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### Student Loan Forgiveness Proposed for the Disabled and Elderly

On Wednesday, Reps. Adam Schiff, Raúl Grijalva of Arizona, Jamaal Bowman from New York, and Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick of Florida introduced legislation to eliminate student loan debt for disabled and elderly individu-

The Student Loan Relief for Medicare and Social Security Recipients Act would fully relieve Medicare and Social Security Disability Insurance participants of all student loan debt that dates back more than 20 years for both current recipients and future enrollees.

According to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) data from 2019, More than 3 million Americans ages, 60 and older, collectively owed more than \$86 billion in unpaid student loans – up from \$66.7 billion in 2017. While the Biden administration's efforts to forgive up to \$20,000 per individual would significantly reduce that burden, individuals ages 50 to 61hold an average of \$43,444 in student loan debt, more than double the maximum relief amount.

Student loan debt is particularly crushing for disabled and older individuals, who have extensive health care and other costs they must counterbalance with debt repayment.

"Student loan debt is one of the greatest barriers to economic mobility in this country - an albatross around the neck that often weighs heaviest as people enter what should be their golden years. In a society and workforce that prizes higher education, we should be doing everything we can to make these pursuits more affordable and accessible, instead of the reason someone cannot buy a home, save for retirement, or pay for lifesaving medical care later in life," said Schiff. "We should eliminate as much student debt as we can for everyone, but especially for those who have spent decades of their lives working to pay it off. This bill would ensure that instead of triaging their benefits, seniors and disabled individuals can focus more on their health, their families, and thriving in their best years."

The legislation is co-sponsored by Reps. Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC), André Carson (Indiana), Jimmy Gomez (California), and Marie Newman (Illinois) and is endorsed by the California Alliance for Retired Americans, Center for Law and Social Policy, Justice in Aging, National Disability Rights Network and Social Security Works.

# Local Hospital Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

By Mary O'KEEFE

rerdugo Hills Hospital is celebrating 50 years serving the community. An official celebration was held on Tuesday night when patients, staff, supporters and community members traded VHH stories and took time to recognize the achievement of "the little hospital that could."

According to usevhh.org, the hospital actually began as Behrens Memorial Hospital established in

"To keep up with the needs of the growing La Cañadacommunity, a new hospital was built on the hilltop land donated by the Greene family. In 1972, Verdugo Hills Hospital was formed as an independent, 158-bed acute care hospital," according to the USC

Longtime community member Vic Pallos said he was a "test patient" prior to the opening of VHH.

"I remember that the hospital was doing test runs of a floor design where all patients' rooms would be private and configured around a nursing station. That was a new concept in nursing unit design. The staff also conducted mock 'run-throughs' of various services patients would receive. I was an editor with The Ledger-Independent newspapers at the time, so the paper assigned a photographer from Stevens Studio in Montrose to record my experience," Pallos said.

see VHH on page 6



# Oh, No! Scams Abound

By Mary O'KEEFE

Scams happen year round and are so common that most people have either been scammed or have just missed being scammed.

Amazon recently sent out a notice of the most common scams concerning its orders but that notice can be applied to other company online orders

One scam is the order confirmation scams. These occur when people receive an unexpected call, text or email about an unauthorized purchase. The victim is then asked to act quickly to provide payment or bank account information. Attempts are also made for victims to install software on their computer or other device.

"Remember if you receive correspondence regarding an order you weren't expecting, you can verify orders by logging into your Amazon account. Only legitimate purchases will appear in your order history and Customer Service is available 24/7 to assist," stated Amazon.

It is important to verify the phone number or email contact information for Amazon or any other company by reaching out to that company – not by using the information provided in the email. Scammers have gone as far as creating fake websites.

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### THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



# Season of Parties ... and Passings

attended as many as possible! I've pulled out my holiday garb-green sweaters, red sweaters and those with holiday glitter. Glendale Arts, the CV Sheriff's Station, Montrose Search & Der Ohanessian Youth Center holiday open house, the Salvation Army, Glendale Kiwanis Gala ... we've been blessed to be invited to these events - and more! We've had the chance to see people we only see once or twice a year when we always promise to get together more

And let's not forget the Montrose Christmas Parade - what a fun night! I'm so glad that CV Weekly was able to make our way down Honolulu Avenue.

This year I've had to curtail attendance to some of these events due to knee surgery that I had on Tuesday this week. In fact, as I write this from home on Wednesday I am rotating ice packs every 20 minutes. The surgery was nothing major - repair of a torn meniscus - but I couldn't go to some of the parties I was hoping

Unfortunately, in addition to parties the season typically ushers in the passing of loved ones. On page 3 of this week's issue, you can read a story written by Mary O'Keefe about the passing of a local treasure - Jean Maluccio. As I've

Like many people, Steve and I have been written before, Jean was a dynamic engine invited to several holiday parties ... and we've who worked behind the scenes to ensure the success of many local events. She truly helped make the Crescenta Valley the ideal place it

A loss that our family suffered occurred on Rescue, the Crescenta Valley Meyer & Satig Thursday night. My mother-in-law Saralyn died with her family surrounding her in a hospital room in Los Angeles. She was 89 and not in the best of health. While I know that her death was, in many ways, a blessing - she no longer had to fight a body that didn't want to cooperate - her absence will be felt throughout the Goldsworthy (and extended) family. Her children are working with the mortuary to make final arrangements and her obituary will be published in next week's paper and will include service details.

> While it is a season of celebration Christmas and Hanukkah are fast approaching - for some it is also a season of loss. To those who are coping with the sadder aspects of November and December, I wish

> And to everyone I wish a healthy and happy holiday season.

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### » WEATHER WATCH

By Mary O'KEEFE

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

So far the monthly rain total Wednesday, late afternoon. recorded on the gauge at Rosemont those inches occurred during Sunday's storm. The mountain areas received anywhere from four to seven inches of rain. This California storm did not stop snow across many states.

the north [as did] the cold air mass," said Robbie Munroe, meteorologist at NOAA.

The storm continued across too tough to die" - Tombstone - then moved on through the central United States. Then a different storm, as of Wednesday, picked up and was threatening the northeast area of the

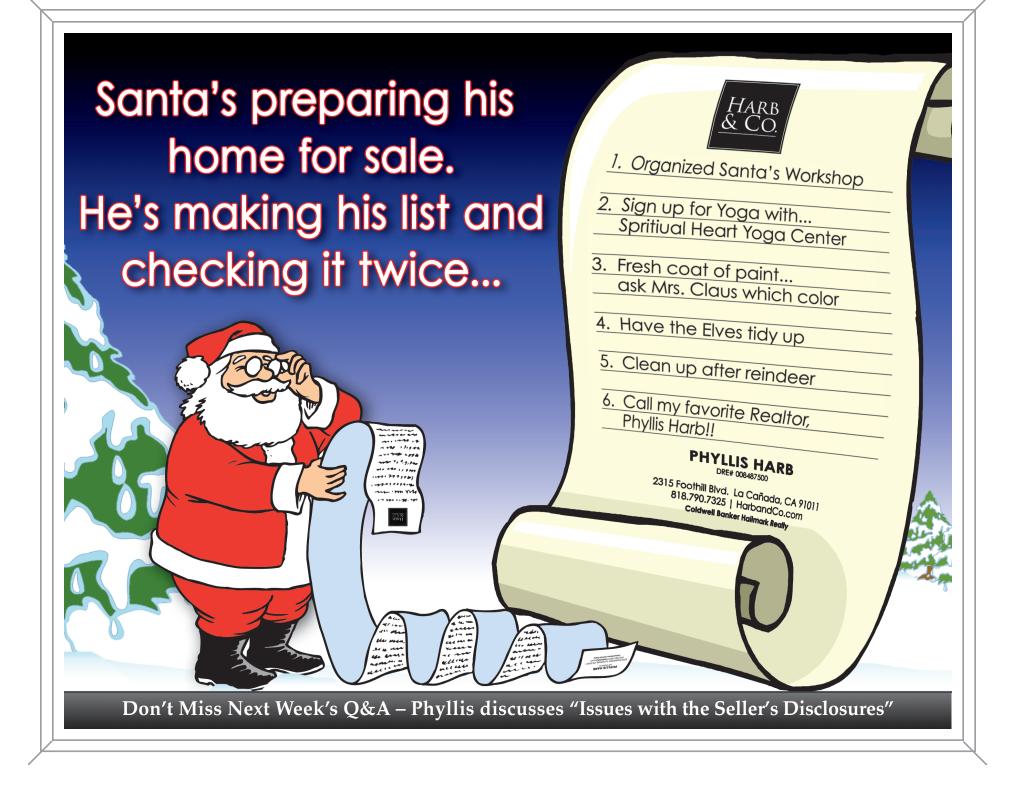
for heavy winter coats and umbrellas, most of the rest of the country was bracing for its winter storm that would bring dangerous ice, winds and snow.

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued winter storm warnings. winter storm watches and winter weather advisories for a broad area including the upper Midwest, northern Great Lakes and parts of the and there. From today through next Northeast and mid-Atlantic. Ice storm warnings are also posted in northwest Virginia, northeast West Virginia, western Maryland and a small part of west-central Pennsylvania. These areas could see damaging ice accumulations, according to NWS on

My point of looking at the weather Middle School is 1.44 inches; 1.29 of across the nation is to bring a little perspective to our local very chilly nights and mornings, rain and cloudy skies. Imagine what it is like to see snow on the ground in Tombstone? at our border, either, but continued to The town does get maybe one to three cause cold weather and even brought inches of snow a year but usually, according to a nearby resident (my "The storm [was] coming from brother), the snow falls, lands and melts. This week, on Tuesday, it stayed - at least for a while. Not having a system in place for "snow days" schools didn't cancel but they Arizona bringing snow to the "town did start a couple of hours later as buses navigated the snow. And I can tell you firsthand - cowboy boots are not the easiest to walk in across a snowy street.

So as we continue to look for the sun and warm temperatures in the So as Californians were looking area, it is important to remember the grass on the other side is covered with snow and ice. We should be grateful that the latest storm brought about three to four feet of snow to the Sierra Nevada which may not reverse our drought but did bring a welcome water supply to California.

> For the local area it looks like dry cold temperatures with clouds here Thursday temperature highs will be in the low to high 60s, with lows in the 40s. Next weekend we can expect to finally see a little warmer temperatures with highs in the low 70s, and lows in the low 50s.



# NEWS

# Community Bids Farewell to Jean







File Photos

LEFT: Jean Maluccio at one of the many Bingo fundraisers she helped organize. MIDDLE: The American Legion Post 288 presented a flag to the Maluccio family's. A special tribute to how much she had done for the community and the veterans. ABOVE: Jean Maluccio, in the far back wearing a black shirt, always avoiding the center of attention but always working.

By Mary O'KEEFE

he community said goodbye to Jean Maluccio last week with a memorial that highlighted her service to Crescenta Valley, and something she would have absolutely hated. In fact she would have been upset that CVW is writing about her but there are some special people who cannot just fade away, their lives must be celebrated.

The CV community has a very active base of volunteers who work with various organizations on events from Hometown Country Fair to numerous bingo fundraisers hosted by American Legion Post 288 and Veterans

of Foreign Wars Post 1614. For many volunteering is a passion, and the best way to support their community.

At one point a newly appointed principal at a local elementary school said, "This is a community that when you ask for one volunteer you get ten."

People who participate at the events, and even many of those who volunteer, meet some who organize events but may not know that behind the scenes one woman was quietly organizing, making calls to get permits, asking for donations and being the foundation that supports everyone in the area. Jean was that woman. She would tell you immediately it was a team effort and that is true.

Nothing would work without people like Steve Pierce and Chris Waldheim throwing their volunteer muscle into the mix but Jean was the one that seem to stitch everything together.

"Jean was quiet and didn't like to talk about herself," said Steve Pierce.

Pierce first met Jean almost 16 years ago when he was president of the CV Town Council. At the time there was a wall of miscommunication between the CV Chamber of Commerce (CVCOC) and the CVTC. Pierce had heard that Jean was someone he should reach out to, so he did.

"I was told Jean was a tough cookie and hard to get to know but I liked her [immediately]. She made me feel so at ease," he said.

He really got to know her better when he became more involved in the CV Chamber and later became executive director. Jean was the force behind the CVCOC. She was able to get permits for so many events, reached out to businesses to help get their support and worked behind the scenes making sure every t was crossed and every i was dotted.

Jean didn't just work with the CVCOC, she also took on roles in many organizations including CV Fireworks Association, CV Fire Safe Council and American Cancer's Relay for Life. For decades Relay for Life was a large event in Crescenta Valley, although it did not survive the pandemic, and throughout

the years Relay for Life raised well over \$1million. Jean played a big role in the event and that is where Waldheim really got to know and depend on her.

His first meeting with Jean was in 2000 when Waldheim was president of the Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce. The two entities would have dual mixers and then she helped with J's Maintenance anniversary party around 2004.

"My connection with Jean started at the Chamber but then she [got involved] with Relay for Life," Waldheim said.

Relay was a very personal philanthropic event for the Waldheim family, including Chris' dad Ed. The event was 24 hours and in later years held on the field at Clark Magnet High School.

"She just took on the food [donations]," Waldheim said. "She got [her son] Mike and [her daughter] Julie involved."

For years they would bake purple, the color of Relay for Life, cupcakes. The food was a monumental tasks with hundreds of participants at the event walking for over 24 hours. Rain or shine, Jean and her family of volunteers kept everyone well fed.

Waldheim also worked with Jean on the CV Fireworks Association and the Mary Pinola Education Fund.

"Jean and I had interesting conversations about the community,"

he said.

They would call each other as each event was being organized but many times Jean already had everything done before the first meeting.

"Ithink that is what [we saw] in Jean. When she saw a need she just stepped up," Waldheim said. "She didn't want to be the front person, she had zero ego. She never wanted recognition for what she did."

Jean came to the Crescenta Valley area in the 1960s and had many careers. She first worked at Pacific Bell, then for The Examiner Newspaper until 1965. She worked at Verdugo Hills Bowl from 1977 to 1987.

Verdugo Hills Bowl was in the 3200 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, until it closed in 1996. While it was open it was the place to go for youth and adults. Jean didn't just work there she took care of people who came in, befriending those in need and even coached junior bowlers.

She also owned and operated Shenanigans restaurant in Glendale from 1987 to 1990, where she employed many of her son Mike's friends. She then owned and operated the Rocking Horse Boutique in La Crescenta from 1991 to 1995. But it was her work as a volunteer that was highlighted at her memorial, her dedication to the community and to her family.

"Mom was fun, she was stoic and she was a protector," Mike said.

### IN BRIEF

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Dec. 18. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

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

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

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

### USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive hosted by USC-VHH and the American Red Cross takes place at the hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 27 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in council rooms B&D.

To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org/give.

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### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Come join the Annual Winter Event on Dec. 15 at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. Everything provided is free and it is open to all ages. The event is 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hot chocolate, tamales and cookies will be available on a first come, first serve bases. There will also be carnival games, arts and crafts and an indoor movie.

Then from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. there will be a toy giveaway along with photos with Santa. The line will begin at 3:45 p.m.

### CVTC CANCELED

This month's General Meeting, scheduled for Thursday 15 December, is cancelled. With all best wishes for 2023.





A Christmastime tradition comes to Lutheran Church in the Foothills this Sunday, Dec. 18. All are invited to decorate gingerbread houses beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Gingerbread kits will be supplied. People of all ages are welcome.

Sunday worship service with Pastor Chuck Bunnell begins in person at 10 a.m. A livestream is provided on the church's YouTube channel. Children's church is offered every Sunday for young children, and confirmation class is available after worship service beginning at 11:15 a.m. for students in grades six-12.

LCIF's Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@ lcifoothills.org, or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### **Christmas Drive-Thru Gift** Distribution

On Saturday, Dec. 17, Bethel Church will host a free drive-thru gift giveaway for the community from 6-8 p.m. at the church. Besides gifts for children and adults, there will be Christmas music, a lit nativity shed, an outdoor Christmas tree and free refreshments. COVIDsafe. Visitors are asked to stay in their car and receive Bethel Church's Christmas blessing.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley bethelsunvalley.com

### Christmas at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to drop off letters to Santa Claus at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. Letters delivered by Dec. 19 to the red mailbox in front of the church will receive a reply from Santa through his team of LCPC volunteers. Be sure to include a return address. Addresses will not be used for any purpose other than a mailed reply from Santa.

Crescenta Presbyterian Church is hosting a Christmas concert featuring some of the

Southland's finest professional musicians and LCPC's Cathedral Choir. Christmas carols and the music of Johann Sebastian Bach will be part of the celebration on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A dessert reception will follow the concert, which is free to the community; a free-will offering will be collected.

On Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.,

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose & 29. Participants will walk for the Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

### Walk and Word

In December, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Park, 3429 Wilderness Markridge Road in La Crescenta/ Glendale at 8 a.m. on Dec. 15, 22

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Two Christmas Eve services are being held: Saturday, Dec. 24 will feature music, prayer and an uplifting message along with live Nativity animals in front of the church. At 5 p.m., the LCP praise band The Blessed will lead worship. At 7 p.m., a candlelight service will feature music from the Cathedral Choir.

a simple celebratory Christmas service will focus on the promise of Jesus' birth. Pajamas are more than welcome at this brief service in the LCPC Chapel.

### selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will

be conversation, sharing thoughts.

first hour and then gather to read a

be practiced, masks will be optional. Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

Lisa Stanners (818) 523-1234

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

### **Christmas Celebration**

group gathers after the hike.

Bethel Church in Sun Vallev is offering a special Christmas worship service on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. that includes special music and a drama called "Open Up Your Heart." Gifts will be offered for both kids and adults. (Traducción en español disponible.) Child-care children's church are provided during all Sunday a.m. services. Free transportation provided on request. All in the community are welcome.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley bethelsunvalley.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Saturday, Dec 24th at 7:00pm

<u>Christmas Day Worship</u> Sunday, Dec. 25th at 10:00am

All are welcome to join us in celebrating Christmas! Visit www.lcifoothills.org or call 818.790.1951 for details

### Correction

In the Dec. 8 story, "Ruby Wishes You Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," the correct spelling of the names of Ruby's parents is Mike Geragos and Peggy Bedevian.

VHH from Cover

From the start the hospital was community focused and that is what the current CEO of USC-VHH first noticed when he walked in the hospital doors almost 20 years ago.

"I had worked in about a dozen hospitals but I gravitated to Verdugo Hills [Hospital] because of two main reasons: the first is the feel of the hospital. When you walk in the door there is an immediate difference than most hospitals. It feels warm and the people are smiling," said Dr. Armand Dorian, CEO USC-VHH.

He added that from his first entrance into the hospital he found the staff to be approachable and helpful.

"That's what I remember that first time I walked through the doors," he said.

The second reason was the community feel and support.

"[Other] hospitals had foundations but it was not as interwoven and truly intertwined with the needs of the community like it was at Verdugo Hills," Dorian said.

It was community that brought resident Teri Rice to the hospital.

"When I was pregnant with my second child my mother-in-law, who had three daughters-in-law, gave each one day a week of her time," Rice said. So, while her mother was watching the children, Rice decided to start volunteering at the VHH. "That's how I got involved with the hospital because [volunteering there] is what I chose to do. I wanted to reach out and do something ... I love this community."

That was about 20 years ago and she is now a clinical program director for USC-VHH. She coordinates about 200 classes a year for community members and pregnant mothers and expecting fathers. She conducts classes on various subjects including Lamaze, breast feeding and American Heart Association training for CPR cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Rice said that being able to work with new moms and dads has always been special for her but especially lately - during the pandemic - when there was so much isolation.

"At a lot of hospitals [even now] everything is done on the Internet but I actually get to speak to our newly pregnant mommies. I believe these days that goes a long way with everyone being so isolated,"

USC-VHH was without in-person classes for only about six months before the hospital administration was able to organize in person classes again. it did thisby expanding classrooms and making sure everyone was masked.

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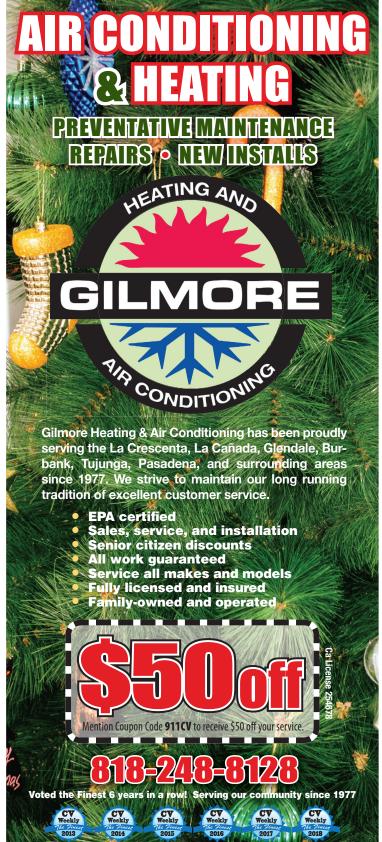
Both Rice and Dorian said the community plays such a big role in why and how things are done at the hospital. They also said that joining with USC in 2013 was the best thing the administration could have done.

"Everyone knew this smaller community hospital Verdugo Hills could not survive on its own. It wasn't just smaller hospitals - it was [all sizes] of hospitals across the United States that were closing," Dorian said. "That was part of a larger [issue] where health care was at that time."

He said that no one really knew how "amazing" this partnership would be.

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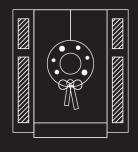
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# California Credit Union Donates Funds to Expand Mental Health Services at Glenoaks Elementary

provided \$10,000 to help Glendale recess or before and after school. Unified School District expand

This will be the first wellness room mental health support for students designed specifically for elementary by opening a new student "wellness school students in Glendale Unified. room" at Glenoaks Elementary The district has previously opened School. Wellness rooms provide a wellness rooms at the high school and safe, welcoming space where students middle school levels. The wellness can relax, reduce stress and access rooms are designed for comfort wellness resources. The Glenoaks and tranquility with activities and wellness room will be staffed by a resources available for mindfulness full-time counselor and available for and stress relief and building healthy

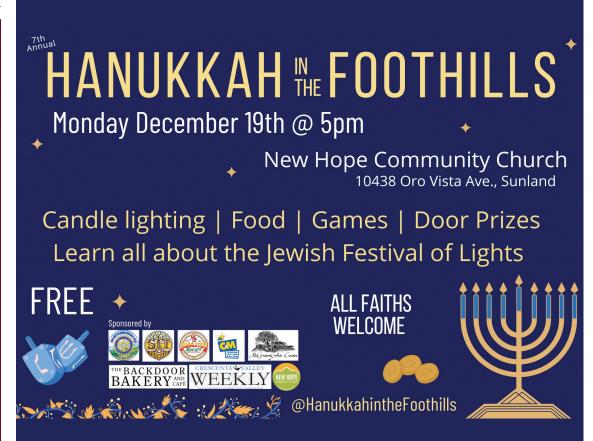
used for community building circles, support groups and counseling.

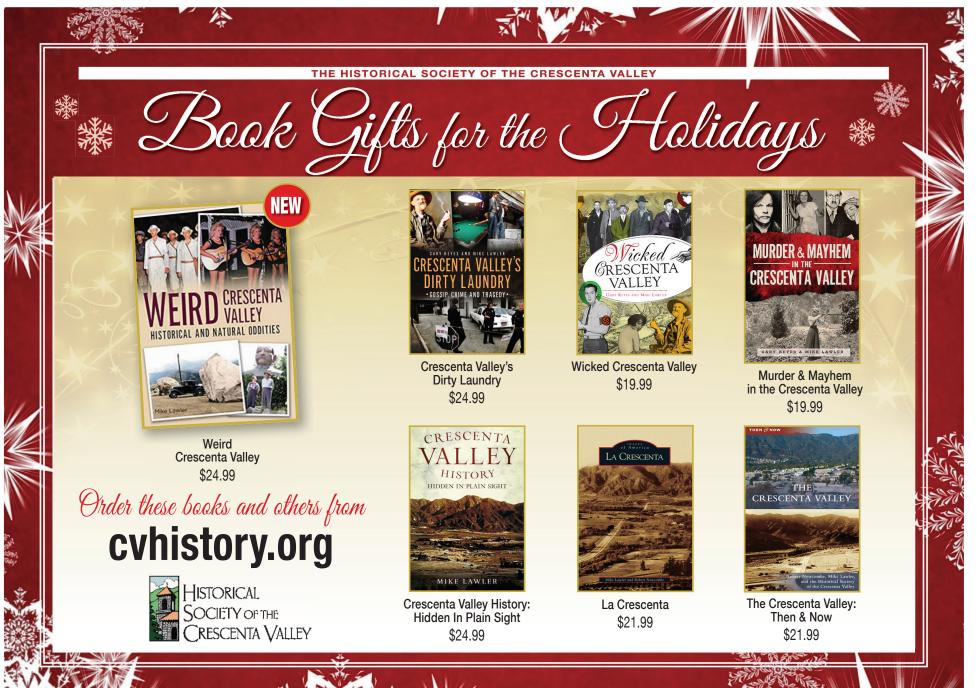
"Our middle and high school wellness rooms have been a valuable resource for building a sense of belonging on our campuses, fighting mental health stigma and spreading awareness about services that are available for students, employees Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "We are immensely grateful to the California Credit Union for their support in expanding this wonderful opportunity to our youngest learners."

"As a credit union founded to support our educational community, we know there is nothing more

California Credit Union has students to drop in during lunch and habits. The wellness rooms are also and families," said Glendale Unified important than the health and welfare of our students," said California Credit Union President/CEO Steve O'Connell. "We're honored to partner with Glendale Unified School District and Glenoaks Elementary to expand these innovative support services to elementary students, and know they will make a tremendous difference in many students' lives."







SCAMS from Cover

"Customers who land on these pages are lured to contact the scammer and fall prey to their schemes," according to Amazon.

The FBI also has warnings holiday season for consumers, especially those shopping online.

"Scammers often aggressive and creative in their efforts. They use unorthodox scams to steal your money and personal information. Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is," according to the FBI.

The two most prevalent holiday scams are non-delivery and non-payment crimes.

"In a non-delivery scam, a buyer pays for goods or services they find online, but those items are never received. Conversely, a non-payment scam involves goods or services being shipped, but the seller is never paid," according to the FBI.

As of October 2022, the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) had received

more than 44,220 complaints with losses over \$276 million.

Again, the general warning by law enforcement—"If it is too good to be true" -reminds a potential buyer that the deal most likely is scam. Scammers send out phishing emails and/ or advertisements just waiting for a response. It is important for shoppers to know with whom they are dealing withspecifically companies that consumers know or can check out online.

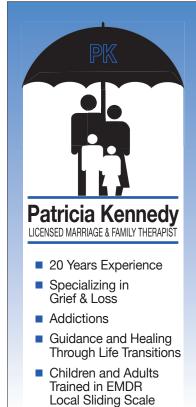
Scammers are just not reaching out through emails but also through social media. The FBI warns people to beware of posts on social media sites that appear to offer vouchers or gift cards. Often these scams are designed to lead consumers to participate in an online survey that is designed to steal personal information.

A sign that things may not be legitimate is when a bill or purchase an item by purchasing and sending gift

The FBI has some tips on how to avoid being a victim of these scams. These include consumers doing homework on the retailer/ website/person they plan to do business with to ensure legitimacy; conducting business inquiry of the online retailer on the Better Business Bureau's website www.bbb. org, checking other websites regarding the company for reviews and complaints; checking the contact details of the website on the "Contact Us" page, specifically the address, email and phone number to confirm whether the retailer is legitimate; and being wary of online retailers offering goods at significantly discounted prices.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# Supermarket Shootout

Foothill Boulevard originally divided in half and hosted two stores. On the west

Our giant Ralphs supermarket supermarket. It later became Alpha the store that spilled out into the was Beta until the Ralphs moved from parking lot. La Cañada and took both store sites. In 1965, it was targeted by side was Builders Emporium while armed robbers, which resulted in the east side was Food Giant, a an Old West-style shootout inside

On a September evening in 1965, three men drove up from the San Fernando Valley. They stole a car from a home on Los Olivos. Two of

the bandits got into the stolen car and drove to the Food Giant, while the third man waited in their car a couple of blocks from the store. The bandits wore green overalls, nylon stockings over their heads, and goggles.

The two robbers entered the busy store and approached a box boy. They pulled their handguns and demanded he take them to the manager. He did so and they forced the manager to open the safe. One of the robbers, Richard Rose, stuffed the money into a bag while the other man held a gun. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to the bandits, someone in the store had pressed the silent alarm to the Montrose sheriff station. The two men began to leave the store, one approaching the westernmost door while the other - Rose - money bag and gun in hand, approached the eastern door.

And that was when Montrose sheriff station Sgt. Spenard walked in that eastern door to the surprising sight of a masked man right in front of him, bag in one hand and a gun in the other.

Sgt. Spenard acted quickly. He knocked the gun from Rose's hand and grabbed him. At the western door, the other bandit opened fire, spraying bullets. Rose tried to get away from Sgt. Spenard so Spenard pulled out his own gun and hit him over the head with it. As he started firing several shots back at the other bandit, he shoutedto the shocked customers to get down. Many were frozen in place as bullets flew everywhere in the crowded store.

While glass was breaking and people were screaming, the other bandit ducked out the western door and ran to the eastern door where the officer had his friend on the ground. He burst in the door, catching the officer with his back turned. As he leveled his handgun at the back of officer's head customer Tom Ashton, 77, shouted a warning. The officer spun around and fired a couple of shots, driving the bandit back out the door, where he turned and ran to his stolen getaway car.

Right at that moment, a patrol car pulled up. Both patrol officers piled out and began firing at the getaway car, one with a handgun, the other with a shotgun. The getaway car, now riddled with bullet holes and much of the glass blown out, tore out of the parking

lot. It traveled up Raymond and then west on side streets where it met a third man waiting behind the wheel of the original car. The two patrol officers didn't give chase, probably as they didn't know if there were more gunmen inside the

Inside the store smoke from the gun battle clouded the air. The captured bandit, Richard Rose, was on the ground as was \$5,000 in cash, the total haul from the robbery. Scores of bullets had been fired inside the store and in the parking lot. Broken glass and bullet holes were everywhere. Amazingly during the melee no one was hit. Tom Ashton was named a hero for alerting Sgt. Spenard, essentially saving his life.

Rose was arraigned on multiple charges and it turned out he was recovering from bullet wounds from a shootout with LAPD a few months earlier. The other robber was arrested a week later and was named a suspect in another supermarket robbery in Sunland-Tujunga.

The massive remodel that created our giant Ralphs took place a few years ago. I wonder if the workers found bullet holes in the walls?

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 SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLY MEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

It was just two years ago when I was asked by a group of advocates and scientists to help California become an official observer at the United Nations 2022 Convention on Biological Diversity, known as COP15.

COP stands for Convention of Parties, with the "parties" being the nations who are signatories to the treaty. The goal is to reach worldwide agreement on how to protect and restore nature because if biodiversity goes down the drain so goes the human species. Our survival depends on animals, plants and microscopic organisms cooperating in the great pattern of nature. Our environment took billions of years to evolve and yet only a couple of hundred years to destabilize. While there's certainly plenty of discussion about humancaused climate change, less focus is out on our shrinking habitats and loss of biodiversity.

The goal of COP15 is to avoid the extinction of animal and human species by saving and fortifying

our ecosystems, which supply food, clean water, medicines and climate stability. You'd think everyone would be on board with addressing the rapid rate of extinctions we are experiencing both locally and globally and that every country in the world would want to collaborate to take immediate and extraordinary action. But sadly that's not the case. The United States joins the Vatican as the only United Nations members that are not parties to the COP.

It's one of the reasons I proposed California's leadership and involvement in COP to the Newsom Administration, which agreed that we should have an official role. So this year, California joined COP15 in Montreal as the first and only U.S. state observer. It's something to be proud of and an effort we take seriously.

As an official observer, California has a real voice and can raise concerns and advocate for bold policy. Only nations that have ratified the treaty can cast actual votes regarding decisions, but observers like California can participate in the COP and weigh in on the negotiations while they are happening. Just as importantly, we can find ways to cooperate with other subnational governments.

California delegation includes a diverse range of over stakeholders including representatives from cities, state government, indigenous tribes and nonprofits. California's presence is mighty and larger than the delegations of most countries. At the COP, we met with other subnational governments, such as Quebec and the Yucatán, and exploring ways that we can formally cooperate and share experiences and best practices.

What makes us so well-suited for leadership in this global arena? California is home to the most biodiverse ecosystems and the greatest number of diverse species in the nation.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Failure of GUSD**

Glendale Unified School District failed to even put a school bond measure on the ballot.

This past November, the Long Beach School District got \$1.7 billon from school bond Measure Q to keep improving the school sites for their students to be prepared for college and careers. And just six years before, in 2016, LBSD got voter approval for the \$1.5 billion bond, Measure E. This raises a serious question as to why our GUSD leadership did not put forth any school bond measure for

improvements to our schools? You can imagine what could be done at our schools with bond money in the millions.

GUSD Measure S was passed 11 years ago in 2011 by 70% of the voters. Previous board members and administrators had the foresight to seek bond money to improve GUSD schools for the students.

Why is GUSD not working toward our students' futures with improved STEM buildings, cafeterias, bathrooms, gyms or even new swimming pools at Hoover and CVHS? The effect of the last

bond, Measure S, can be seen at the Glendale High swimming pool alone. The GUSD board website states that its priority is to "Plan for the district's future educational and facility needs." Long Beach didn't just talk about it on its website; they took action and got billions for their students in their schools.

Clearly, GUSD elected officials are not doing their job and dropped the ball by not seeking a school bond measure on the past two ballots for the future of our students.

Erica Passman Glendale

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# Holiday Fun Found at La Crescenta Woman's Club

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Sofia LOPARDO, intern

n Saturday, the La Crescenta Woman's Club hosted Movie with Santa, a spin on the club's classic Breakfast with Santa. The Club has hosted the holiday event for as long as anyone can remember; however, during the pandemic clubmembers adapted by hosting a drive-through version of the Christmas celebration. Happily, this year the Club was able to return to an in-person event.

Coordinator Marilyn Wright said this version of the event was very successful and enjoyed by the dozens who attended. It included a screening of the classic Christmas film "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and Santa was on-site, ready to hear guests' wishes, take a photo or two and hand out gold coins. Elves from CV High School rather than the North Pole lent a hand, too.

A silent auction was a popular attraction for parents. While the kids watched the movie or worked on crafts, parents looked over the many items that were part of the silent auction. These included special edition Barbie dolls from the 1990s and gift cards for yogurt shop Tutti Frutti and ice cream shop Moo Moo Mia, among others.

"Lots of people and companies helped with donations," said Wright. "We've always had a positive and welcoming response to this event."

Wright added that though events like Movie with Santa are gaining in popularity, the La Crescenta Woman's Club was one of the first to hold this type of holiday celebration. She said that clubmembers wanted to continue to bring joy to families during the holidays.

"We're happy to have this event," she said. "It gives the community a chance to come back together."

Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY

# 2024

### LCFTRA Float Design Contest

The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association (LCFTRA) invites you to submit a Float design idea for the 2024 LCFTRA Rose Parade Float!

Please submit your idea (max. 250 characters) at www.lcftra.org by Sunday January 8, 2023.
The winning design will be announced in Spring, 2023. If your idea is chosen, you will receive two tickets to the 2023 Rose Parade!

To guide your creative thinking, a compelling Float design idea should:

- Be simple and easy to understand (a viewer should "get it" in 5 seconds or less)
- Be animated, with elements of whimsy, humor, and surprise
- Reflect the Rose Parade Theme

While the 2024 Rose Parade theme will not be announced until later in January, we can offer this teaser: The 2024 theme celebrates the role of music in our lives and as part of our collective culture.

In the event we receive multiple designs with a similar approach, LCFTRA will select one winner, with existing LCFTRA Members receiving preference. All submitted ideas are property of LCFTRA.







» PART 1 OF 2

# Holiday Fun – no Frights – Found in 'Christoween'

For those who love Christmas and Halloween there is a story series that is specially made for you.

"Donnie Druthers' Christoween Capers" is a mash-up of two favorite holidays that are told in 13 audible stories which can be seen and heard on-line for free at CHRISTOWEEN.NET.

"Donnie Druthers' Christoween" was "creep-ated" by veteran Hollywood voice actor Wally Wingert who tweaks Christmas with a little bit of Tim Burton, Universal Monsters and Charles Addams, creator of the Addams Family. And the stories are told in a style of Dr. Seuss meets Clement Clarke Moore.

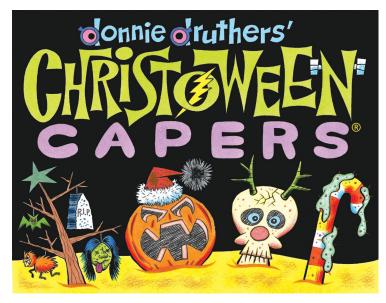
Donnie is an odd, misunderstood kid who has to give a talk in school about his favorite holiday. However, instead of choosing between Christmas and Halloween he mashes them together and tells the story his own way.

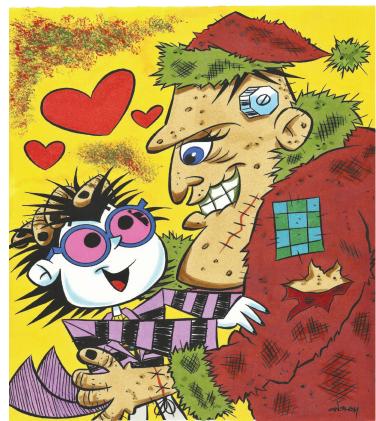
These 13 short stories draw upon Wingert's own love of classic monsters and Christmas. The stories are fun for both kids and adults with each chapter brimming with nostalgic nuance.

Wingert has narrated each chapter in professionally designed video-enhanced audibles.

"Christoween' is what he calls it – the two days combined, 'twas the best of both worlds in young Donnie's mind. On the full moon old Blitzen becomes a were-deer and Dasher a mummy ... at least so I hear," is how one story begins.

The "chill-illustrations" are clever and colorful – enough of a monster show without terrifying young fans. Wingert's love of monster movies can be seen throughout the series with visits from the Creature of the Black Lagoon, the Mummy, Bride of Frankenstein and Dracula's daughters. But there are some fun twists on monsters, including a zombie Elvis impersonator. Of course even Santa makes





appearances throughout the stories, keeping up the yuletide traditions.

Whereas "Nightmare Before Christmas" showed Jack Skellington displaying a little competitive streak against Santa, that feeling is nowhere to be seen in this series where even Frankenstein helps deliver

presents after Santa gets sick.

More information on this property's imagery, merchandise, concept, marketability and fan base can be found at CHRISTOWEEN.

Next week, find out about "creepator" Wally Wingert and the "chillillustrations" found in "Donnie Druthers' Christoween Capers."

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

### LA Comic-Con a Fan Favorite

By Keaton KUGLER

held from Friday, Dec. 2 through Sunday, Dec. 4 at the LA Convention Center.

Welcoming more 126,600 guests, the convention's attendance this year increased according to dorkaholics.com.

Besides the thousands of attending, this year's convention boasted such celebrity guests as William Shatner of "Star Trek," Giancarlo Esposito of "Better Call Saul" and Shang-Chi waited hours to get autographs and photo ops with their heroes, while other attendees shopped for merchandise, attended interesting panel discussions or watched open events on the main guests included Tom Kenny

brought new events, panels and guests. On Friday evening, Japan's leading V-tuber unit Riot Music performed a concert on the main stage for convention-goers followed by the Limits Art Battle when two competing musicians had to produce an original musical piece in just 20 minutes. Later that evening, Discovery Channel held a one-hour LotR prequel show, "The Rings presentation about "BattleBots"

where professional "bot builders' The 11th Annual Los an enthusiastic crowd and Angeles Comic Con was answered questions about the reality show's upcoming season.

Saturday was the first full day of the convention, opening than doors at 9:30 a.m. The day began with something for everyone whether attending the by over 30% from last year, multitude of cosplayer meetups, viewing — or participating This means 2022 is LA's in — another Limits Battle biggest Comic-Con to date. on the stage or lining up for meet-and-greet's with A-List fans, cosplayers and artists celebs like Charlie Hunnam ("Sons of Anarchy") or Ming-Na Wen ("The Mandalorian"). Later events on the main stage included a cast reunion and table read for the 20th anniversary himself, Simu Liu. Many fans of "Jimmy Neutron," LACC's 7th annual Cosplay National Championships and a very extended set list of guest questions and answers.

Some of the highlighted ("Spongebob Squarepants"), Each day of the convention Steve Burns ("Blue's Clues"), Simu Liu ("Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"), Giancarlo Esposito ("Breaking Bad")and a very special reunion between "Lord of the Rings" stars Elijah Wood and Sean Astin. The two discussed their respective careers after LotR, as well as what they thought of Amazon's of Power."

showed off their creations to closing time rolled around at 7 p.m. However, LACC's official after-party would start just an hour later at the Mayan Theater featuring a treasure hunt, more special guests and live music from such celebrity bands as Tom Kenny & the High-Seas. The after-party lasted until 2 a.m., mere hours before Comic-Con would reopen.

> Sunday would conclude the convention, but not without plenty of exciting events of its own. The main stage drew the attention of a brewing crowd as William Shatner took the stage followed by Keith David ("Nope"), Amy Jo Johnson ("Power Rangers"), Wil Wheaton ("Stand By Me" and "Star Trek TNG") and a cast reunion of the beloved coming-of-age movie "The Sandlot" in honor of the film's 30th anniversary. Plenty of pop culture icons could also be found out and about running booths or panels, including Billy Zane ("Titanic"), Tommy Wiseau ("The Room"), John Milius (coscreenwriter of "Apocalypse Now"), Marc Bernardin (podcast co-host of "Fatman Beyond"), and Disney Imagineer Bob Gurr. Dan Povernmire ("Phineas and Ferb") was spotted as a fellow attendee. As Los Angeles Comic-Con

Wood's passion for gaming and 2022 came to a close, the 2023



Photo Courtesy of Keaton KUGLAR

event was already scheduled for Dan Pavenmire co-creator of Disney cartoons Phineas & Ferb and Milo Murphy's law is Dec. 1-3 at the LA Convention always happy to take a photo with fans. From left: Hanon Nakamura, Dan Povenmire, Keaton Kugler and Jude Nakamura.



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# Cellist Isaac Pastor-Chermak Featured Artist for Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Cellist Isaac Pastor-Chermak will perform J.S. Bach's "Suite No.5 for Solo Cello," BWV 1011.

Isaac Pastor-Chermak leads a diverse and active musical life at home in northern California and around the United States. A quintessential 21st century artist, he engages deeply as a cellist, teacher, conductor and administrator, motivated by an abiding love of sharing great music with friends and collaborators.

Though he is active in nearly every facet of today's classical music profession, Pastor-Chermak is a career orchestral player. In any given weekend of the season, he can be found performing as principal cellist of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony, associate principal cellist of the Stockton Symphony; assistant principal cellist of Opera San Jose and



Fresno Philharmonic and is a member of the Berkeley Symphony, Monterey Symphony, Santa Cruz Symphony, Santa Barbara Symphony and Dayton Philharmonic. During the summer season, he is assistant principal cellist at the Eisenstadt Classical Music Festival in Austria, and principal cellist of the Lake Tahoe Music Festival.

In the world of chamber music, Pastor-Chermak is the cellist of Black Cedar Trio, the only flute-cello-guitar ensemble in the country. He partners regularly with pianists Alison Lee and Miles Graber in sonata programs. All told, Pastor-Chermak performs more than 100 concerts a year on an 1889 cello by You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

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### THEN & NOW La Crescenta Shopping Center Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then:** Once the site of the La Crescenta Hotel and the Kimball Sanitarium, the La Crescenta Shopping Center was built on Foothill between Rosemont and Sunset in the early '60s. In this photo from 1977 the anchor stores are (from east to west) Thrifty Drug and Discount Stores, Nahas Department Store, Alpha Beta Market and Builders Emporium. A variety of smaller stores occupied the eastern portion of the shopping center.



Now: The La Crescenta Shopping Center received a massive makeover a couple of decades ago with new façades, new landscaping and a new name - The Marketplace Shopping Center. Thrifty Drugs is still there, renamed Rite-Aid. The square footage once occupied by Nahas was divided into several smaller stores and a greatly expanded Ralphs Market took over the space of both the Alpha Beta Market and Builders Emporium.

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The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

### **E-RECYCLING EVENT**

On Dec. 17 the Verdugo Hills Council - Boys Scouts of America are having an e-waste recycling event at the Glendale Elks Lodge. It will be held from 9 a.m.

Glendale Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

#### **HOLIDAY MARKET & TEA PARTY**

Spiritual Heart Yoga Center is hosting a holiday market & tea party on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Items for sale include essential oils, yoga props, clothes, CBD tea and more.

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» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE

Center in Deukmejian Wilderness Park. There will be singing and dancing and even a magician. Nights are chilly in the park so dress in layers and bring a blanket or a seat cushion. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Seating is limited; please RSVP at https:// tinyurl.com/8kyanum3.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta/Glendale

### **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT LANTERMAN HOUSE**

On Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. celebrate the holiday season at the Lanterman House! The free event will include peeks into the festively decorated Lanterman House, light refreshments and live holiday music. The Glendale Model Railroad Society will have a special display of HO model trains and the Santa Anita A's will be showing off their vintage cars. Members of the LCHS Chamber Singers will perform.

Therewillbecraft tables for visitors to create holiday themed ornaments. Visitors can also shop at a holiday boutique, filled with hand-crafted art, ceramics and other gifts made by local artists, including members of the Verdugo Hills Art Association.

For more information, visit www.lantermanhouse. org. No reservations necessary.

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### **ACROSS**

- 1) Europe's tallest active volcano
- 5) The devil
- 10) Classify a film as PG
- 14) Wiener schnitzel meat
- 15) Calculators that don't need batteries
- 16) Mouse manipulator 17) One excited about a
- birthday 20) Cubic meter
- 21) Big Apple conveyances
- 22) Meadowlands pace 25) Commoner, briefly
- 26) Capone and Gore
- 29) Hollywood giants?
- 31) Tooth material
- 35) Dept. of Justice arm 36) Decorative wall hangings

**BASKING QUESTIONS** 

- 38) Benefit event
- 39) Unfair things

43) At some earlier time

I GOT

YOU A SWEATER.

THEN WHYD YOU

ASKWHATI WANT

FOR CHRISTMAS?

- 44) Cargo ship
- 45) Observe
- 46) Must
- a one (nobody) 50) The two doz. in a day
- 51) Duffer's scorecard listings
- 53) "That oughta 55) Savannah's place
- 58) Celestial phenomena
- 62) Unpaid charges
- 65) College club, briefly
- 66) Unsophisticated
- 67) Capital of Norway
- 68) Act fidgety 69) Positioned, as a building
- 70) Mulligan or ragout

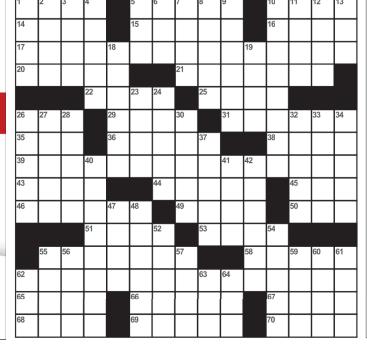
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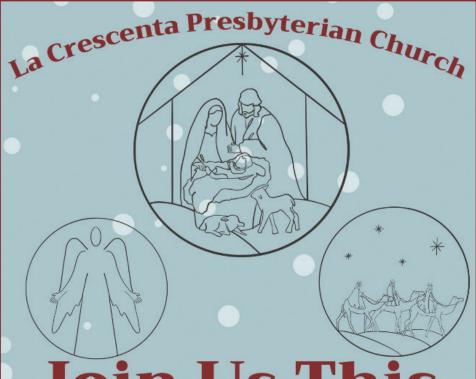
### **DOWN**

DEERING/NEWCOMBE

- 1) 12/24 and 12/31
- 2) High schooler's book
- 3) Scruff of the neck
- 4) Advance warning
- 5) Obeyed "Down in front!"
- 6) Attorneys' org.
- 7) They're hidden in the theme entries 8) Become troublesome
- 9) Light-fingered 10) Vegetable that's peeled
- 11) Like a fireplace floor
- 12) Golfer's collection
- 13) Be mistaken
- 18) Breakfast bowlful
- 19) Clive of films and TV
- 23) Cruel boss 24) Human trunk
- 26) Something attached
- 27) Freetown currency unit
- 28) Bordelaise or tartar
- 30) Gown material 32) Soggy grassland
- 33) Respected tribesman
- 34) Does high-tech eye work 37) Caesar or Waldorf
- 40) Some upright supports
- 41) Infamous fiddler
- 42) On the clothesline 47) Jelly-filled pastry
- 48) Bach is played on them
- 52) Commandments mount 54) Disturbances
- 55) Expert
- 56) JFK postings
- 57) Way in for a miner
- 59) Three-piece suit part
- 60) Qualified
- 61) Put in the overhead
- 62) Not right
- 63) "Now \_ seen everything!"
- 64) Beatty of "Roseanne"

see ANSWERS in next week's issue.





# Join Us This Christmas Season!

Christmas Concert

Friday, Dec. 16th 7:30 pm

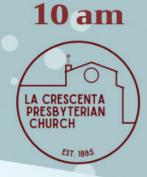
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### WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com December 12-18, 2022

### ARIES March 21 - April 19

There's a lot happening in your health zone that is positive and uplifting. Try to find ways to enjoy being healthy. Locate a mentor to help you reach your health goals. If you can pace yourself and be disciplined and determined at the same time, you'll be unstoppable. You'll glow with the radiance you've worked hard to achieve.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may find that you must repeat a treatment or course of medicine. It's possible that treatments you'd planned on could be delayed. Get some expert advice. If in doubt, get a second or third opinion about your symptoms. You may want to get back into exercising after a period of time off.

### ₩ **GEMINI** May 21 - June 20

Make time to clear out the clutter from your body. Consider a gentle detox for a couple days, and try to eat fresh fruits and vegetables and drink fresh water. You'll feel better when you take time to nourish your body with the right foods. You might decide to incorporate this way of eating into your regular diet.

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're aware that your body is made up of a number of frequencies and that you're a spiritual being clothed in flesh. This is having quite an impact on your health. You're beginning to realize that in order to feel really well, you must eat foods that are compatible with and feed the higher frequencies you sense.

### LEO July 23 - August 22

Use your imagination to help you stay healthy. This seems to be one of the most important factors that you can use in your determination to be filled with energy and power. Continually see yourself as you want to be. Combine your wonderful new image with a desire to eat right and exercise regularly. You'll blossom in all ways.

### 👪 VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You should take extra vitamins and minerals to ensure that you don't catch a cold or flu. Aside from this, you're in great shape and more determined than ever to stick to routines that make a significant difference to your health. You've learned that it's better to feel well than to indulge in foods that don't suit you.

### **LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You could feel you're taking two steps back for every one forward where your health is concerned. Reflect on why you may unconsciously sabotage your own well-being. If you're hurt or upset about any area of your life, the emotional pain could translate into physical pain until you let go of it.

### **SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

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### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This is a time to explore the subtleties of energy healing. It might prove to be one of the most important discoveries you make. It could lead to a powerful feeling of well-being if you can find a practitioner. The connection between health and spirituality is powerful now. The more you explore, the more radiant you'll become.

### ACAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

The cosmos is going to help you get your health back on track. The main reason may be that you're beginning to find answers to your financial issues. The release from stress helps you feel brighter, happier, and liberated from pressure. You'll get fitter as you work to overcome your fears

### 📤 AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You could be pulled in two different directions where your health is concerned. You may be aware of your body's potential as well as its limits. The cosmos could be encouraging you to view the whole health issue from another perspective entirely. Energy medicine may be something you'll want to explore further.

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Don't shy away from understanding your body. Learn to embrace it instead. Aspects in your health zone may cause you to be ungrounded at times and forget to care for your body as well as you should. Make time to exercise. This will help you feel more centered and empowered. Gardening is a great way to get grounded.





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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY HINZE CASE NO: 22STPB11845. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Mary Hinze, Mary June Hinze.

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

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THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be crareful unless an interested person files an objection will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should

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

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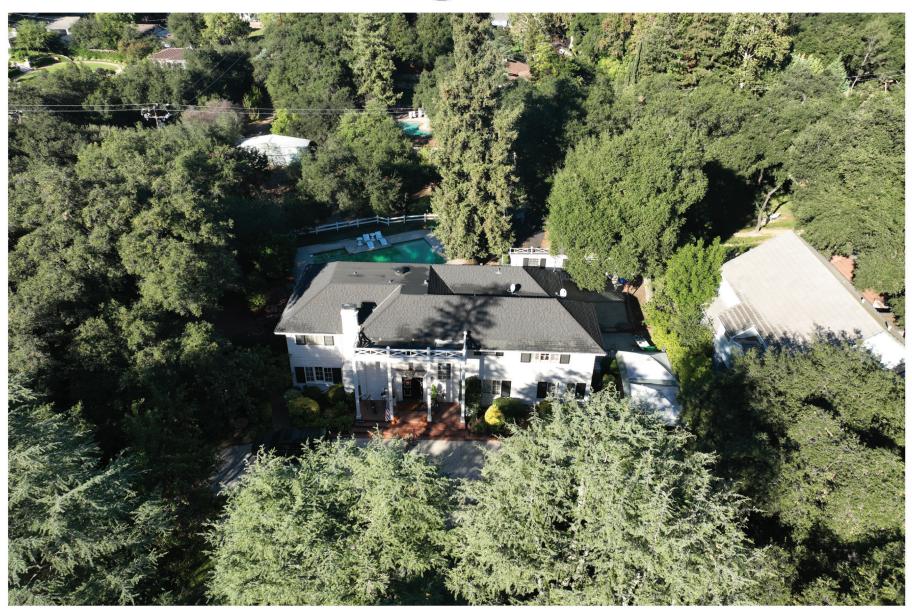


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