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## Council Meets at Sparr Heights Community Center

By Julie BUTCHER

Rather than meeting at as it normally does at Glendale City Hall on Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council took its meeting into the community, this time meeting at the Sparr Heights Community Center in Glendale's Sparr Heights neighborhood.

Four of five members of the council attended the "special meeting" (absent was Councilmember Dan Brotman), which featured updates, public input and an informal period for Glendaleans to ask questions and make suggestions directly to council members, department heads and city staff.

Most of the public comments from the 29 people in attendance centered around concerns about increasing housing density, highlighted by the recent signing of controversial housing legislation SB 79 (which allows developers to build apartment buildings in designated transit corridors without much oversight by the city), and discussions about the city's land use plans.

Others commented both for and against plans underway for the reconstruction and reconfiguring of La Crescenta Avenue, particularly plans to eliminate traffic lanes and some parking to make room for protected bike lanes.

Senior civil engineer and project manager Ruston Tavitian shared an update on the La Crescenta Avenue rehabilitation project noting that during the construction, which has already started, residents can expect traffic delays, road closures, reduced parking and driveway closures. The project will install new sewer lines; reconstruct the street's curbs and gutters, alleys, driveways and sidewalks; repave the street using bio-retentive and reflective updated materials; install curb ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); realign an intersection;

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## Disney Legend Bob Gurr Named Grand Marshal of Christmas Parade

By Charly SHELTON

*Bob Gurr will be found on Dec. 6 traveling down Honolulu Avenue.*

Bob Gurr, renowned ride designer and Disney Legend, has been named grand marshal of the 2025 Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade, according to the Montrose Christmas Parade Association.

Now celebrating its 47th year, the parade will step off at 6:10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 along Honolulu Avenue. First organized in the 1950s and revived in 1976 by Montrose merchant Frank Roberts, the event has grown into a major local tradition featuring community groups, marching bands, youth organizations and classic car clubs.

In an interview with CV Weekly, Gurr said he was "honored" to serve as grand marshal for the Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade, in his own town. Gurr moved to Glendale with his family in 1934 and stayed in the area through his tenure with Walt Disney Imagineering, then WED Enterprises, while working on opening and then maintaining

Disneyland. In the early '90s, he moved up to the Crescenta Valley and has been there ever since.

"I've been grand marshal a number of places, usually in the Orange County area. The last one was in April about five years ago with the Bob Baker Marionettes (Theatre)," Gurr said. "So to be grand marshal of what I consider to be my local town – oh my goodness! Because [for all of] the other grand marshals it was somebody else's town. This event, it would be my town. Wow!"

Gurr's career spanned decades with Walt Disney Imagineering where he designed many of Disneyland's original ride vehicles including the Autopia cars, the

Monorail, the Haunted Mansion doom buggies, the Matterhorn bobsleds among others, as well as later contributing to projects around the world. In 2004, he was officially recognized as a Disney Legend for his innovations in theme park design.

Speaking about his upcoming appearance, Gurr said he hopes to ride in an early 1930s Packard and wave to spectators along the route.

"Every couple of years there's some new [honor] that kind of tops everything that goes before," Gurr said. "It's almost like 'How many more blessings can come my way?' [and] I'm 94. I love this valley so

Photo provided by Bob GURR  
Bob Gurr, renowned ride designer and Disney Legend, has been named grand marshal of the 2025 Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade.



much; I've been here 33 years and Montrose is my favorite town."

The Montrose Christmas Parade Association is an all-volunteer organization supported by local businesses and residents. This year's theme is The Christmas Time Machine. The event will also benefit the Glendale Fire Dept.'s annual Spark of Love Toy Drive.

The parade route runs along Honolulu Avenue from Rosemont Avenue to Verdugo Road. Street

closures begin at 3 p.m. and spectators are asked not to set out chairs or blankets before noon on the day of the event.

Gurr said he looks forward to sharing the holiday with the community that has long supported Southern California's creative spirit.

For more information on the Montrose Christmas Parade, visit its website at MontroseChristmasParade.com.

## JPL Hit by Layoffs ... Again

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Tuesday, 550 employees at Jet Propulsion Laboratory were laid off.

"In order to best position JPL going forward, we are taking steps to restructure and establish an appropriate size to ensure future success," according to a message from JPL director Dave Gallagher. The message was released on the JPL NASA website on Monday.

Gallagher stated the information of pending layoffs as "challenges and hard choices ahead" had been shared with employees over the past few months.

This layoff is about 11% of the workforce and follows a 2024 layoff that affected about 530 employees and about 40 contractors.

"This is difficult news for our community. JPL is part of the fabric of Pasadena and the loss of so many skilled jobs will be felt deeply. My office will be in touch with local leaders to understand how we can best support the families and small businesses affected by these layoffs," stated Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

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At a previous open house (JPL has not hosted an open house in some time) a rover crawls over visitors.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Thanks for the Opportunity

On Saturday night I headed over to Memorial Park in La Cañada to see “The Wild Robot.” I joined my son, his wife and my granddaughter. The event was sponsored by the La Cañada Congregational Church (located just across the street).

It was so nice to just relax with them and watch the movie – though admittedly my granddaughter was a little rambunctious. She had played soccer earlier in the day and though we hoped her energy level would be depleted that was not the case. She was a busy girl! But she did sit for most of the movie – one that I hadn’t previously seen. (I guess the days of “kids only” movies are behind me.)

And the evening turned cool – I guess fall has finally arrived (this was before the massive rainstorm we saw on Tuesday)! My son made sure I had a chair and I brought a little blanket so I was cozy.

And speaking of the rainstorm, how concerned were you by the alerts and evacuations that residents experienced near the burn areas in Altadena and Pacific Palisades? It’s like they never get a break. But I applaud learning that lotto winner Edwin Castro is pouring some of his money into the Altadena community with the intention of building several houses. Though his motives are not 100% altruistic – he does plan to sell the houses at current market price: “I’m not building these homes just to give them away,” he said – the fact that a “local” person who knows the community

is investing in the community. Exciting!

I don’t know about you but I wasn’t surprised to hear on Tuesday morning that the part of the 210 Freeway near La Cañada was (once again) having issues. It seems that though the inclement weather may have increased the number of incidents the area is plagued by problems on any day.

Growing up in Sun Valley (just over the hill of La Tuna Canyon) my family and I dreaded the rain, especially if we had to travel near the intersection of Tuxford and San Fernando Road. That intersection was notorious for flooding – and despite pouring millions of dollars into the intersection, it apparently still floods.

I read online that about \$3.7 million was invested in the intersection as part of the Tuxford Green Multiuse Project. The project, completed in 2007, was funded by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and focused on improving storm drainage with new catch basins, storm drains and an underground cistern. I don’t know if it floods as badly as it did in the 1970s but I heard about the intersection being under water on Tuesday – so it seems to me that area should be avoided, especially if it rains.

Just a heads up.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

“First, I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth.”

– President John F. Kennedy, May 25, 1961

Those words seem like they were spoken several lifetimes ago. When President Kennedy dared to dream of space travel it seemed almost impossible that we would someday actually land humans on the Moon and return safely to Earth. Everyone in the U.S. seemed to be energized by the space race with the Russians.

I was in elementary school when we landed on the Moon. I could not get enough of space news. From the Mercury program to Apollo missions, I never missed the nightly news to find out what was going on. I cut out articles from the Des Moines Register that had anything to do with space.

One of my best memories was sitting with my grandma on July 20, 1969 and watching the Eagle land on the surface of the Moon. Both my grandma and I cried; I because this was my future and she because she had seen so much progress in her life (she was born in 1889). My dad, a U.S. Air Force veteran, saw it through a different lens: we “beat” the Russians.

In those days, American pride could be felt everywhere you went. Not only did we beat the Russians to the Moon and plant our flag but eventually we would play golf on the lunar surface and even ride a rover.

Americans with their ingenuity, bravery and explorers’ souls were in full force. All

of a sudden we all knew what NASA was but what many of us didn’t know was the role other organizations played ... like the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

For those who live in this area, JPL is just part of life. Until recently we all knew someone who worked there; now unfortunately many of us know someone who used to work there.

JPL has been part of the fabric of Southern California since it began in the 1930s.

According to JPL history, Frank Malina, along with rocket enthusiasts from the Pasadena area, moved their work off the Caltech campus to a dry canyon known as the Arroyo Seco. There they tested rockets. Caltech professor Theodore von Kármán oversaw the rocket scientists and was also an advisor to the U.S. Army. He persuaded the U.S. Army to fund the development of jets mounted on heavy propeller planes to assist take-off from short runways. The Army then helped Caltech purchase the land in the Arroyo Seco, where JPL is now, and by the time WWII began their motors were in high demand by the U.S. military.

JPLers eventually went from developing rockets to developing missiles. When the space race began, it fit perfectly in the wheelhouse of JPLers. The Russians had launched Sputnik 1 on Oct. 4, 1957. That was the first artificial satellite successfully launched .... but not by us. It looked like the Russians were going to not only lead this race but win it; however, what they didn’t realize was what JPLers were doing at the time. On Jan. 31, 1958 their mission Explorer 1 was launched. That satellite went beyond Sputnik and carried the first space experiment.

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I recently represented the seller of a probate property that required court confirmation. After strategic preparation, targeted marketing, and managing multiple offers, we entered escrow at \$1,425,000 — well above the \$1,350,000 list price.

**But the story didn’t end there.**

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NEWS

# The Fire Walk Begins Raising Awareness of the Eaton Fire

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Eaton Fire was devastating to many communities and recovery continues. Many families lost everything, including the “community feel” residents so loved.

“It is surreal. This is the only home I know,” said Demitri Camperos as he stood in the dirt lot that was once his family home.

He and his parents have worked hard to traverse the permitting jungle that everyone who has chosen to rebuild must go through. All the houses along the street where Camperos’ home once stood have burned.

Camperos, a Crescenta Valley High School graduate, has been trying to work through the loss of his home.

“It hasn’t been a year yet, [and] we know this is going to be a long process,” he said. He added those affected by the fire seem to be always looking for information on how to get through the loss and how to move forward. He realized these questions and feelings are probably the same thing the people in Paradise, California

have gone through and continue to deal with.

It has been seven years since a wildfire ravaged the town of Paradise. Like Altadena, the town was decimated. Camperos realized that his community had a lot, unfortunately, in common with Paradise. He decided one of the best ways was to talk to those in Paradise and decided one of the best ways to do that was to walk there.

He asked himself what he could do about the devastation and sense of loss since he is just one person. He then found inspiration when he read about Doris Haddock, best known as Granny D, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 100. But when she was 88 she said she would walk across across the country to call attention to campaign finance reform. She began her walk at the Rose Bowl in January 1999.

“I just thought this might be a beautiful way to bridge the gap between two communities that are so far away from each other,” he said.

Camperos is also hoping to raise awareness of wildfires and what is left in their wake, and hopefully people will find his



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Demitri Camperos stands in front of the empty lot where his home once stood.

walk inspirational.

The trek is about 700 miles; Camperos is not a walker so this will be a bit challenging for him.

“In the past four or five months I have been preparing for this so I’ve been walking two hours a day, sometimes three hours,” he said. “And I am acclimating myself to what the

rigors could be [on the route].”

He has been walking while wearing a heavy backpack, which he will take on his trip. He has started a GoFundMe page where he is raising money not only to offset the costs of his walk but also to help Altadena by donating to Eaton Fire Collaborative, which is a group

of over 150 local nonprofits, community groups and state officials that have united to support Altadena.

He begins his walk today, Thursday, at the Rose Bowl and thinks it will take about six weeks. He does not plan to camp every night and hopes to walk at least six to eight hours every day.

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## IN BRIEF

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19. 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 2 p.m. to 4 p.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.

### CVCA TO MEET OCT. 23

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting

will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns.

Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

### MONTROSE-GLENDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE APPS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for the Montrose-Glendale Christmas Parade are now available on the Christmas parade website <https://montrosecchristmasparade.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.

### STUDENT COMMISSIONER APPLICATION PERIOD EXTENDED

Applications for student commissioner for the City of Glendale have been extended to Oct. 17. Student commissioners are active, non-voting members of the Arts & Culture Commission who actively work on promoting arts & culture in Glendale. This position provides an opportunity to represent student voices in advocating for arts & culture in Glendale and gain experience in local government.

Applicants must be students

under the age of 25 who live in Glendale and must be able to attend meetings on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon for a one-year commitment.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdzz8kxz>.

### CVTC HOLDS GENERAL MEETING

The next monthly general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the community

room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

Reminder that the election for new council members will be held at Sadler Hall on the campus of St. Luke’s of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta on Friday, Nov. 7 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### BOOKSALE AT LIBRARY

The Friends of La Crescenta Library will be holding its annual

book sale in the meeting room at the La Crescenta Library. Good homes are sought for about 10,000 pre-read books at next to nothing prices. A “members only” presale takes place on Friday, Oct. 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the public is invited on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# Democratic Club and Prop 50

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Nov. 4, LACounty voters will see one question on their ballots – voting yes or no on Prop 50. Prop 50 is an usual proposal because it is driven by a decision made in another state. A “yes” vote on Prop 50 would temporarily use new congressional district maps drawn by the state legislature. These new maps would be in effect for the federal elections in 2026, 2028 and 2030.

A “no” vote would keep the existing congressional district maps.

In 2008, California voters approved the creation of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. This was an independent citizen committee that was tasked with drawing electoral maps and was intended to be bipartisan. This system was working well until a Texas decision to redraw its maps, specifically

to allow more Republican seats in Congress. According to the digital media organization Texas Tribune, the new maps aimed to flip five Democratic seats to favor Republicans for the midterm 2026 election. The maps were redrawn and signed into law last month by Texas governor Greg Abbott. Prior to the new maps’ being drawn, Texas had redrawn districts every 10 years; they would have been redrawn in 2032.

In August over 50 Texan Democratic legislators left the state in protest against the bill but that move didn’t stop the decision but instead just postponed the inevitable.

The Texas decision followed President Donald Trump’s interview with CNBC where he said, “I won Texas. I got the highest vote in the history of Texas, as you probably know, and we are entitled to five more

seats.”

The President did not order Texas to redraw the maps; however, a month after the CNBC statement that is what it did.

California governor Gavin Newsom led the proposal to redraw California districts, which are expected to add about four to six Democrat seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. California has a total of 52 representative seats in the House; California has 43 Democratic seats, Republicans have nine.

“This is not politics as usual,” is the statement Newsom has used on several interviews including on the website Yes on 50.

At a recent Crescenta Cañada Democrat Club meeting Dr. Sara Sadhwani shared information regarding Prop 50.

“Sadhwani is an award-winning political scientist and assistant professor of politics at Pomona College,” said Anne Tryba, Club member who introduced Sadhwani.

In addition, Sadhwani served as a commissioner on the California 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission and is currently an appointed member of the Los Angeles County Governance Reform Task Force, Tryba said. Sadhwani has also been published in several journals including Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Women and more.

Her background provided the audience with her insight into what Prop 50 is proposing.

“In 2019, I was just finishing my Ph.D. and [the state] was looking for folks to apply to the Commission,” she said.

There were 20,000 applicants.

“The first eight commissioners

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are selected through a lottery system, and that’s how I was chosen,” she said. “It was a very unique process, an independent process. In total, there [were] 14 members that served on the Commission: Democrats, Republicans and Independents.”

She said she “adored” her colleagues and found them to be the “most wonderful Californians.”

“We worked very diligently on the maps that are currently in place and we used a fair process. We do not look at partisanship. So, unlike almost all other states in the nation where the state legislature draws the lines and is using partisanship, we didn’t even look at that data. We were not even allowed to look at that data; instead we [went out] and collected testimony from communities on the ground. In total we received nearly 40,000 submissions to the Commission that we were ... mapping out.”

The Commission she was part of voted unanimously, something that is not commonly

done in politics.

“In addition, we didn’t have a single lawsuit against us, which is shocking,” she added. “In the largest state in the nation you would imagine there’s some lawsuits.”

Numerous other states faced lawsuits after their redistricting occurred. She spoke about how well the independent Commission worked but then added that times are different.

“We are living in extraordinary times,” she said.

She had been asked by a reporter from Politico prior to Prop 50 being announced if she would be in favor of redistricting.

“I said, ‘If Texas does this then yes I would because it is not fair,’” she recalled.

Her concern comes from the threat in Texas of the election being “rigged” and worried that there is no longer an even playing field.

Sadhwani added that in the best of political worlds there would be a federal law that would require independent redistricting and it would happen every 10 years after the census. In September, Senator Alex Padilla did introduce the Redistricting Reform Act of 2025; however, it is not expected to move forward in Congress.

In the meantime, Sadhwani said as well as the independent Commission on which she worked, she plans to vote yes on Prop 50 because of what other states, including Texas, are doing regarding redistricting and that California cannot just step back and let it happen.

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# Rockhaven and 589 Robotics Hold Bingo

By Mary O'KEEFE

If there is one thing you can say about the Crescenta Valley residents it is how much they love a good game of bingo. Luckily there is another chance to play the game on Oct. 18 benefitting Friends of Rockhaven (FOR) and Crescenta Valley High School Falcon 589 Robotics.

"It is a daunting task," said FOR president Joanna Linkchorst about partnering with 589. "We hoped they would be able to help [by volunteering] so we just decided to make it a joint fundraiser."

FOR is the organization that has been the champion and, at times, protector of the historic Rockhaven Sanitarium property. The City of Glendale purchased the property over 15 years ago but has not done much with it since then. FOR held a spotlight up to Rockhaven and its important history.

Rockhaven was a woman-owned and operated sanitarium at 2713 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose started by Agnes Richards in the mid-1920s.

Richards was a nurse and had

seen how dreadfully women were treated in sanitariums. She began buying houses in Montrose before it was annexed by the City of Glendale and created a safe place for women who needed mental health support.

The relationship between the City of Glendale and FOR has been a rollercoaster (to say the least) over the years, and just recently the City began construction/remodeling of the historic location.

"The City does not reach out to us," Linkchorst said.

She added she finds out about Rockhaven issues via mass emails that go out to the public; however, that hasn't stopped the FOR from continuing its Rockhaven work.

"Right now we are focusing on cataloguing and archiving all of our materials, getting them protected and getting the information out there for anyone wanting to learn about Rockhaven," Linkchorst said.

This is the first bingo that FOR had held. In addition to the game, ticket holders will find a 50/50 drawing and food that will be available for purchase. The event is being held at the Verdugo Hills



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY  
FOR president Joanna Linkchorst (in front of the Rockhaven property) is co-hosting a bingo game on Oct. 18.

Memorial Hall [American Legion Post 288], 4011 La Crescenta Ave. The first game will begin 6 p.m. and is sponsored by CVW.

Tickets can be found online at [www.friendsofrockhaven.org](http://www.friendsofrockhaven.org), at the CVW office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. Ste 206, and at the door the night of the event.

Proceeds will help offset travel expenses to competition events for Falcon 589 and FOR with its supply needs and helping to catalog the historical documents of the facility.

## GUSD, Schools Recognized on 2025 ERP Honor Roll List

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) and 13 of its schools have been recognized on the 2025 Educational Results Partnership (ERP) Honor Roll list of California's top performing schools and districts. The Honor Roll program features top performing public schools, school districts and charter schools that have outperformed their peers in closing achievement gaps, particularly among higher-poverty and historically disadvantaged student populations. ERP is a non-profit organization that applies data science to accelerate student

success, in partnership with state business leaders representing 28 chambers of commerce across the state.

The 2025 Glendale Unified School District Honor Roll awardees include:

- Anderson W. Clark Magnet High School
- Dunsmore Elementary
- La Crescenta Elementary
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary
- Monte Vista Elementary
- Valley View Elementary

GUSD has also been named a 2025 Star District.

"Being recognized on the ERP Honor Roll confirms that our

work to provide high-quality instruction, strong intervention systems and growing family and community partnerships is working," said board president Ingrid Gunnell. "I'm grateful to our teachers, staff, and families whose focused efforts help all students thrive, especially those historically underserved."

"Many educators across California are already delivering rigorous instruction that equips students with the fundamentals they need to succeed in the workforce and in life," said ERP's Chief Executive Officer James Lanich, Ph.D. "The Honor

Roll recognizes that work – identifying schools in a diversity of zip codes where students of all backgrounds are mastering the core academic skills that will help them thrive in a rapidly changing world of work."

1,834 schools and 158 school districts in California made the 2025 Honor Roll. The full list of Honor Roll schools and districts can be viewed at [www.honorrollschools.com](http://www.honorrollschools.com).

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# MSAR Tryouts Held at Deukmejian Wilderness Park

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) team hosted a hike tryout on Saturday for those interested in being part of the team.

Nineteen prospective recruits were at Deukmejian Wilderness Park between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. to take part in the timed hike, which was about two miles in distance with an elevation gain of about 1400 feet. Candidates were timed on how long it took them to hike up the trail to a rock circle – about two miles in distance; they could return at a more leisurely pace as that was not part of the timed hike.

The goal, according to organizers, was to identify the candidates best qualified to join MSAR. Candidates were given an hour to complete the hike; none



LEFT: One of the rescue vehicles used by the MSAR team was parked at Deukmejian Wilderness Park on Saturday morning.  
RIGHT: A prospective recruit makes his way up the trail for the timed hike at Deukmejian.

took that long.

The team responds to all types of calls, from lost hikers to cars that have gone over the side of the mountain in the Angeles National Forest. All team members are

volunteers and complete a series of training before being voted onto the team by existing members.

Saturday's hike was a community outreach effort, one of several that the team holds.

After hiking down the trail and checking out with MSAR members, each prospective member was invited to attend a MSAR meeting at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

## Obituary

### Nathanael A. Simone



Nathan, a sweet and gentle soul, sadly passed on early this October 2025 and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1950, he was a loving and devoted son to Michelle Simone.

Living in Montrose for the past 30-plus years, Nathan enjoyed walking every morning throughout his neighborhood and valued the company of the people with whom he would regularly socialize.

Nathan was an avid painter of abstract art and exhibited in multiple galleries in Los Angeles. He loved old science fiction movies. He also had an extensive knowledge of world history and politics.

A music enthusiast, Nathan enjoyed everything from rock to classical and jazz and had a collection of stringed and percussion instruments. He gave his niece her first Black Sabbath album – which she promptly played on her Disney turntable.

Nathan is survived by his sister Elisa, his niece Jessica for whom he was a father figure (a great gift to them all) and his nephew Marcus. He is also survived by his little sister Patricia with whom he was especially close and she will always remember him as her big brother and best friend.

"I carry your heart with me (I carry it in my heart)" – e.e.cummings

## CVHS Baseball Coach Steps Down Amid Accusations of Misconduct

By Eliza PARTIKA

At the Sept. 9 Glendale Unified School District board of education meeting, Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) math teacher Alan Freemon asked about the investigation of accusations of misconduct by Crescenta Valley High School baseball coach Phil Torres.

"CVHS baseball head coach Phil Torres was put on leave from the team and from school. There's an investigation that as far as we know began in May," he said.

"I understand the need to investigate emails or concerns but this started in May and I've worked with Coach Torres and I'm surprised if there is anything concerning. I don't understand why it's taking so long. The community is at its wit's end, like I am."

On Oct. 14, CVHS principal Christine Benitez released a statement confirming Torres will not be returning to the school as its baseball coach and Dave Mendoza has stepped down as assistant coach. Benitez met with the baseball team Oct. 14 to inform them of the developments.

"While this may be disappointing, I know we all appreciate having clarity so that the team can move forward," wrote Benitez.

Coach Bryan Rich has agreed to step in as interim head coach for the team for at least the rest of the school year, according to Benitez's update letter.

"Our priority remains ensuring that we provide a safe and positive environment and as much consistency as possible for our student-athletes," Benitez wrote.

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## CRIME BLOTTER

### OCT. 10

2500 block of Evelyn Street in Montrose, a resident received a notification that the cameras at his home were off. His daughter came home and told him the front door was open and the house had been ransacked. It appeared the suspect/suspects entered the home through the back sliding glass door, which had pry marks on it. It appeared the suspect/suspects entered the home and pulled the wires out that powered the security cameras. Several items were stolen.

The burglary occurred at 10:51 a.m.

5500 block of Vista Canada Place in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a burglary at a residence. An informant stating he observed suspects attempting to "break into" a home. Deputies

arrived and observed a metal gate leading to the backyard was open as well as a kitchen window. Numerous rooms in the home had been ransacked and items were stolen.

Security footage revealed three suspects near the property. Suspect No. 1 was described as a male adult wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, black pants and black shoes. Suspect No. 2 was a male adult wearing a white hat with a white neck/face covering, black long-sleeved shirt, white shorts and black shoes. Suspect No. 3 was a male adult wearing a white hat, black face mask, black long-sleeved shirt, grey pants, black gloves and black shoes.

The burglary occurred between 8:47 a.m. and 9:50 a.m.

### OCT. 9

5600 block of Castle Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a

resident's Tesla was parked and locked at the location; the next morning she discovered her vehicle was missing. Security footage revealed a white pickup truck parked in front of the victim's residence. A male adult, wearing a hoodie and possibly light-colored clothing, was seen exiting the driver's side of the pickup walking toward the Tesla and entering the driver's seat. Using the vehicle's built in GPS tracking system the victim was able to locate her Tesla in North Hollywood and was able to get it towed back.

The theft occurred at 1:19 a.m.

*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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# Fremont Park Reopens with Ribbon Cutting

Bi-Weekly Project Update No. 16

TASK	START	END	DURATION**	WEEK 20					WEEK 21				
				Oct 20, 2025					Oct 27, 2025				
				20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
<b>Sewer Upgrades</b>				M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
Sewer Mainline Upgrade (Roselawn to Urquidez)	10/20/25	10/31/25	10										
<b>Pedestrian Upgrades</b>													
Cleanup and Miscellaneous Work at Various Locations.	10/20/25	10/31/25	10										

\*CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND CLOSURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**\*\*CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DURING WEEKDAYS ONLY.**

The La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project has made major safety improvements over the last few months including the realignment of intersections and enhanced pedestrian accessibility. Additionally, the contractor has completed installation of bio-retention facilities and critical infrastructure upgrades, including traffic signal and fiber optic systems, as well as the upsizing of existing sewer mainline.

While most improvements are expected to be completed by December 2025, certain key elements – including the installation of traffic signal poles, final paving, striping and decorative crosswalks – are scheduled for completion by March 2026, barring any additional unforeseen circumstances.

The revised schedule is due to unforeseen conflicts encountered during underground utility work and longer-than-anticipated lead times for the delivery of traffic signal materials. Installation and commissioning of traffic signal poles must be completed before paving and striping improvements can begin as the new striping layout incorporates additional crossings to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

*Tentative Construction Schedule:*

- *January 2026:* Installation of traffic signal poles, cabinets and gear
  - *February 2026:* Final paving and adjustment of utilities
  - *March 2026:* Striping, installation of decorative crosswalks and reflective pavement on Paloma Avenue
- Impacted Streets*

During the construction period, detours, intermittent lane closures and traffic delays are expected on the following streets:

### *Location and Dates*

- *La Crescenta Avenue between Roselawn Avenue and Urquidez Avenue:* Travel lanes may be closed intermittently between Oct. 20 thru Oct. 31 (excludes weekends)

### Description of Work

- Contractor performing sanitary sewer main upgrades.
- Contractor cleaning up project site at various locations.

Please observe posted construction signage and drive safely near construction zones.

\*Construction activity and closures are subject to change.

By Eliza PARTIKA

history and its people,” said Mayor Ara Najarian.

Fremont Park, closed since November 2023 for major repairs and renovations, reopened for the community to enjoy on Saturday, Oct. 11. City Council members presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony and gave speeches in celebration of the park.

An estimated 2,500 community members attended the event and the next day the park was equally busy with people going to check out the new amenities.

The park features two new play structures, tennis and pickleball courts, outdoor exercise equipment, a turf soccer field, barbecue grills, a basketball court and a splash pad for hot summers. A new model railway club will meet at the park, with free admission. The park also boasts a community room that can host between 80 and 100 people, according to the City of Glendale.

Council members gave speeches celebrating the park, its history and the new amenities available to the community.

“Fremont Park’s grand re-opening marks a proud reinvestment in Glendale’s

“The land was purchased by the City in 1922 and, just over a century after becoming the City’s first park, we have renewed it for the next hundred years – with a beautiful new community building, accessible playgrounds, a splash pad, upgraded courts and fields, walking paths and inviting spaces to gather. Saturday’s celebration reflected what we can achieve together: a vibrant, inclusive park that will serve generations to come,” he said.

Council member Elen Asatryan celebrated the park's opening on Instagram, noting her excitement.

“Beyond thrilled to celebrate the long-awaited reopening of Fremont Park – the park where I spent my childhood! From the giant slide and toddler play space to splash pads, tennis, pickleball, soccer [and] basketball, and so much more, Fremont Park is once again buzzing with energy and joy,” she wrote.

The park, located at 600 Hahn Ave. in Glendale, is now open for visitors. For more information about the project or to reserve space for park amenities, visit the Fremont Park page on the City of Glendale website.

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make traffic signal and fiber optic improvements; install new signage, striping and creative crosswalks; plant new trees; and remove one travel lane in each direction to accommodate a center two-way left-turn lane and dedicated bicycle lanes.

Project details can be found on the city’s website [GlendaleCA.gov/LaCrescentaRehab](http://GlendaleCA.gov/LaCrescentaRehab).

“Please reconsider this project,” said Gigi Garcia, vice-president of the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) board of directors and a Honolulu Avenue business owner. She added rolling out the project without a test was unconscionable. Garcia referenced the tragic January fires, noting the difficulty in evacuating neighborhoods with only one street in and out; “I only have one bridge to get in or out.” Garcia also added her advocacy that the council remove the Montrose area parking lots from the city’s land use plans.

Ana Tabuena-Ruddy stood

“with my neighbors here [she pointed to a few others] in strong support for these bike lanes, for these permanent improvements. My now 14-year-old son can’t wait and we are looking to celebrate in December.”

Frequent council critic Beth Brooks wanted a cost-benefit analysis to justify spending millions of dollars on the 1% of Glendale’s population that rides a bicycle.

Ejmin Hakobian expressed appreciation for the street improvements and sewer reconstruction but asked the council to find a compromise “in light of budgetary concerns.” He criticized the “way the project was pushed through.”

Next, Fire Chief Jeff Brooks shared a detailed update of the new “Zone Zero” plan requiring the creation of a new defensible ember-resistant space of five feet around a home’s perimeter in the areas deemed very high in fire severity risk. There are current discussions ongoing

about trees and plants within the five feet.

Glendale fire department’s website has more information about the new legislation: <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/fire-department/fire-department/vmp/zone-0>.

“The ‘one size fits all’ approach often ends up with one size fits none,” commented Tabuena-Ruddy adding that some vegetation such as oak trees may be beneficial and that other means of home-hardening against fire may be more effective.

Finally, Rockhaven senior project manager Arthur Asaturyan shared an update. Work is underway on the Montrose property and the contractors from Maestro Development are “being careful to preserve anything they find that might be historic” while removing existing pathways that do not meet ADA accessibility standards, reviewing materials

to be used, and preparing for the abatement of hazardous materials in the Pines Cottage. Next the work will include grading, foundations, building and rebuilding retaining and stone walls.

During the informal discussion part of the meeting, local resident Susan Bolan asked about the retention of historic bricks and plans for securing the Rockhaven property against rain. Bricks with mortar still attached cannot be reused; the buildings are presumably safe from rain because of the tarps, city management told her.

Alex Balekian demanded that the council immediately act to agendize Glendale’s temporary withdrawal from the North Hollywood-Pasadena BRT project “in light of the passage of SB79.” Ninety-four percent of the project includes dedicated bus lanes along Glenoaks, Central and Broadway and the new law will allow massive apartment buildings within a half a mile of

the bus lane coming down the middle of Glendale. Pulling out of the BRT, Balekian insisted, “is the only local control possibly remaining.”

Transportation and Parking Commissioner Alek Bartrosouf thanked the council for doing these council meetings in the neighborhoods and reported that there were changes made to the housing legislation during deliberations which might allay some of the concerns about the loss of local control.

“There’s a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding out there,” he said.

Following the three reports and public commenting, city officials, including the councilmembers and department heads made themselves available to answer questions, hear suggestions and chat. Most of those in attendance took advantage of the opportunity.

The council will be back at city hall, 613 E. Broadway in Glendale on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

JPL from Cover

“I am extremely disappointed and disheartened by the hundreds of JPL layoffs announced today, and my thoughts are with all the impacted workers and their families. These layoffs are an absolute tragedy especially as they come at a time when our community is still recovering from the Eaton Fire that destroyed thousands of homes and disrupted so many lives and livelihoods just nine months ago,” stated Rep Judy Chu.

JPL was hit hard by the Eaton Fire with numerous employees losing their homes. JPLers rallied over the weeks and months that followed the fires to help those who needed support.

“This is not only a tragedy

for our community but also an immense loss for our nation. JPL is a national asset that has helped the United States accomplish some of the greatest feats in space and science for decades. Every layoff devastates the highly skilled and uniquely talented workforce that has made these accomplishments possible. Taken together with last year’s layoffs, this will result in an untold loss of scientific knowledge and expertise that threatens the very future of American leadership in space exploration and scientific discovery,” Chu added. “As a steadfast champion of JPL and Caltech, I have been doing everything I can to protect the workforce and fight for full

funding for NASA’s programs and missions. I have repeatedly led efforts in Congress pushing for funding for critical missions like Mars Sample Return led by JPL. And as co-chair of the Planetary Science Caucus in Congress, I have led bipartisan appropriations requests to demand that Congress fully fund NASA’s Science Mission Directorate and protect all its missions. Most recently, I have been urging Appropriators to include language in any short-term federal funding bill that would explicitly protect NASA’s budget and missions from any cuts. I will continue working tirelessly with my colleagues in Congress of both parties and will never stop fighting to protect our nation’s

space program and the expert workforce that makes it all possible.”

JPLers are not just employees on Lab, they are also mentors to numerous students across the state and beyond. In the local area, Crescenta Valley, Clark Magnet and La Cañada high schools have all benefited from JPL support with their robot teams. JPL members are often found giving educational talks at local elementary schools as well. The JPL outreach included tours of the Lab and in the past the monthly von Kármán Speaker Series.

In a previous response from Governor Gavin Newsom to CVW concerning the legacy of JPL in California he stated, “We are in regular contact

with JPL and will continue to work with them, including on our recently expanded collaboration to monitor air and water in the aftermath of the Los Angeles wildfires. We truly value the role that JPL plays in leveraging science and technology to address real-world challenges and trust that they will continue to be great partners with the State of California, which is home to more engineers, more scientists, more researchers and more Nobel laureates than anywhere else in the nation – none of which we expect to change anytime soon.”

This statement was made prior to the most recent layoff of about 11% of the Lab’s workforce.

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Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy  
Announces Inaugural Urban  
Conservation Awards

In a metropolitan area as vast as Los Angeles, protecting wildlife and keeping natural habitats connected is a complex battle. Today, Oct. 16, at its inaugural Urban Conservation Awards, Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (AFC) celebrates the leaders, scientists, community advocates and artists tackling that challenge every day.

The Urban Conservation Awards honor five individuals whose work embodies AFC’s mission to protect and connect open spaces, restore native habitat and educate people of all ages about the nature that surrounds them.

“The vital work of urban conservation too often goes unrecognized. This event will uplift the people who are making a real difference for our plant, wildlife, and human communities,” said John Howell, CEO of AFC. “Our honorees show us what’s possible through determined action and collaboration.”

The inaugural honorees represent distinct ways of approaching conservation in Los Angeles:

- *Monarch Award:* Honors Dr. Amanda Zellmer, associate professor of Biology at Occidental College, for her excellence in scientific research and achievement in the field of urban ecology and conservation.
- *Wild Voices Award:* Will be presented to Miguel Ordeñana, senior manager of Community Science at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, in honor of his discovery of P-22, his research on bat

species in Los Angeles and his community education work.

- *Sunrise Award:* Recognizes Edgar McGregor, meteorologist and community advocate, for his work on behalf of the Altadena community in habitat restoration in Eaton Canyon as well as his local meteorology that predicted and warned many residents ahead of the Eaton Fire.
- *Oak Leaf Award:* Celebrates Nancy Steele who founded Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy 25 years ago, for a lifetime of working in habitat and water conservation and protection.
- *President’s Award:* Selected by AFC’s board of directors, this award honors Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-28) for her work in protecting the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and fighting for the protection of Southern California’s natural resources in legislation. These awardees as well as the winners of AFC’s 2025 Nature Photography Contest will be honored at the awards ceremony on Oct. 16 at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Blvd. Guests will gather for an evening of celebration and connection, enjoying a silent auction of nature photography, educational displays about urban conservation and a program honoring those who convey the possibilities and importance of conservation, even in the most urban of places.

The event is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.





VIEWPOINTS

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

# When the Jewel was on Sunset

The driver flipped the switch to engage the wipers. Even straining at full speed they did little to improve visibility through the driving snow. The large and plentiful flakes made it impossible to see far beyond the front of the truck. A wall of white was descending. Back in Tujunga, Ralph shouted into the phone, “What do you mean delayed? I have a theater to open. Snowstorm or not, I need those seats!”

This was just one of the concerns facing Ralph Peronnet before the grand opening of Tujunga’s first silent film house on Sunset Boulevard. It was March 1923 and he had been working tirelessly, overseeing the construction of the new building on Sunset Boulevard when news came that the seats were delayed due to an East Coast blizzard.

Residents were amazed at how

quickly the walls and roof went up. The stage floor was complete and electricians were scurrying about, minding the wiring. The projection room was finished with a metal floor and workers lined the walls and ceiling with asbestos to ensure against fire.

Ralph Peronnet was the son of Jules, a Frenchman who arrived in New York in 1904 with his wife Marie and son. Jules had been an artist back in France and by 1910 he was in California operating his own sign painting company. The family moved to the heart of Hollywood and Jules put his talents to work for the movie business, making valuable contacts along the way.

Jules purchased the land for the first theater with the promise of bringing better films to Tujunga than a town of its size would usually receive. His son Ralph was

the manager and Marie stepped in when needed. In late March, Ralph hired Ms. Marian Reynolds to play the piano for each silent film presentation and Jules painted the word THEATER on the rear of the building, large enough to be read down in Sunland.

The seats arrived on the Wednesday before the grand opening, which was scheduled for Saturday, April 7. A crew of five wasted no time installing them. The building had 30 feet of frontage on Sunset Boulevard. The location of the first theater in Tujunga corresponds to the address 9945 Commerce Ave. today. The street name change was forced upon the community in 1932 as part of Tujunga’s annexation to the city of Los Angeles. Next to the theater building was a 20-foot-wide empty lot in which a fence was built to display the colorful movie posters.

The Tujunga Valley Theater opened as scheduled on April 7, 1923. Speeches were made and all 360 seats were filled with happy patrons. Initially, films were shown each evening with adults charged 30 cents for admission and children 10 cents. In July, a Wurlitzer pipe organ arrived and was installed over the course of 10 days, enhancing the movie-watching experience.

Under the Peronnet family management, the theater was popular and a financial success so it’s unknown why, in the spring of 1924, William Ralph was named as operator. The quality of films declined and there were no longer nightly presentations. In October of that same year, workers arrived and started unbolting the seats. The theater was in trouble. The Peronnets returned to bring the theater back from the brink and to

win back its former patronage.

Despite their return by early 1925, only two films were shown per week and in June 1925, the announcement was made that the theater had been sold to one of the most successful motion picture theater managers in Southern California: Harry T. Walz.

Harry remodeled the building and renamed it the Jewel Theater. A gala re-opening took place on July 8, 1925. The movie house seemed to limp along until the summer of 1928 when it was sold again. Just months later, the doors were shuttered for good and the Jewel Theater was no more.

Craig W. Durst, AKA The History Hunter, is a historian of the Tujunga Rancho and President of the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. He can be reached at [craig@thehistoryhunter.com](mailto:craig@thehistoryhunter.com).

OP ED » ALEK BARTROSOUF

# Glendale’s Mobility Element Needs Work

When the City’s 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey results were published in June, perhaps it shocked no one to see that the number one concern for Glendale residents is that of reckless driving, speeding and traffic safety.

As a lifelong Glendale resident and two-term Transportation and Parking commissioner, I have been echoing this sentiment for a very long time, with mixed results. Ever so slowly, we are making some progress on safety improvements through design and engineering that reinforce safer driving. We have also made significant strides in planning having adopted the Pedestrian Master Plan

in 2021 and Local Road Safety Plan in 2024. I served on the Advisory Committee for both of those plans and I can assure you a lot of good research and work was put into these plans despite mostly sitting on the shelf waiting for implementation.

Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for the draft Mobility Element or Roadway Design Guidelines, a section of the City’s General Plan that establishes a framework for mobility policy in the City. As I stated during my Commission’s Sept. 15 meeting, the Mobility Element touches on important goals like traffic demand modeling, transit use, pedestrian safety and complete streets for

everyone. But when you get into the details of the Element, it becomes clear that the proposed guidelines are overly prescriptive and would ultimately box staff into very specific design requirements that shut out potential safety improvements in our communities.

For example, the draft Mobility Element requires a 12-foot center turning lane on most streets. While that guideline seems reasonable, many streets simply do not have room for that – maybe they have room for 11 feet or 10 feet, common widths in cities all across the nation. A center turn lane provides a huge safety benefit by providing refuge

for drivers who are wanting to make left turns, preventing rear-end collisions and queuing in the fast lane to get onto a side street. City staff, with community input, should decide whether its appropriate to reduce lane widths to advance safety benefits. With these proposed guidelines, we are preempting these discussions from ever happening – I think that is bad policy.

I encourage the public to familiarize themselves with the Mobility Element and submit comments. If we want safer streets, we must get involved and engaged in these decisions. If the Mobility Element is adopted as is, planners will have their hands

tied without access to the full suite of options when making context-specific improvements to our streets.

More information can be found at the City’s Mobility Element website, including a link to the comment form, at <https://www.glendaleplan.com/mobility-element>

Alek Bartrosouf served as a former chair of the City’s Sustainability Commission, currently serves on the Transportation and Parking Commission, lives in Glendale and is a City Transportation Planner by profession.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Applauds Decision

Reluctant or not, the decision by the Design Review Board to approve the project at the site of the Glendale Garden Apartment Homes at 1303 N. Central Ave. is an obvious choice (DRB Reluctantly Approves New Project at Site of Glendale Garden Apartment Homes, Oct. 2, 2025). While a vocal group has spoken out against this development, others – including myself – voice support.

This proposed development is in the ideal location. There are already apartment buildings up and down Central, it is walking distance to five Metro bus lines and three Glendale Bee lines, a supermarket, local groceries, restaurants, a bank, and many other services. It is also a short walk from the shops and restaurants on North Brand near Trader Joe’s. The neighborhood has a “walk score” of 82, which is quite high for Glendale outside of the downtown area.

While claims have been made for the historical significance, even the Los Angeles Conservancy director of Advocacy could not make a compelling argument for preserving Glendale Garden Apartments at the hearing. The current building is cheap, post-war housing boom construction

resembling Army barracks and is at the end of its service life. The proposed development has a spacious and beautiful courtyard and the property will be fully landscaped.

In addition, the new proposal offers many desirable three bedroom/two bath configurations with a storage locker and parking in which families tend to stay, improving neighborhood stability.

All in all, this is a great development for Glendale allowing more residents to the neighborhood and reducing car dependency which benefits us all. This development will boost local businesses and

property values, increase affordable housing options and create more efficient land use.

David Billett  
Glendale  
see LETTERS on page 18

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WHAT IS A NONFUNCTIONAL TURF?

Nonfunctional turf refers to irrigated lawn that is ornamental and not regularly used for recreation or public gatherings.

COMPLIANCE TIMELINE

- January 1, 2027:** Public properties owned or managed by state and local governments, including school districts.
- January 1, 2028:** Commercial, industrial, and institutional properties.
- January 1, 2029:** Common areas managed by HOAs, common interest development, and community service organizations.
- January 1, 2031:** Public properties in Disadvantaged Communities, contingent upon available state financial assistance.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

ALFie Players to Perform Disney’s ‘The Jungle Book, KIDS’



Swing into a fun jungle adventure for all ages this autumn!

ALFie Players, featuring young actors in grades three through six, will present a special “KIDS” adaptation of Disney’s “The Jungle Book” on Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Lanterman Auditorium. This Action League of the Foothills drama production is based on the popular animated movie starring a young orphaned boy named Mowgli who befriends various creatures of the Indian jungle in a quest to survive in the wild.

“The Jungle Book, KIDS” is sure to entertain audiences both young and old with its repertoire of heartwarming songs about friendship and found families. These songs include “The Bare Necessities,” “I Wanna Be Like You” and “That’s What Friends Are For.” All are invited to come and watch this lively musical experience!

The talented cast of 26 students from the local foothills area will perform under the direction of ALF drama director Katelyn Evenson, along with Tristan Waldron as assistant director and Nancy Abbott as musical director and accompanist. Lanterman Auditorium is located at 4491 Cornishon Ave. in La Cañada Flintridge. Admission is free. For more information, visit ALFoothills.org or call (818) 790-2211.

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Candace Phipps and Maddox Apodaca took along the CV Weekly to Oktoberfest earlier this month!

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Meet Our Advertiser

Phyllis Harb: Providing Guidance, Transparent Communication and a Client-First Approach

The real estate journey of Phyllis Harb began in the mortgage banking industry where she built a successful career that culminated in a vice presidency for a division of Sterling Bank.

“While I appreciated the structure and analytics of banking, I quickly realized my true passion lay in working directly with people,” she recalls.

In 1989, she transitioned into residential real estate, teaming up with her mother, Joyce Serra – a respected and successful Realtor in Glendale. After her mother’s retirement and with Phyllis having two young daughters at home, she sought a career path that offered more family-friendly hours.

“This led me to focus on probate, trust and foreclosure properties – areas that aligned with ‘bankers’ hours’ and still allowed me to serve clients with compassion and integrity,” she said.

As her daughters grew, she expanded her business to include more traditional home buyers and sellers.

“Over the years, I’ve been privileged to help many families navigate one of life’s most important decisions – buying or selling a home – with care, professionalism and a deep understanding of our local market,” she said.

Community is at the heart of what she does.

“I’m proud to support the Crescenta Valley Weekly, a publication that plays a vital role in keeping our neighborhoods informed and connected. Community newspapers like this one shine a light on the stories that matter most – local schools, small businesses, city council decisions – and provide a platform that larger outlets often miss.”

Outside of real estate, she has always found joy in giving back. When her daughters were young, she served as their Girl Scout troop leader.

“I’m also an active parishioner at St. Bede in La Cañada, where I currently serve as president of the Italian Catholic Federation,” she said.

“For the past nine years, my real estate partner Kris Jardino and I have chaired our branch’s largest fundraiser: the annual silent auction.

“Additionally, I’m honored to serve on the board of directors for Bags and Grace, a nonprofit founded by my dear friend Tom Provost. This organization provides care packages and essential supplies to those experiencing homelessness throughout Los Angeles.”

Over the course of several decades in real estate, she has proudly assisted more than a thousand buyers and sellers.

“I am dedicated to providing thoughtful guidance, transparent communication, and a client-first approach at every stage of the real estate journey,” she said.

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# Burbank Goes Pink

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in support of the month Burbank police vehicles, parked in front of Burbank Police and Fire Headquarters on Oct. 7, were seen to have gone pink.

According to www.nationalbreastcancer.org, “for 40 years Breast Cancer Awareness Month has helped raise awareness of breast cancer across the nation. It has encouraged millions to take action, resulting in increased early detection and advancements in treatment that have saved more than half a million lives” resulting in an estimated drop in cancer death rates of 44%.

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## Grilled Vegetable Salad

Looking for a tasty side dish to go with your BBQ? This vegan salad is simple to make and can be prepared hours in advance. Whether you grill it for vegetarians or omnivores, it's versatile enough to complement any entrée. Besides dinner, I also like to serve this salad with fresh French bread for a filling lunch.

Makes 3 to 4 servings.

*Ingredients:*

- ½ cup plus 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1½ teaspoons Ancho chile powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 red bell peppers (seeded and cut into quarters)
- 1 medium eggplant (cut into ½-inch rounds)
- 4 medium zucchini (halved lengthwise)
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups baby arugula
- 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro (chopped)
- Lemon wedges

*Directions:*

- Preheat the grill on medium-high heat (about 450 degrees).
- Mix ½ cup of olive oil, lemon juice, coriander, chili powder, garlic powder, paprika, cumin, salt, and cayenne pepper in a medium bowl. Set this dressing aside.
- Place bell peppers, eggplant, and zucchini in a large resealable bag with the remaining three tablespoons of olive oil. Add ground pepper to taste. Seal the bag and shake vigorously until



the vegetables are well coated with oil.

- Grill the veggies for four minutes on one side, making sure they're evenly cooked. Then, flip them over and grill for another four minutes on the other side. This will give them a nice char and ensure they're cooked all the way through. Once ready, take them off the grill.
- For a beautiful presentation, arrange the arugula on a large platter. Cut the eggplant into halves and place the rounds in concentric circles around the outside edge of the lettuce, leaving the center empty. Then, cut the bell pepper and zucchini into 1-inch pieces and mound them in the center. Drizzle with half of the dressing and garnish with cilantro. Serve with lemon wedges and extra dressing on the side for those who want a little more flavor.

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# Sundays of Sound Concert to Feature Rare Masterworks by Beethoven, Ginastera, Mendelssohn and Dvořák

The Sundays of Sound Concert Series, presented by Rhapsodia, continues with an afternoon of chamber music on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. at the historic La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, featuring cellist Raymond Newell and pianist Matthew Krell.

The program includes Beethoven's "Cello Sonata No. 4, Op. 102 No. 1," a pivotal work from his late period with its innovative form and emotional depth; Ginastera's "Pampeana No. 2," a vibrant rhapsody inspired by Argentine gaucho culture; Mendelssohn's "Cello Sonata No. 2 in D Major, Op. 58," blending prodigious

elegance with virtuosic energy; and Dvořák's "Silent Woods," a serene evocation of Bohemian landscapes.

Raymond Newell, an active chamber musician and principal cellist with ensembles like the Bob Cole Symphony Orchestra, brings a wealth of experience from international tours and collaborations with artists from the Los Angeles Philharmonic and other well-known ensembles.

Matthew Krell, an award-winning pianist and composer, is celebrated for his virtuosic technique and versatility across classical, jazz and contemporary genres, with accolades including first place at the PianoHouse



Matthew Krell



Raymond Newell

International Competition with a Carnegie Hall performance and first at the California Music Teacher's National Association Young Artist's Competition.

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Event will be 60 minutes in length.

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# Three Faces of Handel Concert at LCPC

In his day, George Frideric Handel was the most popular composer in Europe producing music for the British court, the Christian church and various charitable causes. Today, Handel's oratorio Messiah with its "Hallelujah Chorus" ranks near the top of every listener's favorite music list. The La Cañada Presbyterian Church Choir and LCPC Orchestra will present a concert of Handel favorites, plus a few novelties, on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

"Three Faces of Handel" will include music from Handel's Messiah, Water Music and two anthems: "Funeral Anthem for Queen Caroline" and "Foundling Hospital Anthem." The LCPC Orchestra will perform Suites 1 and 2 from Handel's Water Music, written for summer barge parties on London's Thames River. In a salute to the members of the LCPC congregation who have passed away in recent years, the choir and orchestra will present Handel's "Funeral Anthem for Queen Charlotte" and excerpts from Messiah that provide assurance of hope in eternity.

The second half of the program features one of Handel's last works, his Foundling Hospital Anthem written to bring attention to the poor and needy orphans of his day. Consistent with Handel's intent, the concert will include a short presentation of "Restoring Hope," one of the LCPC Outreach Ministries, dedicated to breaking cycles of poverty in South Asia, one child at a time.

The choir and orchestra totals nearly one hundred musicians featuring soloists Tamara Bevard and Jessica Berns, soprano, Matthew Thomas, tenor and Michal Dawson Connor, bass. Prior to the concert, at 1:30 p.m., LCPC's director of Music & Worship Arts, Jack Lantz, will present a pre-concert talk on Three Faces of Handel and how his charitable work influenced Handel's music.

The concert is free; however, a freewill offering will be received for the "Restoring Hope" outreach ministry to orphans in South Asia.

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. For those who cannot attend in-person, the concert and pre-concert lecture will be live-streamed. Use the following link to watch online: [live.lacanadapc.org](http://live.lacanadapc.org).

# Bridging the Centuries: Local Composers Share the Stage with Operatic Giants

This fall's symphonic program, Bridging the Centuries, takes place at the Hall of Crucifixion-Resurrection at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 1712 S. Glendale Blvd. in Glendale on Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. It offers a compelling blend of operatic drama and contemporary creativity, pairing two iconic 19th-century works with a slate of original compositions by six Southern California composers.

The concert opens with Giuseppe Verdi's Overture to Nabucco, a fiery and politically charged prelude that introduced one of the composer's earliest operatic triumphs. The second half opens with Modest Mussorgsky's stunning "Coronation Scene" from his opera Boris Godunov, a sweeping tableau of imperial grandeur and psychological tension. Together, these selections evoke the power and scale of opera at its most theatrical.

But at the heart of the program is its commitment to new music. Original works by Dallas Crane, Brook deRosa, Charles Fernandez, L. C. Harnsberger, Maria Newman and Larry Tuttle showcase the range and vitality of local composers working in symphonic form.

Two soloists take center stage in featured premieres. Hornist John Mason performs the concerto for horn and orchestra "Christmas Concerto" by L. C. Harnsberger and oboist Francisco Castillo offers a deeply expressive reading of Elegy by Charles Fernandez, a meditative piece that explores themes of loss and remembrance.

This is a free performance. Composers' reception to follow the performance. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. Reserve a seat at [www.VTOpera.org](http://www.VTOpera.org).

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# Jewel City Concert Series

The Jewel City Concert Series presents live music on the Artsakh Paseo located at 127 Artsakh Ave. in Glendale's Downtown Arts & Entertainment District. Through Oct. 25, the community is invited to gather at 5 p.m. each Saturday for an eclectic mix of performances that reflect Glendale's creative spirit and cultural diversity.

"The Jewel City Concert Series is part of our ongoing commitment to enliven the Artsakh Paseo and create meaningful cultural experiences in Downtown Glendale," said Lessa Pelayo-Lozada, director of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture. "The series highlights the creative talent within our community and adds something special to Saturday nights, bringing people together through music in a setting that feels uniquely Glendale."

Presented by the City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Dept. and sponsored by the Arts and Culture Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, the series brings neighbors, families and friends together for a casual evening of live music in the heart of the city. Each concert turns the Paseo into a welcoming outdoor space where people can unwind, connect and enjoy the rhythm of the city.

On Oct. 18, the rock band Marzoña will be performing. Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early to explore the surrounding district and support local businesses before the music begins. All performances are free and open to the public.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own chairs as seating is not provided. Performances run approximately 60 minutes without intermission.

THEN & NOW



**Then:** When Fred Anderson in 1912 showed up in what was to become Montrose, his little real estate office was the first building to go up. It was placed at the curve of old Verdugo Road, on what is now the northeast corner of Verdugo and Honolulu Avenue. The land was being stripped of brush and rocks by gangs of immigrant laborers, mostly Europeans, who camped in little tent camps near what is now Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu. Dirt roads were cut into the land with teams of mules in the now famous rose pattern, and tracks and electrical lines were being prepared for the new Glendale and Montrose Railway. When the crowds showed up for the big land sale on Feb. 22, 1913 the lots were sold out of this little office.

Montrose Tract Office  
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now:** In the '30s a new gas station was built on this property and it's oft rumored that Fred Anderson's real estate office was moved to another location in Montrose. That was common practice back then. Nothing was wasted so the chances are very good of someone in Montrose someday discovering that their little back house or small office building was actually the first building in Montrose. In the meantime, Verdugo Liquor and a mail box rental outlet occupy this landmark site of Montrose's first business.



# JUST FOR FUN

## CALENDARthis

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The Club next meets on Oct. 17 when it hosts Dena Nasir of Dignity Health who will provide a program on colon health.

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.

### OKTOBERFEST CHORAL CONCERT

Join Pasadena Pro Musica for an afternoon of German folk music, drinking songs and popular Oktoberfest fare that'll have everyone singing "Ein Prosit" all the way home! Beer garden reception to follow.

The event is on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. at Neighborhood UU Church located at 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd. in Pasadena (right next to the Gamble House). Tickets are \$25 tickets and available online at pasadenapromusica.org.

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### CCLCF EVENTS

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

- Registration for Fall II Programming is open. New classes and returning favorites are offered at [cclcf.org](http://cclcf.org). Fall II runs eight weeks from Oct. 20 - Dec. 20.

- Registration is open for the 32nd annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Mile. Training

for the free kids' mile six-week training program is offered to help them get ready for the big day. It will run from Oct. 18 thru Nov. 22. Visit [cclcf.org/run](http://cclcf.org/run) to register. The annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk, Kids' Mile and Food Drive will take place at Olberz Park in LCF on Thursday, Nov. 27. Visit [cclcf.org/run](http://cclcf.org/run) for more info. Sponsorships available!

- Celebrate Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos at CCLCF's "Dances de Los Muertos" belly dance fantasy theater event on Saturday, Oct. 25. Visit [cclcf.org/events](http://cclcf.org/events) for tickets and more info.

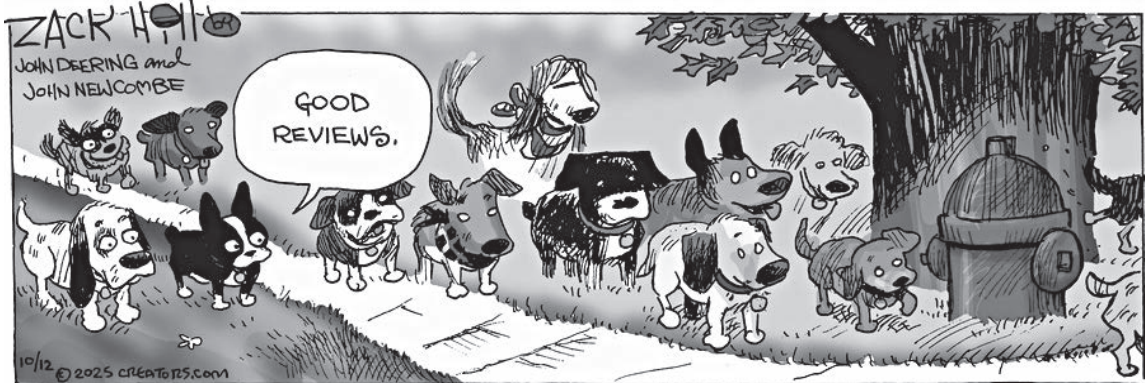
The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

### DYNAMITER CLASS OF 1975 PLANS 50-YEAR CELEBRATION

Glendale High School's Class of 1975 will celebrate its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Oakmont Country Club,

see CALENDAR THIS on next page

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### ACROSS

- Opening for an anchor cable
- Cheater's sound at test time
- Witchy crones
- Enlightened Buddhist
- Animal's abode
- Parting notice, briefly
- Two light chasers
- Settled on a sofa
- Abominable Himalayan
- Hair slickener
- Ceremonial elegance
- Jeweler's collection
- Diamond Head's locale
- Makes operable again
- Type of salad or tragedy
- Collection of miscellaneous pieces
- Beatty of TV and film
- Three light chasers
- Suffix for extremists
- Part of a sacrifice, sometimes
- Swiss border lake
- Less acute
- \_\_\_-bodied
- Amos or Spelling
- Titled peer of the realm
- Does an IRS job
- Itty-bitty bit
- Be remorseful
- Three light chasers
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- Bit of color
- "Stop!"
- "Cut bait" alternative
- War horse

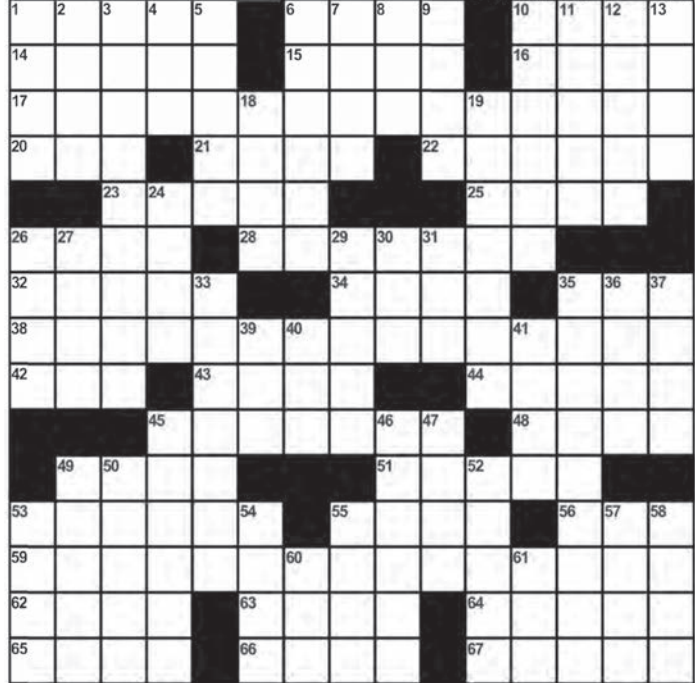
### DOWN

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- Length x width, for a rectangle
- James Cagney film classic
- Succumb to gravity
- Alcohol type
- River to the Mississippi
- It's wrapped in India
- Be in session
- Excursion
- Classic literary detective
- Crosswise, on a ship
- Encircles or fortifies
- Eyelid affliction
- Eye drop
- Act of political backscratching
- Signaled an actor
- Shrek, e.g.
- "Iliad" warrior god
- Coastal cities
- In the manner of
- Due east on a grandfather clock
- Make unwanted comments (var.)
- Whom all contenders are chasing
- And others, for short
- Fraction of a newton
- Cashew, e.g.
- African antelope
- Distribute cards
- Familiarize
- Just the right amount
- Campus military org.
- Engine supercharger
- Ancient Greek theater
- Thai bills
- Lying under covers
- Bondman of old
- Charged particles
- Encourage
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### LET THERE BE LIGHT

By Timothy E. Parker



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com)

October 13, 2025 - October 19, 2025

### ARIES March 21 - April 19

You're currently socializing and enjoying yourself. After all the fun, don't forget to look after your health and recuperate. You're going to be busy for some time to come, so you'll need to devise a strategy that helps you maintain excellent health while meeting new people and continuing to network.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Food issues could come to the surface. You may discover that you have allergies to certain foods, or decide you'll overcome particular eating patterns that haven't been good for you. The company of good friends seems to encourage good health and bring you a chance to relax and enjoy life. You could feel moved to join a gym to find more support.

### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Watch out for infections. They won't be major, but you might want to take extra good care of your throat. Try vitamin C, zinc, tea with lemon, and other treatments that soothe you and beef up your immune system. If you're traveling abroad, you're going to remain in great health, but take precautions anyway. The relaxation will help recharge your batteries!

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your feelings have a profound effect on your body. This is why it helps to develop a loving attitude if you want to feel well and eliminate disease from your body and your life. If you're filled with animosity, even unspoken, it's still going to impact you at the cellular level. Be happy and be good to yourself!

### LEO July 23 - August 22

You may notice a difference in your well-being now. Even though you're faced with challenges, you'll feel a lot more optimistic. It's as though the challenges don't affect you in the same way. You're prepared to believe you can handle anything. An absence of stress in your life means less chance of contracting an illness.

### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It's time to become more aware of what your body is trying to tell you. You'll notice a difference between what you consider healthy and what your body knows is good for you. Pause before you eat something. Sense whether or not your body wants to absorb this kind of food or it's just an emotional craving. You can change your diet for the better if you do this.

### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The Universe is giving you a feeling of overall optimism with regard to your health. If you've suffered from any particular issues, you may find that your problems get resolved sooner rather than later. You'll be more relaxed, too, and this is bound to affect you positively. You'll enjoy developing new habits to maintain your well-being.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You could be inclined to overindulge now. Sometimes a little of what you fancy does you good, and in your case this is probably true. But remember to exercise, and don't renounce your diet or give up on your overall discipline. Keep your health goals in mind and stick with your plan. You'll be glad you did once you see the results.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It's time to feed your brain and nurture your understanding of how you can improve your health. If you want to take things a step further, this is a good time to begin a course in a health or exercise subject. If you dedicate your time to learning about wellness, you'll find it easier to maintain your discipline, even in difficult situations.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

The environment in which you live has a huge impact on your health. If your home is cluttered, you may notice an overall lack of energy and inspiration. The more space you have, the happier and more relaxed you'll feel. It might be a good idea to solicit the services of a feng shui expert who can recommend ways to improve your overall well-being.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

There are many gadgets on the market that claim to improve health. You might be drawn to experiment with a few of them to help you keep track of your well-being. You might also be interested in purchasing exercise equipment or new sportswear. It could be a fascinating but expensive week.

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The cosmos is going to bring a lot of feelings to the surface. Don't try to stuff them by overeating your favorite foods. It's better to welcome whatever comes up, acknowledge it, and let it go. You might also feel moodier than usual. Do something different from your usual exercise routine.





# Can Wells Fargo Keep Our Money After a Scammer Stole It Through Zelle?

*When Stephen Mills’ wife tries to cancel her Audible subscription, she inadvertently gives scammers access to her computer. They steal \$3,495. Why won’t Wells Fargo help her get the money back?*

**Question:** My wife tried to cancel her Audible subscription but called a fraudulent number from a spoofed Google listing. The scammer tricked her into downloading remote access software and stole \$3,495 via Zelle from our Wells Fargo account.

We reported the fraud within minutes, closed the account and cited Regulation E protections. But Wells Fargo refused to refund the money or disclose where it went. We’re retired and can’t afford this loss. Why won’t the bank help?

– Stephen Mills, Hollister, California

**Answer:** Wells Fargo should have refunded you immediately. Once you reported the unauthorized Zelle transfers, Wells Fargo has a legal obligation under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act (Regulation E) to investigate promptly and provisionally credit your account within 10 business days if it couldn’t resolve the claim by then.

Federal law is clear: Banks must refund unauthorized electronic transactions unless they can prove you acted with “gross

negligence” or lied about the fraud. Even Zelle says that what happened to you would be considered fraud under Regulation E, noting that if someone gained access to your account and stole money or sent it without your permission “this could be defined as fraud.”

But not Wells Fargo. Instead of helping you, the paper trail you kept suggests it stonewalled you and tried to close the case quickly without giving it full consideration. It didn’t even tell you where the money went, which could have helped your recovery efforts. Banks often hide behind Zelle’s terms, which shift liability to consumers in cases of “authorized” payments. But this wasn’t authorized; it was fraud enabled by a malicious third party.

You might have avoided this by going to Audible’s website instead of searching for an Audible number on Google. Unfortunately, scammers have been setting up websites that pretend to be official sites. I’m sure your wife knows this now but if a representative tells you to install an app on your computer, that should be a big red flag. It’s also a lesson for the rest of us. Other giveaways: A real person answers on

the first ring (that rarely happens with a real company) or someone asks you to use a gift card through Apple or Amazon to pay for something.

Scammers are clever. They find a way of weaseling their way onto your computer to transfer money. Always enable two-factor authentication and never share any one-time codes with a “company” representative.

You did everything right after the fraud: reporting it immediately, closing the account and invoking Regulation E.

Wells Fargo should have helped you.

When companies drag their feet, escalating to executives is key. I’ve published Wells Fargo’s leadership contacts on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. You can also find the executive contacts for Zelle there.

After I contacted Wells Fargo on your behalf, it refunded the full \$3,495. While I’m relieved your case was successfully resolved, it shouldn’t take media intervention to compel a bank to follow federal law.

Next time, please go to the company’s



Illustration by Dustin ELLIOTT

website for contact information. Or you can visit my advocacy site where I carefully vet the phone numbers to ensure you won’t get scammed.

*Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a non-profit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2025 Christopher Elliott.*

## CALENDAR THIS from previous page

3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale, part of a three-day weekend of special events.

Reunion events will include a tour of Glendale High on Friday, Oct. 17 followed by lunch (on your own) at Mario’s Italian Deli and Market, 740 E. Broadway in Glendale; a Friday night pre-party at Barragan’s Mexican Restaurant, 730 N. Victory Blvd. in Burbank; the official reunion celebration on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Oakmont Country Club; and a flexible breakfast (on your own) on Sunday, Oct. 19 at Bob’s Big Boy, 4211 W. Riverside Drive in Burbank. Each event will be individually ticketed, so alumni will need to pre-pay for Friday night and Saturday events, and pre-register for the campus tour.

The reunion committee has established a Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/386157964886810/>. For further information, please contact Reunion Committee Chair Lisa Goodlad at [lisagoodlad@gmail.com](mailto:lisagoodlad@gmail.com).

## FALL INTO THE HOLIDAYS BOUTIQUE

Fall into the Holidays, a craft and gift boutique, takes place on Saturday, Oct. 25 at St. Luke’s of the Mountains. The day offers unique items for sale, raffle, barbecue, bake sale and music. Approximately 30 vendors will be featured. The local singing group Monday@JoJo’s will be performing holiday music from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Proceeds from the boutique will benefit The Fire House Youth Center, located on the St. Luke’s campus, and benefit the CV Lions Club high school scholarship program.

Free to attend! The boutique is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. Luke’s is located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

## CVIM HOLDING SILENT ONLINE AUCTION

The Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music Foundation is having a silent online auction fundraiser that ends at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the school’s Spooktacular Concert at Crescenta Valley High School. It will be held both online and in-person to view any donated items before the end of auction.

This event is one of CVIM’s main fundraisers and brings in much needed funds to support all instrumental music classes. CVIM depends upon the support of community supporters and businesses for the success of the auction.

Items needing funding include a small truck for equipment transport to festivals, music for all classes, instruments including cellos and bass and new uniforms.

The auction site can be found at <https://www.32auctions.com/CVIM2025>.

## LCFOG HOSTS BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Tickets are now available for the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopedic Guild Book & Author Luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club.

Three dynamic authors will be featured. They are Kim Fay, Ellen Byron and Jane West Bakerink.

Interested in attending? Contact Joan Cleven at (818) 249-4603.

La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, 5500 Goodbye Drive, La Cañada Flintridge

## 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 your questions or to volunteer with Little Landers and Bolton Hall Museum. Email: [LittleLanders@BoltonHall.org](mailto:LittleLanders@BoltonHall.org), phone: (818) 352-3420 or send a letter so P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, CA 91043.

## DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

## MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

• The Montrose Library hosts canasta on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• The Back Alley Painters is a vibrant group of adult artists who gather to create, share their work, offer constructive feedback and enjoy each other’s company.

Participants are asked to bring their own art supplies – whether watercolor, acrylic, ink or pencil (no oil paints). Meetings are every Monday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

• Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Library.

The Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

## GYO PRESENTS RUSSIAN ROMANTICS: TCHAIKOVSKY & RACHMANINOFF

On Nov. 9 at the Alex Theatre, the Glendale Youth Orchestra (GYO) presents “Russian Romantics: Tchaikovsky & Rachmaninoff” as part of the 37th Season opening concert. The concert will celebrate two of the world’s composers featuring Tchaikovsky’s Swan Lake Suite and Rachmaninoff’s “Piano Concerto No. 3” highlighting pianist Everett Leigh (15), under the baton of Henry Shin, music director and conductor. The GYO is celebrating 30 years of performing at the Alex Theatre, which is celebrating its centennial.

The GYO is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Dept. of Arts and Culture.

Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased from the Alex Theatre box office. Students, children and seniors may purchase tickets for \$16 each.

The Alex Theatre is located at 216 N. Brand Blvd. in Glendale.

For more information, visit [www.thealex.com](http://www.thealex.com).

## CELEBRITY BOWLING PARTY FOR RONNIE JAMES DIO

The Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund will host the Bowl For Ronnie celebrity charity bowling tournament to raise funds for cancer research at Pinz Bowling Center, 12655 Ventura Blvd. in Studio City on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. VIP pre-party from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. More info at [www.diocancerfund.org](http://www.diocancerfund.org).

## FROM BURN TO BLOOM: REDESIGNING RESILIENCE AT THE EDGE

On Nov. 15 from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., the non-profit organization Poly/Ana is having a micro-symposium on Fire, Land and Whole-System Design.

The goal is to shift the local narrative from fragile to resilient, regenerative and thriving. Ticket holders can expect:

- Insights from fire survivors and regenerative designers
- Strategies that move beyond “defensible space” to whole-ecosystem resilience
- Tools for water harvesting, soil-building, plant guilds and microclimate design
- Expert talks on Zone 0 policies, tree canopy and soil remediation
- Networking with neighbors, land stewards and leaders reimagining resilience

The event takes place at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, 5500 Godbey Drive in La Cañada Flintridge; to reserve a spot visit <https://tinyurl.com/3br anx2b>. Tickets range from \$5 to \$25.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS](http://CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS)

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## NOTES & NODS

**LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTS COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT**

Children can give their Halloween costumes a trial run as Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) holds its annual trunk or treat festival on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For LCIF, the goal is simple: offer a secure, daytime environment where parents and their children can enjoy the festive fun. The central attraction of the community festival is the parade of creatively decorated car trunks, ranging from cartoon scenes to spooky (but kid-appropriate) displays. Owners will distribute treats directly from their decorated vehicles, ensuring a high density of candy stops with

minimal walking. In addition to the sweet treats, the festival will feature a variety of games and, a large bounce house to burn off some of that pre-Halloween energy. Everyone is also welcome to attend LCIF's 10 a.m. worship service before the event, led by Pastor Viv Vega.

LCIF would also like to remind the community of its upcoming book club meeting on Monday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. in the church's conference room. Book lovers will discuss "Jacqueline in Paris" by Ann Mah. The book club selection for November is "Where They Last Saw Her" by Marcie Rendon. All are welcome to attend.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event

**Question:** Many of my friends have either left the church to practice on their own or lost faith entirely. How do you keep your faith when you see so many people doing cruel things in the name of God? Keeping the Faith

**Answer:** Dear Keeping the Faith,

What a great question! We are living in very challenging times in regard to faith, community and attitudes of people. So many people have become opinionated and dismissive of anyone who doesn't believe and espouse the same exact "truth."

So many people doing things that are cruel in the name of God, as you have said, is modeled by

our own President who has, for example, as much as closed the agency of USAID that used to give food and medicine to starving people with little to no other options (including babies and children all over the world). President Trump empowered Elon Musk to gut this particular agency along with many other things that provided life sustaining aid to the poorest of the poor in our world. Many deaths have resulted. These actions certainly fit your criteria.

However, we must not give in to the lowest and most inhumane of us. We must aspire to make the world right in the eyes of God, even though there are those who use God to justify the worst of all actions in His/Her name. It is very hurtful to those of us who

really do believe in inclusivity and helping those who are less fortunate.

We must all realize there are those among us who do not really love their neighbor as themselves and think of others as less than human. This has always been true. Not everyone sees their way to faith and making the world better.

Don't let the faithlessness of others lead you to join them. There are far more of the faithful who are the pillars of goodness in this world. Be sure to attend gatherings with them and realize the challenge of our times is to find like-minded people and make the world better with them.

Rabbi Janet Bieber  
Temple Beth Emet, Burbank

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 Thursday.

**UUCVH WELCOMES CESAR CORDONA**

On Oct. 19 recurring guest speaker Cesar Cordona is welcomed back to the pulpit at UUCVH (Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills) for his talk Stillness Before Serving: Finding Calm in Chaos. Cardona returns to share growth mindfulness, his personal practice. He will introduce two key concepts, Stillness Before Serving and You Are Not Your Output inviting attendees to find calm in stressful times and serve from inner balance. Stillness Before Serving begins at 10:30 a.m. at 4451 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the Zoom link https://www.uuverdugo.org/.

**HOLY CRAFT**

The community is invited on Sundays at 11 a.m. starting Oct. 21 in the sanctuary foyer of La Cañada Congregational Church. Bring a craft project and supplies along with a snack to share. Attendees will find seasoned knitters, procrastinating gift makers and curious learners coming together to make something beautiful (even if it's just conversation). It's a great way to share a skill, learn a new one (supplies provided) and find new friendships.

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**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 SEASONAL EVENTS AND GATHERINGS**

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church invites the Crescenta Valley community to its annual trunk or treat event on Oct. 25 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.. There will be decorated cars and trucks (and decorated parishioners in costumes of all sorts!) for children and families to enjoy as they trick-or-treat their way around the church lot. There will also be special baked goods, cotton candy and a variety of games!

Mt. Olive will celebrate the historic Protestant Reformation at its 9:30 a.m. worship service on the last Sunday of October (Oct. 26), which is known as Reformation Sunday. In addition, there will be a Liturgy of Confirmation as a part of that worship service on Oct. 26 when the worshipers and those being confirmed will join together in publicly affirming their holy baptism and Christian faith.

And don't forget that 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. [Please Note: This month's breakfast Bible study took place on the second Saturday, Oct. 11, at the usual meeting time.] This Bible study is currently in the Book of Second Corinthians. Also, a weekly Bible study (currently in the Book of Genesis) is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

Visit molc.org for more information about these and other opportunities for Christian fellowship and service. You can also email or call: office@molc.org or (818) 248-4253.

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

**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 Oct. 19 & 26. 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.



WEATHER *from page 2*

*Lindsay Pollard-Post*  
*The PETA Foundation*  
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For example, according to JPL image sensors that would later be used in GoPros and in all modern digital cameras, including those in cellphones, were first developed in the early 1990s at NASA's

Honestly, I could go on forever about how JPL's innovations have helped humans and have allowed the U.S. to have

"Altadena is such a special place," he said.



# LEGALS & CLASSIFIEDS

COMMUNITY

**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING**  
Proposed: 80 new affordable rental apartments for families at Foothill Blvd. & Briggs Ave. Any interested person may attend meeting to provide comments. Nov. 6, 2025, 6 pm - 7 pm at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. abodecommunities.org/lacrescenta

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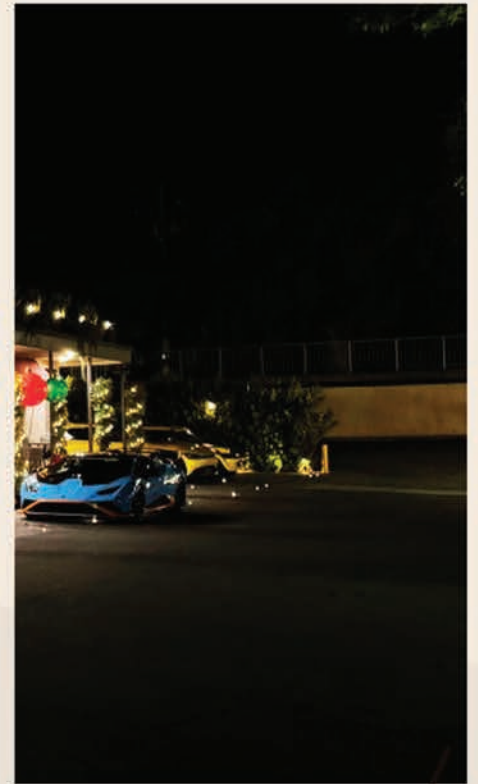
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