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Decision Delayed Regarding District Elections

By Julie BUTCHER

Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council reviewed several recommendations in a report from the appointed Charter Review Committee, ultimately opting to continue to deliberate on the issue of moving to districts and district elections rather than the current system of at-large elections for five Councilmembers who each represent the entire city. Also reviewed was whether the city should have a directly-elected mayor or continue to select a mayor on a rotating basis from the sitting Councilmembers.

No votes were taken on the committee's recommendations but the Council expressed a variety of opinions on the pending matters.

The Council appointed the 12-member committee in 2024 to consider potential changes to the city charter, the city's constitution. At the time, the areas of consideration were district elections; the direct election of a mayor; the possibility of expanding the size of the council; council compensation; and changes to the city's civil service system.

In April 2025, the committee voted 5-5 on the issue of district elections. In August 2025, a final vote of 7-5 was recorded, recommending against transitioning to district elections and to directly elect a mayor citing concerns over diminished citywide accountability and the potential for increased divisiveness and more parochialism.

According to city staff, the majority of the committee members did not see how creating districts would address the challenges facing the city.

Proponents of having districts note the possibility of increased opportunities to seek office, given the reduced cost of running for office and fewer constituents, that the change might encourage more representation across different areas and interest,

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The American Legion and Veterans Day Observance

By Mary O'KEEFE

The nation observes Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Locally, Veterans Day will be observed at Two Strike Park.

An unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans. Similar ceremonies of an unknown soldier buried in each nation's highest place of honor also took place in England and France. These gestures took place annually on Nov. 11 giving universal recognition to the celebrated end of WWI fighting at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918 – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The day became known as Armistice Day, according to the Veterans Administration.

For many veterans, service does not end when they leave active duty. Veterans continue to serve their communities and continue to sup-

File photo
The flags of each branch of the military were displayed at a previous Veterans Day event at Two Strike Park.



port other veterans. One of the best ways for them to do that is by joining the American Legion and/or Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). In the Crescenta Valley area those organizations are American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614.

The American Legion was founded in March 1919 by the American Expeditionary Forces still stationed in Europe awaiting passage home from WWI, according to the American Legion. It was founded by soldiers who knew when they

returned to civilian life they would need support. Today that peer support continues.

"I grew up a military brat and served during the Vietnam era. Being around vets has always been part of my life. I enjoy the camaraderie I have with the vets in Post 288," said Lynn McGinnis, veteran member of Post 288.

Fellow veteran Robert Wollenweber added camaraderie is an important reason why he joined the American Legion. He also likes sup-

porting veterans in the community.

"I am personally a member because the other members are really great guys and stand-up people in the community," Wollenweber said. "It also feels good to volunteer."

Serving the community is a big part of what is American Legion Post 288. It supports numerous non-profits through a series of events including hosting bingo events at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

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Glendale Fire Chief Honored With Purple Tie Award For Leadership

By Ruth SOWBY

YWCA CEO Debra Suh presented Chief Jeff Brooks with its 2025 Purple Tie Award in ceremonies at Glendale Fire Station 21. The Oct. 30 event launched the collaboration between the City of Glendale's Commission on the Status of Women, the YWCA Glendale & Pasadena and the Glendale Fire Dept. to provide "Save Havens for Survivors" in recognition of Domestic Violence Month.

The event also represented the official designation of Glendale fire stations as safe havens for domestic violence survivors where individuals can seek immediate refuge, safety and assistance.

Glendale VIPs present included Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian, Glendale City Council member Dan Brotman, Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid and Commission on the Status of Women Chair Dr. Ramella Markarian.

Upon receiving his Purple Tie Award Fire Chief Jeff Brooks said, "By formally establishing fire stations as safe havens, the Glendale Fire Dept. reaffirms our commitment to protecting and serving all members of our community, especially those facing danger in their own homes."

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Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian, left, joins Glendale Fire Chief Jeff Brooks (with his Purple Tie Award), YWCA CEO Debra Sun and chair of the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women Dr. Ramella Markarian.

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For The Love of Community

Friday night was Halloween. Aubrey, our Cinderella princess, was ready to collect sweets from all of the merchants in the Montrose Shopping Park – though she pooped out at one point leaving it to Dad to cart her around.



first time we went and I have to say – organizers Susie and Richard Dell and Mark MacCarley know how to put together a great rally! We traveled south, driving through various neighborhoods in the Rancho Palos Verdes area. There are some gorgeous spots there! What was particularly striking, though, was where the roadway was disrupted in the Portuguese Bend area. What was once a straight roadway is now curving and bumpy and knowing that residents in that rich area have not had electricity since 2024 is unbelievable. Steve pointed out the water mains alongside the road. The water mains were once buried and new ones are basically placed on the dirt in order for water to be delivered to the residents – until the landslides take them away and water service can no longer be provided.

Finally, I'm looking forward to this Saturday night when the Montrose Shopping Park hosts the November Wine Walk at 5 p.m. It is one of my favorite events: not only will I enjoy some outstanding wine but I know there will be several familiar faces in the crowd!

As in years past the shopping park was crowded with kids – and adults – dressed in costumes ready to show off their creativity. We enjoyed a bacon-wrapped hot dog before heading to a western portion of La Cañada to trick-or-treat in those neighborhoods.

On Sunday, Steve and I headed to Glendale to join the Kiwanis for its annual car rally. Last year was the

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

We just went through Samhain, the Celtic origin story of Halloween. I am not a fan of Halloween but I do like Samhain. I like that it is not just about the spookies that roam the Earth being more spooky from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1. Samhain is more about the change of season, that death is natural, that it happens to make way for life.

I celebrated Halloween with my grandkids on Oct. 31 at Montrose Spooktacular and after, walking through the lovely, generous and fun neighborhoods of Sparr Heights. That was Halloween full of spookies and candy but this Friday, Nov. 7, we will continue the Samhain celebration by remembering.

I am making rosemary remembrance cookies and my grandkids and I will be going through all of the photos of family members who have passed. They will not only hear stories of their great grandparents but of their great, great-plus grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. These are the stories that have been passed down from generation to generation. They will get to see the photos of their great grandparents and great great grandparents who immigrated from Ireland. They will learn about their great, great-plus grandfather who fought in the Revolutionary War. They will see who they look like, find out who they take after and hear some outrageous stories coming from a very colorful family tree.

This is the importance of Samhain, to remember those who have gone before us ... the family that has made us who we are, warts and all. Although I may have never met my great grandparents, or other long-passed family members, because of the stories shared by my grandmother I feel I know them. These are the spirits that stay around me. They may be more present when the veil is thinner but I feel they are with me all year long.

Samhain celebrates the end of harvest and the Celtic New Year. It is the time of year between the lighter half of summer and the darkness of winter, and it is a 2,000-year-old celebration. It was a way ancient people honored not just those who went before them but it gives meaning to the Earth's seasons.

Samhain is followed by Imbolc on Feb. 1 and Bealtaine on May 1.

Imbolc is the celebration of light. It is midpoint between winter and spring. It is about new beginnings and celebrates the Celtic hearth goddess Brigid.

Bealtaine is the spring celebration that honors the fertility of the Earth.

What I like about these celebrations is their connection to the Earth. We may think (in our AI world) that we are advanced but I feel our ancient souls would never allow the Earth to be taken for granted the way our society has done so for centuries.

In fact, the ancient Celtic kings would perform a ritual binding them to the Earth. It was actually a marriage between a leader and the Goddess of the Land. The Goddess Earth would favor a king with fertile land and make him, and his followers, prosperous. This was called the banais righi. The king would swear an oath to uphold and protect the land and his people and in return the Earth would flourish. The people, his subjects, would also take this marriage seriously and helped support and protect the Earth to honor their king and the Goddess of the Earth.

And that brings me to the present. COP30, the UN Climate Change Conference, ended on Oct. 31. There were some significant scientific reports released prior and during the meeting. These reports tell us how close we are to the point of no return with our poor Goddess Earth. I have yet to read all of the reports and honestly – I need a minute before diving into the news – but I think we are looking at a failed marriage.

The ancients may not have had the science behind the planet's ecology, but I think they understood it much more than we do now. They understood the fragile balance and had a stronger connection with the ecology of the Earth and took on the responsibility of keeping healthy the Earth around them.

Our recent deep marine layer should be lifting after this morning allowing more sunny skies starting today. Our temperatures will be in the upper 70s/lower 80s. The weekend looks sunny but next week there is a possibility of rain, with some winds ...nothing extreme, according to NOAA.

NOAA is tracking a storm that could possibly bring some rain and winds to our area starting on Wednesday.

To my Dad, Major George L. Dutton,
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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 tonight, 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.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

Then on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. collect and preserve native seeds with Nina Raj from Altadena Seed Library. During this event, participants will be taught to identify, collect and store seeds. With these skills you can help preserve and enhance biodiversity. This event is limited to 15 people. Please RSVP by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/35tmp82e>.

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 RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

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>.

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.

CITY CELEBRATES VETERANS

Enjoy a complimentary lunch on Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community room of the Glendale Police Dept. that is generously donated by local restaurants. This event is in tribute to Glendale veterans. Guests can explore a variety of resource booths designed to connect veterans with the services and support they deserve. Come together as a community to celebrate and thank local veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Visit GlendaleCA.gov/Veterans for more information.

MONTROSE-GLENDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE APPS NOW AVAILABLE

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

Local Glendale Mom Receives \$2,500 Surprise

By Dominique ROCHA

Since 2020, it has been one thing after another for Glendale resident Annie Azizian. From busy life as a mom of three, getting diagnosed with stage three colon cancer in 2021, and a recent car accident, Azizian has been struggling to catch her breath.

A bit of relief came for Azizian on the pickleball court one day. While she was warming up for her pickleball game, a giant pink and blue mascot came through the gym doors to deliver a check for Azizian. It turned out that Azizian had won a \$2,500 rent check by playing the trivia game PropQwiz.

"I was shocked and thinking to myself, 'Is there anyone else in this gym who's playing this game?'" Azizian said.

The surprise was orchestrated by Azizian's pickleball partner Chelsea Lawrence and PropQwiz founder and CEO Jim Casey. Through a bit of internet sleuthing, Casey and his team were able to locate Azizian via Instagram and organize for Casey to hand-deliver the rent check to Azizian.

PropQwiz is a real estate trivia game where players guess the listing prices of different homes each day. Players like Azizian can win rent checks or even their own home.

Casey drew on inspiration from his own life to create the trivia app. For years, he and his wife spent time walking through neighborhoods and quizzing each other on the prices of homes. When Casey realized others played their own versions of this game among themselves, he knew he had to find a way to connect the community.

"It turned out the game my wife and I were playing while walking the dog was something that other



people were doing on aggregator sites like Zillow just for fun," Casey said. "We thought if we made it a free real game with real prizes, that would be fun."

PropQwiz runs on a collaborative basis. The homes featured on the apps are chosen in partnership with photographers and realtors across the country. Every day at 6 p.m., players can log onto the live game and guess the home for the day. The 10 closest guesses end up on the day's leaderboard and at the end of the week one person is chosen from those five leaderboards to win the \$2,500 prize.

When possible, Casey makes sure to be "the man in the suit" and hand-delivers the prizes to winners. PropQwiz has been able to help others like Azizian with \$30,000 in prizes already given away.

"Whenever it's close enough to drive, we go in person," Casey said. "It's the best part of my year."

Winning the prize money

couldn't have come at a better time for Azizian.

"It's been like being in survival mode as a parent," Azizian said. With the help of PropQwiz, Azizian was able to catch up on a few of her bills.

"Constantly worrying about my kids' college tuition and trying to keep up with bills all play a big role in just surviving day to day," Azizian said.

PropQwiz is gearing up to give away its largest prize yet – a new home.

"We wanted to do something life-changing," Casey said. "I was lucky enough to be raised in a stable home and I want people to feel a sense of security and excitement at the same time."

Players can start playing PropQwiz now and have a chance to win \$350,000.

"I'm so thankful to have this happen to me," Azizian said. "It really came at the right time in my life."

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Prop 50 Passes in California



Prop 50 was approved by California voters on Tuesday. The state's unofficial results show 63.8% of voters approved

the restricting proposal and 36.2% did not approve. In Los Angeles County the percentage of approval was even

higher with 72.97% voting yes on 50, and 27.03 voting no. The final and official results will be released on Dec. 12.

NOTES & NODS

LCIF TEAMS WITH SCOUTS TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) is teaming up with Boy Scout Troop 310 to help feed the hungry. Scouting for Food encourages residents to donate much-needed staples and proteins to help stock local food banks and assist families in need throughout the foothills area. LCIF is collecting non-perishable items through Nov. 14.

Top requested foods include canned chicken, tuna, peanut butter, beans and shelf-stable milk. Also needed are cereal, rice, pasta, canned vegetables/fruits, soups and stews.

In a related but separate effort, LCIF is collecting essential non-food items to support hygiene and comfort for those experiencing homelessness or hardship. The church is asking for donations

of blankets as well hygiene supplies. Needed hygiene items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, deodorant and feminine hygiene products. LCIF asks that donated items are new.

Donations for both efforts can be dropped off during Sunday worship at 10 a.m. For those wishing to donate during the week, items can be dropped off at the church office during regular business hours.

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH IN MONTROSE HOSTING A PUBLIC TALK

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 open to all. There is ample street parking.

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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.

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH HOLDS MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Mt. Olive holds a monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Drive, Suite A in La Cañada

on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. This Bible study is currently in the Book of Second Corinthians. Also, a weekly Bible study (currently in the Book of Genesis) is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

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

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

WALK AND WORD

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

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Cellphone Policy Discussion Continues at GUSD Board Meeting

By Eliza PARTIKA

At the Nov. 4 meeting of the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) board of education, board members discussed changes to the phone and artificial intelligence policies at district schools after requesting guidance from parents and the Glendale Teachers Association (GTA).

The policy revisions incorporate recommended language from California School Boards Association, as suggested by the GTA in previous meetings, and has been updated to clarify language relating to searching students' electronic devices. The changes reflect a new law – AB 3216, passed in 2024 – that requires the board to, by July 1, 2026, develop, adopt and update a policy to limit or prohibit student use of smartphones while at school or under the supervision of District employees. The GUSD policy would be reviewed every two years and updated every five years.

At the last board of education meeting, there was a request to have families, teachers and guardians review the document for their thoughts.

The proposed policy language was shared with GUSD parents/guardians in a survey that was

sent to families and was shared with the GTA. A total of 631 parent and guardian responses were reviewed.

Major themes, according to the GUSD board agenda for Nov 4, were strong support for a strict ban during instructional time, concerns about cellphone access for safety or during emergencies, the need to include smart watches and wearable technology as a banned mobile communications device, and the ability to enforce and differentiate policies for elementary, middle and high schools based on the development of students.

In the current policy, students are not allowed to use their phones during instructional or non-instructional time, but have access to their phones during emergencies and during dismissal to coordinate pick ups.

The revised document reviewed by the board addressed parent and guardian concerns and the GTA's recommendations for implementation of the policy without undue burden on teachers.

In the current policy, each school can determine how best to implement a ban depending on where the phone is kept, like in a backpack or pencil case. Schools will limit access in bathrooms or locker rooms unless a physician determines it

necessary; for instance, the use of insulin pumps connected to phones. There are also privacy limits when teachers search a device. If teachers take a device from someone, teachers need to return it to the student before the end of the day.

Board member Kathleen Cross asked whether the board could change or broaden the term "communications devices" to include other types of technology.

Kelly King, assistant superintendent of Educational Services, said the term is recommended by the CSBA because it wants to make distinctions between devices like Chromebooks or iPads used for instruction versus cellphones that might be used to text or share photos or videos during the day.

Board member Neda Farid asked whether Hoover High School, which has been piloting a cellphone ban to test the efficacy of the current policy, has seen improvements in the classroom.

"I'd be curious to know if there is a correlation between test scores improving beyond just focus in the classroom," Farid said.

King responded by saying Hoover started to see those types of improvements with some data analysis.

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Fall Fun Found at Boutique

The Crescenta Valley Lion's Club recently held a successful fall boutique at St. Luke's of the Mountains on Saturday, Oct. 25. In addition to a variety of vendors guests were entertained by the a'capella group Monday@JoJos.

Funds raised benefit the Club and the Fire House youth center.

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RIGHT: The courtyard and interior of Sadler Hall at the church campus were filled with vendors offering a variety of items for sale.


BELOW: The a'capella group Monday@JoJos entertained shoppers.



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“There’s not necessarily a correlation, but it could be,” King said.

“I’m glad that we’ve been able to have the benefit of so much feedback on the current version of this because I anticipate that this will continue to evolve in the coming months and years,” said board member Shant Sahakian. “I’m very cognizant of the fact that we want a distraction-free learning environment for our students but we have the balancing act of also preparing them for the world that’s going to meet them in college, in their careers, in life. Whether we like it or not, a significant amount of that life will be digital and it will involve technology.” Sahakian wanted to ensure

that the issue is looked at it “comprehensively” but wanted to ensure sight of media literacy and digital literacy is not lost for students.

“Perhaps at a future board meeting we can have a discussion about how to keep students safe while having digital literacy,” he said.

UCLA School of Education and Information Studies and the UC/CSU Collaborative Collaborative for Neuroscience, Diversity and Learning released a research brief on cellphone policies for K-12 schools that emphasizes creating flexible, research-informed and equitable policies rather than blanket technology bans. King cited the study as a reason

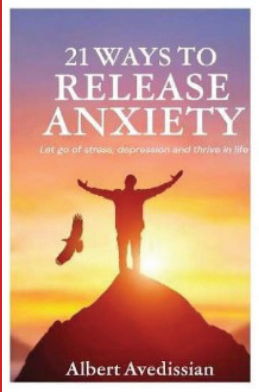
the policy is being carefully reviewed and revised with feedback from across the school community.

“When we see this, we need to make sure we are taking it into account when developing our policies and share them with our school sites as they are developing theirs,” she said.

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Veterans Day Remembered

On Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta, the American Legion Post 288 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1614 will host a Veterans Day commemoration.

The Crescenta Valley High School Air Force Junior ROTC (CA-882) will perform the presentation of colors. The American Legion color guard will perform the “The Armed Forces Medley” honoring all the services of the Armed Forces. Boy Scout Troop 288, sponsored by the American Legion Post 288, will conduct a flag retirement ceremony.

All members of the Crescenta Valley community are invited to attend; seating will be provided.

Unwanted Drugs Collected at Drop Off Event



The National Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Resource Program and CV Cares/iMPACT Take Back event, which was held on Saturday, Oct. 25, collected 180 pounds of expired and/or unused medication from the community.

The event was in partnership with the Glendale Police Dept., GPD Substance Abuse and Wellness Foundation Los Angeles.

The event was held at St. Luke’s of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in front of the Fire House youth center.

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CRIME BLOTTER

NOV. 3

1600 block of Verdugo Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that as he was watching television at his home he looked out the window and saw a person walking toward the front porch. The family had previous packages stolen from their porch in the past so the resident investigated to see who the person was on the porch. He looked through the window and saw a suspect, described as a female Hispanic adult, on the porch with a recently delivered package in her hands. The suspect looked at the resident through the window and “freaked out.” The suspect placed the package back on the porch and walked southbound toward Verdugo Boulevard. The resident walked out of the house and followed the suspect. He witnessed her getting into the front passenger side door of a grey Lexus UX and drive westbound from the location. The suspect was described as 5’3” to 5’7” tall, skinny to medium build with long dark curly hair with blonde streaks and wearing a long sleeve shirt, blue jeans and a vest.

The attempted theft occurred at 5:30 p.m.

Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a person reported parking his vehicle in the lower parking lot at the area and left to hike. When he returned he found the vehicle’s driver’s side door lock was damaged. The lock appeared to be punched with an unknown tool by an unknown suspect. The vehicle owner found that several personal items were stolen including a bank card, which had fraudulent charges in Sun Valley.

The theft occurred between 10:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a man parked his vehicle at the location and walked into a store. He then, five minutes later, came out to make certain he had locked his vehicle. The door handles of his vehicle extend when the door is unlocked and sit flush when it is locked. As he approached the car he noticed the door handles were extended indicating the door was unlocked. He observed a person, described as a Black male adult with dreadlocks who was wearing a dark colored T-shirt and black pants, standing by the right rear passenger door of his vehicle. As he approached the man walked away. The vehicle owner checked the interior of the car and found it to be ransacked and cash was missing.

The theft occurred between 4:45 p.m. and 4:50 p.m.

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2100 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, someone stole the rear tailgate of a truck overnight.

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Despite several people saying that they had fewer trick-or-treaters visit their house on Halloween night, the Montrose Shopping Park and nearby Sparr Heights neighborhoods didn't see a decline in treat seekers.

"The Montrose Shopping Park once again experienced a massive crowd of costumed trick-or-treaters of all ages – about 12,000 over the course of the evening," said Dale Dawson, MSPA business administrator/events coordinator. "There were many cleverly costumed canines as well. The Montrose Shopping Park Association provides this event as a family-friendly venue for the community offering Halloween trick-or-treating in a secure and safe environment. In addition to our own MSPA staff on hand, we hosted two GPD motorcycle officers who were present during the entire event – posing with the kids for photos and ensuring a smooth closure at the end of the night. MSPA provided a 'starter kit' of about 700 pieces of candy to its participating merchants. Merchants also purchased a great deal more candy to carry them through the event that brings thousands to their storefront."

He added that live music and some "street food" vendors at the intersection of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard were



a welcome enhancement for the crowd as well.

"It's our 'gift to the community,'" he added.

The next MSPA event is the

Montrose Wine Walk on Saturday night, Nov. 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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VETERANS DAY from Cover

It supports Scouts, including chartering Troop 288, the CV Chamber of Commerce, CV Town Council, Montrose Christmas Parade, Prom Plus and CVHS robotics team 589, to mention a few organizations.

But at its core, the American Legion supports veterans, including navigating the Veterans Administration.

“The Legion can help young returning veterans get any service-related health care and other earned veterans’ benefits. We help older vets [get] different benefits including death benefits. Our post service officer routinely helps older veterans and their families get duplicate copies of their service records,” McGinnis said. “Regardless of age, all veterans need immediate access to their DD214 and we can help them file for a copy.”

DD214 is a Report of Separation

that is filled out by service members when they separate, retire or are discharged from active duty.

Although it offers so much support, nationwide the American Legion has seen a decline in membership.

“Most veterans have served a four-year hitch and are in their mid 20s when they get out. Their priorities are job, career, marriage, family and [housing],” McGinnis said. “This keeps them busy into their 40s when their kids head off to college.”

He added that is when community-minded veterans start to get involved in their community and join the American Legion or other veterans service organizations.

Wollenweber considers it more of a generational thing; oftentimes young adults don’t volunteer as much as they had in the past. He added that trend can

be seen in other organizations that are finding it difficult to maintain memberships.

But there are other reasons why some young veterans may hesitate to join.

“I was fortunate to have a job, a home and a wife and we were expecting our first born,” said veteran Mike Baldwin of when he returned from service in Vietnam. “I kind of put Vietnam behind me until I retired ... and was able to work with the VFW and American Legion in trying to understand the problems that some of our veterans were going through.”

He said through the American Legion he went to schools and began sharing some of the experiences he faced in Vietnam.

“[At first] I didn’t feel comfortable doing that but I realized, late in the day, that I wanted to tell my story and not have someone else tell it

and be misinformed. So that’s one reason I got active in the American Legion,” Baldwin said.

Supporting the American Legion is a good way of honoring Veterans Day, whether a veteran or a civilian. For veterans, the American Legion offers camaraderie. For civilians, supporting the American Legion can take the form of attending and supporting its events.

“This year the veterans’ communities across the country are celebrating 250 years of veterans serving America. The U.S. Army was formed in June 1775, the U.S. Navy in October 1775 and the U.S. Marine Corps in November 1775. We celebrated the Army’s and Navy’s 250th birthdays with a breakfast celebration in June and October and will celebrate the Marine Corps’ 250th birthday this Saturday morning,

Nov. 8. We will celebrate the Marine Corps’ 250th and 250 years of veterans serving America on Monday, Nov. 10 at the Lincoln Elementary School’s annual Veterans Day recognition program. Finally, on Tuesday, Nov. 11 we will celebrate 250 years of veterans serving America at our annual Veterans Day program in Two Strike Park,” McGinnis added.

The breakfasts of the American Legion Post 288 are held on the second Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

For veterans interested in finding out more about the American Legion Post 288 visit www.vetspost288.com or come to a meeting, which is held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall at 6:30 p.m.

This year’s Veterans Day ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave.

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Away from cameras, Chief Brooks admitted his own connection with domestic violence as the child of a single mother who was a survivor of domestic violence. When Chief Brooks was 7 years old, his mother’s friend, a victim of domestic violence, moved in with her two children. The San Jose household then consisted of two single mothers and four children. Years later, Chief Brooks’ mother remarried and had her own domestic violence situation.

As an adult, Chief Brooks was able to help his mother but he worries about other victims who may be suffering in silence without help.

“I see the Glendale fire stations’ safe places as a natural fit,” he said.

GCC from Cover

such as improving representation from south Glendale and from the renter community, for instance.

“Sixty percent of Glendale’s residents are renters yet 90% of us up here are homeowners,” observed Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian.

Mayor Ara Najarian said that he believes the 7-5 vote against districts underestimates the strength of community opposition to the idea of district elections.

Councilmember Dan Brotman said that while he was not ready to move forward with district elections, “We don’t know where the community stands on this and we won’t know where the community stands on this until we take it to the voters.”

On the issue of Council pay, the committee recommends a public review every two years of Councilmembers’ compensation. The committee believes that the Council has tools necessary to begin to solve the problem of unreasonably low “pay” for the supposedly “part-time” council.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Santa Claus Killer

A personal note – I write a lot of local true crime pieces. But I try to stay away from more recent tragedies as sometimes there are people still around who were impacted by the crimes. This murder was in 2008 but I’m going to take a chance and write it up. It was so crazy, so twisted and so related to the upcoming holidays that it just has to be told, no matter how horrible it was.

Montrose resident Bruce Pardo was a charming and handsome 45-year-old man. He had a well-paying job as an electrical engineer. He had recently purchased a house in Montrose, on Sunset Avenue, a couple of blocks above Honolulu Avenue. He had a new wife–Sylvia – along with her three kids from a previous marriage. Life was good.

But in 2008 things took a bad turn for Pardo. His marriage had collapsed in the first year because

of Pardo’s issues with money and his increasingly cold demeanor. Pardo kicked out Sylvia from their house in March 2008 and she went to live with her parents in Covina. In June, a judge ordered Pardo to pay Sylvia significant spousal support. Next, Pardo was fired from his job for billing false hours. Pardo snapped. He quietly started to buy guns and ammo and began meticulously plotting his revenge on Sylvia. One week before Christmas, the divorce was finalized.

By this time, Pardo had acquired a veritable arsenal and he set his plan in motion. He rented two cars. One of them he loaded with food, water and maps of Mexico and parked it near the home of his wife’s divorce lawyer. In the other he put his guns, hundreds of rounds of ammunition and a gift-wrapped box containing a home-

made sprayer connected to a tank of high-octane racing fuel. As well, he booby trapped the car.

On Christmas Eve Pardo put on a Santa outfit he had rented from a local costume rental shop. Into one of his boots he tucked a plane ticket to a friend’s home in Iowa as a backup escape plan. He would blow off the Christmas Eve usher duties he had signed up for at Holy Redeemer Church. He got into the car loaded with weaponry and headed for the home of his ex-wife’s family in Covina.

At the Ortega house in Covina, Pardo’s ex-wife Sylvia, her parents, brothers and sisters, and several kids had gathered for Christmas Eve. The family was enjoying a card game at about 11:30 p.m. when the doorbell rang. Sylvia’s 8-year-old niece opened the door. There was Santa (Pardo) carrying a big wrapped present. Pardo

pulled out his handgun and shot the little girl in the face.

He stepped over her, set down the box and began systematically shooting all the family members, including Sylvia. When he had emptied his 18-round clip, he went back and unwrapped the jet fuel sprayer. He started spraying the fuel around the house, 18 gallons in total, intending to light it off with a tossed road flare. This is where things went wrong for Pardo. The fuel contacted an open pilot flame and exploded into a huge ball of fire badly burning Pardo on his arms and legs.

Pardo, now in agony, retreated from the inferno. The rest of Pardo’s elaborate plans had dissolved. He drove to his brother’s house in Sylmar where no one was home, sat down on the couch and put a bullet in his head.

In Covina, nine members of the

Ortega family were dead and the house was burned to the ground. Three wounded members of the family had escaped before the explosion – the only survivors. In Sylmar, police searched Pardo’s car. The booby trap went off but didn’t injure the officers. In Montrose, a search of Pardo’s house revealed more weapons and a home-made bomb factory. Pardo’s other car, parked near Sylvia’s lawyer’s house in Glendale, was found later. One can assume the lawyer and his family were next on Pardo’s list.

Bruce Pardo was a living, breathing monster who just happened to live his prematurely shortened life right here in Montrose.

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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Fall Into the Holidays

All the seasons have their own special feel to them that make them unique. When I think of autumn, I think of the shift away from carefree summer vacations to families reestablishing their routines and students heading back to school. In California, the cooler weather brings subtle changes to plant foliage and a return to Pacific Standard Time means the evening sky becomes darker earlier. The anticipation of the upcoming holiday season ushers in a sense of excitement of celebrations yet to come as we look forward to spending time with loved ones.

I am finally starting to feel the transition to fall now that Halloween has passed and temperatures have dropped ... somewhat. The summer heat

lingered so long it threw off my change-of-season cues but also, for the first time since 1996, I don’t have any children in school. This adjustment feels strange but I take comfort that I will always be connected to education through work, family and community.

The shift in season also finds me preparing to become a grandmother for the first time which fills me with such delight and gives me something to look forward to in the spring. These two changes, plus a milestone birthday this year, propelled me into a new phase of life and I have since refocused my energy and set new priorities for the changing family dynamic. I am starting to let go of the clutter that has invaded my space and am working toward finishing projects that have remained only in the

planning stages for decades. I want nothing more than a happy healthy grandbaby that has a safe space to explore at Gramma’s house.

With the change of the season and my new outlook on life, I am also learning to affect what I can in my own neighborhood and let go of the things I can’t influence around the world. To that end, I pay attention to the news and vote but try not to let the daily minutia hurt me. I am confident that it will all work out without my input. I will continue to keep my community groups informed about local concerns, encourage others to volunteer and concentrate my efforts on projects that are meaningful to me.

I show up for things that matter and commit to the causes I believe can make a difference. For

example, the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation LA, also known as CV Cares, is doing great work in the Crescenta Valley. It is bringing awareness to the impacts of substance misuse in our schools and community and providing resources to those who need it. This week, IFLA participated in the Glendale Health Festival at Pacific Park and will be hosting its own golf tournament this Friday, Nov. 7 to raise funds for the organization. It has also established a youth ambassador program at CV High School that regularly engages peers on drug and mental health-related issues. The Foundation was named for Chace Malone who attended CVHS and was a friend of my son Ben. Sadly, Ben and Chace both lost their lives a year apart in 2020 and 2021 due

to fentanyl overdose. My dream is that by working with CV Cares and other community partners to help families who struggle we will no longer lose our young people to opioid death or suicide. The time has come to address this issue head on and I am proud to have joined the effort. Learn more at <https://theimpactfoundationla.org/>.

As we move toward the upcoming Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and other holidays, don’t forget to check in on a veteran, student or someone you know who may need some care and assistance. The holidays can be joyous but also a difficult time for some.

Your effort will matter to someone.

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Chamlian Armenian School Recognized as a 2025 California Blue Ribbon School



Excellence at Chamlian Armenian School has again been recognized at the highest levels of the state. The California Dept. of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond have named Chamlian a 2025 California Blue Ribbon School, one of only 31 schools statewide and one of just three private schools in California, to receive this honor.

This recognition follows Chamlian's earlier announcement by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) as a National Blue Ribbon School, reaffirming the school's status as a model of academic excellence, innovation and cultural enrichment.

The California Blue Ribbon School honor celebrates schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and excellence in serving all students. It reflects the dedication of Chamlian's teachers, students and families to fostering a culture of learning, belonging and achievement grounded in faith, language and heritage.

"The California Blue Ribbon School

program celebrates the excellence that defines our state's education system," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. "I am proud to recognize Chamlian Armenian School as a 2025 California Blue Ribbon School for its outstanding academic achievements, innovative learning approach and community engagement. This recognition reflects the extraordinary work taking place in schools across California, and I am honored to have established this opportunity for schools to celebrate their accomplishments and inspire excellence statewide."

"We are deeply honored by this recognition," said Dr. Talin P. Kargodorian, head of school. "To be named among only 31 schools in the entire state and one of just three private schools is an extraordinary achievement. It represents the collective effort of our faculty, our students' determination to grow and our parents' steadfast partnership in advancing excellence."

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Rosemont Students Raise Money for The Pulsera Project



Community Service Day is a national recognition of community members who have provided services or donations for a variety of charities. This year, Rosemont Middle School students and staff culminated three weeks of fundraising for the Pulsera Project. Students in teacher Señora Laura Rivera's Spanish classes and in CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Foundation), facilitated by teachers Shannon Kracker and Lisa Avery, sold pulseras to raise money for artisans in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Pulseras are colorful bracelets woven by artists in indigenous communities.

The Pulsera Project began in 2009 when a group of friends traveling in Central America discovered a community of artisans in the foothills of Nicaragua. The artists were masters of weaving but had little market to sell them in their country. A few of the travelers returned to the U.S. with handfuls of pulseras to sell on behalf of their new friends.

The Pulsera Project now employs nearly 200 artists with Fair Trade jobs, while sharing the vibrant art and uplifting energy of Central American culture with thousands of schools across the U.S. Pulsera sales fund scholarships to schools and universities, healthcare, housing, social enterprise, youth empowerment and other programs in collaboration with leaders and

communities in Central America.

Over the years, artisans and students alike have united around a simple idea – by sharing art, knowledge and ideas across cultural lines, lives can be enriched and expanded.

This year Rosemont students raised over \$4,300 to support the artisans of the Central American Pulsera Project. Through this activity, they helped raise funds as well as raise understanding of people in other countries and how their efforts can make a difference in the lives of others.

The school's top donors were Ella Abedi, Eli Bentsi-Barnes and Vivek Arunachalam. Two Spanish classes raised over \$1,000 each and were awarded with a taco fiesta and movie. The UA Regal Theater surprised the students with popcorn and prizes.

The CJSF Club bought 100 pulseras for the faculty and staff. Colin Crane, a co-founder of the Pulsera Project commented, "We [are] blown away by the enthusiasm and dedication of your school toward the pulsera sale! ... Thank you for all your hard work!"

This event was part of the real-world experience offered by the Spanish textbook. Students developed an awareness and appreciation of cultures and the importance of solidarity, working together in a partnership across communities.

Submitted by Suzanne RISSE

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild Holds Book & Author Luncheon

By Ruth SOWBY

The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild's (LCFOG) annual Book & Author Luncheon kicked off the 68th year of LCFOG's support of the Lusk Orthopaedic Institute for Children, founded in 1911 as Orthopaedic Hospital. On Oct. 28, the lush setting of the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club set the stage for three authors to introduce their new books and the journeys that led to them. The program was introduced by LCFOG President Dee Dee Nuanes and opened with "special guest" 14-year-old Efrain Ordonez, Institute patient ambassador. Efrain was born with one leg shorter than the other. In a nine-hour surgery, Orthopaedic Institute doctors took off Efrain's shorter leg, turned it 180 degrees and reattached it. A prosthesis was also necessary. Efrain became a patient at the Institute when he was 9 years old. He is on his second prostheses and will need a third prosthesis as he continues to grow. A video screened at the luncheon showed Efrain's literal steps to healing. According to Institute Vice President Mary Beth Perrine, Efrain's



treatment to date has cost over \$50,000. "This group has been selfless," said Perrine. (LCFOG has donated a good portion of that money.) Said Efrain, "I'm grateful for all your donations." The program continued with an audience of 160 members and guests who were all ears as each author read excerpts of their books. The first author was Kim Fay who presented her books "Kate & Frida" and "Love & Saffron." "The pandemic changed everything for me; I wrote a brand new novel in three months," said Fay. Next up was Ellen Byron with her novels, "A Very Woodsy

Murder" and "Solid Gold Murder." She considers her five mystery series "a love letter to Los Angeles." The third and final author was Jane West Bakerink with her children's book, "Piney the Lonesome Pine." Bakerink described how she and her husband produced an animated musical of the book. "We sold our house to do it," she said. In 2026 a plush version of Piney will be on the market. The luncheon was chaired by Joan Cleven with special thanks extended to Once Upon a Time bookstore and LCFOG husbands who manned the cash registers.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: LCFOG Luncheon authors and their books are, from left, Jane West Bakerink, Ellen Byron, and Kim Fay were introduced by LCFOG President Dee Dee Nuanes. ABOVE: Efrain Ordonez, 14, patient ambassador of the Lusk Orthopaedic Institute for Children, is joined by Ozzie the mascot and Institute Vice President Mary Beth Perrine. BELOW: Author Kim Fay shows off her latest book to luncheon guest Julie Book.



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Thanksgiving Day Run & Food Drive Returns for 32nd Year

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge will host the 32nd annual Thanksgiving Run & Food Drive on Thursday, Nov. 27. The professionally-timed race will begin at 8:15 a.m. at Olberz Park, 900 Town Center Drive in La Cañada, with awards for top finishers. The Kids' Mile Run for children aged 12 and under will begin at 9:30 a.m. with awards for top finishers and medals for all participants.

Once again, the Community Center has partnered with NASA Services to collect food drive donations during the month of November.

Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items are welcome. Gift cards may be dropped off at the Community Center office during business hours. Donations will be given to Sue's Garden in La Crescenta for distribution to local families in need.

Advance registration for the Run is highly recommended; walk-up registration is not guaranteed. Volunteer opportunities are also available. For more information on the Thanksgiving Run & Food Drive visit CCLCF.org/Run or call the main office at (818) 790-4353.



File photo
The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting the 32nd annual Thanksgiving Day Run & Food Drive on Nov. 27.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Vacant Land Scam

Dear Phyllis,
I have been following your real estate advice for years. I wanted to share a recent experience that I had to warn your readers. At the beginning of the year, I looked for land in Victorville since I have one of my businesses there. I found a property and made an offer. While in escrow, I found a better opportunity and canceled the first deal. I closed escrow on the new property in January and thought I had made a great investment. Fast-forward to April. I received a letter from the Title Company notifying me of the fraudulent purchase. I immediately called their attorney, thinking this had to be a mistake, but unfortunately, it wasn't. While I'm still unsure who scammed me, I worked through the

listing agent, who claimed to know the out-of-state seller personally. The Title Company did reimburse me for the cost of the land, but I'm out \$4,000-\$5,000 in property taxes and closing costs. In the future, how can this vacant land scam be avoided?

— **Burned in the High Desert**

Dear Burned in the High Desert,
Thank you for sharing your story. I'm so sorry this happened to you. Unfortunately, out-of-area vacant land scams are becoming more common. To protect yourself and others in the future, here are a few key steps every buyer should take:

- 1. The Seller's Identity Should be Confirmed**
Make sure that the Realtor

verifies the "seller" through public records. Then verify the "seller" through a photo ID.

- 2. Be Leary of DocuSign**
The listing agent should confirm the "seller" address noted on public records. Scammers often create fake email addresses and phone numbers. Always contact the property owner using the address noted on public records.
- 3. Ask Your Agent to Verify Everything**
A great Realtor should go beyond surface details. Find out how the listing agent knows the "seller". Request that title records be checked and ask the Escrow Officer to check signatures if possible.

Warm regards.

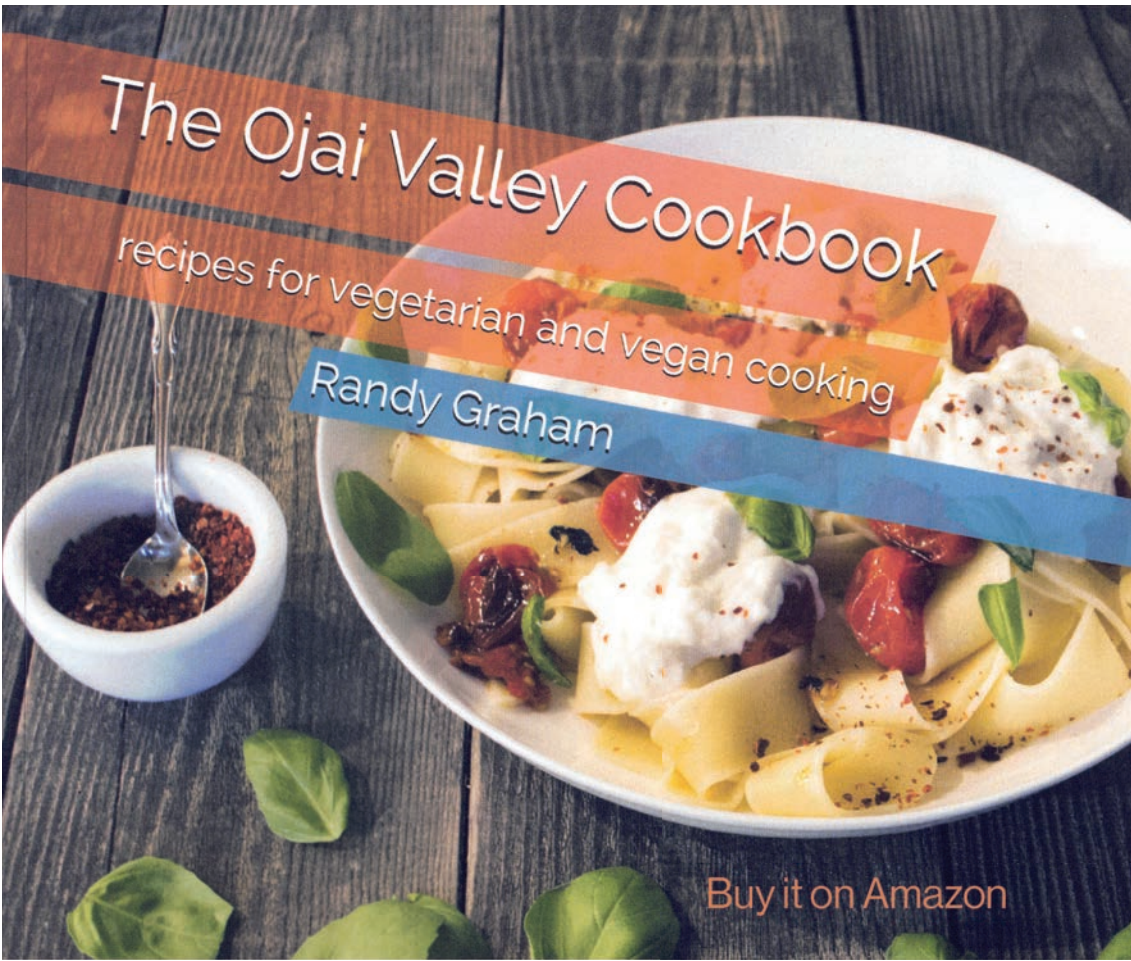
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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Dinosaurs, Bricks and Bounce Houses: A Weekend at the Fairplex

By Charly SHELTON

Pomona’s Fairplex roared to life last weekend – quite literally – as Jurassic Quest and Brick Fest Live shared the sprawling event halls for a three-day family takeover of prehistoric proportions. Between the animatronic dinosaurs, the bounce houses and the occasional plastic brick underfoot, it was equal parts chaos and delight – which is to say, a perfect weekend for kids.

I brought my two sons – 5 years old and 1 and a half – to see what was offered. From the moment we walked in, we were greeted by a towering Giganotosaurus, bellowing loud enough to rattle the strollers. The entire dinosaur exhibit had been dressed up for Halloween with a T. rex wearing a chicken hat and a Coelophysis decked out in a hot dog cape. It was absurd and adorable all at once – and loud. Very loud.

For the kids, though, the noise only added to the adventure. The dinosaurs roared and snapped their jaws, delighting some and terrifying others. My youngest clutched my shoulder hard every time the Baryonyx opened its mouth then promptly declared “T. Reeceeeex!” with the enthusiasm of a child discovering a new favorite word. That alone made the whole trip worthwhile – a proud paleontology dad moment if ever there was one.

Behind the main dinosaur hall was the excavation station where kids could dig for “fossils” in bins of sand, and a small craft corner for coloring and creating their own prehistoric masterpieces. But as any parent could predict,



Photos by Charly SHELTON



the real draw was the play area – a sea of bounce houses, inflatable slides and rideable dinosaurs. That’s where we spent most of our time as the boys bounced themselves into exhaustion and I silently calculated how many gallons of hand sanitizer we’d need afterward.

Sharing the fairgrounds was Brick Fest Live, which sounded like it would be a LEGO lover’s dream. In practice, it felt more like a bonus attraction tacked onto the main event. There were some impressive life-sized builds – a Minotaur, a globe, a few

recognizable pop-culture icons – but the displays were sparse. A large LEGO mosaic of a dinosaur anchored one corner next to a building zone where my older son happily spent the better part of an hour creating his own tiny masterpieces.

Oddly, some of the best parts of Brick Fest were hidden – a couple of small building tables and a LEGO drag race track tucked away in the exit hallway, which we only found on our way out. Still, for a LEGO-obsessed kid it was heaven. And for a toddler who just discovered dinosaurs,

it was like meeting his new best friends.

Not everything was picture-perfect – a few of the dinosaur animatronics looked a little worse for wear and some of the “educational” signs had some factual inaccuracies – but it didn’t matter. The kids weren’t there for paleontological accuracy; they were there for spectacle, sound and the sheer joy of running wild among roaring dinosaurs.

By the end of the day, we left with two tired, happy boys – one proudly clutching a new dinosaur hat, the other with a Brick Guy

action figure. For all of its noise and chaos, Jurassic Quest and Brick Fest Live delivered exactly what they promised: a few hours of family fun, some wide-eyed wonder and just enough dinosaur magic to make a kid fall in love with science – or at least with T-Rex.

Last weekend’s event has come and gone, but Jurassic Quest is happening in the SoCal area again soon, including pop-ups in Ventura and Del Mar in January. Check its website for more dates and info at JurassicQuest.com.

THEN & NOW

Then: Here we see construction on a grand resort hotel in 1927 perched on the top of the San Rafael Mountains overlooking La Cañada and Pasadena. Financed by Flintridge developer Frank Flint and designed by noted architect Myron Hunt, the hotel was not successful financially. It was sold to the Biltmore chain who also failed to fill rooms there. It went up for auction in 1931.

Now: The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose were planning a girl’s school in Sierra Madre but instead bought the defunct hotel, including furnishings and acreage, for a paltry \$150,000. Since then Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy has successfully operated as a prestigious Catholic girls’ school for grades one through 12. The original buildings, shown here, and most of the original furnishings, have been meticulously maintained.

Sacred Heart Academy

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

Scene in LA - November 2025

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Whatever the season, it's always a great time to go out and enjoy one or more of these fabulous shows playing currently in our local theaters!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue so bring a face mask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is its current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theater before definite plans are made.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month, or are already running:

"Bluebeard's Castle" The long years of war are over and the towns and villages lie in ruins. The air is filled with the wails of widows and mothers in mourning but also with the peal of wedding bells as a young girl is married off to a war hero with a wicked past – it's rumored that his previous wives were killed or buried alive in his castle. Who would give a girl to be the bride of a monster?

Written and directed by Sofia Streisand, with music by Sergey Rubalsky and Artem Petaykin, lyrics by Elena Hanpira, it runs Nov. 1 through Nov. 30 at the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055 or visit www.OdysseyTheatre.com.



"Grease" Featuring two alternating casts of impressive local and regional performers and accompanied by the VOPA Vinyl band, led by music director Lindsay Aldana, "Grease" tells the story of a group of high school seniors who find unexpected friendship and undeniable love, all against a backdrop of iconic 1950s nostalgia. With all the sass of the Pink Ladies, swagger of the Burger Palace Boys and toe-tapping hits like "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightning," "Hopelessly Devoted to You" and "You're the One That I Want," this show delivers an irresistible mix of humor, heart and high-energy fun.

Written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, with music by Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey, and directed by Dylan F. Thomas, it runs Nov. 1 through Nov. 16 at the Debbie Reynolds Mainstage in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit www.elportaltheatre.com.



"The Heart Sellers" We meet the women – one Filipino, one Korean – during their chance meeting at a supermarket on Thanksgiving Day 1973. Longing for connection, Luna invites Jane to her apartment. While their medical-resident husbands work through the night, the women bond over life in America, the families they left behind and how to cook a frozen turkey.

Written by Lloyd Suh and directed by Jennifer Chang, it runs Nov. 1 through Nov. 16 at the South Coast Repertory Julianne Argyros Stage in Costa Mesa. For tickets, call (714) 708-5555 or visit www.scr.org.

"Perfect World" A new musical based on the life story of Barbara Follett, a precocious and prodigious child writer who had an extraordinary love of writing and words. Since age 4, she wrote copiously and prolifically, all on a typewriter. She specifically wrote about Farksofia, her Perfect World where happiness reigns and people live in harmony with nature. Barbara wants nothing more than for people to read her books and turn her perfect inner world into reality. But life, and even love, conspire to thwart her every move. Despite publishing two full-length novels to wide literary acclaim by age 14 in the 1920s, Barbara struggles in all attempts to put the rest of her dream down onto the page. At age 25, she succumbs to life's many pressures and disappears, leaving her brilliance

unfulfilled.

Written by Alan Edmunds, with music by Richard Winzeler, lyrics by Alan Edmunds, and directed by Kay Cole, it runs Nov. 1 through Nov. 9 at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit www.perfectworldthemusical.com.



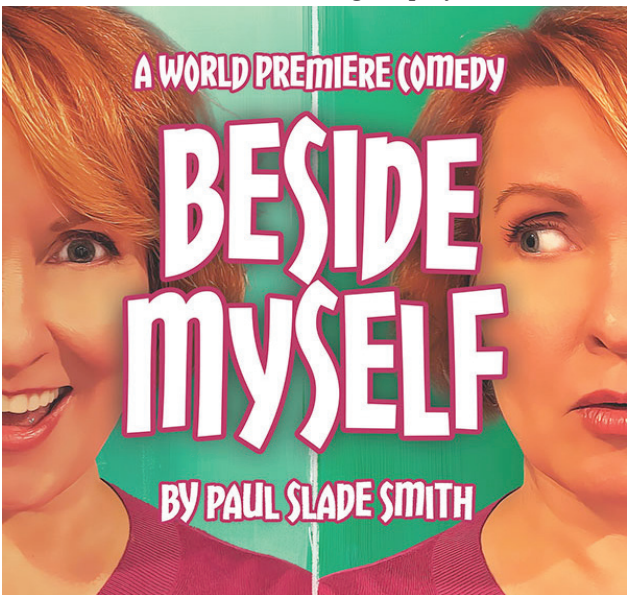
"Peter Pan Goes Wrong" The team behind the hilarious hit "The Play That Goes Wrong" brings its trademark comic mayhem to the J. M. Barrie classic "Peter Pan." The much-loved members of The Cornley Drama Society once again battle against technical hitches, flying mishaps and cast disputes on their way to Neverland with hilarious and (of course) disastrous results.

Written by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, & Henry Shields, and directed by Eric Petersen, it runs Nov. 1 through Nov. 23 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts in La Mirada. For tickets, call (562) 944-9801 or visit www.LaMiradaTheatre.com.



"Beside Myself" Step into the brilliantly inventive world where modern anxiety meets magical possibility as a revolutionary medical procedure creates an unexpected double dose of identity crisis. This witty, surreal comedy sparkles as two versions of one woman wrestle for control with hilarious and profound results.

Written by Paul Slade Smith, and directed by David Ellenstein, it runs Nov. 2 through Nov. 16 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit www.lagunaplayhouse.com.





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“Chicago” Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, “Chicago” is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer, who maliciously murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate Velma Kelly by hiring Chicago’s slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today’s tabloids.

Written by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse, with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and directed by David Hyslop, it runs Nov. 7 through Nov. 9 at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center in Thousand Oaks. For tickets, visit www.BroadwayInThousandOaks.com.



You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

LCPC Presents Jazz Vespers on Nov. 9 with a Thanksgiving Theme

The Jack Lantz Sextet will present a Jazz Vespers concert and worship experience featuring jazz versions of hymns, spirituals and gospel music in the La Cañada Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. The theme of this event is thanksgiving.

LCPC Jazz Vespers is presented live and in-person in the sanctuary at LCPC. In addition, it will be live-streamed – use the link: live.lacanadapc.org.

No charge (free will offering received) and no reservations required for this hour-long event. Join us for an extraordinary celebration as we celebrate life and pray for peace around the world.

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.


For further information, call the church office at (818) 790-6708 or visit lacanadapc.org.



VETERANS DAY EVENT

November 11, 2025
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The Glendale City Council invites you to honor those who have served. Enjoy a complimentary lunch, connect with supportive resources, and let us express our gratitude for your service. All community members are welcome to attend, and all attendees will be awarded a challenge coin.



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

All are invited today, Thursday 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/5n6k4nw>.

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

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The Club next meets on Nov. 7 when it hosts Sonya Blake of the Valley Economic

Alliance who will give a program on the State of the Valley.

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.

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.

CALTECH WIND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS FALL CONCERTS

The Caltech Wind Orchestra presents fall concerts on Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9 in Ramo Auditorium.

Directed by Dr. Glenn D. Price, the fall concert feature the same program of music by Daugherty, Whitacre, Gregson and Kucharzyk. Saturday's concert will be joined by Azusa Pacific wind ensemble (John Burdett, director) and Sunday's concert will be joined by CSU Northridge wind ensemble (Lawrence Stoffel, director).

Admission is free and no tickets

or registration is needed.

For more information visit pva.caltech.edu or call (626) 808-2641. The Ramo Auditorium is located on the Caltech campus at 332 S. Michigan Ave. in Pasadena.

MUSIC AT BACK DOOR BAKERY

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus), which were dark during summer. It is now active!

There is live music every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in

La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

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

CCLCF EVENTS

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

•Registration for Fall II Programming is open. Classes started Oct. 20 but it's not too late to join. Register/learn more at cclcf.org.

•Register today for the CCLCF Thanksgiving Day 5K Run & Kids' Mile. Volunteer opportunities available. Register/learn more at cclcf.org/run. In conjunction with the Thanksgiving Run, CCLCF is also hosting a food drive. Donation bins are located at the Community Center (4469 Chevy Chase Dr., LCF). Also accepted are non-perishable foods, hygiene products and grocery store

gift cards throughout the month of November. Gift cards can be left with the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or virtual gift cards can be sent to office@cclcf.org.

•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.

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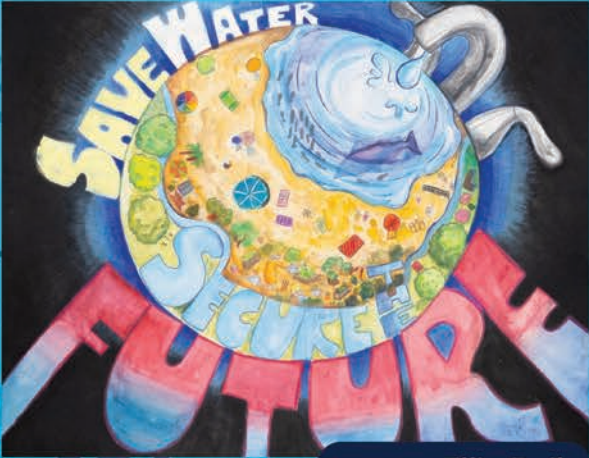


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Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) is excited to announce that two talented students from the District's service area have been selected as winners for the 2026 Metropolitan Water District "Being Water Wise Is" Student Art Calendar Contest.



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5th Grade
Monte Vista Elementary



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- 1) Common landscaping plant

6) Cereal holders

11) Kept away from prying eyes

14) Astrological ram

15) "Farewell, mon ami"

16) High card

17) Declaration from Shakespeare's masseuse?

19) ___-tac-toe

20) Baby's foot (var.)

21) One not getting an Olympic medal

23) Heavenly bodies

26) Bell tower

27) One of four suits

28) "El ___" (John Wayne film)

30) Dinner crumbs

31) Areas around altars

32) Genetic letters

35) "And more," in lists

36) Mollify
- 38) Maple product

39) "No whispering!"

40) Davenport native

41) Lion relative

42) Spookily

44) More cherished

46) Restroom alternative, in a hospital

48) Most alluring, in slang

49) Clear wrap brand

50) Bread units

52) Prefix with "tone," "bar" or "metric"

53) Stag out-of-body experience?

58) "Gloria in excelsis ___"

59) Floating among the clouds

60) Certain opera voice

61) Little toymaker

62) Spacek who was Carrie

63) "Riders to the Sea" playwright

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By Timothy E. Parker

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- 1) "A likely story!"

2) Mined rock

3) Title for Walter Raleigh

4) Is precariously perched

5) Arrange by type

6) Thai bills

7) Poems of tribute

8) Lean, strong and flexible

9) Money for a Romanian

10) Rent from a renter

11) Positive milliner's motto?

12) Less cordial

13) Express strong disapproval of

18) Pedicurists' targets

22) Antiquated

23) Pumps and clogs

24) Capital of Western Australia

25) What the hen topped off her scale-model building with?

26) Obnoxious child, to a sitter

28) Tooth problem

29) Arabian Peninsula nation

31) Shed tears

33) Directory contents

34) Detached

36) Toothy fishes

37) Tender cut of meat

41) ___ Park (Prince's house)

43) Antipollution org.

44) Bird of peace

45) Puts forth, as pressure

46) Less-played part of a 45 record

47) Artist's stand

48) Heavily marbled, as meat

50) Neighbor of Cambodia

51) Show-___ (hotdogs)

54) ___ Lilly of pharmaceuticals

55) Place to lodge

56) Feature of London weather

57) Before, poetically

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I Have A \$2,450 Bill From My Medical Provider. But I’m covered!

Adrianna Gatlin is facing a \$2,450 debt after Pediatrix Medical Group bills her directly for medical services. Why didn’t it send her the correct form to process her claim?

Question: After my daughter’s hospitalization, Pediatrix Medical Group sent me a bill instead of billing my medical sharing group Medishare. Each time I called, it promised to send a Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) form so I could submit the claim myself, but it never arrived – even after six months of calls, emails and letters.

Now it has sent the \$2,450 bill to collections. I did everything I could to resolve this. Why won’t it provide the paperwork it needs to get paid?

–Adrianna Gatlin, Loxahatchee, Florida

Answer: Medical providers have a responsibility to bill insurers – or in your case, a medical cost-sharing group – correctly and promptly. Federal law requires providers to submit claims in a timely manner, typically within 90 to 180 days of service, depending on insurer agreements.

While Medishare isn’t traditional insurance, Pediatrix’s initial willingness to bill it suggests it acknowledged its obligation. In reviewing your correspondence

with Pediatrix, it looks as if the company was having some trouble finding your membership information through Medishare. But this should have resolved this quickly. Instead, you endured months of empty promises followed by a referral to a debt collector. It should have never gone that far.

Under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you have the right to dispute the debt in writing, which you did. The collections agency must cease collection efforts until they validate the debt. Pediatrix’s refusal to furnish the HCFA form likely violates its own billing policies and potentially the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, which mandates that providers cooperate with patients to resolve billing disputes.

Here’s what should have happened: Pediatrix should have either billed Medishare directly or provided the HCFA form immediately after your first request. Instead, it appears to have stonewalled you – a common tactic to pressure patients into paying out-of-pocket.

You did almost everything right.

You didn’t have an extensive paper trail, which suggests you tried to resolve this by phone. Escalating to executives earlier could have helped. Pediatrix publishes the names of its executives on its website. Email addresses at Pediatrix follow the format `firstname.lastname@pediatrix.com`.

To keep this from happening, always confirm a provider’s status before treatment and request written confirmation of billing agreements. If it refuses to cooperate, escalate your case immediately – don’t wait for a referral to collections.

I contacted Pediatrix on your behalf. The company dismissed your debt and made arrangements to process your claim with Medishare.

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

Tickets available (adults & teens: \$15; kids 12 and under: \$10). Tickets are limited; visit cclcf.org/events for more info.

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

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

HEAL WITHIN 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.

Moon started his career with

In-N-Out as a senior in high school ... and never left! After working at several locations, he “graduated” to store manager and then divisional manager. He will share In-N-Out’s history, the Snyder family, the secret items on the menu and other fun facts about the In-N-Out restaurants.

This event is on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m., is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. It is held at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com November 3, 2025 - November 9, 2025

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Give your feet the loving care and attention they need. You may be prone to spraining your ankles. Wear shoes that feel right and give you the necessary support. If in doubt, find a specialist to give your feet and toes some expert attention. The better your feet feel, the better you feel.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Life looks great on all levels, and that includes your health. Your soaring optimism is the main reason you feel so good. You have plenty of positive energy to deal with any intense or stressful situations. You might feel slightly more tired than usual. Rest is the answer.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You’re in good shape now. You might be more susceptible to subtle atmospheres that cause you to feel off center. You aren’t about to catch a virus, but your boundaries may not be as strong as usual. You may feel overwhelmed, but you can try visualization to help ward off those negative energy fields.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Remember to tune into your feelings. The cosmos may add some extra tension to the mix. Stay in the flow and you’ll have abundant energy. You could have too much fun, however. Keep up the practice of eating good food, exercising, and treating your body with the respect it deserves.

LEO July 23 - August 22

This is a very boisterous and upbeat time in which there isn’t too much to stop you from making progress. You might be doing more socializing, so give your body a chance to recuperate. There is plenty of excitement around, so try and pace yourself.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It’s time to think ahead. Take a look at your health priorities and create a set of viable goals for the coming months. You might benefit from a strategy that enables you to reach your targets step by step. If you need a personal trainer’s help, this is a good time to locate one.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You’re developing a new relationship with your health. You may be drawn

to some interesting alternative healing methods. You’re eager to experiment and willing to try anything to bring your health into harmony with yourself. This is a good time to research options and discover the resources out there. A world of health awaits you.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Continue your quest for harmony and balance in mind and body. You’re used to going out on a limb as far as your health goes. You seem to be looking for answers to some of your most urgent questions, but you aren’t looking where everyone else is looking. The cosmos encourages you to explore. Keep an open mind and you may find hidden treasure.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The Universe is bringing a new openness and awareness your way, so you might want to change a few things. One of your first goals might be to make your home as organic and health oriented as possible. Perhaps your kitchen needs sprucing up. Make it perfect for cooking the healthy food you love. You might want to grow some vegetables, too.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

With many thoughts flitting through your brain, you could be so busy dreaming up wonderful plans that you forget you even have a body. What this means in reality is that you could have a tendency to try to do more than you’re able. Reconnect your head with the rest of your being.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

A health issue that has caused you problems may be about to change for the better. You may get the information you need to make a more informed choice about available treatments. Perhaps you’ll find a new consultant who can pinpoint exactly what’s wrong. Either way, things are looking up.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

One of the most important things you can do for yourself is work out regularly. This keeps you grounded and centered, helps you beat the blues, and keeps your circulation and heart in good order. Make your body a priority or it could start to cause trouble when you least expect it.

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BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER» OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS

Celebrating Thanksgiving with a Holiday Mixer

As the Chamber looks ahead to the holidays (can you believe Halloween is already over?), we're delighted to have a "Friendsgiving" mixer with the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber. It'll be on Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We look forward to celebrating the blessings that we have experienced in the last year including

our friends at the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber. Despite being so busy they've made time for us and for that we're grateful. We hope you can make it to our joint mixer on Nov. 13!

The CV Chamber has a fun outing to wind up each month, though we'll be dark in November and December due to the holidays. Our "social hour" is on the last Wednesday of the month at various local establishments and

is a chance to informally get together and meet the Chamber board while enjoying some food and beverages. Because of the informality of it we are all responsible for our own checks (though sometimes a brew is offered to the first person to show!). We recently met on Oct. 29 at John Sparr Tavern on Ocean View Boulevard in Sparr Heights. Make sure to visit the CV Chamber website (<https://www.crescentavalleychamber.org/>) to see where we'll be heading to in the New Year!

Looking ahead, visit Albertson's grocery store on Nov. 29 to see some great cars – plus meet members of the CV Chamber. About 60 antique, vintage and classic cars will be on display from 10 a.m. to noon.

We always welcome new folks and businesses to our Chamber.

We are happy to announce the recent additions of Trisha Falbo and Montrose Property Management.

For details on any Chamber event simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto: "Our Business is Your Business."
Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER» MOLLY BURKE

From Brats to Business: What's Next for the Montrose Chamber

The MVCC extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the 46th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest, proudly supported by Babaiaans Law Firm. It's incredible to see Honolulu Avenue filled with families, friends and neighbors celebrating this cherished Montrose tradition.

We are deeply grateful to Babaiaans Law Firm, our event sponsor, for its generosity and commitment to our community. Thank you also to our platinum sponsors: Anheuser-Busch and J's Maintenance; our gold sponsors: The Nahle Group, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Dropstars Plumbing and Holy Redeemer St. James School; and our silver sponsors: Daniel Fraise Insurance, YMCA of the Foothills, Nicole Schlueter with Think Real Estate, Rich Boccia, Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital,

Caspian Services, Athens Services and CV Weekly. We are so thankful to each of them for helping make this event possible.

We'd like to recognize our amazing volunteers from Clark Magnet High School and the CV AFJROTC for their hard work with setup, cleanup and support that made the event a success. We also extend our sincere thanks to the Glendale Police Dept. for keeping our event and our community safe.

Lastly, a very special thank you goes to our dedicated event committee: Chris Waldheim of J's Maintenance, Laurie Jo of Laurie Jo Designs, Joe Allen, Adam Franko from YMCA of the Foothills, Kim Fraise from Daniel Fraise Insurance, and Rich Boccia, who work tirelessly to bring this event to life and keep it running smoothly.


As the tents come down, the momentum continues! We recently

celebrated the new location of Current Season in the Montrose Shopping Park. Be sure to stop by and see its beautiful space for yourself!

Looking ahead, join us on Wednesday, Nov. 12 for a free Lunch & Learn workshop with Eddie Konialian of Netwrk.vip to sharpen your networking skills. Then on Thursday, Nov. 13, celebrate the season at our Friendsgiving Mixer with the CV Chamber at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave.. Bring non-perishable food donations for the Bailey Center and help share the spirit of giving.

It's a busy, meaningful month for the Chamber and we can't wait to see you at one, or all, of our November events!

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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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Chamlian extends its appreciation to State Superintendent Tony Thurmond for recognizing schools of distinction across California and to Glendale City Councilmember Elen Asatryan whose advocacy helped bring this recognition to the state’s attention.

“Chamlian’s recognition as a Blue Ribbon School is a proud moment not just for our community but for all of Glendale. You continue to set a shining example of what commitment to education, excellence and culture can achieve,” said Glendale Councilmember and former mayor Elen Asatryan. “Thank you to Superintendent Thurmond for his leadership and steadfast support of education and our Armenian community, and to Dr. Kargodorian and the Chamlian family for taking the school to new

heights. I look forward to our continued collaboration in advancing educational excellence and celebrating our heritage across Glendale and beyond.”

According to the California Dept. of Education, Blue Ribbon schools represent the highest levels of performance statewide, based on overall student achievement and progress in closing opportunity gaps among subgroups. The California Blue Ribbon School recognition program, established to honor certified nominees of the cancelled National Blue Ribbon program, will be awarded for this year only.

California Blue Ribbon schools will be formally celebrated at the California School Recognition Program ceremony in spring 2026 hosted by the California Dept. of Education.

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MVCC Upcoming Events:

On Wednesday, Nov. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. – Lunch and Learn: Networking at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave, Montrose

On Thursday, Nov. 13 – Friendsgiving

Mixer with the CV Chamber from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave, Montrose

On Sunday, Nov. 16 – MVCC & Think Real Estate free Neighborhood Shredding Event from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA, 1930 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada in the lower parking lot. To reserve a spot, text/call Nicole Schuleter at (760) 420-5181 or email her at thinknicoles@gmail.com.

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