

## Council Rejects Proposal for Sears Property

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night the Glendale City Council voted to reject the 682-unit mixed use project proposed for 236 N. Central Ave., the site of the former Sears department store. The project anticipated the demolition of the 176,629 square-foot three-story retail building, an adjacent 164,308 square-foot three-level parking structure and a small asphalt surface parking lot to construct two new eight-story mixed-use buildings totaling 655,418 square-feet, including 682 residential units (37 studios, 493 one-bedroom units, 135 two-bedrooms, one three-bedroom unit, 16 live/work units and retail/restaurant space on the ground floor). The project would include 72 residential units deemed “affordable.”

After the vote to reject the project, the developer’s land use attorney addressed the council.

“This is a pretty extreme example. Inevitably, if we do sue, and that seems highly likely, this is a test case for an HAA [Housing Accountability Act] violation,” he said. “Cities complain about the loss of local control over zoning – the law requires the application of objective standards to alleviate situations just like this – some decision-makers want more retail; some don’t care if there’s retail. Some want design changes. It puts developers in impossible situations.”

“The city has written objective standards which this development does satisfy – that’s the crux here – and the limited findings for denial are that the project would result in specific adverse impacts. There are none. The council didn’t even attempt to make that finding. This is a slam dunk,” the attorney warned.

The council gave preliminary approval to the project in December 2022. Since then, planning officials have approved density bonuses for the project and suggested changes and improvements to its design.

“I want housing on this site,” said Councilmember Ardy Kasakhian in explaining his vote against the project. “I want the largest number of housing units possible.” However, this project is “not anything that will make Glendale proud.”

Mayor Ara Najarian expressed his disappointment with the development.

You can read more at  
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## Hardening Your Home

By Mary O’KEEFE

*Residents need to know what to do to combat the year round phenomenon.*

Fire season in California is all year long with peak activity expected from July through the fall. The Eaton and Palisades fires were wind-driven. Some reports have wind gusts during the Eaton Fire recorded of up to 170 miles. This type of event is what firefighters and officials have been warning residents about for a long time. It is now known there were a lot of guardrails that were supposedly in place that did not work, including residents being notified of evacuations; however, this fire should be a wake up call to everyone in California: If there was ever a time to harden your home, make a plan for evacuation and to get “Ready. Set. Go” it is now.

Every year fire departments conduct abatement inspections. For the City of Glendale those inspections begin in March and continue into April.

With the new (March 2025) CAL FIRE-created fire zones and Zone Zero updates, many fire departments have seen the number increase of properties that need abatement inspections.

File photo  
Current Glendale fire chief Jeff Brooks recommends that people harden their houses to avoid devastation from fire.



“In Glendale we inspected 8,900 [properties] but with the new zones we have an additional 7,400 [that need to be inspected] so that is 16,000-plus for next year’s inspections,” said Fire Chief Jeff Brooks, GFD.

Two bills make up Zone Zero, which creates new requirements for defensible space zones to be created at houses within the “Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.”

Zone Zero is mandated by CAL FIRE to create an “ember resistant zone” around houses to protect them

from wildfires.

Brooks added that GFD is working to educate the public on fire safety including how people can harden their house.

“Home hardening’ is the term used to describe vegetation management compliance and building materials used to resist the intrusion of flames or embers projected by a wild land fire. It can be applied to new construction or for retrofitting an older home. Home hardening considers the relationship between your home and its exposure to nearby

combustible features such as vegetation, vehicles, accessory buildings or even miscellaneous structures like a fence,” according to CAL FIRE.

Brooks added that examples of clearing a house, or hardening a home, would be to make certain firewood is not stacked near the house and, if the residence has a deck, making certain that beneath it is clear of vegetation. He also said that it is important to have a 1/8 inch mesh that covers attic openings due to embers that can travel miles.

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## Thousands Attend Local No Kings Rally

By Julie BUTCHER

More than 5,000 people attended the No Kings rally in downtown Glendale on Saturday, according to organizers of the afternoon event. It was one of 200 No Kings events held in California and one of more than 2,700 similar events across the country with an estimated seven million people participating.

“In one of the largest single-day nationwide demonstrations in U.S. history, nearly seven million Americans gathered today, two million more than June, in over 2,700 cities and towns for the No Kings Day of Peaceful Action, standing together in nonviolent defiance of authoritarianism and affirming that this nation belongs to its people, not to kings,” event organizers wrote following Saturday’s events.

Thousands filled the plaza outside the Social Security Administration building on West Broadway and Orange Street. The gathering was loud, punctuated by whistles, amplified music and vigorous chanting.

Local politicians addressed the crowd, including Glendale City

Councilmembers Dan Brotman and Elen Asatryan and City Clerk Suzie Abajian. Chicano soul band Los Yesterdays entertained the throng that spread across Broadway to the front of the Glendale Galleria. Many drivers honked their horns in support.

Organizers shared a video showing the size and breadth of the crowd (see <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/NRC07VxxHE?feature=share>).

No arrests or incidents of any kind were reported.

“We promised the cops a very boring Saturday afternoon,” said Malcolm Johnson, one of the event volunteer coordinators and second vice-president of the East Area Progressive Democrats. “We’re expecting people to bring their families and their pets.”

“I’m not here to protest Trump per se,” Herb West of Eagle Rock shared. “I’m against the hatred and bigotry and attempts to tear us apart. That’s destined to fail. We need to embrace each other instead.”

“My girlfriend is afraid to be out here,” a local man said. She’s Japa-

nese and working on a project that has her going to and from Japan and she’s afraid even “though she’s here legally. That’s why I’m out here. For her.”

Another demonstrator said, “I’m here because of my daughter’s future. This is my first time demonstrating. I’m not an activist. But I felt like I need to do something. It gives me hope to see so many people here.”

Two local Glendale women explained their signs that read, “The only KINGS welcome in Glendale? Fish King and King Taco!” The signs reflected their

attempts to brainstorm something clever and specifically local. Everyone loves King Taco, they said, and then remembered Fish King.

“We agreed those should be the only kings,” the two laughed.

“It’s kind of scary for me to be out here,” a woman from La Crescenta admitted, “but I’m hoping there are people who are having second thoughts, folks who may have voted for [Donald Trump] but don’t really agree with what’s happening now.”

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Photo by Julie BUTCHER  
Thousands of people, many wearing yellow, gathered for a No Kings rally in downtown Glendale on Saturday.





» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Halloween Season Has Arrived

Though local stores may have boasted Halloween items for sale since – well, summertime – to me Oct. 1 ushers in the Halloween season. As we pass the midway point in the “spooky season” I know that others agree.

Take a look around. Houses are decorated in Halloween splendor with many having ghouls and goblins (and clowns) (not to mention bats) laying claim to the property.

Steve and I headed on Saturday to Halloween Town Costumes in Burbank to pick up some last minute items we wanted for costumes we were wearing that night at a local Halloween party (he was Beetlejuice and I was Lydia – we looked fantastic! Thank you to Jeri’s Costumes on Mayfield for providing our outfits). As we made our way to Burbank we saw several houses decorated for Halloween. (As an aside, I heard on the radio that Burbank is “Halloween central” probably because so many creatives live in the area.)

Targeting families, there are several local “trunk or treat” events (see Mary O’Keefe’s story on page 3) that provide activities and fun for little ones including this Friday, Oct. 24 at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station (4554 Briggs Ave.). From 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. folks can swing by and enjoy a movie, treats and fun. The movie starts at 6 p.m. – bring a chair! Free to attend.

Favorite local haunts can be found again this year and next week CV Weekly will publish a list of the addresses of folks who have gone the extra mile in decorating their houses and would love a drive-by. Since COVID we’ve

provided a list of addresses and we’re happy to do it again this year.

If you’d like to add your address to the list, send an email to [hollyween@cvweekly.com](mailto:hollyween@cvweekly.com) before end of business day on Tuesday so we can put your address on the list!



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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

California has recently been affected by tropical storms. On Sept. 17 and Sept. 18 Tropical Storm Mario brought to the area humid conditions, lower temperatures and thunderstorms. Then earlier this month Hurricane Priscilla affected our area with rain and thunderstorms. This brought some unusual weather our way.

“September 2025 was yet another ‘strange’ weather month along the Pacific Coast. In California, multiple episodes of precipitation (and a fair bit of thunderstorm activity) brought wetter conditions to much of the state – particularly across central and southern California. Serious, even deadly, flash flooding and debris flows occurred in the lower deserts of [southeast California] and the San Bernardino Mountains when remnant moisture and instability from Tropical Storm Mario produced locally torrential thunderstorm downpours; while rain elsewhere was (thankfully) much less dramatic, it was nonetheless unusual for September,” according to an article published on Oct. 8 on [weatherwest.com](http://weatherwest.com).

When you think of hurricanes we normally think of the Atlantic Ocean and the East Coast. However, the Pacific does have an active hurricane/tropical season that runs from May 15 to Nov. 30. We don’t hear about these storms coming onshore on the West Coast due, in part, to two factors that are needed to form a hurricane: ocean temperature and upper-level wind flow, according to [compuweather.com](http://compuweather.com).

The recipe for making a hurricane requires ocean water temperatures of about 80 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer. The average temperature off the coast of California is in the upper 60s.

“Once a hurricane develops, it tracks generally where the upper level wind flow pattern steers it over the tropical regions of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The trade

winds prevail with a general east-to-west flow. This wind flow tends to steer Atlantic hurricanes on a general motion towards the Caribbean and eastern U.S. Meanwhile, over the Pacific Ocean, this east-to-west flow tends to steer most hurricanes out into the open ocean, away from the mainland. On occasion, an eastern Pacific hurricane will break away from the trade winds and track northwestward along or near Baja California and toward the state of California. However, once the hurricane tracks north of Cabo San Lucas, it encounters the much colder ocean waters. This causes the hurricane to weaken before getting close to California,” according to [compuweather.com](http://compuweather.com).

But climate change is affecting everything so although NOAA does not state that tropical cyclones would make landfall in California, it could increase the intensity of the storms that develop and therefore lead to more destruction as they do affect the weather in our area. And if you factor in increasing sea rise levels, the storms could become worse.

“From 1980-2024, there were 46 confirmed weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each to affect California. These events included 14 drought events, six flooding events, three freeze events, four severe storm events and 19 wildfire events. The 1980–2024 annual average is 1.0 event (CPI-adjusted); the annual average for the most recent five years (2020–2024) is 1.6 events (CPI-adjusted),” according to National Centers for Environmental Information/NOAA.

And now we have a familiar visitor to California – La Niña is back.

In September La Niña conditions appeared with the expansion of below-average sea surface temperatures and La Niña is expected to affect the Northern Hemisphere winter (2025-2026), according to NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center.

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# Halloween in the Foothills

By Mary O'KEEFE

It is time when the veil is thin between the two worlds, otherwise known as Halloween, and there are a lot of events where kids, and adults, can go to celebrate all the spooky things.

Trunk or treat events have become a popular Halloween celebration and the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station has leaned into the tradition—adding to the fun. Cars will be decorated and trunks filled with treats. Attendees are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. There will be a movie that begins at 6 p.m.; everyone is asked to bring their own chairs and enjoy the film.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is also hosting a trunk or treat that will include pumpkin decorating and activities for all ages.

And nothing beats Montrose with its traditional Halloween Spooktacular on Oct. 31 from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. in the 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue. Costume clad kids (and grown-ups) will be found walking along the avenue as Montrose Shopping Park merchants give out candy.

In addition CVW is continuing

to collect the addresses of decorated haunted houses throughout the area. The final list will be placed in the paper on Oct. 30. For those who would like their Halloween decorated houses to be included on the list please email [halloween@cvweekly.com](mailto:halloween@cvweekly.com).

Below is information on trunk and treat events.

*In Crescenta Valley:*

*Oct. 24* – Event is free to public! Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, 4554 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta. From 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

*Oct. 25* – Events are free to public!

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in Montrose. From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*In Burbank:*

*Oct. 24 and 25* – Haunted Adventure, Stough Canyon Nature Center, 2300 E. Walnut Ave. in Burbank. From 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tours will be accepted until 9:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets

purchased online are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults; tickets purchased at the door are \$7 for children and \$12 for adults.

*Note:* Children under the age of 6 will not be permitted to attend the Haunted Adventure. Any child 12 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Maze involves walking up and down stairs and uphill. For ADA accommodation request please contact staff at least one week prior to event date. No props, costumes, lights, etc. will be allowed. There is no refund for scared participants.

*Oct. 25* – Little Pumpkin Tot Party, McCambridge Recreation Center, 1515 N. Glenoaks Blvd. in Burbank. From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Geared for children ages 2 to 5 years old. "Crafts, games and festive fun." The cost is \$5 per child. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4btezfdb>.

*Oct. 26* – Halloween Skatefest at Valley Skate Park, 1625 N. Valley St. in Burbank. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is for all ages and levels; registration is not required.

*Oct. 31* – Halloween Carnival at Stough Canyon Nature Center, 2300 E. Walnut Ave. in Burbank. From 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For ages 3 to 11. The cost is \$5 per child.



Photo by Ruth SOWBY  
Halloween in the Foothills – and beyond – ushers in all kinds of fun events. Residents who decorate their houses are encouraged to send in their address to be added to the CV Weekly list of houses.

## IN BRIEF

### CVCA TO MEET TONIGHT, THURSDAY

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting agenda includes updates to the Zone 0 plan and local housing development projects such as 4521 Briggs Ave., 3427 Foothill Blvd. and 600 Foothill, as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

### BOOK SALE 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.

Find a great deal and support the library at the same time.

La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta

### WHO'S IN MY BACKYARD? HOSTED BY AFC

On Sunday, Oct. 25 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. the Arroyos Foothills Conservancy (AFC) is hosting Who's in My Backyard?, an exploration of local wildlife.

AFC's Urban Wildlife Research Leader Ruby Siehl is holding a class on backyard camera-traps.

Siehl will demonstrate setting up and using a camera-trap, different brands and models, and what can be learned from studying and photographing the wildlife that make their way through local yards and urban areas.

This event is limited to 10 people; visit <https://tinyurl.com/35tmp82e> to RSVP.

### CVTC HOLDS GENERAL ELECTION

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.

### FREE BREAKFAST FOR VETERANS

All veterans are invited to a free full breakfast celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. The breakfast takes place on Saturday, Nov. 8 at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. (halfway

between Montrose and Honolulu avenues).

Breakfast is between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. – ready whenever folks arrive. The menu includes eggs, sausages, hash browns, pancakes, coffee and orange juice.

Whether service was for the Marines or another branch, come join fellow veterans and community members in honoring this historic milestone.

### 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.

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF HOLDS REFORMATION SUNDAY

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) is preparing to host a special worship service to observe Reformation Sunday, the annual commemoration of a pivotal moment in Christian history. Reformation Day commemorates the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany as a sign of protest. Luther encouraged an academic debate, challenging several religious practices – most notably the prevailing view that salvation from sin was possible through the payment of “indulgences” to the church. Instead, he insisted that salvation was justified through faith.

All are invited to attend LCIF's Reformation Sunday service this Sunday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to wear the liturgical color: red.

Additionally, LCIF encourages the donation of blankets and personal hygiene supplies to help those in need. Hygiene supplies needed include toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, deodorant and feminine hygiene products. LCIF kindly asks that donated items are new. Blankets and supplies can be dropped off at Sunday worship or at the church office.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto: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.

'WICKED' WINDS UP MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies in the Park concludes on Saturday, Oct. 25 with 2024's sing-along “Wicked” at Memorial Park, 1301 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. Activities start at 5:30 p.m.; children can make Emerald City eyeglasses and magician Dave Cox will be on-site. Picnic on burgers and American fare from Fat Boy's

food truck and the Cozy Cookie Company!

The event is sponsored by La Cañada Congregational Church and is free to all.

'TRUNK OR TREAT' AT CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting a Halloween “trunk-or-treat” for community families. Attendees will enjoy carnival games, hot dogs, chili and corn bread, and trunk-or-treating out of decorated car trunks for the little ones. The fire department and the sheriff station will be on-site with vehicles for kids to inspect and learn about. Costumes are encouraged!

The event takes place on Oct. 25 from 5 - 7 p.m. at 1830 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

MOVIE NIGHT AT UUCVH

On Friday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m., join the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills for movie night. The featured film is yet to be revealed to the public. Will it be a mystery, a comedy or an action-packed blockbuster? Appease your curiosity; come for the mystery, stay for the fellowship! No reservations needed, just stop by. 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Mikki. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta.

The Center for Spiritual Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

'TRUNK OR TREAT' AND PUMPKIN DECORATING AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is hosting an afternoon of trunk-or-treating, pumpkin

decorating and activities for the entire family on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Kids can come in costume and collect treats from festively decorated cars, then carve or paint a pumpkin at this free event. (Costumes must be family friendly. Absolutely no play weapons). Don't forget to bring a bag to collect treats!

Trunk or treat will take place on the church campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) or call the LCPC office at (818) 249-6137.

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

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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. 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](mailto:jnlavieri@earthlink.net).

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# Family Fun Found in Glendale

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, Oct. 18 the Glendale Police Dept. hosted its Open House and Touch-a-Truck event at the GPD Station, 131 N. Isabel. The street was closed and filled with booths and trucks including those from Glendale Water and Power, the fire department and Montrose Search and Rescue. Kids got to climb in and honk horns. In the GPD community room, kids could try their hand at solving a crime, which was set up by the Forensic Unit. In addition, GPD had a number of tables with examples of units including SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactical), GPD air support and cyber crime units. In a separate room, kids could train like officers with a series of heavy bags, boxing gloves and boxing pads.

To see more photos visit [www.cvweekly.com](http://www.cvweekly.com).



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Two little boys make their way down the street after stopping at some of the information booths at Saturday's event Open House and Touch-a-Truck.

# Drug Take-back This Saturday

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Police Dept., Drug Enforcement Administration and CV Cares, through the iMPACT Foundation LA, will be holding a drug take-back event on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church/Fire House.

People can bring outdated and unused drugs to the site that will be safely disposed.

"Medicine take-back options are the best ways to safely dispose of unused or expired prescriptions and non-prescriptions – for example, over the counter medicines," according to DEA.

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# Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital hosted a breast cancer awareness event with Breastlink/RadNet and its 3-D mammogram truck, personnel from Glendale police and fire department and their pink wrapped vehicles. Local resident and staff received low cost and free mammograms, pink doughnuts and lots of pink goodies.

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# CV Station Rolls Out Virtual Deputy Program

The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station launched a new way for the community to connect with sheriff personnel: the Virtual Deputy Program.

Through a secure Microsoft Teams meeting, residents can now speak directly with a deputy about non-emergency concerns such as:

- Filing certain reports with no suspect information
- Requesting information
- Inquiring about law enforcement related matters

Use the QR code in the image or click this link to get started: <https://forms.office.com>. The link will provide a short questionnaire that helps CV deputies ensure that the presented concern is appropriate for a virtual appointment. If the situation is urgent – such as requiring medical attention, a crime in progress, evidence that must be booked, or a suspect still in the area – call 9-1-1 or the CV Sheriff's Station at (818) 248-3464.

After completing the form, instructions will

be emailed on how to book an appointment. Please check spam folders if the email is not seen immediately. Appointments require a minimum of 24 hours to schedule.

This program allows community members to handle many concerns virtually, saving time and avoiding unnecessary travel. By resolving non-

emergency issues online CVSS deputies can dedicate more time in the field to emergencies and calls requiring immediate attention. All submissions are reviewed by supervisors, and the person submitting will have the ability to provide supporting documents such as photos or videos to ensure the report is accurate and complete.

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## Obituary Aracelis "Iris" Sisco



Feb. 11, 1937 - Oct. 5, 2025

It is with deep gratitude that we announce the passing of Aracelis "Iris" Sisco at the age of 88.

Born in Puerto Rico, Iris moved to New York City at the age of 2 and was briefly placed in an orphanage before her devoted brother rescued her. Raised alongside her oldest sisters in Brooklyn and later in San Pedro, Los Angeles, she blossomed into a devoted daughter, wife, mother and grandmother who lived a life full of love, strength and faith.

Iris was preceded in death by her parents Alejandrina Tosado Maldonado and Rafael Maldonado; siblings Carlotta, Celeste, Provi, Mercedes, Ralph, Fred, Danny, and Victor; first husband Antonio T. Roman and their son Anthony Roman; and her second husband James L. Sisco. She is survived by her beloved granddaughter Lisa May Roman-Shaffer and her husband Jeff Shaffer, who honor her loving legacy.

Iris made her mark as a dedicated caregiver and master crochet artist. Her career spanned 47 years at Kaiser Permanente of Los Angeles where she was deeply respected and honored for her commitment. Even in retirement, Iris remained connected by sharing her handmade treasures at farmers' markets, celebrating community through her son's passion for gardening, delighting in fresh fruits and vegetables the gardeners grew.

Driven to serve others, she worked at her local YMCA babysitting so parents could focus on health, allowing her to swim laps daily, a passion she continued until her husband Jim's illness required her loving care.

Known for her open arms, warm laughter and insatiable sweet tooth, Iris wove love into her crochet creations, giving her son and granddaughter timeless skills. Her kitchen was filled with joy, laughter and the aroma of cherished family dishes like Mexican rice and the lovingly joked "Fish Head Soup."

Faith anchored her life. At Sunland Neighborhood Church, her powerful voice lifted spirits and her care in the nursery reflected her belief that children's joy kept her young. Her love for family and God was unwavering, sustaining her through life's storms – including the devastating loss of her son Anthony.

A natural swimmer, Iris taught her son to swim as well. Whether it was swimming each morning in the ocean before walking to the fish market then on her way to work, the water was her sanctuary. She expressed deep gratitude for the fishermen who helped her provide for her son and assisted her in

securing an interview at Kaiser Permanente. Her friends were her solace and strength.

A fierce and courageous soul, Iris was trained in martial arts by her brother Victor and her son Anthony from their military experience, earning a brown belt in Kenpo Karate. Standing strong in body and spirit, she met life's challenges with bravery and resilience. As she often said to her granddaughter, "In the heart is where you find courage; your heart is fearless."

This fierce spirit defined her and inspired all who knew her.

Iris was adventurous and generous. She delighted in bridge, Bible study, church groups, nightly walks with her son, hikes, ghost stories by the fire and trips to charming towns like Solvang and Lodi. She adored vacationing in Pennsylvania, enchanted by the immersive Sight & Sound Christmas play. Her love extended to Tijuana, dancing in the streets with local children, enjoying Las Vegas shows and Hawaiian escapes with her niece. She treasured returning to Puerto Rico to visit family, a journey she longed to repeat. Butterflies, her symbol of transformation, reflected her resilient life.

Iris's kindness touched many turning strangers into friends, and her heartfelt calls and generosity enriched all who knew her.

The family thanks those who lovingly cared for her, especially her devoted daughter-in-law Barbara. Reunited with those gone before, Iris' indomitable spirit now shines on through the lives she touched.



# USC-VHH Hosts Girl Talk to Promote Breast Health Awareness and Empowerment

On Oct. 1, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH) hosted “Girl Talk: Breast Health & Empowerment,” a special community event in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Women of all ages gathered in an open, supportive environment to engage in meaningful conversations about breast health and cancer awareness.

Designed to educate and empower, the program featured physician-led presentations and a live Q&A session, offering attendees the opportunity to ask questions and engage directly with specialists in various aspects of breast care.

The event was moderated by Amanda Woodworth, MD, director of breast health with Keck Medicine of USC and a member of the American Cancer Society National Breast Cancer Roundtable Steering Committee. She was joined by a panel of Keck Medicine experts including Emma Koesters,

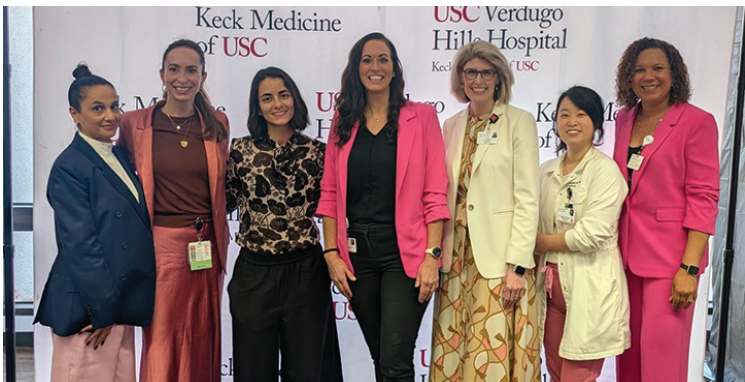


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MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon; Maria Nelson, MD, surgical breast oncologist; Danielle Sterrenberg, MD, medical oncologist and hematologist; and Michelle Wu, MD, radiologist.

Discussion topics included breast cancer screening guidelines, prevention and risk-reduction strategies, treatment and recovery options and the latest advancements in diagnostic imaging and oncology. The interactive format encouraged open dialogue among both panelists and attendees, and provided personalized

insights, creating a valuable experience for community members seeking support and clarity around breast health.

“By hosting events like ‘Girl Talk,’ we’re reinforcing our commitment to community education and outreach,” said Marie Filipian, MPH, community benefit manager with USC-VHH. “Providing direct access to trusted medical experts helps raise awareness around prevention, early detection and the evolving treatment options available to those affected by breast cancer.”

WEATHER from page 2

La Niña means little girl in Spanish ... During La Niña events, trade winds are even stronger than usual, pushing more warm water toward Asia. Off the west coast of the Americas upwelling increases, bringing cold, nutrient-rich water to the surface. These cold waters in the Pacific push the jet stream northward. This tends to lead to drought in the southern U.S. and heavy rains and flooding in the Pacific Northwest and Canada. During a La Niña year, winter temperatures are warmer than normal in the south and cooler than normal in the north. La Niña can also lead to a more severe hurricane season, according to NOAA’s Ocean Service.

Normally La Niña means dryer conditions; however, nothing is normal anymore and during the 2022-2023 La Niña California saw above average rainfall in Southern California and a record snowpack in the Sierra Nevada, according to NOAA.

Okey dokie – so we are seeing a La Niña, which should bring us drier weather –but maybe not because nothing is as it was in the world of changing climate.

“Water can store a lot of heat (compared to the air), which means the ocean can absorb excess heat from a warming atmosphere. About 90% of the excess heat from planetary warming over the past century has been absorbed by the ocean, causing ocean temperatures to rise. Modern record keeping for ocean temperatures began in 1955,” according to NOAA.

And if you look at graphs from NOAA you will see the ever-increasing heat, measured by a unit called zettajoules.

According to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, even

a slight increase of 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit in ocean temperature equals a lot of heat.

“[Heat increases can be] large enough to transform marine biodiversity, change ocean chemistry, raise sea levels and fuel extreme weather. Earth is already experiencing the consequences of these changes impacting property, lives and livelihoods – and not just in coastal areas. Rising ocean temperatures are connected to some weather extremes and can lead to more intense hurricanes, heavier rainfall and snowstorms. Warmer sea surface temperatures influence weather patterns and shift precipitation, causing some regions to experience intense rainstorms

and flooding and exacerbating drought conditions and wildfire risks in others,” according to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

So bottom line: the weather is changing at an accelerated rate because we have changed it, and now we may be at the “tipping point” of no return for at least one part of our planet – coral reefs.

Next week I will cover the newly released information about the “reef death tipping point.”

This week we will see the type of weather that makes people envy California. Temperatures will be in the mid 70s to low 80s. No rain is in sight and winds, if any, are predicted to be calm.

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**FIRE SEASON** *from Cover*

Although firefighters’ main abatement inspections are in the spring, making certain a house is protected from fire is a year round exercise.

Brooks said people in the Glendale area can reach out to the Glendale Fire Dept. if they would like someone to come to their house to inspect it, or can reach out if they would like the fire department to share information at meetings like Neighborhood Watch.

Residents and business owners can find their Fire Hazard Severity Zone by going to <https://tinyurl.com/hfcuxa8p>. Click on the magnifying glass at the far upper left portion of the website to search an address.

**NO KINGS** *from Cover*

“As scary as it is for me, there are people with public jobs – lawyers and judges for instance – who need to be braver than me. I want them to know that if they stand up, we will stand up with them, we’ll support them.” she added.

She explained that attendees were encouraged to wear yellow to show unity and because it is a bright and cheerful color and it’s been used by resistance movements across the world as a symbol of optimism and peace.

“They can’t take away our joy,” she said, clad in yellow. “Trying to be happy is in itself an act of defiance.”

The No Kings organizers are planning next steps; learn about them at <https://www.nokings.org/> next.

# CRIME BLOTTER

**OCT. 18**

Altura and Briggs avenues in Montrose, deputies responded to a report of vandalism on a vehicle. They found deep scratches all over the exterior of the vehicle. The vandalism occurred between Oct. 18 at 10 p.m. and Oct. 19 at 3:40 p.m.

900 block of Wiladonda Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that he parked his vehicle the evening of Oct. 18, then discovered the next morning that the vehicle door was ajar. He found the center console was open and the ignition cover was removed and placed on the passenger side. The key cylinder was also damaged. It did not appear anything from inside the vehicle was stolen overnight.

**OCT. 17**

1400 block of Flintridge Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a family returned from a Dodgers’ game to find rooms inside their home ransacked and personal property thrown on the floor. The sliding glass door leading to the backyard had been shattered. Upon further investigation several other rooms had been ransacked and personal items were stolen between 2 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

**OCT. 16**

2700 block of Sanborn Avenue in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a report of an assault. They found the victim standing next to his vehicle near his residence. The victim reported that he had observed a gray 2007-2009 Toyota Yaris traveling westbound on Sanborn Avenue from Sharon Avenue. As the vehicle approached the victim raised both of his hands and motioned for the driver to slow down. The vehicle passed him and then stopped on the north side of the street about 40 feet from the victim. The driver (suspect) exited the vehicle and began walking toward the victim while yelling at him. As the suspect walked to the victim, the victim held up his hand and placed it on the suspect’s chest to stop him. The suspect then struck the victim on his face with his fists. The suspect then returned to his vehicle and drove northbound onto La Crescenta Avenue and out of view. The suspect was described as a white male adult, about 42 years old, about 5’10” tall and weighing about 200 pounds. At the time he was wearing a white undershirt, black hoodie, black shorts, black shoes and a black cap. He had a blond goatee.

The assault occurred at 5:45 p.m.

**OCT. 15**

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a grand theft at a store. Security footage revealed two adult male suspects entering the store through the main entrance. They picked up hand shopping baskets and proceeded to the hygiene aisle. They began filling the baskets with numerous items including electric toothbrushes. Once the baskets were filled they ran out the store’s emergency exit and fled the area. The suspects were known to the employees at the store due to previous incidents that had occurred.

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These open house events help families feel more comfortable and confident by making the school environment familiar, which strengthens the support system for students and can lead to greater academic success.

CV Weekly is proud to share information about school open houses and the services that support them.



### A SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE: A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

There are many advantages to attending a school's open house. It provides the chance for parents, and students, to learn about the community that it might be entering into and the values the school promotes.

Most times there are staff members on hand as well as teachers to provide a more complete picture of what is expected from students attending their school. Parents and students are encouraged to ask questions about the facility, its leadership and the expectations of teachers as well as what the school provides students.

Many families have students who have particular interests they want fostered including sports, culinary arts and performing arts. At the college level, attending an open house can allow parents and students to discover the various ways students' interests are supported.

"Attending a college open house gives students and parents the valuable opportunity to experience the campus culture first-hand," said Dr. Ryan Cornner, superintendent/president of Glendale Community College (GCC). "Open houses highlight clubs, sports and campus life, helping students see beyond what's listed in the brochure and truly picture themselves as part of the school community."

Many schools highlight the journey students are on and how their school promotes that journey. For example, La Salle is a college preparatory school. On its website it states "La Salle College Preparatory is dedicated to guiding students on their journey of growth and discovery." Attending its open house will provide the opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the culture that La Salle embraces.

When deciding on a college, by attending an open house and asking questions students and parents will learn about what each college offers.

"They can explore majors and academic programs, meet faculty and ask specific questions about coursework, internships, and transfer opportunities," Dr. Cornner. "Visiting a campus in person often helps a prospective student decide which college 'feels right,' helping them make a more confident choice."

Finally, many people and organizations contribute to the wellbeing of students at school – whether attending local or abroad. For example, family and friends are good "sounding boards" when a student wants to explore an idea. Teachers and professors often act as mentors, steering students in fields of particular interest to them. Academic advisors will make sure they stay on the track that is right for them and counseling and psychological services staff will help ensure their mental health.

In the end, parents and students want to make sure that students are given every opportunity to succeed. And, according to Glendale Community College, that opportunity is close to home.

GCC proves there are many routes to achievement. "GCC students thrive not because they follow a single formula for success, but because they discover a path that fits their goals, finances and passions," according to the college. "As families navigate the stress of college admissions season, it's worth remembering that the journey matters as much as the destination. GCC stands as a powerful reminder that every student can find success – often closer to home than they might think."

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# Local Historic Landmarks – Disappeared, Threatened and Saved

I want to bring you up-to-date on some recent developments regarding local historical landmarks. As a local historian, I'm well aware of what happens to these landmarks. Sadly, I'm not at all good at working to save the threatened ones. I don't have the stomach for the hard, bitter fights that take place around landmarking properties.

Anyway, here are six that have come up recently.

**May Lane Motel** – Now known as the La Crescenta Motel, it's the one survivor of a string of quaint 1940s-era motels in the valley. The property at Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue was sold to a developer to be demolished probably 20 years ago but every deal has fallen through. Who knows if the current one will fly?

**Briggs Water Tower** – The old water tower Dr. Briggs built in the late 1800s at the top of Briggs Terrace has slowly evolved into a small home. The tiny structure at 5875 Freeman retains the distinctive look of a water tower. The house is under 800 square feet but it sits on a half-acre lot with a million-dollar view. Nothing protects it, so who knows how long before a mansion is built there.

**John Steinbeck House** – Hard to believe but the great American author John Steinbeck lived in Montrose in 1932/33. His tiny wooden shack sat behind an apartment at 2527 Hermosa Ave. all the way up until last year when it was quietly torn down for a larger apartment.

**Rockhaven Sanitarium** – The sanitarium was built in 1923 as a haven for women with mild mental illness. It was a place where they would be treated

with dignity and respect. It was the last sanitarium of what had been several in our valley. In 2006 the sanitarium was closed and the property went up for sale for multi-family development.

In 2008, the City of Glendale stepped in and bought the property intact for use as a park and cultural center. However, the economy crashed resulting in years of neglect by the city. The property was not maintained and began to degrade badly. The group, Friends of Rockhaven, was formed to push for the city to do something with the historic property. The Friends even secured an \$8 million grant for restoration and got it listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Still the city neglected the property. Finally, in frustration,

the Friends sued the city to force it to work on Rockhaven. As a result, it is now using the \$8 million and that work can now be seen happening, along with some minimal upkeep. However, the city holds a grudge and the Friends of Rockhaven are no longer allowed to be part of the future planning for the property. We'll see where this goes.

**Pickens Cabin** – This one's quite sad – bad timing. The first permanent structure in the valley, a one-room cabin, was built in 1875 on Briggs Terrace by pioneer Theodor Pickens. In the 1960s the owners of the old cabin donated it to the LA County Fire Dept., hoping it would be better cared for. It was hauled up to Henniger Flats, halfway up Mt. Wilson, where the fire department had a

small museum. After the recent Altadena Fire I wondered if it survived. There was a rumor going around that it was still intact. I happened to be talking to the son of the family who donated it to the fire department and a family member offered to pay for it to be hauled back to the Crescenta Valley as a museum.

Sadly, the rumor that it survived was false. The cabin has burned.

**Mountain Oaks** – I'm ending with a happy story. Mountain Oaks was a high-end speakeasy in the Verdugo Mountains in the 1920s. The ruins of the old resort sits on many acres of beautiful wild land, along with a handful of private homes. It's been targeted by unscrupulous developers for decades but the land has

always escaped by the skin of its teeth, constantly facing another development scheme. Last year the developable land of Mountain Oaks was purchased by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and will now be preserved.



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Glendale City Clerk Dr. Suzie Abajian Wows AAUW Members

By Ruth SOWBY

The Glendale branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) met on Oct. 11 at the Oakmont Country Club for lunch and program, “Women in Education and Politics.” Dr. Bev Van Citters, branch president, welcomed members and guests. Member Diane Lambillotte introduced guest speaker AAUW member and Glendale City Clerk Dr. Suzie Abajian. A Glendale resident, Dr. Abajian has worked in education for more than 24 years as a teacher, administrator and professor at UCLA, Loyola Marymount University and Occidental College. She earned her Ph.D. in education from UCLA. Her years

of public service included two terms on the South Pasadena Unified School Board of Education. Prior to taking on the role of city clerk, she was co-owner of A&A Consulting, an advocacy consulting firm. During Dr. Abajian’s remarks all learned her family immigrated from Syria to Glendale in 1988. The history of her father (Moses Abajian) is harrowing. He was born in a refugee camp in Aleppo, Syria following the Genocide. He was the first in his family to receive a B.A. (equivalent to an Ph.D.). Dr. Abajian displayed her father’s degree from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Once in the U.S., he worked for the Glendale Unified School District for 20 years as a bilingual assistant for English

learners. Dr. Abajian grew up in her family’s bookstore. “Be kind and gentle with the books,” her father would say. (He still had to sell them.) Asked if she would run for higher office, Dr. Abajian answered, “I’m holding off for now.” She has a 5-year-old daughter who is Dr. Abajian’s “first priority.” She ended her remarks with, “I’m in the company of women who have been trail blazers and have supported me in running for office and in higher education.” AAUW’s mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY  
AAUW Glendale Branch President Dr. Bev Van Citters, left, joins speaker Glendale City Clerk Dr. Suzie Abajian at the Oakmont Country Club.

## Fall Fun Found at Brewery Artwalk

Those looking for something fun and different to kick off fall are invited to the Brewery Artwalk. Its Fall Artwalk & Open Studios takes place on Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 featuring two days of open studios on Main Street in Lincoln Heights, just east of the LA River. A venerable institution, the Brewery Artwalk is in its 41st year of welcoming the public to this twice-yearly event. It is a unique opportunity to explore the campus – a fascinating collection of former industrial buildings that were once home to East Side Tap Brewery and later Pabst Blue Ribbon – now home to hundreds of artists and creatives,

many of whom will be opening their studios during the weekend. Visitors will find nearly every discipline represented. The pleasure of meeting the artist in their studio is a wonderful way to fall in love with original art. Start a collection with an introduction to the person who made the art – adding a story to go with the artwork that adds layers of meaning to the experience and memories of the visit. This event is for everyone! Families to first time buyers, collectors to curators, experienced art denizens to young kids experiencing the art world for the first time can get a jump on starting

their art collection, or add to it with new work, by visiting the Brewery Artwalk. It’s a free event and is sure to be a great day of exploring and seeing! There will be a beer garden in the middle of the complex with a menu of easy to eat on-the-go food, plus an array of food trucks on Avenue 21. Free parking is available at the UPS facility on Moulton Avenue. Open Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit the Brewery Artwalk at 621 S. Avenue 21 in LA. [www.breweryartwalk.com](http://www.breweryartwalk.com); [info@breweryartwalk.com](mailto:info@breweryartwalk.com)

## Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis! Mortgage Impound Problems

Dear Phyllis,  
I love the variety of questions in your column. I don’t believe you have touched on mortgage impound problems before. My daughter purchased her condo nearly ten years ago, refinanced several years ago, and has a 2.75% mortgage. About eighteen months ago, her lender started impounding her loan. She pays her insurance and property taxes on her own, so this escrow account just keeps collecting money. She has spent hours on the phone with customer service and escalating to speaking with supervisors but nothing gets done. Obviously, she can’t refinance and lose that low interest rate. She fears letting the lender pay the property taxes because she feels they are incompetent. This is not a local bank with a branch that she can just visit. What do you suggest?

Jenny

Dear Jenny,  
Your daughter’s situation with her mortgage lender’s improper impound account is frustrating, especially given her low 2.75% interest rate and her preference to manage her own insurance and property taxes. Here are some steps to consider: Document All Communications: She should compile a detailed record of all interactions with the lender, including dates, times, representatives’ names, and what was discussed. She should save emails and letters and take notes during calls. This documentation is critical if escalation is needed. Send a Formal Written Complaint: Write a concise, professional letter stating the issue: The impound account was imposed without her consent. She has always paid taxes and insurance herself and wants the account removed and funds

refunded. Demand a written explanation and escrow statement (per RESPA, a federal law that regulates mortgage loans and real estate settlement services. It requires lenders and brokers to provide disclosures, limits escrow accounts etc.) to check for overfunding and request a refund. Please send it via certified mail. “CC” (send copies of the letter to): Dept. of Financial Protection, Consumer Services, 2101 Arena Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 Consumer Financial Protection, PO Box 2900, Clinton, IA 95814 Senator Sash Renee Perez, 1021 O Street #7630, Sacramento, CA, 95814 Best of luck in getting this resolved without having to hire an attorney. Warm regards.

Phyllis



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Dark Chapter of American History Explored in ‘Electrico’ at Casa 0101

By Mikaela STONE

Audience members attending Casa 0101 Theater’s play “Electrico,” written by Josefina Lopez, come face-to-face with a dark chapter of American history that early historians downplayed or even justified. Upon entering the theater’s Gloria Molina Auditorium, the first sight is a Día De Los Muertos Ofrenda – a shrine to the dead, mixing indigenous Latine and Hispanic Catholic traditions. Upon it, nestled among the marigolds and sweet bread, is the book *The Forgotten Dead: Mob Violence against Mexicans in the United States, 1848 to 1928* by William D. Carrigan and Clive Webb. “Electrico” is a fictionalized exploration of one of the atrocities chronicled in *The Forgotten Dead: La Matanza (The Slaughter)* or *Hora de Sangre (Hour of Blood)*, which was a period of violence from 1910 to 1920 against Mexican-Americans on the Texas-Mexican border.

“Electrico” explores the politics of belonging through an indigenous Mexican and Mexican-American lens via its lead characters Raymund Brown, a white passing Mexican electrician and widower from the East Coast, and Adela Borrego, the newly minted widow of Bernardo Borrego. Bernardo defended the existing deed to his family’s ancestral land only to be branded a thief and hanged from a telephone pole by a town sheriffl-ed mob. Both the basis for themes of changed identity and the fuse for these lynchings is the result of the Mexican-American War.

As described on the National Parks Service website, in 1846 America sent troops to occupy and blockade contested border land and sea on its southern border. Mexico saw both this and the annexation of the then-independent state of Texas as an attack and opened fire on American forces. President Polk declared war in retaliation – a decision contested by then-Congressman Abraham Lincoln, who correctly suspected Polk’s actions would ultimately lead

to Civil War in America. The 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican-American War on the grounds that Mexico ceded over half its territory, including all of present-day California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and parts of Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma and additional pieces of Texas – resulting in financial and political upheaval felt in Mexico. While the treaty promised the Mexicans who suddenly lived in America that their land rights would be honored and they would be granted American citizenship, in practice Mexican-Americans faced both segregation and opportunistic murders by white settlers hoping to claim their uncontested ranches. Texas Rangers arrested and executed Mexicans without due process in raids such as the 1918 Porvenir Massacre, where Rangers took all the men and boys into custody and shot them point blank. Arlinda Valencia, descendent of a Porvenir Massacre survivor, reported to the New York Times her grandfather only survived because he was away buying supplies. The Rangers involved claimed the victims were bandits and they faced no legal persecution. The Refusing to Forget Project estimates that between 1910 and 1920, a tenth of the Mexican population would die and a tenth would return to Mexico. Of the 547 documented lynchings, 232 occurred in Texas and 143 in California.

While the electrician Raymund Brown is the titular character of “Electrico,” the driving force of the play is the widow Adela Borrego. Brown’s spirit has been crushed by the loss of his wife; his passive suicidal ideation leads him to take potentially deadly risks such as removing the lynched body of Adela’s husband from the telephone pole, left as a warning to other Mexicans. By contrast, Adela wishes she had defied her husband to prevent him from taking the risk that resulted in his murder. After his death, she embraces her fury and champions her vaquero heritage – the name of Mexican cowboys who preceded and inspired the better known Buffalo



Photo by Steve MOYER  
The mob (Andrew Laughery, Justin Loomis and Timothy Willard) threatens Bernardo Borrego (Ryan Padilla) in ‘Electrico.’

Bills and Annie Oakleys of the West. When Brown’s mixed race identity is discovered, she fights to rescue him from her husband’s fate – even against Brown’s wishes.

In playing Adela, actress Corina Calderon steals the show. As the leading lady in 2011 Sundance film “All She Can,” she was named “Breakout Actress of the Year.” As Adela, Calderon’s emotional performance is the axis the show hinges upon as she goes from being paralyzed by her loss to being empowered by it. Her impassioned performance made it hard to take ones’ eyes off her. Playwright and Casa 0101 founder Josefina López recognized Calderon’s “pathos” as something that cannot be taught: “She has fire that is very hard to fake when you’re a 20-year-old. Nobody can fake being on the streets or being hood. It’s easier to teach someone who is hood or has street smarts to act ... than to teach someone who is a great actor and teach them ... this rawness.”

Josefina López drew from the emotion of her own background to write “Electrico,” which she calls “a corrido told theatrically.” López spent 13 years as an undocumented immigrant before becoming a U.S. citizen and struggled for years with feeling neither Mexican enough nor American enough, which is reflected in the identity struggles the characters face. As a writer, she is best known

for her play, movie and musical “Real Women Have Curves,” which she first wrote at the age of 17 in a bathroom stall in the sewing factory she worked in, drawing inspiration from her own life.

“All characters are based on a playwright,” López said. In Adela, she grappled with losses of her own, including a divorce, heartbreak and wanting to save a loved one who struggled with an alcohol addiction. “Writing catches you off guard. You think you’re telling a story about something that happened in history but you realize it is also me trying to process this heartbreak and pain.”

López writes to recognize that while Latinos are the majority in California, “We’re always made to feel like we’re invisible, whether that be [a lack of representation] in Hollywood or making us disappear in real life.”

López emphasizes unity in the midst of uncertainty.

“Right now I am a U.S. citizen and I have a U.S. passport ... but now [the government is] taking away peoples’ citizenship. Belonging isn’t about papers, it isn’t about where you are living, it is about you and realizing you are a creation of God ... and loving yourself.”

Her message is, “We’re here and we’ve always been here ... this is how I affirm our place in history and herstory.”

She sees it as her job to uplift the

stories of fellow Latinos: “I thought when I was young there were not enough Latino writers, but the truth is studios don’t invest in Latino stories.”

She recognizes that, as a light-skinned Latina, she has privileges and blind spots others do not and continues to strive to support Chicano literature to fight racist narratives. She sees Mexicans as “always portrayed as people who take instead of people who give.”

Casa 0101 highlights this principle with an exhibition called “My Experience y La Tuya” by painter Arthur Carillo. Carillo’s Milpa, or “cornfield,” that showcases the many contributions of the Mesoamerican people to food worldwide, including corn, chocolate and avocados among many other items. His other works display day-to-day life in Mexican American LA, recognizing how cultures in communities are interconnected – including the community of the viewers, whatever their background may be.

Josefina López’s new movie “20 Pounds To Happiness” is a feminist romance comedy for lovers of “Real Women Have Curves” that highlights the experience of fat women in the age of Ozempic Chic. It can be seen at the LA Skins Fest on Nov. 21.

“Electrico” will run at Casa 0101 Theater, 2102 1st St. in Los Angeles, through Nov. 2.

### THEN & NOW



**Then:** In 1932/33, one of the most famous American authors, John Steinbeck, lived in poverty in this tiny shack on Hermosa Avenue. He was on the cusp of fame but had not penned his greatest works yet, leaving him and his wife penniless. He even applied for a job writing for the local newspaper but was turned down. Without money to pay rent he moved on.



**Now:** The little shack survived for decades, hidden behind an apartment. Its location was known to a few scholars because of the return address on his letters to publishers. But the shack was apparently not significant enough to achieve landmark status. Last year it was quietly torn down and this apartment was built in its place

Steinbeck House  
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



# Jewel City Concert Series

The Jewel City Concert Series on the Artsakh Paseo located at 127 Artsakh Ave. in Glendale’s Downtown Arts & Entertainment District finishes this Saturday with Maria De La Vega and the Wayward Five. The community is invited to gather at 5 p.m. for this performance of jazz and blues.

“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.

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.

# New Exhibition from Photographer Arlene Vidor at Ace/121 Gallery

Glendale Arts announced the opening of Arlene Vidor: Photography, a solo exhibition on view at ace/121 Gallery from Oct. 25 through Nov. 22. A public opening reception will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., offering visitors the opportunity to meet the artist and explore her body of work that celebrates – and wrestles with – the layered landscapes of Los Angeles.

In Arlene Vidor: Photography, the artist aims her eye at the varied and colliding scapes of Southern California – a place she describes as “unfinished, grand, decayed, and beautiful.”

Trained on the architecture, juxtapositions and accidental abstractions that define urban and suburban life, Vidor’s photographs and digital collages reveal the poetry and rhythms in the everyday.

From palm trees standing sentry before modern facades to the tension between open land and built form, her work often explores what she calls “visual ear worms” – images that linger and loop in her mind. In Vidor’s process, photographs become found objects, fragments of visual debris that are digitally manipulated, layered, and reassembled into compositions that surprise both artist and viewer.

In addition to her civic leadership and photography work, Vidor is a violinist with the Cantabile Chamber Players. She holds a degree in biology and formerly served as vice president of Regulatory Affairs at Baxter BioScience before dedicating her life to community engagement and the arts.

ace/121 Gallery is operated by Glendale Arts and located at 121 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale. The gallery is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional details are available at ace121gallery.com.

# Art Talks at Brand Welcomes Andres Payan Estrada

The Brand Library & Art Center is announced the return of Art Talks at Brand this fall. This series invites contemporary artists to discuss their work and the issues surrounding it. Each talk will be followed by a moderated Q&A session led by Brand staff member, artist and writer Jennifer Remenchik. The fall series will feature Los Angeles-based artists Ish Lipman, Andres Estrada Payan and Christina Ballantyne. The series is sponsored by the Brand Associates; it is free and open to the public. Each talk is at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 30 Andres Payan Estrada (b. Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico) will be making a presentation. He currently lives and works between El Paso, Texas and Los Angeles. He works predominantly with craft-based processes, exploring social surfaces, ephemeral exchanges and cultural histories. With a focused lens on queer identity, his recent bodies of work span collage, fused glass, ceramics, and jacquard weaving – examining both the physicality and transience of queer nightlife spaces.

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# The Work of Michael Flechtner at MONA

Ecce Artifex, an exhibit highlighting the work of artist Michael Flechtner, can be found at the Museum Of Neon Art (MONA).

Among the work featured is “The Year of the Rabbit.”

The green columns and central circle of the piece are based on a simple bunny head design on slippers given to the artist by his former girlfriend Reiko. In the Chinese zodiac, people born in a Year of the Rabbit are believed to be vigilant, witty, quick-minded and ingenious. The artist was born in the year of the rabbit and a bunny named “Sorry” shows up in many of his works. In “Year of the Rabbit” the rabbit is surrounded by a multicolored spinning circle based on the Wheel of Fortune. The artwork makes a play on the concept of the game of life. Symbols around the wheel represent love, money or common sense. The text “Hare” can stand for the rabbit, but also invokes a Hare Krishna prayer. At the bottom rockets propel into space.


During art school, the artist worked on a rocket car using chemicals borrowed from the ceramics department.

“Eighty lbs. of sodium nitrate produces a lot of rocket fuel,” Flechtner said.

He went by Michael Rocket Flechtner at that time. Occasionally the artist will also use the name Michael Rabbit.

Ecce Artifex is on exhibit through June 7, 2026. MONA is located at 216 S. Brand Blvd. in Glendale. It is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 7 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Admission costs are MONA members – free; general admission – \$10; senior (65+) – \$8; Glendale residents (with ID) – \$5; children (12 and under) – free (with an adult); veterans (with ID) – free; EBT holders (with card) – \$3.

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**ARIES** *March 21 - April 19*  
It's time to shake all that stress out of your body and have some fun. Try any form of exercise you really enjoy that gets you moving. Dancing is a favorite, because the music makes you want to move. You can do this in the privacy of your own home or while out socializing. Either way, it will make you feel better.

**TAURUS** *April 20 - May 20*  
Your social life may ratchet up now. All you care about is having a good time! One way to stay healthy and still have fun is to join a fitness club or other sports group. You can benefit from positive group interaction and stay on your toes, too. Find friends who support your same goals and you'll flourish.

**GEMINI** *May 21 - June 20*  
Be careful of the kinds of foods you eat while at work or socializing. You could add pounds without realizing it. It might help if you pack your own lunch for the office. You can

control the calories that way. Be more aware of what you're eating if you're at a party. It will save you a lot of trouble later.

**CANCER** *June 21 - July 22*  
Do you feel like you have to conform to others' ideas of a healthy body? You might be quite self-conscious if your body shape doesn't match your idea of perfection. You could even let this affect your chances of success. There is no perfect shape. Accept yourself as you are and enjoy peace of mind.

**LEO** *July 23 - August 22*  
You might enjoy experimenting with some of the new healing methods available. Vibrational healing is something that you could be attracted to now. Flower and gem essences are two examples of this kind of modality. Research your options and then see if it could be of use to you. You may experience a breakthrough!

much as you can to improve your health. It's also possible that you could go the other way and try to sabotage it. It all depends on how well you know yourself. If the latter is the case, you need to get to the core of the problem and fix it. Only then will true healing be within your grasp.

**LIBRA** *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*  
You're probably feeling a lot better all around. Perhaps you now relish the idea of exercising rather than dread it as you have before. You can be something of a health nut as you worry about every ache and pain. It's the worry that can cause you the most problems. From now on, this inner anxiety will begin to vanish and leave you in peace.

**SCORPIO** *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*  
A general health problem that you may suffer from is a tendency to be sensitive to foods or environmental factors. You may have allergies,

intolerances, or perhaps a mild problem that reveals itself now and again when you're stressed. If you have symptoms and can't seem to find the source, you might benefit from a few tests.

**SAGITTARIUS** *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*  
You can heal many health issues with mind over matter. Some people who have struggled with troublesome illnesses have found that they feel better when they harness the power of their own thoughts. You have this power available to you. You can make it work if you have the determination.

**CAPRICORN** *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*  
It may be of some benefit to join an online group associated with any health problem you may have. On the other hand, you could benefit from connecting with a group that focuses on yoga or meditation. Explore the local offerings. You'll gain in any

number of areas, including diet, serenity, and beyond.

**AQUARIUS** *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*  
Don't allow yourself to be so driven that you're stressed. Stress is a major factor in all kinds of health issues. Find a way to cut back on it and still fulfill your heart's desire. Do whatever it takes to be successful without suffering from too much tension. If it means aiming a notch or so lower than you'd like, it's probably worth it.

**PISCES** *Feb. 19 - March 20*  
Nothing can touch you this week. You feel on top of the world and ready to face any challenge. The cosmos is helping you to have faith. This is your time - you can reach for the stars. In the process, you can be assured that your health will be good, too. Your positive energy will impact every cell in your body.


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ACROSS

1) Alabama city

6) Lost in Paris?

11) Infomercials, e.g.

14) Elite military unit

15) At full speed on the water

16) Dandy

17) Manila's country

19) Transcript fig.

20) Rabbitlike rodent

21) Not this, that or those

23) Clandestinely

26) "The magic word"

27) Tom of Hollywood

28) Cowardly

30) Yamuna River city

31) Prepare for impact

32) Org. in 27-Across movies

35) 100 quintars

36) Like zebras

38) Costa del \_\_\_\_

39) Tire letters

40) "Shhh!"

41) Vanity case for madam

42) Fix, in the animal world

44) Extremely learned person

46) Some tropical fruits

48) Hall-of-famers and such

49) Deprived of nourishment

50) Mystical medicine man

52) Health resort

53) Gulf of Guinea country

58) "\_\_\_\_ the season ..."

59) Cognizant

60) Continental currency

61) Yoko of "Double Fantasy"

62) Aired again

63) Prepare, as tea

DOWN

1) It runs slowly in the forest

2) Biblical verb ending

3) Hawaiian freebie

4) Mosquito-transmitted disease

5) Compadres

6) Coral Sea inlet

7) Give off, as light

8) Indian princess

9) Conk out, as an engine

10) Remaining a mystery

11) Kabul's country

12) Dunderheads

13) Extra

18) Ask, as a question

22) Ball prop

23) Massage target

24) Impulses

25) Upper Volta, once

26) Walk back and forth

28) Town news bearer of yore

29) Deeply engrossed

31) Camembert kin

33) Pitcher's place

34) Moves like a butterfly

36) Cop's wheels

37) Sounds of reproof

41) Become more uniform

43) Adam's beloved

44) 18-wheeler

45) Tequila plants

46) Enthusiasm

47) Detach, as a medal

48) Carrying a burden

50) 27-Across, for one

51) Zeus' wife

54) "I \_\_\_\_ you one"

55) Anger

56) Fish eggs

57) Psychic power

NOT SO FAMILIAR PLACES

By Timothy E. Parker

see ANSWERS in next week's issue.

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Help! I was Charged \$370 for an Order that Doesn't Exist!

*When Kenneth Rogers orders a modem through AliExpress, he receives nothing but a \$370 bill. How can he get his money back?*

**Q**uestion: I tried buying a cable modem-router from AliExpress using PayPal, which charged my Citi Mastercard. After submitting payment, I never received an order confirmation, and the website showed no record of the transaction. PayPal charged me \$370 anyway. I contacted AliExpress immediately via Chat. It provided a case ID but no resolution or follow-up. When I disputed the charge with Citi, it closed the case claiming it couldn't force a refund without merchant approval. PayPal also refused to investigate because I'd filed a dispute through Citi. AliExpress ignored multiple follow-ups and I'm stuck paying for a nonexistent order. What can I do?

– Kenneth Rogers, Prescott Valley, Arizona

**A**nswer: AliExpress, Citi and PayPal failed you – big time! Let's start with what should have happened. When an order doesn't generate a confirmation the merchant must either provide proof of shipment or issue a prompt refund. Under the Federal Trade Commission's Mail, Internet, or Telephone Order Merchandise Rule, companies have 30 days to ship items or notify customers of delays. If they can't deliver, they must refund you. AliExpress clearly violated this by charging you without acknowledging the order or providing a timeline for resolution. Citi's response was equally concerning. Under Regulation Z, which governs credit card disputes, issuers are required to investigate

billing errors and temporarily credit your account while reviewing a claim. Citi's dismissal of your case – citing a lack of a "credit slip" from AliExpress – ignores its duty to advocate for you. PayPal also dropped the ball: its Purchase Protection Program should cover unauthorized or unfulfilled transactions but it deferred to Citi instead of opening its own investigation. You did everything right by starting a paper trail with AliExpress and escalating to your credit card issuer. Could you have done more? Maybe. Careful consumers always take a screenshot of their confirmations and that might have helped you. And you might have also paid the company directly through your credit card instead of a third party like PayPal.

That just added to the confusion in your case. I contacted AliExpress on your behalf. A few days later, you received a notification from PayPal that a \$370 refund had been issued. It did not explain what had gone wrong. As far as I can tell, there was some confusion among the company, your credit card and PayPal. And even though you never received a modem, it seems the companies could not find your refund either. The takeaway? Persistence pays – but no one should need a consumer advocate to fix a straightforward billing error. Hold companies accountable by knowing your rights, documenting everything and escalating early. Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a

nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2025 Christopher Elliott

## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The Club next meets on Oct. 24 when it hosts Dr. William Wang, chief medical officer at Dignity Health. He will give a program on vaccines. 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.

### DINOSAUR HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN AT JURASSIC QUEST

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### MUSIC AT BACK DOOR BAKERY

Back Door Bakery in Tujunga is having music on Saturday nights at 7 p.m. On Oct 25 there is a Halloween show with the band Teenagers In Disguise; on Nov. 1 it's The Painkillers and on Nov. 8 it's Brent Hahn. Also starting on Nov 7: Friday Friends Music Jam w/Art Stucco (every Friday thru the holidays). All shows begin at 7 p.m. There is no cover charge. Back Door Bakery is located at 8349 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland.

### 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 thru 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, which is offered to help them get ready for the big day. Registration continues thru Nov. 22. Registration cost is \$40 adults/\$20 kids; prices go up Nov 1.

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. Tickets are \$30 per person. Visit [cclcf.org/events](http://cclcf.org/events) for tickets and more info. • Looking ahead to December, the Annual Holiday Ceramic Sale is coming up on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See CALENDAR THIS on page



## NIGHT

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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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- CCLCF is packing wellness boxes for the Holiday Angels Project – Cancer Care Kits. Together, the boxes will be filled with love, care and holiday cheer for women undergoing chemotherapy. Register/learn more at cclcf.volunteerlocal.com.
- CCLCF is offering a holiday family brunch. The community is invited on Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to enjoy live carolers, winter crafts, a delicious brunch and pictures with Santa. Tickets available (adults & teens: \$15; kids 12 and under: \$10). Visit cclcf.org/events for more info.  
The Community Center of La

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

**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.

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