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MSPA Presents Annual Plan and Budget

By Julie BUTCHER

During a special meeting of the Glendale City Council on Tuesday afternoon, representatives of the Montrose Shopping Park Association presented their annual work plan and budget. Business administrator and events coordinator Dale Dawson summed up some of the area's iconic events aimed at drawing foot traffic to the shopping park: eight years of Wine Walks; the 14th annual Kids and Kritters Day; the two-day outdoor Arts and Crafts Festival on the first weekend of June (this year marks the 42nd year); the 24th annual Montrose Car Show, as well as the weekly Harvest Market and other annual celebrations.

The association budget lists income anticipated at \$590,000, fixed expenses at \$284,000 and overall expenses of \$635,000. There is currently a reserve of \$336,268.

Dawson reiterated the request for the city to replace the trash receptacles and to enclose the trash bins in Municipal Parking Lot 7 as well as focus on improving pedestrian safety in the shopping park's 17 crosswalks.

"I tell you, no matter how they're laid out, if you don't make eye contact with oncoming traffic you're taking your life in your hands," said Dawson. He suggested added lighting, removing some of the stucco walls that impede visibility and changing signals. Incoming association president GiGi Garcia also highlighted the need for improved pedestrian safety including the possibility of creative crosswalks.

At the afternoon meeting, the Council approved a draft request for proposal (RFP) for the operation of the tennis courts at Glorietta Park. Director of Community Services and Parks Onig Bulanikian detailed the history of the concession contract.

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MSAR Remembers One of Their Own

By Mary O'KEEFE

Jan. 26, 1969 was the "End of Watch" for Reserve Sgt. Charles [Chuck] Rea.

"During an El Niño storm, Reserve Sergeant Charles Dudley Rea drowned in Big Tujunga Creek. Sergeant Rea served as a member of the Montrose Search And Rescue team working out of Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. He and fellow team members were making their way toward 30 people stranded in the La Paloma Flats area above Montrose when the tragic accident occurred which claimed his life.

"Reserve Sergeant Rea, 35, worked for the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office as an appraiser and was recently promoted to the rank of reserve sergeant before his death. He lived in La Crescenta with his wife Terri and their four daughters: Christine, Debbie, Lori and Kathleen," according to Los Angeles County Sheriff's

Dept.

This was the one, and only, on-duty death of a Montrose Search And Rescue (MSAR) member. The story of Rea's death is something team members share with new trainees.

There is an award that is given to MSAR members who show "exceptional service to the team and to their community." The most recent award was given to Steve Goldsworthy, who has served as a MSAR volunteer for 14 years.

Presenting the award began one year after Rea's death and in its 56 years has only been given to 28 recipients.

"It's a huge honor," Goldsworthy said. "It's a remembrance of Chuck and the fact that he gave his life helping others."

Goldsworthy added each member of the team understands the risk of what s/he does.

Sgt. John Gilbert, MSAR coordinator, said Rea's is the only on-duty death in the entirety of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.'s Search and Rescue teams.

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Photo courtesy of MSAR
Montrose Search and Rescue team members (from left) Tim Berry, Jay Balagna, Mike Leum and Steve Goldsworthy with the Civil Air Patrol's newest technology, the Wingtra drone.

Sparr Heights Residents Voice Concerns about GCC Proposal

By Mary O'KEEFE

Representatives of Glendale Community College (GCC) have been attending meetings throughout Montrose and La Crescenta sharing a proposal to remodel and rebuild the Professional Development Center (PDC) and former Citibank locations in the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue.

The meetings have raised a lot of questions from business owners and community members including residents in Sparr Heights who would be directly affected by the construction.

In a recent interview, CVW sat down to discuss the proposal with Dr. Ryan Cornner, superintendent/president of Glendale Community

College. He stated that the plan is not to change the "footprint" of the two buildings. The PDC will require some remodeling; however, the Citibank building will have to be entirely demolished. The parking lots will remain the same.

The plan is to bring training for students of occupational therapy and physical therapy under the guidance of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

"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," Cornner said.

It seemed a natural process to move the program to the Citibank property, which the college owns.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
Residents who live near to the Montrose Shopping Park are concerned about the plans Glendale Community College has for the area.



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When Therapy is Needed



Members of Rock Bottom Betty (Richard Dell is on the right) played on Saturday night at Therapy at the Roar Room.

Steve & I love listening to live music. In fact, for Christmas I got him (us) tickets to Train (“Drops of Jupiter”), which will be performing at Pechanga Resort on March 26.

But we often forget that there is a great small lounge on Foothill Boulevard that caters to local bands. On Saturday night, Steve and I headed over to Therapy at the Roar Room, 3465 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta to hear my Kiwanis friend Richard Dell and his band Rock Bottom Betty.

Advertised as playing “timeless, loud and live,” Rock Bottom Betty didn’t disappoint. There were standards played that were easily recognized as well as their spin on certain classics. I found myself (more than once) singing along to a favorite.

We sat near a rotating billboard that advertised weekly events at Therapy at the Roar Room. For example, Monday nights are reserved for Geeks Who Drink/ Trivia Night! This is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and, having gone there for one night of competition with members of the CV

Chamber of Commerce, I found that though I might be a “smarty pants” the truth is my knowledge was lacking!

On Tuesday nights Therapy at the Roar Room boasts Consensual Karaoke – hosted by Mr. Donkey – which is an experience I have not taken part in.

On Thursday nights one of our favorite bands can be found at Therapy at the Roar Room – the Mary Dyer Band! A great cover band of solid musicians, the Mary Dyer Band never disappoints and has played at the CV Fireworks display, Barragan’s in Burbank, Highlands Church and also had numerous “concrete concerts.”

Therapy at the Roar Room doesn’t sell food, but doesn’t mind if you bring in something. It is a true neighborhood bar and a place to check out.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

When the internet was new I would feed it so much information just to get back a little bit of information. But as the internet began to take over our lives a situation arose we have been slow to realize – in fact, we now think it is a natural thing. We need to put less and less into a search to get back an amazing amount of information. Sometimes I get information I never asked for but there it is on the search engine waiting for me.

For a while I was getting information (and advertising) that was geared for young parents but then the AI/internet partnership powers realized their mistake and I began getting advertising better suited for a grandma.

If you are a science fiction lover like me, this type of “Big Brother” of knowledge is frightening. In fact, I find it difficult to think of any sci-fi story that doesn’t have a connection to having the masses being monitored in one way or another.

Our political leaders have been agreeing with many who have said this monitoring is out of control; however, not a lot has been done about it. Our inner thoughts are being found, researched and then marketed to all in a matter of minutes. AI even suggests ways to write or text.

I think the line between our privacy and information-gathering by marketing firms is more blurred – and I am not alone.

“Under the Supreme Court’s existing Fourth Amendment doctrines, an individual generally loses a reasonable expectation of privacy in information when that individual exposes the information to others. This is because the Court says that individual has assumed the risk that the information may be used against them in any way. These doctrines presume that an individual is, at least theoretically, aware of the ways the information can be used against them when they expose it. This presumption makes

sense if the timespans between when the information is exposed, when it is collected and when it is used are short – days, weeks, and months, for example. However, if exposure, collection and use are spread out over longer intervals – years or decades – new technologies can fundamentally alter expectations about the ways information can be used, undermining the presumption,” according to the American University Law Review.

Many of you may have heard this week about a new privacy tool offered to Californians.

California has become the first state in the nation to offer a privacy tool for residents of the state. As of Jan. 1 of this year, Californians can tell data brokers to stop selling their personal information through an online platform titled DROP (Delete Request and Opt-out Platform). This is part of the Delete Act that was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2023.

“Data brokers quietly work to collect, combine, analyze, trade and sell personal information, usually without a person’s knowledge or explicit consent, creating risks for fraud and other nefarious outcomes. As of Jan. 1, Californians can submit a single deletion request to registered data brokers through DROP. DROP quickly verifies the user’s California residency and then transmits the deletion request to the data brokers. Under the Delete Act, data brokers must start processing deletion requests Aug. 1, 2026,” according to the governor’s office.

I suggest you check out this DROP tool. Go to <https://privacy.ca.gov/drop> and read the information provided.

“DROP gives you more control over your data. You can tell data brokers to delete and not sell your personal information,” according to the DROP website.

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

LA CRESCENTA AVENUE REHAB PROJECT STALLED

Paving operations on La Crescenta Avenue have been postponed due to ongoing conflicting utility construction. An updated schedule of the paving and striping improvements will be printed as soon as it's made available.

FIELD TRIP DOCENT TRAININGS

Today, Thursday, Jan. 29 there is a Rosemont Preserve geology docent training, and on Friday, Jan. 30 a docent training on native plants will take place. Trainings are from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and take place at the Rosemont Preserve.

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.

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

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.

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. To apply, visit lebasseprojects.submittable.com/submit.

» HEALTHY LIVING 2026

How Pets Can Enhance People's Lives

By Mary O'KEEFE

We love our pets. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, about 59% of American households had pets at the end of 2019. But after the pandemic that number jumped to 66%, according to Zebra.

We used to hear that pets teach responsibility to kids but we now know they offer so much more. A study done by Animal-Assisted Interventions (AAIs) found that horse riding can help veterans experience positive changes and reduce symptoms of depression and PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder).

The power of pet parenting is not a surprise to family therapist Jamie Given of Given Guidance.

"As a marriage and family therapist, I often witness how deeply regulating the presence of a pet can be, especially during stressful seasons of life," she said. "I bring my dog, Sadie, into sessions as an emotional support animal and clients naturally respond to her calm, loving energy."

After decades of working with pets, including as the executive director at the Glendale Humane Society for 21 years, Alyce Russell has seen how important pets can be to individuals and to families.

Russell is also the owner of Andersen's Pet Shop at 2218 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. Her parents purchased the store in the 1950s; she and her husband Tom took it over from them.

Russell has regular and new customers who come into her store and they share the stories of their pet family.

"One of my customers had adopted a dog from me at the Humane Society, a black lab mix," she recalled. The customer was later diagnosed with an illness that made him lose his balance.

"His dog, who had been his dog for several years [prior to the diagnosis], took the role of standing by his [pet parent's] bed and letting the man use him for support," she said. "He walked with him very carefully."

The dog also helped him get in and out of a chair.

"Nobody trained the dog; he just filled that need because his person was in need," she said.

Another example was of a young person who was struggling with an addiction. S/he had gone to rehabilitation but it didn't work for her/him ... but s/he had a dog.

"The dog saw [her/him] through the darkest days and nights," Russell said. "The dog got [her/him] through it because that is what [s/he] needed ... love."

Russell added it also gave this individual a reason to get up every day to help feed and take care of the dog.

"I have customers who have dogs who recognize medical needs for their kids," she said. She added another story of a girl who was terrified to leave home and go to college. She got a comfort dog and took it to every class and became confident.

"She had emotional support," she said.

There are many more stories Russell shared about dogs that filled the void in people's lives; but it is not only dogs that act as emotional support pets.

She spoke about a friend she knew many years ago.

"She was diagnosed with stomach cancer and she had one of those little windows where you could sit and read. [Every day] she'd go in a [room] and just try to enjoy the sunlight. Her cat would come up and get on her stomach. She was in the third stage of cancer and after a couple of months the cancer disappeared. About three months later the cat died ... of cancer," Russell said.

There are thousands of stories of how pets have saved people, physically and mentally, including how they become a link between their person and the outside world.

But getting a pet is not something that should be taken lightly. The pet is a responsibility, both in time and finances, and it is important to consider everything when deciding to become a pet parent.

Russell said the cost of pet care has been increasing every year and if people are thinking about adopting a pet they should make sure they explore pet insurance options.

"Pets need you to feed them, to care for them, [at times] walk them and do all those things for them ... and they do reciprocate," she said.

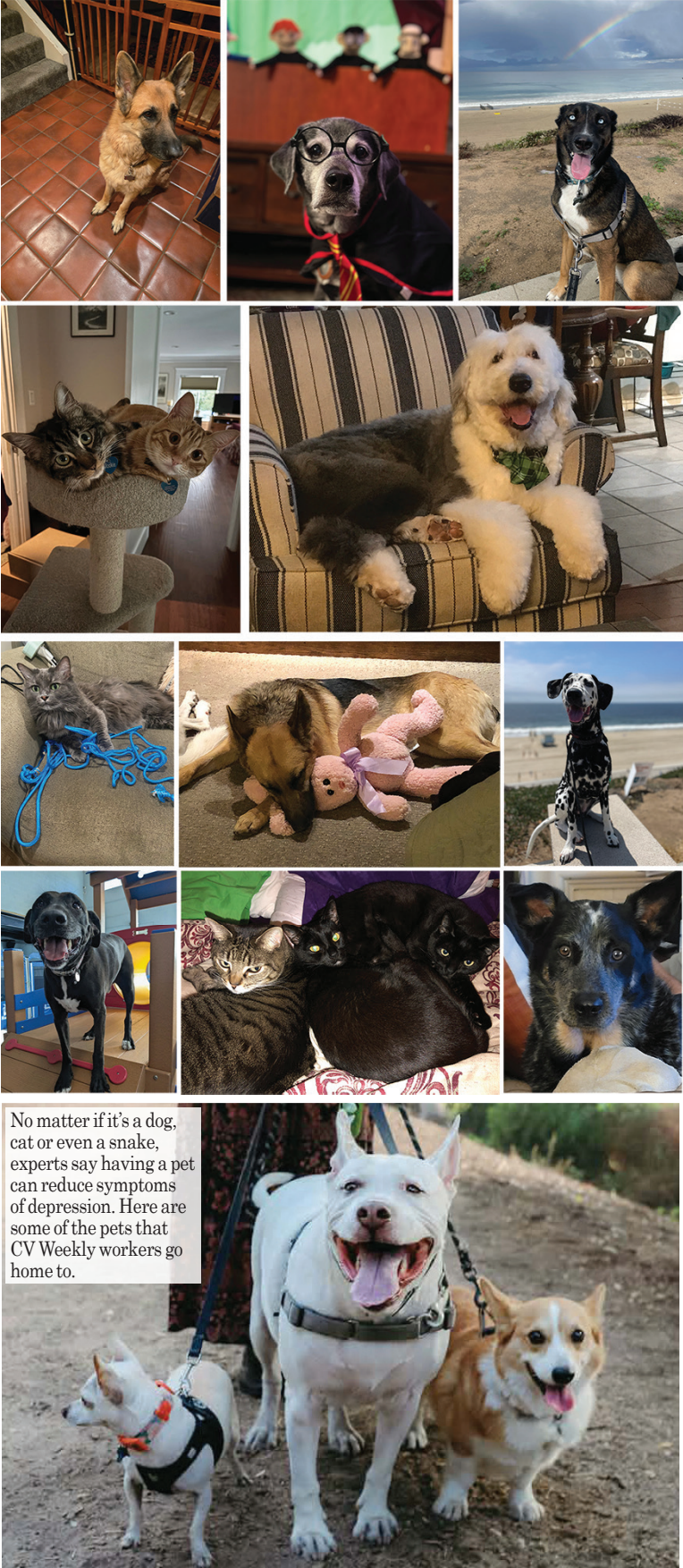
Russell said getting a pet can teach children responsibility as well as giving emotional support and it can also create a special family time.

"[Sometimes] parents come in the store and say they want to get their child a hamster," she said. Often the parents mention this will be a way to teach the child responsibility by letting them take care of the pet.

"And I tell them through my experience, 'The best way to [teach] your child is to do it [caring for the pet] with your child because when you do it with them, it shows them how to do it and it becomes a family project and then [the child] remembers [that lesson],' " she said.

She said when that happens she sees the child grow and become a really good pet parent.

"Animals offer something uniquely supportive. They provide steady companionship, unconditional love and a sense of safety without judgment. There is genuine joy in the simple ways pets show care, whether it's a dog wagging its tail, a cat curling up on a lap or an animal seeking connection in its own way," Given said. "Being a pet parent creates routine, responsibility and moments of presence that ground us emotionally and remind us we're not alone."



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Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to connect over coffee, conversation and study. The congregation’s February calendar kicks off with a casual morning gathering at the La Cañada McDonald’s on Thursday, Feb. 5. Starting at 9 a.m., the event offers a low-pressure environment for residents to meet, share a meal, and participate in a time of prayer. Grab your breakfast then head to the rear dining area for food, fellowship and prayer. LCIF’s “Prayer Breakfasts” are held on the first Thursday of each month. The church will also host its next session of the Women’s

GATHER Bible Study on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Designed for those seeking deeper discussion and community, the group will meet at 1 p.m. in the church conference room. Organizers note that the Bible study is open to all women in the area and, like the breakfast gathering, does not require advance registration. The church will celebrate Valentine’s Day weekend with a concert on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the LCIF sanctuary. The community is invited to enjoy an evening of music, performed by LCIF’s pianist Katherine Franstsen. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the concert. In addition, all are invited to LCIF’s weekly 10 a.m. Sunday worship services led by Pastor Viv Vega. Children’s Church is offered

at the same time and includes crafts, games and Bible study. 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 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.

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Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Feb. 8, 15 & 22.. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts. Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional. Those with questions can email Jeanne at jlavieri@earthlink.net. All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

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Surrounding Areas

Planet Fitness Gets Permit Approval

By Mary O'KEEFE

At a Tuesday public hearing meeting of the Los Angeles County Planning Dept. Planet Fitness had a conditional use permit and "minor" parking deviation approved by section head Steven Jareb.

On Aug. 14, 2025, representatives from Hirsch Green Transportation Consulting and Planet Fitness attended the Crescenta Valley Land Use Committee (LUC) where the local committee approved the minor parking deviation.

Planet Fitness is proposing to move into the former La Crescenta Rite Aid property at 2647 Foothill Blvd. The building has been vacant since January 2024.

According to the county code, a fitness center has a higher parking requirement than what was previously needed for the Rite Aid site. The Marketplace Shopping Center currently provides 434 parking spaces. A study was conducted by Hirsch Green Transportation Consulting to evaluate how many parking spaces would actually be needed for Planet Fitness. The study observed the parking utilization of the shopping center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during a normal week and weekend. The reduction would be 13% from the required 497

parking spaces to 434 spaces that are now available.

During the LUC meeting, LA County planner Joshua Pereira presented floor plans that showed fitness equipment, machines and stations that Planet Fitness proposed.

"There is no proposed changed to the existing parking stalls or the parking lot," Pereira said.

Jareb said the proposed conditions are "pretty simple and straightforward."

However he did have a few questions and additions. At Tuesday's meeting he asked the Planet Fitness representatives if they were planning to have any classes, or sessions, outside of the building. The representatives said they were not planning on having anything outside.

Larry [Lawrence] Luckwaldt is the managing member of the Planet Fitness ownership group. During the meeting he introduced himself as the "franchisee of Planet Fitness."

"I own 14 locations in LA County. I started here in LA County. We service a number of people already that are in this commercial corridor [along the foothills] that go to other locations," he said.

He said the motive for moving to the La Crescenta location was to bring the gym closer to those who are already members.

He added that in other Planet

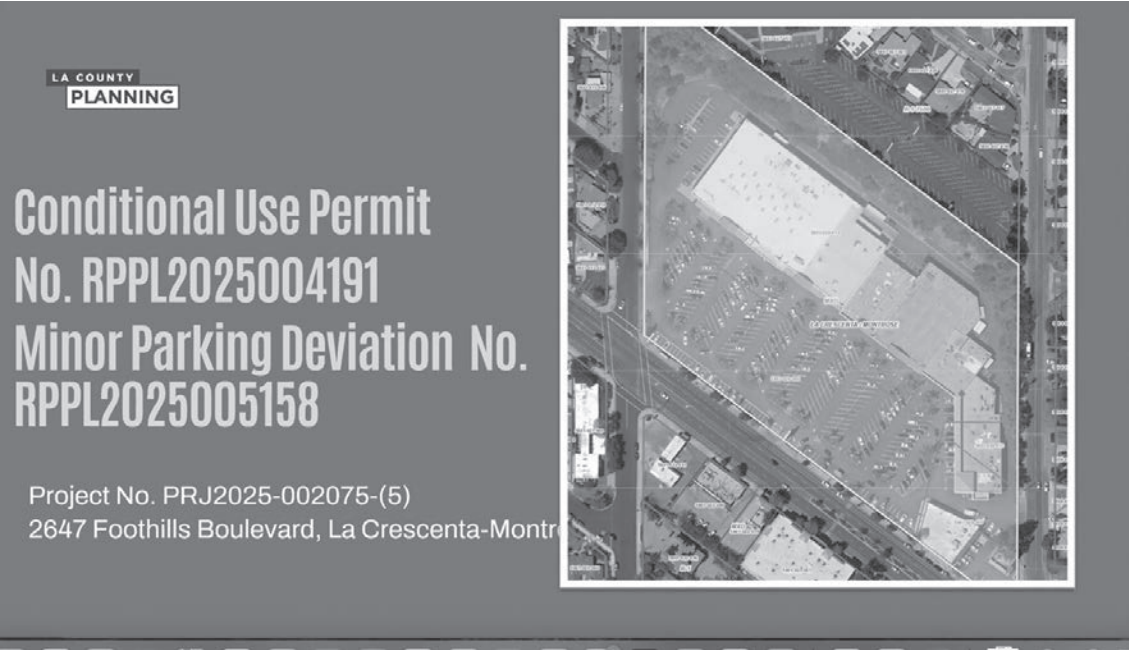


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A public hearing meeting was held on Tuesday regarding a conditional use permit and a minor parking deviation for Planet Fitness, which plans to occupy the former Rite Aid location.

Fitness locations in LA County, a lot of community outreach has been done, including holding an annual toy drive and food drives for Boys and Girls Clubs.

"During the Eaton Fire we opened all of our locations to anybody in the community, [including] first responders," he said.

He opened the location for others, regardless of membership, to provide support including having school children use Planet Fitness WiFi for homework.

"We just love being part of the community," Luckwaldt said.

Planet Fitness representative

Aaron Clark added they had come to the Crescenta Valley Town Council meeting in order to meet with members of the community.

"We had a really robust discussion with them. It's a wonderful council," he said.

Jareb said he noticed that the business would be offering massages.

"What types of massage services are you intending to offer?" Jareb asked.

"These are massage machines," Luckwaldt responded. "There is no human-to-human contact."

The permits were

approved.

CVW reached out to Planet Fitness after the approval for comment; however, representatives had not responded by press time.

WEATHER from page 2

When people click "Sign Up" they will have to verify that they are a California resident. They will have to provide personal information, like name, date of birth and email – how much information is provided is up to them. Data brokers are required to process deletion requests at least once every 45 days beginning on Aug. 1 of this year.

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As with anything, it is important the fine print is read and researched before a person signs up or agrees to anything.

The one area that caused me to pause was this:

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This was part of the "agreement" that needs to be signed to move forward with DROP. I am going to reach out to the DROP office to find out exactly what this means. I do not want to swap one peeping internet for another.

I will follow up next week with what I find.

For our weather, we will be seeing temperatures rise starting today, Thursday, through Saturday with highs in the 80s, which is well above the norm of 68 degrees. On Sunday we

will dip down to the mid 70s, still above our normal temperature for this time of year. We will continue with temperatures in the 70s, but will start going back up to the 80s next week,

according to NOAA.

"We are seeing a pretty warm pattern," a NOAA meteorologist said. "We see no rain in the forecast through the first 10 days of February."

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Homicide Suspect Quickly Identified and Arrested By Glendale Police

On Jan. 20 at approximately 6:56 a.m., patrol officers responded to a report of a deceased person in a driveway in the 300 block of West Broadway. Patrol officers located the male, in his 40s, who had sustained fatal injuries. Glendale Fire Dept. paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the male deceased.

Glendale Police Dept. Homicide Detectives, forensic specialists and the Los Angeles County Coroner’s Office responded and initiated a homicide investigation.

During the investigation, the deceased was found to have a single penetrating wound to the chest consistent with a stabbing. Detectives quickly made progress and ultimately identified a possible male suspect. The suspect’s identity was later confirmed through DNA analysis conducted by the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory.

After identifying the suspect – 44-year-old Mario Medina-Restrepo – detectives collaborated with the Pacific Southwest U.S. Marshals Task Force and located Restrepo in the City of Santa Monica.

Restrepo was taken into custody safely and without incident on Jan. 22 just after 11 a.m.

This incident is believed to be the result of some unknown altercation between Restrepo and the deceased and not a random act of violence.

There is no further information available at this time. The case will be presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office for filing consideration.

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

GPD

Murder Charges Filed Against Glendale Firefighter-Paramedic

A Glendale firefighter-paramedic was charged on Friday, Jan. 23 with the domestic violence murder of his wife at their North Hollywood home earlier this week.

“The domestic violence death of Mayra Jimenez is a devastating reminder of the persistent scourge of intimate partner violence in our communities,” said Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman. “No one, including those sworn to protect others, is above the law and we will hold the defendant accountable for this horrific crime and bring justice to Ms. Jimenez and her loved ones. Too often, cases of domestic violence go unreported and have the potential to end tragically, as in this instance. I want to urge anyone experiencing or witnessing domestic abuse to contact the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 978-3600.”

Andrew Jimenez is charged with one count of murder with an allegation of using an axe as a deadly weapon. Jimenez has served with the Glendale Fire Dept. since April 28, 2008.

Arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 23 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The victim was found deceased in the couple’s home on Jan. 21.

If convicted as charged, Jimenez faces 26 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorneys Chelsea Blatt and Kelsey McKeever-Unger of the Family Violence Division are prosecuting the case. It remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Dept.

The City of Glendale issued a statement regarding the active homicide investigation.

“This is an extremely serious and deeply troubling matter. First and foremost, our hearts are with the victim’s family and loved ones, and we extend our sincere condolences as they grieve this tragic loss,” reads the statement in part.

The Los Angeles Police Dept. is the lead agency in this investigation and the Glendale Fire Dept. stated it is cooperating fully.

“Our condolences are with the victim’s family and loved ones,” said Fire Chief Jeff Brooks. “We are prepared to support those impacted by this tragedy and we are also ensuring our firefighters and staff have access to support resources as they process this loss.”

Any additional questions regarding the investigation should be directed to the Los Angeles Police Dept. at (213) 486-1000.

The charges filed in this case are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Correction:

In last week’s cover story, the amount of the prize money that will be distributed at the CV Chamber of Commerce bingo is \$100. The money will be split among the winners if there is more than one winner.

CRIME BLOTTER

JAN. 25

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that while she was shopping two women stole her wallet. Suspect No. 1 was described as White with blonde hair and wearing a white sweater. Suspect No. 2 was described as White with black hair, tall and thin in her mid-30s and wearing a black jumpsuit.

The victim stated that her purse was sitting in the shopping cart when Suspect No. 2 began talking to her. The victim saw Suspect No. 1 walk near her shopping cart and reach for something near her purse; however, she was then distracted by Suspect No. 2 who was asking her about an item on the shelf at the store. When the two suspects walked away the victim immediately found her purse was missing. She attempted to use the “Find my phone” application but it did not work (her cellphone was in her purse). There was another victim who reported her wallet was stolen by two suspects that matched the descriptions of Suspects No. 1 and No. 2 in the store about the same time. The two suspects used the same tactics as with the first woman who had her purse stolen.

The thefts occurred between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

JAN. 23

1700 block of Bonita Vista Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that when he arrived home with his wife and entered the house, they found their bedroom had been ransacked. Fearing the suspect/suspects were still at the home, they left the residence and contacted law enforcement. Deputies responded and discovered the screen from the window in the master bath was pried off and the window open.

The theft occurred at 7 p.m.

JAN. 22

800 block of Greenridge Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a burglary alarm at a home. The window on the second level had been shattered. They observed blood stains near the broken window. There was a pallet that had been apparently used as a ladder to reach the second level of the home.

After a walk-through of the property with the residents it did not appear that anything was stolen.


The residential burglary occurred at 6:53 p.m.

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

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City of La Cañada Flintridge Invites Residents to Attend Wildlife Safety Presentations by Pasadena Humane

To help the community stay informed and safe, the City of La Cañada Flintridge is having upcoming presentations by Pasadena Humane focusing on wildlife safety and coyote awareness. The sessions, scheduled for February, aim to provide residents with information and practical guidance on coexisting safely with local wildlife.

Pasadena Humane will present twice at city hall's council chambers. The first session is scheduled for Feb. 17 and will be part of the regularly scheduled LCF City Council meeting and will cover coyote behavior, coexistence strategies and common misconceptions about local wildlife. This presentation will be recorded and posted on the city's website for those who are

unable to attend in person. A follow-up interactive workshop will be held on Feb. 23 during the Public Safety Commission meeting. Building on the earlier presentation, this one-hour session will focus on practical tools for preventing wildlife conflicts and responding safely to encounters. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in discussion.

"We encourage residents to take advantage of these opportunities to learn directly from wildlife experts," said Mayor Kim Bowman. "Understanding coyote behavior and how to respond appropriately helps keep our community, pets and wildlife safer."

Both meetings are open to the public, free of charge, and do not require registration.

While the LCF City Council and Public Safety Commission meetings begin at 6 p.m., these presentations are scheduled as agenda items and their start times may vary.

To learn more about these events or to access additional wildlife safety resources, please visit the City's Animal Control webpage at LCF.ca.gov/Animal-Control.

New Central Hub for Community Engagement: Engage Glendale

The City of Glendale launched Engage Glendale, an online platform built to facilitate year-round, accessible and meaningful public engagement with city projects, policies and discussions.

"Engage Glendale strengthens how we connect with residents by making it easier to learn about

City projects, share feedback and stay informed year-round," said City Manager Roubik Golanian.

The Community Development Dept. has taken the lead in including projects such as the North Glendale and East-West Glendale Historic Contexts and Surveys, and the Verdugo Wash

Master Plan. Those projects are now live on Engage Glendale and feature interactive and user-friendly engagement and information tools.

In future phases, Engage Glendale will feature more projects across a variety of policy areas, becoming a central engagement

hub for the community to learn about and provide feedback on City projects.

Engage Glendale is powered by Social Pinpoint, which helps cities to connect the voices of community stakeholders with local decision-making.

The community can visit Engage.GlendaleCA.gov to sign up for Engage Glendale and start following and participating in City projects of interest.

Any questions or feedback related to Engage Glendale can be shared on the Engage Glendale project page or via email at Engage@GlendaleCA.gov.

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Obituary Dolores Marsh



1939 - 2026

Dolores Marsh, 86, of La Cañada Flintridge passed away peacefully on Jan 21 surrounded by her loving family – a family she nurtured and loved so much.

Dolores was born in 1939 in Glendale to Ralph and Aurora Medina. She attended St. Finbar Parish School and went on to Bellarmine Jefferson High School in Burbank where she met the love of her life, Harvey Marsh. High school sweethearts, they married in 1960 and shared more than 65 years of marriage, building a life rooted in faith, family and service.

After graduating from nursing school at Queen of Angels in Los Angeles, Dolores began her career at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank as a registered nurse. She later worked as a pediatric nurse for Drs. Coffelt and Salawi where she cared for generations of families over the next 35 years. It always brought her joy when former patients, now grown, recognized her and stopped to say hello, a testament to the gentle care she gave so freely.

Dolores lived in Burbank, Glendale and ultimately La

Cañada Flintridge where she and Harvey settled in 1979. She was deeply involved in her parish community at St. Bede the Venerable, serving as president of the Parish Council of Women, a member of the Bereavement Committee, and as a Eucharistic minister. She was active in her faith, evident in her kindness, presence and service. She was also devoted to education and community, serving on the Mothers' Guild at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, a community that remained close to her heart.

Above all, Dolores was a loving wife, mother and nana. She is survived by her devoted husband Harvey; daughters Ellen Foley and Marianne Williams; grandchildren Katie Travis, Brian Williams and Meghan Ulfeldt; and her five great-grandchildren.

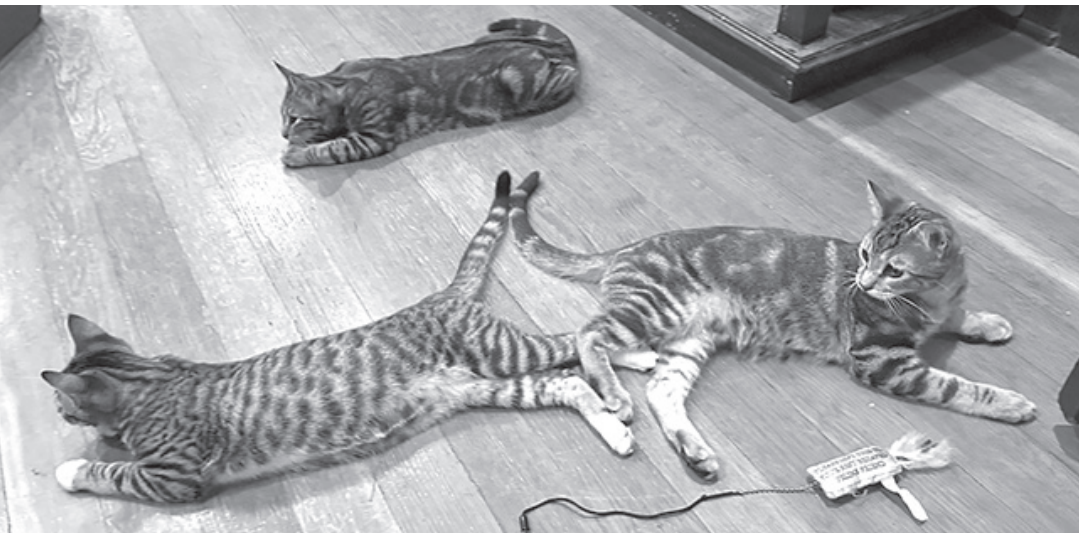
Dolores had a love that was immeasurable. She was her family's biggest cheerleader, supporting everything they did, always ready with encouragement.

Dolores was always ready to send a kind note to those who needed comfort or celebration, small acts of love that made a lasting difference. She will be remembered for her warmth, her faith, her steady presence and the deep closeness of her family.

Dolores's life was a blessing and her love will continue to guide those who were fortunate to know her. She will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dolores' memory may be made to Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy or the Pasadena Humane Society.

Kittens in Need of a Home



Four beautiful kittens – Serafina, Simba, Zero and Ember – are looking for their forever home.

They were first seen with a vendor and her family in Echo Park Lake. The family they were with said their cat had too big a litter, so they were trying to give away the kittens for free to anyone who passed by. As the day drew on the owner had to go home and said she would be leaving the kittens that hadn't been claimed.

A young couple decided to take all of them to their home. The kittens were covered in fleas and were too young for medicine, so they were given many baths; hundreds of fleas were picked out using tweezers. The kittens also had to wait to get their shots, but eventually they ran through a full course.

They are now almost 5 months old (their birthday is on Aug. 16) and are fully healthy. Though the couple wishes they could keep them all, they are trying to stick to their decision to just foster and adopt out these lil babies to good homes.

They were raised with a dog and cat, so they are socialized. The four also do well with both older cats and (chill) old dogs.

Each one of them has its own personality and they all get along really well. They love to play and love toys. And after a long night of "zoomies," they love to wake up snuggled up in the crook of a shoulder.

The couple is hoping that whoever adopts them will keep at least two of them since they love each other so much and need a buddy to play with.



MSAR from Cover

“Thankfully the program has not had any other fatalities but in my time as coordinator over the years we’ve had injuries and incidents happen because it is an inherently dangerous job that [team members are] doing,” Gilbert said.

He said the risk is completely dependent on the type of incident being responded to.

“Some of the problems we inherently have with the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains is that they’re extremely steep,” he said.

The mountains are often cited as the steepest terrain in the United States.

“But at the same time the [ground] is also crumbling. A lot of it is decomposing granite; the footholds are not great,” Gilbert added. “So you combine how steep the mountains are with the fact they are falling apart – literally underneath you – and it’s very challenging to get a good foothold or good handhold and really trust it.”

A lot of times these rescues take place in the middle of the

night.

“That’s just the nature of the way life works,” he said. “You don’t always get your search and rescue missions on a nice, clear sunny day when its 72 degrees.”

Goldsworthy said the high risk can lead to complicated situations at times.

“I’ve been in and out of a helicopter 200 times,” he said.

Air rescues or over-the-side rescues can be taken for granted because they are done so often, which is why training is so important to the team.

The team trains ... a lot. They train in every terrain and in every type of weather. Gilbert added that training, and the equipment used, has changed considerably since 1947 when the program was founded. The team continues to work with new technologies.

“The amount of equipment, technology and knowledge that the average rescuer has nowadays is significantly better,” he added.

One of those new tech tools the team is using is an Unmanned

Aircraft System (UAS). It is being used to search for hiker Monica Reza, who went missing in late June 2025. Although the official search has ended, MSAR members have continued to search the area she was last seen in Angeles National Forest. Reza was last seen hiking in the Mt. Waterman area.

“The Civil Air Patrol has a new UAS, a new drone, that is capable of flying like an airplane that can cover a large area,” Goldsworthy said. He added MSAR and Civil Air Patrol will be using this new technology to search the area. The UAS will take “tens of thousands of photographs” and then run that data through a software program that will help the team identify any anomaly.

“We had success with [the drones] for an over-the-side car,” he said. The vehicle was found over the side of the road about 650 feet down. “The drone picked up abnormal colors,” he said adding that identification led rescuers to the vehicle.

In addition the drone can fly fairly close to the ground, about 200 feet above the ground.

After the software’s AI reviews the photos, MSAR team members will also look for any abnormalities.

There is also a chance that, regardless of where people are hiking, things can go wrong and people will need MSAR’s

help; however, there are things that can make a dangerous situation safer for both the hiker and MSAR.

The first thing hikers should do is to make certain to tell someone where they are going, when they will return, what vehicle they are driving to the location, where they plan to park and what supplies they have with them.

The next thing is to make certain they have the Ten Essentials with them, which includes navigation equipment – including a compass, a GPS device and a map – a headlamp with extra batteries, sun protection, first aid, a knife, matches or lighter, shelter, extra food, extra water and extra clothes.

Goldsworthy said hikers can get all of these items into a small pack.

And then they should make sure not to hike alone. When hiking with others it’s important they stay together.

“In my seven years as a coordinator, the [number] of times I’ve seen a group [that stays] together and get hopelessly lost is zero,” Gilbert said. “When people stay together as a group they can work collectively and often make better decisions collectively.”

Being prepared for a hike can save lives. MSAR continues to train in ice, snow and swift

water to be prepared for future rescues. Rea’s sacrifice is never far from their minds.

“We had our trainees and a few team members [go] to Chuck [Rea’s] gravesite [on Jan. 26] and we put some flowers on his grave,” Gilbert said. “We are [with the trainees] to impress upon them the importance of his sacrifice, that it wasn’t in vain and that we learn from the lessons [of his death] and that is why we hold ourselves to a [high] standard.”

MSAR is always looking for individuals who are interested in joining the team. It invites anyone interested to visit its website www.montrosesar.org or come to its monthly meeting, which occurs the first Wednesday of the month at the CV Sheriff’s Station, 4554 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta at 7 p.m.

MSAR members are volunteers; most of the costs of their uniforms and equipment are paid by the volunteers themselves. To donate, visit their website at www.montrosesar.org.

For more information on Chuck Rea visit <https://tinyurl.com/yf8kkz9h>.

To learn more about the MSAR team, read historian Mike Lawler’s book “Thrilling Tales of the Montrose Search and Rescue.”



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SPARR HEIGHTS from Cover

The program could be embedded in the area the community frequents and where the college wants to increase student involvement.

But there are some residents’ concerns with one being there has yet to be a meeting that focuses on how this proposal will actually affect those who live close by.

Sparr Heights is a unique neighborhood that runs directly behind the Montrose Shopping Park. Neighbors are used to the Citibank/PDC parking lots at the location being used for events, including the Montrose Christmas Parade, Oktoberfest, Spooktacular – events that spill into their neighborhoods.

A group of residents in the Sparr Heights area are very concerned about the proposal and what it will mean to them, especially during construction and later.

“We attended the meeting at MSPA,” said resident Steve Miller.

Last week, Steve, his wife Angela and neighbor Carol Clark invited CVW to sit down with them to share their increasing concerns about the GCC proposal.

One of their concerns centers on the original GCC proposal at the Garfield Campus. The campus is located at 1122 E. Garfield Ave. in Glendale. In 2017, fencing was erected around 11, later 13, properties. Residents at the time, according to reports, were concerned about an expansion they had

not been told about.

GCC had planned to replace the housing with additional parking. Houses in the area were purchased and the plan was approved. The neighbors in the area, which included Adams Square, voiced their worries about traffic and asked about an environmental impact report (EIR); however, the college representatives said, at the time, an EIR was not required. The parking lot was completed and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in November 2022.

The Sparr Heights residents worry that history could repeat itself and they will find that the proposed project will adjust to something else.

To note, Ryan Cornner was not the superintendent/president of GCC at the time of the Garfield expansion.

Other concerns if the project moves forward include how long will residents have to deal with the parking lot being a construction staging area, when will construction begin and end and what will be done to mitigate any dangerous chemicals, like asbestos.

“Why are they bringing USC-VHH here?” Angela asked.

Cornner said that bringing occupational and physical therapy to the area will bring in more people to shop at local stores and eat at local restaurants. He also said there will not be a lot of people at the locations at any given time.

“He said about 60 people in total,” Steve said. That would include students and patients.

The Millers and Clark attended meetings that Cornner presented, including a GCC governing board meeting.

“We know the building [Citibank] can’t sit empty,” Steve said.

They, as residents, would just like to be included in the process and outreach efforts of the college. They understand that businesses will be affected – but they will as well.

“We don’t feel their [GCC] involvement has been [with us],” Angela said.

In addition, they are also worried about what this might mean for the town of Montrose.

“We love it here,” Steve said.

They have all lived in the area for years and love the community involvement, the MSP and Chamber events, along with other events in the area. They are concerned this proposal could change the “small town feel” of Montrose.

“I don’t want to see Montrose become a medical corridor,” Clark said.

They would like to meet with Cornner to discuss their issues. They have also created a resident group titled Montrose Moving Forward and want residents who have questions or concerns to contact them at montrosemovingforward@gmail.com.

CVW had reached out to GCC but as of press time had not received a response.

VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

It’s Crow Time! No, It’s Parrot Time!

My wife and I have a ritual most evenings. As the sun sets, we watch hundreds of crows flying west in big flocks.

“It’s crow time,” we say to each other. “Or is it parrot time?” Because at the same time of day that flocks of crows are heading west, flocks of parrots are heading east. Spastic and insanely noisy flocks of parrots are headed in the opposite direction, usually at a slightly lower altitude, so they don’t collide I suppose.

The contrast between the two groups heading in opposite directions is striking. The crows flap their wings slowly and gracefully, silent as they go west. One gets a sense that they have been following this evening ritual for thousands of years. The parrots, on the other hand, flap their wings frantically, screaming their shrill calls as they head east. They are newcomers, an introduced species from Mexico, still finding their place in our ecosystem.

So, the crows are heading west and the parrots are heading east. Where are they going and where are they coming from? The crows are heading to roosting areas in trees near Hansen Dam, I’m told. I keep wanting to follow them but haven’t done so yet. They roost in groups of thousands, especially in winter, and will fly up to 40 miles to the communal roosting sites. I’ve seen them pause on their westward flight in CV Park, hundreds of cawing crows gathered in trees there, looking vaguely sinister (thanks, Alfred Hitchcock) before they take flight again en masse. In the morning they will come back to feed in smaller groups across our valley. They will eat almost anything and I’m told that a favorite destination is the Scholl Canyon Landfill.

They are highly intelligent and very social. It’s been proven that they can recognize and remember human faces, even passing that recognition info to their offspring. They have a basic language. They use tools to obtain food. They mate for life and will stay with their parents to help raise siblings. They have even been observed to mourn the death of a flock-mate. They are perhaps the most intelligent of all the birds.

And the eternal question: is it a crow or a raven? It’s hard to know, but here’s a couple of clues. Ravens are much larger than crows and tend to stay away from urban areas whereas crows are quite comfortable in cities. However, the best way to tell is when they are in flight. Ravens have a wedge-shaped tail that comes to a point while crows’ tails are fan-shaped. And ravens’ wingtip feathers splay out like a hawk’s while crows’ are blunt and rounded.

And the parrots? Where are they going? They are going to Pasadena each evening. Especially in the winter, they gather by the thousands in the trees in front of Pasadena City Hall. I was lucky enough to see this gathering a couple of times this winter. Standing on the sidewalk, my wife and I watched as noisy groups of up to a hundred flew in from all directions, circling and then landing in the trees until the branches were bending with their weight. It’s complete pandemonium in the trees as they shift places back and forth looking for just the right spot and the right companions to sleep next to for the night. As the parrots gather they scream at one another at an incredible volume, getting louder and louder as more join them. It’s almost deafening. As darkness descends, they begin to slowly quiet down and finally at full dark they are silent and invisible.

In the morning the ritual is repeated in reverse. They get louder as the light comes and they begin to fly off in groups, many of them heading back to La Cañada and La Crescenta to noisily feed on the many fruit trees in people’s yards.

So join me and my wife’s sunset ritual of watching the daily migration of crows heading west and parrots heading east.

“It’s crow time! No, it’s parrot time!” Actually, it’s both.

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

Supervisor Barger Issues Statement on President Trump’s Executive Order on Wildfire Rebuilding

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger issued the following statement in response to President Trump’s Executive Order on wildfire rebuilding:

“I welcome any effort to responsibly accelerate rebuilding. Los Angeles County already has a local self-certification process to help expedite rebuilding, along with streamlined approvals for modular, factory-built homes and pre-approved plans. Permits currently spend just over 30 business days in the County’s plan check, with additional delays stemming from the complex multi-party work of architects, engineers, and builders.

“I appreciate the Administration’s acknowledgement of the important role FEMA plays in disaster recovery. The most urgent need in the Altadena region is financially driven. Families lack the capital to kick start or continue their rebuilding plans. Our County will soon face a mass sheltering crisis as survivors’ insurance and emergency relief funds run out.

“As FEMA’s role expands into this new recovery function, I’m hopeful that the federal government will collaborate with our County to implement a mass housing and sheltering program and offer long-term disaster aid (such as Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds) so we can accelerate recovery. All survivors deserve full support from all levels of government so they have a fair shot at rebuilding their lives.”

President Trump signed an executive order that “directs FEMA and SBA to issue regulations that preempt state and local permits; enables builders to self-certify to a federal agency that they’re in compliance; expedites waivers; audits use of hazard mitigation grants,” according to CBS LA. However, according to CBS LA, California Governor Gavin Newsom “isn’t buying it.”



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YOUTH

Hints on How to be Good Drivers – and Pedestrians – Shared at Middle School

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

How to be good drivers and pedestrians were the goals of a presentation made on Friday, Jan. 23 by Girl Scout Cadet Vera Garabedian to students at Rosemont Middle School. Among those who crowded the school’s library were members of the Builders Club and California Junior Scholarship Foundation.

Realizing the high number of car accidents is what prompted Garabedian to make the presentation.

“I wanted to educate our eighth graders,” she said acknowledging that many of the students were looking to get their driver’s license when they turn 16. She added that she wanted to alert attendees before they become licensed drivers.

“I want them to make every effort possible to be a good driver and pedestrian,” she said. “It’s a large problem on our roads.”

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for U.S. teens (ages 13-19), according to a 2022 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). About 2,800 teens in the United States ages 13-19 were killed and about 227,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2020, according to the

CDC and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Garabedian learned that walking is also dangerous in California with seniors and children being at the highest risk. According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, in 2018 on California roadways 893 pedestrians were killed and more than 14,000 pedestrians were injured.

Garabedian distributed booklets to students at Friday’s presentation. The booklets touched on many of the subjects that Garabedian reviewed when giving her presentation, including the importance of not blocking crosswalks when driving. To “drive” home her point (pun intended) she showed a slide of pedestrians in a crosswalk who climbed onto the hood of a car that was blocking the crosswalk.

“Not advisable,” Garabedian shared.

Lt. Vahe Abramyan of the Glendale Police Dept. was also on hand to hear Garabedian’s presentation and to answer questions from the students. Among the questions was one that centered on jaywalking.

“It’s not legal,” Lt. Abramyan responded.

Other questions focused on the legality of observing the speed limit when other cars seemed to be traveling at an excessive speed.

Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
Cadet Vera Garabedian displays a slide to emphasize the importance of drivers looking for pedestrians during her presentation at Rosemont Middle School.



Lt. Abramyan replied that the even going one mile above the speed limit could result in a ticket being issued.

“Do your part,” he said, urging students to observe posted speed limits.

Garabedian and Lt. Abramyan also shared

that using a phone while driving is against the law. Those under the age of 18 cannot drive around their friends either.

“Be a safe driver and pedestrian,” Garabedian urged. “You’re contributing to the safety of our city.”

Scholarships Available

High school seniors living in La Crescenta or attending school in La Crescenta are invited to apply for a scholarship from the La Crescenta

Woman’s Club. Visit

<https://lacrecentawomansclub.org/scholarships-programs/scholarships/> for details.

Scholarships for \$1000 are available for students who will attend a four-year college or university; \$500 scholarships are available for students attending a

trade school or community college.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 31. An awards luncheon will be held on April 8.



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Information Session Dates:
Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m.
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To RSVP and learn more
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Local Comic Shares Ups & Downs of Son's Autism



By Ruth SOWBY

Comic Jeff Ahern’s autism journey with son Rhys began 15 years ago. At first Ahern and his wife wanted to believe their baby Rhys was “perfect.” Then came the diagnosis of autism. So began the Glendale family’s journey of learning to cope with their son’s neurological condition affecting his social communication, interaction and behavior. Ahern decided to see – and share – the humor in his disappointment.

On Jan. 17, Ahern debuted the funny side of autism at the “30-Minute or Less” comedy festival at the Stephanie Feury Studio Theatre in Hollywood. The audience of some 50 comedy fans hooted and hollered their approval; many though were brought to tears.

“One day my son’s pre-school principal told me that Rhys began swearing when he wanted to get past some girls blocking his path,” Ahern said. “He used the words I would use in traffic. Not pretty.”

Ahern, who also works as a TV audience warm-up comic, narrated projected images of Rhys. The last one showed Rhys having won the California Divisional Band Competition. Concluding his set, Ahern gave hard won advice to those families with autistic children.

“Autism is not a death or life sentence,” he said. “You can change your child’s world. God put Rhys in my life to work on me.”

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Comic Jeff Ahern ends his show with a photo of him and his son (left) after winning the California Divisional Band Competition. Rhys plays the drums.

RIGHT: The Stephanie Feury Studio Theatre audience gives comic Jeff Ahern a standing ovation after his show describing the highs and lows of living with an autistic son.

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La Crescenta Woman's Club Members Noted as 'Crafty'

On Jan. 9, Debra Landau and Kathy Dorsey, two members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club, participated in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)-San Gabriel Valley District (SGVD) craft contest. Landau entered two quilts in the machine-quilted category and ended up winning third place and garnering an honorable mention.

Dorsey entered a scrapbook highlighting the history of the La Crescenta Woman's Club, taking home first place for uncategorized entries. Her scrapbook was also selected by SGVD members as the best in show across all categories with 51 entries. For more information about the La Crescenta Woman's Club, visit lacrescentawomansclub.org.



Photo provided by Danette ERICKSON
From left are LCWC co-president Carol Stein with Debra Landau holding her quilts and member Kathy Dorsey with her award winning scrapbook.

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YMCA Foothills Open House Brings Community Together

On Jan. 10, the YMCA of the Foothills welcomed the community to explore its three branches during a lively open house. The Crescenta-Cañada YMCA hosted most of the festivities, offering complimentary Float Hollywood coffee, protein shakes and treats from Porto's and Taste N See Vending. Families enjoyed face painting and balloon animals while touring the Y's aquatic programs, youth sports, renovated cardio room and popular strength training area. The celebration continues with guided tours available through January. New members can join for just \$20.26 for the first month before regular dues begin on Feb. 1. Membership at one branch includes access to all three locations. Learn more about programs and upcoming events at ymcafoothills.org.



Photo provided by YMCA Foothills
The YMCA of the Foothills, which recently held an open house, offers something for everyone.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!
Selling A Parent's Home

Dear Phyllis,
We sold our La Crescenta home five years ago and had a fantastic experience with our real estate agent. He was knowledgeable, professional, and truly went above and beyond for us. Now, as we're preparing to sell my parents' home, we're facing a bit of a challenge. My brother and sister, who both live nearby—are leaning toward using a different agent, someone they've heard about locally. However, based on our experience, we feel strongly that our agent is far more qualified and would achieve a better outcome for our family. From what we've seen, the other agent falls short in terms of experience, communication, and strategy. Because we respect your expertise in real estate and especially in navigating family dynamics, we're hoping you can offer some insight or suggestions on how to approach this conversation with my siblings. We'd like to help them understand the value of going with someone who has a proven track record, especially when this sale is such an important one for our family. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts on selling our parent's home? — In a pickle

Dear Pickle,
I completely understand and appreciate your loyalty to your Realtor. It's clear you've had a great experience and want the best for your family. That said, it sounds like your siblings have already made a collective decision, and in this case, you've been outvoted. With over thirty years of experience selling real estate in the Foothills, I've seen many family situations like this, where differing opinions can lead to tension during the process. While your intentions are absolutely in the right place, I want to point out something I've observed over the years: when one family member pushes for a particular direction and things don't go perfectly—as they sometimes don't in real estate—that person can become the focus of blame, even unfairly. It might be worth considering whether preserving harmony with your siblings outweighs the risks of pushing back at this stage. I wish you the best of luck in whatever direction you decide to go. Warm regards.

Phyllis



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PVT Thomas Franklin Bowen

As America prepares for its 250th anniversary, CV Weekly will be working with the Daughters of the American Revolution – Don José Verdugo Chapter to gather information on those recognized by DAR as American patriots.

PVT Thomas Franklin Bowen, whose descendant is local resident Beverly Bowen de Lucia, answered the call to service in 1777. He was a private. His place of residence was Pennsylvania and he was born on April 16, 1747. He died on Dec. 19, 1832.

PVT Thomas Franklin Bowen was the son of Welsh immigrants John William Bouen and Anne Morgan. After arriving in America, he married Nancy Agness Crea on March 22, 1768 at New London in Chester County, Province of Pennsylvania.

They had these known children: George Bowen (1769–1837), Robert Bowen (1770–1770), Sarah Bowen (1771–1859), Elizabeth Bowen (1773–1823), Elizabeth Bowen (1778–1864), Alexander Bowen (1780–1864) and Isaiah Bowen (1784–1838).

After his wife died he married Elizabeth “Betsy” Spicer on Oct. 16 1791 at Muddy Creek in Greene County, Pennsylvania. They had these children: Spicer Bowen (1792–1792), Corbley Bowen (1794–1853), Mary Bowen (1796–1862), William Bowen (1798–1874), Thomas Bowen Jr.



(1800–1851), Nancy Agnes Bowen (1801–1890) and Elizabeth Spicer Bowen (1826–1894).

He has registration #79099 with SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) and #A012738 with DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) due to his service during the American Revolution. He served in the company of Capt. George Forepaugh’s, 5th

Battalion, Philadelphia militia, from 1777–1778. Recruited again, he served with the regiment of Col. Timothy Matlock’s in 1781–1782.

He lived to be 85 and is buried at Milburn Cemetery in Green County, Pennsylvania.

To learn more, visit <https://donjoseverdugo.californiadar.org/>.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Collaborates on Glendale MLK Day Community Gathering



Photo courtesy of Dwight BRADLEY

Pictured from left are Mary Virgallito, Lindsey Lawrence, Marie Filipian, Shannon Bradley, Cecilia Pyzow, Julia Smith, Stacey Kim and Kristi Cohe.

On Jan. 15, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital was a community collaborator for the City of Glendale’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day Community Gathering and Breakfast, this year held at Glendale Elks Lodge.

The program featured keynote address by Shannon Bradley, MBA, chief officer with

Health, Equity, Inclusion and Community with Keck Medicine of USC. She spoke about how Dr. King’s principles continue to guide and inspire meaningful progress today.

“Being part of the Glendale MLK Day Community Gathering and Breakfast is a meaningful way to reflect on Dr. King’s

message and reaffirm our commitment to remain in service of community,” said Bradley.

The event brought together community members and local organizations to honor Dr. King’s legacy and encourage continued dialogue around equity, inclusion and service.

People Making News

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2025 President’s List: Mathew Fernandez of La Crescenta, Alynn Grigorian of Glendale (91208), Daniel Wood Corella and Mari Karapetyan of Tujunga and Ryan Campbell of Sunland.

The fall terms run from September to December

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Among them are Maya Bamford from Glendale who attends the School of Education; from La Cañada Flintridge who attend the College of Letters and Science: Riley Breckheimer, Tyler Breckheimer, Austin Han; and Ava Radabaugh who attends the School of Business; and Eve Peterson from La Crescenta who attends the College of Letters and Science.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

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Route 66: America’s Mother Road

Photos and Text By Charly SHELTON

Route 66 is America. One road connecting East to West across this vast continent, weaving natural wonders and ancient pilgrimage sites together with hearty little towns and roadside attractions, with the connecting threads of car culture and needless consumerism. This is America choosing its identity as it came out of The Great War, and further cemented in the post-WWII boom of leisure-seeking and disposable income to spend on vacations, made more attainable to the average family through the advent of affordable cars. As Route 66 celebrates its 100th anniversary later this year, it has seen better days. Bypassed or overwritten by the more direct interstate highway, the original Route 66—especially here along its western stretch—is now mostly a crumbling ribbon of pavement somewhere off to the side of a faster freeway, scattered with closed businesses and forgotten relics, with the remaining towns catering only to those who intentionally seek them out.

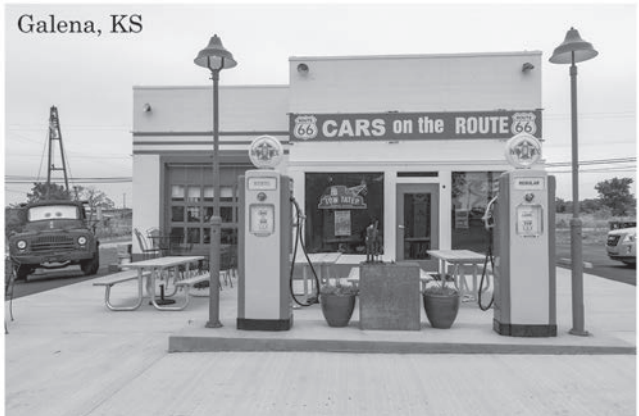
But for those who do seek, they find a way of living and travelling that is all but lost in an age focused on efficiency and arrival rather than the journey itself. Travellers along the true Route 66 today get to experience the soul of a forgotten America, an America that was built town by town, where people still open their doors not because it’s terribly profitable, but because it’s neighborly. An America that asked the weary traveller where they were from and where they were going as polite conversation, not a test—and where no one felt threatened by the answer, an America where diners are places to linger, where conversations with locals aren’t transactional, and where hospitality isn’t a performance but a reflex. These towns have endured the bad times. They’ve watched traffic disappear, businesses shutter, and the interstate carry the future right past their front doors. Still, they hang on—welcoming whoever finds their way off the freeway, because that’s simply what you do. Route 66 is the America that we hoped we could be and, for a moment, we were.



Elk City, OK
Unique history and oddity museums, like The National Route 66 Museum are the largest draws on the road.



Amboy, CA
Closed motorcourt motels and cafes like this one in Amboy, CA, are common along Route 66.



Galena, KS
The biggest surge of Route 66 interest in decades came with “Cars” (2006) which is a love-letter to the highway.



Oatman, AZ
Oatman, AZ, an extant Route 66 town, is famously taken over by burros who wander the streets looking for pets.



Holbrook, AZ
Those surviving towns and businesses along Route 66 are often iconic, elaborate attractions to lure visitors, like the Wigwam Motel where guests sleep in giant stone teepee cabins.



Joseph City, AZ
Route 66 as it appears today—a ribbon of highway in disrepair, with larger than life roadside advertisements.



Burma-Shave, a brushless shaving cream, used spaced advertising signs like these with humorous rhyming couplets along stretches of Route 66 from the 1920's to the 1960's. Though most of the original signs are gone, these recreations are found all along the highway to illicit that iconic roadtrip feeling.

THEN & NOW

Then: This is the powerhouse for the Glendale and Montrose Railway, built in April 1913 to house the massive generators that supplied the 600 volts needed for the electric trolley line that ran from Glendale. The generators, weighing 30 tons, were acquired second-hand from the Pacific Electric Company. Moving them up to Montrose required a huge house-moving wagon pulled by a team of 14 horses and 12 mules, and it took two days to get up the Verdugo canyon from Glendale. This building was the second structure built in the Montrose subdivision, just after Fred Anderson’s real estate office.

G&M Railway Powerhouse
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

Now: Incredibly, this obscure little building is still there making it the oldest building in Montrose. It’s hard to find as it’s hidden up a back alley behind the Montrose Healthcare Center, near the northeast corner of Verdugo and Honolulu. It’s now a small office. A peek with a flashlight in the crawlspace under the little office shows the cement footings and mounting brackets for the generator are still there.

Triple Shot Performing for GNC

On Feb. 4, the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts will feature Triple Shot, a jazz piano trio from Los Angeles. Triple Shot features Morgan Jones, piano; Scott Worthington, bass; and Marcelo Bucater, drums.

Their sets feature compositions by all members of the trio, creating an eclectic mix from hard hop to swing to modern sounds.

Triple Shot's debut EP "First Flight" can be found on all streaming services.

Morgan Jones received a master's degree in music from Juilliard. Currently he chairs the Keyboard Department at the Los Angeles College of Music. He also serves as the music director for American Contemporary Ballet. Some career highlights include playing with Aretha Franklin, recording "High Hopes" with Panic! at the Disco, and performing on "American Idol" and "The Voice."

Scott Worthington is a versatile Los Angeles-based musician, acclaimed as an upright/

electric bassist, composer and improviser known for blending classical, jazz and experimental sounds, active in contemporary music scenes, co-founding the wasteLAnd series, and serving as a professor at the University of Redlands, recognized for his innovative compositions and electronic music work. He's praised for albums like Prism, uses custom software in his electronic performances and engineers/produces for various labels

Marcelo Bucater is a Brazilian drummer, percussionist and educator based in Los Angeles, known for his work at the Los Angeles College of Music as chair of the Drum Department, his projects like Little Brazil Trio and Triple Shot, and his involvement as a voting member of the Latin Grammys. He moved to LA in 2013 for advanced studies at LACM and CalArts, blending Brazilian rhythms with jazz and performing globally and is a member of the Recording Academy.



Photo provided by GNC
From left are bassist Scott Worthington, drummer Marcelo Bucater and pianist Morgan Jones.

Launch of an Art Show, A Rocket – and A Painting of Both

The Glendale Art Association (GAA) launched its Creative Visions art show at the Betsy Lueke Creative Arts Center in Burbank on the same date as the scheduled launch of NASA's Artemus 2 rocket, which will swing around the moon and back.

Guests of the Burbank art show can meet the 30 artists who are part of the show on Feb. 6 between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Awards will be presented to various dynamic artists who work in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, photography, alcohol ink and mixed media.

Artist Rebecca Mate will be showing her latest acrylic painting called "Rocket Gallery," unusual from its purposeful tilt (to enhance the weightlessness) to its subject matter of sending art into space via a rocket.

Last year, Mate saw her husband taking a photo of a woman with hair of a gorgeous color of blue who was standing in front of a Ronald Reagan statue holding a smaller face statue of Nelson Mandela. The blue-haired lady is known as Lady Rocket – Eva Blaisdell.

Mate said, "Her eyes lit up when she found out I was an artist and my eyes lit up when I found out she wanted to take art into space. She's a real visionary."

Blaisdell is a pioneer in the world of empowering stakeholders in the new space economy. She wants to bring notoriety to the arts and artists by sending NFTs of art into space – just one of many space assets for collectors.

Mate's painting includes a nod to Lady Rocket with its blue-haired astronaut and her caring passion for Earth and the environment, a nod to Mate's 26-year-long promotion of a World Art Day (now

falling on DaVinci's birthday, April 15, as proclaimed by the United Nations) and a nod to Mate's original technique of putting multiples of the word "art" to give texture to backgrounds.

"Obviously I couldn't paint an NFT, so I just plastered the walls of the rocket with paintings," she said. "Art is an integral part of our culture so don't leave the planet without it!"

"Rebecca Mate has an invitation for her art to go into space," said Lady Rocket, "with adequate collectors and sponsors."

The upcoming GAA show has attracted such artists as award-winning Marina Rehrmann, who heads the GAA and teaches art in Glendale at the Beyond Paint Art Studio and who has shown work at the LA Art Show; Diane M. Carter, whose love of the environment and nature has resulted in her art being featured in The Neutra Institute Gallery in the exhibition "Breathe;" and Dick Heimbold, who has shown and sold work in Mexico and in Southern California. Guests will also see abstract work by Narine Isajanyan who coordinates shows in Armenia every summer. There will be over 65 artworks to view and the variety in GAA shows never disappoint attendees and art collectors.

For more information about the GAA go to www.GlendaleArtAssociation.com. Contact and follow artist Rebecca Mate at www.SoftBeautybyRMate.com.

More about the emerging subject of space assets can be found at www.CopernicSpace.com.

Submitted by Rebecca MATE



Photo by Randall Mate
Rebecca Mate holding 'Rocket Gallery'.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Help! A \$1,400 Frigidaire Cooktop Catastrophe Sent Me Through A Customer Service Maze

A noisy, cracked induction cooktop from Frigidaire leaves Linda Lockwood chasing repairs, dealing with missed appointments and getting the runaround from both the manufacturer and Best Buy. After months of unanswered calls and emails, Lockwood wonders: Will anyone take responsibility for this \$1,400 kitchen disaster?

Q I paid \$1,400 for a new Frigidaire induction cooktop from Best Buy. It was noisy from the start but the installer said the sound would go away. Three months later, it was still noisy so I called Frigidaire for service.

A technician replaced the cooling fans but the noise didn't improve. That same day, I found a crack across the cooktop.

I called Frigidaire and a representative told me to contact the technician. But the technician never answered the phone.

Frigidaire promised to arrange another appointment but the technician missed two more scheduled visits. I've called and emailed both companies repeatedly and, while I did speak to a Frigidaire supervisor once, nothing ever happened. I also contacted Best Buy but they said it was Frigidaire's problem.

I have all my receipts and a record of my correspondence. Now

I'm worried they're just waiting for my warranty to expire. I want to return the cooktop for a full refund or at least get store credit from Best Buy. I've lost time and patience dealing with technicians who don't show up and customer service that doesn't respond. What else can I do to get this resolved? - Linda Lockwood, Mill Valley, California

A: You bought a brand-new induction cooktop and you should expect it to work quietly and reliably. When it didn't, Frigidaire owed you a prompt, effective repair or a replacement – especially after its authorized technician left you with a cracked cooktop and the original noise problem unresolved.

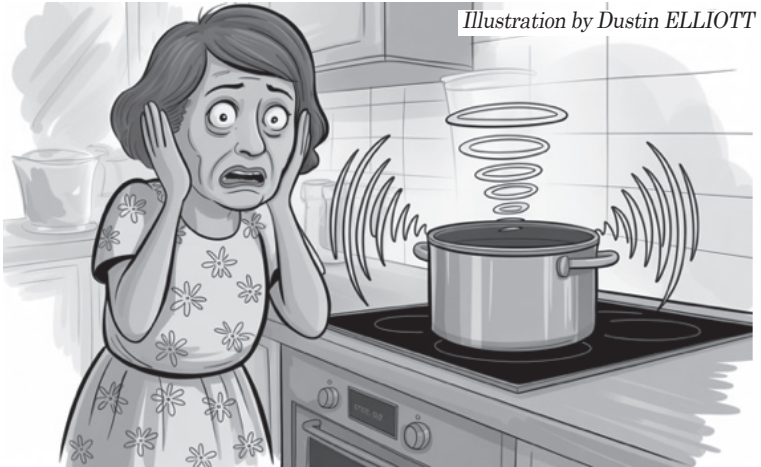
Under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, manufacturers must honor written warranties, which means fixing defects or replacing the product within a reasonable time. California's Song-Beverly

Consumer Warranty Act also holds manufacturers accountable for defects and service mishaps.

Frigidaire's warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship and a crack caused during a service visit should absolutely be its responsibility. Best Buy, as the retailer, also has a duty to support you – at least by facilitating your warranty claim – especially since you reported the problem so soon after purchase.

You did almost everything right: You called for help, kept your receipts and documented your efforts with emails. But there's one thing I always recommend – keep every bit of correspondence in writing and escalate quickly when you don't get responses.

Always ask for a supervisor in writing and if you don't get a response, move up the chain. I publish executive contacts for Frigidaire's parent company, Electrolux, on my advocacy site Elliott.org. A polite, concise email to



an executive often gets results when routine customer service fails.

This was a complicated case. I reached out to Best Buy to see if it could help reach an agreement between you, the manufacturer and the technician.

"I heard from both Frigidaire corporate and Best Buy corporate and am returning my Frigidaire cooktop and buying a new Bosch cooktop," you reported.

Remember: When customer

service goes quiet, it's time to turn up the heat. Don't be silent. Otherwise you could get stuck with a broken appliance.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/. © 2026 Christopher Elliott

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Jan. 30, Melanie Sauer, executive director of RBAC (Rose Bowl Aquatic Center, will give a presentation.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free 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.
- *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.
- *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 soon.
- *The Foothills Community Choir* will

resume its rehearsals on Tuesday, Feb. 3 to begin preparation for its spring concert. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday at CCLCF from 6:30-8 p.m. This free choir is open to anyone ages 18 and up, no experience necessary! For more information, email Jack Krimmel at jack@cclcf.org and/or sign up directly at cclcf.org.

• *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.

• Folks are invited to take a break and recharge their body and mind with a relaxing sound bath meditation on Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon. Register at cclcf.org.

• Financial expert Annelise Li will lead a free one-hour workshop that focuses on Financial Planning for Families with Neurodivergent Children. The presentation will be on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sign up at cclcf.org.

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.

CHAMBER HOSTS HISTORIC BINGO

On Saturday, Feb. 7 the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting Historic Bingo at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m. Food available for purchase.

Admission is \$25 for 10 games. Prizes are \$100 per game minimum (multiple winners split the pot). Questions? Contact Robert at (818) 515-3554.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR – CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT LCWC

The La Crescenta Woman's Club is having a Valentine's Day celebration on Saturday, Feb. 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. festivities begin. Hors d'oeuvres, dessert buffet, musical entertainment, silent auction and a special presentation by a chocolatier!

Tickets are \$35 each and available now. Go to https://lacscentawomansclub.org/valentines/.

HANSEN TO SPEAK AT BOLTON HALL

The uniquely shaped bells hanging from their shepherd's crook staffs that dot the highways of California have been seen since the dawn of the 20th century. The story of

how they branded California, and the remarkable woman responsible not just for their design but their creation, is one that continues to resonate to this day.

California historian Phyllis Hansen will bring "The Bell Lady," Mrs. A.S.C. Forbes, to life as she relates Mrs. Forbes' remarkable life and legacy as a true Renaissance Woman. She will also share a number of unique artifacts from the estate of Mrs. Forbes.

Hansen will be speaking at the Bolton Hall 2nd Saturday Program on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or https://www.boltonhall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

LANTERMAN HOUSE HOSTS EVENTS

• On Feb. 15 at 1 p.m., speaker and local professor Richard Demeter will talk about the legacy of St. Francis High School, which has been a prominent feature of the La Cañada Flintridge area of Southern California since 1946. The story of the original building on the campus, however, begins about 1920 and shares in a heritage created by Frank Putnam Flint, a former U.S. senator from California and the founder of Flintridge.

Free to attend; seating is first come, first served.

• On March 1 at 2:30 p.m. all are invited for a special flute concert featuring the Angels Flute Orchestra. Performed in the Lanterman House's elegant ballroom, the program showcases a variety of beautiful and rare flutes in an unforgettable musical experience. Seating is free but limited, arrive early to ensure your spot!

Free to attend; seating is first come, first served.

• On April 5 at 1 p.m. the Lanterman House hosts guest lecturer Nathan Marsak for this exciting look at the layers of history of Bunker Hill and transportation in Los Angeles at the turn of the century.

Free to attend; seating is first come, first served.

• On May 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. is the Lanterman House Annual Summer Picnic. The community is invited on Memorial Day weekend as part of Fiesta Days in La Cañada Flintridge to the Lanterman House Annual Summer Picnic. It features music, living history craftsman and your choice of period attire.

For more information, visit https://www.lantermanhouse.org/list-of-events.

Lanterman House is located at 4420 Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

LCWC SOLES4SOULS

Donate gently used shoes to the LCWC Soles4Souls shoe drive. Drop them off at the La Crescenta Woman's Club clubhouse, 4004 La Crescenta Ave., on Sunday, March 1 any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Website: events@lacscentawomansclub.org; email event@lacscentawomansclub.org; phone (818) 957-9806

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.

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Jackson Greninger and Hanan Phillips from La Cañada Flintridge earned spots on the Bucknell University Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2025-26 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition.

Greninger is due to graduate in 2027 with a degree in computer science and engineering; Phillips is due to graduate in 2026 with a degree in economics.

Thea Stefan from La Cañada Flintridge was named to the Miami University fall 2025 President's List.

Miami University students ranked in the top 3% of undergraduate students within each division for the fall 2025 semester have been named to the President's List recognizing academic excellence.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of over 22,600 undergraduate and 2,200 graduate students, Miami effectively

combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

Established in 1809, Miami University serves more than 22,600 undergraduates across more than 100 areas of study on several campuses and more than 2,200 graduate students through 78 master's and doctoral degree programs.

For more information, visit MiamiOH.edu.

Hannah Eom of La Crescenta was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in

Maryland and continues its global tradition with online and hybrid courses, more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide, and more than 135 degrees and certificates backed by the reputation of a state university and the University System of Maryland.

For more information, visit umgc.edu.

Kai Purdy Burton of Montrose was among 472 students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2025-26 academic year at Morningside university in Sioux City, Iowa.

The Dean's List recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67-grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a C-.

Morningside University is a private institution dedicated to cultivating a passion for lifelong learning and a commitment to ethical leadership and civic responsibility. Through a combination of rigorous academics and experiential learning, Morningside prepares students to become leaders in their professions and communities.

GCC from Cover

The initial RFP was issued in December 2024 for the operation of both city tennis court complexes: Glorietta and Fremont Park.

The Council approved a contract award on June 10, 2025, contrary to staff recommendations. One of the vendors who was not selected threatened legal action based on the assertion that the Council evaluated the proposal based on criteria not delineated in the RFP. In September, the Council rescinded the contract and agreed to issue a new RFP.

The new RFP highlights the benefit of experience as well as seeking the most affordable, accessible tennis experience for Glendale residents.

Councilmember Dan Brotman spoke at the beginning of Tuesday night's regular Council meeting.

"I don't normally like bringing up national issues that we don't have direct control over but I do want to address what's happening with immigration enforcement in Minnesota and also here at home," he said. "It's heartbreaking. It's frightening and it's hard to process what's happening to us in this country. It's hard not to feel rage. Renée Good and Alex Pretti were U.S. citizens, lawfully and peacefully resisting government overreach and illegality. Sadly, they confronted the tip of the spear of a regime that almost seems to relish violence and brutality. They did not deserve to die. And as if their deaths were not enough ... now they need to smear them and their families with bald face lies. It sickens the soul.

"The masked men in body armor walking around with pepper spray in their hands, spraying people at point blank range, even people retreating from them, treating fellow Americans with such disregard. It sickens the soul."

"While we're not yet seeing a full paramilitary presence in our city," Councilmember Brotman continued, "we are seeing people being snatched from the streets almost daily in what some are rightly calling kidnappings or disappearances. Most of these people are being picked up randomly because of where they work, the color of their skin or their accent. These are not – for the most part – the hardened criminals we were told existed."

"This isn't the America whose flag we just saluted. This feels more like a dystopian America that I thought only existed in the movies. It's not something I'm prepared to accept and you shouldn't either."

"We will now conduct the business of the city because it's what our residents need and deserve. But at least for me, this soundtrack of evil is consistently and constantly playing in the background and I'm not going to try to drown it out or ignore what is happening."

Councilmember Elen Asatryan expressed agreement with the sentiments expressed by Councilmember Brotman, adding that Glendale has the largest per capita immigrant population of any city in California, "more than Los Angeles," and the effects "have kept many of our communities in fear, especially for those of us [who] come from [other] countries – I know I heard my grandmother tell stories of people taken, never to return."

Asatryan offered a specific message of support to community members from Iran.

"These are the moments that bring us together, make us more united," she said, adding a reminder "to be kind to each other because you don't know what someone else is going through."

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(El nombre, la direcci3n y el numero de te/fono de/ abogado de/ demandante, o de/ demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
DIVISION 4, OF THE FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
AND INTENT TO FILL VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a vacancy on the Board of Directors for Division 4 of the Foothill Municipal Water District (herein "District" or "Foothill"), as of February 1, 2026. The term of such vacated office is through December 2026. The next election to fill the office is scheduled for the general election November 3, 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intent of the existing District Board members to fill such vacancy by April 2, 2026. Those persons interested in filing such vacancy should submit a letter of interest, if not already completed, to:

Foothill Municipal Water District
4536 Hampton Rd.,
La Canada Flintridge, California 91011.
nina.jaz@fmswd.com

The letter of interest should be submitted to the above address by interested persons no later than February 17, 2026. The Board will consider the qualifications of the applicants, interview applicants and will appoint the Division 4 Director at its future Board meeting.

The District was formed on January 7, 1952, pursuant to the Municipal Water District Act of 1911 (Cal. Water Code § 871000, et seq.), to help meet the increased water needs of the growing foothill communities. Pursuant to a vote of the electorate, Foothill officially joined Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) in 1953 and is one of its 26 member agencies. Foothill covers about 22 square miles in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, bordered between the Pasadena on the east and the Glendale on the south and west. The District serves approximately 80,000 people through its own member agencies. Foothill takes delivery of water from MWD at a connection and must pump up into the service area to deliver to its member agencies. Before reaching Foothill, MWD treats the imported water to drinking water quality standards. The District's purposes and activities include, but are not limited to, reliably delivering quality water to its member agencies in a cost-efficient manner to meet their projected demands.

The five members of the Board of Directors are elected and receive \$150.54 for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board and committees thereof, and for days' service rendered as director by request of the Board, not exceeding a total of ten days in any calendar month. The Board meets on the third Monday of the month, at 3:00 p.m. at 4536 Hampton Rd., La Canada Flintridge, California 91011.

To be eligible for Board membership, a candidate must be eighteen years of age, a registered voter in the County of Los Angeles and a legal resident of Division 4 of the District.

This notice is being posted in the District pursuant to Section 1780 of the Government Code, at least fifteen days before the appointment is made.

Board Secretary, Nina Jazmadarian
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