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New LA County Rent Relief Program Announced

As thousands of LA County residents continue to recover from the 2025 Palisades, Eaton, and other wildfires, and amid increasing financial pressures tied to federal actions impacting vulnerable households, the Los Angeles County Dept. of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), in partnership with The Center by Lendistry, will soon launch the Emergency Rent Relief Program.

Directed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, this new program will deploy over \$23 million in targeted rental and mortgage relief to eligible landlords. The goal is to prevent eviction, stabilize households, preserve naturally occurring affordable housing and protect vulnerable tenants countywide.

Information about the Emergency Rent Relief Program is available now at lacountyrent-relief.com. *Applications are not being accepted yet;* however, landlords and tenants may complete the online interest form to receive updates and be notified when the application period for landlords opens later this year.

"DCBA has built and delivered multiple large-scale rent relief programs, and this new Emergency Rent Relief Program continues our commitment to stabilizing families during crisis," said Rafael Carbajal, director of DCBA. "This is about preventing homelessness, protecting vulnerable communities and ensuring that no household falls through the cracks as they recover."

"At a time when families and small landlords are juggling wildfire recovery and rising financial pressures, this program provides a crucial lifeline," said Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, president & CEO of The Center by Lendistry. "We're proud to partner with DCBA to help make sure relief reaches the people who need it most and to stabilize the communities that make LA County home."

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La Crescenta Woman's Club: Ladies Go All Out for Clubhouse's 100th Birthday Celebration

By Ruth SOWBY

Open house gives insights to the LCWC and what it does for the community amid 100th birthday celebration.

The joint was jumpin' with plenty of women (and a smattering of men) on Nov. 23 when the 100th anniversary of the clubhouse of the La Crescenta Woman's Club (LCWC) was celebrated. The clubhouse was constructed in 1925 at 4004 La Crescenta Ave. A free to the public open house attracted about 150 members and guests who were treated to refreshments, visits by reigning politicians, the viewing of a documentary detailing the community history of the Club and demonstrations from the CVHS Falcon robotics team.

Hardworking event co-chairs



Photo by Kerry ERICKSON
Members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club were encouraged to wear vintage clothing for the open house celebrating 100 years of the Clubhouse.

Carol Stein and Denise Napiewocki encouraged LCWC members to wear fashions from the 1920-1930s, several of which were borrowed from Costumers Guild West. A highlight of the 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. open house was

the appearance of U.S. Congresswoman Laura Friedman. Publicity and Philanthropy Chair Danette Erickson introduced Friedman to applause.

"I was a member [of LCWC] who didn't show up very often,"

admitted Friedman whose Congressional duties kept her in Washington, D.C. for much of the time. "I appreciate the Woman's Club's concentration on charity, community and history,"

see LCWC on page 8

Christmas Parade History Repeats Itself

By Mary O'KEEFE

The 47th Annual Montrose Christmas Parade is on Dec. 6 at 6:10 p.m. There are a lot of traditions to this hometown parade, which include seeing Scouting troops, local high school bands and non-profit organizations march down Honolulu Avenue to cheering crowds.

It is put on by a dedicated group of volunteers, many who work year-round to make sure this parade stays true to its origin – a community event.

In the early 1950s the Montrose Christmas Parade was the idea of MGM musical star and local resident Dennis Morgan. He and some friends, including grand marshals Jackie Cooper, Jack Carson and others, joined in the community parade. The parade continued until Morgan moved out of the area.

The parade was just a footnote in the history of Montrose until 1976 when Frank Roberts, a Montrose Shopping Park merchant, revived the Montrose Christmas Parade. This revised version of the parade continues today.

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Photo provided by Susan PAOLA
The oldest three sisters rode on the Lions Club float in the 1956 Montrose Christmas Parade. They will be making a return trip in this year's 47th Annual Montrose Christmas Parade.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

A Heart of Thanksgiving

I know that many people sit around the Thanksgiving table prepared to share the things for which they're thankful. I wish I was that organized – I'm not. However, that doesn't mean I'm not thankful.

I'm thankful that our family can gather around the Thanksgiving table. This year, Steve and I are invited to the house of my son's in-laws. Not only do they live nearby but Steve and I love them. And even though many of our immediate family members are far away I'm so thankful for my son's in-laws and that they've invited us to share their Thanksgiving table.

I'm thankful for my husband. I'm not always the nicest gal in the world (I know – shocker!) and I appreciate his patience.

As I take a breath, I'm incredibly thankful for the Crescenta Valley Weekly. After 16 (yikes!) years you might think I'd get bored doing this job. Nope – I truly believe that no one can do this job as well as I and I'm grateful to come into so many homes week after week.

Though I'd like to think I'm perfect, the fact is I'm not (I know – another shocker!). Our proofreader Anne McNeill keeps me in line and has taught me so much over the years.

Looking around I have to say how grateful I am for our writers and photographers. Though many have come and gone over the years (and I'm thankful for them all), Mary O'Keefe and Charly Shelton have been by my side since we started

this journey. My friendship with Mary has evolved over the years; she has seen me through thick and thin and I'm thankful to call her my “work wife.”

Rachelle Miller has been the office manager here at the CV Weekly since 2018. She ties it all together and keeps us all on schedule.

Our columnists bring a sense of history and depth to our valley. I'm so grateful to them; they bust their humps every week, sharing the history that we value so much.

Extending that “attitude of gratitude,” I want to say thank you to our sales reps who have probably too often heard “No” when approaching a potential advertiser. But smart advertisers know the value of spreading the word about their business or service via the CV Weekly.

Which leads me to our readers. I'm so grateful that you all appreciate what it is we do here. I've seen that appreciation in many forms over the years – from notes of thanks that were mailed to us to much-needed (should I say always needed?) cash. I wish that I could say, “We don't need it – take it back” but the truth is this paper needs and appreciates the support we get.

So to all I extend warm wishes for a safe and joyful Thanksgiving.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

I was going to write about COP30, (30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) though the U.S. did not have representatives attending – but California did. Holy cats – what is going on with the U.S.? Even if you want to pretend that climate change is not a real thing (which again – holy cats!) the expanding climate saving businesses, like renewable energy, are growing. China filled any climate gap that was made with the absence of U.S. representation. China rose to the top as a climate avenger reaching deals with countries and building its influence; however, this is not what I will be writing about this week because our paper is reaching you on Thanksgiving ... and therefore I would like to tilt into the “blessings” wind.

First of all, we all know that the Plymouth Thanksgiving story of Native Americans bringing food to help the pilgrims and how they all shared a wonderful harvest is more myth than reality.

According to David Silverman's book, “This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving,” as reported by the Smithsonian when the pilgrims landed at Plymouth in 1620 the Wampanoag sachem (chief) Ousamequin offered the new arrivals an entente, or agreement, primarily as a way to protect the Wampanoags against their rivals, the Narragansetts. For 50 years, the alliance was tested by colonial land expansion, the spread of disease and the exploitation of resources on Wampanoag land. Then tensions ignited into war, known as King Philip's War (or the Great Narragansett War); the conflict devastated the Wampanoags and

forever shifted the balance of power in favor of European arrivals.

According to reports, the Wampanoags and the Pilgrims did actually feast together, each bringing their own special dish to the table. This event did create a friendship, which helped form that treaty, until King Philip's War. So it is really the time of the treaty that we now recognize Thanksgiving as a time to thank God and the Earth and to reflect on those blessings.

So in that vein, I hope everyone takes time on Thanksgiving day to take a moment and think about all the things that are working in your lives. And if you can, think about how you can share with others the blessings that you have received. The local food banks, like Bailey Center, are working so hard to get donations (of food and money) to share food with the growing number of individuals and families who are in need. There have been a lot of lay-offs this past year and there are many who are looking for support for the first time. St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church (2563 Foothill Blvd.) hosts a free Farmer's Market for families on the first and third Thursday of the month. We also help support the Bailey Center, and the Fire House at St. Luke's has a free library and food box in front of the building. I can tell you – we are seeing an increase in need. One of my blessings that I will count this year is that I get the chance to not only help others but also get to know them. These people typically just need a little help; however, perhaps more importantly they need to know that someone cares. This is especially what I found with families who have been affected by the January fires in Altadena. It is so important that we continue to support these families.

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IN BRIEF

CV WEEKLY OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The offices of the CV Weekly will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will reopen at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 1.

OLD TOWN MONTROSE/SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

The Montrose Shopping Park (MSP) merchants are having their annual tree lighting on Friday, Nov. 28 at the intersection of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. The community is invited to this free kickoff to the holiday season.

Small Business Saturday is on Saturday, Nov. 29. Many MSP merchants will be offering specials during that day and the MSP spinning wheel will also give shoppers a chance at winning a variety of giveaways, specials & prizes – while they last.

For details on this event, see the Nov. 20 cover story in www.cvweekly.com/NEWS or visit www.shopmontrose.com.

CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, with Albertsons supermarket, is having a car show in the Albertsons parking lot, 6240 Foothill Blvd., on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On-site will be an assortment of classic and vintage vehicles.

Free to attend.

CV TOWN COUNCIL HOSTING CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Crescenta Valley Town Council invites the community to the annual Christmas tree lighting on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library.

The evening will feature festive performances by the Valley View Student Choir and Crescenta Valley High School's elite singing group, the Charismatics. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments and family-friendly activities, ensuring a warm and spirited kickoff to the holiday season.

MONTROSE-GLENDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE APPS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for the Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade are now available on the Christmas parade website <https://montrosechristmasparade.com>. Those interested should click on the "Entry Forms" link at the top of the home page. The Scout application is coming soon. The theme this year is "The Christmas Time Machine."

Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade will be on Dec. 6 and begins at 6:10 p.m.

CITY OF GLENDALE ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM UNCASHED CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

The City of Glendale is working to return to their rightful owners unclaimed checks and deposits that have been unclaimed for more than three years. If no one claims the money within 45 to 60 days of the first notice, the funds will become the City's property.

Some smaller amounts, such as unclaimed funds under \$15 that have been outstanding for over a year, may automatically be transferred to the City's General Fund without public notice.

A claim has to be filed by Dec. 9 by one of the following two methods:

- Submit a claim form to the Finance Department through the city's website.
- Submit a claim online through the unclaimed property portal.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mryvpr77>.

» SPECIAL TO THE CV WEEKLY

Recognizing our Heritage

Photo provided by Rich TOYON
The Tongva Tribal Council at the dedication of Tonga Peak.



By Rich TOYON

Native American Heritage Month is a national observance held each year throughout the month of November. It is observed to recognize the many contributions Native American people have made to this country and society.

Locally, Native peoples have occupied the Crescenta Valley and all of the Los Angeles basin for many thousands of years. The most local village site was Wiqanga in the western Crescenta Valley where the confluence of several year-round streams converged, the topography was gentle and the food supplies were plentiful. In our Crescenta Valley, the Tongva, later known as the Gabrielino-Tongva, lived peacefully and quite successfully for many centuries, stewarding the land in a harmonious manner where, simply, if they cared for the land the land cared for them.

Also locally were two "mother villages": Tujunga, situated between the mouths of the Little and Big Tujunga canyons, and Hahamongna, where JPL now sits. Both mother villages were established, settled and fully operational about 4,500 years ago and 5,000 years ago respectively. To put that in a time context, the great pyramids of Egypt were built at about the same time. Thus, in order for a people such as the Tongva to live as successfully as they did they must have known every rhythm and variation in the landscape. Their pharmacy was the abundant plant materials surrounding them, their supermarkets were both the flora and fauna and even in the driest of years they reaped their knowledge of watersheds and springs that exist even to today.

The Tongva were seafarers and navigators, they practiced medicine, they had a sophisticated, complex and organized culture, they had both a solar and lunar calendar, had a monetary system and, because of their strategic geographical location, they had material wealth and were culturally influential as many tribes traveled to trade with them. They had/have complex language, were mostly peaceful and were expert resource managers incredibly tuned to the land.

It wasn't until the settlement of Alta California, with the colonial mission system and specifically the Mission San Gabriel, deleteriously interrupted the continuous lifestyle of the Tongva, as it did for numerous California Native peoples. The incredible store of generational knowledge and practice the Tongva developed over the many centuries was denied and, sadly, the knowledge or data that would have been highly useful to the missionary fathers was ignored. It is only today when the Earth is experiencing climate changes and destructive climatic events (such as year-round wildfires)

that the Native way of land stewardship is being explored as potentially a wiser method of resource management. Many "land acknowledgements" can be found of late when recognition of cultural Native contributions is becoming standard as only now are the intricate expertise and proficiencies of Native American cultures recognized.

Native American Heritage Month is a recollection of the importance of Native cultures to today's society, to today's country and to the world. Certainly, the contributions of the Tongva here locally in the Crescenta Valley cannot and should not be overlooked. Every NAHM is filled with events commemorating those contributions.

Visit the Autry Museum of the American West for its excellent Native artistic and cultural exhibitions, attend a Native Powwow celebration (Cabazon-Indio Powwow is on Nov. 25-27, CSUN's 40th annual Powwow is on Nov. 29), and the Tongva-Gabrielino Tribal Marketplace is on Dec. 6 in San Gabriel. These are wonderful opportunities to learn and experience more Native American Heritage.

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Town Council Holds Last Meeting of the Year

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Members of the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) on Thursday night, Nov. 20, held its last meeting of the year. In attendance were Frida Baghdassarian, Kerri Lewin Brautigam, Chris Kilpatrick, Donna Libra and Aram Ordubegian. Though initially a quorum was not achieved, the arrival of board member Harry Leon secured the quorum.

CV Sheriff's Station Captain Ryan Vienna gave a report on a variety of calls that deputies responded to in the month of October. He also offered this advice to thwart those who attempt ID fraud: "Watch your credit report," he said, "and report [to the agency] if/when you are a victim of identify theft."

Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
Councilmember Aram Ordubegian receives a commendation from Savannah Moore from the office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger.



Capt. Vienna also touched on the grand theft auto in October of the trailer used by local C.E.R.T. members. He said that a stolen white F250 was used to steal the trailer. He requested that anyone who has information regarding this theft to contact the CV Sheriff's Station.

He also said that he is advocating for Flock safety cameras in La Crescenta. La Cañada boasts a network of the Flock cameras, which are automatic license plate readers.

Maria Grycan of the LA County Fire Dept. then reported that the fire department responded to 69 calls in October and reminded people that Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for house fires.

"Make sure when deep frying a turkey that you stay outside ... and keep a fire extinguisher handy," she advised.

Officer Bay of the CHP said that there were six crashes in the unincorporated area of La Crescenta and said that now is a "good time to check your tire tread."

Nov. 19 through Dec. 19 is CHiPs for Kids, a holiday toy drive spearheaded by the California Highway Patrol.

Glendale Unified School District superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson greeted the audience, stating that she and her staff are "very pleased to have a new field and new lights" at Crescenta Valley High School. She added that at this year's Christmas parade (on Dec. 6) the high school's marching band will not be participating due to a scheduling conflict.

Perhaps the reason many people attended the meeting was an update by Chris Kilpatrick on the recommendation by the Land Use Committee regarding the proposed project at Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. According to Kilpatrick, who also sits on



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the Land Use Committee, the meeting (which was held earlier this month) had more than 150 people in attendance. Of those, almost none approved the project in its current form. With that in mind, the Land Use Committee drafted a letter, which was sent to the CVTC, urging Supervisor Kathryn Barger to suspend all project approvals (a copy of the letter can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/bdfnbu3h>).

CVW reached out to Abode Communities to ask if there was a schedule for future outreach meetings between the company and the community.

"Yes, we're planning more outreach in the spring," stated Megan Folland, vice president, Advancement, Adobe Communities. We don't have exact dates yet."

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a commendation by Savannah Moore of Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office to outgoing CVTC member Aram Ordubegian.

Finally, Librarian Marta Wiggins celebrated the achievement of the library as being number one as far as the number of items being checked out.

"I'm very pleased to be the steward of this ship," she said. The library was previously ranked at number 14.

She also invited the community to the Christmas tree lighting on Wednesday, Dec. 3 and to participate in the library's holiday gift exchange.

Robert Thomas extended an invitation to attend "A Christmas Carol," which begins on Dec. 6 and plays on select dates. To learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n8mjjkp>.

The council finished the meeting by approving the treasurer's report from October, the October minutes and the November agenda.

Joseph Alexander – 103 and Continuing His Outreach

By Mary O'KEEFE

CVW was able to speak with Holocaust survivor Joseph Alexander on his birthday on Nov. 20:

When asked what it feels like to be 103 years old, Alexander replied, "The same thing as when I was 102 – just a year older."

Alexander recently returned from Orange County where he continued his mission of reaching out to as many young people as possible to share his story of the Holocaust.

Alexander was born in Poland and in 1939 and was caught up in what Nazi Germany called The Final Solution. When Germans marched into Poland they divided the area into restricted and non-restricted areas. Eventually Alexander and his family were separated, and he was put into one labor camp after another. The work was backbreaking and endless.

Then he, along with hundreds of other Jews, were loaded into a cattle car [train box car] and taken to Auschwitz. He survived more camps, met Josef Mengele and, as the war was coming to an end, he and others were marched by Nazi soldiers to a mountain where it was certain they would be killed. Thankfully the Americans liberated them before they were killed.

Alexander said the story of the Holocaust, especially for those few survivors, is important to share with young people. He has been sharing his story for decades and said this generation has received the information with a lot of interest – and responding to it.

"After [the talk] I get a lot of questions," he said.

He said the persecution of some individuals he sees in today's world is not exactly like what happened in Nazi Germany but "it is close."

Alexander has been sharing his message with students and plans to continue to travel to school after school to share the story.

"The message to people now is to let them know what happened, and the rest of my message is that I hope that is does not happen again," he said.

Raising Children in an Experimental Digital World

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Thursday those who braved the rain came to Crescenta Valley High School to hear Jamie Given, licensed therapist, give a presentation about Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The title of the talk – "Rewired and Overwhelmed. AI, Anxiety and the Price of Progress" – covered how AI can enhance people's lives but also raise concerns for adults and students due to being a new technology.

Given started out by telling the audience that she was not a "tech person."

"As much of this is going to be about AI, I am really more about relationships, mental health and wellbeing," she said.

She added the information given at the talk was meant for people to have an awareness – and some education – on how to navigate AI.

"AI and technology is really overwhelming for youth right now," she added. "There are so many different aspects to technology and artificial intelligence that are shifting our generational landscape."

Although there is no way to predict exactly how AI will affect youth due to its rapid advancement in technology, there has been some research on what it has done thus far.

"We are going to start understanding how AI is shaping childhood and adolescence. We are trying to create awareness about emotional and mental health," she said.

She shared that AI is not "the enemy" and instead it can be a helpful tool.

"We [should] see it as a tool rather than a reliant factor," she said.

AI is technology that, by design, is able to think, learn and help with decisions similarly to humans. AI is everywhere and many think can do anything – from running autocorrect programs to completing people's thoughts as they write. It may appear to be human-like but it is not human.

"However, AI tries to be human-like whenever possible," Given said. "This [presentation] is extremely important because over the last two decades we've had a rise in youth mental health [issues]. Anxiety and depression have skyrocketed since the time, really, that smartphones and the internet has become more prevalent in our everyday lives."

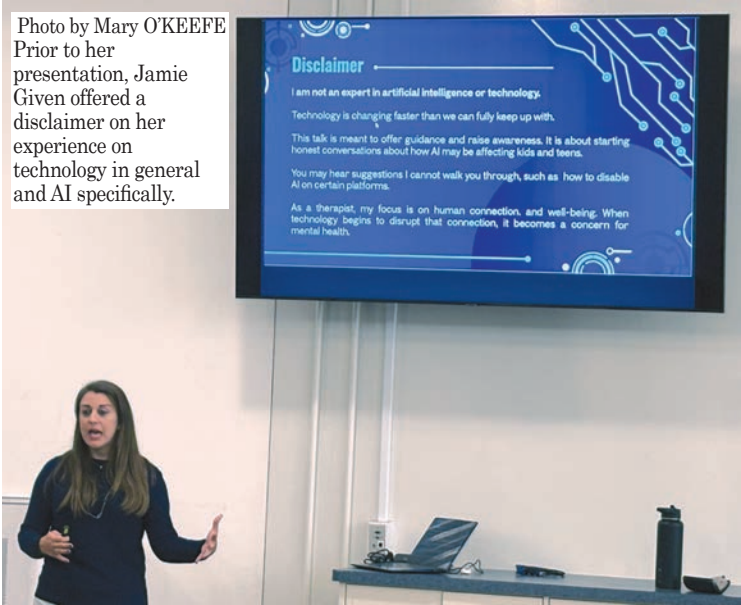
Young people use technology at school and through their cellphones. There is a constant connectivity providing so much content, which can be overwhelming.

"We're raising children in an experimental digital world," she said. "What I mean by that is that we really don't know how what we are doing today, to youth, will affect them as adults."


She said that what researchers have seen, and what she has seen in her own practice, is a rise in youth of mental health issues including significant depression and anxiety. Technology is changing so fast it is difficult to gather timely data; however, the trends of depression and anxiety cases are increasing.

Given added that though there is no way to escape AI completely it is important for adults to understand the technology and how it is affecting kids whose brains do not fully develop until the age of 25-26.

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Barger Recognizes Tribal Firefighters Who Helped Save Communities During January Wildfires

As Native American Heritage Month draws to a close, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger honored the tribal nations whose fire departments stepped forward to help battle the Eaton and Palisades wildfires earlier this year.

When the fires swept through communities in January, fire crews from 15 tribal nations traveled from across California, Oregon and Arizona to protect lives, homes and natural resources during an unprecedented and dangerous chapter in the region’s history.

Representatives from the

Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation joined Supervisor Barger in person to take part in the recognition ceremony. It was preceded by Fernando Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Vice President Mark Villaseñor performing a short welcome song.

Supervisor Barger presented commemorative scrolls to the tribal leaders and fire officials as symbols of appreciation and as commitments to continued partnership.



Bryan CHAN/LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger stands alongside honorees during the recognition event. Unnamed 2: Fernando Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Vice President Mark Villaseñor performs a welcome song.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone also spoke, reflecting on the magnitude of the firefight.

“It is my honor to recognize the service and courage of the firefighters from these tribal nations,” Chief Marrone said. “I extend my deepest gratitude to their governments for supporting us as we battled

these unprecedented wildfires. Never in my 39 years of service have I seen fire behavior like what we experienced. As we move forward, we will continue learning and adapting, including incorporating the fire management practices long used by Native American tribes to promote resilience across our landscapes. On behalf of the Los Angeles County Fire

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BPD K-9 Shot and Killed During Investigation

Burbank police, along with the community and neighboring communities, is in mourning over the loss of one of its own – Spike, a Belgian Malinois, was with the Burbank K-9 Unit.

Spike had just turned 4 when during the course of his duties he was shot and killed by a suspect.

According to the Burbank Police Dept., on Nov. 22 at about 6:40 p.m. Burbank police officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop in the 2400 block of Buena Vista Street near the northbound I-5 on-ramp.

During the stop, a passenger fled from the vehicle, ran up the I-5 on-ramp and jumped over the freeway embankment wall into a nearby residential neighborhood. The police officers were able to see the suspect hiding in terrain

adjacent to the northbound Interstate-5 freeway near the Buena Vista Street on-ramp. The terrain was thick, uneven and overgrown. The suspect was seen armed with the handgun within proximity of a residential neighborhood.

Additional resources were necessary so the incident transitioned into a joint agency operation with the Burbank and Glendale police departments. This included additional police canine units, crisis negotiators and the Burbank Police Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

During the incident, the BPD police canine was struck by gunfire from the suspect who was armed with a handgun. The police canine was transported to a local emergency veterinarian but

succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Multiple efforts were made to communicate and negotiate with the suspect, encouraging him to surrender peacefully. Officers established a containment and deployed less lethal systems in an attempt to induce him to surrender.

During these attempts, the suspect began shooting at police officers, striking police vehicles parked near the scene. Officers returned fire, hitting the suspect. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. The handgun was recovered.

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CRIME BLOTTER

NOV. 18
2300 block of Florencita Avenue in Montrose, a resident reported that she was notified by her door camera that someone was at the door. She observed a male delivery person dropping off a package. The delivery person put the package on the porch, took a picture and then picked the box up and returned to his vehicle. A few minutes later the same delivery person came back to the house, this time with another package, and left it on the doorstep. The resident was to receive two packages but the delivery person only left one.

The original package was delivered at 9:31 a.m.

NOV. 17
100 Berkshire Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman parked her vehicle in the church parking lot, locked the doors and left the area. When she returned she found the back window of the vehicle had been shattered and her purse, which was inside the vehicle, has been stolen.

The theft occurred between 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.

NOV. 12
4300 block of Oakwood Avenue

in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call regarding a possible attempted burglary of a home. Residents returned home to find the back sliding glass door was shattered. Nothing was reported stolen from the house.

The attempted burglary occurred between Nov. 12-18.

Editor's note: Details included in the crime reports are taken directly from the reports on file. The Crescenta Valley Weekly is not responsible for the incompleteness or inaccuracies in the original reports.





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WEATHER from page 2

The fires are over but their fears and their journeys through the red tape of permitting are not even close to being over. So take time for family and friends today. Turn inward and, depending on your faith, take time to thank God for the blessings you have received and, regardless of faith, take a moment to thank the Earth for its bounty. And then turn outward and find ways you can help others.

Happy Thanksgiving. Today should be cloudy but no rain is expected. High temperatures will be in the low 70s. There is a chance of winds with gusts up to 20 mph. Saturday will see cool temperatures in the low 60s. On late Sunday night into Monday we should see some rain and continued winds with highs that remain in the low 60s.

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RENT RELIEF from Cover

The Emergency Rent Relief Program builds on DCBA's history of delivering relief quickly and effectively, including:

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Program, which delivered more than \$81 million for COVID-era rental debt (2023-24)

- The Household Relief Grant, which delivered more

than \$31 million in wildfire relief to displaced households earlier in 2025

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LCWC from Cover

she continued. Friedman presented a Congressional Recognition commendation to Club Co-Presidents Stein and Mary Nolte.

More VIPs, including California State Senator Sasha Perez, were present to give further recognition to the Club. Nolte accepted the honor. After the recognition was the screening of the documentary on the Club's history and community involvement.

After the screening, Nolte said, "Trees have come and trees have gone, but our women have stayed."

Those "women who have

stayed" were also described by Stein.

"There is fun in the Club," she said.

One of the fun activities, according to Stein, are the Saturday 8 a.m. walks in Descanso Gardens followed by coffee at 9 a.m. Open house "fun" included the opportunity to buy pumpkin bread and peanut brittle from the Monastery of Angels. The Monastery is also celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Another opportunity for fun was the opportunity drawing. The winner receives a free rental of the iconic Clubhouse.

More fun came when the Crescenta Valley High School's Falcon robotics demonstration team showed off its robot. Falcon members are currently creating a "software bot" for editing.

Also during the open house, LCWC members collected non-perishable food for the Bailey Center food pantry. Present was Connie Wright, 1971 Club president of the LCWC Juniors. Wright also runs the Bailey Center. Its food pantry is one of the Woman's Club charities. Other Club charities include scholarships to worthy community students.

AI from page 5

"Digital influence can truly change the trajectory of how you interact with the world," she said.

Studies have found that digital influence can affect the attention span and sleeping patterns of children – and adults.

"Who here sleeps with their phone in their bedroom?" Given asked.

Everyone, including the students in the room, raised their hands.

"Right, we all do. And we often check our phones before we go to bed and use it as an alarm [to wake up]," Given said. "It is the first thing we see in the morning."

Many times people begin by looking at one thing on their phones and then continue scrolling until oftentimes they discover they have been spending a lot more time on the device than they realized. That, Given said, is designed by internet platforms including AI.

"The stimulation you have [when scrolling] continues after you put the phone down. It's in the brainwaves and in the brain," she said. "We also have a decreased ability to regulate and manage our emotions."

AI is not just about finding out what program it thinks a person

would be interested in, it also becomes a type of companion that is always positive. For example, when writing something using AI, or having AI review something people have written, it will usually let them know how "great" they are doing ... even when it may not be that well written.

Next week, CVW will continue writing about Given's talk and how this technology is affecting kids and adults. The article will also relay information on how being aware of what AI can do is the best way to use it as a tool.



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VIEWPOINTS

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Turkey Day with the Cowboy Who Cared

Jasper couldn't have been more excited when he stepped onto the street that day. His mind may have been racing with all his recent accomplishments. He'd been noticed on the ball field at the University of Arkansas years before and only days earlier he'd been tapped to join the 1936 Chicago White Sox. Spring training had just gotten underway when fate intervened. As he stepped off the curb into the roadway – "Screeeech, bang" – he was hit and hit hard.

The driver of the car looked back at the damage s/he had done and then sped off, never to be discovered. Jasper's broken body was removed from the street and taken to the hospital. It was determined that he had suffered severe internal injuries and his back was broken. His left leg had been shattered, broken in seven places. During the 119 days he spent encased in a full body cast, he accepted the fact that his dream of playing baseball in the major leagues was over.

Jasper returned to his father's farm in the Ozarks to recuperate. There, he would engage himself in the needs of the farm as a way of regaining his strength. His horse-riding skills became exceptional. Somehow he got the

idea of heading to Hollywood in about 1940. He planned to pursue a career in western films, utilizing his horsemanship skills. He created the alter ego of Johnny Carpenter as a stage name ... and it worked.

He was soon engaged in stunt work, appearing in the film "National Velvet" starring Mickey Rooney and Elizabeth Taylor. He continued doing stunt work until being cast for some bit parts of his own appearing in "The Navajo Trail" and "The El Paso Kid" in the mid-1940s. His roles got better and he would eventually appear in nearly 50 films and numerous television programs as well.

What Johnny accomplished off the screen, though, far surpassed his film success. After suffering heartily from his injuries as a young man, Johnny had a special place in his heart for those struggling with disabilities. In 1945, he gathered some friends and they built a weathered western town on his small ranch located near Griffith Park. He then invited those with disabilities to visit his ranch, free of charge. They came – and in great numbers. By 1970, he had outgrown his small space and sought to expand. He acquired

nearly five acres at 9750 Foothill Place in Lake View Terrace and built a much larger western town. The buses and cars arrived and the wheelchair cowboys came smiling in.

Passing through the main gates, visitors saw the Mangy Dog Saloon, a blacksmith shop, and a sheriff's office. They continued past Canada's General Store, the Cheyenne Stage Works and the assay office to a big sign which read, Heaven on Earth Ranch. There was a corral with 20 horses and mules, a mess hall, and several large barbecue pits. Johnny's disabled guests were treated to a bonanza of entertainment, that included horse and stagecoach rides and barbecues at the old chuckwagon while just enjoying the setting of an era long past.

Each Thanksgiving at the Heaven on Earth Ranch, Johnny served turkey dinners to hundreds of disabled children and their families. One November, over 750 people were seated and served a meal with all the fixings. Over the course of 50 years, Johnny believed he had provided love to over 1.5 million guests. Mayor Tom Bradley commended the grizzled good Samaritan for putting "nearly



three-quarters of a million dollars of his own money into his special ranch."

Ronald Reagan wrote, "Johnny, we Americans owe much to you and the efforts of kindhearted citizens such as yourself."

The ranch closed in 1994 and Johnny passed in 2003. The

epitaph on his headstone at Forest Lawn reads, The Cowboy Who Cared.

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

Slow Down, Take Stock

With Thanksgiving upon us, many are thinking about the familiar comforts of the season – family gatherings, favorite recipes, maybe even the annual debate over whether the cranberry sauce should be homemade or served straight from the can. But beyond the ritual and routine, Thanksgiving offers something deeper: an invitation to slow down and take stock of how we show up for one another in our community.

Gratitude is often treated like a feeling – something that arrives on its own when life is going well. But, in practice, gratitude is a discipline. This year as our country continues to feel the strains of division, uncertainty and change, the discipline of gratitude feels not only timely but necessary.

Practicing gratitude doesn't mean ignoring hardship; it means acknowledging the ways we support each other through it. Look around our community and you'll find countless quiet acts of generosity:

volunteers who stock local food pantries, neighbors who check in on older residents, teachers who bring warmth and stability to children during difficult times, health workers who continue to carry enormous workloads without fanfare. These gestures rarely make headlines, but they are the backbone of our communities.

Thanksgiving can also be a moment for humility. The holiday's history is complex and in recent years many people have begun to understand more about the experiences of Indigenous communities whose stories were long left out of the national narrative. That knowledge invites us to approach the day with a broader and more honest sense of gratitude – one that respects the full history of the land we live on and the peoples who shaped it.

At its best, Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is not an endpoint but a starting place. It can inspire action: donating to a local shelter,

checking in on someone who might be spending the holiday alone or simply being more intentional about recognizing the people who make our daily lives possible. In a moment when so much feels uncertain, choosing gratitude is a powerful way to strengthen the bonds that hold communities together.

this Thanksgiving, let's enjoy the traditions that bring us comfort and joy – but let's also carry forward the spirit of the day long after the leftovers are gone. Gratitude, practiced regularly, can make us not only more appreciative but more connected, more resilient and more compassionate.

And that's something worth celebrating.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our district office if you have questions or if we can be of assistance. Our phone number is (818) 558-3043 and email address is Assemblymember.Schultz@Assembly.ca.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Say Grats at Dinner

When we read about problems and tragedies it's easy to become distressed. To increase happiness, think about things for which you have gratitude. My family does this at the end of dinner when we say "grats." This involves one person telling us three things for which she or he is grateful. Then we have a conversation about what was said.

Being the old guy at the table,

I often discuss how one of those things was different in earlier times. For example, if televisions are cited I might talk about how, when I was young, we didn't have one and that the first TVs had small screens and took a while to "warm up" before a low-quality black and white image grudgingly appeared.

The only rule we have is that grats shouldn't involve a person at the table. Otherwise, they can be

anything – big or small. Examples: freedom of speech, paper towels, email, volunteers, toothbrushes, friends, pie, plastic, sunshine, living in America, electricity, teachers, parks and music.

Grats has sparked a lot of good conversation and made us more appreciative of the lives we have. Try it. You'll like it.

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» ADRIA NAVARRO, PHD, LCSW

National Family Caregivers Month

Did you know that November 2025 has offered up a national observance to honor the millions of unpaid caregivers across the country? The term “family caregiver” describes individuals who provide essential care to members of their family of origin, as well as to their family of choice. This year’s National Family Caregivers theme, Plug-in to Care, highlights the importance of connecting caregivers with support tools, resources and supportive networks; a theme that resonates with the services at the USC VHH Community Resource Center for Aging (uscvh.org/aging-resources). To mark this month’s observance there have been various conferences, webinars and congressional recognition focused on added support and awareness.

Whether or not a person identifies with family caring, s/he will be impacted. Rosalynn Carter (U.S. first lady from 1977 to 1981) famously stated, “There are only four kinds of people in the world: those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers.”

Her efforts have highlighted that caregiving is a universal experience, touching everyone at some point in their lives. The essential services a family caregiver offers to someone who needs support may relate to illness, disability or functional changes with age. Care recipients include spouses, adult children, other relatives or friends who require help with tasks ranging from basic daily activities and errands to managing complex medical care and providing emotional support.

Family caregivers deserve to be honored and supported as they save the country billions of dollars annually. Their unpaid care would otherwise cost billions if it were left only to professionals and outside resources. Specifically, an AARP report recently estimated that family caregivers’ unpaid contributions are valued at over \$600 billion per year. This includes services such as in-home care, help with daily tasks, transportation and other forms of support. Caregivers off-load and can prevent more expensive care such as in institutions.

Despite the immense value family caregivers provide, they themselves face significant stressors, including financial burden. The dedicated time they provide often means postponing their own personal needs and activities, such as health care and respite. The financial stress (in many cases) can come from spending thousands of dollars out-of-pocket for caregiving-related needs. One study shows they bear an average annual cost of approximately \$7,242. In response to this situation, one bipartisan solution is the proposed Credit for Caring Act, which would help ease this financial burden by providing up to \$5,000 in tax credits every year. To date this bill has been stalled in Congress. Support was noted by one congressional member that was quoted, “If you’re living on a fixed income and you’re struggling to survive, a diffusion of \$5,000 would make an enormous difference.”

Medicare does not offer reimbursement for family caregivers. It also doesn’t provide payment for long-term care services like in-home care or adult day services. There are a few Medicare Advantage plans that offer coverage for services such as meal delivery or rides to medical appointments, but these are limited.

One local support is a monthly complimentary memory café referred to as Caregivers Night Out. The social gathering is designed for people with memory loss, dementia or cognitive changes and their family, friends or care partners. The aim is to reduce social isolation and provide a supportive, enjoyable environment where attendees can connect with others through conversation and activities such as music, games and arts. A formal diagnosis is not required to attend.

For reservations and more information, reach out to the USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging at (818) 949-4033 or email Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu.

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CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Local residents and friends recently traveled together to Mongolia, China and Tibet. They are “retired and gratefully healthy.” Here they are outside the Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet.

This group of friends met together in 2002 at La Cañada Presbyterian Church when they all had young children. From left are Steve & Shirley Markonich, Glenda & Mike Webster, John & Jodean Giese and Bill & Janice Nesmith.

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(not your usual everyday holiday decor)

4. Best In Show Award
(ya blew the judges minds)



TRAVEL & LEISURE

Holidays at Universal Studios Hollywood

By Charly SHELTON

Universal Studios Hollywood has a way of making the holidays feel wonderfully odd in the best possible way. Only in Los Angeles can you stand under a swirl of falling “snoap” while palm trees frame the skyline and the Grinch’s curlicue tree glows like a holiday beacon. Universal invited us out again this year to experience its holiday lineup and – unsurprisingly – it still hits the same cozy, slightly chaotic sweet spot it always has.

The festivities are anchored in two big seasonal offerings: Grinchmas in Universal Plaza and Christmas in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter in the upper lot. Both return largely unchanged from previous years, save a few decorative updates here and there, but the hits remain the hits for a reason.

Grinchmas continues to be one of those quintessentially LA holiday moments. The giant, lopsided tree twinkles, “snoap” drifts from the sky and the whole plaza feels like a Who-ville block party as residents, the mayor and The Grinch himself stroll around and greet guests. It’s loud, it’s weird and it just works. Universal has a knack for embracing the absurdity of The Grinch and Who-ville to create something that is more unique than all of the other more traditional Christmas celebrations and, honestly, that’s part of the charm.

A short walk away, The Wizarding World delivers a completely different kind of holiday mood – less brightly colored whimsy, more cozy winter fantasy. This is largely done in decorations around the land, some additional lights in Hogsmeade and the fact that the snow on the rooftops doesn’t feel out of place at this time of year. The nighttime projection show, The Magic of Christmas at Hogwarts Castle, remains one of the best light shows presented all year. Standing there with a warm butterbeer while the castle erupts in lights, snowfall and holiday magic is another of those quintessential holiday experiences that is something to look forward to all year.

Food, as always, is half the fun

at Universal during the holidays. Hollywood & Dine has gone full Grinchmas, complete with Who-themed dishes like Who Pudding, the Who-B-Q Roast Beastwich, and even a can of Who Hash served in an actual can, which makes me respect the commitment to the bit. But my heart still belongs to the holiday dinner at Three Broomsticks in The Wizarding World.

This is a classic turkey dinner with all of the trimmings, and it’s spectacular. Thick cuts of roast turkey, hearty stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, bacon-wrapped sausage and those maple-butter-glazed carrots that have no business being as good as they are can all be found. The recipe is tweaked every year; for example, this season’s carrots aren’t quite the top-tier version from a few years back but the dish overall is still one of the best seasonal meals you’ll find in any theme park.

Down in Super Nintendo World, the holiday decorations are fun but simple – more “festive touches” than a full holiday overlay. It’s worth a stroll for the visuals, but the real seasonal substance remains up in the upper lot.

Universal’s holiday celebrations are playful, immersive, pleasantly goofy and filled with the kind of small seasonal pleasures that keep you coming back: warm butterbeer, a bent tree lit up in lights, snoap falling among the palm trees, maple glazed carrots and bacon-wrapped sausage. This isn’t like your usual holiday celebration – it somehow feels more LA ... and our holiday season wouldn’t feel complete without it.

The Holidays at Universal Studios Hollywood are on now through Jan. 4, 2026. Visit UniversalStudiosHollywood.com for more details.

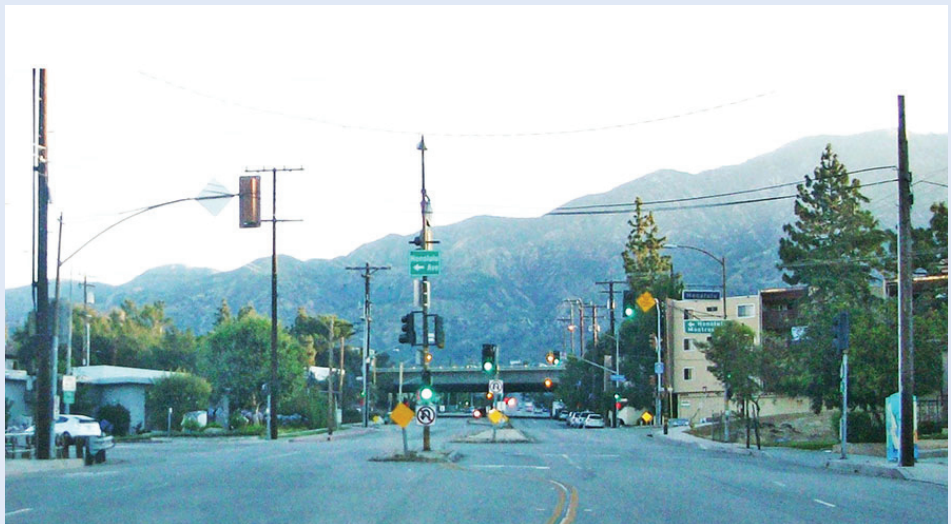
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TOP: Universal Studios Hollywood greets guests to its crazy, fun holiday offerings.
MIDDLE: A more cozy winter fantasy is found in in the upper lot at Christmas in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.
BOTTOM: The giant, lopsided Christmas tree twinkles, “snoap” drifts from the sky and the entire Universal plaza feels like a Who-ville block party.



THEN & NOW



Then: This view is looking north on Pennsylvania Avenue at its intersection with Honolulu Avenue. The date is unknown, but it’s probably the late ’20s/early ’30s. Up the street on the right is the big shed of Amlang Lumber. On the other side is Valley Center Market.



Now: Here is that same spot today. Note how much wider Pennsylvania is and that the freeway now cuts across the street. The big lumber shed is now a big apartment building and Valley Center Market has been replaced with the same kind of small market, Gardenia Market.

Pennsylvania Avenue
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NOTES & NODS

LCIF
LutheranChurchintheFoothills (LCIF) has a variety of events for the community. For information, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoohills.org or call (818) 790-1951.
The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
CELEBRATING THE START OF ADVENT AT MOUNT OLIVE
This week at Mount Olive, the first Sunday of Advent will be

celebrated by lighting the hope candle on the Advent wreath. This will be on Sunday Nov. 30 at 9:30 a.m. This first Sunday in Advent starts the church year the congregation begins its wait for the Christ child's arrival on Christmas Day.
Also for those who love to decorate the sanctuary will be decorated for the holidays on Saturday, Nov. 29. Come at 10 a.m. and help put up the tree and hang the garland to ready the worship space for the Christmas season! Refreshments provided.
Visit molc.org, email or call office@molc.org or call (818) 248-4253 for more information

Question: AI has the ability to do students' homework, including writing prose and poetry, and summarizing history in a matter of seconds. How do parents control this "short cut" usage of this study tool?

Answer: The challenge with AI ... we don't get to use our natural brain to research and to learn academically. And little by little, I believe that can affect how we deal with life and its challenges. We don't exercise our own brain power and knowledge. We don't learn from making our own choices and mistakes. Bottom line, if we don't exercise our brain and use it, but instead rely on AI to think and gather information for us, we will lose our power of choice, our power and our own intelligence, our brain power, our individuality, our sense of Self and self-worth.
We now can see the dangers of being on social media too much.

about these and other opportunities for Christian fellowship and service.
Mt. Olive is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CRECHES
Christmas Carols & Creches, a three-night community celebration, will be presented on Dec. 12, 13 and 14 at 4550 Raymond Ave. in La Crescenta, hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
A musical presentation will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
The viewing of hundreds of Nativity displays is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The event is free. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

'SCIENCE AMBASSADOR' JD STILLWATER TO SPEAK AT UUCVH
Join UUCVH on Nov. 30 when science ambassador JD Stillwater presents his sermon "Defining Enough." Failure to define "enough" means never being satisfied. It makes people vulnerable to slick advertising and fills lives with tedium and chaos. It deflects focus from sources of true happiness like play, family, relationships, community.
As science ambassador JD Stillwater will explain,

It is addicting. and it is not private. "They" are listening to us ... through our watches, our phones, our TV, through Alexis or whatever name they give it. Oops, I think I'm headed down the rabbit hole of fear! Fear of lack of privacy, fear of losing individuality, fear of losing sense of Self and all that encompasses.
So, how to control AI and your children's use of it. First of all, we are not going to get away from it. AI – and even more – is here to stay. But so is the outdoors, the trees, the grass (well, maybe). If your children are young, spend time with them doing natural things, doing activities with others, taking field trips, reading books, using their own writing skills and research skills. Teach them the joys of finding out things for themselves. Praise them for figuring things out by themselves, using their own thinking brain skills.
If they are teenagers, there already is technology exposure in school and through social

ultimately it also leads to the desecration of Earth's living systems. Defining "enough" is a spiritual practice.
Service begins at 10:30 a.m. or visit the UUCVH website for the ZOOM link https://www.uuverdugo.org/.
Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills, 4451 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta

CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS
The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Mikki. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.
The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta.
The Center for Spiritual Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH HOLDS MONTHLY BREAKFAST
Mt. Olive holds a monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Drive, Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. This Bible study is currently in the Book of Second Corinthians. Also, a weekly Bible study (currently in the Book of Genesis) is held

media, but creating a balance between AI and between using their own brain would help them understand the value of both techniques. It will help develop their own sense of Self and self worth and pride. Let the use of their own brain power be the first choice only ... and then give them a tad bit of taste in using AI. Ask your kids what makes them feel more proud ... that they did it by themselves – or by just pushing a button for the AI answer.
God gave us a brain and the opportunity to develop thinking skills and intelligence to maneuver through life. Let's not let that get lost by letting AI be our brain. Besides, sometimes learning from making mistakes can be a blessing.
Good luck. Blessings from an old-timer.
*Laney Clevenger, RScP Emeritus
Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta*

at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.
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WALK AND WORD
Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Nov. 30. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.
Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.
Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.
All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

JUST FOR FUN

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon; however, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Club will be dark on Friday, Nov. 28. The Club next meets on Friday, Dec. 5 when the City of Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian gives a presentation on the state of the city.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus), which were dark

during summer. It is now active!

There is live music every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

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

CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them are:

- All are invited for a Holiday Angels Project - Cancer Care Kits volunteer opportunity on Dec. 2. Together, wellness boxes will be packed filled with love, care and holiday cheer for women

undergoing chemotherapy. Register/learn more at cclcf.volunteerlocal.com

- Looking ahead to December, the Annual Holiday Ceramic Sale is coming up on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Looking ahead to winter programming, registration opens Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. Classes to run from Jan. 5 to Feb. 28 (eight weeks).

- CCLCF is having a holiday family brunch. The community is invited on Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to enjoy live carolers, winter crafts, a delicious brunch and pictures with Santa. Tickets available (adults & teens: \$15; kids 12 and under: \$10). Tickets are limited; visit cclcf.org/events for more info.

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The Community Center of La

Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Those who can, do; Those who can do more, volunteer. Author Unknown

Little Landers Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help support its mission, "To preserve and maintain Bolton Hall Museum and the historical record of Rancho Tujunga."

Positions on the Bolton Hall 2026 board of directors are open. Other opportunities to volunteer include museum docents, committee members for ongoing projects, special event and exhibit coordinators, administrative, archival or library assistants, facilities maintenance and more.

Potential volunteers are asked to reach out with questions. Email LittleLanders@BoltonHall.org, phone (818) 352-3420 or send a

letter so P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, CA 91043.

POST-TURKEY TRAIL BURN HIKE

A moderately difficult hike that will burn calories takes place on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/La Crescenta. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/8mnhkyyd>.

UGLY XMAS SWEATER AND BINGO EVENT

Emblem Club #104 of Glendale will hold an Ugly Xmas Sweater Bingo fundraiser on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the Glendale Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. Check in at 5 p.m. Food available for purchase. Bingo starts at 6 p.m. Ten game packs are \$20 presale or \$25 at the door. Wear your ugly Xmas sweater and join the fun!

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com November 24, 2025 - November 30, 2025

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Keep your thoughts about yourself upbeat and very positive. This will have an effect on your health. The way you think is crucial to your well-being, and you can see this firsthand. As you become elated, rebellious, assertive, or confused, you'll notice that your body responds accordingly. Act on this information.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Developing greater spiritual awareness connects you with your ability to influence your health. You'll notice how an inner pattern of behavior manifests as a health issue. You're in an upbeat, energetic mood that's going to keep you in good shape. Don't let another's casual assessment of your health affect you.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

There's a powerful flow of dynamic energy that you can tap into and use to your advantage. This could be followed by a period of frustration, which won't help your blood pressure. Stay cool. By doing so, you'll feel capable of anything. You need to be more careful if you're going out. You could be vulnerable to viruses now. Boost your immune system!

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Create and work with your artistic impulses. A wonderful influence is creating a dynamic flow of energy directly related to your health. Get out and do those things that fill you with passion. The blocks to well-being will vanish. If you're socializing a lot, rest and eat well. It's time to recommit to your health goals.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You're doing well. People notice that you have an extra glow about you. You understand why it's so important to factor your body into your plans. You can't function if you suffer from chronic bad health. Find your own rhythm in order to operate at maximum efficiency. Don't let anyone interfere with your health plans.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The cosmos is guaranteed to get everyone worked up. Stay calm and don't let anything or anyone upset your digestive system. If you can keep yourself together, the days ahead should be much easier and more restful. Relationships might be tense, but getting intimate could help you see the reality of any issues and bond more closely with your mate.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You could have a minor accident if you rush. The aspects are nothing to worry about, but they could increase a sense of panic and agitation. Things should be more restful in a few days. For your overall peace of mind, keep relaxing deeply for a minute or two during the day. Get in the right mood to face any challenge.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Arguments or emotional confrontations could make you feel unwell. There is a lot of stress around now. If you can stay calm rather than overreact, it will help you feel better. Delegate some tasks and give yourself a bit of time off. You'll feel a sense of release that enables you to return to your usual vibrant self.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Take it easy if stressful influences lead to minor accidents at home. You and your partner could be at loggerheads. Things will calm down and be more relaxing later. Use this opportunity to pamper yourself and feel good about life again. Good, old-fashioned home comforts will bring you down to earth, but try not to overdose on comfort foods!

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Arguments on the home front could bring a powerful current of tension. One issue could cause sparks. If you feel on edge, it could contribute to tension headaches or sore muscles. This is the last thing you need when you're busy. The pressure diminishes as the week progresses. The more you can relax your mind and thoughts, the better you'll feel.

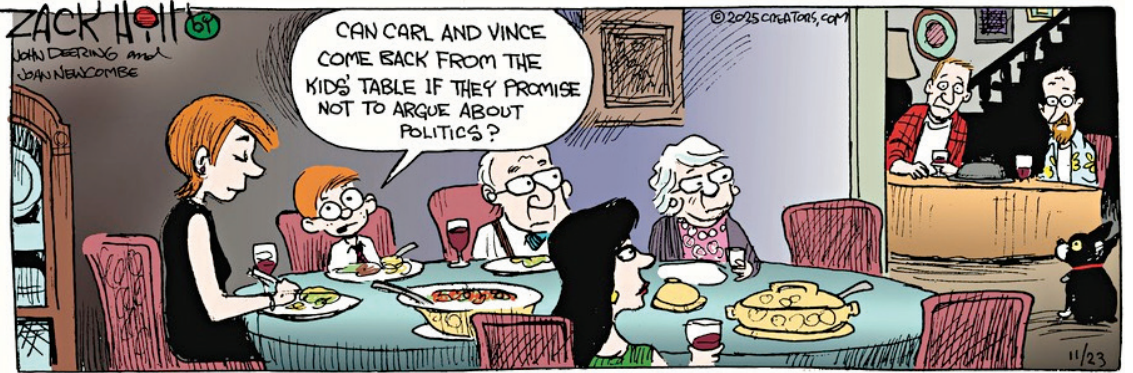
AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You're motivated to focus on getting your body in shape. There could be a few difficult days in which you feel emotional. The aspects could leave you feeling drained. If you have a lot to do, try to delegate some tasks. You need to relax and process your emotions. You'll feel better in a few days.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

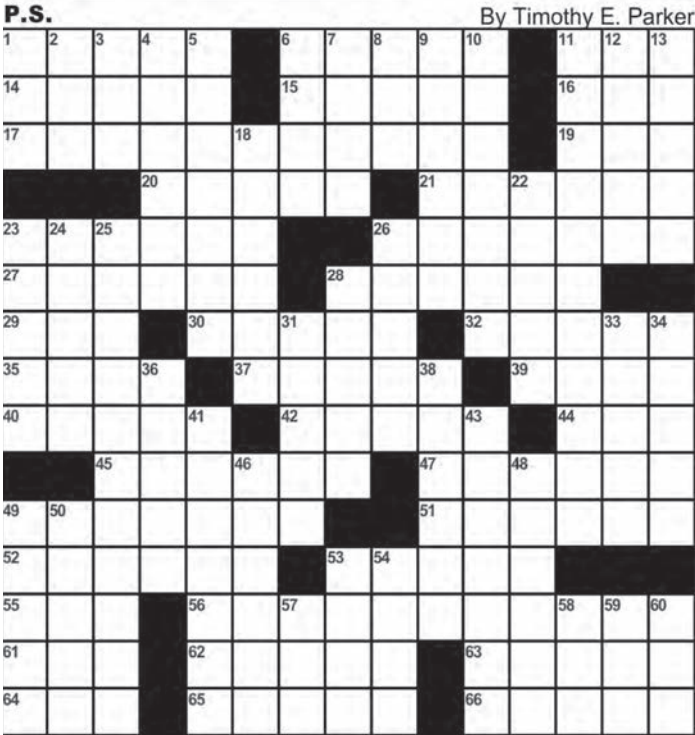
Events may cause a minor crisis. Some days could be stressful, so if your energy flags, it's a good indication that you need to relax your body. Do less rather than more. Nervous tension could be with you for some time. As the days unwind, pamper yourself and feel the benefits.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



- 1) Swap
6) Ancient calculators
11) Baby that barks
14) Lots of land
15) Man-made fiber
16) Santa ____, Calif.
17) Indy 500 leaders
19) Sleet-covered
20) " ____ porridge hot ..."
21) Bring under control
23) Trees with quaking leaves
26) Legendary actress Holm
27) Meeting with a medium
28) Holder of baby's milk
29) Attack, to a dog
30) Baylor of basketball fame
32) Begot
35) Looped cross
37) Japanese rice wines
- 39) "As ____" (letter closing)
40) Arizona flat tops
42) Place of pilgrimage, for some
44) English 101 verb
45) More creative, perhaps
47) Abdominal protrusion
49) Disheartens
51) Author
52) Natural, hairwise
53) Newton of science
55) Shutout score, in soccer
56) It's undone for change?
61) Part of SUV, briefly
62) French school
63) Over, as a meal
64) Faux ____ (public misstep)
65) Impede the progress of
66) Ice cream serving

- 1) Spigot
2) Old electronics company
3) Line made with a compass
4) Extend farther down
5) True nature
6) They might be liberal
7) Make less intense
8) "Sure thing, skipper!"
9) Outmoded women's garment
10) "Yo mama" jokes, essentially
11) Professional butler, for one
12) Whole, as a film
13) Check casher
18) Art-studio stands
22) Be in contradiction with
23) Black tea from India
24) Catcher in the Rhine?
25) Burdens for Grand Canyon mules
26) Like a dunce cap
28) Man on a "hog"
31) Arcade attractions
33) Creepy and supernatural
34) Dismal, to a bard
36) Built to take it
38) Unstressed vowel sounds
41) Prepared tea, in a way
43) Pumps full of bubbles
46) Bring on, as labor
48) Zigzag braid on clothing (Var.)
49) Time to rise, for some
50) "West Side Story" girl
53) Sea-girt land
54) Tarot reader, supposedly
57) Decay
58) "What was ____ think?"
59) Keanu in "The Matrix"
60) A country's output, for short



see ANSWERS on page 5

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Best Buy Refused to Replace a Broken Appliance – Until This Happened

Amber Lise is trapped in an eight-week ordeal with Best Buy over a malfunctioning microwave oven. Best Buy repeatedly denies her exchange request. Is there a way to change its answer?

Question: I bought a microwave from Best Buy and it doesn't work. Technicians have replaced 10 parts over four visits but they can't fix it. Now the unit has started smoking and a technician has admitted they may never be able to repair it. Best Buy refuses to replace the microwave, saying it doesn't meet their "monetary limit." What can I do?

—Amber Lise,
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Answer: Best Buy should have replaced your microwave quickly after

it failed to repair it. It looks like you paid extra for Best Buy's protection warranty, which covers you up to the regular retail price at the time of purchase. And that was the problem – with all the technician visits, it seems Best Buy had already exceeded the price of the microwave. Federal law protects you from products that don't work as advertised. Under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, if a company can't repair a defective product after a reasonable number of attempts it must offer either a replacement or refund. You're also covered by Illinois' Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices

Act, which prohibits companies from misleading customers about warranties. But mostly, you're covered by common sense. You can't sell someone a microwave that doesn't work and then give up on repairing it because it's too expensive. That's just wrong. Best Buy's claim about a "monetary limit" for exchanges is understandable from the company's perspective, but not from yours. You had a microwave that was smoking. That's a terrible habit. Best Buy should have replaced the unit immediately after the third repair attempt, especially given the

safety risk. Instead it wasted your time and it might have endangered your household. To prevent this, always document every interaction (emails, repair logs) and know your warranty rights. You had a brief exchange with the company by email but did most of the communication by phone. Remember: there's no record of a phone conversation, which makes it more difficult to resolve a consumer problem. If a company stalls, escalate to executives immediately. I publish contact details for Best Buy's leadership team on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

I'm happy to say this case didn't require my intervention. I shared the executive contacts with you and after you reached out to Best Buy's chief resolution officer, the company finally approved the exchange. While I'm glad Best Buy resolved your case, it shouldn't require executive intervention to honor a warranty. Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. ©2025 Christopher Elliott

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All proceeds go to the Emblem Club Scholarship Fund. For answers to questions contact Margie at (818) 404-3257.

FOOTHILLS DANCEMAKERS COMING TO PASADENA

Foothills Dancemakers, founded in 2019 as a vibrant consortium of modern dance companies in the shadow of the San Gabriel Mountains, announces their fourth concert in December. Benita Bike's DanceArt, Pennington Dance Group, Nancy Evans Dance Theatre and Lineage Dance will present a joint concert Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at A Room To Create in Pasadena.

Tickets are \$30 – general admission, and \$25 – students and seniors with valid ID. A Room To Create is located at 1158 E. Colorado in Pasadena. Parking is available on site. For tickets please visit www.penningtondancegroup.org/tickets.

HOLIDAYS AT THE STONE BARN

The community is invited for a family-oriented evening of holiday entertainment on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Stone Barn Nature Center in Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, Glendale/La Crescenta. Featured entertainment includes: The Léss String Quartet, The Baroque to Folk Recorder Ensemble and The Charismatics Chamber Choir of Crescenta Valley High School. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Seating is limited. RSVP after Nov. 17 at <https://tinyurl.com/47ed62mv>.

LANTERMAN HOUSE EVENTS

The Lanterman House in La Cañada is hosting a holiday open house on Dec. 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LYNN BOURDON BRANDSTATER CASE NO. 25STPB06108

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **LYNN BOURDON BRANDSTATER**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **ALLEN EARL BRANDSTATER** in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION for Probate requests that **ALLEN EARL BRANDSTATER** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 17, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 429, Room 240 at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You 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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Petitioner:
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Christmas from Cover

Joe Pardo has been a volunteer and leader for years of the Montrose Christmas Parade.

"I was in the library looking for anything about the parade," Pardo recalled.

He came across a newspaper in the library's archive that included a story about three sisters who, in 1956, rode a homemade float in the parade.

"My sisters Chrissy and Peggy [along with me] rode on a float in 1956," said Susan Paola.

According to the Ledger

newspaper that Pardo found, the float the sisters was on won a "special trophy from the Verdugo Hills Merchants Association."

The float, according to the paper, was part of the local Lions Club and it was the organization's traditional entry titled "The Santa Claus Float." The year the sisters were on the float was the "most elaborate" one to date and featured a sleigh, Santa's house, reindeer and children – including Susan and her sisters – awaiting St. Nick's arrival.

"My dad belonged to the Lions Club, and the Shriners and the Masons," she said. "[Riding] on the float was a big deal."

Susan's sister Janie was too young at the time to ride on the float.

Her father was very involved in the community. He owned Link's Custom Shop in Montrose and Link Paola's Outrigger Restaurant on Honolulu Avenue. Susan and her siblings grew up in the Crescenta Valley area.

Susan doesn't remember everything about being on the

float – she was only 11 at the time – but she does remember she and her sisters were very excited.

The three sisters have since gone on to careers in the film business.

"My sister Christine was a stunt woman for 29 years," Paola said.

Her sister Peggy was a set decorator for films and television, and Susan worked in the industry in product placement. In fact, Susan played a significant role in bringing Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to

California from North Carolina.

"One of my favorite things [I did] is that I brought Krispy Kreme Doughnuts out for a movie," she said. [The doughnuts] were brought out from the east coast."

Paola added she was working at the time on the film "Primary Colors" with John Travolta and Kathy Bates.

Everyone loved the doughnuts so much Paola would fly them out and deliver them to all of the studios.

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