environmental Initiatives, from the County Innovations Service Division on Energy and Environmental Services regarding implementing EV charging stations on public and private facilities. In addition, other updates will be given on the Foothill Boulevard Complete Streets Study and Soundwalls. New Zoom meeting link is <https://tinyurl.com/aevezh9a>; meeting ID is 914 6838 5956 and passcode is 035529. Those who call in can dial (669) 900-9128.

89th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade

The 89th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, supporting Marine Toys for Tots, will take place live on Sunday, Nov. 28 starting at 6 p.m.

The parade will travel along a 3.2 mile U-shaped route starting at Orange Street and Hollywood Boulevard traveling east on Hollywood Boulevard to Vine Street, turning south on Vine Street to Sunset Boulevard, and then turning west on Sunset Boulevard traveling back to Orange Street.

Several musical acts and performers will be featured. The CW Network will telecast the parade on Dec. 17.

The 89th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade supporting Marine Toys for Tots will premiere as a two-hour primetime special on The CW Network on Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://thehollywoodchristmasparade.org/>.

Meeting on Senate Bills SB 9 & SB 10

Those who want to learn more about the kinds of impacts SB 9 and SB 10 will have in the La Crescenta community can attend the CVTC Land Use Committee meeting, which will be held via Zoom, on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The Dept. of Regional Planning will make a presentation explaining both senate bills. There will be questions and answers following the presentation.

JoinZoommeeting<https://zoom.us/j/97589570194>; meeting ID: 975 8957 0194 or dial by location (669) 900-6833 U.S. Meeting ID is 975 8957 0194.

New Business Energy Upgrade Program

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) has launched its new Business Energy Upgrade Program in partnership with Willdan Group, Inc. (Willdan). The Business Energy Upgrade Program offers direct installation of GWP-incentivized energy saving upgrades for all Glendale businesses.

The Business Energy Upgrade Program is the second program to be launched from GWP's Clean Energy RFP process. Energy-efficient upgrades include: exterior lighting, interior lighting, refrigeration and more. Willdan will provide a free assessment of the commercial customer's facility to determine the best energy and cost-saving solutions, and work directly with the business to schedule an appointment to install the new upgrades. The new energy-efficient equipment will provide savings for years to come through dramatically reduced energy costs on the business customer's monthly utility bill.

To get started, businesses can call (844) 804-7371 or email gwp@willdan.com to set up a no-cost assessment of commercial or industrial facility. Visit GWPEnergyUpgrade.com to learn more.

Blood Drive Scheduled in Honor of Kean Ryder



By Bethany BROWN

Photo provided by Ryder Family

A blood drive is being organized that will honor local resident Kean Ryder, who is fighting severe aplastic anemia. His family also wants to raise awareness of the importance of blood donations.

Children's Hospital Los Angeles will hold a blood drive on Dec. 1 at Surface Fitness, 3470 Ocean View Blvd. The blood drive will be in honor of Crescenta Valley resident Kean Ryder and will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kean, a sophomore at CVHS, was diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia earlier this year and has spent the last seven months in Children's Hospital undergoing countless treatments and blood transfusions and receiving a bone marrow transplant in September. Aplastic anemia is a rare condition in which the bone marrow stops producing enough red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets needed for the body to function properly.

Chris Ryder, Kean's father, said it's been incredibly difficult to see his son in the hospital, bedridden, in pain and lethargic, when Kean has always been an active kid who had hopes of trying out for the Crescenta Valley High School soccer team following his years playing on club teams. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020 and Kean's diagnosis this year, Kean has yet to set foot on the campus.

Chris emphasized the impact the nationwide blood shortage has had on his son's health and recovery. The shortage is due largely in part to the pandemic and people being worried about donating during the outbreak of the virus. Chris recalled that on several days in July the hospital informed him that they would only be able to provide Kean with about half of the blood he needed to stay strong.

"The staff at Children's Hospital has been amazing with Kean but, unfortunately, they often have to make difficult decisions and prioritize which child is going to get blood that day," Chris said. "Kean had to wait for more blood to be donated and become available because they would give it to kids who needed it more than he did at that time. It's just terrible; there shouldn't have to be a choice."

Chris and his wife Kelley, a teacher at Fremont Elementary School, turned to their personal Facebook pages to inform their followers on the blood shortage and sought support and blood donations. Though their requests were met with an overwhelmingly great response Chris noticed a tendency of people who seemingly wanted to

donate only if it was for somebody they know. He wanted the public to think of the bigger picture – that many people may require blood at any time and should never have to be in a position where they cannot access the blood they need. They all deserve to be helped.

"There are tons of kids out there who may need blood," Chris said. "My hope is that people consider that, God forbid, this could be somebody in your family one day – I mean, never in my mind did I think this would happen to my son; we just don't know what's out there in the world and we don't know what's going to happen in the future, but we need to be prepared and do our part. Donating blood is 30 minutes of your day that could potentially save somebody's life."

Event organizer Karin van Bremen said she immediately felt prompted to find a way to contribute and make a difference in any way she could after seeing Chris' Facebook post regarding the blood shortage and Kean's condition.

"When I learned that two children

who need blood might not both be able to get the blood that they needed, that the hospital had to make a choice between the two children ... I thought how devastating it would be to be told that your child needs it but that they can't provide it for him now," van Bremen said.

She contacted the Blood Donation Department at Children's Hospital and worked with them to arrange an easily accessible mobile blood drive in the community to serve children like Kean who are in need. Van Bremen highlighted the importance of getting the word out and felt it would be impactful to organize a blood drive close to home in the neighborhood where the Ryder family lives.

"I'm hoping that once people know just how severe the shortage of blood actually is that there will be some individuals who are willing to donate on a regular basis every two months,"

see BLOOD DRIVE on page 5

BEEVE VISION CARE CENTER

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

**SHARPEN YOUR
VISION FOR THE
HOLIDAYS.**

SCOTT W. BEEVE, MD, FACS
IS PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY!

818.790.8001 www.drbeeve.com
1809 Verdugo Blvd., Suite 150 • Glendale, CA 91208

Glendale News-Press
BEST 2019
READERS' CHOICE

CV Weekly
The Finest
2019

Classmates and Neighbors Gather to Mourn 13-Year-Old Shooting Victim



Photo by Justin HAGER

A vigil held at Villa-Parke Community Center in Pasadena on Monday was attended by hundreds of people including friends of the boy's family and the Pasadena City Council.

By Justin HAGER

Hundreds of children, parents, neighbors, clergy, law enforcement and elected officials gathered Monday night at Pasadena's Villa-Parke Community Center in Pasadena to mourn the loss of an innocent child killed in the epidemic of violence sweeping the nation.

Iran Moreno Balvaneda was playing video games in his bedroom on Saturday when a stray bullet came through the window of his Pasadena home and struck him. He was rushed to a local hospital but did not survive.

Although investigators do not believe that Moreno Balvaneda was the intended target of the shooting, Pasadena police are still searching for the gunman and questions remain largely unanswered about the shooting.

Two planned vigils to show support for the family and demand change to keep streets safe merged into a single event on Monday night. Several hundred people turned out, including the Pasadena City Council, which canceled its scheduled meeting in order to attend the vigil. Mayor Victor Gordo pledged to "do things differently here in Pasadena," a sentiment that echoed

similar pledges in the past two days to bolster police presence and get guns off the streets.

The Balvaneda family did not attend the vigil as family members continue to mourn the loss of their child, but several family friends and community leaders took the stage, as well as local musicians who played "Te vas ángel mío," translated as "You're leaving, my angel." Classmates of the 13-year-old hugged, cried and offered support and encouragement to one another.

Iran was described as a "good kid from a friendly family," "a straight-A student," and perhaps most tragically, "an innocent child."

The Pasadena Police Dept. is asking for help in identifying the shooter or with any additional information about the incident.

"If you know anything about this tragic incident or you saw anything, please, please come forward to the Pasadena Police Department," said police Cmdr. Mark Goodman. "We will keep your information anonymous. What we want to do is find the people who are responsible for this tragic incident and bring them to justice."

This is an ongoing news story. CV Weekly will provide updates as they become available.



A Division of Crescenta Valley Publishing, LLC

Robin Goldsworthy
 Publisher and Editor-in-Chief
 robin@cvweekly.com

Mary O'Keefe
 Lead Reporter
 mary@cvweekly.com

Designers
 Steve Hernandez
 Senior Artist
 steve@cvweekly.com

Matthew Barger
 matt@cvweekly.com

Columnists
 Mike Lawler
 lawlerdad@yahoo.com

Sue Kilpatrick
 suelkilpatrick@gmail.com

Contributors

Bethany Brown • Julie Butcher • Rev. Beverly Craig
 Lori Bodnar • Justin Hager • Brandon Hensley
 Susan James • Charly Shelton
 Anne McNeill, proofreader

Advertising

Chuck Holler
 (818) 468-2956
 chuck@cvweekly.com

Jon K.
 (818) 248-2740
 jon@cvweekly.com

Sonya Marquez
 (818) 381-2000
 sonya@cvweekly.com

Lisa Stanners
 (818) 523-1234
 lisa@cvweekly.com

Office Manager/Inside Sales

Rachelle Miller
 rachelle@cvweekly.com

Crescenta Valley Weekly is distributed on Thursdays to: La Crescenta, Montrose, La Cañada, Sunland, Tujunga, Glendale and parts of Lake View Terrace. Yearly subscriptions are *\$65.00
 *Rate is higher for mailed copies

Mail Payment to:

CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave., #206, La Crescenta, CA 91214

To contact us, call (818) 248-2740, fax (818) 248-2444

E-mail info@cvweekly.com. Visit the web at www.cvweekly.com

Delivery issues? delivery@cvweekly.com.

Thank you for your support!

Printed by Reed Printers, 4071 Graystone Drive, Ontario, CA 91761



@REDDISKPHOTOGRAPHY

Folks looked skyward on Nov. 18-19 to catch the partial lunar eclipse, the longest partial moon eclipse in 580 years. The eclipse, which lasted three hours and 28 minutes, occurred when the moon passed through the Earth's shadow.

This photo was taken from the balcony of a house in Santa Clarita.



JUST US TOO presents
STONE COTTAGE
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

December
3rd & 4th
FRI: 9:00 - 7:00
SAT: 9:00 - 4:00

FOOTHILL	LA CRESCENTA	MONTROSE
210 FREEWAY	210 FREEWAY	210 FREEWAY




Crescenta Valley
 United Methodist Church
 2700 Montrose Ave.
 La Crescenta




Bring this ad with you!
 818.248.3829

HANUKKAH in the FOOTHILLS

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA

6th Annual
 DECEMBER 5, 2021 • 6:30 PM

New Hope Community Church
 10438 Oro Vista Ave., Sunland

COVID-19
 PROTOCOLS
 OBSERVED






Free Celebration for all
 Learn the story of Hanukkah
 Door prizes and gifts for children
 Sample traditional food

Presented by
 Sunland-Tujunga/Shadow Hills Rotary Club
 501(c)(3) nonprofit

Have questions?
 Contact: hanukkahitf@gmail.com








BLOOD DRIVE from page 3

van Bremen said, adding that she hopes that rather than a single donation, people schedule regular appointments.

Chris also emphasized the need for platelet donations. Platelets, though, cannot be donated at a blood drive and require a longer process of extraction. In Kean's case, his inability to produce platelets prior to the bone marrow transplant meant it was nearly impossible for his blood to clot if he endured an injury that led

to bleeding. Chris said most people, including himself before Kean's diagnosis, aren't aware of the need for platelets or realize that this is even something that can be donated. He wants the community to be informed on the massive shortage of both platelets and blood and urges those who can donate to do so.

Chris said that Kean is making "good progress" after the successful transplant. He has a long way to go with recovery but

remains in good spirits and good health as he works diligently in physical therapy to relearn how to walk. The Ryder family stresses their gratitude for the support from the hospital and community and hopes for Kean's return home before Christmas.

To make an appointment for the upcoming blood drive, visit <https://www.chladonateblood.org/> or schedule an appointment by phone (323) 361-2441.

American Red Cross Puts Out a Call for Help

By Mary O'KEEFE

As a result of low blood donor turnout in recent months, the American Red Cross is heading into the holidays with its lowest blood supply in more than a decade at this time of year. The ongoing effects of COVID-19 and a summer spike in delta variant cases significantly challenged the nation's blood supply heading into the fall. The pandemic also resulted in fewer blood drives at schools and colleges, contributing to a 34% drop in new blood donors from last year – one of the largest year-to-year decreases and one that could threaten essential medical care for patients. Locally, the Los Angeles Red Cross Region has experienced a 44.6% decrease in new blood donors this year, according to an American Red Cross statement.

The Red Cross is asking those who are eligible to give blood or platelets to help ensure patients can enjoy all this season has to offer.

Those who donate blood between Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 will be entered

into a contest for a chance to win a private screening of the new film "The Matrix Resurrections." The winner will not only get a private screening for his/herself but will also be able to invite 50 guests.

In addition, all of those who donate blood between Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 will be given an Amazon \$10 gift card, courtesy of Amazon. The gift card will be given via email. Terms apply and additional information can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/matrix.

Those who make a blood or platelet donation part of their Thanksgiving plans from Nov. 24-28 will receive an exclusive pair of Red Cross holiday socks (while supplies last).

Appointments to give blood or platelets can be made by using the Red Cross blood donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling (800) 733-2767.

Scheduled local Red Cross blood drives will be held in: Altadena on Nov. 30 from noon to 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 2889 N. Lincoln Ave.;

Burbank on Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W Olive Ave.; on Nov. 23 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Burbank Elks Lodge #1497, 2232 N. Hollywood Way; on Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, 501 S. Buena Vista Ave.; Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 29 noon to 6 p.m., Dec. 1 noon to 6 p.m. at Burbank's AMC City Walk, 125 E. Palm Ave.; at on Dec. 2 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Burbank Elks Lodge #1497, 2232 N. Hollywood Way; Glendale on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Glendale Masonic Lodge, 244 N. Maryland Ave.; La Cañada Flintridge on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lutheran Church in the Foothills,

1700 Foothill Blvd.; Pasadena at the Pasadena Blood Donation Center, 2471 E. Walnut St., Ste. 103 – variety of times and dates available; see www.redcrossblood.org for complete list; and on Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Armenian Educational Benevolent Union, 1060 N. Allen Ave.

'Tis the Season for ... Scams

By Mary O'KEEFE

The holiday season means family, food ... and scams. From "Amazon" contacting folks with orders that were not made to scammers saying they are law enforcement and accusing individuals of having outstanding warrants, the community needs to be aware that scammers are working hard to fool citizens and if people are suspicious they should trust their instincts.

Recently residents in the area have reported receiving calls from scammers stating they represent the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station. The scammer identifies himself/herself as a detective and tells residents there are outstanding warrants in their name, they owe a specific bail amount and, if they don't pay this amount, they risk arrest. Victims are then told to purchase gift cards in the amount of bail or pay the bail amount through Apple Pay. This is a scam. This time around criminals falsely claim they represent the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station; however, this scam has been around a long time and in the past scammers have used a variety of law enforcement titles.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. will never call anyone regarding any of the following:

1) Monetary requests such as gift cards of any type to pay for "warrants." 2) Delivery of such monies via telephone. 3) COVID relief payments/checks.

"If you are unsure of who you are speaking with, please ask the caller for their information, hang up and call the specific agency in question. Do not give any of your information over the phone," states the LASD website.

It is also advised not to call any number the person/scammer provides; always look up the agency independently.

Another common scam making the rounds is Amazon impersonators who are reaching out to people confirming purchases that were not actually made.

According to the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) new Data Spotlight, "Since July 2020, about one in three people who have reported a business impersonator scam say the scammer pretended to be Amazon."

In one version of the scam, the caller offers to refund a person for an unauthorized purchase but "accidentally" transfers more money than promised. The scammer then asks the victim to return the difference.

"The scammer moves your

own money from one of your bank accounts to the other [like from savings to checking or vice versa] to make it look like you were refunded. Any money you send back to 'Amazon' is your money [not an overpayment] and, as soon as you send it out of your account, it becomes theirs," according to the FTC.

In another version of the scam the victim is told that hackers were able to get access to his/her account and the only way to protect it is to buy gift cards and share the card's security number with the scammer.

Some advice from FTC: 1) Never call back an unknown number. Use the information on Amazon's website and not a number listed in an unexpected email or text. 2) Don't pay for anything with a gift card. Gift cards are for gifts. If anyone asks to be paid with a gift card – or buy gift cards for anything other than a gift – it's a scam. 3) Don't give remote access to someone who makes contact unexpectedly. This gives scammers easy access to personal and financial information – like access to a person's bank account.

This season beware of those who are trying to rob you of more than your holiday cheer.



**PRINTING
COPYING
MAILING**

- Direct Mail/EDDM
- Newsletters
- Brochures
- Business Cards
- Blueprint/Architectural Copies
- Email Marketing
- Postcards
- Banners
- Forms
- Labels
- Booklets
- Envelopes
- Posters

ups Access Point Pick up & Drop off

FedEx Authorized ShipCenter

HOURS M-F 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

10034 Commerce Ave. Tujunga
Historic Olde Towne

818-353-7135
cmprintmail.com



La Crescenta PHARMACY
SINCE 1924 • INDEPENDENTLY OWNED

96 years ago La Crescenta Pharmacy opened its door to serve the Foothill Communities.



We Are Still Open, for You!
Medi-Cal, Medicare, and most insurances accepted, including WellCare.

Please Social Distance!
DIVIDED WE STAND
UNITED WE FALL

"What if today, we were just grateful for everything?"
Charlie Brown

818.248.5851
2764 Foothill Blvd • La Crescenta
FREE LOCAL DELIVERY!



CRESCENTA VALLEY MINI STORAGE

- All Spaces Alarmed Individually
- Resident Manager On Site
- U-Haul Truck Rentals, Boxes, Packing Materials, Mailbox Rentals
- Member of Self Storage Association

GATES OPEN 7 DAYS: 7 AM - 7 PM
Office Hours: 9-6 Mon - Sat / 10-3 Sun

818.957.6464
4441 Cloud Avenue • La Crescenta, CA 91214
email: info@cvministorage.com
www.cvministorage.com

1 MONTH FREE!
(Bring in this coupon and ask manager for details)

LOCALLY OWNED STORAGE COMPANY FOR 35 YEARS



GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CARL POVILAITIS, CHIEF OF POLICE - 131 N. ISABEL ST. GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA 91206

CRIME BULLETIN
NEED TO IDENTIFY
VANDALISM—BRAND PARK



SUSPECT VEHICLE DESCRIPTION
Gold BMW
White Mercedes G-Wagon

SYNOPSIS: On Thursday, 11/18/21 at approximately 10:30pm, two vehicles drove onto the field in Brand Park and vandalized the South field. One vehicle was a gold BMW, and the other vehicle was a white Mercedes G-Wagon. The vehicles exited through the Western Ave. park exit after causing over \$4,000 in damage to the turf and underground irrigation system.

Anyone with information that can assist with the investigation is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Department at 818-548-4911.

If you wish to remain anonymous, call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP," or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

NEW BOARDING
DOG~CAT

BIG TUJUNGA
Veterinary Hospital

**spacious new boarding kennels
& air conditioned runs**

6934 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042 • (818) 352-6085

CBD STORE
in **MONTROSE**

818 369-7070 | 2490 Honolulu Ave.
(right down the street from Trader Joe's)

CBD
COMFORT ZONE

CBDComfortzone.com

Don't Wait 'Til
Black Friday
BOGO SALE
Starts Today

Buy 1 / Get 50% off 2nd item
Mention this ad for discount

Happy Thanksgiving

The
Chiropractic
Place

NEW CLIENT SPECIAL!

Dr. Brian Miller D.C. and the friendly team at The Chiropractic Place in Montrose provide chiropractic, nutrition and natural healing arts to target your unique needs. Whether you are suffering from back pain, neck pain, headaches or even just plain old muscular tightness and tension, you can benefit from the services offered at The Chiropractic Place:

- Chiropractic Care
- Lifestyle Advice
- Nutritional Counseling
- Advanced Lab Testing

You may need pain relief after suffering from an accident, experiencing an injury, or have a specific condition such as carpal tunnel syndrome, migraines, or neuropathy; even if you just want to improve your overall health, Dr. Miller can help you achieve your wellness goals!

Free consultation!

Dr. Brian Miller D.C.
The Chiropractic Place

2235 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose, CA 91020
(818) 249-2300

Visit our Facebook page tomorrow for

Feel Good ★
fridays

...an upbeat way to end the week!

Let us share your Feel Good videos, too!
Submissions need to be 30 seconds or less. Send to robin@cvweekly.com and visit our Facebook page at Crescenta Valley Weekly or website www.cvweekly.com

CV Sheriff's Station Deputies Arrest Burglary Suspect

By Mary O'KEEFE

For the second time in one week video evidence from a resident was the critical component of a burglary arrest in the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

According to a Crescenta Valley Station press release, on Nov. 19 deputies responded to a report of a burglary in progress about 6 p.m. in the 200 block of Baptiste Way. The homeowner reported seeing via a home security system

a suspect on the property. The suspect reportedly left the location on a bicycle.

Deputy Leon, according to the statement, responded and found a person matching the description that had been shared by the homeowner. The suspect was located on Alveo and Viro roads and was detained. After an investigation it appeared the suspect was the person seen on the video allegedly at the homeowner's property. The suspect had a warrant for his arrest

and was booked at the CV Station.

A working alarm system helped deputies on Nov. 14 when CV Sheriff's Station received two calls concerning burglary alarm activations at two separate homes in the 500 block of Inverness. The suspect who was allegedly involved in those two burglaries was arrested. *(For the entire story visit cvweekly.com "Deputies Catch La Cañada Flintridge Burglary Suspect" or the printed article in the Nov. 18 issue of CVW.)*

Burglary Suspect Arrested Near Hansen Dam

By Mary O'KEEFE

After days of searching, the Los Angeles Police Dept. captured an armed suspect who was wanted for allegedly burglarizing several locations in the Sunland-Tujunga and Shadow Hills areas. The suspect is alleged to have been responsible for several burglaries in the area occurring over the last month.

On Nov. 17 the suspect, who matched the description of a male prowler in the area, was arrested in thick brush near Hansen Dam. The search for the suspect involved the LAPD K9 Unit. The suspect was injured during the arrest and was taken to the hospital to be

treated for a dog bite.

The suspect, identified as Benjamin Renteria, 25, is allegedly responsible for several burglaries and appears to be the man caught on many of the security cameras at some of the locations. Images shared on social media showed the suspect carrying weapons, including what appeared to be an assault rifle and hunting rifle.

"In October and November 2021, predominantly during evening hours, the suspect [allegedly] has been committing residential and commercial burglaries in the areas of Shadow Hills and Sun Valley. The suspect has been observed on video carrying various types of firearms including handguns,

bolt-action rifles and an AR-15-type rifle. All the locations have been adjacent to open areas and hillsides [where] the suspect has moved around," according to a Nov. 17 LAPD release prior to his capture.

On Nov. 15 the suspect was seen attempting to break into a building of the LA Dept. of Water and Power in Sunland-Tujunga. LAPD arrived at the location and searched the area but did not find the suspect.

The suspect is being held on \$640,000 bail. He is charged with 17 counts including felon in possession of a firearm, assault with a deadly weapon and multiple burglaries.

GPD REPORTS

Five Arrests Made for Vehicle Theft

On Nov. 16 just after midnight, officers assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau located a stolen vehicle traveling on the 600 block of North Central Avenue. Officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop and spoke to the driver, 39-year-old Jack Julfayan of Glendale. Julfayan was subsequently arrested and booked for vehicle theft.

On Nov. 13 just after 2 p.m., an officer assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau located a stolen vehicle parked near the intersection of Chevy Chase and Harvey drives. Assisting officers arrived and the vehicle was running with a male, later identified as 51-year-old Raymee Smith (transient), inside. Smith was arrested and booked for vehicle theft.

On Nov. 1 just after 1 a.m., an officer assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau was traveling along the 900 block of East Colorado Street when s/he noticed a vehicle make an illegal right turn into a parking lot with no rear license plate. The officer initiated a traffic stop and contacted the driver, 21-year-old Raymundo Lizarraga of Los Angeles. Assisting officers arrived and, utilizing departmental resources, officers learned the vehicle had been reported stolen

just a few days prior. Lizarraga was subsequently arrested for vehicle theft.

On Oct. 30 at approximately 1:30 p.m., an officer assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau located a stolen vehicle traveling near the intersection of Glenoaks Boulevard and Pacific Avenue. Assisting officers arrived and initiated a high-risk traffic stop. Officers contacted the driver, 29-year-old Mordean Holmes of Los Angeles, and passenger, 29-year-old Matthew Bell of Los Angeles. A vehicle search produced a glass pipe with a bulbous end and methamphetamine residue, access cards, mail and other personal identifying information belonging to other individuals, and an arrow key. During the investigation, officers learned that Bell was on active parole. Holmes was arrested for vehicle theft and grand theft. Bell was arrested and booked for vehicle theft and a violation of his parole.

Stolen Vehicle and Ghost Gun Found - Two Arrested

On Nov. 16 at approximately 8:30 p.m., an officer assigned to Glendale PD's Patrol Bureau located a stolen vehicle in a motel parking lot on the 1500 block of East Colorado Street. Assisting units arrived and

officers learned what room in the motel the vehicle was associated. The officers attempted a door knock on the room and a phone call, but ultimately had to use the vehicle's PA system in order to get the occupants of the room to exit. After two announcements, 22-year-old Stephanie Garcia of Los Angeles exited the room and, after a third announcement, 30-year-old Luis Hernandez (transient) exited.

A search of the room produced a ghost gun and a magazine inside of a ripped mattress, three methamphetamine pipes, a baggie containing methamphetamine and a coin purse containing a large denomination of cash and an identification card, Social Security card, and access card belonging to another individual.

Throughout the investigation, officers learned that Hernandez is a convicted felon on active probation and had a non-local no-bail warrant out for his arrest.

Ultimately, Hernandez was arrested and booked for being an ex-felon with a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon, possessing ammunition when prohibited, possessing a controlled substance while armed, vehicle theft, identity theft and his outstanding warrant. Garcia was arrested and booked for possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Local Families Benefit from Turkey Drive

State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (at right holding box) from La Cañada partnered with the Automobile Club of Southern California and the City of Glendale to provide support for families during this holiday season. The Thanksgiving Turkey Drive took place on Monday, Nov. 22 at Pacific Park Picnic Shelters in Glendale.

"I am excited to join the Automobile Club of Southern California and the City of Glendale for this wonderful charitable event and help coordinate this effort," said Senator Portantino. "Local families have been hit hard since the start of the pandemic and making these donations are more important than ever. There are so many people in need and it is great to help provide much needed resources throughout our community."

"AAA is proud to partner with Senator Portantino to help those in need celebrate Thanksgiving this year," said Marianne Kim, Senior Public Affairs specialist with the Auto Club. "This event is an important part of the holiday season as these donations make a significant positive impact for our communities."

"We were happy to join forces and collaborate with Senator Portantino and his office to make this event possible. The City and its Community Services & Parks Dept. provide various programs year-round that serve all families throughout the city. The Turkey Drive was yet another way for the City to share its resources with the community and provide the centerpiece for the upcoming holiday meal. We wish our community a safe and enjoyable holiday season," added Glendale Mayor Paula Devine.

The joint effort resulted in the distribution of 200 turkeys to local nonprofits and families.



Everything to decorate your home for

The Holidays

HOLIDAY HOUSE Interiors

2234 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose
(818) 330-7100
holidayhouseinteriors.com
IG: holidayhouseinteriors

GENERAC

Prepare for power outages with a Generac home standby generator

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!
855-993-4644

FREE
7-Year Extended Warranty*
A \$695 Value!

Limited Time Offer - Call for Details

Special Financing Available
Subject to Credit Approval

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.

Woman Arrested in DIY Home Center Burglary

By Mary O'KEEFE

A woman was arrested Tuesday morning about 6 a.m. by Los Angeles Police Dept. at the DIY Home Center in Tujunga after ramming her vehicle into the front door of the building then entering the store.

DIY Home Center, located in the 6300 block of Foothill Boulevard, was not open for business at the time of the burglary.

The female suspect hit the door of the business with her car knocking the whole door down, said Capt. Johnny Smith, LAPD Foothill division.

Karen Baron, DIY Home Center's operation manager, received the alarm activation call about 5 a.m. on Tuesday. She went to the store and saw a white vehicle near the front door of the building. She called LAPD 9-1-1, reported the burglary in progress and was able to get the vehicle's license plate information. She then parked in the parking lot and waited for LAPD to arrive.

"[The suspect] came out of the store and just stood next to the car," Baron said.

The suspect didn't seem to be in any hurry or to leave; she just stood around for a while and then went back into the store, Baron added.

"LAPD got here really fast and officers went into the store," she said.

By this time another store manager arrived at the location. She was able to access the store cameras and saw that the suspect was hiding in the manager's office. She had apparently pulled one of the desks to block the door; however, officers were able to find her and take her into custody without incident.

DIY Home Center employees quickly repaired the front doors, which were lying on the ground inside the store, and they were open for business as usual.



Photo courtesy of Karen BARON

Entry doors that were breached after a car rammed into them lie on the ground inside the DIY Home Center.

BREAKING NEWS!

Now delivering to Burbank/Toluca Lake!

Vendome	10600	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Wells Fargo	10225	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Mailbox Toluca Lake	10153 1/2	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Sharky's	10119	Riverside Dr, Burbank
UPS Store	10061	Riverside Dr, Burbank
US Bank	10100	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Honeybaked Ham	10106	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Trader Joes	10130	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Patys Restaurant	10001	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Something Vegan	10000	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Garry Marshall Theatre	4252	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Bob's Big Boy	4211	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Priscilla's Coffee	4150	Riverside Dr, Burbank
Smokehouse Restaurant	4420	Lakeside Dr, Toluca Lake

CRESCENTA VALLEY WEEKLY
THE FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Now in Burbank and... Toluca Lake

3800 La Crescenta Ave., #206 • La Crescenta, CA 91214
(818) 248-2740 www.cvweekly.com

Got Good Food?

Call
818.248.2740 for advertising info.

Organizations Continue to Provide Help to Those in Need

By Mary O'KEEFE

Thanksgiving has traditionally been a time to donate to local food banks and this year is no different as there is a growing number of people who are in need of food assistance. Although these numbers have had a steady increase the need rose dramatically during the pandemic. That need is still present for many families that are struggling to recover in the wake of COVID-19.

Several organizations have held food drives and are helping individuals and families however they can.

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada/La Crescenta AM provided over 17,000 pounds of food over the last year (September 2020 thru August 2021) to those in the local commu-

nity who would otherwise go hungry.

This service dates back to 1993 when the Kiwanis Club started delivering food to the less fortunate. Over the years, this service has expanded to 365 days a year. Thanks to sponsors, Kiwanis volunteers collect and deliver food to non-profit organizations to help those in need. Those organizations include Salvation Army Men's Residence in Pasadena, Foothill Unity Food Bank, Friends In Deed in Pasadena, Bailey Human Care Center in Tujunga, St. Bede's Skidettes (where lunches are made and delivered to Las Familias and St. Francis Center in downtown LA), and Door of Hope in Pasadena.

Anyone who has two hours a month to help continue this worth-

while project can call and leave a message at (818) 645-0968.

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club recently collected large bags and boxes of dried goods that were donated to the Bailey Human Care Center to help support their Thanksgiving outreach efforts. The Bailey Center feeds over 1,000 individuals weekly.

The Crescenta Valley High School robotics team 589 has held regular food drives for the Bailey Center over the last several months.

The Bailey Human Care Center is a food bank and a free community outreach program of the Tujunga United Methodist Church. It has been providing services to the local community since 1981 and is an entirely volunteer-run organization. Its food cupboard provides emergency food services for homeless and low-income families and individuals.



Photo provided the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada/La Crescenta AM Cindy Bradford (left) and Rosemary Hook gather food for the Kiwanis food drive to distribute to those in need.

The Bailey Human Care Center is located at 9901 Tujunga Canyon. The Bailey Center is currently in desperate need of food with an extreme need for spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned vegetables and soup. Also needed are paper bags. Items can be dropped off at CV United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose

Ave. (call beforehand [818] 249-6173), or at the office of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 (after hours bags can be left at the bottom of the stairs in the lobby or outside the office doors) or contact the Bailey Human Care Center at (818) 352-1481 for drop off days and times.



Dave Silversparre
(818) 212-6293
 dsilversparre@hotmail.com

**Piano Entertainment,
 Private Parties, and
 Lessons**

WHITE FRIDAY from Cover



Photo provided by the MSPA

The community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to help Glendale firefighters fill their vintage, holiday-decorated fire engine. Toys that are collected will be distributed to underserved children in the community.

the annual "snow" will not be provided by snow machines this year because it attracts a crowd that doesn't disperse, snow can still be found in the form of projected images onto nearby buildings.

Mayor Paula Devine will do the honors of lighting the tree at 6:15 p.m. following a community sing along at 6 p.m. Complimentary horse-drawn trolley rides, handled pony rides for kids, live music and Santa Claus will be available every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Dec. 19. Santa will also make an appearance during the tree lighting and be present to take photos with families until 7:30 p.m.

"Folks are invited and encouraged to 'Shop and Dine Montrose' after the festivities," Dawson said. "We hope the community will come out to get some fresh air and have some outdoor fun to begin the holiday season."

White Friday celebrations will be followed by Small Business Saturday on Nov. 27.

Small Business Saturday was created during the 2010 recession by American Express as a day that encourages consumers to shop at small businesses during the busy holiday season. The movement emphasizes the goal of reminding consumers that they play a key role in helping the small business-

es in their communities thrive.

Rather than supporting big-box retailers, SBS is a day to offer support to local businesses that are especially hurting after the COVID-19 pandemic last year forced closures of many business doors. Nearly 40% of small businesses remain closed even still, making them the hardest-hit sector of the economy amid the pandemic.

Montrose's Spinning Wheel of Fortune will be located at the Vietnam War Memorial at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The wheel will feature shopping park coupons, discounts and giveaways. Those who participate in SBS and shop small earn a spin on the wheel when they present a receipt from any MSP business dated Nov. 27.

Gail Mishkin, event coordinator at Flintridge Bookstore, said they have long been supporters of Small Business Saturday and hold an SBS event each year to kick off the holiday shopping season and connect with their neighbors in the process.

There will be many authors and artists making appearances at the bookstore throughout the day to meet the people of the community and sign their works. A poetry reading is scheduled for 2 p.m. and giveaways and raffles will be avail-

able to those who stop by.

"Ultimately we're just happy and thankful to be here and for the great support of our community," Mishkin said. "The community has continued to be very supportive throughout the pandemic and this [event] is our way of saying thank you and giving something back."

Once Upon A Time bookstore will similarly be celebrating SBS and extending its appreciation of the community's support over the decades by hosting several local authors throughout the day. Award-winning illustrator Cátia Chien will be present offering original drawings of pets in customers' copies of "The Longest Letsgoboy" by Derick Wilder - visitors just need to come prepared with an image of their furry loved ones.

Storeowner Maureen Palacios said she has seen an increase in people "shopping small" over the last several years and hopes for the support to continue. She said the store will be offering its own wheel of fortune for children to play and win various prizes.

"It's just going to be a day of fun," Palacios said. "We want more people to come to Montrose and, of course, 'shop small' and support the community. We want to do what we can to support them in return."



Optum doctors will see you now

Welcoming new patients

Siran Sirop, MD
 Specialty: Family medicine
 Languages: English, Arabic, Armenian

Optum-Verdugo clinic
 1808 Verdugo Blvd., #305
 Glendale, CA 91208

Call to schedule your appointment today.
1-818-790-1103, TTY 711

We accept a variety of health insurance plans.

© 2021 Optum, Inc. All rights reserved. 5126106 212959-082021




AAA & the Glendale Police Department team up!



ETCH & CATCH

Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention

Wednesday, 12/8/21 10:00am-3:00pm

A-Certified @ 6545 San Fernando Rd, Glendale
 Advanced Auto Repair @ 900 S Central Ave, Glendale
 Campbell's Automotive & Repair Service @ 3840 Foothill Bl, Glendale
 RPM Automotive Repair @ 130 N Verdugo Rd #A, Glendale

Must Register @ Signupgenius.com
 Search for: vkaribyan@glendaleca.gov
 or click on the link in the comments

Space is Limited

Contact the Glendale Police Department - Community Relations Team if you have any questions @ 818-548-4015

In an effort to deter and catch thieves and track stolen catalytic converters, the Glendale Police Department has teamed up with AAA. Community members can have their license plate number etched onto their catalytic converter, FREE OF CHARGE.

PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CATALYTIC CONVERTER WILL NOT BE STOLEN, NOR IS IT A GUARANTEE OF RECOVERY

SMOKE HOUSE

Holiday celebrations large or small, here at the Smoke House we welcome all...

The Smoke House offers two banquet facilities seating 40 or 70 guests. Additionally, its 500+ seating capacity offers guests a variety of options from a fireplace setting to its informal lounge, all peppered with classic red leather booths and crisp white tablecloths.



Choose from our extensive menu offerings.

“Every year, around Christmas, we reunite for a Cordova St. Boys dinner at the Smoke House, the swankiest jointing Burbank.” – Ron Howard, excerpted from “The Boys”

Join us during the holidays (and every day), where every diner is treated like a star!

**Make reservations/order online: www.smokehouse1946.com
4420 Lakeside Dr., Burbank • 818.845.3731**

The Montrose Shopping Park IS CELEBRATING THIS WEEKEND!

SHOP MONTROSE on WHITE FRIDAY, NOV. 26TH!

THESE MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK BUSINESSES WILL PAY YOUR SALES TAX ON WHITE FRIDAY:

MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS, IT TAKES A VILLAGE KIDS, MOUNTAIN ROSE GIFTS, ONCE UPON A TIME BOOKSTORE, REVELATION TOPS, TWIGS & THINGS, HOLIDAY HOUSE INTERIORS, THAT’S DARLING, THE TIME MACHINE, COPY NETWORK AND MORE...JUST ASK!

GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL “CRAM-A-CLASSIC TOY DRIVE” - BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY for the UNDERSERVED CHILDREN of our COMMUNITY!

SATURDAY, NOV. 27TH IS “SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY” COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS...

BRING YOUR RECEIPTS TO THE SPINNING WHEEL at HONOLULU & OCEAN VIEW to WIN GREAT PRIZES 11am TO 3pm

many businesses open late!

This Friday & Saturday, Nov. 26-27th

Our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at 5:30, Tree Lighting at 6:15!



VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Cabin Boy on the Mayflower II

My good friend Art Cobery recently told me the story of his cousin Joe Meany who signed on as cabin boy on a Mayflower replica back in 1957. It's not a local history story per se, but it's a good story for the Thanksgiving holiday. And it was featured on the front page of the Crescenta Valley Ledger in March 1957.

Art hails originally from Massachusetts where some of his family still resides. In 1957, his cousin Joe Meany was a high school senior in Waltham, Massachusetts. He was a brilliant kid but his family was not wealthy enough to fund college tuition. Joe was trying to pad his resume, anything to angle for a scholarship. He entered an essay contest put on by the National Boys Club, not really thinking much about the fact that a first-place win also got him a spot as cabin boy on the Mayflower II. Joe won, and decided to accept the adventure, despite having no

sailing experience.

The Mayflower II was the brainchild of Warwick Charlton, an English newspaper reporter on the front lines of WWII in North Africa. He was impressed with the bonds England and America formed during the war, and decided to create a tangible symbol of that bond by building a replica of the Pilgrims' vessel, the Mayflower, recreating the voyage and gifting the ship to the U.S.

The replica ship set sail from England with 33 crewmembers in May 1957. All the crewmen were English save for one American, 17-year-old Joe Meany. The original Mayflower was a big, unwieldy cargo ship, probably unsuited for a trans-Atlantic crossing, and the replica was just the same – top-heavy and rolling in the swells. Poor Joe, having never sailed before, was seasick for the first week-and-a-half. But he then adjusted and took on a wide variety of jobs, pulling lines

and climbing the rigging, besides washing the crew's dishes.

A highlight for Joe came mid-ocean. Joe had left school before graduation for this adventure. The crew, hearing of this, staged a mock graduation ceremony for the boy. A bed sheet was his gown and part of a mop was his graduation tassel. The captain presented him with his diploma, signed by King Neptune.

The ship was becalmed for days and the crew swam in the warm ocean that was as calm as a swimming pool. By contrast they rode out a major storm when the crew simply took in all the sails and "battened down the hatches." After 57 days the Mayflower II sailed into Plymouth Harbor. Joe was greeted with a huge surprise. During the trip, a Notre Dame alum worked with the famed college to present Joe Meany with a full scholarship. Joe became an electrical engineer, settled down in Waltham and married his high

school sweetheart.

A couple of fun facts about the Mayflower II voyage: There was a stowaway! A tiny black-and-white kitten named Felix was smuggled onboard just before the ship left England. It fell to Joe Meany to care for the tiny cat. Felix was fearless and used up three of its nine lives. He was swept overboard and saved; tangled high in the rigging and fell to the deck; and was accidently stepped on in the dark. He went home with Joe and lived happily ever after with the family of Joe's girlfriend.

Another fun fact: The crew threw four messages in bottles into the ocean, signed by the crew and with a paw-print from Felix. One was retrieved in Norway, another in the Bahamas and the other two – who knows? But in 2012, one of the messages surfaced at a flea market in Florida unidentified by the seller. Someone suspected what it was

and contacted Joe to verify it was genuine. They bought it and donated it to the museum in Plymouth.

According to Art, his cousin Joe Meany was a regular visitor to the Mayflower II moored at Plymouth and treated as a guest of honor. But Joe never went to sea again. Joe reportedly said it was a great adventure but he "wouldn't do it again for a million dollars!"



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

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

Biden's Build Back Better Plan Will Cut Costs and Help Families

Twelve months ago, we were lunging toward a third wave in the COVID-19 pandemic. Hospitals were overwhelmed as families said goodbye over the phone to their loved ones. Parents – especially mothers – were working nonstop to juggle their children's distance learning with their own careers. Small businesses were straining under the weight of ever-changing consumer behavior that threatened to close their doors for good. And many others were looking for work, unable to find it.

The pandemic alone was not the cause of the chaos. Rather,

COVID-19 was a shock to a system that was already in desperate need of repair because, for decades, our country has neglected to invest properly in its people, to ensure that the economy was working for every family and to give everyone the opportunity to succeed.

So when Joe Biden and congressional Democrats swept into office, we came with a simple promise: to build America back better. We are well on our way toward delivering on that promise – and Californians stand to gain more than ever.

Earlier this month, President Biden signed a historic bipartisan

infrastructure package into law to fix the problems we can see in our everyday lives. As you read this, tens of billions of dollars are being prepared just for California alone. Californians are going to get their roads repaired and their buses and trains upgraded. They're going to get high-speed internet, no matter where they live, and drinking water free of chemicals and lead. And as we improve our infrastructure, we will speed the delivery of goods, address the supply chain problems and help tamp down inflation.

Our communities will see modernized ports and airports. Parents will be able to send

their children to school on electric school buses – and worry less about what they're breathing on the way there. We'll see a nationwide network of electric vehicle chargers to help make EVs more accessible for all. Our state will receive resources to help it be better prepared for wildfires, drought and other extreme weather events fueled by climate change.

But it is not enough to invest in our infrastructure. We must invest in the people who use it as well. And last week, the House took a monumental step by passing the Build Back Better Act. With this bill, families will

have access to universal pre-kindergarten. Seniors will save on prescription drugs, health insurance and hearing aids, putting important downward pressure on prices. More people will have access to rental and down payment assistance that will ease the state's crippling affordable housing crisis. People will be able to take paid family and medical leave to care for their loved ones. They'll breathe healthier air and put less toward their utility bills thanks to clean energy like wind and solar across the state. And we'll begin to fight the worst impacts of the climate crisis (though much more will remain to be done.)

Most importantly, thanks to both of these bills, Californians are going to keep hard-earned money in their pockets – money they've had to spend on daycare and home care, insulin and asthma inhalers, car maintenance and home repairs. More help for families and workers – right when they need it most.

Now the Senate must immediately pass the Build Back Better Act and send it to President Biden's desk. The benefits of this bill will reverberate through our communities for generations: thriving families, a booming economy, a safer planet and a renewed promise of the California Dream.

We have come a long way in the last 12 months, but we still have so much more to be done. Half of the country's children who live in poverty have been lifted out of poverty – but half remain, hungry and in need. So let us finish the job we started and give a new generation a new deal, worthy of the name and its proud legacy.

IT'S COLLEGE APPLICATION SEASON!



Expert one-on-one College, University and Law School Admissions Counseling
from local professionals, each with more than a decade of experience in admissions and recruitment at US News & World Report Top-50 ranked Colleges and Universities

We've presented on admission and application best practices at:



And helped students successfully gain admission to both public and private schools such as:



Services include counseling on selection, application, drafting, document review, timeline management, scholarship negotiation, and more.

Call or email today to schedule a free consultation
415-889-9762 or Justin@FoothillsAdmissions.com
or visit www.FoothillsAdmissions.com

Mention this ad for a 10% discount
PLUS we'll donate 10% to the Prom Plus Regional Scholarship Fund

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

Are you at risk for stroke or cardiovascular disease?

Screenings are easy, painless and non-invasive.

Call Life Line Screening at
866-368-7918

Special Offer for Readers
5 screening
package for
\$149





Incredible Care Every Step of the Way

At USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, we're committed to providing exceptional care for you and your family. Our outstanding Keck Medicine of USC and community physicians work together to deliver a superior experience during your entire care journey. From patient navigators who provide guidance and education to innovative treatments and therapies across a broad range of specialties, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Learn More

(818) 790-7100

USCVHH.org/carejourney

USC Verdugo
Hills Hospital
Keck Medicine of **USC**

YOUTH



COMMUNITY LIFE PRESENTS
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 PERFORMANCES
 DECEMBER 9TH-12TH | 7:30PM
 CALL 818.249.5832 OR VISIT
WWW.MADEFORCOMMUNITY.COM/CHRISTMAS
 TO GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

CVWD's CANNED FOOD DRIVE

CVWD will be conducting a Canned Food Drive through the holidays to help those in need by replenishing stock at several food banks and charities in the area including:

Valley Food Bank

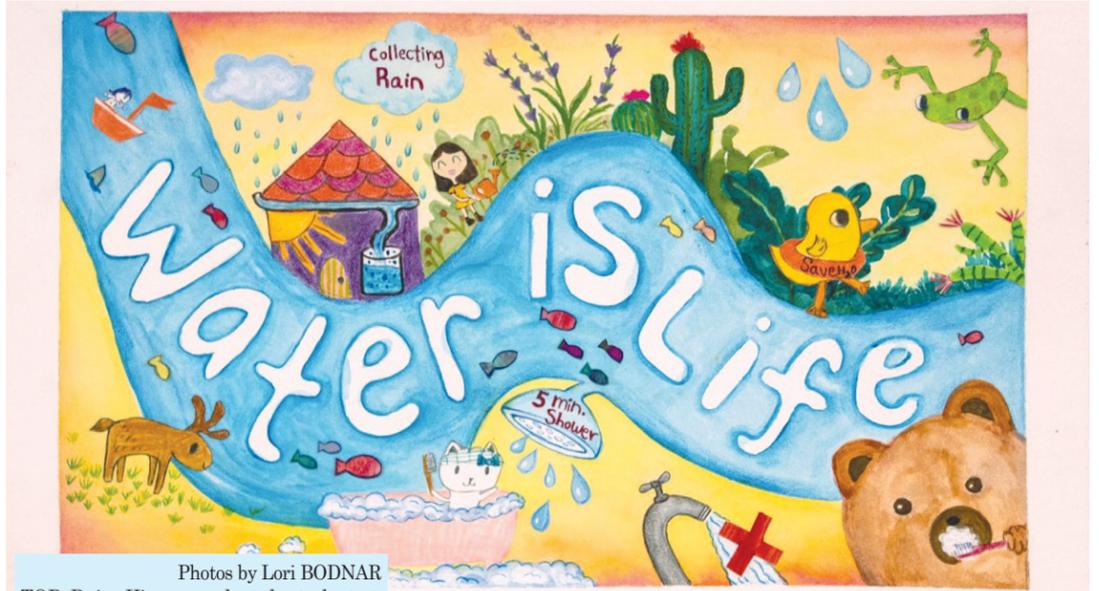
WAYS TO DONATE:

DROP OFF
 You can bring your non-perishable food donations to us at the main office:
**2700 Foothill Blvd.
 La Crescenta, CA 91214**

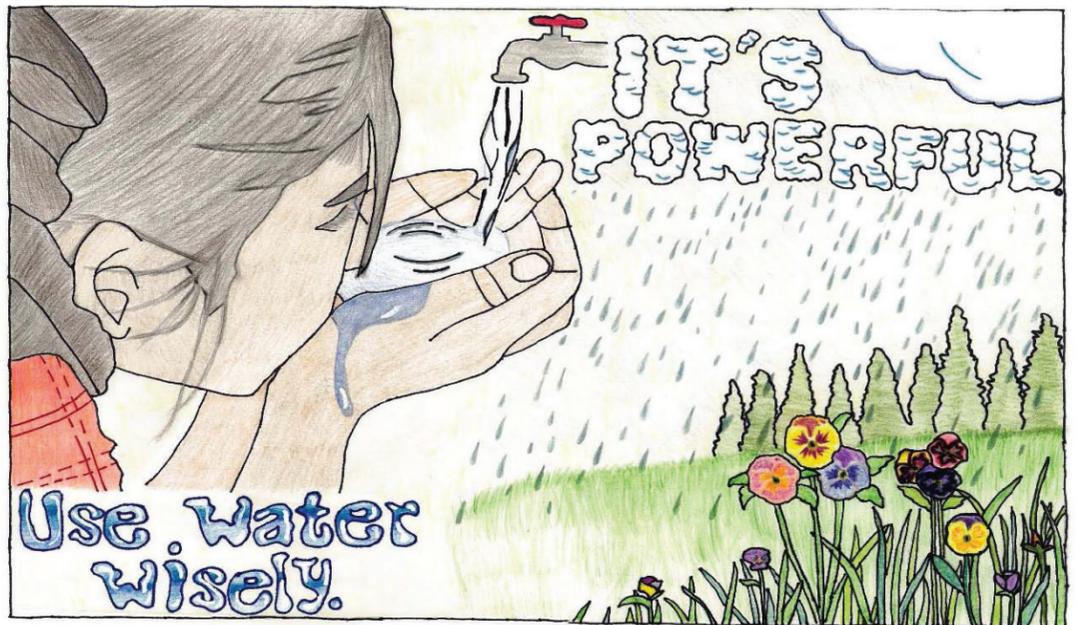
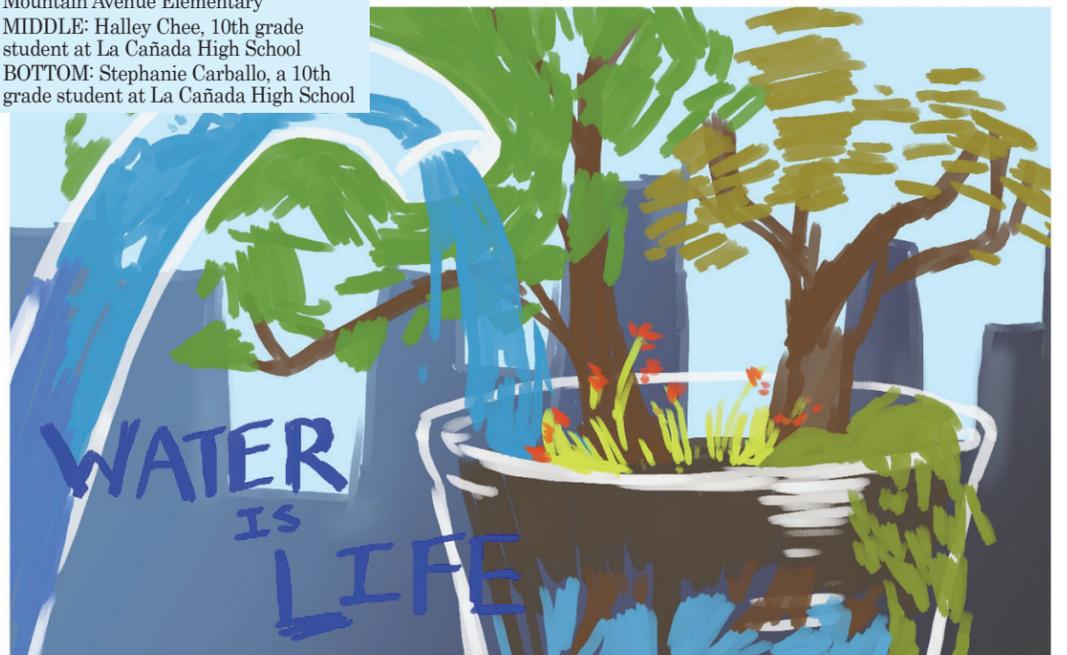
CONTACTLESS DOORSTEP COLLECTION

- Sign-up online to schedule a pick-up date
- Pick-up Dates: December 7th and 21st
- Time: Place cans on doorstep by 9:00 a.m. on the day of your appointment. Cans will be picked up before 3:00 p.m.

'Water is Life' Student Art Calendar Winners



Photos by Lori BODNAR
 TOP: Daisy Kim, second grade student at Mountain Avenue Elementary
 MIDDLE: Halley Chee, 10th grade student at La Cañada High School
 BOTTOM: Stephanie Carballo, a 10th grade student at La Cañada High School



Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) announced the artwork of three students from the District's service area that will be included in the 2022 Metropolitan Water District "Water is Life" Student Art Calendar. The artworks are amongst 37 featured in the calendar submitted from six counties in Southern California. Twenty-six water agencies throughout Southern California participated in the art contest with hundreds of submissions.

The local students are as follows by grade level: Daisy Kim, second grade, Mountain Avenue Elementary School; Stephanie Carballo, 10th grade, La Cañada High School and Hailey Chee, 10th

grade, La Cañada High School. The theme of the 2022 Student Art Calendar Contest, "Water is Life," relates to the stewardship and conservation of water. This means protecting water resources for future generations through conservation and education.

"The Art Contest is an important way for students to be come aware of water as a precious resource that should not be wasted," said FMWD President Richard Atwater.

To further promote water use efficiency, Metropolitan Water District has expanded water conservation programs to provide an additional \$5.5 million to install high efficiency toilets in older apartments buildings and

\$1.5 million additional funding for direct installation of water-efficient devices for income qualified customers.

For additional information on rebates, visit SocialWaterSmart.com or contact Michael Le at (818) 790-4036 or mle@fmwd.com.

Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Liberty Utilities (formerly Mesa Crest Water Company), Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.

SPORTS

Falcons' Cross-Country Races into State Finals



Photos by Rob Evans

ABOVE: CVHS Boys Cross Country Members Bryce Bitetti, Rowan Fitzgerald, Max Ruiz, Parker Simmons, Jamie Cartnal, Luke Cheney, and Leo Bentivegna will compete for the State Championship this weekend in Fresno -

BELOW: CVHS Girls Cross Country Runners Reese Zion, Rebecca Doherty, Taili Sherwood-Kong, Ava Martin, Emma Haworth, Paloma Elfassi, and Annabelle Tanner hold the Pacific League Championship Plaque - Photo Courtesy Rob Evans
CVHS Girls Cross Country Runners Reese Zion, Rebecca Doherty, Taili Sherwood-Kong, Ava Martin, Emma Haworth, Paloma Elfassi, and Annabelle Tanner hold the Pacific League Championship Plaque - Photo Courtesy Rob Evans



By Justin HAGER

“There’s nowhere I’d rather be the weekend after Thanksgiving than Fresno,” said Rob Evans, coach of the Crescenta Valley High School Falcons’ cross-country team, a smile on his face. The surprising statement became clear once he explained that Fresno is home to the annual CIF High School Cross-Country State Championships where the Falcon boys will compete for top honors this upcoming weekend.

The boys entered the southern section finals last weekend ranked fourth in their division and finished fourth in the meet behind an outstanding performance from senior Rowan Fitzgerald who finished ninth overall and was named to First Team All-CIF Honors. Teammate Parker Simmons finished 18th with Max Ruiz, Luke Cheney and Bryce Bitetti also delivering excellent times to give the team a shot at the

state title.

“It was a really hard race and to get fourth place was really impressive,” said Evans. “Each team has its own personality from year-to-year, but they all work hard and have maintained the same level of success.”

This weekend will mark the boys’ fourth straight appearance in the CIF state finals, following the canceled 2020 season due to COVID.

The girls’ squad also turned in an impressive performance at the southern section finals. Reese Zion finished 26th leading the team to 11th place overall. Unfortunately, only the top seven teams move on to the state championship.

Evans explained that 11th place was a victory nonetheless.

“Our girls team is a combination of seniors who had their season last year interrupted by COVID, who were put together with a rotating group of largely freshman and sophomores running in their first competitive season,” said Evans.

“They ran a competitive race and are definitely starting to see themselves as a dominant team that belongs in the competition with other dominant teams in the region. Now they just have to realize it over the next 12 months. It was fun to watch them compete.”

Fortunately, more than half of the team is set to return next year, including standout junior Annabelle Taylor.

“Our athletes are so proud to represent our community and our school,” said Evans. “They run the streets in anonymity, but are truly outstanding athletes who work hard to represent our school and community with respect and pride.”

The Falcons compete for the state championship on Saturday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. at Woodward Park in Fresno. The state meet is open to the public with \$10 tickets available online only. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit https://www.cifstate.org/sports/cross_country/champ_info/index.

ELECT
Frida Baghdassarian
FOR
CV TOWN COUNCIL

Together let's preserve
our community's character!

Election is on Friday, December 10, 6-8 PM & Saturday December 11, 9-5 PM
St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta
Absentee Ballot Requests due by Dec. 3rd

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
REPAIRS • NEW INSTALLS**

Gilmore Heating & Air Conditioning has been proudly serving the La Crescenta, La Canada, Glendale, Burbank, Tujunga, Pasadena, and surrounding areas since 1977. We strive to maintain our long running tradition of excellent customer service.

- EPA certified
- Sales, service, and installation
- Senior citizen discounts
- All work guaranteed
- Service all makes and models
- Fully licensed and insured
- Family-owned and operated

\$50 off

Use Coupon Code: MPsocial50 for \$50 off your service

Ca License 254678

818-248-8128

Voted the Finest 6 years in a row! Serving our community since 1977

830 W DORAN ST. GLENDALE, CA 91203

WWW.GILMOREAIRCONDITIONING.COM

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Members Recognized at Annual Meeting

Because the Assistance League Glendale annual meeting was canceled for the last couple of years, many of the members from previous years were honored at the Nov. 9 meeting.

ALG VP Membership Linelle Vincenti announced the milestone awards for the day's honorees. Members who were present received flowers from Rayma Halloran. Those recognized for 2019 were Rita Turkmany (10 years of service), Kathy Prosser (20 years), Danette Erickson (20 years) and Marnie Morrison (30 years).

From 2020, Karin Jonke was recognized for 10 years of service, Karen Saunders (10 years), Pat Spencer (10 years) and Margaret Hammond (20 years).

ALG VP Education Rayma Halloran then presented the Ada Laughlin Edwards Award. She first gave a brief background of the history of the Assistance League and the meaning of this highest award that is rarely given. Recipient Sunny Wheeler was

presented flowers by Halloran and her name was added to a plaque for the Ada Laughlin Edwards Award.

Wheeler has served for 50 years as an active member of ALG including once being on the national board.

She comes from a farm in Illinois. Her father was a livestock trader until he died leaving Wheeler's mother to raise five kids ranging in age 3 to 13.

Wheeler earned a full ride scholarship to University of Illinois graduating in home economics. She met her husband while in college, he a pre med student during the war trained by the military who never wanted to be a doctor.

Wheeler has always been active in community service as is her daughter Pat Rabe and her daughter Christina. Christina was president of Assisteens while Pat, with her math ability, taught the league's SAT seminars.

Wheeler was known for her high-end gowns and one year was even named "Best Dressed in Glendale."



Sunny, surrounded by her daughter Pat Rabe and son-in-law Jim, was gifted an engraved clock from Linelle Vincenti for her 50 years of membership.

She has six grandchildren – all who ask her anything knowing she will have the answers.

Looking ahead, the ALG

Christmas party will be on Dec. 5 at Oakmont Country Club.

President Carol Svatora is available to answer any ALG-

related questions; call her at (586) 202-8764 for more info about ALG or Thrift Alley.

USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR AGING

» DR. ADRIA E. NAVARRO

Thankful for Family Caregivers

November is National Family Caregiver Month, a time to recognize and honor family caregivers and an opportunity to raise awareness of caregiving issues, educate communities and increase support for caregivers. So many of us, whether we realize it or not, are caregivers. A National Caregiver Alliance report noted that 53 million Americans provided unpaid assistance with daily living for medical needs to an adult or a child with special needs in 2020 – the majority of whom also juggled a job or other responsibilities.

Wearing many hats can take its toll. One spouse in his late 80s recently told me, "Well, she's high maintenance these days, repeating questions and wanting me to be nearby. She needs my attention 24/7 now." With a chuckle he added, "I am glad I'm still capable, that I can do this for her."

Resilience and a sense of purpose are common among family caregivers. My hope is that as a community we continue to elevate dementia caregiving as a public health priority.

The Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) recently had the opportunity to support an initiative of the Caregiver Action Network by distributing 500 of its Caregiver Comfort Bags (containing a fleece blanket and a Starbucks card) to local organizations that work to support family caregivers including Alzheimer's Los Angeles, Huntington Senior Care Network, Solheim Lutheran Homes, Sparr Heights Community Center, USC-VHH's Stepping Stones Intensive Outpatient Behavioral Health Program and the USC Family Caregiver Support Center. Sometimes it's the little things that



go a long way to showing a caregiver how important and valuable they are.

These efforts have me reflecting and feeling grateful to have helped launch the CRCA this past year during such a unique time in our collective journey. CRCA opened in October 2020 to connect older adults and their family caregivers to a broad array of home and community-based resources including meal and medication deliveries, finding safe transportation and even learning how to use Zoom. Taking a whole person and individualized approach, the CRCA recognizes that the supports needed in one season of caregiving usually ebbs into new needs as the caregiving journey is ever-changing. For example, an adult day care program may no longer be enough help for around the clock care, sometimes hiring

help or a long-term care facility is needed.

The evolution of CRCA has us growing and refining our efforts to support and improve the quality of life for older adults and their families in the Foothills. With appreciation for the partnerships, your donations and the support of the Navigage Foundation, efforts are underway to better serve our region's diverse neighborhoods. We are looking forward to bringing on two additional resource specialists at CRCA in the new year!

The current Navigating Dementia Zoom Series will wrap up with Technology Tools for Caregivers on Dec. 21 from 3-4 p.m. Please register or connect to discuss your situation by calling (818) 949-4033 or emailing Adria.Navarro@med.usc.edu.

LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DISCOVERING CHRISTMAS



COULD YOU USE A LITTLE MORE HOPE IN YOUR LIFE?
HOW ABOUT PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE?

GOOD NEWS! YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT
LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON AS WE EXPLORE
THE THEMES OF ADVENT— HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND
LOVE— EVERY SUNDAY BETWEEN THANKSGIVING
AND CHRISTMAS.

WE WOULD ALSO LOVE TO SEE YOU AT OUR MAJOR
CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

"MONDAY@JOJO'S" OUTDOOR CONCERT, DEC. 3 @ 6:30PM

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DECEMBER 17 AT
7:30PM WITH FULL ORCHESTRA

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24 AT 5PM
WITH LIVE NATIVITY ANIMALS!

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT LCPC.NET — (818) 249-6137
2902 MONTROSE AVE, LA CRESCENTA, CA, 91214

YMCA of the Foothills Receives Donation from Citizens Business Bank



Marilyn Anderson from Citizens Business Bank (CBB) presented a donation check for \$15,000 to Vince Iuculano, CEO of YMCA of the Foothills, on Nov. 9 in the Samuelson Chapel at the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA to support the nonprofit's chaplain services and mission advancement.

"Our shared work in providing access and opportunity to underserved and under-resourced populations in the foothill region through early childhood education, youth, teen and family programming for low-

median income households has positively impacted the lives of countless people," said Iuculano.

Since 2012 the partnership between Citizen Business Bank and the YMCA has been one fueled with passion for making a positive impact on youth and the community. CBB helped the YMCA of the Foothills obtain critical financial support from various programs throughout the pandemic. This donation further supports and impacts the shared mission.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Selling In A Divorce

Dear Phyllis,

After fifteen years of marriage my wife and I are getting divorced. The decree stated that she and the children could remain in the home until my youngest son graduated high school, which he did in June. We further agreed that we would both submit three real estate agents to each other and then agree on one. I submitted three agents and so did she. To make matters simple, I agreed to one of the Realtors on her list. This agent agreed to front some expenses to repair damage that she, the children, and the pets had done to the home. Although she has rented another home, and the children have all moved out, she won't move. My ex-wife is now unhappy with the Realtor she wanted. This Realtor has advised us that we can't proceed with refinishing hardwood floors and some other miscellaneous repairs until my ex-wife, and the pets are gone. I am anxious that we sell while the market is still a seller's market. Selling in a divorce is far from simple. Each time I consult with my attorney it's another \$500. I just wonder if you

have come across a similar situation and if you have any suggestions.

Trying to move on

Dear Trying,

Thanks for your question. Over my career, I have sold many homes due to divorce. I understand that this has been a long process for both of you and using the attorneys as a mediator is both costly and time consuming.

You don't mention whether you and your ex-wife are on speaking terms. Consider offering to pay her moving expenses if she agrees to be out by a certain date. If you aren't on speaking terms, perhaps your real estate agent will act as a go-between to negotiate her expense-free timely move. This isn't necessarily fair to you, but by the time you pay attorneys and account for possible court appearances to get her out it may make sense. And if she agrees, you can both move on.

I wish you success in a timely sale!



Phyllis Harb

Realtor® | DRE# 008487500

(818) 790-7325

PhyllisHarbandco.com

www.HarbandCo.com



GLOBAL LUXURY



COLDWELL BANKER HALLMARK REALTY

CommonSpirit Health Southern California Division Announces Appointment of Ron Yolo as Division Chief Nursing Officer

CommonSpirit Health's newly expanded Southern California Division announced the appointment of Ron Yolo, DNP, MSN, MBA, RN as chief nursing officer (CNO) of the newly formed Southern California Division. In his new role as CNO, Yolo will support the division's 18 Dignity Health hospitals in reaching their overarching goals related to safety, quality, population health, patient experience and employee engagement.



"Ron Yolo has committed his career to nursing excellence and will be a tremendous asset to the Southern California Division team," stated Julie Sprengel, president and CEO, CommonSpirit Health's Southern California Division. "His strong approach to nursing leadership and his dedication to improving

quality, safety and experience for every patient will further ensure all of our clinical care teams are supported."

Yolo began his career as a nursing assistant at St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach in 1999. During his 22-year tenure, Yolo proved himself as an effective leader and

see RON YOLO on page 23

Veterans Corner November 2021 Congressional Bills To Keep An Eye On

By Blake HYFIELD

H.R. 4575: Veteran Peer Specialist Act of 2021 would amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018 to expand the peer specialist support program of VA to all its medical centers.

"Peer specialists play a vital role at VA in assisting their fellow veterans who also struggle with mental illness, chronic pain and substance abuse disorders," said The American Legion. Studies have shown that peer support is mutually beneficial for those experiencing transitions, mental health crises and readjustment issues, and that peer specialists are better at sympathizing with fellow veterans.

"The work of (peer specialists) is critical now more than ever," continued The American Legion. "Just this past month, September 2021, the Pentagon reported military suicides had increased by 16%."

This act would establish an additional 25 medical centers per year over the course of five years until the program is available at each VA medical center. Priority would go to medical

centers in rural areas, areas that are not near a military installation and those representing different geographic locations.

"By increasing the number of VA medical centers that have (peer specialists), more veterans will have access to the health-care resources they have rightfully earned and may urgently need," concluded The American Legion in support of H.R. 4575.

Another piece of legislation is focused on breast cancer treatment for veterans.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women under the age of 40. According to a VA study published in 2021, female cases of breast cancer tripled between 1995 and 2012. Oncologists at the Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center conducted a study that showed between 1975 and 2010 male breast cancer diagnoses had increased by 26%.

"Women who have served in the military are 20% to 40% more likely to develop breast cancer than women who have never served," said subcommittee Chairwoman Julia Brownley, D-Calif. "It is therefore critical that VA ensure

all veterans have access to prompt, high-quality breast imaging services to detect breast cancer early and access to genetic testing to identify individual breast cancer risk."

H.R. 4794: Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act would require VA to submit a strategic plan to Congress for improving breast imaging services to veterans and expand access to more modern technologies. This includes a three-year pilot program that would provide tele-mammography services for veterans who live in states where VA does not offer breast imaging services. These statistics indicate early detection is critical in the treatment and prevention of breast cancer.

"Ensuring veterans have timely access to mammography services will facilitate early diagnosis, increase treatment options and improve survival chances for a veteran population with a significantly higher risk of breast cancer," wrote The American Legion.

Blake Hyfield is the post service officer for the local VFW and American Legion posts. He can be reached at bhpegleg@yahoo.com.

Got Good Food?

Call

818.248.2740 for advertising info.

Available sizes: 2x2, 2x4 or 4x4.

Discover Aldik Home

Los Angeles' Most Magical Christmas Store For 70 Years



HURRY IN TO SAVE
40% OFF
*LA's Best Artificial
Christmas Trees!*

TRAVEL & LEISURE

Violinist Nancy Roth and Pianist Lorenzo Sanchez to Perform for Glendale Noon Concerts

The next streamed Glendale Noon Concerts will be on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 12:10 p.m.

Violinist Nancy Roth and pianist Lorenzo Sanchez will perform works by Sergei Prokofiev and Domingo Lobato on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

More info about the program and artists, the link to the stream, and news on upcoming concerts will be found can be found at <http://glendalenoconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Nancy Roth, violinist (and violist), is currently concertmaster of the Culver City Symphony and Marina del Rey Summer Symphony. She is also concertmaster of the Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay and a member of the Pasadena Symphony. She is a former member of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, was co-principal violist of the Graz Philharmonic in Austria, and served many years as concertmaster of the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Carson-Dominguez Hills Symphony. Roth has been a featured soloist with numerous Southern California orchestras including the Culver City Symphony, Carson Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Southland Symphony Orchestra, Valley Symphony and Rio Hondo Symphony. She has given recitals and radio broadcasts in the United States, Austria and Mexico, and she is currently a member of the new music group "TEMPO" based at California State University Northridge. Roth is a member of the String Family Players (quintet), which performs educational programs for the Music Center On Tour, and has been on the faculty of the Max Aronoff Viola Institute Summer Music Festival. She has played baroque violin and viols with James Tyler in the London Early Music Group and Los Angeles Musica Viva.

Roth holds a Bachelor of Music degree from CSUN,



a Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California.

Lorenzo Sánchez, pianist, has enjoyed interpreting music of a variety of styles and nationalities in the United States, Mexico and Europe. Lorenzo premiered Robert Guillory's Concertino for Piano and Orchestra. His interest in Polish music led to him giving several lecture-performances at the Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles. He has performed for African-American composer George Walker and Japanese composer Mitsuru Asaka in Hawaii. He has played for several choirs touring Italy, The Vatican, and several Filipino community celebration masses at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Los Angeles. Looking toward his own heritage, Sánchez has edited and helped publish piano works by Mexican composer Domingo Lobato. He has recorded two CDs of Lobato's solo piano works and recently released a CD with clarinetist Virginia Figueiredo. All of his recordings are available on iTunes, Amazon, Spotify and others. Unfortunately, the global pandemic caused the cancellation of concert appearances in Brazil and Mexico this year.

Sánchez holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California.

What's Cooking

Your Local guide to good food!

November 25th Specials!



PEPE'S
MEXICAN RESTAURANT
We deliver!
and CANTINA

2272 Honolulu Ave, Montrose
(818) 248-6622
www.pepesmontrose.com

UberEats • DoorDash
Postmates • Grub Hub

We are now fully open for indoor and outdoor dining!



Sunday Champagne Brunch

— OPEN —
Monday - Sunday
11am - 9pm

THEN & NOW

Kona Kai
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » In the '60s, the Kona Kai was a very popular restaurant on Foothill Boulevard. Owned by Vince Dundee, the restaurant's décor had a Polynesian, or "tiki," theme. It featured fishnets, bamboo matting, pier posts, anchor chains and lots and lots of lava rock. In the late '70s the building became a short-lived disco, and then burned to the ground (Disco Inferno?) and has been an empty lot ever since.



Now » The lot, located in the 3000 block of Foothill between Office Depot and the Shell gas station, has been the once-a-year home of a Christmas tree lot, although this year the tree lot is down the street. If you look closely, you can still find the decades' old signpost for Kona Kai out front, surrounded by a (you guessed it) lava rock border.

Let Gourmet a go go Cater Your Next Party or Event!

CV Weekly
The Finest 2018

CV Weekly
The Finest 2019

GOURMET a go go
Fresh Food Fast

GOURMET a go go
Fresh Food Fast
Voted Finest Caterer 2019

Gourmet a go go
YMCA Cafe
1930 Foothill Blvd. #A
La Cañada Flintridge
818 331-2002
Gourmetagogoonline.com

THE CROW'S NEST
SPORTS GRILLE

Live Music!
Wine Down
Wednesday
6pm - 9pm

Catch the **NCAA**, the **NBA** and all the **NFL** games on our big screens!

CV Weekly The Finest 2015

CV Weekly The Finest 2017

CV Weekly The Finest 2019

THE CROW'S NEST
FAMILY RESTAURANT
7279 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, CA 91042
(818) 353-0852 or
www.thecrowstestsg.com
Sun - Thurs 7am to 10pm Fri - Sat 7am to 11pm

Alissa's Oceanview BAR & GRILL

COME SEE OUR NEW LOOK!



Visit our website at **DineOV.com**

for our extended summer hours!

3826 Ocean View Blvd. 818 248-2722



JUST FOR FUN

CALENDAR this

FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

On Saturday, Nov. 27 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (weather-permitting), Flintridge Bookstore hosts special events for Small Business Saturday including author meet and greets and book signings, poetry readings, guest artists and more. To keep everyone as safe as possible during COVID times, most of Flintridge Bookstore's activities are outside this year, but the doors are also open for in-store shopping. Masks are required inside.

A full calendar is planned; learn more at www.flintridgebookstore.com.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge, at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Beulah Drive.

MONDAY@JOJO'S COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD BANK

The community is invited to kick off their Christmas celebrations with a special holiday performance at La

Crescenta Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday@JoJos, a local all-women's ensemble, will perform their own pop, jazzy, swingin' take on holiday classics.

The holiday performance was canceled last year because of COVID.

In the spirit of the holiday season, admission is free; however, it is requested that guests bring some canned goods or a grocery gift card to be distributed at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church and the Bailey Human Care Center in Tujunga.

This event will be held safely outdoors in the courtyard and there is ample parking in the Church parking lot.

Monday@JoJos is a 501c3 non-profit organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Bolton Hall Museum welcomes the Randy Van Horne Singers again this year for its 2021 annual holiday party. The program, led by Sunland-Tujunga's own songstress and mistress of ceremonies

Franny McCartney, entertains with a new and unique selection of holiday songs. Visitors are invited to participate in a Christmas carol sing-along and drawings for great prizes.

The festivities take place at Bolton Hall Museum on Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga

Note: Per LA City requirements, masks and proof of COVID-19 vaccination are required for entry to Bolton Hall Museum.

LCWC PLANS DECEMBER EVENTS

In December the La Crescenta Woman's Club will have a Santa drive-through event. "Be With Santa" gives the children in our community the chance to enjoy a chance to see Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"Be With Santa" takes place on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse at 4004 La Crescenta Ave. This is a free event!

Additionally, members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club will hand-deliver festive poinsettia plants to local "special someones" in time for the holidays! Gift recipients will enjoy this special delivery of a 6" potted poinsettia plant bursting with color at a cost of only \$30 to the gift-giver, which includes delivery.

Deliveries will take place Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4.

Flyers with more information can be found at www.cvweekly.com/JUSTFORFUN. Visit the website: www.lacrescentawomansclub.org.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at cls74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

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

FreeDailyCrosswords.com

Copyright (c)2014 freedailycrosswords.com

Edited by Timothy Parker

ACROSS

- 1) Grounded faster-than-sound airplanes
- 5) Tightly drawn, like a rope
- 9) Ship's sail holders
- 14) Owl's sound
- 15) As well
- 16) Academy Award statuette
- 17) Surrounding light
- 18) Knotted
- 19) Russian rulers of the past (Var.)
- 20) Inventors of the airplane
- 23) Boxing great
- 24) Tee preceder
- 25) Dignified calm
- 29) Give weapons to
- 31) Grain storage structure
- 35) One of the Titans
- 36) Opposite of "Yup"
- 38) B.A. or Ph.D. (Abbr.)
- 39) Inventor of vulcanized rubber
- 43) Mom's dinner order
- 44) Confederate Gen. Robert
- 45) Final resting place
- 46) Winter's white flakes
- 48) Actor Kilmer
- 49) Fails to hit
- 50) Friend, in French
- 52) Catch sight of
- 53) Inventor of the reaper
- 61) Inhabit a house, in a way
- 62) Be visibly elated
- 63) Dull pain
- 64) Land in the Thames
- 65) Steak order, sometimes
- 66) Ill-tempered
- 67) Bits of bravery
- 68) Begged for a citation
- 69) Tallies

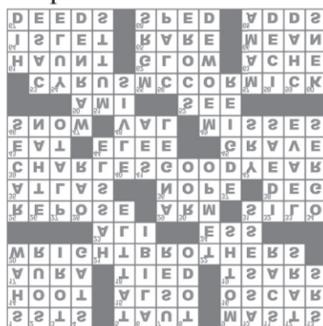
DOWN

- 1) Playwright George Bernard
- 2) Lemony
- 3) TV actress Spelling
- 4) Male deer
- 5) Tell on someone
- 6) Wrongdoer's excuse
- 7) ___-friendly
- 8) Commotion
- 9) Butterflies' cousins
- 10) Evaluate
- 11) Sign of an old injury
- 12) Pea jacket wearers
- 13) This year's graduates (Abbr.)
- 21) Annoyance
- 22) Allegro or andante
- 25) Pennant quests
- 26) Actor Hawke
- 27) Ancient Greek philosopher
- 28) Rowboat paddle
- 29) Cherub
- 30) Kanga's little one
- 32) Brilliant thoughts or concepts
- 33) Depart
- 34) Fairy-tale baddies
- 37) More nervously irritable
- 40) Presley or Costello
- 41) Mediterranean or Caribbean
- 42) Century parts (Abbr.)
- 47) Alerted to danger
- 49) Caterwauled
- 51) Dog registry rejects
- 52) Twenty of something
- 53) Twenty-four cans
- 54) Holiday time
- 55) Baseball teams' leaders (Abbr.)
- 56) Applaud
- 57) One of the three bears
- 58) Finished a cake
- 59) Paper ballot shred
- 60) Kesey and Burns
- 61) Put under wraps

INVENTIVE

By Bill Bobb

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14				15				16					
17				18				19					
20				21				22					
			23					24					
25	26	27	28			29	30		31	32	33	34	
35						36			37		38		
39					40	41				42			
43				44						45			
46			47		48					49			
			50	51				52					
	53	54				55	56			57	58	59	60
61						62				63			
64						65					66		
67						68					69		



WWW.CVWEEKLY.COM

CONTACT US

Robin Goldsworthy
Robin@CVWeekly.com
 818.248.2740
 Publisher/Editor

Rachelle Miller
Rachelle@CVWeekly.com
 818.248.2740
 Office Manager

Lisa Stanners
Lisa@CVWeekly.com
 818.523.1234
 La Cañada
 Montrose

Sonya Marquez
Sonya@CVWeekly.com
 818.381.2000
 La Crescenta
 Sunland-Tujunga

Chuck Holler
Chuck@CVWeekly.com
 818.468.2956
 Glendale

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

A Ticketmaster refund tragedy that's worthy of an opera

When Ticketmaster tells Elena Constantinescu that her opera has been canceled, it promises a refund. But the money never comes. Where is it?

Q In February 2020, I used my Visa card to purchase three tickets to "Rigoletto" through Ticketmaster. I paid \$315 for the tickets. But the event was postponed because of COVID.

In early 2021, Ticketmaster informed me that the event had been canceled, and it promised to refund the money to my credit card. But I never received it. Can you help me get my money back?—Elena Constantinescu, Tamarac, Florida

A Yours is a tragedy worthy of a Verdi opera. The pandemic! The promise! And the unfulfilled vow! But this should have had a decidedly un-operatic ending, at least not one like "Rigoletto." Ticketmaster

should have refunded your money quickly, as it promised. That's more of a Hollywood ending, and we like those here, too.

I've seen a few cases like this with slow refunds for events that are postponed (some indefinitely). The organizers don't want to refund your money, even though they should. Instead they keep you hanging, telling you that you will get tickets when the show gets rescheduled. The terms and conditions are pretty murky. No one ever reads the fine print when buying a concert ticket because they have every intention of making it to the show.

But was Ticketmaster really trying to keep your money? You could have reached out to an executive at Ticketmaster with

your concern. I list the names, numbers and emails of the Ticketmaster executives on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

I reviewed the correspondence between you and Ticketmaster. It looked as if Ticketmaster claimed to have refunded your tickets but the funds hadn't landed in your account. I recommended that you check with your bank to see if it could find the refund. Separately, I also reached out to Ticketmaster to see if it could provide any details of your refund.

And here's that Hollywood ending though I really can't take credit for it: Your bank checked your account and, sure enough, Ticketmaster had refunded you as promised. Why couldn't you

find it? Ticketmaster posted the refund in early February but it didn't show up in your account until a few days later. After you found it, you dropped your claim against the company.

Ticketmaster did what it promised. The curtain falls on

this case!

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>
© 2021 Christopher Elliott

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com November 22, 2021 - November 28, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

The cosmos could bring a period of eating comfort foods as you wrestle with some issues. Stop yourself before you indulge too much. Be aware of what you're eating. Are you stuffing your feelings down with food to numb yourself to whatever is going on in your life? It helps to face up to problems. At the very least, doing so will probably help you lose weight.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It might be time to take a break and unwind. You've been living on your nerves more than usual lately and it's taking a toll. You're so eager to make progress that you'd rather run yourself into the ground than give up. More effort isn't necessarily better, especially where your health is concerned. Pace yourself for the very best results.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Heed the call of the wild and take a vacation. You need the chance to get some rest and relaxation, especially since you've been working so hard on your projects. Take a complete break and leave work behind. Don't keep checking your phone every five minutes. Enjoy the healing world of nature instead.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The cosmos brings everything into the open, including symptoms that may have lain dormant. If your health appears to be suffering, get checked out for peace of mind and then take the chance to relax. Refuse to be stressed by the inevitable challenges that come your way. Enjoy a long soak in the bath. You'll be back on track in a few days.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You might feel ill even if you can't pinpoint what's actually wrong. You're open to the energies and emotions of those around you. You might feel their headaches or stomach pains before they do. You pick up on their unsettled energies. Try and spend some time alone to detach. Get back in touch with your own energy field.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The cosmos is encouraging you to reflect on how you're doing with your health. You might want to ask your partner to work out with you so you can offer mutual support. Talk to people who can encourage you to get into peak fitness. Gather any information you need. Now is the time to make a start.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It's time to get outside more, especially if you've been stuck in the office or your job is sedentary. The cosmos is signaling that this is your chance to walk in nature, explore your environment, and rediscover your muscles. You might feel like participating in a competitive sport.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You might be moved to explore new ideas and theories about all aspects of health and wellness. There's always something new to learn. You might serendipitously find a book that contains some important information. It could revolutionize how you feel. You'll know it when you see it. Trust your intuition. Joining online groups and forums may also prove helpful.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You might be caught up in habitual patterns that are so ingrained and rigid that it could be difficult to change them. On the plus side, if you create healthy habits and practice them for three weeks or more, you're likely to stick with them for life. It's time to accentuate the positive and play down the negative.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You could be on a roller-coaster ride this week as far as your health goes. The cosmos could bring tensions to the surface and cause fatigue. It might be time to invest in some supplements to ensure that you're getting all the vitamins and minerals you need. It's a good time to purchase any other health aids, too.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Expect latent symptoms to come to the surface, now. Medical offices could be extra busy, indicating that other people feel the vibe as well. Rest more than usual and try not to worry too much, since it doesn't help. Eating healthfully and getting plenty of sleep and fresh air will work wonders.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may have an intuition about what to do in order to feel and stay well. The cosmos could bring some unexpected information that gives you a new lease on life. It could come through an interesting coincidence in which you meet someone who has resolved the same issue you have. Listen to what this person says. If the information applies to you, try it!

PET OF THE WEEK

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com

to share your lovable pets with the community!



CRESCENTA VALLEY WEEKLY

THE FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Home Delivery Subscription Only \$65 A Year! Sign Up Today and \$10 Goes to a Local School or Non Profit

Subscribe to receive home delivery of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, The Foothills communities most read and loved newspaper, delivered to your front door every Thursday morning!

Sign up now and your local public school or local non-profit will receive \$10 out of your \$65 yearly paid subscription.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: CA Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Information: Check #: _____ (make check payable to Crescenta Valley Weekly)

Credit Card #: _____

Name on Card: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Check your school or non-profit to receive \$10

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dunsmore Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Fremont Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> La Crescenta Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Monte Vista Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Ave. Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valley View Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosemont Middle School | <input type="checkbox"/> Clark Magnet High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crescent Valley High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Local (501c3) Non Profit: _____ | |

RELIGION

Question: Even though her father and I thought we took precautions to avoid COVID, our youngest daughter, age 7, became very ill with the virus. She was in the hospital and on a ventilator. We're not certain where she became infected. Praise God she is well and at home after a month of treatment.

Now we're being very careful and observing every single suggested protocol. We are from a large family that is planning to get together at my brother's house for Thanksgiving. I told him we're not taking any chances because, in addition to ourselves, we have two other children to protect. Although he understands, his wife is making an issue of our not being there with the rest of the family.

What does it take for people to understand this virus is dangerous and often lethal? My sister-in-law and I have had a great relationship until now. I'm feeling so unsettled. I love to be with my family—just not this time and probably not Christmas—after all we've been through. Is there anything I can say to my sister-in-law to help her understand the seriousness of the situation?

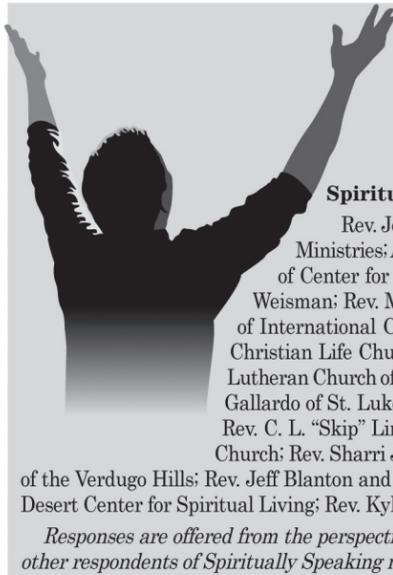
~ Rather Safe Than Sorry

Dear Rather Safe Than Sorry,
First, I echo your gratitude that your daughter is well after her illness. We experience so much powerlessness when our kids are sick, especially when they are hospitalized. I share your caution regarding COVID-19; my family has made it a priority to protect ourselves and our community by following the safeguards.

When my wife and I were expecting our first child, I had a heart-to-heart with my mother-in-law. I would not bring my daughter to her home if she continued to smoke. She would be welcome to visit, but no smoking while at our home either (inside or out). Thankfully, she spent the months leading up to the birth to kick the habit.

Strangely too many people want immunity from the implications of their choices. Mask and vaccine mandates are designed to allow us to return to public gatherings. If you do not want to get vaccinated or wear a mask—for whatever reason—then you shouldn't return to public gatherings. Frustratingly, it is our most vulnerable populations that are at greatest risk of this sort of selfish behavior.

I think a first step is to share in



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking Participants

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson, RScP; Laney Clevenger-White, RScP and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Rev. Dr. Ellen Contente of Global Truth Center; Pastor Scott Peterson of Lutheran Church of the Foothills; Rev. Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church; Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Community Life Church; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church.

Responses are offered from the perspective of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

the sense of loss your sister-in-law is feeling: "I am going to miss being with you, too, but after our experience in the hospital we just don't want to take the risk." Hopefully your empathy with her will be returned.

Second, suggest alternatives that might best replicate the joy of gathering together. Zoom is one way, but maybe there can be a shared recipe that is made or an online game that everyone can play (think Jackbox or boardgamearena.com).

Finally, spell out the implications of choices that are being made. You can honor the choice of people to not be vaccinated or take the pandemic seriously—they should honor the implication of social isolation that comes with it. My hope would be that, like my mother-in-law, people choose the health and safety of themselves and those they love over winning some minor battle in a culture war.

However your situation resolves itself, I hope that you are able to find cause to be thankful during this season and enjoy the company of those you love, even if it is at a distance.

like taking ivermectin (commonly used to treat infections in animals). I hope you mean wearing masks at congregant locations and having the whole family vaccinated, even your 7-year-old when she is six months past her COVID bout.

Now about Thanksgiving. You have every right to assert your judgment and protect your family. It is terribly disruptive to family traditions and relationships to skip holidays that everyone expects to share. However, certainly your sister-in-law knows about the over 700,000 souls we have lost in our country to this dreadful virus. This is a factor that overrides your sister-in-law's feelings. Sometimes, in spite of tender feelings, we all must do the things we know are correct for our family. As you know only too well because of the terrible time your daughter had, the virus does not respect feelings or opinions. COVID does what it does without your consent or objection. Tell her that. Tell her that it doesn't matter how much you would wish to come as usual but you must keep the physical health and well-being of those you are responsible for above all other considerations and you look forward to returning to normal traditions as soon as it is safe for your family.

You asked a very good question: "What does it take for people to understand this virus is dangerous and often lethal?" Some people don't get it and, apparently, they never will. You must follow what your conscious dictates to you. Try Zoom or Facetime to include your extended family.

Stay healthy and safe.

drugs, but the talks aren't working either. I'm told to let him hit "rock bottom" but my fear is that means he may die.

Is there anything I can do to get him on the right track and enjoy a drug-free life?

~ My Brother's Keeper

Dear My Brother's Keeper,

You are not alone; many are struggling with loved ones who seem headed for an early death due to substance abuse. You certainly have a realistic concern.

Despite being 50 years since then-President Nixon declared the war on drugs a recent headline noted 100,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S. in a 12-month period. And it's not just alcohol, tobacco, illegal street drugs and misused prescriptions that kill Americans. A CNN article reports the United States has just recorded its highest increase in rates of homicide in modern history, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Plus refined sugar, animal fat and excessive salt in our diets, along with lack of exercise, are also shortening lives.

What might be causing all this self-destructive behavior? Some obvious possibilities are depression and anxiety caused by climate change, COVID-19 social isolation, increased awareness of uncomfortable truths about the genocidal origins of our nation, too much emphasis on material acquisitions, and a contentious, violence-filled political scene.

Every individual is unique. People in your brother's generation lack opportunities and resources taken for granted by those of us in earlier generations.

How can you help your brother in his quest to be clean and sober? Some have found success in treatment facilities and/or with clergy offering counseling; others with psychologists, psychiatrists and family therapists, faith-based and secular 12 step programs, and non and for profit organizations. But as his history demonstrates, results are mixed.

There's another approach in Johann Hari's "Chasing the Scream" published in 2015, which argues that addiction stems from lack of human connection and the war on drugs approach made things much worse. The film "The United States vs. Billie Holiday," based on the book, vividly illustrates the flaws in our criminal justice system.

see RELIGION on next page

RELIGION SERVICE DIRECTORY

Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta
"Where it is our dream to help you build and manifest your dreams!"

4845 Dunsmore Ave.
La Crescenta, CA 91214
(818) 249-1045
Celebration Service Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.


COMMUNITY LIFE
WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAYS @ 10AM
OFFICE HOURS
MON - THURS: 9AM - 3PM
4441 LA CRESCENTA AVE.
818-249-5832
WWW.MADEFORCOMMUNITY.COM

Light on the Corner Church

Pastor Jon Karn
1911 Waltonia Drive
Montrose
(818) 249-4806
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:45 a.m.
www.lightonthecorner.org

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

1700 Foothill Blvd.
La Cañada Flintridge
WORSHIP WITH US!
In Person and on YouTube
Sundays at 10 AM
on Facebook & our website during the week
www.lcfoothills.org / 818-790-1951

COME MEET US!

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church
Sundays
Gathering 9:30AM
Worship 10:00AM
Domingo Misa en Español a las 12:00PM
Sunday School and Child Care
All are Welcome
2563 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta
818-248-3639
http://stlukeslacrescenta.org/
www.facebook.com:
St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church

Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church

WORSHIP Sunday 10am
Childcare and Sunday School offered at 10am.
REVEREND DENYSE BARNES
2700 Montrose Ave
Montrose, CA 91020
www.cvumc.org


GETHESEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
COME JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY
Pastor Jim Edwards
2723 Orange Avenue,
La Crescenta, CA 91214
818-248-3738
www.glcmslc.org
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 9AM
Sunday service: 10AM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7PM

YOUR AD HERE



Rev. Kyle Sears
kylesears@lacanadachurch.org

Dear Rather Safe Than Sorry,
When you say you took precautions to avoid COVID, I noticed you did not say you were all vaccinated. Are you vaccinated? If that wasn't part of your precautionary protocol then you did not take the highly effective, excellent protocol that is readily available and free to all. Thank God your 7-year-old daughter is okay at this time!

Then when you say, "Now we're being very careful and observing every single suggested protocol," you still did not say, "Now we are all vaccinated." It seems to me that you are not vaccinated. I don't even know what you mean by "observing every single suggested protocol." If you and your children are not vaccinated then make no mistake and know that you have not followed "every single suggested protocol." I am hoping you haven't listened to the wrong suggested protocols,



Rabbi Janet Bieber
jbieber1155@aol.com

QI have a brother who has struggled with addiction since he was in his mid-teens and is now 29. He has been in and out of rehab facilities and always goes back to using drugs. Our parents have given up on him but I don't want to. I fear for his life because he has several friends who have died from overdosing. I've had several serious talks with him when he always promises to give up

RELIGION from previous page

With this in mind consider your brother's life. Why might he need to use? What pain could he be treating?

I think nutrition is important. Perhaps you can steer him toward more healthful eating. Exercise is also important. A walk outside without electronic devices in hand is good therapy. I think we need relief from the constant bombardment of all our senses by so many artificial means.

I applaud your kindness and willingness to help your brother and wish you the best outcome. I must also caution that you cannot do the work for him; go easy on yourself and be mindful of self care.



Sharon Weisman
sharon@jetcafe.org

Dear My Brother's Keeper,
The way you call yourself took me immediately to the same words in the book of Genesis when

Cain responded to God: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9) and I am happy to read that, unlike Cain, you feel in your heart that you are your brother's keeper. Because of your great love for him, you share the same fear that many people with loved ones with addictions fear: "to lose them to an overdose." You love your brother, you want him to stop using drugs, you have tried, and it seems that nothing is working. He has tried to change his behavior by going to rehab facilities and that has not worked either.

According to some experts in substance abuse, the change that constitutes recovery involves behavioral change but it must also involve transformation, which takes place much deeper within us. For example, the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous suggests not just changing behavior but maintaining a healthy spiritual condition on a daily basis. You listen to your brother and try to understand him and you pray for him, and yet you may still feel that persistent sense of inadequacy and uneasiness. I wonder if you have found your own keeper; have you? Your brother's recovery can be a long process and the negative impact on your own health, outlook and well-being can multiply over

time. To be able to continue helping him in the long run, it is important that you manage your stress, practice acceptance and maintain other interests and relationships, among other things, but above all it is important that you find your own keeper.

Talking to others who are facing similar challenges can help you find comfort, reassurance and new ways of coping, and help your brother. Have you considered joining a fellowship group for people like you who are trying to help a loved one with a drug addiction? One of those groups is Narcotics Anonymous and you can find more information about them at www.todayna.org

(<http://www.todayna.org/>). I invite you to reach out to them and talk to someone in hopes that you may find not only the support that you need (your keeper) but also ways to support your brother. You want to help your brother stop using drugs and, beyond that, it seems that you would like for him to transform his life and live the very best life that he was created to live.

I am grateful that you are in his life to help him realize that he is loved, and that he is not alone. You are the one who can understand what he is going through, talk to him about his drug abuse and support him on his recovery. You are your brother's keeper and I am

inviting you to find your own keeper so that you can continue supporting your brother on his journey while taking care of yourself.

You and your brother are in my prayers for practical solutions to manifest in your lives.



Rev. Antonio Gallardo
agallardo@stlukeslacrescenta.org

NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center. New interim pastor Chuck Bunnell will lead worship on this first Sunday of Advent with a sermon entitled "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" on Sunday on Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. The service will also be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel later in the week. Sunday School for grades one through four will start again on Dec. 5.

The church is hosting a blood drive on Dec. 2. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org.

The church is collecting non-perishable food and clean, gently used clothing to distribute to local people in need. Please bring the

items to the church office lobby during office hours (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Visit the church's website at lcifoothills.org for details on all of the events happening including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve.

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office via email at office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

Chanukah Festival Planned

Chabad of the Crescenta Valley will present Chanukah Festival 2021 featuring live entertainment, traditional Chanukah food, crafts, activities and more. It is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 29 at 4 p.m.

at Memorial Park in La Cañada Flintridge. Free to attend.

Walk and Word Returns

In November, participants will spend a few more days in Genesis and then return to mark where they left off in March 2020. The walk begins at 8 a.m. on Nov. 28.

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

At 8 a.m., participants will meet in the parking lot at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale. They will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the

Bob Smith TOYOTA

Celebrating
104 YEARS
IN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY!
18 years in Northern California and 87 years in Southern California Family owned and operated by 4 Generations.

Serving Southern California Since 1934
SALES • LEASING • PARTS • SERVICE
818-248-9363
3333 Foothill Blvd. La Crescenta, CA 91214
www.bobsmithtoyota.com

Bring in this ad when you purchase a vehicle from us and we will donate \$200 to your favorite school!
AD MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF PURCHASE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ב"ה

For the very first time in La Canada-Flintridge,
Chabad of the Crescenta Valley presents

CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

MUSIC
DONUTS
FACE PAINTING
LATKES
CRAFTS

SCAN TO RSVP!

MEMORIAL PARK LCF
MONDAY 11/29 AT 4 PM
FREE OF CHARGE

SPECIAL LED LIGHT
PERFORMANCE BY
SUPERBOT

GLLENDALE AREA SCHOOLS CREDIT UNION *Coming this December...*

GLLENDALE AREA SCHOOLS CREDIT UNION & CV WEEKLY PRESENTS

2021 Merry & Bright Holiday Self Guided Driving Tour

More information on how to add your house or business to the drive tour list coming soon.
To be a part of our tour email your house address to HollyWeen@cvweekly.com, or for sponsorship information call Rachele at the office (818) 248-2740.

CLASSIFIEDS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

CRESCENTA VALLEY WEEKLY IS READY FOR YOUR LEGAL NOTICES!

DBA'S

PROBATE NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT

CIVIL COURT NOTICES

NAME CHANGES

PUBLIC SALES/AUCTIONS

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

CIVIL SUMMONS

ESTATE ADMINISTRATORS

ESTATE SALES

CALL TODAY!
(818) 248-2740

LEGALS

PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS OR CITATION
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS OR CITATION
DEFENDANT: NORIK AVETISYAN, et al.
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: PATRICK O'CONNELL, GARY CROSSAN
CASE NUMBER: 21CV01985

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The name and address of the court is:
Santa Barbara - Anacapa
1100 Anacapa St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

The name, address and phone number of plaintiff's is: Nichole L. Bartlett, SBN 307221 David A. Richard, 128348 (805) 644-0808

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN COMPLAINT:
Order by Publication Filed: 10/27/2021
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
Darrel E. Parker, Executive Officer
5/19/2021 2:34 PM
By: Sasha Nasir, Deputy

SUMMONS shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2021.

EMPLOYMENT

STYLIST NEEDED FOR MONTROSE SALON!
Station for rent.
Plenty of parking; please call Cindy (818) 517-1286.

WANTED!
Senior citizen needs overnight and/or daytime assistance during the weekend. Call Susan at (909) 456-4562.

PART TIME JOB AVAILABLE!
Hiring a PT worker to help in office/warehouse. Cleaning, organizing, running errands, etc. \$15 an hour / 20 hours a week. Flexible hours (Mon-Sat morning or afternoon). Good driving record a must. Call (818) 957-8827.

FOR RENT

2-STORY COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE!
Great La Cañada location carpeted thru out. Perfect for boutique business or entrepreneur. 1760 sq. ft. Call (818) 521-3726.

FOR SALE

BUSINESS FOR SALE!
Locally owned family business for sale. 40-plus years serving the community. For details call (818) 951-9117.

HOME/GARDEN

YOU CALL WE HAUL! BEST HAULING!
Yard/Garage clean out!
Also offering pressure washing services, hot tub & large appliance removal.
Call Mario: (818) 426-3949

WHEN NATURE CALLS GET FALL FRESH!
Complete lawn & garden services.
• Mowing
• Edging
• Weed control
• Hedge shaping
• Stump removal
• Roto-tilling
• Hillside clearing
• Free estimates Contact Mr. Duarte: (818) 395-0103.

GENERAL CLEAN-UP AND HAULING
We do garage cleanups, appliance removal, trash removal. We haul away dirt, construction waste, yard waste. We sort and take it to a certified waste management facility to dispose of, recycle center or donation stores. Free estimates contact Mr. Duarte (818) 395-0103.

Want The Latest Community News?
Sign up for our CV Weekly E-Blast
Email info@cvweekly.com to receive an email with the latest community news.

NEEDED/WANTED

CRAFTERS/VENDORS NEEDED!
Join our Holiday Boutique and Breakfast with Santa at Our Lady of Lourdes Church/School. December 12 from 8 am-2 pm. A perfect event to sell your crafts! Call Denise at (818) 943-4351.

LIONEL TRAINS
Cash paid for your trains and toys. Also buy American Flyer and LGB. Call (626) 447-3775.

VINYL RECORDS WANTED
Cash for records, LPs, albums. Collections large or small. Most genres considered. Will come to you. Call Dom @ (310) 882-0936. Jazz, rock, soul, etc.!

SENIOR GENTLEMAN SEEKS ROOM
Quiet, responsible tenant, Ref. available. Can help w/errands, chores etc. in household. Call Donald for more info: (818) 445-6180.

WANTED!
Canceled passports or checks signed by famous persons. Call Talbert (818) 848-6469 between the hours of 4 pm and 10 pm.

• AUTOMOBILES • • HANDYMAN SERVICES • • HOME HELP • • HOME REPAIRS & SERVICES •

Automotive Services
Family owned business serving the community for 47 years.

Complete auto repair with ASE certified technicians

Bridgestone and Firestone
LA CANADA
818 790-1228 459 Foothill Blvd

Highly Skilled
HANDYMAN
Specialist in Difficult Work!
Expert Repairs
Expert Plumbing
Very Neat & Clean

All Phases of CARPENTRY, ELECTRICAL, MASONRY
32 Years Experience

Hartmann Construction
Fred 818-823-7187 Lic. #1027189

s Maids.com
We Clean Homes
One Time • Weekly • Monthly Service
Call for a free estimate!
818.248.2001

Fresh Aire Duct Cleaning
BREATHE CLEAN, HEALTHY AIR!
Family owned business for over 40 years!

Heating/AC Duct Cleaning
Sanitizing (EPA approved product, non-toxic)
Dryer Duct Cleaning
Servicing: Residential - Estates - Commercial
(818) 771-9397
ContactUs@freshaireductcleaning.com
www.FreshAireDuctCleaning.com
3436 N. Verdugo Rd, Glendale CA 91208 | Lic. #741607

Pinecrest Roofing
"TOP QUALITY WORK"
Serving The Foothills

- Composition Roofs
- Tile Roofs
- Flat Roofs
- Repairs
- Gutters
- Skylights

LIC. #564628

818-957-5238
FREE Estimates

• YOUR BUSINESS HERE • • HOME REPAIRS & SERVICES • • HOME REPAIRS & SERVICES •

WANTED!
YOUR BUSINESS
2X2 SERVICE
DIRECTORY
AD HERE!
Call TODAY @
(818) 248-2740

Mark's Lock + Key
818-430-5244
Lic #5481

Key Locks Alike • Lockouts • Residential
Commercial • Licensed - Bonded
LOCKSMITH SERVICE

BOB HUNTER'S Plumbing & Heating
818-249-8458

Large or Small Jobs Welcome!
Live and work in La Crescenta!
Locally owned and operated

CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE & CONSULTATION
SOLAR FOR LESS
818-951-1171

Jeremy's Electric Now Offering
Honest, Reliable, & Local
SOLAR SERVICE & INSTALLATION

- Energy Independent
- Predictable Cost
- Dependable Electricity
- Permitting
- Installation
- 25 Year Warranty

30 YEARS VETERAN OWNED & OPERATED
Jeremy's Electric
Lic. #978429
Financing Available

LIC # 879142

"From Concept to Completion"
FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION
General Contractors Inc.

Local and Family Owned
REMODELING ADDITIONS
DESIGN ENGINEERING
(818) 957-2494
WWW.FOOTHILLCONSTRUCTION.NET

• HOME REPAIRS/SERVICES • • POOL/SPA SERVICE • • PRINTING/GRAPHICS •

ALPHA STRUCTURAL INC.
Lic. #663409

#1 Design/Build Firm in LA County For Over 25 Years!

- Foundation Repair
- Structural Upgrades
- Landslide Repair
- Retaining Walls
- Earthquake Bolting
- Underpinning/Caissons

323-258-5482
info@alphastructural.com www.alphastructural.com
8334 Foothill Blvd, Sunland-Tujunga, CA 91040

LA CAÑADA AIR CONDITIONING INC.
FALL SPECIAL
Call us to have your system serviced!
www.lacanadaair.com
818.790.8000
License #536450 • Master Card and Visa Accepted

professional pool experts, Inc.
CA License # C53-538352

Service • Repair
Free Estimates
Diagnose & Restoration • Local Business over 27 years

NEW CUSTOMER SPECIAL:
3rd Month FREE
(818) 248-1320
http://www.professionallpoolandspa.net
CA License # C53-538352

SIERRA SIGN IMAGES
Specializing in Custom Office Signage

Letters & Logos
Brass • Stainless • Aluminum • Acrylic • Vinyl • Foam • Wood

ADA / Braille
We can help make your office/building ADA compliant
818-352-9010
SierraSign.com Since 1987

Call Us! **1800-390-0006**
or **818-249-8637**

Total Graphics
Signs • Banners • T-Shirts

Signs & Banners
T-Shirt Printing
& Embroidery
2435 A Honolulu Ave. Unit A
Monterose CA 91020
customtshirtsandsigns.com

Let CV Weekly fill your staffing needs!
Classified ads start at just \$10/week.
Contact Rachelle today to broadcast your job opportunity!
(818) 248-2740 or Rachelle@cvweekly.com

CV WEEKLY IS ONLINE!
WWW.CVWEEKLY.COM • WWW.CVWEEKLY.COM • WWW.CVWEEKLY.COM

REFUGEES from Cover

has taken in or been assigned 1,228 Afghan refugees. The mission of IILA is to help families become self-sufficient and to promote cross-cultural understanding by providing services to immigrants, refugees and survivors of human trafficking, according to the agency's website.

IILA's main office is located in downtown Los Angeles; there are also satellite offices including one in far north Glendale.

IILA representatives are presently looking for landlords willing to rent property to refugee families and are willing to reduce or waive a credit check, proof of income or deposit requirements. They are also looking for host families, especially during the holiday season because so many hotels and temporary rentals are already booked.

In addition to just getting the refugees settled and safe, the agency is looking for employment opportunities for refugees as well as legal services to help navigate the applications for asylum.

There are several ways people can support IILA including donating food and funds to help support the families as they settle in for their new lives.

On Aug. 15, the Taliban captured the capital city of Kabul, effectively taking control of the government of Afghanistan and sparking mass evacuations of international personnel and Afghan citizens. Thousands of Afghans at risk of retaliatory violence from the Taliban have been evacuated, including those who worked with the U.S. government and military, according to IILA.

For more information or to contribute to IILA, visit the website at iilosangeles.org.

RON YOLO from page 15

excelled through various leadership positions within the Dignity Health organization. In 2018, Yolo became the CNO at Dignity

Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, during which time he was instrumental in developing and managing systems to deliver evidenced-based care. He has championed multiple projects including chairing the development of CommonSpirit Health's National Nursing Vision and coordination of large-scale community COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

"I look forward to partnering with all stakeholders to address key issues surrounding the delivery of safe and compassionate patient care," stated Yolo. "Now, more than ever, nursing's input and perspective on initiatives that drive quality care require considerable collaboration and thoughtfulness, prior to execution."

Yolo holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Yale University, and previously earned his MBA from University of Southern California, and his MSN from University of California Los Angeles. He is also an adjunct professor at the Yale School of Nursing DNP program.

COUNCIL from Cover

posted on the Council website, which is the Town Council's established practice. When asked about the absence of the video at the October meeting, members of the Council explained that a technical problem caused the recording to be lost.

Brookbank's disqualification was prompted by emails from the community whose sources were redacted. In the same meeting in which Ordubegian made the statements about the inapplicability of the bylaws and the Council declined to follow the bylaws with regard to the elections budget process, the decision was made to censure Brookbank and the Council declined to remove Councilmember Sophal Ear from his seat after he took a job in Phoenix, relocated himself and his family to Arizona, and publicly posted about the move on social media. Council bylaws require councilmembers must live within the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County-La Crescenta/Montrose. The same bylaw that the majority of the Council declined to

invoke in determining the status of Councilmember Ear was invoked last week to eliminate candidate Michele Serna from candidacy after it was determined that she lived outside of the defined boundaries.

Unfortunately for the Council, Serna's candidacy had not determined to be ineligible until after the candidate forum. As such, Serna was among six candidates who participated. A seventh candidate, Paul Barnes, was unable to join the forum.

Moderated by Grant Michals of the Crescenta Valley Community Association, the forum itself was largely uneventful and focused primarily on development concerns within the community. Candidates largely agreed that, while some growth is essential to the continued prosperity of the community, policies such as the soon-to-be-enacted SB 9 and SB 10 are bad for the community.

"I know we want to stay as a small home town feel but do need to grow, so we need to do it carefully," said Dede Mueller, a 57-year resident

with extensive ties to several local schools and Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts. "There has to be a way to sit down with the county and say, 'We're not doing this,'" she added, in reference to SB 9 and SB 10.

Teri "Maddie" Madsen, a music-production executive and 18-year resident, echoed Mueller's sentiment.

"Communities need to grow. They need to bring more resources in to support businesses," she said. "It would be great if we could set aside land for conservation and set aside land for growth."

Frida Baghdassarian, who has multigenerational ties to the community, said, "The reason my parents settled here is because of the open air, the open space and the small-town feel ... if we wanted to live in a community with high rises everywhere, we would have moved to downtown LA."

Standout moments belong to Mueller and Ted Yu, both of whom have been actively involved in the Town Council during the previous

term. Yu is the only candidate on the ballot who currently serves as an alternate (Brookbank is pursuing a write-in candidacy but will not appear on the ballot). The two candidates were the only people able to give a specific and substantive answer to a question about the proposed Eagle Canyon trail project. The question prompted the most earnest response of the evening from Madsen who said, "I'm going to be completely honest, I'm not familiar with the project."

Madsen's honesty carried her through the night with the most memorable quote of the evening: "I didn't even know there was a town council for La Crescenta until last year."

Town Council elections will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11 at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. (at the corner of Rosemont Avenue) in La Crescenta. Registered voters who live in the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County-La Crescenta/Montrose.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thank you

TO THE COMMUNITY
FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL
BUSINESSES, RESTAURANTS,
SHOPS AND NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS!

WE WISH EVERYONE
A VERY HEALTHY
AND HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!

yesofcorsa.com



This ad is sponsored by J's Maids as a service to the community.

(818) 248-2001 | www.JsMaids.com

Wishing you all calm and health!



Wishing your family a Happy Thanksgiving

Gobble up the opportunities



JUST SOLD

11350 FOOTHILL BLVD. #38 SYLMAR
2 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 1,029 Sq.Ft. | CONDO | SOLD FOR: \$385,000



JUST SOLD

909 CALLE LA PRIMAVERA, GLENDALE
3 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 2,268 Sq.Ft. | 8,733 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$1,351,000

SOLD Over Asking



JUST SOLD

412 S. EVERETT ST, GLENDALE
4 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,426 Sq.Ft. | 6,948 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$1,055,000



JUST SOLD

19237 FRIENDLY VALLEY PKWY, SANTA CLARITA
4 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 1,844 Sq.Ft. | 12,493 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$750,000

SOLD Over Asking



JUST SOLD

339 S. CATALINA #223, PASADENA
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 905 Sq.Ft. | CONDO | SOLD FOR: \$591,000



JUST SOLD

3610 LOS AMIGOS DR, GLENDALE
4 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 2,478 Sq.Ft. | 7,208 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$1,200,000



JUST SOLD

2747 FIERRO CIRCLE, LA CRESCENTA
0.6 ACRES | VACANT LAND | SOLD FOR: \$1,068,000



JUST SOLD

2415 N. MYERS, BURBANK
2 BEDS | 1 BATH | 1,142 Sq.Ft. | 5,710 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$875,000



JUST SOLD

11600 BALBOA BLVD, GRANADA HILLS
5 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 2,754 Sq.Ft. | 9,941 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$1,100,000



JUST SOLD

11015 IRMA AVE. TUJUNGA
3 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,564 Sq.Ft. | 6,209 LOT | VIEWS | SOLD FOR: \$905,000

SOLD Over Asking



JUST SOLD

13656 POLK ST. SYLMAR
4 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 1,178 Sq.Ft. | 10,365 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$860,000



JUST SOLD

13123 E. AVE W PEARBLOSSOM
3 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,330 Sq.Ft. | 16,953 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$350,000

SOLD Over Asking



JUST SOLD

13463 HERRON ST. SYLMAR
2 BEDS | 1 BATHS | 719 Sq.Ft. | 6,430 LOT | SOLD FOR: \$560,000



JUST SOLD

6939 GREELEY ST. #102 TUJUNGA
3 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,300 Sq.Ft. | CONDO | SOLD FOR: \$621,000

SOLD Over Asking



Garen Amirgianian
REALTOR® | CAL BRE 02108289
818.940.7394
gamirgianian@gmail.com

Call us Today!



COLDWELL BANKER

HALLMARK REALTY



©2019 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Each Office is Independently Owned And Operated. Coldwell Banker and the Coldwell Banker Logo are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. If your property is currently listed with a broker, please disregard this notice.



Karineh Amirgianian
REALTOR® | CAL BRE 02034027
818.987.2993
amirgianian@gmail.com