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## Proclamation Issued, Presentation Made

By Julie BUTCHER

Dozens of people attended Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council including a group of students from sister city Boeun, South Korea, as the council issued a proclamation honoring Jan. 13 as Korean American Day.

Those who attended the first council meeting of 2026 also heard a presentation from the Glendale Police Dept.'s Community Outreach Resources and Engagement Bureau (CORE), a substance abuse and mental health resources program headed by Sona Hovsepian, MSW, LCSW. The program coordinates community resources focusing on "accessible mental health and substance abuse support and resources to strengthen children, youth, families and communities." More information can be found on the police department's website <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/police-department/community-outreach/homelessness-mental-health>. Hovsepian can be reached at [shovsepian@GlendaleCA.gov](mailto:shovsepian@GlendaleCA.gov).

The public is invited to a screening of "Dirty Drugs," a documentary about the impacts of fentanyl abuse, on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Look Theater, 128 Artsakh Ave. The event will include the film preview plus resource booths and a discussion panel with experts in the field.

Mayor Ara Najarian noted that the council missed celebrating National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Jan. 9.

"I wish I had a proclamation to hand out," he said, acknowledging his support for law enforcement at every level: "local, county, state and federal."

Mayor Najarian invited the community to a community breakfast on Thursday morning at the Elks Lodge #1289 at 120 E. Colorado St.,

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## » HEALTHY LIVING 2026

# Happy Feet, Healthy Hearts

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Crescenta Valley Park offers programs for seniors to keep them moving and give them a place to socialize with others.*

Those who are near Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave., on many Fridays will hear the sound of music coming from its community room, along with a lot of laughter and good conversation.

This is just one component of the senior program offered by Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation. The program includes classes, exercise programs and social gatherings.

For seniors, on Mondays are yoga class, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays are computer labs and board games, on Thursdays are tai chi classes and on Fridays it's all about dancing.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
ABOVE: Debbie Cant, right, takes part in the recent dancing program at CV Park.  
RIGHT: Joe Mandoky spins his partner around the dance floor.

The activities are for those 55 years old and older. The programs allow people to socialize with others their own age. There are potluck lunches and occasional dinners but more importantly seniors get out of the house and are with old friends and have

the opportunity to make new friends.

According to a Mayo Clinic article titled, "A surprising key to healthy aging: Strong social connections" having the number, quality and variety of relationships are important for a long, healthy life.

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## » PART III

# The Conversation Continues ... with Assemblymember Nick Schultz

By Mary O'KEEFE

In CVW's conversation with Assemblymember Nick Schultz the subject centered on housing. He spoke about how the last decade has seen "no shortage of bills" regarding housing, including SB 35 and SB 423.

"And now SB 79," he said. "I think where we are going, in the course of the last decade, [is that] we've seen less and less local control."

He added that while the state of California has looked at more opportunities to build it has attacked zoning. And although the purpose of these bills/laws is to create more housing that does not seem to be the case.

"We're not actually building that many more units of housing, so to me I think if

we are really serious about adding housing [then] we want to add more housing in places that make sense and in our community," he said.

Schultz added there are other obstacles to housing production – some that can't be controlled, like the increase in prices due to tariffs, and supply chain issues.

"These are going to be issues that really do need a federal response but I think we can also look at processing and approval times," he said. "Finding ways to not necessarily take away local discretion, but speed up the process."

He added there are several examples of projects have sat in the "pipeline" for years and that delays have killed projects. If the state wants to add more housing they need to have a "conversation" about permitting times.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# It's the Truth

I have to admit it – I'm a'scared of artificial intelligence (AI). Just this week I heard on the radio that Apple is planning to work with Google to bring more "features" to the iPhone (of which I'm a user). Apparently Siri isn't cool enough and doesn't learn what features its users want.

Doing a search on the internet (which provides a response that is an "AI overview") Apple's Siri and Google's Gemini have different primary functions. "Siri is strong in on-device integration and privacy while Gemini excels in generative AI, multimodal understanding and web-based knowledge," the AI generated response states.

I'll admit that I really don't know what that all means. I do know, however, that if I talk to Steve about – oh, I don't know – vacations in Greece (for example) I'll be deluged with Grecian getaways. I do believe that my phone listens and responds to me. That is one reason why I don't have a voice-activated "assistant" (e.g., Alexa) in my house. I believe that the device is listening to me 100% of the time, which creeps me out.

However, I do have "smart TVs" in the house. Unlike the old consoles that are pretty much obsolete, many of these smart TVs are equipped with a microphone and camera and track what is watched. I understand, however, there are ways to disable this "feature." Makes me kind of long for the days of the TV stand ...

Do you remember those? When I was a kid I had a TV stand in my bedroom

that had space below it for my records (my record player was on a shelf nearby). My TV was a big old black & white that had to "warm up" before broadcasting.

And speaking of broadcasting, do you remember when TV programs went off the air around midnight/1 a.m./2 a.m.? We'd see a picture of the American flag flying while "The Star-Spangled Banner" played then a test pattern came onto the screen signaling the end of broadcast television. Sometimes there would be noisy static rather than a displayed test pattern (as an aside, that entire scenario can be seen in the movie "Poltergeist").

Growing up in Sun Valley, we had a television that was "in the wall." It was perched in the wall hidden behind shutters. It was small but, being "in the wall," easily seen by everyone in the room. One year we bought a new television for my mom, presenting her with a remote control as a signal of what we bought.

I remember she looked at it then said, "Why did you buy me a calculator?" We had to show her the TV. Back then remotes were "c'est chic."

I wonder what she'd say today ... and what would be listening.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Okay, this is a good new/bad news weather report. First the good news: The entire state of California is out of a drought for the first time in 25 years; the bad news is Colorado has several areas of drought and severe-to-exceptional dry conditions ... and that is where we, Californians, get a lot of our water. The good news: we are starting the year with strong a snowpack; the bad news: a drier, hotter summer is expected so all of that snow and rain enriching our hills and allowing strong vegetation growth will be very dry if temperatures over the summer months continue to rise.

Another good news/bad news: the good news is not a lot of people know where La Crescenta is; the bad news is not a lot of people know where La Crescenta is – so when looking for rain totals we are usually combined with Burbank, Pasadena and even Los Angeles.

So we depend on residents in the area with accurate equipment to share the rainfall. A resident above Foothill Boulevard has a professional rain gauge. The resident said from Oct. 1, 2026 to the latest rainstorm at the end of December 2025 31.84 inches of rain was recorded – the highest number he had ever tabulated in the decades he has had the equipment. He uses the Davis Weather Station.

We will be warming up over the next few days with highs in the low 80s going into Saturday with cooler temperatures beginning on Sunday, according to NOAA.

There may be some rain next week; however, it is too far off to say for certain how much we may get, according to NOAA.

Spoiler Alert: The column this week is going to be self centered ... no two ways about it and at the end I am going to ask for support.

One of our past series dealt with "news deserts" and how difficult it has been for

local independent newspapers to stay alive. According to a report from Medill State of Local News Report 2024, there were 127 U.S. newspapers that had shuttered in 2024 leaving 55 million Americans with limited-to-no access to local news.

I started this news desert series with an interview with Art Cullen, a veteran journalist and Pulitzer Prize recipient who is also the owner of the Storm Lake Times Pilot, in Storm Lake, Iowa. Tom Cullen, Art's son, is a reporter with the paper, as is his wife Dolores. Art's brother, John, actually had tried to buy the paper he and Art worked for but the "chain" newspaper owners did not want to sell so he just started his own newspaper. And soon the brothers' new paper was established as the place to go to for news. Within a few years the Cullens' bought their old paper from the chain and they were off and running.

When I interviewed Art, he shared how it was not easy to be an independent newspaper, especially during the pandemic and in an ever-changing landscape of the midwest, mom and pop businesses and family farms.

They are lucky to have a lot of support from the community and a strong subscriber base, he said.

To be honest when I spoke to him, and other independent news outlets, I heard stories similar to Storm Lake and to our own CVW. Publisher Robin Goldsworthy was the editor of the Crescenta Valley Sun; I was a reporter with that paper. The paper was purchased by LA Times Community News and from the start there was turmoil that ended in bankruptcy for the Times. It has since recovered; however, part of the "restructuring" was to close the Crescenta Valley Sun.

I was moved over to the Glendale News Press, an LA Times Community News product, and Robin was laid off; however,

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18. 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.

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).

CVHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC HOSTING CLOTHING DRIVE

The CVIMF (Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation) is having its bi-annual clothing drive is on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the CVHS band parking lot in the 4300 block of Ramsdell Avenue.

Participating is easy – donors drive up, stay in their car and student volunteers will unload bags.

All clothing collected is donated through a non-profit partner that pays by the pound, with 100% of the proceeds directly supporting the CVHS instrumental music programs, which include jazz band, symphony, concert band and the wind and string ensembles. The clothing is then sent to those in need.

I-5 CLOSURES ANNOUNCED

Caltrans announces an extended weekend closure on northbound Interstate 5 (I-5) between Empire Avenue and Buena Vista Street in the city of Burbank for pavement rehabilitation work. This is the first of a series of extended weekend closures on the I-5 between Empire Avenue and Cohasset Street for this project.

Beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23 through 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, crews will reduce northbound I-5 to two lanes between Empire Avenue/ San Fernando Boulevard and Buena Vista Street. In addition, northbound I-5 will be fully closed overnight between the closure limits for restriping on Saturday, Jan. 24 and Monday, Jan. 26. The westbound State Route 134 (SR-134) connector to northbound I-5 will also be closed for the duration of the extended weekend closure.

Motorists are strongly encouraged to seek alternate routes to reach their destinations during the extended weekend closure. Detour signs will be posted. All lanes and ramps will reopen to the public by 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 26.

Visit the Caltrans Quickmap for the latest road conditions and closures.

This is the first of six 55-hour extended weekend closures scheduled through February 2026. Construction is expected to be complete in summer 2027. This work is part of a pavement rehabilitation project to replace damaged pavement on I-5 between Empire Avenue undercrossing (UC) and Cohasset Street UC to improve ride quality and safety.

LOCAL FLOAT GARNERS AWARD

The La Cañada Flintridge entry in the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade “Goin’ Nutz” won the Mayor’s Trophy. In celebration, the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Assn. invites the community to its installation dinner on Friday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. The dinner is at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, 5500 Godbey Drive in LCF; tickets can be purchased for \$65 at [www.LCFTRA.org](http://www.LCFTRA.org).

Entries for the 2027 La Cañada Flintridge Float Design Contest are now being accepted. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc2u2cpp> for details.

CITYWIDE PUBLIC ART LANDMARKS RFQ

The City of Glendale has released a public art landmark RFQ presenting three different project opportunities. The aim is to create world-class public artwork in a diverse range of mediums designed to engage the community, showcasing the cultural diversity of the City, and enhancing the various civic and public spaces.

To learn more, visit <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/publicartrfq>.

The application for the 2026 Performance Series is now open. Performance groups based in the Southern California region and made up of trios or larger are invited to apply for the Brand Summer Music Series and the Jewel City Concert Series.

The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 30, 2026 at 5 p.m.

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.

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The Anxious Generation – A Discussion



Jamie Given



Dot Kim

By Mary O’KEEFE

“There is a hole, an emptiness in us all, that we strive to fill. If it doesn’t get filled with something noble and elevated, modern society will quickly pump it full of garbage. That has been true since the beginning of the age of mass media, but the garbage pump got 100 times more powerful in the 2010s. It matters what we expose ourselves to.” — Jonathan Haidt, “The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.”

The book “The Anxious Generation” by Jonathan Haidt is the foundation for a new outreach at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. The program is titled “The Anxious Generation – Discussing the intersection of technology, mental health and faith.”

All are invited to this discussion held on Wednesday evenings through March 18 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Although there will be a faith portion of the discussion, anyone – regardless of religious philosophy – will find valuable information, according to Dot Kim, director of Children and Family Ministries at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

The discussion is open to parents, grandparents and guardians of children of all ages.

“We [will have] a seminar-like discussion-based class in which we present the information from both a LMFT [Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist] perspective, which Jamie [Given] is, and then from a faith-based perspective, which I will share,” Kim said.

Given has attended training/seminar sessions concerning the connection between social media, artificial intelligence (AI) and cellphone use with

child development. She recently spoke on the subject at a discussion at Crescenta Valley High School as a LMFT and member of CV Cares.

Kim said since this is the first time this type of seminar is being held, the talk will be more fluid as attendees ask questions that will help guide the discussion.

“I think the thing that’s so compelling about Jonathan Haidt’s book is that its ... not a doomsday perspective,” Kim added.

The book presents data and points out areas of concern, she said.

“He outlines this really achievable collective community action,” Kim said.

Kim wants the discussion to cross all generations, from grandparents to GenZ, whose members she said have been the most impacted by the onset of cellphones and social media. Her goal, like in the book, is to find some concrete solutions that can be incorporated by the community.

“We can’t change the world, or even our state, but we can do something here in La Crescenta,” she said. “We’re just hoping to start small and start the conversation.”

Kim and Given will also speak about AI and how the constantly advancing technology is affecting youth.

There will be child care offered for children of all ages at the discussion.

The seminar/discussions are free to attend. There will be dinner available at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in the Fireside Room. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3vsk3z9n> or call (818) 249-6137.

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NOTES & NODS

‘FAITH AND REASON’  
SERIES RETURNS TO LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills welcomes back its popular weekly discussion group, “Faith and Reason” after a holiday break. The group, known for its engaging and thoughtful conversations, meets on Mondays at 11 a.m. in the church’s conference room. This semester’s class will focus on the book *Simply Christian* by former Anglican bishop N.T. Wright. All are welcome to attend.

The LCIF Book Club welcomes all local bookworms to attend its next meeting on Monday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. The group will gather to discuss *The Last Christmas in Paris* by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb. In February, members will dive into *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick.

The church will host its

“Surviving Widows” support group next Tuesday, Jan. 20. This gathering provides a compassionate space for women navigating the journey of loss to find mutual encouragement and friendship. The gathering will be held at a private residence in La Cañada. The event is potluck style and attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share as they enjoy a meal together. Please contact the church office for location details.

LCIF invites all to attend its weekly Sunday worship service at 10 a.m., led by pastor Viv Vivek. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

ANXIOUS GENERATION  
ADDRESSED

The community is invited to

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for a free presentation on *The Anxious Generation* – Discussing the intersection of technology, mental health and faith. The presentations will be on Wednesday evenings beginning Jan. 14 and continuing through March 18 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They are given by Dot Kim and Jamie Given in the Fireside Room.

Dinner available for purchase.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

CSL OFFERS GENTLE  
MOVEMENT CLASS

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

UUCVH WELCOMES  
REV. KIKANZA NURI-ROBINS

Author and cultural proficiency consultant Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins returns to the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills pulpit on Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m. to share her sermon “Hope Full.” In this season of hope, after a year filled with disappointments, outrage and deferred dreams, what is the hope in your heart that you might share with the people in your corner of the world? Nuri-Robins authored six books including: *Cultural Proficiency*, *Culturally Proficient Responses to the LGBT Communities*, and *Fish out of Water*. She serves on several social-service organizations in Los Angeles and is beloved by our church.

In-person worship is at 10:30 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time) at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the ZOOM link <https://www.uuverdugo.org/>.

MILESTONE  
CELEBRATION

This year Glendale City Church celebrates 120 years of faith, community and service. Founded in 1905, the church serves as a welcoming gathering place for worship, learning, artistic expression and community care.

To commemorate this anniversary, Glendale City Church will host a public, weekend-long celebration on Jan. 30-31, 2026, highlighting its rich history and ongoing creative vitality. The program will feature music, poetry readings, visual art and a



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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 [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).

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# Proposal Presented for Former Citibank Location

By Mary O'KEEFE

At a recent Montrose Shopping Park Assn. meeting, Dr. Ryan Cornner, superintendent/president of Glendale Community College (GCC), spoke about the proposed plans for the PDC [Professional Development Center] and former Citibank buildings in the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue.

PDC has been used as a satellite campus for GCC for many years. Citibank was purchased by the college about seven years ago. Since then there have been discussions and rumors of what would happen with this vacant building.

CVW recently sat down with Cornner to go through the proposal that was shared at the MSPA meeting and find out how he feels this will affect the community.

Cornner said the overall vision is to work toward the development of an academic program in occupational and physical therapy.

"This [idea] was brought to our attention by a community member who had served on the board for occupational therapy. She mentioned there were no public occupational therapy assistant programs in Los Angeles County," he said.

At first he found that difficult to believe, but soon realized it was true.

"Occupational therapy has a huge footprint at the assistant level with high career wage jobs [by those] just completing the AA degree. What we found was that a majority of the students who were going through occupational therapy assistant programs in the County of LA were going through private institutions that were charging anywhere from \$50,00 to \$200,00 for the degree ... versus a few thousand [dollars] for what it would cost at a public institution," he said.

College administrators started looking at adopting an occupational therapy program; they quickly realized there was a need in the community for this service.

"[We thought], 'How can we serve that need?'" Cornner said.

This led administrators to the idea of using the former Citibank location to provide an academic program that could also help

those in the community. It would be a program focusing on occupational and physical therapy, something that many people have used and/or needed in the past and are expected to need in the future.

"We really saw this as an opportunity to build a program that could support students with a living wage job [and] also support the community by training the workforce that's going to be needed," he said.

It seemed a natural process to move the program to the Citibank property. It could be embedded in the area the community frequents and where the college wants to increase student involvement.

"That was our organizing thesis for what we would want to do with our Montrose campus – to develop these two educational programs [occupational and physical therapy]," he said.

The next step was to find a medical partner since the school is not a teaching clinic. So Cornner reached out to several medical groups and then focused on USC Keck/Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH). Instead of going to VHH for occupational or physical therapy, people would instead go to the GCC Montrose campus. This teaching program for students would be supported by professionals from VHH.

Many of the merchants at the meeting were concerned about how the change would affect the area – specifically add to parking woes and change the building's footprint.

Cornner said the building's footprint will stay the same. At present, there is a large parking lot behind PDC, a small parking lot at the west side of the former Citibank property and a slightly larger parking lot between PDC and the former Citibank location. That footprint would remain the same.

The big change would be the demolition of the Citibank building with a new building built in its place. This new building, Cornner said, would be in alignment with the overall look of Montrose.

Cornner added that the program is estimated to have about 120 students annually; however, not all of those students would be at the

location at the same time.

"They would be spread out across different courses so there would be sufficient parking," he said.

All of these plans will have to go through a rigorous review including an Environmental Impact Report.

"The EIR includes all of the elements [including] parking," he said.

There would be multiple community meetings as well once plans are drawn.

"We would start now with the program design, [which is] essentially saying these are the components we would want in this square footage, and the occupancy that would relate to," he said.

Cornner added the EIR and architectural work would take a year to a year and a half to complete before something would be ready to bring to the community.

"Once that architectural plan is selected and completed it has to go to the Division of the State Architect. The Division of State Architect is responsible for public building and [it reviews] all designs for engineering safety," he said.

Because it is part of a community college there are more requirements than California State or University of California schools.

If all goes well, including community response during the EIR, the construction will begin; however, because this location used to be a bank there are a few unusual things that have to be taken into consideration like removing a giant vault that must be dismantled and discarded.

Cornner shared with CVW the plans for the property in the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue that had been prepared in 2019. Those plans included demolishing both buildings then constructing a large U-shaped group of buildings a few stories high that would butt up against nearby homes. He said this past proposal, done before he was in his position at the college, did not take into consideration the Montrose small town feel. That is why he worked to make sure the latest proposal would keep the same footprint of the buildings that are already in place.



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March 4, 1960-Nov. 24, 2025

Glenn was born in Glendale to Robert and Glenda Eichensehr. He was the third of nine children and the oldest son.

When Glenn was 2 years old he came down with spinal meningitis. The procedure that was used to save his life left him deaf and consequently mute. This condition was thought of as being a handicap but Glenn possessed the confidence along with a stubbornness that would allow him to rise above that. He was enrolled at the California School for the Deaf at Riverside where it was felt that its methods gave him the best opportunity to receive a quality education.

After graduating from C.S.D.R., Glenn attended Gallaudet University where he discovered his love of travel. Weekends and holiday breaks were spent exploring the East Coast visiting historical sights and familiarizing himself with the big cities. Glenn loved meeting new people and easily made friends. As a teenager he spent a great amount of his time at the Montrose shopping park where he would pick up work with any number of the merchants updating displays or organizing inventory. After he returned

home from college Glenn spent some time crisscrossing the country selling high-end lamps from his sister's factory. Never one to be shy, Glenn would walk into a shop and, with the aid of his notebook, he would introduce himself, state his business and proceed with his sales pitch. This approach endeared him to so many who admired him for his grit and determination.

Next, Glenn enrolled at Pasadena City College to finish earning a degree. For the past 30 years, he was an operations manager for PYRAMplex, offering goods and services to the deaf community. It is worthy to note that there were two events that gave to Glenn some of what his deafness had denied him. The first was the rise in popularity of disco music. Its booming beat and accompanying lights gave him a taste of what music was about. The other was the internet ... more specifically social media, which made it possible to communicate with the masses.


Glenn loved his family and friends. He was a loyal and caring person who will be missed by many. The love, respect and admiration of all who knew him was well-deserved.

Glenn is survived by his sisters Denise, Gayleen and Shona (and their spouses Rob, Bruce and Nick); brothers David, Robert Joseph and Francis (and their spouses Marina, Jane and Lisa); his Aunt Edith, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Glenn was predeceased by his parents Robert and Glenda, his sister Darlene, his brother Charles.

Services for Glenn will be on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, 2411 Montrose Ave. in Montrose.

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# Glendale Police Arrest Two In Counterfeit Currency Scheme Targeting In-N-Out

*From the Glendale Police Dept.:*

A swift and focused investigation by the Glendale Police Dept. resulted in the identification and arrest of two suspects responsible for passing counterfeit U.S. currency at multiple In-N-Out Burger locations across Southern California.

Following a reported incident on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 at an In-N-Out restaurant in Glendale, detectives determined the crime was part of a broader pattern targeting In-N-Out locations throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Investigators learned that the suspects had successfully victimized approximately a dozen restaurants by using counterfeit bills, resulting in financial losses and operational disruptions to the businesses.

Through follow-up and coordination with In-N-Out's security team, video footage and search warrants, Glendale detectives were able to identify 24-year-old Auriona Lewis of Long Beach and 26-year-old Tatiyanna Foster of Long Beach as the two primary suspects. Lewis and Foster were linked to the Glendale incident, as well as similar cases at other locations.

On Thursday, Oct. 30 Glendale Police Financial Crime detectives, K9 officers, and a U.S. Marshals Task Force collectively located and arrested Auriona Lewis in Palmdale. Lewis was found to be in possession of counterfeit bills matching those used in the Glendale incident along with numerous gift cards and transaction receipts believed to be connected to similar fraudulent activity. The second suspect, Tatiyanna Foster, was later arrested and taken into custody on Monday, Dec. 15, 2025 when she appeared at the Glendale Police Dept.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office charged Lewis



with felony counterfeiting and grand theft while Foster's case is pending her appearance in court later this month.

This case underscores the importance of taking financial crimes seriously, regardless of dollar amount. Counterfeit currency schemes directly impact local businesses and employees, and swift investigative action helped stop ongoing criminal activity and

prevent further victimization.

The Glendale Police Dept. encourages businesses to promptly report suspected counterfeit currency incidents as timely reporting can be critical in identifying patterns and holding offenders accountable.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is urged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4840.

## CRIME BLOTTER

**JAN. 4**

Big Tujunga Canyon Road in the Angeles National Forest, a person reported that his vehicle had a mechanical issue while in the area and he had to park his vehicle at the location. When he returned the next morning he discovered the front and rear window had ben shattered. He inspected the vehicle and found a rock in the interior of the car.

The incident occurred overnight.

**JAN. 3**

2500 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, a resident reported that before she went into her home she placed her shoes on the front porch of the residence. She had more shoes stored inside a shoe storage cabinet on her porch. The next morning she found the shoe storage cabinet doors were open

and a single shoe on the porch. She left her residence and when she returned she found that both shoes she had left on the porch were missing along with another missing pair of shoes from the cabinet.

Security footage showed that about 5:55 a.m. on Jan. 4 a male with a bicycle and a female with a scooter walked on the sidewalk westbound on Montrose Avenue in front of the location. The footage showed a female standing in front of the driveway next to the male's bicycle. The male was on the victim's lawn, bent forward toward a table on the lawn. He then walked toward the front porch, which set off the house's motion-activated security light. The video then ended; however, the victim believes those on the footage stole her shoes.

The male was described as a

White teenager, 17 to 20 years old, 5'8" tall with a skinny build. At the time he was wearing black pants, black shirt, black hooded zip-up jacket and walking a white "beach cruise" style bicycle. The female was described as a White teenager, 17 to 20 years old, about 5'3" tall with a skinny build. At the time she was wearing black sweatpants, black hooded jacket with a shiny studded "heart" design on the back of the jacket. She was walking a chrome-colored Razor scooter.

The theft occurred overnight.

**DEC. 30**

2300 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, a resident reported finding the exterior mesh screen of his kitchen window partially removed from the window. He also found pry marks on the metal frame of the

window.

The attempted burglary occurred between Dec. 30 and Jan. 2.

*Editor's note:* Details included in the crime reports are taken directly from the reports on file. The Crescenta Valley Weekly is not responsible for the incompleteness or inaccuracies in the original reports

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# LACDMH Continues To Offer Mental Health Support To Fire-Impacted Residents

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Mental Health (LACDMH), in partnership with California Dept. of Health Care Services’ CalHOPE Program, will continue to provide mental health and supportive services through June 2026 for those displaced and/or affected by the Eaton and Palisades fires last year. The funding is provided through a SAMSHA Emergency Response Grant (SERG) and targets those experiencing trauma and crisis; those with adjustment disorder due to fire-related losses

or disruptions; and those who need mental health support during their recovery process.

“While the Eaton and Palisades wildfires took place a year ago, many people continue to experience disaster-related distress and the anniversary of the wildfires may reactivate trauma tied to these devastating events,” said LACDMH Director Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D. “If you feel persistent or overwhelming negative emotions, have trouble resuming normal activities or need support during your healing

process, the Los Angeles County Dept. of Mental Health and its partners are here to support your recovery journey.”

To address the wellbeing needs of fire-impacted residents and communities, LACDMH will operate two walk-in centers (Eaton Fire Collaborative: 540 W. Woodbury Road in Altadena and Palisades Fire Collaborative: 15247 La Cruz Drive, Los Angeles) where a broad range of services, including individual and family counseling, crisis stabilization,

support groups, case management, wellness activities, and linkage to additional resources, will be offered by LACDMH and its partners.

Both centers will initially be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, and hours of operation will be adjusted as needed to meet community needs.

Residents can also call the LACDMH-run fire support line at (833) 659-0600 to talk to a mental health professional about challenges or concerns with their mental health.

County residents can also get 24/7 support by calling the Los Angeles County Help Line for Mental Health & Substance Use Services at (800) 854-7771; calling or texting the CalHOPE Warm Line at (833) 317-HOPE (4673); or calling or texting SAMHSA’s Disaster Distress Helpline at (800) 985-5990. These and additional resources are posted on LACDMH’s website at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/disaster-resources>.

# La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project

The La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project has made significant progress in recent months. Major safety improvements have been implemented, including the realignment of intersections and enhanced pedestrian accessibility. Additionally, the contractor has completed installation of bio-retention facilities and critical infrastructure upgrades, including traffic signal and fiber optic systems, as well as the upsizing of existing sewer mainline.

While most improvements are complete, certain key elements – including the final paving, striping and decorative crosswalks – are scheduled for completion by March 2026, barring any additional unforeseen circumstances.

The revised schedule is due to unforeseen conflicts encountered during underground utility work and longer-than-anticipated lead

times for the delivery of traffic signal materials. Installation and commissioning of traffic signal poles must be completed before paving and striping improvements can begin, as the new striping layout incorporates additional crossings to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The City remains committed to delivering a high-quality project that meets the long-term needs of the community and appreciates the public’s continued patience and cooperation throughout the construction process.

*Tentative Construction Schedule:*

- February 2026: Final paving and adjustment of utilities
- March 2026: Striping installation including lane reconfiguration to establish one travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane and bike facilities such as buffered bike lanes and protected bike

lanes throughout the corridor. Installation of decorative crosswalks and cool pavement on Paloma Avenue.

*Impacted Streets*

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

*Location and Dates*

- La Crescenta Avenue at Urquidez Avenue: Travel lanes may be closed intermittently between Jan. 19 thru Jan. 30 (excludes weekends and holidays)
- La Crescenta Avenue at Montrose, Honolulu, Roselawn, Oakmont View, Piedmont, Shirlyjean, and midblock between Arlington and Las Palmas: Travel lanes may be closed intermittently between Jan. 19 thru Jan. 30 (excludes weekends)

*Description of Work*

- Contractor performing sanitary

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- Contractor performing storm drain upgrades.
- Contractor traffic signal upgrades.

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SENIOR DANCE from Cover

“Over many years of taking care of older patients, I’ve learned that the factors many people think are most important for aging well – such as having longevity in your family or lack of physical illnesses – do not guarantee a positive experience with getting older,” said Amit A. Shah, M.D., a geriatrician, internist and palliative care specialist at Mayo Clinic. “It’s the quality, duration and nature of your relationships that seem to matter most.”

There are normally about 30 people who attend any given program on any given day. CVW was invited to visit the Friday dance event. People were dancing to a variety of tunes played by pianist Tony DiGiovanni.

“We try to have live music with Tony twice a month,” said Christian Omana, Recreation Services supervisor at CV Park.

The LA County Parks budget has tightened so the program cannot always afford live music or even professional yoga and tai chi instructors; however, when those professionals are not available park staff steps in to teach classes and be DJs. And, according to Omana, oftentimes the professional instructors and musicians will donate their time.

Laurence Kahowsky has been coming to the senior programs for over a year and loves it.

“It gets me out of the house and exercising,” Kahowsky said.

He added that he can exercise at home but being with a group makes it more enjoyable and he is more likely to exercise.

On Friday the dancers had the freedom to dance any style they wanted, from line dancing to dancing with a partner. Joe Mandoky, known throughout Crescenta Valley as Santa, attends the program and is a fan of it.

“It’s great,” he said.

Once the music started, Mandoky didn’t stop dancing.

Another part of the program includes field trips, including a recent trip to Descanso Gardens. The group tries to travel at least twice a year including having a trip with seniors from other parks like those from Loma Alta Park in Altadena.

Participants travel on a bus provided by Parks and Recreation when going on a field trip.

Friday’s dance program is free and runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The next time the program is held is on Friday, Jan. 30.

CV Park also has an after

school program titled Every Body Plays. It runs through May 22 and is for kids ages 7 to 17. It is held from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

“Play, create and explore with Every Body Plays After School Program at your local LA County Park! This FREE program is packed with games, crafts, homework support, field trips and fun adventures, all in a safe, welcoming space for kids to connect, have fun and thrive,” according to the Parks and Recreation.

The program includes homework help, a tech lab, themed arts and crafts, sports and fitness, outdoor adventures, field trips and snacks. This program is also free to attend. Participants must register first prior to attending.

For more information, including registration, visit <https://parks.lacounty.gov/crescenta-valley-community-regional-park/> or call (818) 249-5940. Staff is at the facility from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Saturday staff is on-site from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no staff available on Sunday.

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honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year’s keynote speaker will be Shannon Bradley, chief officer of USC Keck Medicine’s Equity Inclusion and Community.

Next week’s council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. in the community room of the newly renovated Fremont Park, 600 Hahn Ave. The winners of this year’s holiday decorating contest were celebrated with a video showing the various winners and thanking all of the participants for showing off their holiday spirit. A snippet of the video and a list of the winning submissions can be found at <https://www.instagram.com/p/DStLLnDktIx/>.

Councilmember Dan Brotman reported on the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena regional housing trust, established to help coordinate the development of affordable housing across the three cities. The trust received \$5 million in state grant funds out of which Glendale is due \$4 million. Additionally, each city is expected to receive \$1.8 million to support first-time homebuyers.

Councilmember Brotman also recognized David Eisenberg of the local chapter of the Sierra Club for organizing a recent four-mile art walk highlighting public art in the Glendale’s downtown.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian thanked the Glendale Police Dept. for setting up sobriety checkpoints on Glenoaks Boulevard during the holidays. He also called on the city to act to rein in delivery robots.

“There were four or five of them sitting on Isabel [Avenue] not doing anything,” Kassakhian observed. “We work very hard to

maintain a quality of our streets and sidewalks in Glendale. We took pride in eradicating the scourge of abandoned shopping carts only to be beset by these random robot delivery devices.”

He called for an emergency ordinance banning the delivery robots while the city develops rules governing their use.

Local resident Chris Pratt addressed the council during the first period of public communications.

“I join my fellow citizens in asking for accountability. We’re the parents and the neighbors and the workers and the taxpayers of Glendale and we’re the people who sit in these seats meeting after meeting because it matters,” Pratt said. “This week we watched a horrifying video out of Minnesota – a woman was murdered during a federal immigration enforcement action. Whether you agree or disagree with the policy, the image shook people to their core – and it could have been anyone of us. Our family has a 6-year-old, too.

“Here in Glendale, we’ve seen what happens when people stand up and say ‘No.’ When residents showed up and demanded the city end its involvement in housing and protecting ICE, that only happened because the watchers spoke up. And that’s why we’re here tonight, to remind us of something uncomfortable. What happens when power goes unchecked always starts small. It starts with process being ignored, with rules being bent – ‘just this once’ – with voices dismissed because they’re inconvenient.

“We’re growing tired of watching power protect itself instead of the public. We’re tired of councilmembers forming LLCs and accepting six-figure consulting fees through

international corporations while preaching transparency. We’re tired of wealthy donors receiving special dispensations for noise ordinances while ordinary residents are told to endure it. And, yes – we’re tired of public park contracts being steered away from the winner of free and fair processes towards vendors with friends on this dais.”

Pratt referenced a discussion of a \$5 million traffic camera contract at the last council meeting and the loss of a lawsuit brought against the city regarding contracts for tennis operations at Glorietta Park as the reason for not sending the camera contract out for fair bidding.

“Let that sink in, Glendale!” he implored. “The takeaway wasn’t ‘We broke the law and we must do better.’ It was ‘That was uncomfortable so let’s avoid oversight next time.’ A judge didn’t intervene to embarrass the city. A judge [intervened] because the law was ignored. You can pass an urgency ordinance for robots at city hall, but you can’t release a free and fair public works contract despite being compelled by a California state judge to do so.

“So, we’ll keep watching – every meeting, every vote, every work-around. We’re finding each other and learning the rules. We’re waking up to the power and responsibility we carry as citizens. Glendale is going to get loud and it’s going to stay loud. We’re going to keep watching.”

Finally, the council approved the details of the upcoming municipal election scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 to fill three council seats, and for the city clerk and city treasurer, and allocated \$669,882 to pay for the cost of the election.

SCHULTZ from Cover

CVW spoke to Schultz about the proposed 80-unit building at the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue. The building would offer affordable housing but there have been many concerns shared by the community that have been directed at the developers, Abode Communities, including fire evacuation and parking.

Schultz had written an op-ed for CVW that covered his approach to building by highlighting some of the bills he sponsored. He said he felt there is a need to utilize vacant and commercial parcels that have the capacity for more traffic, parking, water and sewage.

“Those are the places that I think make sense to add more dense housing in our community,” he said.

He gave examples like the vacant K-Mart site in Sunland-Tujunga and the old Ikea building in Burbank.

“Those are going to have a lot less environmental concerns and there is more infrastructure for it,” Schultz said. “That’s where we should be steering the housing

toward.”

He added he needed to have a closer look at the project at Briggs and Foothill but this project is similar to the concerns he had regarding SB 79. There needs to be an understanding of what happens when there is a fire in the foothills and everyone is trying to evacuate. He used the example of those attempting to evacuate from the Palisades Fire when cars were abandoned on the roads and fire engines could not get to the fire. There is a need to have adequate ingress and egress.

“It’s already hard enough to get people down from [neighborhoods]. We really can’t be talking about much more dense housing if we’re not also talking about infrastructure to get people in and out safely .... I hate to say this but wildfires are now a way of life,” he said.

Schultz also touched on rising insurance rates and insurance companies that are leaving the state but how being more “fire-prepared” could help with insurance costs.

CVW asked about the apparent approach in Sacramento about

the “one-size-fits-all” attitude when it comes to housing.

“It has been my experience that people want to live not [just] in buildings but want to live in true communities,” he said. “They want to have that local coffee shop and bookstore.”

He added young parents need affordable child care near their home as well.

“I think that we really need to take our conversation at the state level to the next level. We have to talk less about just adding units of housing and finding a way to build more neighborhoods to enhance our communities,” he said.

In his first year as Assemblymember of the 44th District, he had conversations with stakeholders including community members. He is the chair of the Public Safety Committee and has met with DA Nathan Hochman and law enforcement. In the coming year he plans on having more meetings with law enforcement, fire departments and community members to talk to them about what direction in the future Sacramento can take.





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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# Arroyo Seco Floods Led to Devil’s Gate Dam

Those with a sense of history have gotten used to the idea that our small streams and dry stream beds become roaring torrents when even a moderate rainfall hits the San Gabriel Mountains. One of the classic examples is the Arroyo Seco. It runs from its headwaters high in the San Gabriels, down past La Cañada, all the way to just above Los Angeles where it empties into the Los Angeles River. It normally flows in a gentle gurgling stream and even running dry in summer.

As a matter of fact its name, Arroyo Seco, actually is Spanish for “dry creek.” When members of the Portola Expedition crossed the Arroyo on their way north in 1770, it was late summer and the bed of the stream was dry so they named it Arroyo Seco. The Native Americans knew the truth though that the Arroyo ran in violent torrents in the

winter. With several thousand years of experience, they sited their villages well away from the stream bed. Even the Spanish learned this as well – often the hard way.

The Americans were not as wise. The first inkling of the power of Arroyo floods came in 1862. A steady series of storms (an estimated 50 inches) caused the Arroyo Seco to pour into the LA River with such force that it carried away the pueblo’s early water works situated on the bank opposite. It flooded again in 1868. In 1869, a naïve Easterner built a resort at the side of the Arroyo in today’s Highland Park and it was flooded repeatedly.

In the boom of the 1880s, towns began to be built along the Arroyo, along with rail lines to serve them, and that’s when the real trouble began. Floods in 1882 and 1884 claimed the first life, a

dairyman who tried to cross the roaring stream with his wagon. He would not be the last. More floods in the late 1880s carried away rail lines and newly-built bridges along the Arroyo. A few houses built along the banks were swept away. Each time the floods subsided, the stream returned to its gently flowing appearance, luring new residents to build closer to the river’s edge.

Then there came a couple of decades of less rainfall. Building resumed in areas that had previously flooded and more bridges were built crossing the tiny stream. To compound the potential for danger, the forests of the San Gabriels were cut down and the hillsides burned in months-long wildfires, increasing the likelihood of flooding. In the early 1900s, even normal rainfall created deadly floods.

This collision of development versus nature came to a

head in 1914. January and February dropped 23 inches of rainfall in a series of increasingly strong storms. With the combination of destroyed watershed and increased development along the Arroyo, the flood was disastrous. Railroad bridges were washed away, their pilings snapped in two and heavy railroad rails bent double. Homes were swept downstream. Big trees were uprooted and washed into the torrent. Power lines fell as their cement bases were undermined. In all, 10 bridges across the Arroyo were completely destroyed, 30 homes were washed away and 43 lives were lost.

The next year, the Los Angeles Flood Control District was formed with particular focus on the Arroyo. As if to accentuate its efforts, another flood swept the Arroyo in 1916. In 1917 a bond issue was floated (pun intended)

to build a dam at Devil’s Gate (named for a rock resembling the devil’s profile just below the dam) on the border between Pasadena and La Cañada. It passed and the dam was completed in 1920. The dam’s purpose was not only to regulate the flow of water but to also capture drinking water. Another bond in 1934 funded channelizing the rest of the Arroyo in a concrete flume, essentially taming the Arroyo Seco’s floods.

In other areas near the San Gabriel Mountains, for example Big Tujunga and Santa Clarita, we see homes creeping closer and closer to what appears to be a dry stream bed. Is this a foreshadowing of history repeating itself?


*Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.*

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

# Tackling Alcohol-related Roadway Fatalities

California has a problem. Alcohol-related roadway fatalities in our state have surged more than 50% over the past decade – an increase twice as steep as the rest of the country, according to federal estimates. More than 1,300 people die each year statewide in driving under the influence (DUI) collisions. Over the past year, the team at CalMatters have led an investigative reporting series shedding light on the fact that our state has arguably some of the weakest DUI laws in the country.

What they’ve found is alarming. Between 2020 and 2021, the DUI arrest rate per 100,000 licensed drivers increased by 12.3%, according to the California Dept. of Motor Vehicles. The department also reported that in 2021, 12.7% of total crash injuries were alcohol-involved, an increase from 11.4% reported for 2020. Clearly, there is concern that the number of DUI crashes and injuries are increasing.

The tragic and avoidable loss of life at the hands of drunk drivers is startling. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, between 2019 and 2023 drunk driving fatalities in California increased by approximately 40%, compared to the national average of 22%. Sadly, there were 1,355 fatalities in 2023 alone.

It’s time for California to do more to prevent these tragedies. That is why I have introduced Assembly Bill 1546, which will be the “tip of the spear” in a bipartisan legislative package to combat the prevalence of DUIs in our community.

AB 1546 does two critical

things. It strengthens the criminal penalties for repeat DUI offenders and it imposes longer license revocation and ignition interlock device (IID) mandates for these repeat offenders in order to deter future drinking and driving incidents.

**Sentencing Reform**

Under existing law, if a person is convicted of his/her third DUI (not causing bodily injury) within a 10-year period, that person may only be charged with a misdemeanor. Only upon a fourth DUI conviction in a 10-year period may that person be charged with a felony.

AB 1546 would, instead, make a third DUI conviction in a 10-year period punishable as a wobblers, which means that a prosecutor would have the discretion to charge that person with a felony (or a misdemeanor).

AB 1546 also makes a fifth or subsequent DUI in a 10-year period a straight felony rather than a wobbler. If an offender is found guilty, a court could order up to three years of imprisonment or, alternatively, could allow for felony probation, depending on the circumstances of the case.

**License Revocations and Ignition Interlock Devices**

AB 1546 similarly strengthens the license revocation penalties that apply to repeat DUI offenders. Currently, a person convicted of a fourth or subsequent DUI in a 10-year period is subject to a four-year license revocation period. This bill increases the revocation period to five years for those individuals convicted of their fifth or subsequent DUI within a 10-year period.

Once an offender’s license is restored, s/he can still face additional requirements to prevent him/her from driving while intoxicated. In addition to serving jail or prison time, DUI offenders may be required to install a functioning certified IID on every vehicle they operate. The amount of time that the IID must be installed depends on the offender’s DUI history. A first-time DUI offender for an offense that does not cause bodily injury may be required to install an IID for up to six months. In contrast, offenders convicted of their fourth or subsequent DUI within a 10-year period must install an IID for a term of three years.


AB 1546 increases the IID installation period for the most severe repeat DUI offenders. Specifically, it requires people convicted of their fifth or subsequent DUI in a 10-year period to install an IID on every vehicle they operate for four years, instead of three.

**Next Steps**


I introduced this bill on the very first day of our 2026 Legislative Session because I understand that we must do more to reduce repeat drunk driving on our roads. AB 1546 is the first of several pieces of legislation that my colleagues and I will be unveiling to reduce DUIs and improve safety in our community.

Please stay tuned for more information and, as always, please feel free to reach out to our District Office with questions or concerns. We can be reached at (818) 558-3043 or by email at [Assemblymember.Schultz@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Schultz@assembly.ca.gov).







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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Nominations Open for the 2025 ‘La Cañadan of the Year

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada announced that nominations are now open until Feb. 9 for the prestigious 2025 La Cañadan of the Year Award. Members of the general public are invited to nominate an individual or a couple who has demonstrated outstanding service and long-term commitment to the La Cañada Flintridge community and surrounding foothill neighborhoods.

For more than 70 years, the La Cañadan of the Year Award has recognized residents whose dedication, leadership and generosity have made a meaningful and lasting impact. Past honorees include notable community leaders such as Gil Smith, Dr. William Pickering, Michael Davitt and, most recently, Reverend Chuck Osburn, among many others who exemplify the spirit of service in La Cañada Flintridge.

Nominees are evaluated on broad-based and sustained service across multiple areas of community life. This may include, but is not limited to, volunteerism with non-profit or civic organizations, youth and education programs, faith-based or service groups, cultural or philanthropic initiatives, environmental stewardship or other efforts that enhance the quality of life in the community.

La Cañadan of the Year Nominating Committee Chair Dennis Fors said,

“The La Cañadan of the Year Award is our chance to shine a light on those neighbors who consistently give their time, energy and heart to make this community better for everyone. If someone comes to mind, I hope you’ll take a moment to nominate them. This recognition belongs to the doers.”

Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Alice Perez added, “So many tremendous contributions happen quietly, without recognition, every single day. This is our chance to celebrate those who lift others up and make our community so special!”

Nomination forms must be submitted by Monday, Feb. 9. A celebratory noon-time luncheon honoring the recipient will be announced at a later date with scheduling based on the recipient’s availability. Nomination forms may be picked up at La Cañada Flintridge City Hall at the LCF Chamber of Commerce counter, downloaded from [www.lacanadakiwanis.org](http://www.lacanadakiwanis.org) or requested by email at [LCOY@lacanadakiwanis.org](mailto:LCOY@lacanadakiwanis.org). Completed forms may be submitted electronically to [LCOY@lacanadakiwanis.org](mailto:LCOY@lacanadakiwanis.org) or mailed to the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada – La Cañadan of the Year, c/o Dennis Fors, P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012. For additional information, contact Dennis Fors at (818) 531-8776.



Photo provided by Kiwanis Club of La Cañada  
Past event chair Joe Radabaugh with 2024 LCOY Honoree Rev. Chuck Osburn and Kiwanis president and event host Alice Perez.

## PFAR Honors Ruth McNevin

The Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors honored Ruth S. McNevin of Re/Max Tri City Realtors with the prestigious Realtor Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent holiday banquet in Pasadena. This award is designed to honor the lifetime achievements of a realtor with over 20 years of service. McNevin has been providing professional real estate services since 1986.

McNevin has a long standing

involvement with Pasadena Foothill Association of Realtors serving as the board president and on many committees including Professional Standards as an ombudsman and mediator, Budget and Finance and New Member Orientation. She has served as a state director of the California Association of Realtors since 2010 to foster professionalism, education and political support to increase home ownership and improve her chosen profession.

A Foothill resident since 1965, McNevin has served the local community hospital as an in-service volunteer for over 40 years. As Women’s Council president and member, she has helped raise millions in support of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital to improve facilities, provide educational opportunities and purchase much-needed equipment. In addition, she has served on The Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations in the Foothill area to improve the quality of life in our valley.

A past Exalted Ruler of Glendale Elks Lodge #1289 McNevin supported the robust scholarship program, the third largest in the U.S., the Purple Pig program, designed to help children and adults needing physical, mental, visual and other types of therapy, and many other charitable programs designed to help others.



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# Cancer Support Community Welcomes New Board Members, Expanding Women’s Representation

Cancer Support Community – Greater San Gabriel Valley (CSC) announced the appointment of four members to its board of directors: Dr. Marwa Kilani, Melissa Alcorn, Kandice Lin and Valerie Mendoza. Each brings leadership, expertise and a passion for CSC’s mission to ensure that no one faces cancer alone.

The addition of these four accomplished women underscores CSC’s ongoing commitment to fostering inclusive leadership and strengthening its ability to meet the evolving needs of various demographic groups facing cancer in the greater Pasadena area.

Serge Melkizian, CSC’s board president, expressed his enthusiasm for the new directors and the future of the organization. “We’re thrilled to welcome Marwa, Melissa, Kandice and

Valerie to our board,” he said. “Their leadership and passion will help guide CSC as we expand our programs and strengthen our impact across the community.”

Continuing board directors include Steve Ralph – vice president, Sandi Mejia Ramirez – treasurer, Vicki Laidig – secretary, Ellen Knell, Ph.D., George Mack, Mark Meahl, Susan Reynolds, Elliot Sainer, Charlotte Streng, Ronald Valenta, Jay Wagener and Kristin Windell.

CSC remains steadfast in delivering high-quality support, education and resources to ensure that every individual impacted by cancer finds connection, empowerment and hope at no charge.

For more information about CSC’s programs or leadership, visit [www.cancersupportsgv.org](http://www.cancersupportsgv.org).



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What Happens If You Don’t Have A Will Or A Trust

Dear Phyllis,

I look forward to your real estate wisdom and believe a have a new topic. My ninety-five-year-old aunt is widowed. She and her husband never had children. She still drives and does her own shopping and errands. I visit once a week to just check in and keep her company. We also invite her to holiday dinners to enjoy with our family. She does not have a will or trust. My family does not need her money, but I am concerned about how her home and assets will be distributed upon her death. I would prefer she make some kind of document, leaving it all to charity rather than distant unknown relatives. What happens if you don’t have a will or trust and what do you suggest I do?

— A Nephew

Dear Nephew,

I am not an attorney, and I

suggest you contact one. If your aunt dies without a will or trust, California’s intestate succession laws will dictate who inherits her estate—including her home and other assets. Since she has no children, no living spouse, and you did not mention siblings, the court will look for the next closest blood relatives, even if she has never met them. These could be distant cousins or their descendants.

This is from my perspective as a real estate agent who specializes in trust and probate sales. Your 95-year-old aunt needs an estate plan—now—if she wants her home and assets to go to charity rather than distant relatives.

Meet with a Trust Attorney:

- Create a Living Trust
  - Best option as she owns real estate.
  - Avoids probate, names charitable beneficiaries, and keeps things private.
- Make a Will (at minimum)
  - Names who inherits (e.g., charities) and who is in charge.
  - Still goes through probate, which is slow and public.
- Set up the Power of Attorney & Health Directive
  - Allows someone she trusts to manage finances and medical care if she becomes incapacitated.

You should contact a trust attorney and obtain guidance on helping your aunt create a trust or holographic will. A holographic will is a handwritten will that is created and signed by the person making the will. Although this can be created without an attorney, I do not recommend it. You want to be sure it is properly done and valid.

Best of luck in handling this delicate situation.

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# Children’s Author Sara Pennypacker and Award Winning Illustrator Jon Klassen to Celebrate Book Launch At OUAT Bookstore

Once Upon A Time Bookstore is hosting a special book launch of “The Lions’ Run” featuring bestselling author Sara Pennypacker and award-winning illustrator Jon Klassen on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. The event will take place at the bookstore’s location, 2207 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose, and is recommended

for ages 8 and up.

Pennypacker, widely celebrated for her emotionally resonant middle-grade novels, will discuss her acclaimed works including her work with Jon Klassen on “Pax” and their new book “The Lions’ Run.” She will be joined by Klassen whose distinctive illustrations and storytelling have

earned international recognition and numerous awards.

Together, Pennypacker and Klassen will share insights into their creative process, collaboration and the enduring power of stories that explore friendship, courage and compassion.

The event will include an

author talk, discussion and book signing, offering readers a unique opportunity to meet two of today’s most influential creators

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## Beer-Battered Avocados with Grilled Peach Salsa

The inspiration for this avocado appetizer came from my friend Sandy S. who asked what I would serve with my grilled peach, avocado and jalapeño salsa. I thought beer-battered avocados would be perfect with my salsa so I gave them a try, and wow! They turned out fantastic – a great mix of textures and flavors.

I recommend a hoppy IPA for the beer but I’ve also made the batter with Guinness Extra Stout for extra flavor. Maybe try it with Porter and serve it with a cold IPA? Your call. Let me know what you decide and how you like it.

*Salsa Ingredients:*

- 1 firm ripe avocado
- 2 peaches
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice (divided)
- ¼ cup shallots (chopped fine)
- 2 garlic cloves (minced)
- 2 jalapeños (seeds removed and sliced thin)
- ¼ teaspoon salt

*Avocado Ingredients:*

- Vegetable oil for frying
- 2 cups flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder (not salt)
- 12 ounces of beer (your choice)
- 2 to 3 firm but ripe avocados

*Salsa Directions:*

Preheat your grill to medium-high (450 degrees) for about 10 minutes. While the grill is heating, slice the avocados and peaches in half lengthwise and remove the pits. Brush the flat sides of each half with a mixture of one tablespoon of olive oil and one tablespoon of lime juice. Make sure they’re coated generously to avoid sticking to the grill.

Once the grill is hot, add the avocado and peach halves, cut side down, and close the lid. Grill for four minutes. Use grill tongs to remove the peach and avocado halves to a plate carefully. While the peaches are still hot, they can be easily peeled.

Allow them to cool before dicing. Use a large spoon to scoop the avocado flesh away from the peel.

In a large bowl, combine the remaining lime juice, shallots, garlic, jalapeños and salt. Dice the avocados and peaches into small pieces and fold them into the salsa. Cover and set aside.

*Avocado Directions:*

Add about three inches of oil to a saucepan and preheat on low while preparing the batter.

In a large bowl, stir together the flour, salt, garlic powder, and pepper. Add the beer and stir until combined. Turn the oil to medium heat (and carefully watch it).

Peel the avocados and remove the seeds. Cut them into thick slices – about four to five slices per avocado half. Dip the avocado slices into the batter (two at a time) and fry for about one minute. Flip and fry again until golden brown, approximately two more minutes. Remove from the fryer and let drain on a stack of paper towels.

*To Serve:*

Place fried avocados on a serving tray and spoon salsa on top. Serve with extra salsa on the side. To complete the meal, fold the avocados into homemade corn tortillas.

*Chef Randy Graham, the healthy chef. Providing consistently good vegetarian comfort food recipes. See his cookbooks at Amazon.*



## People Making News

Nazareth University in Rochester, New York announced that Halo Diamond-Cole of Glendale has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2025 semester.

Students’ grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on the Dean’s List at Nazareth.

Nazareth University is a community of inspired learners, educators and change-makers who for 100 years have been driven by a bold commitment to action, empathy, equity and leading innovation for the common good. Impact experiences are at the heart of a Nazareth education, preparing each student to discover within themselves the potential to cultivate positive change in their life’s work, in any career field, and in a world that is constantly evolving and infinitely interconnected.

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Nazareth University promotes a learning community that purposefully integrates liberal arts and professional programs.

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are

named to the Dean’s List.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the fall semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Anna Pacino from La Cañada Flintridge made the list. Pacino was among more than 5,400 students named to the fall 2025 dean’s list.

Missouri State University is a community of citizen scholars committed to public affairs. Its innovative teaching, research and service create transformative experiences that benefit individuals and society.

For more information about Missouri State, visit MissouriState.edu.

James Cartnal of La Crescenta excelled during the fall 2025 semester at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean’s List. Cartnal’s major is sports media.

Hofstra University’s primary mission is to provide a quality education to its students in an environment that encourages, nurtures and supports learning. At Hofstra, new ideas take shape through collaboration, engagement and interaction. Hofstra students create their success with small classes and dedicated faculty, alongside a beautiful campus, plus all the opportunities of New York City within easy reach.

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# Pasadena Heritage Announces Events

Pasadena Heritage is holding several events. Among them is Jazz Night at the historic Blinn House, 160 N. Oakland Ave. in Pasadena.

On Jan. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., ticket holders are invited to step into the historic 1906 Blinn House when it is transformed into an intimate Parisian-style jazz club featuring live music performed by the Art Deco entertainment group The Bohemians, a lively reception, French-inspired hors d'oeuvres and festive libations in one of Pasadena's most iconic historic homes.

Tickets are \$50 and includes food and two drink tickets; tickets are non-refundable. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/3c6vm44v>.

Ticket holders can also Explore Historic Architecture in the Playhouse Village.

Ticket holders will take part in a walking tour on Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. of the Playhouse Village Historic District, which traces Pasadena's eastward expansion during the 1920s and 1930s when the city transitioned from an agricultural hub to a thriving tourist destination. Shaped by the construction of the Civic Center, this area features a variety of architectural styles and several notable landmarks, including the Pasadena Playhouse itself.

The tour will last approximately 1.5 hours and cover a walking distance of about one mile. Please note, for the comfort of all guests dogs are not permitted on Pasadena Heritage walking tours.

Playhouse Village Tours are graciously sponsored by the Playhouse Village Association.

Limited ticket availability; tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for Pasadena

Heritage members. To purchase tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/493zv8h8>.

The kick-off of the Altadena Revealed Lecture Series is on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. The series begins with Itinerant Craftsman: Lessons from the Duntley-Blackburn Residence and takes place at the Altadena Main Library, 600 E. Mariposa St. in Altadena.

In 1910 a grand Craftsman-style home was built for realtor G.M. Duntley. By 2025 the building was slated for demolition, but was ultimately saved and relocated from Los Feliz to a fire-ravaged plot in Altadena. The house had been saved once before by owner Alice Blackburn who threw a huge party in the house the night it moved from East Hollywood to make way for the Hollywood Freeway. Although the party was unusual, at the time it was common practice to transport and reuse threatened buildings. It's time to revive this building relocation tradition at scale – a process that will require revised historic ordinances, streamlined permitting and regular coordination among local governments.

Graham Larkin lives in a home that narrowly escaped the Eaton Fire. At various times he has been a curator, a professor and a leading advocate for livable streets. A member of the Altadena Village collective, Larkin now works mainly as an architectural historian focused on the preservation of historic homes and neighborhoods. Like his hero Jane Jacobs, he is intrigued by the organized complexity of communities that haven't been stifled by top-down "expert" planning.

For more information, see: [www.grahamlarkin.com](http://www.grahamlarkin.com).

The Foothill Catalog Foundation presents this



monthly lecture series and social hour in collaboration with Pasadena Heritage, Altadena Heritage, Bungalow Heaven Landmark District and the Altadena Historical Society, hosted by Altadena Libraries. Through this series, this aim is to highlight the unique history and diversity of the local

community. There are many stories to tell; attendees can look forward to hearing from experts and community members alike.

This series is for everyone – from locals looking to learn something new about their neighborhood to a building professional interested in contributing to the rebuild

efforts! The lecture series is free to attend but a \$10 suggested donation is requested with registration. All event proceeds will support the mission of The Foothill Catalog Foundation and allows its members to continue hosting the monthly Altadena Revealed lecture series.

THEN & NOW

**Then:** When Spanish explorer Portola crossed the Arroyo in the summer of 1770, it was bone dry. He named it “Arroyo Seco” or “dry stream.” As if to show the irony of its name, it regularly flooded in winter storms. Here we see it in flood in 1914, tearing into homes that were built too close to its banks. Forty-three people died in this flood.

Arroyo Seco

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

**Now:** As a result of this and preceding floods in the Arroyo, the LA Flood Control District was formed. Through its efforts, Devil's Gate Dam was built in 1920 near La Cañada to regulate the flow of the stream in flood stage. Furthermore, the rest of the Arroyo was channelized below the dam, as we see here.



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**PISCES** *Feb. 19 - March 20*  
You're in an unpredictable mood and ready for anything. You may find that certain emotions rise to the surface and encourage you to take more risks than usual. Don't do anything dangerous, especially if you're angry. Frustration could cause a minor accident if you aren't careful. Breathe deeply and relax.

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# Frigidaire’s Frozen Promises Left Me Out In The Cold

Mike Tarallo pays a fixed rate to repair his refrigerator but gets endless delays, false diagnoses and a canceled service visit. Can Frigidaire and its parent company, Electrolux, thaw this ice-cold mess?

Question: I bought a Frigidaire column refrigerator for my remodeled kitchen four years ago. Its compressor failed two years later, which cost me \$700 in labor despite a parts warranty. My refrigerator just died again. Electrolux offered a “fixed rate repair” for \$580, promising unlimited parts and visits. A technician declared the entire sealed system needed replacement and scheduled a follow-up visit for the next week. No one showed.

Frigidaire customer service reps claim I’m “next on the list,” but are blaming missing parts, though they never notified me or provided tracking information for the part.

Over weeks, reps dodged questions, blamed a “system

migration” and refused to let me speak to a supervisor. After I screen-recorded a chat where an agent admitted they’d never ordered parts, Electrolux canceled my repair outright. What recourse do I have?

– Mike Tarallo, Sanford, Florida

Answer: Electrolux should have honored its fixed-rate repair agreement – a binding commitment to resolve the issue regardless of parts or visits. Under federal law, companies can’t misrepresent warranty terms or obstruct claims. Instead, Frigidaire stranded you in a vortex of false promises and botched diagnostics.

I like the way you documented everything. You took screenshots

of your interactions, secured video proof of misrepresentations during chat sessions and contacted Frigidaire’s executives via its parent company, Electrolux (I publish the names and numbers on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org).

I’ve seen many repair cases where the bottleneck isn’t the technicians but the parts. That’s especially true for older or discontinued appliances. I remember one Kenmore trash compactor case in particular where the parts were unavailable and the company wouldn’t offer a refund.

I contacted Electrolux on your behalf. The company offered a 50% refund on your refrigerator and a refund of your repair costs, which is a reasonable offer for an almost five-year-old appliance.



I should note that Electrolux required that you sign a non-disparagement agreement that states you can’t talk about this case and that you gave me this information before you signed.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org/>),

a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2026 Christopher Elliott

## CALENDARthis

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Jan. 16 Deb Rinder, GUSD superintendent of Special Education, will give an update on the special education at the district level.

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.

### GLENDALE QUILT GUILD HOSTS BINGO

The Glendale Quilt Guild is hosting a bingo night on Saturday, Jan. 17. Doors open at 5 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person for 10 games. Add-ons available for additional cost! Each winning bingo pays \$100 cash (split between winners).

Limited seating; contact Cindy Abrams for reservations at (818) 621-1122 or email [cindyabrams2010@aol.com](mailto:cindyabrams2010@aol.com).

Bingo at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

### DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus). In January the event is on Jan. 30.

There will be live music on Friday, Jan. 30 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 still open for winter programming. Classes run to Feb. 28 (eight weeks). View classes at [cclcc.org](http://cclcc.org).
- 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](http://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. Register/learn more at [cclcf.volunteerlocal.com](http://cclcf.volunteerlocal.com).
- Early registration for Camp Runamuk and summer camps opens Feb. 2 at 9 am. Camp Runamuk sessions will run weekly from June 8 to Aug. 14 with a different theme each week. Camp information will be available online at [cclcf.org](http://cclcf.org) soon.
- Registration for CCLCF Spring I Session opens Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. New classes and returning favorites will run March 2 through May 2.

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

### BINGO FUN AT GLENDALE ELKS LODGE

Purple Pig Bingo will be held at the Glendale Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale, on Jan. 29.

Pack of 10 sheets is \$20; bingo prizes are \$100 (note: multiple winners per game split the prize money).

Dinner available for purchase: \$10. Games start at 6 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, call Ruth McNevin at (818) 298-5605 or Netta Shelton at (818) 388-7573.

Proceeds benefit CHEA - serving children with disabilities.

### ANNUAL JAZZ GUEST ARTIST CONCERT AT CALTECH

The Caltech Jazz Band, under the direction of Barb Catlin, presents the annual Jazz Guest Artist Concert featuring New York saxophonist Sarah Hanahan, Los Angeles saxophonist Chuck Manning and guitarist Zachary Caplinger on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium.

Please contact the Caltech ticket office at (626) 395-4652 or visit <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36761/production/1260637?performanceId=11735866>. Parking is free.

### CALLING ALL TRIVIA BUFFS

Trivia buffs and those who just want to have a good time while supporting

educational programs throughout the Crescenta-Cañada community are invited to the annual Smart-A-Thon on March 13 at 11:30 a.m.. The event is open to the public and includes a delicious lunch, surprise guests, a trivia contest that takes place with community members divided into teams of four members and a Pot O’ Gold drawing. The entry fee for teams of four are \$240; individuals are \$60 each. More information and registration forms are available on the website [pinolafund.org](http://pinolafund.org) or call (818) 292-7912.

The event is sponsored by the board of advisors of the Mary Pinola Education Fund – Leila Bell, Rick Dinger, Robin Goldsworthy, Jo Loomis, Bobbi Parker, Teri Rice, Patty Steur and Chris Waldheim.

### 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](mailto: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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before that happened Robin had been working on a plan to start her own community paper. She put together a prototype and she and the reporter from the Valley Suns (and my kid) Charly Shelton started looking at everything needed for starting a paper. She got advice from local business owners and Charly was the tech guy who got everything set up and running from cameras to computers.

In the meantime I was not having a great time as a reporter with Glendale News Press [note – GNP has been since sold to the Outlook Newspapers ... also locally owned]. I wanted to focus on our local news, for example the jazz dance at CV High School and political issues we all face ... so I resigned and thought I may have to go back to the film business (I was a location scout previously); however, my two youngest children were still in school and I wanted the freedom to be a member of the PTA and/or Prom Plus. Robin then called me and shared what she had been

doing in the months since she was laid off and told me about the paper. I was immediately on board.

Before we were in print, the Station Fire broke. So we were online every single day sharing what we were hearing from local fire departments, officials and our neighbors. By the time we released our first paper in print, Robin had been evacuated from her home. We moved to my kitchen table and worked until 2 a.m. on Sept. 4, 2009 to get our paper finished and ready for distribution on Sept. 4, 2009.

As we were wrapping up the production, a car accident occurred just down the street from my house so “Hold the presses!” were uttered for the first time and off I went, running down the street to get photos and talk to California Highway Patrol.

And to be frank we have never stopped running to get those stories. You won’t see the articles we write on television or even on social media. We verify our sources and then we verify them again. I’m not saying we

have gotten everything right but we work really hard to get the accurate information out to our public. We have been criticized for not going far enough with a story and for going too far. We have been called too conservative and too liberal. And lately the anger that seems to have been transfused into local societal veins have affected areas we never thought would be affected ... but, that being said, for the majority of the time we have found strong support from our neighbors.

Since before we opened in 2009, I felt it was my obligation to keep up on all news – and at times it can not only be daunting but incredibly overwhelming. However, what I have found in our neighborhoods and with our readers is hope. I cannot tell you how many times I have read or seen something that is happening in the world and think, “This is it – we are all doomed” and then I go to a dance for senior citizens or talk to a kindergartener about her letter to Santa. I talk to young people who

are starting an outreach to support fire victims or those who need help. I see elected officials on television repeating the same talking points but then seeing them within our community talking to people one-on-one – no talking points in sight.

That’s what an independent newspaper is supposed to do: report what is actually happening in our community. And I live here so I am as frustrated as most of our readers when I don’t get a straight answer or see officials trying to push through programs and price hikes that I know people don’t want. As a resident I will have to deal with proposed giant complexes on a busy corner but I also have to step back as a resident and write right down the middle. It’s not always easy but, again, that is what reporters with a local independent newspaper must do. That reporting inspires trust and that is what we at CV Weekly value more than ever.

Most of the independent newspaper owners I have interviewed have told me their foundation is their

subscribers so here is my plea to you, our readers. We absolutely need more ads but what we really need is more subscribers. We need them to keep the lights on and to make sure that we don’t become a news desert statistic. So if you can, please subscribe; you will find information on Page 4 or go to [www.cvweekly.com](http://www.cvweekly.com).

We appreciate your support more than you will ever know ... and if you can’t subscribe (because we really do know how tough times are) please just keep reading us.

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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](http://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](http://GlendaleArtsAndCulture.org/PublicArtRFQ). To apply, visit [lebasseprojects.submittable.com/submit](http://lebasseprojects.submittable.com/submit).

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