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## Home Hardening and Options Discussed at Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council reviewed several options for well-maintained trees and vegetation as the state's Board of Forestry debates changes to fire safety rules. "Zone Zero" refers to the area closest to a house's perimeter, the space from zero to five feet away from the walls. The new regulations being considered would require that space be "ember-resistant defensible zone" for all houses that sit within "very high fire hazard severity zones." Ultimately the council voted to support Option 4 regarding vegetation and Option 2 regarding trees.

Stephanie Landregan, nationally recognized landscape architect and educator, urged support for Options 4 and 2 and a focus on home hardening "based on the science." She reminded the council that it is "very hard to burn a green log."

Most of the speakers on the issue supported more local control and expressed support for options that allow well-maintained trees and vegetation. The Board of Forestry is soliciting input on the plans which can be reviewed at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov>. Comments can be submitted to [PublicComments@bof.ca.gov](mailto:PublicComments@bof.ca.gov) in advance of the board's next meeting on Monday, Nov. 3.

Early in the council meeting, Mayor Ara Najarian urged reconsideration of last week's decision to reject development plans for the former Sears site. He noted that the issues are complicated and that it is a mistake to "cast this as heroes versus villains."

Mayor Najarian also announced several upcoming events.

The YWCA and Glendale's Commission on the Status of Women are hosting their annual Purple Tie event on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. at Fire Station 21, 421 Oak St.,

see GCC on page 8

## Community at a Loss After C.E.R.T. Trailer Stolen

By Mary O'KEEFE

*C.E.R.T. co-founders invested thousands of dollars in outfitting the organization's trailer.*

Oct. 22 was a tough day for the Crescenta Valley Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) leaders and local co-founders Paul and Lisa Dutton when they discovered the trailer they use for the organization was stolen from their business driveway.

"We are angry," said Paul Dutton after he discovered the trailer gone.

He said losing the trailer was disturbing but what made it worse was losing all the medical supplies, radios and C.E.R.T. preparedness equipment he and wife Lisa have been collecting for years.

The Duttons started the CV C.E.R.T. program in 2006 and since then they have administered over 33 training sessions, certifying more than 600 individuals in CV. They prepare individuals to not only prepare for the worst – fires, earthquakes and floods – but to learn how to help their

Photo provided by Paul DUTTON  
The C.E.R.T. trailer was easily recognizable and filled with equipment primarily donated by Lisa and Paul Dutton.



neighbors. The couple are the CV C.E.R.T. coordinators for the program. The stolen trailer is owned by the CV Sheriff's Support Group.

Community members have seen the green C.E.R.T. canopy at numerous events including the recent CV Town Council's Wildfire and Emergency Preparedness Fair in September. Members of C.E.R.T. can also be seen with emergency responders at fires and floods.

The items that were stolen from the trailer have been collected, and

in many cases paid for, by the Duttons.

"It was the best of our C.E.R.T. supplies [including] disaster medical triage bags, first aid kits, backboards and command boards for the C.E.R.T. program in the event of an disaster," Paul said.

Other items stolen included premium C.E.R.T. bags filled with equipment for 25 members as well as radios and ham radio equipment.

"I am hoping someone saw [the trailer] pulling out of our driveway,"

Paul said.

It was in the early morning hours of Oct. 22 that the thieves stole the trailer from the driveway in the 2700 block of Foothill Boulevard at the Dutton Real Estate building. The trailer had to be hitched to another vehicle to get it out of the driveway.

This is a business office and there was a person at the location until about 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 21.

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

## Protesters Target Trader Joe's in Montrose as Animal Rescuer Faces Trial

By Eliza PARTIKA

Activists from animal rights network Direct Action Everywhere (DxE) gathered on Saturday, Oct. 25 in front of the Trader Joe's at 2462 Honolulu Ave. calling on the grocery chain to cut ties with Perdue Farms' California subsidiary, Petaluma Poultry, claiming animal cruelty. The group has traveled to Trader Joe's stores across the country sharing its demands.

The demonstration comes two months after a California judge partially denied Trader Joe's request for a temporary restraining order against DxE. Trader Joe's had sought to prohibit protests at all 205 of its California locations. In an August ruling, Judge Keith

Fong declined to restrict outdoor demonstrations and criticized Trader Joe's for refusing to engage with activists.

Demonstrators stepped up their desire to hold Trader Joe's accountable for their relationship with Petaluma Poultry, said activist and DxE organizer Kaitlyn Dietz, in anticipation of DxE investigator Zoe Rosenberg's trial in Santa Rosa. Rosenberg faces one felony and four misdemeanor charges and up to five years in prison for trespassing on Petaluma Poultry property and rescuing four chickens from their plant in June 2023. A verdict is expected soon.

"We're trying to teach people about animal exploitation.

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Photo by Eliza PARTIKA  
Locals turned out to protest the treatment of Petaluma Poultry chickens claiming animal cruelty.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Loss to Our Community

On Saturday night Steve and I went to the retirement party of a member of the Montrose Search And Rescue (MSAR) team - John Camphouse.

John has been a member of the team for 43 years and was lauded for his accomplishments over the years. He has been part of rescues involving kids and adults, people living and those whose body had to be recovered.

The celebration of John's career with MSAR was held at the Elks Lodge in Glendale. The room was crowded with supporters, from neighbors in La Crescenta where he and his wife raised their family to new and previous members of the MSAR team.

As most of you know, my husband Steve is a member of the MSAR team. He's volunteered at the CV Sheriff's Station for decades but has been on the team for about 12 years. Over that time he has missed holidays, special occasions and just work days around the house. At Saturday night's event I kidded another spouse of a team member asking when there will be a celebration for those who've been left behind. (So far nothing has been planned.)

I met so many interesting people and caught up with many friends at the celebration. I'm glad I had the chance to go.

John and his lovely wife will be moving to Texas.

I hope you take a minute to read my article on the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station trunk-or-treat event held last Friday night. It was a great time and I had a ball seeing so many people turn out.



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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

*"Tipping point – The critical point in a situation, process, or system beyond which a significant and often unstoppable effect or change takes place."* – Merriam-Webster Dictionary

"Tipping point" is how a recent report described a "new reality" that the world is now facing.

"We have reached the first of many Earth system tipping points that will cause catastrophic harm unless humanity takes urgent action, according to a landmark report released [on Oct. 13] by the University of Exeter and international partners," stated an article in the University of Exeter news.

I have to be honest – it does seem like every few minutes we find ourselves at a climate brink but that is because we are constantly moving toward the point where we don't see the small changes, like slow ocean rise or more extreme storms and droughts, but we do notice changes.

"The Global Tipping Points Report 2025 comes at a time of urgency – but also of possibility. As the world prepares to gather in Belém for COP30, science warns us of ecosystems approaching dangerous thresholds. Yet this same science also shows us the extraordinary potential of positive tipping points: self-reinforcing shifts in policies, technologies, finance and behaviors that can drive change at unprecedented speed and scale," according to the Global Tipping Points Report 2025.

This report was compiled by 160 authors from 23 countries and 87 institutions. COP30 is the 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference and will be held this year in

Belém, Brazil.

The Global Tipping Points Report 2025 shows that the die off of coral reefs is happening right now and as the global temperature continues to rise more resources will be affected – like the West Antarctic ice sheet collapse and the Amazon forest die off.

"The world has entered a new reality. Global warming will soon exceed 1.5°C. This puts humanity in the danger zone where multiple climate tipping points pose catastrophic risks to billions of people. Already warm-water coral reefs are crossing their thermal tipping point and experiencing unprecedented dieback, threatening the livelihoods of hundreds of millions who depend on them. Polar ice sheets are approaching tipping points, committing the world to several meters of irreversible sea-level rise that will affect hundreds of millions," according to the report's summary.

With every fraction of additional warming comes the risk of triggering further damaging tipping points ... because there is a balance in Mother Nature.

Just this week it was declared that Hurricane Melissa is the most powerful storm to hit Jamaica ever with sustained winds of 175 mph, according to reports. We will be seeing a lot more of these strong historic storms as the ocean heats up.

"If we wait to cross tipping points before we act, it will be too late. The only credible risk management strategy is to act in advance. But the window for preventing damaging tipping points is rapidly closing. Current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and binding long-term or net zero targets are not enough. They still commit the world to ongoing global warming that will likely exceed 2°C before 2100.

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IN BRIEF

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

This weekend on Nov. 2 at 2 a.m. daylight saving time ends. This means people have to set their clocks back one hour.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Nov. 1. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Guided maps will be provided. 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](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

The City of Glendale and Glendale Library, Arts & Culture present the annual Día de Los Muertos celebration on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Glendale Central Library (222 E. Harvard St.). This free, family-friendly event invites the community to honor loved ones and celebrate life through music, dance, storytelling and cultural activities. Día de Los Muertos is a Mexican tradition observed globally, celebrating the enduring bonds between the living and the departed.

The event features performances and hands-on experiences for all ages.

VIRTUAL WEBINAR OFFERED ON BRAIN HEALTH

A webinar is being offered online on Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon by USC-VHH and the USC Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center & California Alzheimer’s Disease Centers at USC and Rancho Los Amigos. This free webinar is part of USC-VHH outreach efforts and recognizes November as Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. The event offers valuable insights from Keck Medicine experts on maintaining and improving cognitive health.

Registration required. Visit [bit.ly/2025USCVHHBrainHealthForum](https://bit.ly/2025USCVHHBrainHealthForum) to register.

CITY OF GLENDALE ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM UNCASHED CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

The City of Glendale is working to return to their rightful owners unclaimed checks and deposits that have been unclaimed for more than

three years. If no one claims the money within 45 to 60 days of the first notice, the funds will become the City’s property.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY FORUM ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

The Crescenta Valley Town Council Land Use Committee is having a community forum on a proposed 80-unit apartment building at 4521 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta. The forum is on Thursday, Nov. 6; doors open at 6 p.m. in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. Staff from the Dept. of Regional Planning will be on-site and available to answer questions.

All are welcome.

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.

GPD Members Show Their Support for One of Their Own

By Mary O’KEEFE

Emergency responders are not typically known for how much they support the community and how much they support each other in times of need; however, GPD families know they have an extended family when they need that extra support. One example of camaraderie is Glendale Police Dept.’s support of GPD Officer Meg Badal spearheaded by Sgt. Jeff Davis.

“It’s been tough but I’m going through it,” said Badal about her discovery and treatment for breast cancer.

She has been an officer for 11 years, 10 in Glendale, and she loves being a police officer.

“I am from Iran. I came to the United States when I was 24 years old,” she said.

She said that in Iran many police officers are corrupt and citizens are afraid of them.

“It’s a different world [here] ... My husband and I went to Chicago from Iran and on the very first day I was here in the United States I was at Starbucks and [police] officers came in the store,” she said “I stood up [because] I was scared.”

But the officers came over to her and began to talk to her, even though at that time she didn’t speak English. She was with a family member who shared with the officers the story of where she was from.

“And they were so nice,” she said.

From that point she saw officers in a different light and wanted to be part of law enforcement. She always



Photos provided by GPD  
TOP: GPD Officer Meg Badal shaves the head of a fellow officer.  
BELOW: GPD Officer Meg Badal with her fellow officers.



liked the idea of serving the community and this was the perfect way for her to do so.

While she has been on the force she has been part of several investigations. She has honed her deduction skills and likes investigating burglaries and illegal drug sales. She has a talent in finding illegal guns and getting them off the streets.

Davis said Badal has gotten a lot of illegal guns off the streets. He and his fellow officers held a surprise barbecue for Badal that turned into a surprise head-shaving party.

“We had about two dozen [staff and officers],” Davis said of the party.

“They had everything – balloons and the cancer [awareness wrapped police] car with lights on it. It was held in the briefing room, where we go every day before we go out,” Badal said of the barbecue.

Badal is still going through chemotherapy and has shaved her head. When she walked into the barbecue she didn’t expect to see that her fellow officers had also shaved their heads.

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# Get Your Ballots Ready – It’s Time to Vote

By Mary O’KEEFE

On Nov. 4 voters statewide will be asked to decide if voting districts should be changed or remain the same.

Prop 50 is the only item on the ballot Nov. 4 and it has been a controversial proposal that goes against a recent tradition of redistricting.

Every state is divided into areas, and each area within a state is

divided into a district. These districts then vote on local leaders, like in the California assembly and senate, and federal leaders like representatives in Congress. Redistricting traditionally occurs every 10 years, often after the U.S. Census is completed. California uses the census data to redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts.

In most states the redistricting is done by the state’s local assembly/legislators. So for many states it is the ones in power who draw the lines; however, these district lines are supposed to be fair to its citizens.

“All states must comply with federal constitutional requirements related to population and anti-discrimination. First, the Apportionment Clause of Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution requires that all congressional districts be as nearly equal in population as

practicable. In practice, this means districts must be exactly equal in population. Second, the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requires that state legislative districts be substantially equal. Several states impose their own deviation standard. For instance, Colorado prohibits districts from having a population deviation of more than 5%,” according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The drawn districts are not always easily accepted. Several states, including North Carolina, Florida, Utah, South Carolina and Ohio, are going to court or have been in court. A lot of these states are being accused of “gerrymandering.” Gerrymandering is “the manipulation of an electoral constituency’s boundaries so as to favor one party or class,” according to the Oxford dictionary.

California does not have its legislators redraw districts. Voters First Act, passed in 2008, gave the responsibility to a commission and in 2010 the commission redrew the maps.

In 2020 commissioners, who were Republicans, Democrats and those who had no party preference, drew the new district lines. Those districts were not scheduled to be redrawn until 2030 but early redistricting, which started in Texas, has

California reconsidering when to redraw its district lines.

Texas’ Republican state legislature voted to redistrict in mid-term. In interviews with President Donald Trump, the goal was to get five more Republican seats in Congress. After the redistricting in Texas the floodgates between red and blue states opened and although gerrymandering is not actually illegal it is a label that most politicians try to avoid. It has been very clear the states that are redistricting are doing it to gain political seats.

As of Oct. 27, there were litigation challenges to federal or state legislative lines in 14 states and in at least one – Ohio – lines will have to be redrawn even without pending litigation.

For Californians the question as to when to redraw district lines comes in the form of Prop 50 and will be decided in this Nov. 4 election.

Los Angeles County held a webinar last week covering the issues of Prop 50. The discussion was led by Jake Ebright from the League of Women Voters.

“Prop 50 is officially titled the Election Rigging Response Act. It would authorize a temporary change, and this is important to note – it is a temporary change to the California Constitution in order to have gerrymandered district maps for the next five years,” he said.

The new district maps would

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cover elections in 2026, 2028 and 2030.

“And then we’ll go back to having the independent commission draw the maps from the 2030 census onward,” he added. “Another important thing to note here, and it is included in the text of the proposition, is that this move by California ... is in direct response to the Texas State Legislature.”

So a yes on 50 would give the California State Legislature the right to redraw the maps to “level the playing field [and it] puts the power in the hand of People of California to decide to approve the emergency congressional district maps,” according to Yes on 50.

Those in favor of Yes on 50 also emphasize this is a temporary change and is a reaction to other states redistricting to benefit the Republican Party.

A No on 50 vote would simply leave the redistricting commission in place. The proponents of a no vote include their concerns about the costs of the election, which is now estimated to be between \$200 and \$300 million.

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# At GUSD Student Voice Panel, Safety and Life Prep are Main Concerns

By Eliza PARTIKA

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) board of education held its first student voice panel of the year on Tuesday, Oct. 21 when students from Allan F. Daily High School, Herbert Hoover High School, Glendale High School, Verdugo Academy, Crescenta Valley High School and Clark Magnet High School raised concerns about safety, career and financial preparedness, and school culture and belonging.

Throughout the night students answered questions in three categories: college and career, student wellbeing and school experience, and safety and emergency preparedness.

Overall, the panelists from all high schools said they felt prepared for emergencies though students from multiple schools said there were not enough security guards to safely secure the entirety of their campuses and that there were not enough female guards to secure bathrooms. Students cited safety concerns in bathrooms, including vaping and bullying, as reasons for the need for more security.

Jennifer Nakano of Crescenta Valley High School said students also felt unsafe at sporting events where on multiple occasions she said parents have gotten into violent verbal altercations with students.

“There is not enough time to prepare us for all the emergencies that could happen,” Nakano shared.

Board member Shant Sahakian said he and other board members would look into the safety concerns at these events and in school bathrooms. Students and board members discussed several ideas they could implement, including apps and QR codes students could scan to report incidents anonymously or to seek help and resources for those in crisis.

Stella Khachatorian and Senna Hunter of Glendale High School suggested that schools could implement videos instead of in-person drills to help students understand why they need to know what to do in an emergency and how lacking that knowledge could impact them. Hoover High School sophomore Kayleen Shavian said having lessons on cybersecurity help students prepare for online emergencies outside of school.

“It readies us for any possible circumstance,” Shavian said.

Board president Ingrid Gunnell said the board would need to look into how feasible QR codes would be if the District’s new cellphone policy doesn’t allow students to carry cellphones during passing periods.

Students also stressed the lack of life skills and financial wellbeing classes available at their schools.

While the District has a subscription to EverFi, a financial literacy website for students, multiple panelists shared that their teachers treated the platform as “something to get through” before graded assignments, instead of implementing it into lesson plans. They requested the board create purposeful sessions that integrate finances into the classroom or create separate study sessions.

“There are no classes, no events to

help prep students [on] how to take [achieve] wealth, how to do taxes and [that these] skills, regardless of what you do, [are going to be needed into adulthood]. So I think that if we were to implement certain classes that would teach that, or certain seminars, it would really help. There’s only 1% I’ve ever seen do this because [a] teacher decided to take time out of [his/her] own curriculum and move to help benefit students,” added Glendale High student Izabela Petrosyan.

As a follow up, student board member Vera Garabedian of Crescenta Valley High School asked how students were adjusting to their academic load and how teachers were managing the new six-period schedule. Nakano said many of the teachers at Glendale High are assigning more work instead of allowing students the time and space to complete assignments, adding to their workload.

Board member Kathleen Cross asked what strategies students use to manage their workload. Students responded that after-school study sessions and enrichment times built into their schedules work best because students are given extra time with their teachers and their peers to ask questions and get their work done.

Kathryn Buser of Verdugo Academy said students at Verdugo Academy and Clark Magnet would also benefit from gathering with classmates at their home schools to discuss curriculum, hold study sessions and learn about student loans, interest and other financial life skills.

According to Buser, what is being said about these things is only being said to senior students – and is typically indicated that the students who are working on college applications are going to have a harder course load.

“So it’s a lot to take in. I feel like we should start giving more knowledge about loans and scholarships and things like that [to younger students]. I also think access to scholarships should be more readily available because a lot of students, especially as [they get closer to college], don’t know how they’re going to be able to afford it or even if they’re going to be able to afford it,” Buser said.

When board members asked if students would attend weekend or weekday sessions on financial literacy and life skills or weekly peer



Photo by GUSD  
Members of the student voice panel with the board of education and superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson.

study sessions, students showed their support by raising their hands.

Though students voiced concerns, they also commended teachers and staff at their schools for creating safe spaces for students to gather for studying and for their mental health, whether in a teacher’s classroom after school or the wellness centers implemented at each campus.

Discussions about school resources for mental health, academic stress and workload management focused on international student needs. International students Anait Tonoian of Daily High, and Arad Taherkhani and Allen Matevosyan of Clark Magnet suggested the schools implement buddy systems for international students and create more pathways for students to access clubs and resources they could use to help them navigate life in the United States.

Evangelina Romanova, an international student from Hoover High, said she started a club, the Open Arms Society, for international students so they can make friends and find answers for common questions, including residency questions on college applications and homework questions, and how to get involved in extracurricular activities. Glendale High student Izabela Petrosyan said international students said the best way to get in touch with parents and students is to reach out.

“If you call parents directly and give them all [of] the information about each resource and provide

translations in each language then they will be aware of the programs that are available,” she said.

In her closing remarks, board member Neda Farid praised the students for how articulately they communicated their concerns to the board.

“It’s so wonderful to hear how you are troubleshooting important topics at hand,” said Farid.

Gunnell praised students for their commitment to bettering their education for themselves and the next generation of students.

“Your influence will go on in perpetuity. I heard a comment that there is not enough we can do to prepare for all emergencies – climate change, fires, active shooters. That is not a good legacy we are leaving you. Listening to students – it’s so lovely to hear your ideas. Your ideas give us hope when we have not given you a world of hope,” she said.

To close the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson thanked students for participating and confirmed the board’s commitment to addressing the safety and academic concerns that the students raised.

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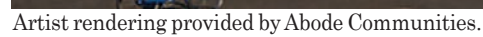




By Mary O'KEEFE

According to the property developers Abode Communities, “La Crescenta Apartments is envisioned as a 100% affordable residential community serving individuals and families with household incomes between 30% and 80% of Area

“Supervisor Barger’s office was recently informed by the project’s developer that the scope and design of the proposed affordable



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This demands immediate, unprecedented action from leaders at COP30 and policymakers worldwide,” according to the report.

The coral reefs have already hit the tipping point. The rising ocean heat has caused unprecedented coral die off.

This is the first climate tipping point ... our true “canary in the coal mine” moment.

The canary reference has been used a lot, especially lately. Although canaries are no longer needed in mines due to newer technology (like electronic sensors to measure toxic gas) the term has survived. I think the reference works here because we are actually seeing nature die as ocean heat increases.

Coral is being bleached as the ocean temperatures rise. More than 80% of the corals in the Caribbean have disappeared and Australia’s Great Barrier Reef has lost more than a half of its corals in the last 25 years, according to SECORE International, a non-profit dedicated to saving coral reefs.

And this is just the first tipping point; once one goes a domino effect is created.

But the report also looks at some positive ways some countries and many individuals are helping to protect the planet we all live on.

“Nevertheless, a minority can still tip the majority when there is self-amplifying feedback on their side. This is clearly evident in clean technology adoption. Solar PV panels have dropped in price by a quarter for each doubling of their installed capacity. Batteries have improved in quality and plummeted in price the more that are deployed. This encourages further adoption. The spread of climate litigation cases and nature positive initiatives [are] also self-amplifying. The more people undertaking them the more they influence others to act,” according to Natural

Environmental Research Council (NERC) Open Research Archives.

Positive tipping points are also starting to interact and reinforce one another. Policies targeting super-leverage points of interaction can help trigger this cascading positive change. Reinforcing feedback between civil society and policymakers is also critical to amplifying positive change.

Hence the Global Mutirão (collective efforts). Catalyzing collective action from civil society could be key to triggering positive tipping points.

“Only with a combination of decisive policy and civil society action can the world turn from facing existential climate tipping point risks to

seizing positive tipping point opportunities,” according to NERC Open Research Archives.

The best way I can think of to help support the planet is to educate yourself on real climate science. Make certain your research is with credible scientists and organizations. Don’t be fooled by people who have a “Dr.” in front of their name and then find out their Ph.D. is in a field that has nothing to do with environmentally-connected studies. Find local organizations that educate.

And do what you can to help your community, like cleaning the freeway offramp at La Crescenta Avenue with the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

There are so many things we can do to help clean up and strengthen the Earth.

The hottest day of this week was yesterday and although temperatures are trending down it will still be warm, according to NOAA.

Today temperatures should in the 90s, then drop to the low to mid 80s on Friday through Tuesday.

There is a storm system developing and expected to hit the Pacific Northwest that could affect us here in Southern California with cooler temperatures.

GCC from Cover

this year honoring Glendale Fire Chief Jeff Brooks. An announcement is also planned that Glendale fire stations will be officially designated as safe havens for survivors of domestic violence where individuals can seek immediate refuge, safety and assistance. More information can be found at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/54507/20>.

On Saturday, Nov. 1 the City of Glendale will celebrate Día de Los Muertos at the Glendale Central Library, 222 E. Harvard, from 4 to 7 p.m. Day of the Dead or Día de Los Muertos is a Mexican holiday that is celebrated in different parts of the world on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2. Día de Los Muertos is a colorful celebration of life that reunites the living and the dead. Families build ofrendas to honor and welcome their beloved departed family members. In Glendale the celebration will include face-painting and folk dance. Details can be found at <https://glendaleca.libnet.info/event/14139399>.

The Glendale Historical Society and Glendale Community College Social Sciences Division invite the public to a free event, Glendale and the Living New Deal, on Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6 - 7 p.m. on the school campus at 1500 N. Verdugo Road to hear Lauren Davies, research assistant with the Living New Deal, address the legacy of the New Deal program in shaping the landscapes and communities of the region, including Glendale.

Glendale had 40 projects built during the New Deal. A map and more info can be found at <https://livingnewdeal.org/us/ca/glendale-ca/>. To RSVP for the event, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/glendale-and-the-living-new-deal-presentation-tickets-1847782008729> or email The Glendale Historical Society at [events@glendalehistorical.org](mailto:events@glendalehistorical.org).

A representative of the Antaeus Theatre Company invited the public to its production of William Shakespeare’s Cymbeline, set in the American West, being performed until Nov. 17 at the Kiki & David Gindler Performing Arts Center, 110 E. Broadway. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://antaeus.org/show-details/cymbeline>.

Ara Sargsyan, Glendale’s building official, updated the council on minor modifications made to the city’s building codes. Discussion on possible “reach codes” will be calendared for future council debate. According to the web, reach codes require a higher level of energy performance than the baseline provided by state building codes.

The council voted to reissue an RFP for construction of most of the improvements planned for Central Park.

Two homes were added to the city’s historic register and granted Mills Act contracts: 1600 El Rito Ave. was deemed an excellent example of 1930s Spanish Colonial Revival-style architecture and will be listed on the historic registry as the Mason House. 900 Eilinita Ave. was recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission for inclusion on the historic registry under Criterion 1 for its association with the social, historic and cultural heritage of North Glendale and the Crescenta Valley. The property was part of the Onondarka Ranch, an equestrian hub built beginning in 1913 that will be listed on the historic registry as Onondarka, a Seneca word that means “on a hill.”

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

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VIEWPOINTS

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

# The First School and the Pepper Tree Giant



The first teacher snapped off a willow branch and then another. Before his students arrived, the young man fashioned a set of switches and concealed them within his desk. This schoolmaster, only seeking to establish a bit more discipline within his classroom, was wholly unprepared for what would next happen.

It was a one-room schoolhouse, the first to serve the pioneer families of Sunland and Tujunga, built in 1888 just south of Foothill Boulevard in Lake View Terrace. If there was one word to describe these pioneering men and women it would be hearty. These were tough folks and their children were no different.

After the students arrived order was once again elusive so

the teacher began bringing out the switches and laying them on his desk. His warning noticed, the antics began to wane until a young boy in the front row, emulating his teacher, pulled a slingshot from his pocket and laid it out in front of him. Two older girls followed suit and laid out a pair of large jackknives. In the back of the room, one of the older teens removed a pistol from his satchel and loudly deposited it upon his desk. This would be the first teacher's last day at the little schoolhouse.

The students' journey to and from school was three plus miles and along the way they could encounter rattlesnakes, cougars, coyotes and even bears. It wasn't uncommon for the older children to be provided with guns by their

parents. Not to mention, bagging a rabbit on the way home from school would get students a pat on the head before the rabbit was quickly prepared for dinner.

The schoolhouse entry was a two-story tower on the northeast corner of a property with a bell in its belfry. The attached classroom served about 25 pupils a year during its operation, comprising grades one through eight. About half of the students traveled from Sunland and Tujunga for the first decade until a new school was built in Sunland Park at the turn of the century.

With no teacher there was no school, so a call went out for a new schoolmaster. Enter Virginia Newcomb, sent by the Normal School in Los Angeles, an institute for training teachers.

The school may have been aware of the issues as Virginia arrived well prepared for her task. Her father was a military man who fought for the Confederacy under the command of General Robert E. Lee. Virginia was born into a regimented household with seven siblings, many of whom were brothers. Order was gained quickly after her arrival.

In 1976, a group of "old timers" set about documenting places of interest and on their list was the old schoolhouse. They declared it the first school to exist in the Sunland-Tujunga Valley at 10568 Foothill Blvd. They also stated that the school had been active through the early 1930s and was torn down about 1940. Its bell was then moved to the Stonehurst School in Sun Valley.

A piece I found written in 1953 mentioned that when this first school was built the perimeter had

been planted with pepper trees and, though the building was gone, the trees remained. So I went on a history hunt for pepper trees.

My search took me to the south side of the 210 Freeway. As I approached the area where the school once stood I gazed upon the largest pepper tree I have ever seen. It's a giant with large drooping branches that swing low to the ground surrounding a massive trunk many feet in diameter, creating an amazing space beneath its branches.

This past June I had the privilege of being a guest at the Stonehurst School in Sun Valley for the annual ringing of its graduation bell – a bell that may have rung for nearly 140 years.

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).

## NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

The 2025 legislative session included new investments to keep jobs in California, protect the civil rights of the most vulnerable communities, support local schools and help Californians rebuild after devastating wildfires. With 2026 right around the corner now is a great time to share your views on the issues with the District Office.

As we take stock of the 2025 legislative year, it's clear that despite noteworthy accomplishments we have more work to do in the coming year. Affordability will continue to drive the bulk of policy discussions in Sacramento.

When the legislature reconvenes in January, it will be imperative that we take strong and decisive action to reduce the costs of housing. We will also need to work closely with our business and non-profit partners to raise wages, address deep poverty, encourage investment in emerging technology and explore new incentives for entrepreneurship.

I will remain fully committed to fighting for universal health

care and world class education systems for all Californians. I believe in policies that expand access to quality education and ensure universal coverage for all who call our state home. I also remain committed to creating and passing policies that ensure everyone has a safe community, clean air and water, and economic opportunity.

Unfortunately, California's ongoing budget crisis will pose serious obstacles to accomplishing many of these goals. For the third year in a row, our state faced a budget deficit. Even with an uptick in revenue due to a strong stock market and growing artificial intelligence industry, our ability to maintain rainy day reserves and shield vulnerable Californians from cuts at the federal level will be challenged in 2026. The Newsom Administration projects annual operating deficits ranging from roughly \$15 billion to \$25 billion over the next few legislative years.

As my staff and I prepare for the 2026 legislative year, we are looking at cost-effective ways to

address our core policy focus areas while not adding to a persistent budget deficit.

I have always believed that representative democracy requires the participation of both the elected official and the public. As such, I invite you to engage with our office and provide your thoughts and ideas for shaping California's future.

By using our website, you can propose a legislative idea for review by our dedicated team. We look forward to receiving legislative bill ideas from constituents of the 44th Assembly District. Please note that the idea must be appropriate for statewide legislation and we ask you to be as detailed about the issues and how your bill idea would solve them. You can submit your proposal today by visiting <https://a44.asmdc.org/there-ought-be-law>.

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

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# CV WEEKLY IS ONLINE!



OP ED » LISA CUSACK

The \$250 million dollar special election on Nov. 4 will ask voters to weigh in on a single issue: Yes or No on Proposition 50. A “yes” vote overturns the Independent Redistricting Commission, also known as the Fair Voter Act, and allows politicians to redraw the Congressional districts. A “no” vote keeps the current maps and the existing system in place.

The claim made in favor of Prop 50 is that “Donald Trump and Texas Republicans are making an unprecedented power grab” by redrawing districts in Texas that will create five new Republican Congressional seats. Supporters argue that, in response, California needs to allow Governor Newsom and state Democrats to override the Independent Redistricting Commission and create five new Democratic seats.

This argument is flawed and distracts from the ways Prop 50 will harm California voters.

What Texas is doing is correcting several districts that were drawn along racial lines incompatible with the Voting Rights Act. Texas also follows a “winner-takes-the-spoils” approach where the majority party can redraw maps at will. In contrast, California voted to adopt a citizen-led redistricting system that includes voters from across the political spectrum. As a result, California has some of the most competitive congressional races in the country. The more competitive a race is, the more the politicians are forced to be responsive to their constituents.

Prop 50 redesigns the maps to ensure predetermined political outcomes. This kind of gerrymandering is best described as politicians choosing their voters rather than voters choosing their politicians, and will result in the loss of some California’s few remaining centrist representatives.

The only way to create these five new Democrat seats is to carve more conservative counties into pieces and dilute their representation. One of the [worst] examples of this is the way agricultural communities will be split and mixed in with urban and tech counties. Community representation will be sacrificed to partisan political gain.

A Yes on Prop 50 vote is framed as a means to fight Trump. What is misunderstood is that states need to work with both Democrat and Republican administrations. California, for example, relies heavily on federal money. By ending almost all non-Democrat representation, Prop 50 greatly weakens the state’s ability to work across party lines to get what its residents need. There is no guarantee this arrangement would be temporary. Once politicians are allowed to lock in power with a stroke of a pen, rather than be forced to work to win their voters, they are highly unlikely to give up this power.

There is also the danger that Prop 50 would be extended to state senate and assembly races as well, locking in more power for incumbent politicians. Policies from the state’s current leadership have resulting in California having the highest rates of poverty, unemployment, homelessness, gas prices, income tax and illiteracy. Prop 50 would allow the very leaders responsible for these problems to draw their own districts, continuing these trends – on steroids.

Prop 50 is not an “Election Rigging Response Act;” it is election rigging – and it should be decisively rejected by voters far too savvy to fall for it.

Lisa Cusack  
Glendale

NEWS FROM THE CVWD » JAMES LEE, GENERAL MANAGER

Reviewing Our Commitment

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting Senator Sasha Pérez (SD-25). We shared with Senator Pérez some of the District’s ongoing efforts to innovate, partner and save on costs. For example, we talked about how the District is proactively looking to remove currently known and future contaminants beyond federal and state regulatory standards because we believe that exceeding standards aligns with our mission of providing safe, reliable water. This starts with PFAS, for which the District is running a pilot program to determine the treatment method that strikes the optimum balance between stewardship of the water we deliver to you and cost-effectiveness. PFAS are endocrine-disrupting chemicals used in many products and present in the environment. [These chemicals can interfere with your hormones, thyroid, immune system, reproductive health and more.] We shared our work on wildfire mitigation and emergency preparedness, identifying partners and collaborative plans through the region, county and state. We showed Sen. Pérez our first stormwater project at the top of Rosemont Avenue, a partnership with the non-profit Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, preventing water from flowing out to the ocean while capturing water that is several multiples more affordable than purchasing water from the Eastern Sierra and the Colorado River. We talked about how the District has developed a legislative advocacy program to partner with elected officials from Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to provide funding for critical infrastructure. The District also recently met with Assemblymember Nick Schultz (AD-44) and Congressmember Judy Chu (CA-28) and we are looking forward to a coordinated effort to bring dollars to the community while informing policy and legislation with the upcoming legislative session in Sacramento.

In other news, you may recall that the District completed a pilot program last year to evaluate whether an in-house pipeline program to provide cost savings would be possible. In a world of many uncontrollable factors, such as drought, the cost of purchased water, increasing energy costs and protecting you by tackling water quality issues such as PFAS, pipeline replacement was one of the areas we identified where we might be able to control our costs. The pilot program was successful demonstrating significant savings (greater than 50%) compared to contractor costs.

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Photo provided by J. LEE General Manager James Lee shares how Senator Pérez can support the District’s efforts with regional solutions for wildfire mitigation.



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2854 Sanborn Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	
5835 Irving Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	
3662 Altura Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	
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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Business Life Magazine Presents Its 36th Annual Women Achievers

By Ruth SOWBY

Castaway restaurant was the sparkling setting for Business Life Magazine’s unveiling of its 29 women achievers. Pre-luncheon activities included the arrival of the “achievers” for photo ops and selfies and plenty of congratulations by friends and relations.

Among the first to arrive were Ashley Erikson, community advocate and multimedia storyteller; Yoko J. Igawa, director Foothill Transit – Government Relations; Kate Movius, Autism Interaction Solutions founder; and Heather Provost, Colony Theatre producing artistic director, screenwriter and filmmaker. The ladies were immediately surrounded by community paparazzi taking a slew of photos.

Just before the luncheon, selfies were snapped in front of several Business Life posters by women achiever alums and current achievers. At lunch, a line formed to enter Castaway Burbank’s ballroom, each achiever wearing



identifying daisy pins that were prominently displayed. Each achiever was introduced with a flourish to the audience.

Honored as a woman of distinction was Emily Gabel-Luddy. Lena Louise Kennedy was recognized as a woman of lifetime achievement and named a woman of exemplary leadership was Elizabeth Zoryan.

The 2025 women achievers

were Sue Baldaseroni, Dr. Erika D. Beck, Kimberley Clark, Marisa Creter, Joan De Souza, Rosie Diremsizian, Ashley Erikson, Merri Jill Finstrom, Zhanna Fish, Joann Forté, Yoko Igawa, Jane Karageorge, Gayaneh Kostikyan, Sharon Kwan, Micheline McFarland, Kate Movius, Asmik Organesyan, Ana M. Perez, Joanne Pingry, Heather Provost, Aida Rasper, Tina Shabanian,

Louise Skosey, Houri Tokatlian, Dr. Sharon Townsend, and Alisa Wood.

Greg S. Krikorian is president/CEO of Business Life Magazine. Having taken over the magazine’s leadership from his late father John Krikorian, Greg said, “My late father and I have saluted over 1,000 diverse women in leadership ... They are amazing and inspirational.”



LEFT: Among the first to arrive were four of Business Life Magazine’s 2025 women achievers. They are, from left, Ashley Erikson, community advocate and multimedia storyteller; Yoko J. Igawa, Foothill Transit director of Government Relations; Kate Movius, Autism Interaction Solutions founder; and Heather Provost, Colony Theatre producing artistic director, screenwriter and filmmaker. RIGHT: Elizabeth Manassarian, left, a previous Business Life Magazine women achiever, takes a selfie with 2025 woman achiever Dr. Sharon Townsend.

## Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Comes to Glendale

On Sept. 20, Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton spoke to a crowded room at the Glendale Burbank Republican Assembly’s annual barbecue. This was the largest gathering of republicans in Glendale in many years. In addition to being a Republican candidate, Hilton is a former FOX Host.

About 150 guests filled the room of the Glendale Elks Lodge to hear Hilton’s plans to revive the California economy,

educational system and manufacturing sectors. Hilton is the leading Republican candidate for governor.

One of the highlights of the event was a private VIP reception with Hilton organized by GBRA board members Allen Brandstater and Louis Barnett. These VIP guests met personally with Hilton, who participated in many selfies.

Glendale Burbank Republican Assembly’s president Lois Lee

Billings thanked board members Joan Taylor, Louis Barnett, Diana Kronfli, Susan Marinov, John Merguerian, Raymond Lepone, Ina Jean Berger and Allen Brandstater for their efforts in organizing the event.

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Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton with Glendale Burbank Republican Assembly president Lois Lee Billings.



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# CV High School Places Well in Local Competition



Submitted by Ameri RAMIREZ  
Mei Evangelisti, Sofia Diamond, Elijah Boot, Ryan King, Caleb Kim, Oliver Gough and Jack Clarke with the awards.

The CV Marching Falcons competed in their first competition of the season on Oct. 18: the Mayfair Monsoon. They received first place in their division (5a) and were the tournament champions. They won high percussion, high music and high general effect. Also of note the color guard came in second place.

# Locals Host Breast Cancer Awareness Event



Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital hosted a breast cancer awareness event in October with Breastlink/RadNet and its 3-D mammogram truck, Glendale Police and Fire Departments and their pink wrapped vehicles. Local resident and staff received low cost and free mammograms, pink doughnuts and lots of pink goodies. Yearly mammograms starting at age 40 are important for detecting breast cancer early, which leads to more effective treatment and higher survival rates.

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# November is National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month

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For the past decade USC Verdugo Hills Hospital has brought together experts in the field of brain health. The 10th Annual Brain Health Forum: Aging Brain, Genetics, and Risk Reduction convenes virtually on Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Online registration can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2025USCVHHBrainHealthForum>. You may also contact the USC VHH Community Resource Center at (818) 949-4033 for more information.

President Ronald Reagan officially designated November as National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month in 1983, recognizing the need to raise awareness about a disease that was then affecting fewer than 2 million Americans. The purpose has been to raise awareness, reduce stigma and promote support for those affected by Alzheimer’s and related dementias. Reagan’s proclamation was a pivotal moment in public health advocacy, bringing national attention to a condition that had long been misunderstood and under-diagnosed. In a poignant twist, Reagan himself was later diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease in 1994 further personalizing the cause and deepening public empathy.

**What Are Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease?**  
• Dementia is a general term for a decline in cognitive function that interferes with daily life. It includes memory loss, confusion and difficulty with communication and reasoning.  
• Alzheimer’s disease is the most common form of dementia, accounting for more than 60% of cases. It’s a progressive brain disorder that

slowly destroys memory and thinking skills. In our country it is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., with a prevalence expected to rise dramatically as the population ages.

### Why Awareness Matters

Over 55 million people worldwide live with dementia including 7.2 million Americans. The U.S. is projected to reach 13.8 million persons with dementia by 2060. We know that women make up nearly two-thirds of person diagnosed with Alzheimer’s in the U.S.

Raising awareness helps: 1) Encourage early diagnosis; 2) Support caregivers; 3) Promote research and funding; and 4) Reduce stigma and isolation. The month serves as a reminder that Alzheimer’s affects not just individuals but entire families and communities – and that collective action is essential.

### How You Can Help

- Wear purple in November to show support.
- Join events such as the USC Brain Health Forum.
- Share facts and stories on social media using hashtags like #AskAboutAlzheimers and #GoPurple.
- Support caregivers and others affected by listening, helping with tasks or simply being present.

Princess Muna Al Hussein, the ambassador for Alzheimer’s Disease International, emphasized the importance of community collaboration for tackling Alzheimer’s – calling on families, caregivers, governments and civil society to unite in awareness efforts.

To discuss your own questions and/or challenges, please call or email [Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu](mailto:Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu).

## CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Seth Caplan took along the CV Weekly on a recent trip to Amsterdam.

CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community’s favorite newspaper.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

» MOVIE REVIEW

# A Soft Heart Under the Shingles: Tatum Surprises as a Charming Leading Man in ‘Roofman’

By Jackson TOYON

Sometimes real life can be just as strange as fiction. For example, take the story of criminal Jeffery Manchester.

Known for his robberies of restaurant chains (mostly McDonald’s) in which witnesses always described him as being exceedingly gentle and kind, he earned his moniker “The Roofman” due to his tried-and-true method of smashing his way into buildings through the roof. After being caught for his string of fast-food thefts, he gained nationwide media attention after he escaped prison and eluded the authorities for six months by secretly squatting in a Toys “R” Us store. Director Derek Cianfrance, inspired by his story, brings an embellished version of these events to the screen. What follows is

less a true crime retelling than a surprisingly tender character study of a flawed but well-intended man.

Jeffery Manchester (Channing Tatum) is a good guy if you get to know him. He’s the first to admit that he was never the best at school – or behaving for that matter – but he has a good heart, children with his divorced wife that he cares deeply about and a unique “superpower.” His powerful attention to detail and routines allows him to notice what most others wouldn’t – and exploit them for his own purposes, as his friend Steve (LaKeith Stanfield) reminds him. Wanting to provide his children with a better childhood than his own, he turns to crime to raise money. He manages to buy a house and live well for a couple of years by stealing from fast-food chains until it all comes crashing down when police turn up to arrest



Photo provided by Jackson TOYON  
Channing Tatum portrays Jeffrey Manchester in “Roofman.”

him at his daughter’s birthday.

Slapped with a lengthy sentence and cut off from his kids, he uses his talents to engineer a clever escape.

Finding refuge in a secluded part of a Toys “R” Us, he takes an interest in Leigh (Kirsten Dunst), a single mother and employee at the store. Manchester takes on a fake name and, keeping his double life a secret, involves himself with Leigh’s life and family.

For a film so heavily marketed like a quirky 2000s slapstick Christmas comedy, “Roofman” provides a sadder, more endearing story than one would expect. It still has its comedic moments but the best aspects of this movie are Tatum’s charming performance and boundless chemistry with Kirsten Dunst; they’re like magic together. He’s a charismatic man you want to root for badly but

have to reckon with the fact that he’s living an enormous lie of his own creation. He aches to genuinely do good by people but knows he can’t keep his baggage away from them forever. Dunst, herself a force, is completely convincing in her role – her eyes alone sell her as the overworked minimum-wage single mom who’s just trying to get by and do good in her local community.

There’s a bounty of grounded performances to be had that complement our leads from an impressive supporting cast in small roles, including Peter Dinklage as the dismissive manager of the Toys “R” Us and Ben Mendelsohn as a cheery pastor at Leigh’s church. Also refreshing is how the film never attempts to justify Manchester’s criminal activities or bad choices but merely humanizes him and uses their consequences to move along

the narrative. Though it’s a funny set of circumstances, the film is more interested in its characters and their struggles than basking in the bizarre events that turned this story into a headline. The ending plays out just about how you think it will but isn’t disappointing, and it reflects the real life ending of Manchester’s story.

“Roofman” may not become an Oscar contender but it’s sincere and natural in all the ways that it needs to be. The film isn’t trying to be more than it is and I believe that’ll help make it work for audiences. It’s a surprise crowd-pleaser that I think fewer people will have heard about due to its promotional material, which would be a real shame.

For those looking for a pleasant, satisfying picture before the fall and winter seasons of films start to heat up, “Roofman” is a good choice.

## Pianist Brendan White Performs for GNC

The free admission Glendale Noon Concerts series performs live at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave.

On Nov. 5, the Glendale Noon Concerts will feature pianist Brendan White performing works by Schubert, Chopin and Tchaikovsky/Pletnev (Nutcracker Suite).

The audience will hear Schubert’s “Impromptu in G-flat, Op. 90, No. 3,” Chopin’s “Heroic Polonaise in A-flat, Op. 53” and “Nocturne in E-flat, Op. 9, No. 2” and Tchaikovsky/Pletnev “Nutcracker Suite.”

Brendan White is a Grammy-award-winning artist whose performances feature a wide range of classical and contemporary piano repertoire. White is based in the LA area where he collaborates with orchestras, chamber ensembles and solo artists. He is a featured musician on Danaë Vlasse’s Grammy Award-winning album Mythologies. White performs solo recitals celebrating new composers and historically overlooked masterpieces. His collaborations include performances with with the Eastman School’s Musica

Nova, Vicente Chamber Orchestra and Symphony of the Verdugos, and more. As one of Piano Sphere’s Emerging Artists he has worked with notable composers and conductors including Thomas Adès, Alma Deutscher, Alan Pierson, Donald Crockett and Steven Stucky.

A Tennessee native, White studied at the Eastman School of Music and University of Southern California’s Thornton School of Music. In addition to his performance career, White is passionate about music

education and teaches students of all ages. He is an original member of the annual Sunset Chamberfest in Los Angeles, which features the work of young composers in Southern California.

The Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating 18 years of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

Upcomingconcertswillbeupdated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.



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# Art Talks at Brand Welcomes Andres Payan Estrada

The Brand Library & Art Center 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.

Tonight, 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.

Brand staff member and program moderator Jennifer Remenchik is an artist and writer based in Los Angeles. Remenchik began organizing art talks at Brand Library & Art Center to showcase artists who reflect the

diversity of the art scene of the greater Los Angeles area.

Visit [BrandLibrary.org/Art-Talks](http://BrandLibrary.org/Art-Talks) for more information on the artists in the Art Talks at Brand series as well as links to recordings of past programs.

Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

# The Hollywood Christmas Parade on Nov. 30

The year is the 93rd anniversary of The Hollywood Christmas Parade Supporting Marine Toys for Tots! It will happen live on the streets of Hollywood as the parade makes its 3.2 mile trek starting

at Orange Street and Hollywood Boulevard on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Festivities include live performances. Grandstand bleacher seats open at 4 p.m. with pre-parade entertainment

beginning at 5:30 p.m. The live parade will be taped for a national primetime telecast airing on The CW Network during the holiday season.

The live parade will be

presented by Associated Television International in association with The City of Los Angeles, hosted by Erik Estrada and Laura McKenzie, along with parade co-host Elizabeth Stanton.

More updates about this year's parade can be found at the parade's official website <https://thehollywoodchristmasparade.org>.

# Fire Chief to be Honored

The YWCA Glendale and Pasadena, in partnership with the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women, is hosting its annual Purple Tie Awards on Oct. 30, focused on raising awareness about domestic violence, uplifting and celebrating survivors and recognizing individuals who exemplify leadership in service.

The YWCA will present Chief Jeff Brooks with the Purple Tie Award for 2025 in recognition of his leadership of the Glendale Fire Dept. in engagement and service to the community.

The event is at 1 p.m. at Glendale Fire Station 21, 405 Oak St. in Glendale.

"This collaboration centers

on honoring survivors' agency, recognizing that healing begins with choice," said Debra Suh, CEO of YWCA Glendale and Pasadena. "Whether a domestic violence survivor is seeking immediate shelter, connection to advocacy services, or simply a moment of safety to regroup, fire stations now serve as a trusted

point of access."

Through the new partnership, all Glendale Fire Dept. stations will serve as designated Safe Havens, providing immediate, confidential support to individuals fleeing domestic violence. Survivors can seek shelter and assistance at any fire station, where trained personnel

will connect them directly with YWCA's 24/7 crisis hotline and emergency services.

For more information about YWCA Glendale and Pasadena programs or to support the Safe Haven initiative, visit [www.YWCAGP.org](http://www.YWCAGP.org) or call the 24/7 domestic violence hotline at (888) 999-7511.

# His Holiness Catholicos Aram I of The Holy See Of Cilicia To Pay A Pontifical Visit To The Armenian American Museum Construction Site

His Holiness Catholicos Aram I of the Holy See of Cilicia will visit the construction site of the Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California on Saturday, Nov. 1. His Holiness will tour the museum campus from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Glendale Central Park and meet with

museum leadership.

The visit of His Holiness Catholicos Aram I marks a historic milestone in the development of the museum and underscores the importance of preserving and advancing Armenian heritage for future generations.

The Armenian American

Museum is a world-class educational and cultural institution that is currently under construction in the museum campus at Glendale Central Park. The mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Armenian American


experience. The vision is a cultural campus that enriches the community, educates the public on the Armenian American story, and empowers individuals to embrace cultural diversity and speak out against prejudice.

The Armenian American Museum Construction Site is

located at 151 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.


Public parking will be available in the Parking Lot 10 alley adjacent to the construction site and Marketplace Parking Garage on the corner of East Harvard Street and N. Artsakh Avenue.

THEN & NOW



**Then:** Honolulu Avenue in 1959 looking east from where Trader Joes is today. The shopping area of Honolulu Avenue was not terribly attractive – wide and unshaded, with hardly any landscaping. On hot days of summer it must have been unpleasant to shop.

Honolulu Avenue  
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now:** It's hard to believe this is the same stretch of road. The introduction of trees and landscaping when the Montrose Shopping Park was conceived in the late 1960s completely changed the look and feel of Honolulu Avenue.



# JUST FOR FUN

## CALENDARthis

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The Club next meets on Oct. 31 for a Halloween costume contest. It will also host Briana Ziegler from Leeza's Care Connection who will give a program.

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

It's a dino-themed Halloween party plus! Trick-or-treating, costume contests, a dance party plus the largest and most realistic dinosaur exhibit on tour. Roar with life-sized dinosaurs and build unforgettable memories with brand-new LEGO®-themed play zones. Science stations, floor puzzles and more. Jurassic Quests is only happening Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 at Fairplex At Pomona. Tickets at

<https://www.jurassicquest.com>.

### IMPACT FOUNDATION HOLDING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Enjoy 18 holes of golf at Brookside golf course, 1133 Rosemont Ave. in Pasadena, on Nov. 7 surrounded by a vibrant and supportive community. During the 19th Hole luncheon, participants will hear from inspiring guest speakers sharing powerful personal stories and lived experiences related to men's mental health.

Festivities begin at 8:30 a.m.; shotgun start at 10 a.m.

To learn more and to sign up visit [www.theimpactfoundationla.org](http://www.theimpactfoundationla.org).

### MUSIC AT BACK DOOR BAKERY

Back Door Bakery in Tujunga is having music on Saturday nights at 7 p.m. 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:

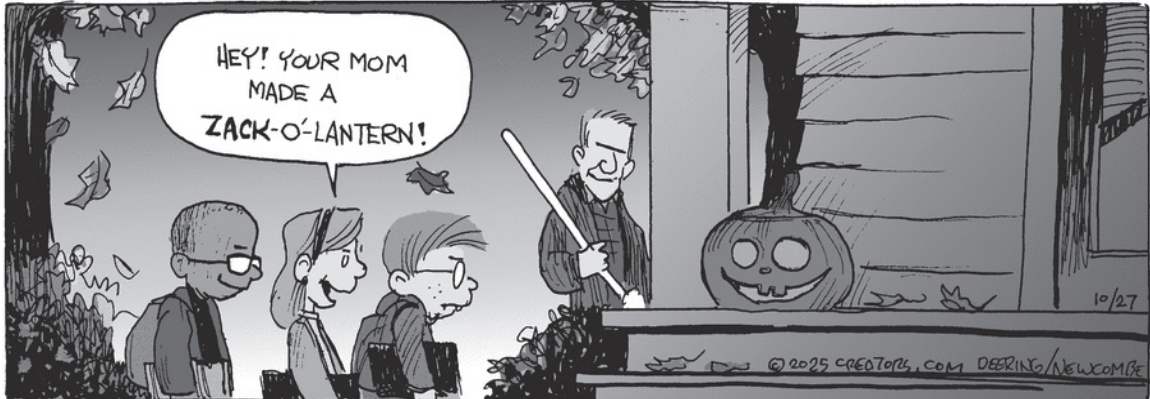
- Registration for Fall II Programming is open. New classes and returning favorites are offered at [cclcf.org](http://cclcf.org). Fall II runs thru Dec. 20.

- 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. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

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/

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## » ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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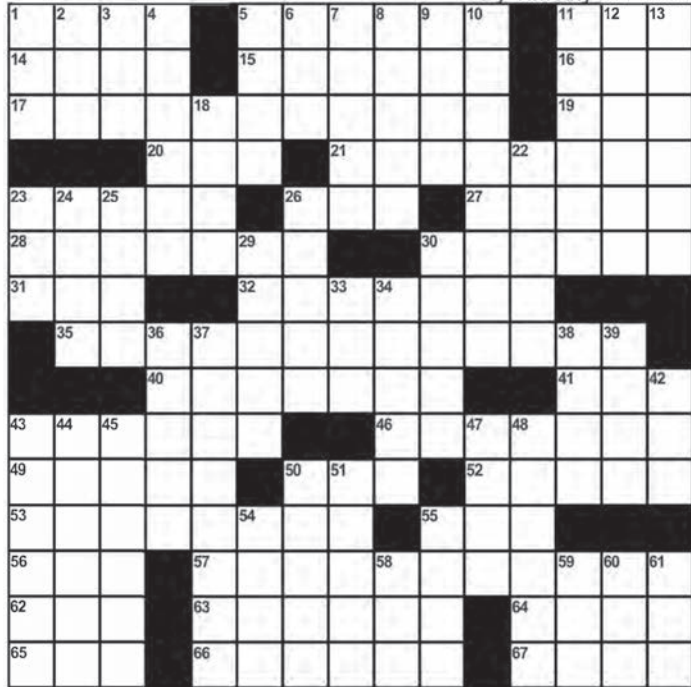
- One of three fairy-tale bears
- Harass
- Many college degs.
- Voting nay
- Fainting
- Little amphibian
- Frighten one's Halloween staff?
- Anger
- Kind of station
- Lawyer's objection
- Happen
- Wanna-\_\_\_ (copycats)
- Inebriate
- Remote access?
- Fatalities
- Reward for waiting?
- TV watchers
- What caused Dracula to go the doctor?
- Those preparing for a break
- \_\_\_ Perignon
- Put forward as truth
- Get involved in a different sort?
- Gather some wool
- Bawl
- Conquers
- Crested parrot
- Came in first
- "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
- Like a calm spirit?
- "Born as"
- Scotland's \_\_\_ Islands
- Visitors to baby Jesus
- It causes you to lose one hr. of sleep
- Napped leathers
- Black, poetically

### DOWN

- Mas' mates
- Anti-apartheid party, for short
- After-school bake sale org.
- Nonlethal weapon
- They've got your parts covered
- Cigar residue
- Stockholm citizen
- Saddle afflictions
- Weaver's equipment
- Consumers of products
- Lebanese capital
- Way to begin
- Cordwood units
- Make, as money
- Cook in an oven
- When Sept. ends?
- Elegantly and stylishly fashionable
- Mafia chief
- Lose a staring contest
- Banish from an apartment
- Hard to see through, as fog
- Compass heading, sometimes
- Fret
- Word with "neat" or "control"
- Confused mixtures
- Betting numbers
- Bard
- New bride's title
- Climb upward
- Ocean stopping points
- Confidential matter
- Wind instrument
- Give a new title to
- "You Send Me" singer Sam
- Expensive pub order
- Drive-\_\_\_ restaurant
- Explanations
- Director Spike
- Bit of ointment
- Psyche component
- Confused noise

### HALLOWEEN PUN

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 need to look after your soul and spirit as well as your body. With a focus on your spiritual zone, you get to do just that. If you're living from the heart and your life is a good example of your ability to be true to yourself, your health will be excellent. You can't have one without the other.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may have problems with eyes, eyestrain, and tension in the neck and shoulders. If so, you need to slow down. It helps to lighten your schedule. You need to recharge your batteries so you can get back on track. Go out and socialize a little.

### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You might seem bright and bubbly, but you could be hiding fatigue. Make sure you take the right supplements for your needs. If you're uncertain, get the help of a medical professional or nutritionist. Make sure your diet meets your requirements. Avoid junk food and caffeine. You are your own best resource.

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

What you believe about your health could have a more profound effect on you than you realize. It sometimes takes a small crisis to change your thinking and release negative patterns. Once you understand the effect of your mind on your body, you won't take your thinking for granted. Imagine yourself in radiant health.

### LEO July 23 - August 22

Reach for the stars. There's no need to accept a life that's far below what you want it to be. You'll now begin to realize that your health is in your own hands. It's up to you. Make it as good as you want it to be or stay mired in sickness. Dig deep and you'll find the healing inside you.

### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You don't have to compete to be healthy and well. Each person is unique, with different aims and goals. It's more important that you assess your priorities and create goals that are right for you. Work at your own pace and be consistent, and you'll succeed where others may fail. Your own health and happiness are most important.

### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your health zone appears to be a haven of positive energy and light. It looks as though some very good things are happening for you. If you've suffered from health problems for a while, they may be resolved soon. Whatever the issue, good news is on the way, as well as a chance to understand what's really going. This can alleviate a lot of anxiety.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

A heartfelt optimism fills you with renewed energy now. Your determination to enjoy life could reach a new level, translating into a healthier way of living. You may decide to try a new form of exercise that gives you a workout and access to a social life, too. Any activity that combines both would be great.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't strain your brain. If you've been suffering from headaches or tension in the neck and shoulders, give your head a rest. Worry and stress add to any general discomfort felt by the body. Try focusing on your heart and the area around it. This will take the pressure off you and may help you come up with some interesting solutions, too.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You seem determined to investigate all kinds of new possibilities to help you enjoy better health. Sometimes you can learn more with the help of a teacher who can intuit your needs. This is a great time to take a class in any aspect of health you choose. You won't regret it. Start now if you're looking to get certified.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't take for granted what you read online or pick up in conversation, especially if it's related to a health issue you have. It's better to get the facts from a professional who can tell you what you need to know. Don't pay for health-related advice unless you can verify the source!

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The cosmos is going to bring you many opportunities. You may have to deal with a few unexpected events in the meantime. If you feel overwhelmed by the pace, ease your schedule and get enough sleep. Relax as often as possible and give yourself a break from any stress.





PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# StubHub issued tickets for the wrong showtime. Can I get a refund?

*Lori McBride buys StubHub tickets for a 1 p.m. show but discovers they’re for 7:30 p.m. StubHub denies her a refund because she didn’t immediately contact the company. But what about StubHub’s FanProtect Guarantee?*

**Q** I bought two tickets on StubHub for the 1 p.m. showing of “Ain’t Too Proud” in San Francisco. My confirmation clearly stated the 1 p.m. showtime, but when I arrived, the tickets were for 7:30 p.m.

The theater couldn’t help and I could not reach StubHub before the show started. I had to buy last-minute seats at a higher price.

When I called, StubHub’s customer service repeatedly dismissed me, claiming I should’ve called “while at the theater,” even though there was no contact number on the tickets.

StubHub insists I’m not entitled to a refund, despite their “FanProtect

Guarantee.” I emailed executives (using your contacts!) but heard nothing. The BBB shows StubHub has an “F” rating and thousands of unresolved complaints. How can a company ignore its own policies and customers so blatantly? Can you help me get my \$168 back? -- Lori McBride, Redwood City, Calif.

**A**: StubHub shouldn’t be too proud to admit this: Honoring its FanProtect Guarantee, which promises valid tickets or a refund, is the right thing to do. By failing to deliver tickets for the correct showtime, it breached its own policy. StubHub might have also violated California law, which prohibits false advertising.

It’s particularly frustrating when I review the notes from your interactions with StubHub. A representative initially promised you a refund but then placed you on a brief hold, returned to the call and asked if you had contacted StubHub before the event.

After you explained that you could not contact StubHub because there was no information on how to do so on the ticket or confirmation email, the employee suggested you couldn’t get a refund because you hadn’t contacted StubHub before the curtain rose on the matinee performance.

I see no requirement in the FanProtect Guarantee to ask for

help before an event begins. When you questioned the employee about this apparently unwritten policy and asked for her ID, she disconnected the call. Come on!

You did everything right by escalating to executives and keeping records. Always double-check tickets immediately after you buy them. Mistakes happen, and catching them early gives you more options.

I publish StubHub’s executive contacts on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. It looks like you reached out to the executives too, but they failed to address your problem. Seriously? I publish this information so that consumers with legitimate problems can get through

to a decision-maker and potentially avoid an embarrassing story like this one.

I contacted StubHub on your behalf. The company reviewed your case and did not say why your tickets were for the wrong time. It issued a full refund plus a 25 percent credit for a future StubHub event, a very generous resolution.

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

CALENDAR THIS from previous page

Walk, Kids’ Mile and Food Drive will take place at Olberz Park in LCF on Thursday, Nov. 27. Visit cclcf.org/run for more info. Sponsorships available!

•All are invited for a Holiday Angels Project - Cancer Care Kits volunteer opportunity on Dec. 2. Together, wellness boxes will be packed filled with love, care and holiday cheer for women undergoing chemotherapy. Register/learn more at cclcf.volunteerlocal.com

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

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

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

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

## DINE OUT BENEFITS CVIM FOUNDATION

The Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music foundation is having a dine out on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at New Moon, 2138 Verdugo Blvd. in Montrose. Mention CVIM when ordering dine-in, online pick-up and phone orders; no gift card purchase and delivery.

## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GLENDALE ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH & CONCERT

Soroptimist International of Glendale, in partnership with the Glendale Community College Music Department, announced its third annual Scholarship Brunch & Concert. This fundraising event will support scholarships for women studying visual and performing arts.

The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Glendale College Auditorium. A brunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by a concert at 1:15 p.m. The concert will feature the “Symphony of the Verdugos” directed by Dr. Paul J. Sherman, West African Drums, and the Glendale Concert Singers.

Tickets for the brunch and concert are \$70 with concert-only tickets available for \$35 and student tickets for \$10. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Tickets and sponsorships are available at https://gccmusic.ludus.com/200498926 or visit soroptimistglendale.org through Nov. 5.

## TGHS, GCC HOST ‘GLENDALE AND THE LIVING NEW DEAL’

All are invited on Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. at Glendale Community College Student Center (SC212) when Lauren Davies, research assistant with the Living New Deal, will address the legacy of the New Deal program and the material contributions it made in shaping the landscapes and communities of Greater Los Angeles.

The New Deal legislation was enacted in 1933 to bring the country out of the Great Depression by putting America back to work. Glendale has more than 40 extant New Deal projects!

The Living New Deal is a non-profit research organization and online public archive affiliated with the University of California at Berkeley. Its mission is to document the scope and impact of the Depression Era New Deal on American lives. The project is focused on public works programs, which put millions of unemployed to work, saving families from destitution during the Great Depression.

This event is free and open to the public. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/5n6k4nwk.

Glendale Community College free parking permit to lot B or lot C and map of the campus will be emailed to registered attendees.

## HEALWITHIN INTERNATIONAL TO BENEFIT FROM 3E

Heal Within’s 3E, the one day, live, in-person gathering designed for heart-centered women and men who are ready to bridge wellness and wealth, heal past wounds and build legacies that last, will be on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Embassy Suites in Glendale. “Healthy Wealthy 2025: Where Healing Meets Prosperity” will also honor four people who embody Evoke, Embrace and Evoke, the tenets on which 3E is built. The honorees are Arick Gevorkian, Odet Nassari, Anet Abnous and Baydsar

Thomasian. A portion of the proceeds benefit the nonprofit Healwithin International, the non-profit arm of Heal Within.

For tickets visit https://tinyurl.com/yndk9n35.

## BINGO NIGHT SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is hosting bingo at the new community center at St. Bede’s church, 215 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada on Nov 8. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6 pm. The cost is \$30 per person; extra books are available for \$10 each. Cash prizes range between \$100

and \$250 per game! Monies raised will benefit local charities courtesy of the Knights.

## HISTORY OF IN-N-OUT BURGER AT BOLTON HALL

Tujunga’s historic In-N-Out Burger restaurant celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The speaker for this Bolton Hall Museum 2nd Saturday program is Tom Moon, History and Culture coordinator for the In-N-Out Burger chain.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS









# VETERANS DAY EVENT

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Anthony Kelson RScP and Laney Clevenger-White, RScP; Rabbi Janet Bieber,  
Carolyn Young, Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan, Center for Spiritual Living -  
La Crescenta Rev. Dabney Beck, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel;  
Lucinda Guarino, Rev. Karin Ellis, La Cañada United Methodist Church;  
The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman, Upland Christian Church;

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Question: So many people have been laid off from their jobs or have been affected by the U.S. government shutdown that their financial burden is increasing. What do you do to maintain your spiritual balance and keep hope alive? Shutdown Blues

Dear Shutdown Blues,  
During these very hard economic times I find it even more helpful to maintain my spiritual balance. I continue

to pray for others daily, spend an hour each morning at dawn practicing mindfulness and noting what I am grateful for in my life. I spend time with my dogs and get myself outdoors a little bit each day. It's so easy to be stifled and depression can cause us to withdraw and take refuge in our home with no energy.

I remember that everything is a gift from God. I have been through rough times before and I remember that with hope

comes a source of energy and positivity that helps me to move forward and not let the rough times define me or prevent me from finding joy in the life the creator had given me. If I can help others then I know my living is not in vain. An old gospel song that also reminds me that helping others is often a remedy to the blues.

Stay positive and know that joy comes in the morning.

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LCIF also thanks its many volunteers for helping with its recent "trunk or treat" carnival on Oct. 19. Dozens of families enjoyed the free community event which included games, trunk-or-treating amidst the many decorated car trunks in the church's parking lot, a bounce house and plenty of food and treats. The church also thanks LA County Fire Station 19 for paying a visit, meeting with the families and showing kids how a fire engine works.

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

open to all. There is ample street parking.

For information call (818) 249-8807 or (818) 281-9217.

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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.

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 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.

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF CELEBRATES ALL  
SAINTS DAY

A week after celebrating Reformation Sunday, Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) will celebrate another important date on the church calendar: All Saints Day. On this day, congregants remember and honor their own lost loved ones as well the saints celebrated throughout history. According to the church's governing body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, "All Saints brings into focus our own beloved dead while also stretching our imagination toward the whole company of saints, more diverse and populous than we can

fully comprehend." The festival originally honored those who were considered especially holy: heroic figures from the Scriptures and martyrs who had given their lives nonviolently in witness to the faith. However, according to the ELCA, it is an especially Lutheran accent for the feast to honor not only those who lived exemplary lives but all who have been baptized into Christ's death.

All Saints Day worship will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2 with Pastor Viv Vega, music and choir led by music director Mark Anzelon and pianist Sun Coe. All are welcome. A livestream is offered on the church's YouTube channel.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
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On Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m., Bobby Lewis will speak on "Effective prayer: Finding healing and wholeness in divine Love" at Joe Bridges Clubhouse in Glenoaks Park, 2531 E. Glenoaks Blvd. in Glendale.

Through compelling personal stories, Lewis illustrates the effectiveness of prayer in addressing human struggles. He shows that prayer grounded in divine Love and spiritual law is a reliable foundation for healing and cure, for personal growth and close connection to God.

Sponsored by Churches of Christ, Scientist - in La Cañada and Glendale (Montrose) - attendance to this talk is free and

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.

WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Nov. 9, 16, 23 & 30. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

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

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



# 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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The District’s board of directors approved a dedicated program that began in July, which is the beginning of the fiscal year that runs from July 1 to June 30. We are about a quarter of the way through Fiscal Year 2025-26, and our first project at Upper Terrace is complete, representing more pipeline replacement in three months than in the past many years, and at a significantly lower cost. The next project on Henrietta Avenue is set to break ground the week of Nov. 3 and is anticipated to go through early February 2026.

We continue extended outreach regarding the recent implementation of “budget-based” rates and monthly rather than bi-monthly billing. Customer service staff are directly contacting every household in the community to ensure your understanding.

In closing, please join me in welcoming Monique Burke and Rene Caneva who have joined on an interim basis to provide direct outreach to every customer. Also joining us is Dennis Nguyen, Capital Improvement Projects Program manager, who makes sure that projects are completed to specifications in terms of cost, timeline and work quality. Finally, we have Zlatina Georgieva, senior accountant, who ensures all costs are captured and accounted for appropriately.

Thank you as always for reading and continuing the dialogue.

TRADER JOE’S from Cover

We’re trying to convince them to maybe change their purchases when they walk into stores like Trader Joe’s so that they walk out trying some of their amazing vegan products instead. We don’t hate Trader Joe’s – a lot of us buy from them pretty frequently. We just want to see [Trader Joe’s] buy from suppliers that don’t have criminal negligence of their animals,” Dietz said.

Dietz added their investigator teams have tried meeting with Trader Joe’s on several occasions and have sent multiple emails, but that the company “refuses to sit down with us.”

Trader Joe’s requires activists maintain a certain distance from the store during their protests, which the group respected, gathering outside the store to chant and beat drums, holding signs depicting Trader Joe’s CEO Bryan

Palbaum along with the message “I sell animal cruelty.” Others held signs with pictures taken by DxE members who broke into Petaluma Poultry to investigate the alleged cruelty and to rescue birds from conditions activists described as “living in their own filth.”

An activist dressed in a chicken costume danced in front of the protesters, showing off signs decrying the treatment of Perdue’s chickens in “electric baths,” “boiled alive” and “sick and injured.” Other activists showed video footage of birds on a processing line. Placards read “Drop Petaluma Poultry” and provided the link to “PerdueAbuse.com” where DxE has documented the animal abuse they say they have seen on multiple occasions.

Several community members stopped to discuss their presence at the

store and learn more about the group’s findings.

Activist Allison Burton joined DxE six years ago after an action in front of Trader Joe’s headquarters where she offered to adopt a chicken rescued from a slaughter truck. Burton named the chicken Hope after she helped her recover from severe illness, obesity and necrotic wounds sustained at the slaughterhouse.

“We’re here for the chickens. They need to be spoken up for. They’re just as sweet as your cat and dog,” Burton said.

DxE has documented evidence of sick and injured birds left without access to food or water at Petaluma Poultry as well as birds effectively being boiled alive during slaughter.

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