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## Council Considers Agendizing Item

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council once again took up a request by Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian “to agendize a discussion of the removal of certain city-owned parking lots from consideration in the City-Owned Residential Overlay (CORO) in the General Plan Land Use Element Update and Surplus Lands Act (SLA) approvals.”

Mayor Ara Najarian agreed to entertain another discussion of the inclusion of these properties in the state listing of “surplus properties,” potentially leading to the development of these city-owned parking lots.

“It does not mean that I’m in favor of this – in fact, I see this as an opportunity to frankly and directly address some of the miscommunication and false information that’s out there,” he said. “Unfortunately, this has turned into a campaign issue that is being ginned up.”

Councilmember Elen Asatryan said that given the issue will already be coming back to Council for further deliberations it would be irresponsible to spend additional funds and expect more work from staff.

Councilmember Ardy Kasakhian voted to revisit the list of surplus land in an attempt to respect the wishes of Councilmember Gharpetian. That discussion will be held at an upcoming Council meeting. The consideration of removing the specified parking lots from the CORO will not be part of that debate unless one of the three council members who voted to include the lots in the land use plans votes for reconsideration, in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

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## Wreaths Across America Honors Veterans

By Ruth SOWBY

*Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom.*

On Saturday, Dec. 13, at Verdugo Hills of Peace Pioneer Cemetery in Tujunga, wreaths were placed on the graves of 51 who fell in service to the United States. The wreaths were placed by Wreaths Across America, which organized the event to remember and honor the service of the nation’s deceased veterans. This is the fourth year that the cemetery has participated in the national nonprofit’s event. People in over 5,200 U.S. cemeteries gathered to place wreaths on the graves of those fallen in service to America.

Members of American Legion Post 377 participated in a remembrance ceremony at the cemetery in Verdugo Hills. Second Vice-Commander Juvi Segura introduced each part of the program. The colors were presented by members of the Firefighter EMS Magnet of James Monroe High

School. The pledge of allegiance was led by USAF reserve member Elliot Segura.

A highlight of the program was the participation of the Legion’s Auxiliary Juniors.

“Today, we remember lives, not deaths,” said Isabel Ramirez, 13. She added that the circular shape of the 10 wreaths on display represent “eternity.” A rifle salute and “Taps” ended the ceremony.

Auxiliary Junior Yarefzi Guzman, 13, placed a wreath on the gravestone of World War II veteran Fernando Lansing.

Guzman, the daughter of a Marine vet, said, “I’m happy and proud to honor the fallen veterans.” This is the second year that Yarefzi has participated in the wreath laying. Proud mom Griselda Guzman stood nearby. Both saluted veteran Lansing.

Craig Durst, volunteer caretaker of Verdugo Hills Cemetery, opens the cemetery to the public on the third Saturday of every month.

At Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR/DAR from the Martin Severance Chapter of Pasadena, Don José Verdugo Chapter of La Cañada Flintridge in the Crescen-



Photo by Ruth SOWBY  
Scout Troop 315 member Maddox Rico, 9, carries a wreath during the remembrance ceremony at Tujunga’s Verdugo Hills of Peace Pioneer Cemetery.

ta Valley and Sons of American Revolution laid 660 wreaths on veterans’ graves at Mountain View Cemetery.  
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## GPD Chief Cid to Move on to Chief of Police in Anaheim

By Mary O’KEEFE

On Dec. 3 the City of Glendale released a statement regarding the departure of Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid.

Cid, who has been the GPD chief since January 2023, has accepted the position of police chief with the Anaheim Police Dept.

“I had not been looking,” Cid said in an interview with CVW.

He added he was happy with his role as chief at GPD; however, this opportunity “kind of searched me out.”

At first he was not interested but after “some conversation” and looking at everything the position had to offer he decided to make the move.

“It was a tough decision – really tough – because I’ve really come to love this organization,” he said. “I’ve fallen in love with this community; both the community and the department have been incredibly embracing of me and things are going really well here but it’s an opportunity that gives me a chance to take some big steps forward.”

Another consideration that played a role in Cid’s decision was his current commute to work. Whereas he currently drives an hour and a half to the Glendale Police Dept., he will only be about 20 minutes away in his Anaheim office. This allows him more time with his young children.

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File photo  
Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid believes that a good relationship with the community and the department is a key to success. Chief Cid’s last day with Glendale is today, Thursday, Dec. 18.

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## Real Versus Fake

I know I could be talking about a variety of things (real versus fake) but in keeping in the season, I'm talking about Christmas trees.

I'm a "real" girl. Ever since I could remember we had a real Christmas tree. It's funny but all of these years later I can't remember actually shopping for a tree though I know we (obviously) did. There's no way my dad would have gone somewhere to chop down our Christmas tree.

And we never went in for those flocked Christmas trees that were pink, white or blue. Nope – my family was strictly the forest green type of people.

I do remember that after my dad died (in 1977) and my sister and I married, my mom got a much smaller tree. She would bring in a small round wood table from the backyard, shroud it in a Christmas tree skirt and place a short (maybe three or four foot) tree atop the table. Thinking back, it looked nice.

Growing up, Steve and his family actually had a Christmas tree lot. For a couple of years he'd be out there with his brothers and dad, selling trees and hauling them onto people's cars. Now that's a magical job! I do remember, though, that one Christmas season was particularly hot and windy, drying out the trees. Yuck!

Since Steve and I set up our own house, we've always had a real tree. I

remember one year buying it on Christmas Eve like they do in one of the movies we watch every year. What a disaster that was! Not only did we not get a discount, but putting it up and decorating it on Christmas Eve was a pain in the neck! That is not something I want to repeat.

In the early years when fake trees were coming to market, they looked artificial. First, there was no smell; I love the smell of a real Christmas tree. Second, they looked fake. Many of the early ones were made of aluminum – not exactly conducive to the look of a real tree. Fun fact: did you know that the first, early Christmas trees were made in Germany of dyed goose feathers? I can't even imagine!

But artificial trees have come a long way since those early days of feathers and aluminum. Today's trees have evolved from aluminum to plastic and there are even fiber-optic ones. We have an artificial tree outside our office here at CV Weekly and it brings me joy to decorate it.

Who knows? Now that the boys are gone maybe Steve and I will explore the world of artificial trees...

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### » WEATHER WATCH

#### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

It has been a terrible week: the shooting at Brown University in Rhode Island, the mass shooting in Australia targeting Jewish people celebrating the first day of Hanukkah, the death of Rob and Michele Reiner allegedly at the hands of their younger son and then the news that FBI agents, working with local law enforcement, stopped a plot to set off a series of bombs on New Year's in various areas in Southern California. I am not saying that one death or one act of violence is more horrific than another but it just seemed this week that as we got one bad story we were hearing about another one. And no matter how many times we see it, we always seem to be surprised at the evil humans can do.

I started writing this column prior to the tragedies of this week and I think it fits in with trying to find hope and rebirth, which is what this time of year has been about for centuries:

The movie "A Christmas Carol" scared me when I was a kid. I saw the 1955 version (even though there was a newer one) at our local movie house; the newer version was not shown there. The ghosts were so creepy, it was in black-and-white and when [spoiler alert] Scrooge woke up on Christmas morning a changed man ...even that was scary. I was going to try to watch "A Christmas Carol" again but then I found "The Man Who Invented Christmas."

This is such a wonderful film. It was released in 2017 and is the story of how Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol. In Prose. Being a Ghost Story of Christmas."

I love this film for so many reasons. First, it really depicts the art of writing. Dickens spends a lot of time alone in a room talking to himself though in reality he was talking to the characters he was creating ... and they talked back to him! He collected interesting names all of the time,

saw inspiration in everyday things and in the middle of writing ... that is, once he hit his stride ... someone always seemed to interrupt his train of thought.

Then there is the "What have you done lately?" aspect of Dickens' desperation. I have to be honest – though I knew his work I did not know much about the author.

Dickens had massive success with "Oliver Twist" but then he had three not so successful books: "Barnaby Rudge" in 1841, "Martin Chuzzlewitt" in 1843/44 and "American Notes" in 1842 about his travels to America touring with "Oliver Twist."

So publishers, who apparently agreed Dickens was a genius, thought his successful writing career might be over. This film crosses what is historically correct with taking license in other aspects. What was true was that the publishers did not believe in the Christmas ghost story Dickens was pitching; after all Christmas was not popular in the mid 1800s.

In the early 1800s, Christmas in London was not really festive so it is not surprising that Dickens' publisher did not understand the need to highlight a holiday that was not that popular ... but then they didn't understand Dickens' vision.

In the movie, one of Dickens' inspirations came from Tara, an Irish housemaid who worked in his home. This is part of the creative license; however, it does nicely explain the ghosts in "A Christmas Carol." There were a lot of stories about the veil being thin, not just during Samhain [Halloween] but also during the winter season. In the movie Dickens overhears Tara reading "Varney the Vampire." That runs along the same line as the veil between the worlds being thinnest during the winter.

In this film actor Dan Stevens portrays Dickens. He does so with a crazed enthusiasm mixed with a feeling that nothing he writes will be good enough ...

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GWP GOES COAL FREE

Glendale Water & Power’s (GWP) Intermountain Power Project (IPP) agreement has transitioned to a 100% coal-free energy resource, currently operating on natural gas while preparing for future hydrogen use.

The plant is located near Delta, Utah and operated under the supervision of Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power. This change lowers portfolio emissions, reduces long-term carbon-compliance costs and better aligns Glendale with California’s decarbonization requirements while strengthening reliability and supporting cleaner, more resilient energy utilization.

To learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3yw4m979>.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

GLENDALE SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT ON ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN

The City of Glendale’s Economic Development Division (EDD) is seeking community input as it updates its 3-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan, which will guide the City’s economic priorities and initiatives from 2026 through 2029.

To ensure the plan reflects the community’s needs, Glendale is gathering feedback from local businesses, regional partners, nonprofit organizations, and residents. Input collected through a brief survey will help the City better understand Glendale’s current economic landscape and identify opportunities for future growth, strengthening the city’s economic development efforts to support local businesses and attract new ones.

The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Share thoughts by Friday, Jan. 16, 2026.

Take the survey at [Bit.ly/EDPlanSurvey](https://bit.ly/EDPlanSurvey) (case sensitive).

For more information about Glendale’s current 3-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan, visit [ChooseGlendaleCA.com/strategic-plan](https://ChooseGlendaleCA.com/strategic-plan).

ARTIST SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR CITY OF GLENDALE PUBLIC ART LANDMARKS PROJECTS

The Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Dept., on behalf of the City of Glendale’s Arts & Culture Commission (ACC), has announced that submissions are now open for the next round of the Citywide Public Art Landmarks RFQ. This initiative will commission up to 10 long-term or permanent public artworks placed throughout the city to enhance public spaces, celebrate Glendale’s cultural diversity and encourage meaningful community engagement.

Applications are open through Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. This RFQ is for qualifications only and applicants should not submit design proposals at this stage. A shortlist of finalists will be selected to develop concepts and will receive a stipend for their design work.

Each location invites imaginative, forward-thinking approaches that elevate the surrounding public environment.

Artists and artist teams are encouraged to consider how their practice aligns with the needs and goals of each site. Applicants may apply to one or multiple opportunities. A shortlist of artists will advance to the next stage to develop and present full design concepts to the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission.

For more information, visit [GlendaleArtsAndCulture.org/PublicArtRFQ](https://GlendaleArtsAndCulture.org/PublicArtRFQ). To apply, visit [lebasseprojects.submittable.com/submit](https://lebasseprojects.submittable.com/submit).

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NEWS

Chanukah Celebrated at Memorial Park

By Mary O’KEEFE

The Chabad of the Crescenta Valley hosted The Chanukah Festival 2025 at Memorial Park in La Cañada Flintridge on the first day of Chanukah, Dec. 14. About 300 people attended the festive event.

It was held after the news spread of the mass shooting in Australia at Sydney’s Bondi Beach. There were an estimated 1,000-plus people gathered at the beach to celebrate the first day of Chanukah. Without warning shots rang out bringing the deadliest mass shooting in almost 30 years. The gunmen, a man and his son, killed 15 people including a 10-year-old child, a Holocaust survivor and a Chabad rabbi. Over 40 people were transported to the hospital.

“We were all shaken to the core this morning by the horrific news coming out of Sydney, Australia ... The Torah’s message, our message and the message of Chanukah, has always been we respond to darkness with light,” wrote Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum, Chabad of Crescenta Valley, as he invited people to the event.

The event at Memorial Park was a celebration with music by a live klezmer band (a band that play traditional Eastern European Jewish music), lots of wonderful food (including jelly donuts and latkes), a bounce house and games for kids, a fire performer and gelt [gold foil-wrapped chocolate candy coins] dropped from a fire engine ladder courtesy of the LA County Fire Dept.



Photo by Mary O’KEEFE  
Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum, Chabad of Crescenta Valley, stands in front of the menorah while addressing the crowd on Sunday night.

Schneyer [CVW is using his first name only] from Chabad Yeshiva in Los Angeles was at the event dressed in a dreidel costume.

“I wanted to bring happiness to all [of] the people gathered here and bring publicity to the miracle of Chanukah,” Schneyer said. “[Chanukah] symbolizes adding light ... just increasing light and joy in the world and peace and everything good.”

The celebration was full of light – not just the physical sparkling lights on Memorial Park’s gazebo, but the light that comes from smiles and of people having fun; however, the thoughts were never far from mind of those who died and were injured in the latest attack fueled by antisemitism.

Just before the giant menorah candle was lit, Rabbi Grossbaum spoke to those who were at the park.

“This morning we learned about the tragic event that took place down under in Sydney, Australia, and I just wanted to share a little thought about

Chanukah, a message of hope and light,” he said.

He added this was the direction he had originally planned to go with his talk but it seemed even more appropriate at the present time.

“If you’re in a dark room, it doesn’t take a lot of light to turn the darkness into light. Sometimes it can take one single candle, one single act, one good deed,” Grossbaum said.

He lit the first candle.

“One candle, one bit of light,” Grossbaum said. “It’s a reminder to each of us when we find ourselves in such dark times, times that seem so dark we don’t know how we’re going to get out of it.”

He added, “We combat the darkness by lighting one candle .... One good deed, one good morning, one mitzvah ... that’s what it’s all about.”

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LCIF TRANSFORMS ITS SANCTUARY

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) is once again preparing to transform its sanctuary into a beautiful, festive display with the return of its annual Poinsettia Garden – just in time for its Christmas Eve service. The tradition offers a stunning backdrop of vibrant red and pristine white blooms, symbolizing the joy and hope of the Christmas season. All are welcome to donate a poinsettia plant in honor or in memory of a loved one. Plants can also be dedicated to the Glory of God. Red or white poinsettia plants can be dropped off at the church through Wednesday, Dec. 24. Anyone wishing to donate a plant should email the church office at lciffoothills.org to indicate for whom it is being dedicated.

LCIF's Christmas Eve candle

light service will begin at 7 p.m. LCIF warmly invites everyone in the community to attend. The service includes

Scripture, Christmas carols and the singing of "Silent Night" while the sanctuary is illuminated only by candle light.

For more information about all activities at LCIF, please visit the church's website: lciffoothills.org. Those who need pastoral care or are looking to join groups such as Bible study, quilting or book club, can email office@lciffoothills.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.

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MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Michelle Gillette. 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.

MOVIE NIGHT AT UUCVH

The community is invited to movie night at Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills on Friday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. UUCVH will feature a Christmas-themed film yet to be revealed to the public. Will it be a mystery, a comedy or an action-packed blockbuster? Come for the mystery, stay for the fellowship! Come join the growing group of fans! No reservations needed; just jingle your bells on over to 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Then the Dec. 21 service at Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills presents: It's a Wonderful Light: Celebrating the Light and Warmth of Community.

The film "It's a Wonderful Life" offers a reminder of the inherent worth of every human being. On Sunday, Dec. 21 UUCVH will reflect on how "this little light of mine" – each person's unique life force, energy and spirit – helps illuminate the community and the wider world. A bit of background on the film will be presented (including how a house in nearby La Cañada stood in for the new home of an Italian immigrant family whose American Dream is made possible by George Bailey's kindness). Members of UUCVH will recreate a scene or two (scripts provided) and to close will be the lighting of candles to celebrate the beauty of each person's shared light.

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 Dec. 21 & 28. 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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in the real world and, for some, can move them away from engaging in person with friends. “Think about how much information can come to you, how many emails you get in a day and those pings that are constantly going off on your phone to get your attention,” she said. “That’s what the tech systems have created; they want you to buy more stuff, they want you to be on their platform or their app so they make all of these noises to keep you [interested].”

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CRIME BLOTTER

**DEC. 12**  
5000 block of La Cañada Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, several power tools were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Surveillance footage revealed a suspect, dressed in all black clothing, walk toward the victim’s vehicle, open the door and remove the property. The suspect then walked to a black BMW sedan, entered the passenger side and the vehicle drove out of the area.  
The theft occurred between 10 a.m. and noon.

**DEC. 11**  
5400 block of Arroyo Summit Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that she witnessed unknown suspects enter her backyard and attempt to burglarize her residence. The suspects were “scared off” by the motion-activated lighting system at the location.  
Surveillance footage revealed Suspect No. 1, described as wearing a black hoodie, black

pants, black hat, gloves and a mask, in the backyard. Suspect No. 1 entered the backyard and walked toward the residence. Suspect No. 2, described as wearing dark clothing, began walking toward the residence. Suspect No. 3, described as wearing a black hoodie, black pants, grey hat, black mask and gloves, walked toward the camera. Then the backyard lights suddenly turned on and the suspects walked westbound away from the residence and out of view.  
The incident occurred at 3:54 p.m.

300 block of Santa Inez Way in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a burglary alarm call at the location. They conducted an investigation but determined a break-in did not occur. They left the area. The resident then called the CV Sheriff Station again and asked for deputies to return to view surveillance footage. The footage showed three male adults jump over the fence

at the residence. One of the suspects grabbed a long metal pole that was on the ground. The suspects walked toward the east side of the rear of the home and used the metal to strike the door but were unsuccessful. One of the suspects then kicked the glass panels of the door multiple times. The home alarm was activated and the suspects exited the location.  
The incident occurred at 6:27 p.m.

**DEC. 9**  
4600 block of Vinetta Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported his vehicle, a Jeep Wrangler, was stolen. Surveillance footage revealed a white SUV driving past the victim’s residence and out of view. A short time later, three unknown adult males – Suspect No. 1, Suspect No. 2 and Suspect No. 3 – ran into the victim’s vehicle. Suspect No. 1 pried down the front driver window of the vehicle and entered it. Suspect No. 1 entered the vehicle and Suspect No. 2 and Suspect No. 3 ran out of view. Suspect No. 1 drove away with the stolen vehicle with the white SUV following. The theft occurred at 1:42 a.m.  
*Editor’s note:* Details included in the crime reports are taken directly from the reports on file. The Crescenta Valley Weekly is not responsible for the incompleteness or inaccuracies in the original reports.

Fire on Alabama Street

By Mary O’KEEFE  
The Los Angeles County Fire Dept. responded to a house fire in the 2800 block of Alabama Street in La Crescenta on Tuesday night about 11 p.m.  
According to Maria Grycan, LACoFD spokesperson, it was an exterior fire due to malfunctioning holiday lights with no spread to the interior of the home.

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High School Evacuated in ‘Abundance of Caution’

Deputies with the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station, along with Los Angeles County Fire Dept. personnel, responded to La Cañada High School regarding a hazardous materials incident on Friday, Dec. 12. At approximately 12:01 p.m., school officials contacted the fire department after observing two students mixing an unknown liquid substance inside plastic bottles.  
Deputies responded to the campus and, out of an abundance of caution, evacuated the building containing the common area restrooms where the bottles of liquid were located. All remaining students were initially instructed to shelter in place and were later evacuated.  
Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station

deputies, in coordination with La Cañada High School personnel, facilitated the orderly release of students to their parents and legal guardians. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. Arson and Explosives Detail responded to the scene, rendered the bottles safe and took possession of the bottles for further investigation.  
Two 16-year-old male juveniles were detained in connection with this incident.  
Captain Ryan A. Vienna said, “The safety of our schools, youth and community are top priorities. Working collaboratively with school officials and the fire department, we are grateful for the safe resolution of this incident. Our investigators will continue their investigation, and we thank the students and community for their cooperation throughout this matter.”

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station at (818) 248-3464.  
Those who prefer providing information anonymously can call “Crime Stoppers” at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), using a smartphone to download the “P3 Tips” mobile app on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website http://lacrimestoppers.org.  
The Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station reminds residents that mixing any chemicals in a plastic bottle can be extremely dangerous. Common cleaners like bleach and ammonia can react and release poisonous gases, leading to severe respiratory issues, chemical burns or worse.  
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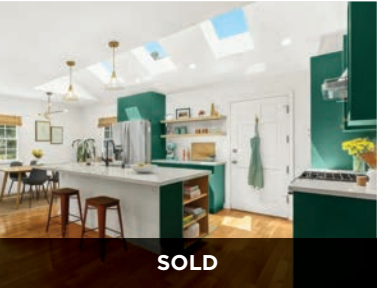
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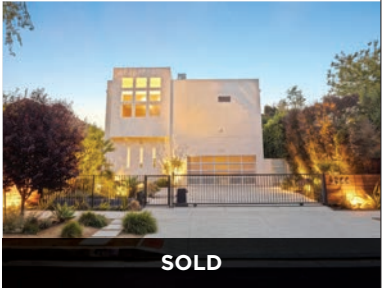
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In other business, the Council authorized the expenditure of up to \$3.4 million to join in a contract with Verra Mobility for the installation of speed cameras at nine locations across Glendale as part of a five-year, six-city pilot program to test the automated speed safety camera system.

AB 645 created the framework to test the new tool aimed at improving road safety and reducing speeding and resulting collisions. During the first 60-day period, only warning notices will be sent out; after that, fines of between \$50 and \$500 can be issued. The cameras only photograph license plates, not drivers or passengers, and all violation data will be kept confidential, only to be used to evaluate the efficacy of the pilot.

The program is anticipated to cost approximately \$1 million per year with citations offsetting the costs and surplus funds being used to pay for additional traffic calming improvements.

The nine locations where the cameras will be installed and additional information about the pilot program can be reviewed at [GlendaleSpeedSafety.com](http://GlendaleSpeedSafety.com).

The entire Council and those

in attendance at Tuesday’s meeting celebrated the work of Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid following the announcement that he is leaving the city to accept a position as police chief for the city of Anaheim.

“It is with a heavy heart that I accepted the position,” Cid told the Council. “I’ve grown to love this community – it feels like a second home.”

He reported he is leaving the Glendale Police Dept. in good shape: staffing is as good as it has ever been; morale is strong; and crime is down 20% overall since 2023.

Also on Tuesday night, the Council voted to authorize the expenditure of \$150,000 to fund an electric vehicle integration study with the University of California, Los Angeles’ Smart Grid Energy Research Center.

Council regular Beth Brooks urged the Council to freeze the study.

“It’s not the amount. This is Phase I of the electrification of all the vehicles in the city, which I think should be frozen at this time if it affects rates of residents,” she said. “This is a precursor to

spending more money. This is something we don’t need.”

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) General Manager Scott Mellon answered Council questions noting that the study would be funded through GWP’s public benefits charges and the Council previously approved \$200,000 for the study to look at various types of protocol communications and interconnections.

“The transportation fleet is electrifying all around the state,” Councilmember Dan Brotman weighed in. “It’s going to happen here, [no matter] whatever anybody thinks. The question is with all these batteries, how are we doing to integrate them with our utility so we can draw down power when we have a shortage during those hot summer afternoons?”

“Do we want to pay a whole bunch of money to provision generation to meet that need? The power is going to be out there – it’s going to be stored in those batteries at the time of day when there is excess and cheap electricity. We want to be smart about using it. This is called ‘demand response.’ This is how you run a modern utility at lowest cost so you’re not building

up a whole bunch of capacity for the few hundred hours out of the year when you absolutely need it. We need to start learning how to do this. To not do this would be, I think, the height of silliness.”

During the period of councilmembers’ comments early in the Council meeting, Councilmember Kassakhian recognized the third night of Hanukkah, sharing “thoughts and prayers to the victims of the Bondi Beach massacre and for all of [our] Jewish friends and neighbors who are celebrating a slightly more somber Hanukkah this year.”

Councilmember Brotman highlighted the Hanukkah candle-lighting ceremony held on the first night of the holiday at the Adams Hill Mini Park, focusing on the positive messages of Hanukkah. He thanked the police for ensuring the crowd felt as safe as possible.

Brotman also reported that he observed trash on the street, reported it through the city’s “MyGlendale” app and that the trash was removed within 24 hours. He encouraged Glendaleans to download the app to request city services. Residents can report problems online as well: [https://](https://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/how-do-i/contact-the-city/report-a-problem-online)

[www.glendaleca.gov/residents/how-do-i/contact-the-city/report-a-problem-online](http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/how-do-i/contact-the-city/report-a-problem-online).

A resident of Glendale’s Rancho neighborhood invited the public to Christmas caroling with horses organized by Equestrian Trails, Inc. and Corral 38 on Sunday, Dec. 21 starting at 12:45 p.m. in the alleyway next to Silver Saddle Stables. In addition to singing Christmas carols “often really poorly,” the event is an opportunity to collect food to share with those less fortunate, the speaker shared. Contact [ranchohorses@gmail.com](mailto:ranchohorses@gmail.com) for more information.

The Council finalized updated procedures for selecting the mayor and opted to hold the 2026 mayoral selection vote in April and in July starting in 2027.

Finally, the Council gave final approval to a residential development at 126-128 Kenwood Street, between Broadway and Harvard Street, of a new 45,983 square foot, five-story, 40-unit multi-family residential project above two levels of subterranean parking with 69 parking spaces.

The Council will meet next on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026.

CHIEF CID from Cover

“That makes a lot of difference,” he said.

Anaheim is a larger police department that covers a bigger city and has many “moving parts” including a large tourism audience drawn to Disneyland, the Anaheim Ducks [hockey] and LA Angels [baseball], to name a few attractions.

“It’s a bigger city with some unique dynamics,” he added, “and

there is work that needs to be done at their organization.”

When Cid arrived at GPD he focused on many issues including recruitment but by working with the department and the community, he was able to increase the staff by about 25 new officers.

“With all the humility in the world, it’s less about me and more about the people here. But we’ve gotten a lot done in the last three

years,” Cid said. “I think the organization is in as good a place as it has been, maybe ever, but certainly in a long time ... And I think you see some of the results of that. Over the last couple of years crime has been significantly decreasing. If you look at the crime numbers from 2023 to where we are now in 2025 you’re talking about a 20% drop across the board. So that is significant.”

He added the GPD team has done a lot to modernize the department in the way of technology and how officers do their work. He contributed a lot to the positive growth with the Real Time Intelligence Center that was launched in late 2024.

“The Real Time Intelligence Center leverages emerging technologies to provide real-time, actionable intelligence to

first responders. This significant investment in public safety represents an unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality of professional policing to Glendale, while striving to be at the forefront of law enforcement,” according to the City of Glendale website.

Cid will be facing a few challenges in Anaheim.

*see CHIEF CID on page 18*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# The Overell Murders – Part Two – The Trial

To recap: In 1947 a sensational murder splashed across the pages of every newspaper in the nation. A young Flintridge heiress, Beulah Louise Overell, and her boyfriend Bud Gollem, were accused of murdering her wealthy parents, Walter and Beulah Overell, to gain a substantial inheritance. Dynamite had blown up the yacht the Overell parents were in soon after Beulah and Bud had visited them.

It seemed an open and shut case. Beulah and Bud had motive. The parents had threatened to write Beulah out of the will if they didn't break off their relationship. Circumstantial evidence was overwhelming. They had just left the yacht when the dynamite went off. Bud had purchased the dynamite earlier, and more dynamite and items that matched the homemade bomb on the boat were found in the trunk of his car. And finally the pair seemingly showed no remorse. So how did the trial go?

Like so many trials, it all came down to the talents of the attorneys. The prosecution made several mistakes while the skillful defense attorneys methodically chipped away at the overwhelming evidence.

Here's just a small sample: The prosecution produced evidence that the two murdered parents had been beaten to death before the explosion. The defense cast doubt on the testimony of the coroner, showing that the wounds could have been the result of unexploded sticks of dynamite ricocheting against their bodies during the explosion. The dynamite in Bud's car was portrayed by the defense as having been purchased on Mr. Overell's instructions to remove tree stumps from their Flintridge property. The prosecution deemed one screw found in Bud's car as being unusual and matching one used in the bomb. The defense proved that the screw was actually quite common. The defense further opined that Mr. Overell had suffered financial setbacks and may have detonated the dynamite himself as suicide. It was a constant back and forth – the prosecution presenting damning evidence and the defense inserting doubt into the evidence's validity.

The trial took on a circus atmosphere showing the prosecution to be less-than-ethical, which probably influenced the jury. The police were found to have bugged the defense's office with microphones. The defense planted seeds of doubt that the trial was objective, that it was merely a vehicle for the head prosecutor's ambitions for higher office. Bud and Beulah had exchanged sexually explicit love-letters in jail, which were intercepted by the prosecution, which in turn fed them to scandal-hungry newspapers.

The trial lasted 19 weeks and jury deliberation 48 hours. But by law, Beulah and Bud were considered innocent. It had been up to the prosecution to prove them guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt." The motive and evidence seemed iron-clad for a guilty verdict. But the defense had inserted enough doubt into the case that the jurors rendered a verdict of "not guilty."

The two love birds were now free to carry on their lives. But during the pressure of the trial and time in jail, the two had soured on each other. They left the courtroom without speaking to each other.


Beulah Overell was now rich from her inheritance. She almost immediately married one of the policemen who had been her jailer and divorced him as quickly. She led a messy life and by 1965 died of alcohol poisoning lying on the floor of her La Vegas home, a loaded gun by her side.

Bud drifted off, became a "carney" for a while and did time in prison for car theft. He bought some land in Northern California and grew marijuana. When tracked down by reporters years later, he claimed to have gotten his doctorate in nuclear physics, but wouldn't say from what college.

The blown up yacht was refloated and repaired. It served for some years as a floating abortion mill. The Overells Flintridge mansion was auctioned off right after the trial for \$58,000. It's still there and Zillow lists it at over \$10,000,000.

And lastly, there's a street called Beulah Drive in Flintridge, named for Mrs. Beulah Overell, Beulah Louis's mother. It's always there to remind us of this unsolved crime.

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## Exploring a Community Land Trust

I ran into a bunch of old Crescenta Valley High Schoolers. It felt like stepping back into a familiar and comforting world. We talked about kids and work and the small details of daily life but underneath almost every conversation was the same quiet reality that housing costs loom over everything.

People I grew up with would love to raise their own families here. But the vast majority cannot. The gap between incomes and home prices has grown so large that even households with good jobs struggle to imagine a path back. In my parents' generation you could grow up in a single parent household and still buy a home on a teacher's salary. Today that's impossible. The ratio of home prices to typical incomes has more than tripled in LA County over the last generation.

Since moving back I have been struck by how little has changed in La Crescenta. Some of that is charming; some is not. Near where I live sits the old motel (the Maylane or the La Crescenta Motel). When I was a kid that building worked. Today it is abandoned and increasingly decrepit. Brush collects. Waste collects. Everyone agrees it is an eyesore. Everyone agrees it is not what we want. Yet proposals to improve it have been rejected again and again and the building keeps sinking into decay.

I understand why people push back. La Crescenta is special. People want to protect the character of this valley. They want to avoid traffic headaches. They want to keep schools from being overwhelmed. They want to preserve the safety and quiet that makes this place feel like home. I feel all of that too.

But stepping back for a moment raises a harder question. What future are we imagining for the next generation if every new project is blocked? We already have a decade of results in front of us. The old motel is crumbling. The old golf course (Verdugo Hills Golf Course) is still empty. Homes are not being built. And the price of doing nothing is that more and more families who love this place cannot stay.

There is a pattern here. It's when communities lose a shared sense that the future will be better than the past that things start to fray. When people cannot imagine a path toward a stable home and a stable life, trust erodes. Politics turn sour. Relationships strain. It is not surprising. It is a natural response to losing the basic belief that working hard will allow you to build a life. We are living through the consequences of the death of the California dream.

Growing up here taught me something important, though. La Crescenta was shaped by people who rolled up their sleeves and built what they needed. This valley is filled with flag lots and DIY additions and stories of families who built homes that worked for them. That is why I think there is a constructive path forward that matches the character of this place rather than fighting it. It is called a community land trust.

The idea is simple. A nonprofit owned by the community buys land and holds it permanently for community benefit. Homes on that land stay affordable for generations. Buyers can build equity but the land remains in trust. The goal is stability and affordability without losing control to outside interests.

Imagine if the old motel site were in a community land trust. The community could choose something better than a decaying shell. It could support homes for young families or seniors or local workers. It could be designed with local input and managed with local priorities. It could be designed by the La Crescenta community rather than developers from out of town. Instead of being a symbol of stagnation it could become a symbol of what we can build together.

The same could be true of the old golf course. People talk about wanting more walkability and more places to gather. A community land trust could help create that. Small shops.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

New Memories Made by those Who Lost Homes in the Eaton Fire



By Ruth SOWBY

Katie and Doug Dickinson lost everything in the Eaton Fire. The couple is now living in an apartment next door to the La Crescenta Woman's Club (LCWC). Katie decided to rent the LCWC Clubhouse to hold a free holiday boutique for others affected by the fires.

"I wanted to do something," she said.

Her plans came to fruition on Sunday, Dec. 7. After promoting the boutique more than 300

RSVPs came in.

All 300-plus visitors filled the Clubhouse between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. A long line had formed before the opening. Seniors, 70 and older, were invited to enter 30 minutes early. LCWC members and friends dropped donations off before the event and on the day of the boutique. Others offered support. Kent Dellenbusch, stationed at the Clubhouse entrance, welcomed all.

Club co-treasurer Robert Mortimer showed off his many pots of succulents for the taking.

Club co-president Carol Stein handled publicity. Handcrafter Julie Kimiko Santos, whose Altadena home had smoke damage, made Christmas ornaments then gave them away saying, "Here's an ornament to start some new memories."

Scout Troop 5935 also made ornaments for Santos to give away.

Some Altadena stores sold goods during the event. Their presence reminded boutique visitors that Altadena merchants were also affected by the fires.

Boutique visitor Debbie

Melahouris lost the Altadena home she was renting. She and her family are now living in Sylmar. Carol Hernandez also lost her Altadena house in the fires. She now lives near Altadena. She and her family haven't yet decided whether they

will rebuild or not. Hernandez walked away from the boutique with her arms full of Christmas wreaths, totes and other holiday decorations.

Clubhouse doors closed on the dot of 4 pm. Many left with brand new memories ready to make.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Having lost his home to the Eaton Fire, Doug Dickinson alerted his neighbors at the start of the fire. Wife Katie organized the free holiday decorations giveaway boutique at the La Crescenta Woman's Clubhouse.

MIDDLE: At the La Crescenta Woman's Clubhouse, Kent Dellenbusch welcomed visitors to the free Christmas boutique for those affected by the Eaton Fire.

RIGHT: Joining LCWC co-treasurer Robert Mortimer in giving away free succulents from his garden are Stephanie Fortin, left, Katie Dickinson, and LCWC co-president Mary Nolte.

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Estate Sale Options

Dear Phyllis,

I've been a longtime reader of your column and always appreciate your real estate insights. My aunt recently passed away, and I'm now responsible for selling her home. I contacted the Realtor who initially helped her purchase the property to discuss listing it and asked for a referral for an estate sale professional.

The vendors I've spoken with have said there's not much demand for her furnishing style. I prefer to avoid the hassle of a garage sale and am hesitant to spend a fortune to have everything hauled away. However, many of her belongings—such as furniture, linens, and kitchenware—could still be helpful to someone.

Do you have any suggestions on handling this part of the process efficiently?

— Amy

Dear Amy,

Thank you for being a loyal reader. You've raised a common issue. Most estate sales don't bring in much unless the home has collectibles or trendy items like mid-century modern furniture. Without that, turnout and profits can be low.

Still, hauling everything to the dump would be a waste. Many of your aunt's belongings could be useful to others. Here are a few ideas:

First, try offering the estate sale company 100% of the profits. This may make the job worth their time and save you

clean-out costs.

Next, consider asking your Realtor if they know someone who could run a garage sale. Letting them keep the proceeds might motivate them to handle everything for you.

Finally, think about donating. Local women's shelters (like the YWCA) often help families furnish new homes. The Ronald McDonald House might need linens and kitchenware. Habitat for Humanity may also accept furniture and household items.

In short, there are ways to clear the house without spending a fortune—and helping others simultaneously. Best of luck to you on the sale.

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# LCFOG Celebrates at LCF Country Club

Members of the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopedic Guild, which raises money for the Lusk Orthopedic Institute for Children, recently celebrated a successful book and author luncheon, which raised \$15,000 for the Lusk Orthopedic Institute for Children. The celebration took place at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club.

From left, Danette Erickson, Alicia Thompson, Joanne Ploszaj, DeeDee Nuanes, Joan Cleven, Jeanne Long, Mary Beth Perrine, Chris Wright Roper, Rita LaFace, Marie Baker, Wendy Nicoll, Arlene Bell, Caryl Pettit, Betty Paravato, Arlene Massimino, Johnette Martindale and Ginney Pruitt.



# Women’s Chorus Brings Holiday Cheer

The Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus has begun its Christmas season, bringing joy and happy memories as they sing for area retirement homes and church groups. The women welcomes new singers in January when they begin to prepare a spring program.

Rehearsals are Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd, in La Crescenta. Rhonda Dillon is the chorus director and Eojini Park is the accompanist.

For more information, contact VHCW President Jodie Weems at (310) 701-4185 or email sparkyweems@aol.com.



Photo provided by Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus

From left are Eojini Park, Rhonda Dillon, Anne Beachey-Kemp, Rita LaFace, Tammie Break, Gale Musker, Mary Ann Laun, Tess Lazzaretto-Sandoval, Kay Morris, Jody Weems, Carol Leining and Mary Walsten.

# The 93rd Hollywood Christmas Parade ... Without Me

By Ruth ANSON SOWBY

When I was 19 I was a “Hollywood princess” in what was then called the Hollywood Lane Christmas Parade. Today I’m 81 ... you figure out the math.

The 2025 version of the parade took place on Sunday, Nov. 30. It was not broadcast locally as my 1964 parade was.(Organizers promise the 2025 parade will run on the CW Network sometime this month.)

Like mine, this year’s parade makes a 3.2 trek starting at Orange Street and Hollywood Boulevard. The hosts are Erik Estrada from the old CHIPS TV series and Laura McKenzie, host of the Traveler TV series. My parade’s host was Johnny Grant. In the 1960s, he was honorary mayor of Hollywood and now has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Legendary celebrity hosts were Gene Autry, Jimmy Stewart and Mary Pickford ... and then there was me—a mini, mini celebrity. I had just been hired as a teenage reporter for ABC TV Channel 7 News. (Smart parade organizers figured out the parade would get Channel 7 coverage if they put me on a float.) And here I thought it was my charm and charisma that got me on the float!

Floats and marching bands were the order of the day for both parades. My fellow channel teenage reporter David Monsees interviewed me for the local news on my float.

I guess I gushed, “It’s an honor to be in the parade.”

Today, I would quote Bob Hope: “Thanks for the memories.”

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# LCPC Christmas Concert: ‘Here We Come A-Caroling’

Christmas is a joyous time for music and singing carols. La Cañada Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and LCPC Orchestra have assembled a concert of joyous music, videos and stories for everyone, performed by a cast of over 120 musicians. “Here We Come A-Caroling” will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. There is no cost for admission (freewill offering accepted).

This concert has it all: excerpts from Handel’s oratorio Messiah and Tchaikovsky’s famous ballet The Nutcracker to Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol plus familiar carols from across the ages and three brand new carols written in the 21st century. The concert is a multimedia event featuring movie excerpts, video clips and pictures of favorite Christmas images.

Among the familiar favorites are “Away in a Manger,” “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” “Here We Come A-Caroling,” “Angels We Have Heard on High,” “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” “The Huron Carol,” “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” and over a dozen others. LCPC’s Exultate Ringers handbell choir will be featured on “Ring Those Christmas Bells.” The concert will close with Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah.

Prior to the concert at 1:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary, LCPC’s director of Music & Worship Arts Jack Lantz will present a talk on how four famous works written for other seasons have become subsumed into Christmas.

The concert will be held in the LCPC sanctuary at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada with ample parking. The adjacent Worship Arts Center will be set up for children with a live broadcast of the concert plus activities and food, including hot chocolate and cookies.

For further information, call the church office at (818) 790-6708 or visit [lcanadapc.org](http://lcanadapc.org).

For those who cannot attend in-person, the concert and pre-concert lecture will be live-streamed via LCPC’s website, YouTube and Facebook.

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## THEN & NOW

*Beulah Drive*  
*Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV*



**Then:** This was the home of Jesse and Elizabeth Knight around 1887 in the area that is now Beulah Drive near Foothill Boulevard. Jesse Knight was one of the early orange growers having a packing house on Knight Way, which was the largest in the valley. Jesse Knight was part of the citrus cooperative that coined the name “Sunkist.” Jesse’s son T. Fenton Knight became our state assemblyman in the 1940s.



**Now:** This is the view looking north on Beulah Drive toward Foothill Boulevard. The name Beulah Drive carries a fascinating story. Beulah Drive was named by Frank Flint, founder of Flintridge, for Mrs. Beulah Overell, wife of furniture tycoon Walter Overell. Walter and Beulah Overell were part of the millionaire elite that bought homes in Flint’s pricey subdivision. In 1947, they were brutally murdered on their yacht in Newport Harbor, bludgeoned to death and then blown up with dynamite. The prime suspects were their daughter, Beulah Louise, and her boyfriend. The two had been forbidden to marry by Walter Overell. The resulting court case was the trial of the century, similar in fanfare to the O.J. trial, and the proceedings were broadcast on radio across the nation, including scintillating readings of the lovers’ passionate love letters. Despite overwhelming evidence against the pair, they were acquitted.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com December 15, 2025 - December 21, 2025

**ARIES** *March 21 - April 19*  
Life is easier, but don't think that means you have the OK to return to bad health habits. You don't do it consciously. You just go back into old routine of hurrying to get things done and piling too much on your plate. Make a determined effort to not let pressure keep you from taking care of your health. Make an extra effort now.

**TAURUS** *April 20 - May 20*  
Do a little experiment this week. Notice how much healthier you feel when you feel good about yourself. If you don't feel so good about yourself, then do something to change that. It might mean buying a new outfit, trying a different haircut, or exercising. If your self-worth is intact and you feel great, you'll feel good all over.

**GEMINI** *May 21 - June 20*  
Despite the fact that you get annoyed over some issues, you're still ready to bop. Your only problem could be too much of a good thing.

Don't fall for the misapprehension that if you exercise more, take more supplements, stay in the sauna longer, or get more massages, you'll be even fitter. It's possible to overdo it. You'll feel better if you find a balance.

**CANCER** *June 21 - July 22*  
You may have been on a continuous detox for a while. If you really want to ensure vibrant health, you could help yourself by going along with the cycle that nature has prepared for you. This means not giving in to your moods, and eating a wholesome diet as often as possible.

**LEO** *July 23 - August 22*  
The best advice for you now is to see everything in perspective. Know that whatever seems like a big problem now will eventually go away. While you may be facing more challenges and pressures than usual, it helps to stay relaxed. No matter how busy you are, schedule time in your calendar to find your focus and stay centered.

**VIRGO** *August 23 - Sept. 22*  
You might feel very tired. You may not have the energy you usually count on. You need to rest. You also need to introduce some playfulness into the proceedings, and the cosmos will help this along. It will encourage you to look on the brighter side. It will be good for your health. Try healthy, exotic dishes to vary your mealtimes.

**LIBRA** *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*  
However you feel, exercise is one way to enhance all aspects of your life. If you can do a full workout, it will help you mentally, emotionally, and physically, and give you extra confidence. If you can't do that much, just do whatever you can. It's important to stay supple and flexible and not let your mind or body become too rigid.

**SCORPIO** *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*  
This week you could feel a surge of power and feel the need to do something with it. The best way to balance this is probably to get plenty

of exercise, but don't get injured and sabotage your efforts. Relaxation is essential on the weekend, so take a walk in nature. You might want to splurge on some new exercise gear.

**SAGITTARIUS** *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*  
If you need a massage or any other kind of treatment, get it. You need to give yourself the love, care, and attention that you quietly crave. There's no need to give yourself such a raw deal. You have every opportunity to get started on the healthiest time of your life. You're more active than ever. Enjoy the feeling of getting fit.

**CAPRICORN** *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*  
Deeper psychological tensions may affect you more than any outer events. The cosmos is stirring up your subconscious and rooting out hidden issues that need acknowledgement. If you can find a way to process the emotions, you'll find new energy flowing through you. It could be an "aha" moment, when something clicks into place.

Healing could come through talking or counseling.

**AQUARIUS** *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*  
You're going to be busy. You might also work late. Your social life is rather hectic, which could affect your body. Remember to eat healthfully and get plenty of sleep to keep your immune system working at its best. Perhaps soothing baths would ease away the tension. Try to drink lots of water and cut back on caffeine and alcohol.

**PISCES** *Feb. 19 - March 20*  
Most of your problems with ill health seem to stem from worries about joint financial affairs. You're encouraged to continue to try to resolve this issue. Give yourself a break and let your body rest and repair. Constant anxiety affects the immune system. It drains the life energy you need for more constructive purposes. Get away for a few days if you have a chance.

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**GLENDALE KIWANIS**  
The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Dec. 19 two of Glendale's nonprofits – Scouting America and New Horizons – will be giving an overview of their organizations..

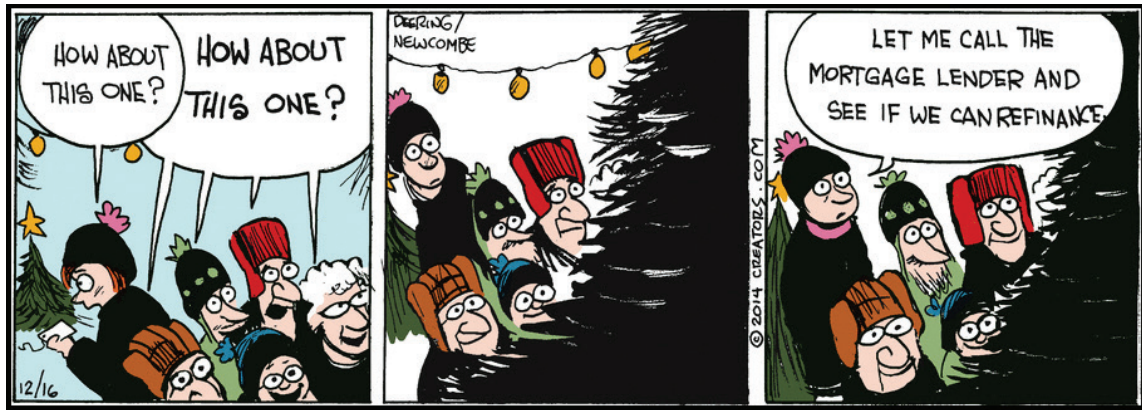
The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.  
The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

**DANCING AS EXERCISE**  
Dancing As Exercise is a free weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus), which were dark during summer. It is now active!  
There is live music every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.  
Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

**CCLCF EVENTS**  
The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them:  
•Registration is open for winter programming. Classes to run from Jan. 5 to Feb. 28 (eight weeks).  
•The Community Center will be closed for the holidays starting Monday, Dec. 22, reopening on Monday, Jan. 5.  
•Financial expert Annelise Li will have a free one-hour workshop that will focus on Organizing Your Financial Life and building a budget. The workshop is on Wednesday, Jan 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sign up today at cclcf.org.  
•The Glendale Woodturning Guild will be hosting an open house at CCLCF on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come see what you can learn to make with wood!  
•A Valentine's Cards Volunteer Event is on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 11 a.m. to noon. Make Valentine's cards for local nursing care residents.

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» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



ACROSS

1) At \_\_ (disagreeing)

5) Dairy department item

10) Big fuss

14) Exhaust

15) Phone greeting

16) Bypass

17) Jarvik-7, e.g.

20) "Laughing" animal

21) Main line, of a sort

22) "Natal" lead-in

23) Blow, as a volcano

25) Physics class unit

27) Catchwords

30) Skulls

33) Alias, for short

34) Competently

37) Delhi dresses

39) Change careers, e.g.

43) Concerning bees

44) Prefix with "pilot"

45) Shirt with a slogan, often

46) Six-legged critter

48) Ideally

51) Australian flightless bird

52) Like Old King Cole

54) "Now, where \_\_ I?"

57) Less hale

59) December helpers

63) Church tenets, e.g.

66) Shrimp discard

67) Dodge

68) Wax's opposite

69) All \_\_ (attentive)

70) Provided medication

71) Shut forcefully

DOWN

1) Colorful aquarium fish

2) Flat-bottomed vessel

3) Act grandmotherly

4) It's less than a grand

5) \_\_-Town (the Windy City)

6) Sum up, for short

7) Ness of "The Untouchables"

8) Banned growth-retardant spray

9) Parakeet, often

10) Wingtip's tip

11) Saudi Arabia neighbor

12) In \_\_ straits

13) "Beetle Bailey" bulldog

18) Casino card game

19) Go beyond pestering

24) American military branch (Abbr.)

26) Buzzing annoyance

27) One of the Three Bears

28) Giraffe relative with striped legs

29) "\_\_\_ Care of Business" (BTO hit)

30) Dermatology diagnosis, sometimes

31) All riled up

32) Buenos \_\_

35) Ill-mannered child

36) Romanian money

38) "Don't expunge that!"

40) "... with the greatest of \_\_\_"

41) Weak and listless

42) White frost

47) Chose from a group

49) Unclean food, by Jewish law

50) Assembly rules

52) Arizona has many

53) Destroy gradually

54) Common greeting

55) Length times width, e.g.

56) Use a spoon

58) The L of L-dopa

60) Container that sounds nasty?

61) Volcano that blew its stack in 2002

62) Noah's oldest son

64) \_\_ and outs (intricacies)

65) DEA operative

By Tim Burr

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## AWARDS FOR GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Chuck Benedict Memorial Scholarship**  
Carissa Coane
- Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship**  
Alana Khalil
- Youngquist Nursing Scholarship**  
Marine Harutyunyan

## CAREER-FOCUSED AWARDS

- Dr. John and Mae Benjamin Scholarship**  
Ashley Giboney
- The Emilie Cacho Memorial Scholarship**  
Emma Canal
- John and Elsie Krikorian Journalism Scholarship**  
Alice Johnson  
Addison Lee  
Ani Soghomonyan

## ACADEMIC-FOCUSED AWARDS

- Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship**  
Kyle Dixon  
Brendan Kuo  
Katie Li  
Emmy Lin  
Charles Simonian
- Frank & Ann Leone Scholarship**  
Adrian Magana-Miller
- Glendale Latino Association Scholarship**  
David Abarca Soza  
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Joseph Ayon-Rodriguez  
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Michael Sandoval  
Alfredo Santiago  
Alexander Sebastian  
Rachell Sibley  
Jacob Smith  
Giulianna Thompson  
Sofia Valle  
Alejandro Zamarripa

## AWARDS FROM THE HEART

- Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship**  
Elise Jahng  
Inji Jeong  
Paul Anthony Navarrez
- First Christian Church of Glendale Scholarship**  
Jad Abdoush  
Joseph Choi  
Josiah Noh  
Sydney Pullen  
Hannah Yi
- Renewals**  
Celine Avedian  
Lorenz Bayug  
Andrew Bielek  
Lilia Hacoupian  
Matthew Kubela  
Kai Larsen  
Daylen Larsen  
Michelle Lee  
Valentina Monzon  
Whitney Noh  
Zachary Roh  
Siena Urquiza  
Jonah Yi
- Gonzales-Harris Bilingual Scholarship**  
Roderick Campbell  
Mateo Solis
- Renewals**  
Camila Acosta  
Juliana Aviles

- Alejandro Concepcion  
Madeline Fernandez  
Christopher Huh  
Joshua Martinez  
Eliana Mesa  
Isabella Nolte  
Josias Perez  
Siena Urquiza  
Samantha Villasenor

- Sambar Scholarship Endowment**  
Emily Gevorgyan  
Ryan Lee  
Amari Richardson  
Kristyn Roh  
Arin Tahmasian

- The Dellinger Scholarship Fund**  
Ava Casey  
Bianca Chirrick  
Diya Patel

- The Oakmont Country Club Employee Education Fund**  
Molly Anderson  
Rebecca Doherty  
Mirtha Flores- Berlari  
Thalia Gurule  
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*We wish everyone a happy holiday season!*  
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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# The Wild Temperature Swings of My Frigidaire Oven Have Left Me Exhausted – Can I Get A Refund?

*Cynthia Alviso’s new Frigidaire wall oven fluctuates between 35 degrees below and 60 degrees above its set temperature, ruining her baked goods. Despite four repair attempts, it’s still broken. Frigidaire insists the oven works properly. Can she get a refund?*

**Q**uestion: I bought a Frigidaire wall oven from Lowe’s recently and it’s been a disaster. The temperature swings wildly, burning one batch of cupcakes and undercooking another.

Frigidaire has sent four technicians over the last two months but none of them fixed the issue. One was a no-show. Another repairman had a full mailbox and was impossible to reach. And another admitted he “didn’t understand” the oven’s technology.

I’ve contacted the California Dept. of Consumer Affairs and posted negative reviews but Frigidaire keeps pushing more repairs. I’m exhausted. At what point does Frigidaire take responsibility and refund me?

– Cynthia Alviso,  
Livermore, California

**A**nswer: Frigidaire should have fixed your oven promptly under its warranty or offered a refund after repeated failed repairs. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act requires companies to honor warranties within a reasonable

number of repair attempts and four unsuccessful visits likely qualify.

You did the right thing by documenting every interaction. A paper trail is so important in a case like this. I might have reached out sooner to one of the Frigidaire executive contacts. I list them on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. Make sure you mention California’s Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, which protects your refund rights for defective products.

Your case underscores the importance of conducting research before buying any appliance. It looks like your oven was on sale at Lowe’s and it’s possible the retailer was trying to get rid of unwanted appliances because they were unreliable. Always do your homework and if there’s any doubt it’s better to move on. After all, you’re going to be stuck with that oven for a while (even if it doesn’t work right).

I asked you about the research and you said you checked out the reviews, which were mostly positive. “One other reviewer had similar issues and I thought that was most likely a one-off,” you told me.

Lowe’s was also a dead end for resolving this, since you were past

the 30-day warranty it offers and hadn’t purchased its extended protection.

But to be clear: An oven with those kind of mood swings is completely unacceptable. Frigidaire’s claims that it was fixed are absurd. (Maybe you should have offered the technicians some of your burnt cupcakes? I think that would have settled it.)

I contacted Frigidaire on your behalf. A representative contacted you and agreed to process a refund but there was a catch. You had to dispose of the old oven and the refund wasn’t enough to buy a replacement oven because you’d received a sizable discount when you purchased the oven through Lowe’s. But in the end, you got every penny of your purchase price back and that’s as much as I could have hoped for.

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

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## COME LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING

A new 13-week beginner’s class on modern square dancing is starting on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7:45 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. The first two classes are free.

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## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

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

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

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

Potential volunteers are asked to reach out with questions. Email

LittleLanders@BoltonHall.org, phone (818) 352-3420 or send a letter so P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, CA 91043.

## MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

- The Montrose Library hosts canasta on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Back Alley Painters is a vibrant group of adult artists who gather to create, share their work, offer constructive feedback and enjoy each other’s company.

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

- Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Library. The Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

## NATURE JOURNALING PROGRAM AND GLENDALE OUTDOORS! (GO!) COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AT DEUKMEJIAN

Nature Journaling Program and Glendale Outdoors! (Go!) Community programs continue at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. To learn more about the Glendale Outdoors! (GO!) Community Program visit https://tinyurl.com/kjv88w6a.

To learn more about the Nature Journaling Program visit https://tinyurl.com/2b5u6p6x.

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING

Community members are invited to join the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club, a community of stamp enthusiasts that meets regularly to share their passion for this timeless hobby.

The Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club meets every third Tuesday at the LA County Library - La Crescenta located at the corner of La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, 2809 Foothill Blvd., at 7 p.m. in the second floor community room.

For more information about the club and upcoming meetings, call (818) 903-4451.

## ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise or dance or are interested in art, theater, or knitting, the Center has something for everyone. Sunland also hosts bingo on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and a movie matinee on the big screen at 1 p.m. on Thursdays; on Mondays and Fridays there is country line dancing from noon-1:30 p.m. The Sunland Senior Center runs programming from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a donations-based lunch served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunland Senior Center is located at 8640 Fenwick St. in Sunland. For further information, call (818) 353-9571. These special events are free.



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Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

**7pm Traditional Family  
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*“O Come, Let Us Adore Him!”*  
Worship led by our Choir  
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in other words, the same feeling every writer I have ever known feels.

We get to see the real characters who may have inspired Dickens, from Scrooge to the Ghost of Christmas Present, and through this approach we see “A Christmas Carol” in a more personal way.

The one thing I took from this film was hope. Lately we have seen the rich getting richer while the rest of us struggle with increasing prices.

Below are some quotes from the book:

“What’s Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older and not an hour richer. ... If I could work my will,” said Scrooge, indignantly, ‘every idiot who goes about with Merry Christmas on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart. He should!’ (That’s a bit harsh but close to what we hear

presently from some leaders and CEOs.) “Darkness is cheap, and Scrooge liked it.”

That last is one of the best lines in any book. Everything we need to know about this miser is in this one line.

So where does my hope come from? Well, Scrooge was horrible. He was probably based on not just one man but on many Dickens had met over the years. Despite whether this type of person existed, with everything Dickens had faced as a young man he still wrote Scrooge as someone who found redemption. Scrooge saw nothing wrong with his way of thinking and yet after seeing ... really seeing ... those around him he began to change.

But I think in the end it was fear that inspired him to change ... his fear of the next life, fear of what chains he may carry into the next life and fear he will leave a stain, not a mark, on history.

The book was really self-published by Dickens and

sold out quickly. It was a huge success and more importantly charitable contributions increased dramatically after the book was published. Christmas had become a time to give to others as well as a time to share with family and friends.

So here is where my hope can be found: I hope that those CEOs who need to make more, while workers get less and are laid off, will be visited by three ghosts this Christmas and will understand the true meaning of the season.

Thursday is expected to be in the low 80s, and then we will see a cooling trend starting on Friday. The big story is the storm coming our way, which looks like the peak of the rain will be on Christmas Eve through Christmas Day. The temperatures will be much cooler – in the low to mid-60s. Because it is so far off there is not a lot of information regarding how strong the winds may be, however winds are predicted, according to NOAA.

WREATHS from Cover

They were joined by Scouts of America, Troop 509 from JPL, Girl Scouts and their families, ROTC from Blair High School in Pasadena. Naval cadets were on hand to post the colors. The music group Monday at JoJo’s sang the national anthem. Gold Star and Blue Star families were honored.

When DAR started working with Wreaths Across America, it was able to honor 500 graves with wreaths. Each year it is able to honor more thanks to the help from the community.

There are 1,000 veterans buried

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\*Note that the site does not show the 2 for 1, but a \$17 wreath will count as (2) wreaths for 2026. This link specifically routes sponsorships to the Don José Verdugo DAR chapter.

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Then it was time for Kendall Magma of Blazing Dreams Entertainment to perform his fire show, which had the audience amazed.

As Magma was ending his performance the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. ladder truck pulled up and raised its ladder. A firefighter climbed to the top of

the ladder and tossed gelt, which had tiny parachutes attached, to kids waiting to catch them.

“It’s important to continue to show up because just a little bit of light dispels much darkness,” said Grossbaum. “And so when there is tragedy and darkness in the world, our response is to light a flame of goodness and kindness to make the world brighter. This lesson can be learned from Joseph – who, with the simple act of kindness [of] checking in on his fellow inmates (Genesis 40:7) changes the course of history.”

For those who missed the Dec. 14 celebration of Chanukah, on Dec. 20 there will be a celebration of the seventh day of Chanukah at the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose. “Light Up Honolulu – Bringing the Joy of Chanukah to the Streets” begins at 7 p.m. Attendance to this event is free.

CHIEF CID from Cover

“The city is in the midst of a lot of growth,” he said. “From a leadership and public safety standpoint there are some unique challenges that come with that, which is exciting.”

Cid said a large part of the success he has seen at GPD and what he will take with him to Anaheim is how important community involvement and support are.

“At the foundation of all the success that [the GPD] organization has is almost entirely predicated on the support that we get from our community,” he said.

He added that GPD officers are out working alongside community members and he feels this type of outreach is something that is important for the next chief of GPD.

The City of Glendale has announced Deputy Chief Robert William will serve as interim police chief.

“I offered my vote of confidence and support to our current deputy chief, Robert William, to serve as the interim,” Cid said.

Cid’s last day as the Glendale Chief of Police is today, Dec. 18.

According to a city spokesperson at this time there is no timeline in place regarding the search for a new permanent chief.

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Next to “Jurassic Park – The Ride” is “Raptors Encounter” where guests can come face-to-face with 15-foot-tall carnivorous predatory dinosaurs. The

beasts are walking around, kept in line by expert handlers.

Another memorable attraction is “Transformers: The Ride-3D,” an immersive thriller, blurring the line between fiction and reality. Fusing HD 3D media and flight simulation technology, this epic excursion took us into a futuristic world where alien robots from the planet Cybertron fight it out on earth.

Based on the popular movies, this mind-blowing ride had us screaming and dodging car parts, robot pieces and other objects as they flew at our 3D glasses, while we fought alongside Optimus and tried to

protect the AllSpark from Decepticons over four stories tall. Out in front of the ride, we encountered a couple of the huge transformers interacting with guests and taking pictures with youngsters and their families.

From battling transformers, we went thousands of years back in time to experience “Revenge of the Mummy – The Ride.” This heart-pounding roller coaster begins by slowly creeping past an ancient Egyptian tomb full of gold artifacts and hieroglyphics before catapulting riders 45 mph in virtual darkness. And when the train stops and guests try to regain

their composure, the Mummy returns and the coaster zips in reverse for a thrilling climax.

As 2025 ends, Universal Studios Hollywood is looking forward to 2026 and the long awaited debut of “Fast & Furious: Hollywood Drift” roller coaster. This mesmerizing new coaster will feature 360-degree rotation of the individual ride vehicles as guests travel along 4,100 feet of elaborate track.

The innovative ride features groundbreaking technology designed to create a seamless sensation of drifting cars as guests spin in motion at fast speeds

while speeding along an aerial track that winds its way over sections of the theme park, including the multi-level escalator that connects the upper and lower lots.

To begin the ride, guests will queue up within an expansive garage-like structure before settling into one of four ride vehicles, designed to look like the iconic cars from the films, including Dominic Toretto’s 1970 Dodge Charger.

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