



Council Ponders Issues and Items

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council addressed a long list of issues and items including proposed changes to the city's charter.

The Charter Review Committee shared an updated list of outstanding matters, and the Council debated those.

The Committee and staff recommend charter changes to the civil service system that would expand the candidate pool for hiring and promotions (this is described as going from the "Rule of 3," where the hiring authority has to choose from the top three ranked candidates, to the "Rule of Three Whole Scores," where a list of potential candidates is generated from the three highest scoring bands of applicants, allowing for more potential candidates from which to choose); removing department heads from civil service protection; enabling the city manager to hire and fire those executive-level employees without Council consideration; and allowances for a longer probationary period, up to a maximum of 18 months for those positions deemed to require a longer period of evaluation by the Civil Service Commission. The current 12-month probationary period for police officers would not be changed.

The Charter Review Committee recommends keeping the city clerk and treasurer positions as elected rather than appointed positions and continues to recommend against district elections and a directly-elected mayor. The Council members have mixed opinions on these issues and did not reach a conclusion.

The Committee recommends a process of addressing how Council pay is set, being consistent with state law, and perhaps establishing a committee as some cities have.

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Meet a Familiar Face – Interim GPD Chief Robert William

By Mary O'KEEFE

Robert William has served Glendale for 24 years – his entire law enforcement career – and is now the interim chief of the Glendale Police Dept.

Robert William was given the position as interim chief of the Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) in December 2025 after the departure of then-GPD Chief Manuel "Manny" Cid, who left to take the job of chief of police in Anaheim. He had served as chief of police in Glendale for about three years.

William served as deputy chief and support services captain under Cid's leadership and praised him for his leadership at GPD.

"[Cid] came in and empowered his captains, his command staff and the entire management team to be strong leaders," William said. "[We worked]

together closely over the last three years that he was [here]."

Cid put forward many initiatives including creating a strategic plan, which William worked on.

"We worked on a strategic plan that would [move forward] the Glendale Police Dept. and public safety over the next three to five years," he said.

He added he will be at the department to see the strategic plan through.

"I am going to be here for a while," he said.

He plans on being with the department in whatever capacity the City has him in, hopefully in the position of chief, but he knows whatever decisions he makes now as the interim chief he will live with throughout his career.

"But even bigger than that decision that I make about public safety are decisions that my children, my wife and my family have to live with because they all live in Glendale and they're all going to be impacted by my decision/s," he said.



Photos provided by R. WILLIAM
Robert William was recently named the interim GPD chief after the departure of Manny Cid.

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Complaints and Support Both Found at Density Bonus Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

"I've enjoyed the mountain views my whole life. I'm going to miss it," said resident Mark Walker at a planning hearing held on March 18, explaining his opposition to the density bonus sought by the developer of a five-story, 87-unit single tower building proposed for the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and New York Avenue.

Nearly 50 residents, virtually all in attendance to oppose the project, attended Tuesday's meeting.

As reported by the Crescanta Valley Weekly in advance of the planning hearing (Density Bonus Meeting Planned for Proposed Project at New York/Foothill <https://www.crescentavalleweekly.com/news/03/12/2026/density-bonus-meeting-planned-for-proposed-project-at-new-york-foothill/>) a project proposed for the property in 2021 composed of two four-story mixed commercial/residential towers and a third, five-story mixed commercial/residential tower was met with significant community opposition.

The current development proposed is an 87-unit rental housing tower, 74 feet at its highest point, that is planned to offer 18 three-bedroom apartments, 46 two-bedroom units, 23 one-bedroom units and provide 151 parking spaces (31 more than are required).

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Project Rendering



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The project rendering of the proposal for a five-story, 87-unit single tower building on the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and New York Avenue.

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Barely Surviving

Last week saw a heat wave unlike anything seen in March since 2012. Temperatures either hit or came dangerously close to hitting 100 degrees. And the nights!! Though the thermostat said temps were lower in the evening, it didn't necessarily feel that way.

At our house, Steve and I had the air conditioner on at night – something we rarely do – but in order to get any sleep we had to do something.

And apparently we weren't alone in our heat-related misery. According to weather.com, California and Arizona were among several states that set temperature records. Others included:

- Nevada: 106 degrees on March 20 and 21
- Colorado: 96 degrees on March 21
- Nebraska: 99 degrees on March 21
- Missouri: 97 degrees on March 21
- Minnesota: 88 degrees on March 21

In cities across the country, March records were tied or set in Lubbock, Texas (98 degrees), Kansas City (93 degrees), Des Moines, Iowa (91 degrees), Nashville, Tennessee (89 degrees), Louisville, Kentucky (89 degrees), Indianapolis, Indiana (88 degrees), Columbus, Ohio (86 degrees), Pittsburgh (84 degrees) and Charleston, South Carolina (90 degrees).

All the while, I was keeping an eye on the rain that was pounding Hawai'i. Our son Danny and his family had traveled to Kona for a vacation and all we were hearing was how the islands were drenched in rains not seen for 20 years. I even saw a department store that had about three feet of standing

water in it!

The state's governor, Gov. Josh Green, warned of potential public health risks from floodwaters, including possible sewage contamination that can carry bacteria such as enterococcus and staph. He said state and city teams are coordinating to ensure resources are available for direct services as needed.

Danny and his family made it safely back home and all of us had dinner on Sunday. He shared with us that staying in Kona wasn't bad at all and, in fact, they had limited rain. Thankfully, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) lines weren't excessive either at LAX or in Kona.

According to CNN.com, security wait times vary widely from airport to airport because of callouts from TSA officers who haven't been paid since mid-February. In Houston, travelers have been warned they could be waiting for more than four hours but in Atlanta, lines pale in comparison from one day to the next. Some travelers have turned to private jets to avoid the hours-long lines at airports.

Of course, the photos of their vacation were beautiful. I'm glad they didn't experience the rain like I saw – or the heat that we had here!

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

disorders.

I love to garden. I don't have time to garden but on the odd chance I do get a few minutes I love it. I always have. My dad loved to garden as well. We didn't live on a farm, which was tough for my dad because he was raised on farms. Although most of our relatives had farms and we spent a lot of time on them, for my dad it wasn't the same.

When he lived in Illinois he had enough room for a large garden and this was his "peaceful place." He even stayed calmer when the bunnies ate all of the carrots he planted. Believe me – calm and Dad were two words rarely used in the same sentence.

My grandpa always said that I could look at my garden to see how my life was going. If there were a lot of weeds it meant I was spending too much time on things that didn't matter and needed to get my hands in the dirt.

So many gardeners speak of a sense of calm that comes over them when they plant. I discovered this might not be just a psychological effect but may have medical science that backs up this calming effect.

In a 2019 article in Colorado University Boulder Today, "Why dirt may be nature's original stress buster," integrative physiology professor Christopher Lowry was interviewed about a study he had been conducting for about 20 years.

"Could exposure to microorganisms in the dirt somehow protect us from anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder? Could our increasingly sterile, urban environments be partly to blame for rising rates of stress-related disease?" CUB Today asked.

What Lowry found was that those questions may very well be true and might also support his dream of developing a bacterium-based immunization – or stress vaccine – to stem the rising tide of mood

"As human societies have migrated to urban environments, we have lost touch with a host of bacterial species that play a role in regulating our immune system, and this is helping to fuel an epidemic of inflammatory disease," said Lowry in the CU interview. "I want to know: What are the impacts on mental health?"

He had heard about Mycobacterium vaccae, a rare microorganism discovered in the soil on the shores of Lake Kyoga in Uganda. Apparently the people who lived there resisted TB better than people who lived elsewhere.

"It appeared that this microorganism living in the soil had powerful immune-regulating properties that were somehow making the vaccines work better," he said in the interview.

In April 2007, Lowry published a groundbreaking study showing that when a preparation of M. vaccae was injected into mice, it activated brain cells that produce the feel-good chemical serotonin and altered the animals' behavior in a way similar to that of antidepressants, according to CU.

At first he was not taken seriously but then, as more researchers began to look into his findings, they found similar results.

"It has already been very well documented that exposure to pets and rural environments during development is beneficial in terms of reducing risk of asthma and allergies later in life," said Lowry. "This study showed for the first time that these exposures are likely to be important for mental health."

"Another study showed that injections of M. vaccae prior to a stressful event could prevent a 'PTSD-like' syndrome, fending off stress-induced colitis and making them [people] act less anxious and fearful when stressed again later.

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

CVCA TO MEET TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting tonight, Thursday, March 26 in the community room at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. The meeting will include discussion on land use issues as well as other topics of concern to the community.

Contact the CVCA at crescentavallecommunityassn@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

The first official Glendale City Council Candidates Forum takes place tonight, Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at Brand Library Auditorium, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale in Brand Park. The 12 candidates who have qualified for the ballot have been invited.

Presented by The Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association, it is open to all Glendale residents; one does not have to be a member to attend. The audience will have an opportunity to submit written questions.

For information email nwglendale@gmail.com or call (818) 754-8274.

EASTER BUNNY AT MSP

The Easter Bunny will be at the Montrose Shopping Park on Saturday, March 28, Sunday, March 29 and Saturday, April 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be at the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. All are invited to this free family event.

Hosted by the Montrose Shopping Park Assn.

REPAIR CAFÉ SFV

Repair Café SFV is returning to Elks Lodge in Tujunga for its next free community repair event on Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Repair Café is a free, roving, all-purpose repair event for and by the community. The event aims to promote repurpose, reuse and recycle to help keep unwanted items from the landfill. Another mission of the Repair Café is to advocate skill sharing to enable people to regain knowledge in the art of fixing things.

Repair Café SFV will also host a Really Really Free Market where people can bring unwanted items to exchange or give away.

Pre-registration for repair items available at <https://tinyurl.com/em6beres>.

Interested volunteers can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/mrp36hmu>.

Elks Lodge is located at 10137 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

POET LAUREATE APPS ACCEPTED

The Library, Arts & Culture Dept. is seeking proposals from poets interested in the role of poet laureate. The selected poet laureate will serve as an ambassador for Glendale's rich culture and diversity, promoting the art of poetry. Compensation will be \$8,000 for services for one year. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 17 6 at 5 p.m.

To apply, visit <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/poetlaureaterfp>.

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Read Across America Celebrated at La Crescenta Elementary



By Ruth SOWBY

Harry Potter ruled supreme at La Crescenta Elementary. Michele Pom's fifth grade class took over the school library, which was transformed for Harry Potter Read Across America, on Thursday, March 5. Dressed as Professor McGonagall, librarian Carole Mulder said, "A Hogwarts student is respectful and honorable."

The students were surrounded by displays of Hogwarts, Hogsmeade and Diagon Alley. Mulder, aka Professor McGonagall, perched on a rocking chair as her students sat on a rug in front of her. She described the life and times of J.K. Rowling, the British author who wrote the Harry Potter series. Rowling had a love of reading and always wanted to be a writer. Her seven-volume series about the

young wizard earned her millions of dollars.

For the second year, the Archer Rivas Foundation has provided the funds to decorate the library with the Harry Potter symbols.

"It's a fun way to experience an author's world. They [the students] become engaged and excited," said Mulder. The students had a variety of reactions "It's fun and cool," said one. "I recognize most of the decorations from the books," said another. "My dad said he'd buy me another Harry Potter book," said another.

This is the eighth consecutive year that Mulder has decorated the library with symbols from the work of a beloved author. Last year, Flat Stanley was honored.

Over the five-day period that began on March 2, 420 students visited the Harry Potter themed library.

Read Across America is the largest year-round reading initiative, launched by the National Education Association in 1998. It focuses on motivating children of all ages to read and celebrating diverse books and promotes reading throughout the year.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

TOP LEFT: Librarian Carole Mulder, dressed as Harry Potter character Professor McGonagall, points out Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry to La Crescenta Elementary fifth graders.

TOP RIGHT: La Crescenta Elementary fifth graders learn about Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling from librarian Carole Mulder as part of Read Across America.

BOTTOM LEFT: Harry Potter and friends, Ron and Hermione, are ready for action.

BOTTOM RIGHT: La Crescenta Elementary School has become Harry Potter Central for Read Across America.

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LCIF OBSERVES HOLY WEEK

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to observe the journey from reflection to celebration during its upcoming Holy Week services. The week's observances begin with the Palm Sunday worship service on March 29. Attendees are asked to gather in the church courtyard at 9:45 a.m. for the traditional "Procession of the Palms" where palm fronds are handed out and are carried inside the sanctuary. The ceremony commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where crowds laid palm branches in his path and greeted Jesus as "king" the week before his crucifixion.

On April 2, the church will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. In the Lutheran

tradition, Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' final celebration of Passover, or the Last Supper, with his disciples.

The solemnity continues April 3 with a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. to commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

The week will culminate with the celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 5, marking the resurrection of Jesus and the triumph of life over death. Worship will be held at 10 a.m.; however, all are invited to arrive early and enjoy breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. Families with young children can enjoy an Easter egg hunt, as well as a "bunny cuddle corner." Worship will be led by Pastor Viv Vega. The service will include music under the direction of Mark Anzelon,

as well as Holy Communion. Holy Communion at LCIF is open to all with an open heart.

For more information about all activities at LCIF, please visit the church's website: lcifoothills.org. Those who need pastoral care can email office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951.

The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church has a full calendar of worship services to celebrate Easter, all open to the community:

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, a simple meal of soup, bread and oranges will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Koopmans Hall, followed by a worship service including communion at 7 p.m. in the LCPC sanctuary.

On Good Friday, April 3, there will be a moving worship service focusing on the power and meaning of the cross beginning at 7 p.m. in the LCPC sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, LCPC will offer two opportunities to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The 9 a.m. service will feature contemporary worship led by our praise band. The 11 a.m. traditional service will feature the choir, organist and pianist.

All Easter events and services will take place on the La Crescenta Presbyterian campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

HOLY WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

On Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m., Mt. Olive begins one of the holiest of weeks in the church calendar, Holy Week, with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates when Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding a donkey to the cries of the people, "Hosanna, blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Palm branches were spread before His path and His name praised – only for the words "Crucify Him" to be yelled five days later.

Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. commemorates Maundy Thursday. Maundy Thursday service marks the beginning of the three days leading up to Easter. The focus of this service is on two commandments that Jesus gave in the upper room at His Last Supper: the first was to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. "Do this in remembrance of me;" the second commandment that night was, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another even as I have loved you." John 13:34 (NASB)

On Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. the Good Friday service is held. It is a solemn service where the altar has been draped in black, the candles and lights are dimmed and the Scriptures are read that tell of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. The service ends in darkness and silence as all leave to wait for the news of Jesus' resurrection.

On Saturday, April 4 at 7:30



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CV Cares and Impact Foundation Talk Fentanyl and Overdoses at Event for Teens

By Eliza PARTIKA

CV Cares and the iMPACT Foundation, Glendale non-profits focused on mental wellness and overdose prevention for youth and young adults, held a speaking engagement on March 18 to raise awareness of the prevalence of overdoses in Glendale. The event, titled “250 Fentanyl Overdoses in the Community in 2022,” targeted teens and preteens who might be exposed to drugs and alcohol addiction. Parents attended the event, held at the CV Armenian Youth Center, to learn how to talk to their child about addiction and to learn how to recognize in their teens the signs of addiction and overdose.

Victoria Malone, founder of the iMPACT Foundation and a parent of a child who overdosed, said she wanted to provide an opening for families to access resources and information about opioids in our community.

“I want people to know they are not alone; there is a community of support and awareness and conversation are key to keeping our students safe,” she said.

Resources were made available for parents and students with tabling materials including the iMPACT Foundation LA resource catalog, IFLA & CV Cares brochures, drug education slider cards – customized with CV Cares information – several info sheet/flyers, free Narcan kits and free fentanyl test kits, all introduction touchpoint materials.

The CV Armenian Youth Center asked for the presentation, in part to address opioids in their own community, said Malone.

“It is important to me as the founder and executive director of iFLA and the program director of CV Cares that we are working to support the communities within the community. Access, information and resources to all demographics of the community is

vital if we choose to have a safe and well-cared community,” she told the CV Weekly in an email.

Several parents asked questions after the presentation and everyone who approached the resources table walked away with something that was helpful or interesting to them – whether brochures, stress balls, Narcan or test kits.

Malone said these presentations are a “commitment to the community” and a dedication to “supporting individuals and families affected by addiction, mental health challenges and emotional isolation.” It is, in the words of the iMPACT Foundation’s mission, “the belief that healing is possible when people are given access to the right support systems.”

Malone addressed misconceptions about opioids and fentanyl in her presentation, including that opioids only affect “bad people” or “bad families,” and that fentanyl is a choice. In her presentation, she explained

that after her son Chace died from an overdose there was no indication he was attempting to take his life but rather that he was trying to turn his life around. She explained that with the number of things fentanyl is laced into, taking a life-threatening opiate is often not a choice.

“When [people] believe they are going through something others do not understand, or that they will be judged, or they feel shame about their thoughts, they isolate. They keep things to themselves and instead of being a ‘burden’ they try to self-medicate. With fentanyl being added to so many other substances, including vapes, the person may not have chosen to take fentanyl. And when someone is struggling, they are looking for relief from the struggle, not choosing to be a drug addict nor to kill themselves,” she said. “As a society, we need more education rather than limited or skewed opinions [on opioids and the people who take them].”

For Malone, the importance of her work at the iMPACT Foundation lies in her ability to support young people.

“This work is a promise to those who struggle because they are unsure where they fit in this world. When life feels hostile or unclear – especially to young people – how do they find their way forward? It is a promise to the friends and family who knew Chace at his best – not through the lens of the disease that ultimately took him from us. And it is a promise to the young people in my community: I see you. I hear you. And I want to support you,” she said.

Anyone who is in need of resources or help can explore the iMPACT Foundation LA website: <https://theimpactfoundationla.org/>. There is also a list of hotlines that provide a direct connection to support and a parent toolkit, vetted and compiled by iMPACT Foundation’s Parent Sector members with lived experience.

Update on PDC/GCC/USC Project

By Mary O’KEEFE

This week CVW spoke with Felipe Osorno, chief Post-Acute Care Office and chief of staff for Keck Medicine of University of Southern California concerning the plans for the Professional Development Center (PDC).

In an article last week, CVW covered the concerns from neighbors about the plans to remodel the PDC building and the new construction of

the site of the former Citibank, both in the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue in Montrose.

The issues presented by a group of residents from Sparr Heights, as well as numerous community members, appear to surround the communication between the public and GCC. During a Montrose Shopping Park Association meeting the proposal for the construction project and the collaboration with GCC and the University of

Southern California was presented by GCC Superintendent Dr. Ryan Cornner. The proposal would first bring the physical therapy (PT) and occupational therapy (OT) programs that are currently at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital to the PDC building and then to the new building where Citibank is currently located. This would be an educational program for students interested in PT and OT, and a practical program serving patients who require these services.

The concerns reflect several aspects of the proposal, including construction schedules, and how they will affect residents who live near the parking lot of the location; however, last week’s article also shared concerns about the plan for those who work at PDC and in the USC-VHHPT and OT programs.

“No one at Verdugo Hills [Hospital] has been given notice that they’re terminated,” Osorno said. “We shared with our staff that the program

is going to be moving and that we’re changing the model of employment to be under the [California State] University’s PT and OT divisions.”

He added they are working through the process of transition but no one has received a termination notice and, in fact, the University of Southern California would like to keep as many of “our therapists as possible because they have a deep connection with the community.”

see PDC on page 18



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Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. Receives Grant for Park Development

The Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. (CSP) has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) to support the planning and design of the 1000 S. Central Ave. Park Project. This project is part of RPOSD's largest competitive grant investment in Measure A history – allocating more than \$78 million across 72 planning and construction projects and 48 awardees.

The 1000 S. Central Ave. Park Project includes the development of a 2.39-acre former commercial site – previously occupied by a large retail

building and surface parking lot, including the former JOANN Fabric and Crafts store – into a public park in south Glendale. This future, vibrant, multi-benefit public park is expected to become the fifth largest in the area, offering both passive and active recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in one of the City's most park-deficient neighborhoods. Park amenities may include, but are not limited to, children's play areas, a water play feature, restrooms, picnic areas, fitness equipment, walking paths, murals and living green walls, turf and native grasses, native and drought-tolerant planting areas and

a demonstration garden.

This project reflects over a decade of documented community need. The 2016 LA Countywide Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment identified all of south Glendale – home to more than 86,000 residents – as a "very high" park need area, with residents ranking creation of a new park as a "top 10" priority.

To secure the property, the City identified available funding sources and strategically assembled a financing plan that leveraged eligible local and regional funds. The City evaluated and acquired the 2.39-acre site in July 2025 through a strategic combination of local and

regional sources, including \$8.08 million in Park Mitigation Fees previously earmarked for multi-purpose fields, \$14.3 million from Park Mitigation Fee and Capital Improvement funds, and \$2.32 million in Measure A grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. By leveraging these funding sources, the City was able to make a major investment in expanding parkland in the neighborhood, marking Glendale's first major park property acquisition in more than 25 years.

Community input will be essential in shaping the park's final design and CSP will host public meetings and provide regular updates as the project moves forward.

see GLENDALE PARKS on page 19

Obituary

Rose Marie Bradley

Aug. 8, 1946 – March 12, 2026

We announce the peaceful passing of our dear Rose "Nana" Bradley at her home on March 12. She left this world as gently as she lived – surrounded by the love she so freely gave.

Rose embodied kindness and generosity. A devoted mother, grandmother and friend, she extended her nurturing spirit to countless others and welcomed them with open arms. Her home was a haven, her smile a comfort.

Her legacy is one of boundless giving. The world is dimmer without her, yet infinitely richer for having known her.

She is survived by her family and the many "ducklings" she claimed along the way. In her honor, continue her tradition of kindness – reach out, share a meal or offer a hug.

Rest peacefully, Nana. You were loved beyond measure.

CRIME BLOTTER

MARCH 21

Angeles Crest Mile Marker 19.19 in Angeles National Forest, a woman parked her vehicle at the location; when she returned she found that the driver's side door key lock no longer worked with her vehicle's key fob. All other doors did unlock with the fob. Once she entered her vehicle she discovered several personal items had been stolen.

The theft occurred between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Angeles Crest Highway, Mile Marker 35.50 in Angeles National Forest, a person reported that they parked their vehicle at the location and walked away. When they returned they found the driver's side door key locking mechanism had been broken and several personal items were stolen between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

MARCH 20

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call at a store from a loss prevention employee that showed them security footage of a

theft. The security footage revealed a suspect, described as a male, enter the store through the front entrance and walk immediately to the woman's purse section of the store. There he took a purse from the display stand and walked upstairs to the second floor. The footage then showed him taking a shopping cart and placing the purse inside the cart. He walked to the men's clothing section and took a pair of men's "active" shorts, which he placed in the cart. He walked into the home goods section and took four black tote bags, placing them in the cart. He continued to walk around the store shopping and placing items into the cart. He then walked out of view of the security cameras for a few minutes; when he returned many of the items that were in the shopping cart were no longer there. The only item left were the shorts and the tote bags, which he began to walk out of the store without paying for. The employee stopped the suspect and took him to the loss prevention office. The suspect told the employee that he was taking the items because he was homeless and did not have funds to pay for the

items.

He returned the stolen items and LASD deputies were called at 5:47 p.m.

700 Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a man entered the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station and reported that his vehicle was burglarized while parked near Switzer Falls. He reported that he parked in the upper lot area and he and a friend went for a hike. When they returned they discovered several personal items had been stolen from the vehicle, including credit/debit cards. The victim of the theft found that someone had attempted to use one of the stolen credit/debit cards. The card was then reported stolen. The exterior lock of the vehicle was damaged.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 2 p.m. and 5 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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Getting Ready for the Primary Election

By Mary O'KEEFE

The June 2, 2026 primary election in California will be interesting (to say the least), especially when it comes to the governor's race.

Gov. Gavin Newsom is termed out. He was elected in 2018. Since 1990 California governors could serve for two four-year terms; those terms do not have to be consecutive.

The race for governor is packed, mainly with Democrats although two Republicans are running. In a poll of 2,000 people conducted by Evitarus, a public opinion research firm, from March 12 to 17 the two Republican candidates were in the lead. Republican Steve Hilton was a couple of points ahead of Republican Chad Bianco, but six points ahead of Democrats Eric Swalwell and Katie Porter. Those polling highest describe themselves as "undecided – not leaning toward anyone."

A recent Emerson College poll reflects similar numbers with Hilton leading at 17%, Swalwell and Bianco at 14%, Porter at 10% and Democrat Tom Steyer at 9%.

The field of 10 candidates consists of two Republicans and eight Democrats running for office. Though most other states have primaries in which representatives of specific parties are vying for the vote, and who will then face off during the general election with winners in other parties, California is an "all in" state. The top two recipients of the most votes during a primary election, regardless of party, move on to the general election. So the ballot could have two Republicans running against each other or two Democrats – it all depends on the number of votes each candidate receives. The California system is concerning many in the Democratic party as the high number of Democrats can split the vote, easily shepherding in the

two Republican candidates.

June's primary election will see a lot of candidates vying for a seat in a lot of offices. In the City of Glendale, the seats of incumbents Dan Brotman and Elen Asatryan are up for election as is the seat of longtime city Council member and present Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian, who will not be seeking another term in office.

Other seats being voted on in Glendale include those of city clerk and city treasurer. The Glendale Unified School District school board has three seats open (in districts A, B and E) and the Glendale Community College board of trustees also has open three seats (areas 2, 3 and 4).

Multiple U.S. congressional seats will be voted on in June as well: districts 1 - 52 and state assembly seats in districts 1-80 will be on June's ballot. California voters will also choose lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller, treasurer, attorney general, insurance commissioner, state board of equalization seats in districts 1-4 and the state superintendent of public schools. The seat of the Los Angeles County Sheriff is up for election; incumbent Robert Luna is facing eight challengers including predecessor Alex Villanueva.

There is a very active Los Angeles mayoral race as well with incumbent Karen Bass in a race with 13 other candidates. Locally, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez is running unopposed (she represents northeast San Fernando including Tujunga).

California's primary election is on June 2.

Another of the issues facing this year's election is the policy concerning postmarks of the U.S. Postal Service. As CVW reported in an earlier article (Jan. 8), the USPS stated it did not change its postmark

practices but "transportation operations may cause delays." This means that if a voter mails a ballot on the day of the election, or close to the day of the election, it may not be postmarked for several days after it was mailed.

The office of the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk advises voters to go into their USPS office to have their ballot postmarked in person if voting seven days or fewer prior to the election day of June 2.

The USPS transportation change is also noteworthy for April 15 – tax day. If mailing taxes near April 15 it is advised that people go into the post office to have their tax envelope manually postmarked.

Presently, California will accept ballots received no later than seven days after the election, as long as the envelopes are postmarked on or before Election Day. The Supreme Court is hearing arguments this week regarding this election practice. The lawsuit dispute is over a Mississippi law that allows election officials to count ballots that are postmarked by Election Day but received days later. If the Supreme Court sides in favor of the state's Republican Party and strikes down the legislation, the ruling will most likely affect other states that follow this practice – like California.

According to the LA Times, voters submitted over 400,000 vote-by-mail ballots in 2024 that were received a week after Election Day – about 2.5% of the total number of ballots received.

An RR/CC spokesperson said they are monitoring the Supreme Court for a decision.

CVW will continue to bring election information to readers. If there are specific questions concerning the upcoming primary election on June 2, please email mary@cvweekly.com and our reporters will reply.

GCC from Cover

City Council members currently receive \$1,730 per month (\$20,760 annually), plus a \$50 fee per Housing Authority meeting.

Also on Tuesday night, the Council approved a six-year \$19,250,400 contract with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for tree maintenance services, an amount 57% higher than the last contract, entered into in June 2020.

The city maintains 50,000 city trees using both contracted and in-house services, Assistant Public Works Director Dan Hardgrove reported. The city's trees are assessed to be valued at \$192.7 million. Eighty-eight percent of the trees are broadleaf; 12% are palm trees. Currently, the city trims the broadleaf trees on a six-year full-trim cycle and the 5,000 palm trees the city owns are trimmed annually for dangerous palm fronds. Each year, the city trims approximately 7,000 trees, dividing the city into 12 maintenance districts and trimming the trees in two districts each year.

In addition to tree trimming, the contractor will remove up to

300 trees and will plant 750 new trees each year and will extend the warranty period for new trees to three years, to increase their chances of viability. Also, three years of watering the new trees are included – again to ensure they survive the first critical tree years.

The significant cost leap is attributed to increases in prevailing wage as well as fuel and equipment cost increases. The contract entered into in 2020 set a fixed rate, Assistant City Manager John Taktahlian explained, and the new contract represents a "truing up" of costs.

"I think palms are worthless," Mayor Ara Najarian said, sharing his thoughts. "They're worse than worthless because they grow extremely tall and the amount of effort and danger in scaling those trees to cut the fronds is immeasurable. They were nice when they were 10 feet but at 50 or 60 feet, they have no aesthetic value. I'm not a big fan of pine trees either: they're messy and a potential fire hazard." However, he added, "Trees

are important to the residents of Glendale. Shade is important. We talk about being the 'Tree City,' so we should walk the talk. We have to maintain those trees."

Hardgrove also presented a report on the current city procedures for picking up bulky items. Single-family homes receive unlimited bulky item pick up services while multi-family properties receive four pick-ups per year, a limit set in the recent trash collection franchise agreements the city adopted.

Councilmember Elen Asatryan was not satisfied with the update.

"The system is not working. The average person doesn't know the difference between a bulky item and an abandoned item. It's all trash in the eyes of the public," she said. "And there needs to be a fair system that deals with all of it."

To secure bulky item pick up, Glendale residents can visit <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/public-works/integrated-waste-management/residential-1-4-units/bulky-item-pickup>.

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GPD from Cover

William was young, about 7 years old, when he and his family immigrated to the U.S. from Armenia. He is of Armenian and Syrian descent. He was impressed by the diversity of the family's adopted city of Glendale. When he was younger he lived in south Glendale and now he and his family live in north Glendale, which gives him an advantage in understanding the city as a whole.

He can relate to immigrants and how fear, and mistrust of authority, plays a role in their lives.

"A lot of people don't trust the police – where they come from. We certainly didn't. When my family came here we were taught [in Armenia] to be afraid of police," he said.

He added the police there were like an occupying force but what he found in Glendale was such a different culture of law enforcement.

"The police [in America] are very much a part of the community," he said.

And that is the part of the GPD that William focuses on – not only with the veteran officers and commanders but with younger officers as well.

"I am really interested in getting younger officers more involved in the community. In fact, that's one of the things that we identified in our strategic plan – to give our newer officers an opportunity to meet the community in

different ways. They are obviously out in the community when they are doing their jobs but it's a different feel when they actually go to events and understand the [community's] priorities," he said.

William believes this is a good way to build relationships between GPD and the public.

Community outreach is why he first came to GPD. Despite not coming from a law enforcement family William had always been drawn to law enforcement. He looked up to officers and respected them. In high school other careers presented themselves but he continued to be drawn to law enforcement. He reached out to GPD and, at 17-18 years of age, asked for a job at the department. He was actually too old for the Explorer program and not yet old enough to be a cadet. He was offered a volunteer position with GPD as a way to get his foot in the door. He volunteered until he went to college, then was able to join the force.

Because of his journey to GPD he also understands recruitment and how to reach out to new recruits, including those from other agencies.

William has found that a social media presence is important for recruitment and for outreach.

"Gone are the days we try to make recruitment videos. Now it's so much easier

to use social media to [recruit] and we can attract so many more people," he said. "Not all video [posts] are about recruiting but we try to show a lighter side of law enforcement and [convey] that family feeling that we have and make it a little more fun ... not always about the job."

He added this has helped in recruitment efforts and very often those interviewed for a police position mentioned they first became aware of GPD through social media platforms.

William continues promoting the community and "family feeling" with the officers and staff at GPD. It is important for officers to feel safe and to feel they can share any issues of concern.

"We're the third largest [department] in Los Angeles County, but there is a family feel to our [department]; however, the community expects small city service. We need to make sure that we're delivering that," he said. "What I'm looking for is making sure that our officers understand that when they come into our department, whether it's the lateral officers or [those from] other agencies."

In Glendale, the city manager is in charge of hiring the police chief, with the support of the city council. According to the City, there is not a timeline as to when a decision will be made to confirm, or present, the new chief of police.

DENSITY from Cover

Nine units would be designated as "affordable to very low income." The density bonus at issue allows the number of units to increase from 74 to 87 apartments.

At the conclusion of the planning hearing, the hearing officer indicated her decision would be forthcoming within two or three weeks. The next step for the project would be to go to the Design Review Board, tentatively scheduled for April 23. If approved there, the developers would be free to submit details for plan check review to begin construction.

"We're not against development. This is just too big," Walker told the hearing officer, City Planner Aileen Babakhani. Walker has lived in his home for 73 years.

"There has been no community outreach," local resident Ron told the hearing officer. "This would ruin the dynamic of the community."

Local resident Lisa Morris emphasized the "small town feel" of the neighborhood and the mountain views as some of the reasons people enjoy living in the foothills. She noted that she supports housing and affordable housing "but this is just too tall; it will block our views."

Mike Borisov is a recent UC San Diego graduate who studied public policy and urban studies and planning and is also a graduate of local high school Clark Magnet.

"This is exactly the density we need; it replaces an old commercial lot, [is] next to a great park and school for these future families, next to two bus stops, 10 minutes to the Montrose Shopping Center and 25 minutes to downtown Glendale," he said in favor of the project. "It's not [in] a high fire zone, but this building actually has better fire safe construction than the current building on the lot. There are also two fire stations within one mile.

"It's not a perfect project – no project ever is – but we have a housing crisis in California because we don't build homes. AB 130 mandates the city approve and allow this to be built. There's no choice here; this is urban infill development that has already been studied [and] no added environmental review is required," Borisov added.

"I went to Clark and we evacuated a thousand people in under 10 minutes. All these BS NIMBY talking points are classist and exclusionary by nature. We live in the most populated metro area in the nation; this is not some small sleepy town.

"I live in a multi-family structure; I would not have been born and raised in Glendale if it didn't exist. I promise you, Glendaleans that live in apartments are not scary and are not your mortal enemies. We deserve a place to live too," Borisov concluded.

The Crescenta Valley Community Association explained the purpose of the March 18 meeting: The applicant is requesting three concessions/incentives to deviate from lot coverage, floor area ratio and height standards and three waivers to allow residential units on the first floor, a lack of additional common open space and residential parking at and above grade.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS



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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Last Trolley Ride – Dec. 31, 1929

Private trolley lines in Los Angeles were created largely to sell land. The business plan, pre-automobile anyway, was to buy cheap land in an outlying area, develop it into lots and run a trolley line to it. The big money was made selling the lots to people who would use the trolley to get to and from work. The trolleys themselves were not profitable.

Sometimes the developers would sell the trolley line to another entity. That was the case with the Glendale and Montrose Railway. After establishing the G&M Railway in 1913, the developers of Montrose sold the line to the Riverside Portland Cement Company. I suppose they thought that continuing the railway would bring homebuilders to the valley and they would in turn buy cement for construction. And during the boom years of the 1920s, that

was somewhat true.

But when the market crashed in 1929, building stopped. Portland Cement, struggling to stay alive, bailed out of the trolley business, which was already operating at a deficit. The notice was issued that the Glendale and Montrose Railway would cease to operate on Dec. 31, 1929.

A special “last ride” was arranged for the evening of Dec. 31. At 10:40 p.m., a G&M trolley loaded passengers at the end of the line at Pennsylvania and Montrose avenues. The car was filled, all seats taken, all mourning the end of the trolley line in the Crescenta Valley. Motorman “Pops” Nagel was at the controls as he had been since 1913. The conductor and he compared times on their watches and gave the “highball” hand signal, indicating the track was clear ahead. Pops turned on the

single headlamp on the front of the car and eased on the power.

The full car trundled east down the center of wide Montrose Avenue. It passed Bonetto’s Feed and Fuel at La Crescenta Avenue and slowed for the curve just above Montrose. It passed Honolulu Avenue and the trolley barn, where Anawalt Lumber is today. The trolley picked up speed as it rolled down the center of Verdugo, slowing again for the curve at the Oakmont Country Club, then onto the long straightaway to Verdugo Park.

The car entered downtown Glendale down the center of Glendale Avenue, continued all the way to the border of Los Angeles for the final time and then came back for a short last ride to Eagle Rock.

The car pulled up in front of the G&M station at 135 N. Glendale Ave. where today the City of Glendale has its

various civic buildings. The riders piled out in the darkness and entered the station for a dinner party, a “wake” in reality, commemorating the end of the G&M. It was a solemn celebration, attended by both rail-fans and all the conductors and managers of the now defunct Glendale and Montrose Railway. Even as the New Year rang in, there were sad faces.

After the tolling of the New Year, Pops Nagel again took his station at the controls for a last journey in the dark, back up the Verdugo Canyon, and past Sparr Heights. He slowed to make the tight curve into the Montrose trolley barn. He eased the big trolley car through the arched doorways to the interior of the barn. Pops Nagel set the brakes and pulled down the trolley pole that connected the car to the electrical wires above. He stepped down from the car for

the last time.

In the cold, quiet darkness of the valley, Pops walked diagonally across the intersection of Verdugo and Honolulu to the generator house that was humming away. He threw the switch turning off the generator. The generators slowed then stopped and all was quiet.

The next day several buses took up the route of the old G&M. Some of the G&M trolley cars were scrapped at the Pacific Electric shops in Torrance while others were sold to other trolley lines that were still operating. The tracks were pulled up for scrap value and the ties for firewood.

It was the end of a historic era for the Crescenta Valley.

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

AB 2478: Kinship Family Approval

California currently has more than 37,000 children in our foster care system. These are children who are placed into our care due to abuse or neglect. They’re trauma survivors and though they’re removed from their parents for their own safety, they’re facing an unfamiliar and daunting system that hasn’t always put their needs first.

Research consistently shows that children placed with familiar caregivers experience better outcomes including greater placement and educational stability, higher likelihood of reuniting with siblings, and improved mental and behavioral health. In these types of placements, young people are more likely to be employed or enrolled in higher education by the age of 21, and less likely to experience homelessness and incarceration.

It’s why California has adopted a kin-first culture for our child welfare system. The goal is to provide an environment in which the systems serving children in crisis and their families adopt policies and practices that prioritize keeping children safely at home whenever possible and, when removal is necessary, placing them with family or trusted

adults who can maintain their connections to community, culture and tribe. To put it simply: If you were no longer able to care for your children, you would want a family member or someone they know and trust to be able to step in – and our foster care system shouldn’t be any different.

For years, relatives, extended family members and kinship caregivers have had to go through the same approval process as other foster care providers, regardless of their relationship with the child. It’s a standardized process that can subject kin caregivers to unnecessary administrative barriers that create undue delays, which can sadly prevent children from being placed with their kin altogether.

Our goal should be to ensure the safest and most supportive environment possible for vulnerable children, not extra layers of bureaucracy. That’s why I’ve introduced Assembly Bill 2478. This bill follows through on the strides that California has made to support kinship care by creating the Kinship Family Approval pathway, a streamlined approval framework for kin to step forward

during a crisis. It’s a system that’s designed specifically to recognize that caregivers with pre-existing meaningful relationships with a child should not face the regulatory barriers designed for traditional foster homes.

That doesn’t mean that safeguards go out the window. California’s licensing requirements for anyone who cares for vulnerable individuals include background checks. In fact, existing law requires foster care applicants and all adults residing in their household to undergo a criminal background check. We also allow for limited exemptions for prior convictions that do not pose a risk to the health and safety of a child.

While the law rightfully prohibits anyone convicted of child abuse or other violent felonies from becoming a foster parent it also allows, with appropriate oversight from the courts, a family member (for example) to provide care. AB 2478 reduces delays in the approval process by clarifying the timeline for background checks for emergency placements and allows for criminal record clearances to

extend to kinship providers as well.

With all of these changes, we’re putting the needs of children first. We know that familiar environments with trusted adults are best. I’m working with state administrators, county social workers, foster youth advocates and family members to re-think our system of care to do

just that.

AB 2478 is just starting on the long road to becoming law but I’m committed to getting it right. If you’d like to share your thoughts on the bill, or any legislation, please feel free to contact my office at (818) 558-3043 or assemblymember.schultz@assembly.ca.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wanted: Mutual Respect

Last December, Glendale Community College (GCC) made a presentation to Montrose Shopping Park Association members, outlining plans for developing its Honolulu Avenue buildings, collaborating with USC Keck Medicine and Verdugo Hills Hospital.

The former Citibank building will be demolished, a new GCC Montrose Campus building will be built, and the Professional Development Center repurposed to assist a plan that will host clinics for physical and occupational therapy, training GCC students in the process. A surprise

to all.

GCC seemed to show little consideration of how immense a change their plan would be for the neighborhood, especially in the long run, with potential pressure to expand. And there has been no consideration of pleas delivered at GCC trustee or VHH meetings – nor any reach out.

Their concept is worthy. But this plan will be felt over years by the broader Montrose – Sparr Heights area. To secure community buy-in for such a project, it is essential to build good faith habits of information sharing, negotiation

and accountability between GCC, USC, VHH and those who will feel those changes most readily.

Cultivating an attitude of mutual respect, with interests of all parties on the table, should come first, the desired result being *builders are welcome and neighbors feel valued.*

Initial concerns:

- Limited space will pressure a need for later expansion into the adjacent neighborhood, as happened at the Garfield campus where 11-plus homes were sold to make room for the school’s growing parking needs.

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Ramona Convent to Host 'Back to the '80s' Auction & Gala Celebrating STEM Excellence

Ramona Convent Secondary School will host its annual auction and gala on Saturday, April 25 at Almansor Court. The event brings together students, families, alumnae and community supporters for an evening dedicated to celebrating education and raising funds for student programs.

This year's event, themed "Back to the '80s," will feature dinner, entertainment and a community celebration alongside an online silent auction running April 18-25,

allowing supporters to participate from anywhere.

The 2026 gala comes during a milestone year for Ramona Convent. The school was recently recognized as a STEM School of Excellence by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) – a prestigious national distinction awarded to schools demonstrating outstanding commitment to technology, engineering, and STEM education. Ramona Convent is the

only school in California to receive this recognition for the 2025-26 cycle.

Proceeds from the gala support The Ramona Fund, which helps sustain academic programs, co-curricular activities, campus resources, faculty development and innovative initiatives such as the school's growing STEM curriculum.

"Ramona has a long tradition of empowering young women through academic excellence and leadership opportunities," school leadership

said. "Community events like the auction and gala help ensure we can continue expanding programs – particularly in STEM – that prepare our students to lead and innovate in the world ahead."

Founded more than 130 years ago and sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Ramona Convent Secondary School is a Catholic college-preparatory high school for young women located in Alhambra. The school is dedicated to developing

confident leaders through a rigorous academic curriculum grounded in faith, service and social responsibility.

Community members are invited to attend the gala, participate in the online auction or support the event through sponsorships and donations.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or auction participation, visit:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/auctiongala2026/>

i9 Sports® Brings Nation's Largest Youth Multi-Sport Program to Crescenta Valley Park

i9 Sports®, the nation's largest multi-sport youth provider with more than 5 million registrations nationwide, announced its debut season at Crescenta Valley Park, officially kicking off on March 22.

Families across Crescenta Valley can now participate in i9 Sports' signature youth leagues focused on inclusive, fun, safe

and age-appropriate instruction. Programs will feature flag football, soccer and T-ball for children ages 3-14 with an emphasis on convenience for parents, positive coaching and a supportive environment for all skill levels.

"As we expand into Crescenta Valley for the first time, our goal is to build a community-driven sports

experience where every child feels supported," said Byron Enamorado, owner of i9 Sports Los Angeles. "We're excited to launch our first season on March 22 and welcome local families into the i9 Sports family."

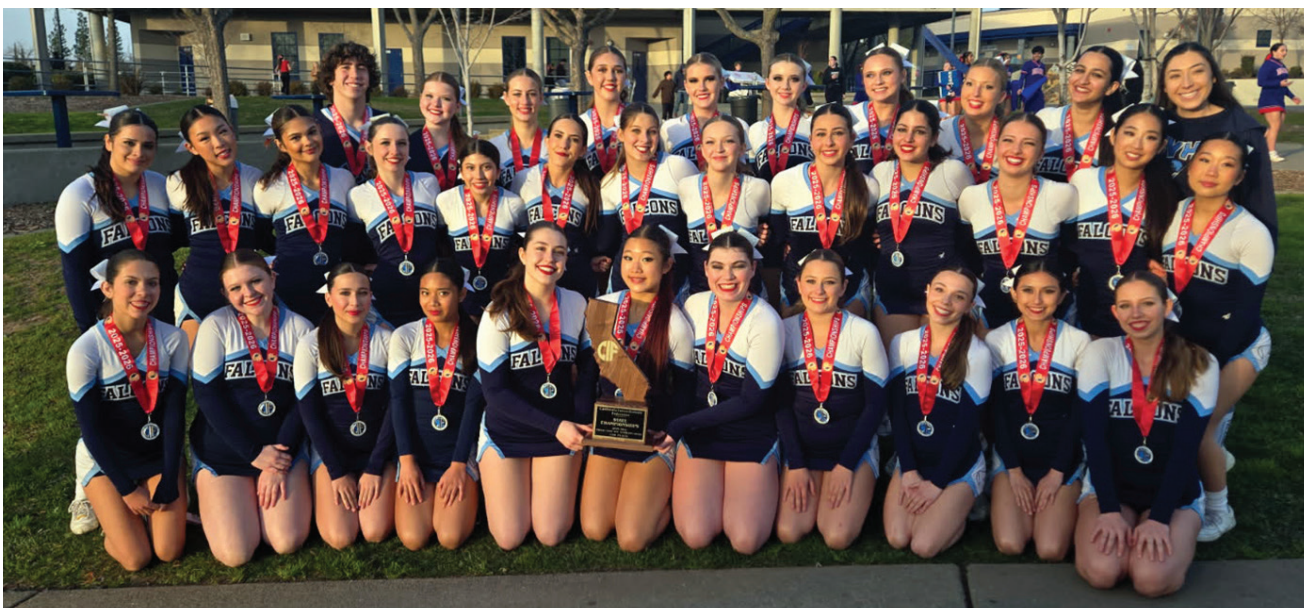
i9 Sports is partnering with America's Job Center of California to offer paid internship opportunities

through the Youth at Work program. Eligible local youth ages 14 to 24 can earn \$17.87 per hour while gaining hands-on experience in sports leadership and community engagement.

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CVHS Claims Second Place

Excitement was in the air as the Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) varsity cheerleaders traveled from La Crescenta to Folsom for the CIF state cheer championship at Folsom

High School. There were 11 teams competing in their category. CVHS came in second place to receive a wooden CIF trophy shaped like California.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Altadena Guild: 75 Years Of Giving



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 LEFT: Altadena Guild board members, from left, Casey Cowan-Gale, Penny Gill, Diana Trujillo, Elaine Cutri, Nancy Carr-Swaim, Leah Thomson-Snell and Mary Broerman.
 RIGHT: Members of The Altadena Guild at the March general meeting held at HMRI.

In March The Altadena Guild of HMH (The Guild) held its general meeting at Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI) in Pasadena, which was also a time to celebrate 75 years since The Guild's formation. The Guild's

historian Penny Gill, along with help from Teresa Farone, presented a slideshow highlighting The Guild's humble beginnings from March 1951 until the present time.

On Valentine's Day in 1951, The Arcadia Guild of HMH was founded

as a support group under the Women's Auxiliary for Huntington Memorial Hospital.

On March 16, 1951, the newly formed Guild held its first meeting – a tea in the home of Mrs. Fred C. Nash on Porter Drive in Altadena. The Guild's first president was Mrs. Harold Smith.

Plans for its spring benefit for the following year were presented to the members by The Guild's first Ways and Means Chairwoman Mrs. Arthur J. Will. This kicked off the highly anticipated and rewarding Altadena Guild of HMH's Annual Home & Garden Tour.

Some homes were featured multiple times over the years. Each time included a theme inspired either by the architectural style of the homes, the time period they were built or the charming neighborhoods in which they were located. Patrons would come, eager to support The Guild's cause and view the homes and stroll through the luscious gardens.

The first home tour ticket price was \$1.50 for the tour only or \$2 for the tour and dessert. Total money raised from the first home tour in 1952 was \$428! Checks and reservations for the tour were sent to Mrs. Kenneth Steuer at 1090 Rubio Street. The home was on tour again in 2023 but tragically lost in the fire of 2025.

Since then, The Guild has raised over \$3 million with its mission to help fund and promote the objectives of Huntington Hospital (recently renamed Huntington Health, an affiliate of Cedars Sinai) and HMRI.

Challenges included the global pandemic from 2020-2022, and then the devastating Eaton Fire of Jan. 7, 2025. The pandemic kept Guild members secluded; however, generous donations from Guild patrons and membership helped fulfill the financial commitments made by The Guild for HH and HMRI. After a two-year pandemic hiatus, The Guild was ready in 2023 to resume its Annual Home and Garden Tour.

However, ferocious winds, followed by devastating fires, swallowed entire neighborhoods, people perished and 30% of The Guild's membership lost their homes. Many of the historic homes that were featured over the years on tours were lost in the fire as well.

Entering 2026, The Guild is trying to heal, recover, rebuild and reconnect, never losing sight of its mission.

The Guild is hoping to rebuild by asking everyone to join the team of strong, inspiring and dedicated women. It is the goal of The Guild to regain its position as one of the greatest philanthropic organizations and community leaders in the history of Altadena and Pasadena.

For more information on how to become a member, check The Guild website at www.altadenaguild.org.

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American Revolutionary War Patriot: Captain John Trull

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.

The patriot ancestor of Monica Mills Homer is Captain John Trull. He was born in Billerica, Middlesex in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, which was British Colonial America, on Feb. 5, 1737. He is her fifth great grandfather on her mother's side.

The Trull family had lived in America for at least four or five generations before the war. Captain Trull's farm of 200 acres overlooked the Merrimack River. It included a grist and sawmill on Trull Brook in Tewksbury, Massachusetts and Captain Trull used one of his fields for training his company of Minutemen. On March 9, 1775, the town chose a committee to suppress disorder in the town but only six weeks later the Minutemen would face the British at Concord and beyond.

According to the Tewksbury Historical Society, on April 19, 1775 at approximately 2 a.m., the farmers of Tewksbury, Concord and Lexington were roused by the messenger sent out

by Paul Revere and William Dawes. They were warning the Middlesex farmers yelling, "The British are coming. The British are marching on Concord!"

The British were coming to take the supply of arms and gunpowder that the Colony possessed and to try to arrest Samuel Adams (the man, not the beer) and John Hancock (the man, not the signature) who were staying in Concord at the time.

One of their alarm messengers rode out and stopped on Stickney Hill at the house of Captain John Trull, the commander of the Tewksbury Minutemen Company. Hearing that cry, Captain Trull jumped from his bed and fired three shots from his bedroom window as a prearranged signal to rouse General Varnum across the Merrimack River in Dracut. After Trull heard the response fire, he mounted his horse and rode to the village.

When he arrived, his Minutemen were ready. Placing himself at the head of the flank, it was soon on its way by the Billerica Road to Concord and on to Charlestown, joining other militiamen who were gathering to fight the British.

Facing the British, the American commanders told their troops not to

fire a shot until fired upon – but a shot rang out. Was that shot fired by the Rebels first or was it from the British? It is not certain. But it was the "shot heard round the world" at the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

John Trull passed away on Oct. 5, 1797 in Massachusetts. Years later, the grandson of Captain Trull, Herbert Trull, would pass by the home of Eliphalet Manning, one of the Tewksbury Minutemen who served with Captain Trull. Mr. Manning would call out, "I fought with your grandfather from Concord to Charlestown. He would cry out to us as we sheltered ourselves behind the trees, 'Stand trim, men or the rascals will shoot your elbows off.'"

Today, the farmland of Captain Trull that was once the training ground for his Minutemen and a place of farm and family is now a golf course. The Trull farmhouse on Stickney Hill survived until 1912 when the farmhouse burned down. But a descendent, Bailey Trull, converted about 125 acres of the family farm into the Trull Brook Golf Course in 1963. The surviving original Trull barn became a temporary clubhouse. That land had been in the family for more than 200 years and 14 generations. The golf course is still there today.

The Pasadena Vocal Competition Returns For Its Sixth Year

At a time when opera faces headwinds nationally – from Jonas Kaufmann’s candid remarks about the pay disparity between Covent Garden and the Met to Renée Fleming’s recent resignation from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as an artistic advisor – the Pasadena Vocal Competition (PVC) stands as a beacon of commitment to the future of the art form.

Now in its sixth year, the PVC remains true to its mission: to financially support the next generation of opera stars and cultivate community interest in opera throughout the Pasadena area. The competition is made possible by its generous sponsors including the Pasadena Area Opera Trust, Gino Gaudio of the Tony Gaudio Foundation, which sponsors the Audience Favorite Award, and Courtney B. Vance,

whose name graces the prestigious Courtney B. Vance Chevalier Award honoring the best aria by a composer of the African diaspora.

This year’s event will be hosted by soprano and artistic advisor Jamie Chamberlin, serving as emcee alongside artistic director Catherine Miller who will accompany the contestants at the piano. PVC winners have already adorned the stages of the Metropolitan Opera, LA Opera, San Francisco Opera and Santa Fe Opera as well as internationally. Come be part of the next chapter!

The next PVC competition is on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Ramo Auditorium on the campus of Caltech, which is located at the south end of Baxter Hall, 332 S. Michigan Ave. in Pasadena. Please park in Lot 10, 11 or 12 located off of East Del Mar Boulevard.



Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos Announces Inaugural Verdugo Wine Fest

The Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos (KCOTV) announced its first-ever Verdugo Wine Fest, a premier community event scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hosted at the Glendale Community College (GCC) J. Walter Smith Student Center & Terrace, the festival offers an afternoon of fine wine and fellowship. Guests will enjoy a curated selection of wines from renowned regions –including Paso Robles, Santa

Barbara, Spain and Italy – perfectly paired with a variety of gourmet appetizers and vegan-friendly options.

Proceeds from the Verdugo Wine Fest will directly benefit the GCC Foster Youth Support Program (FYSP), providing essential resources for students transitioning from the foster care system into higher education.

“Excitement is in the air as we launch this new tradition,” said

the Verdugos Kiwanis Club. “This is a unique opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy world-class wines, and make a tangible impact on the lives of our local foster youth.”

The GCC J. Walter Smith Student Center & Terrace is located at 1500 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale. Only those 21 and older, with valid government-issued ID, will be invited in..

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Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Filing A Judgment For Non-Payment of Rent

Dear Phyllis,
I’ve been following your column for many years, and about fifteen years ago, I wrote to you when you were writing for the Glendale News Press. It was regarding a tenant who had stopped paying rent. This tenant had been renting my home in La Crescenta for about eight years. For the first seven years, they consistently paid the rent. But in the final year, they began making excuse after excuse, and despite my efforts to work with them, it became clear they had no intention of paying—even a token amount.

After six months of nonpayment, I reached out to your column, and you kindly referred me to an eviction attorney who was able to help me remove the tenant. You also suggested that I get a judgement for the back rent. You explained that a judgment

could affect their ability to get loans, impact their credit, and serve as a warning to future landlords.

When the judgment neared expiration, I called you and you encouraged me to renew it—and I’m glad I did. I just wanted to let you know that they finally paid me. Thank you so much for your guidance and support throughout this long process.

— Robert

Dear Robert,

Thank you so much for your kind words. It’s always rewarding to hear how things turn out, especially after such a long and difficult road.

It’s interesting to note that in today’s environment evictions for nonpayment of rent take much longer. My last experience with a client was about 18 months to get a nonpaying tenant out.

You handled a very challenging situation with patience and persistence, and I’m glad to know that the steps we discussed ultimately paid off — literally! Many landlords are unaware that a properly filed and renewed judgment can have long-term effects that often lead to eventual repayment, even years later.

Your story is a great reminder for other property owners: don’t give up, document everything, and make use of the legal tools available — including eviction when necessary and pursuing a civil judgment. Staying on the course, as you did, can eventually bring results.

Congratulations on finally resolving the issue and thank you again for sharing the outcome. I’m sure your experience will inspire others dealing with similar challenges.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Knott's Boysenberry Festival 2026: Returning to What Works



By Charly SHELTON

Knott's Boysenberry Festival has long been the park's most defining event – a food festival built around the berry that put Knott's on the map. And now it's back for another year of putting boysenberry into everything you can think of. In recent years, the festival has leaned hard into experimentation, sometimes with mixed results. This year, though, there's a noticeable shift: a return to basics. And it works.

That doesn't mean the menu is boring. There's still some outlandish dishes that push the boundaries of what to expect from a theme park food festival. But overall, the dishes this year feel more grounded, more coherent with what works for the flavor of the berry rather than just finding a reason to drizzle boysenberry sauce on something that doesn't need it. Instead of trying to reinvent the wheel, Knott's is polishing the rims to make them shine.

A few standout examples set the tone perfectly. The boysenberry barbecue meatballs are simple in concept but executed well – and rather than making them a footnote on some other dish they're paired with mashed potatoes as their own entry for multiple locations at the festival. The kettle chip nachos with boysenberry brisket and boysenberry queso follow the same idea, layering familiar flavors with just enough sweetness from the berry to make them feel specific to the festival without becoming a gimmick.

That balance has been the missing piece in some previous years. There's nothing wrong with pushing boundaries but when a dish feels experimental for the sake of going viral on Instagram, it has to really land. In past festivals, that hasn't always been the case. This year, the approach feels more



Photos by Charly SHELTON
TOP LEFT: Knott's Berry Farm celebrates all things boysenberry.
TOP RIGHT: The Boysenberry Brick is an amazing addition to the food offerings.

disciplined. The creativity is still there – it's just being applied to dishes that already make sense.

For example, there's a dish called The Boysenberry Brick, and if there's one thing to get for the sake of showing it off on the Internet, it's the one that is called a brick. It's a loaf of brioche, deep fried, filled with boysenberry jam and topped with boysenberry soft serve. Go ahead and reread that. It's a loaf of fried bread. Called The Brick. How could I not get that and brag about it?

But the point is that brick works. It's basically a giant French toast with boysenberry swapped in lieu of syrup. It's a dish that's ready to have berry flavor added without distracting from the rest of the ingredients. Sure – it's big enough for the

entire French Foreign Legion to share, but this is America and that means it's a serving for one. It's unique, it's eye-catching, both online and walking through the park, and most importantly – it is delicious.

Beyond the food, the festival remains what it's always been: a celebration of Knott's history and the berry that started it all. The decorations, the merchandise the overall atmosphere all tie back to that central theme without feeling overdone. But make no mistake – the food is the draw.

This year's Boysenberry Festival is on now through April 12.

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Admission is free and open to the public.

Featured work: "The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace"

The centerpiece of the program

is the landmark choral work "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" by acclaimed Welsh composer Karl Jenkins – one of the most performed choral compositions of our time. Originally commissioned to mark the turn of the millennium, this powerful, genre-defying mass draws on texts ranging from the Latin Mass to the Islamic call to prayer and a poem by Rudyard Kipling, weaving them into a searing meditation on the devastation of war and the longing for peace.

The performance will be accompanied by a stunning 4K

video presentation from the BBC, immersing the audience in the full emotional and visual scope of Jenkins' masterwork.

Rounding out this extraordinary afternoon are works by two of the most celebrated voices in Western music:

- *John Williams* – Selections from his iconic scores for Munich (2005) and Saving Private Ryan (1998), two of cinema's most sobering and humanizing portrayals of war and its aftermath.

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whose music has offered solace, beauty and spiritual depth across three centuries.

Pre-concert presentation at 1:30 p.m.

Arrive early and deepen your experience. At 1:30 p.m., the LCPC director of Music & Worship Arts will offer a special presentation: "An Historical Overview of Sacred Heritage Lost to Conflict."

This illuminating talk will explore the incalculable cultural and spiritual losses the world has suffered when sacred sites, musical traditions and artistic heritage are destroyed by war

– providing rich context for the music that follows.

The concert is on Sunday, March 29. The pre-concert talk is at 1:30; the concert is at 2 p.m. LCPC is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. Admission is free.

The LCPC Chancel Choir and Orchestra are dedicated to the life of the spirit through music of the highest quality. This concert is offered as a gift to the community and a prayer for a more peaceful world.

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

Burr, Sánchez to Perform for GNC

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

On Wednesday April 1 from 12:10-12:40 p.m. a flute recital will be performed by Ellen Burr, flute and Lorenzo Sánchez, piano.

They will perform selections from Erwin Schulhoff's (Austro-Czech, 1894-1942) "Sonata for Flute and Piano" (1927), Paul Hindemith's (German, 1895-1963) "Sonate for Flute and Piano" (1936) and Charles Widor (French, 1844-1937).

Ellen Burr's multifaceted musical career has won her praise

in performance, improvisation and composition. Jim Santella of Cadence Magazine said, "...creative artists such as Burr, who turn the flute into a tool for exploration, give their audience a wide range of aural experiences." Burr has been improvising almost as long as she's been playing and began teaching only two years after starting private lessons. She appears on over 30 CDs and has received worldwide performances of over 50 of her compositions. Her improvisational card game Ink Bops is included in the graphic score anthology Notations 21, ed. by Theresa Sauer (2009.)

Burr has led several multi-

disciplinary improvisation based ensembles combining engineering with dance and music. She currently performs in Andrea Centazzo's West Coast Chamber Jazz Trio as well as the Present Quartet (with Anne LeBaron, Jeff Schwartz and Charles Sharp) and the Los Angeles Flute Orchestra.

Burr has as performed as a soloist and clinician at new music festivals and universities across the U.S. as well as in Canada, England and Portugal. She held a year-long position as guest professor of theory and music composition at Wichita State University. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in flute performance

from Wichita State University, a Master of Fine Arts degree in music composition from California Institute of the Arts, and the Certificate de Stage at the Academie Internationale D'Ete in France (with Jean Pierre Rampal). She was the subject of a feature article, "Teaching Self-Awareness," (Flute Talk, vol.17, no.2, 1997), and has since contributed articles on teaching to several music magazines.

Burr is a Los Angeles based Yamaha artist and represented by Price Attractions. www.ellenburr.com

Lorenzo Sánchez, pianist, has enjoyed interpreting music of a variety of styles and nationalities in the United States, Mexico and Europe. Sánchez premiered Robert Guillory's "Concertino for Piano and Orchestra." His interest in Polish music led to him giving several lecture performances at the Paderewski Festival in



Paso Robles. He has performed for African American composer George Walker and Japanese composer Mitsuru Asaka in Hawaii. He has played for several choirs touring Italy, The Vatican and several Filipino community celebration masses at Our Lady – Queen of Angels in Los Angeles.

Looking toward his heritage, Sánchez has edited and helped publish piano works by Mexican composer Domingo Lobato. He has recorded two CDs of Lobato's solo piano works and recently released a CD with clarinetist Virginia Figueiredo.

Sánchez holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California.

THEN & NOW

Anawalt Lumber Barn Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: Here is one of the larger electric trolleys of the Glendale & Montrose Railway parked in front of the Montrose car barn in the 1920s. The barn was used to maintain and store the trolley cars. In 1930, the little independent trolley line succumbed to the financial pressures of the Depression and went out of business.



Now: Where the trolley car once rested now sit pallets of building material. Anawalt Lumber bought the car barn and the 100-year-old building is now used as a lumber warehouse. Just in front of the door where the forklift is the impression of the tracks can still be seen through several layers of asphalt.

Worship Services This Holy Week

April 2 + 7:30 PM
Maundy Thursday Service

April 3 + 7:30 PM
Good Friday Service

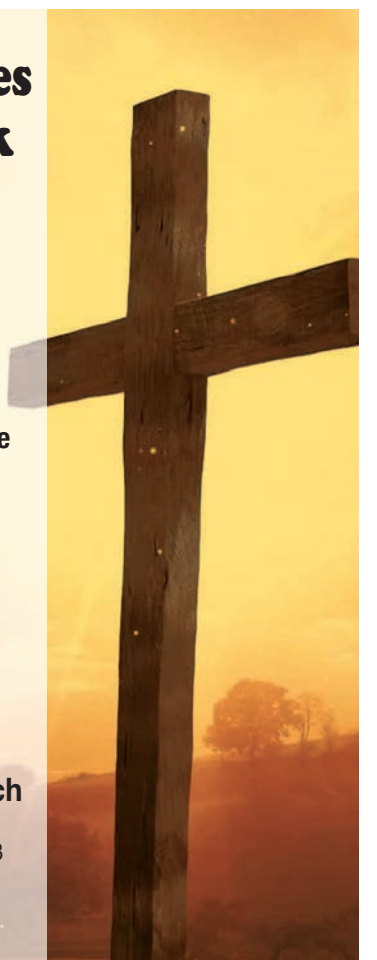
April 4 + 7:30 PM
Saturday Easter Vigil Service

April 5 + 9:30 AM
Easter Sunday Service



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

March 23, 2026 - March 29, 2026

ARIES March 21 - April 19

It's time to focus on improving your overall level of fitness and health. Your only real danger is burnout. You could be so eager to make great progress as quickly as possible that you injure yourself. Take it easy and go one step at a time. This is the best way forward for the future.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You could play a part in helping your partner recover from a minor illness this week. Although it's nothing to worry about, you may still run around fetching, carrying, and soothing. You shine in the role of caretaker, but don't forget to look after yourself, too. Take a break. You'll feel better and be much more effective if you do.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The cosmos offers you an opportunity for a new beginning. Think about your health. Are you happy with your physical condition or could you do more to improve it? Think about what you need to improve in particular, set goals, and make a plan. You'll be more likely to stick with your new routine if you begin now.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

This is the ideal time to examine your lifestyle and figure out how you can improve it. You're fired up now, so use this opportunity to embrace changes that will not only help you feel better all around but also improve the balance between work and rest. You might have to be very firm when dealing with those bad habits.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Think about getting involved in competitive sports. You'll enjoy the social life that goes with them while exercising and having fun. If you love golf, basketball, or soccer, look for a group. You might find it particularly rewarding to coach, if you have that skill. You need plenty of physical exercise, and that would be one way to get it.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You seem to be living in your head a lot lately, but don't forget your body in the process. While it's possible to improve your exercise routine or sport by visualizing yourself doing it perfectly, it won't get your heart pumping. The best way forward could be to try both. Do your daily workout and then use your imagination to help reach the next level.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're inventive and you love to experiment. That includes testing your body's reactions to various foods or exercises. You might want to try an experiment now that concerns a health and lifestyle change. See if it's something worth pursuing. Be completely committed for a month and then assess your progress.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The cosmos will now end the frustration and any health issues you may have been plagued with for a while. You should find that your energy level gradually improves and that it becomes easier to keep up with your regular exercise program. Use your renewed vigor to your advantage and get back on track with your health goals.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

There's a gradual shift in the cosmos that coincides with detoxing your body and your mind. Take a new approach to your well-being and get ready to start again if you've fallen off track. It might help to eat a simpler diet of vegetables, fruits, and water. Stay off the fat and sugar for a while and see how you feel.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This is a good time to slow down and take a more relaxed view on life. Take a break from your fitness routine and spend some time reflecting on the progress you have or haven't made. Take a look at your successes and any area where you didn't quite reach your goal. Resolve to take it to a new level in the weeks and months ahead.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your health is looking pretty good now. However, with a positive focus on your career zone, you might be tempted to work late in order to get ahead while you can. Relax and give yourself some space to breathe and do other things. You need balance in your life. Although it's wonderful to be doing well, you don't want to be a workaholic.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Your health seems intertwined with your spirituality. The cosmos indicates that your overall well-being will improve if you spend more time meditating and working on your spiritual progress. You may also find that your dreams can play a role in keeping you fit. Make a note of them. They could hold guidance on how to stay fit as well as ward off illness.

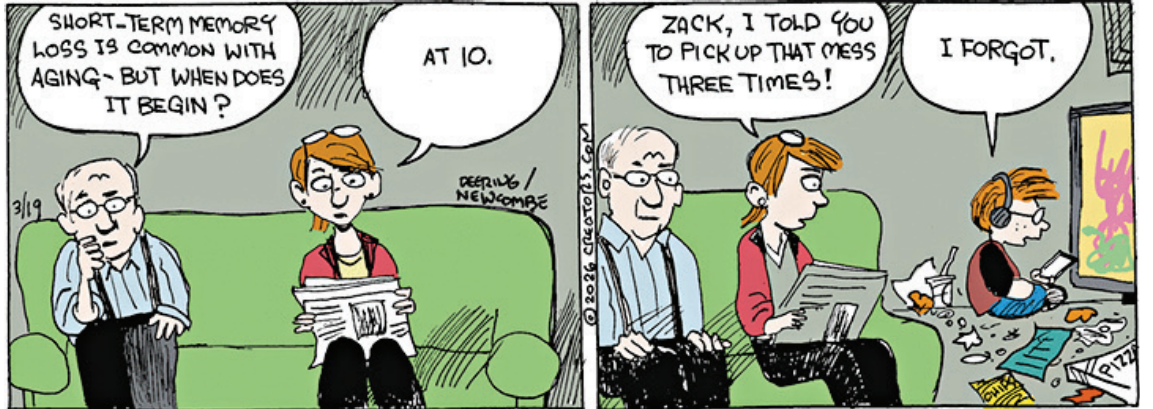
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ACROSS

- 1) Touch base after a flyout
- 6) Bronx Zoo houseful
- 10) Fissionable particle
- 14) Jumped up
- 15) Grid great Starr
- 16) Dumbbell
- 17) Mr. Moto portrayer, 1935-57
- 19) Ice and Iron, for two
- 20) "Time ___ Bottle" (Croce tune)
- 21) Spelunker's milieu
- 22) Big name in inns
- 24) Nine-to-fiver's grind
- 26) Plays for a sap
- 27) Soccer fan's cheer
- 28) "Hold it!"
- 32) Hacienda brick
- 35) Poker holding
- 36) California wine valley
- 37) Smoke an e-cig
- 38) Chicken coop raiders
- 39) Sink problem
- 40) In excess of
- 41) Was in the hole
- 42) Part of a pie
- 43) Totally lost it
- 45) ___ Jeanne d'Arc
- 46) The Flintstones' pet
- 47) Outdoor dining spot
- 51) Duelist's aide
- 54) Comics possum
- 55) Gangster's gun
- 56) Arabian Peninsula land
- 57) Mr. Freeze portrayer, 1967
- 60) 15th-century caravel
- 61) "Dirty" Cajun dish
- 62) Slender and graceful
- 63) Baseball card tidbit
- 64) Work out in the ring
- 65) Head of cattle

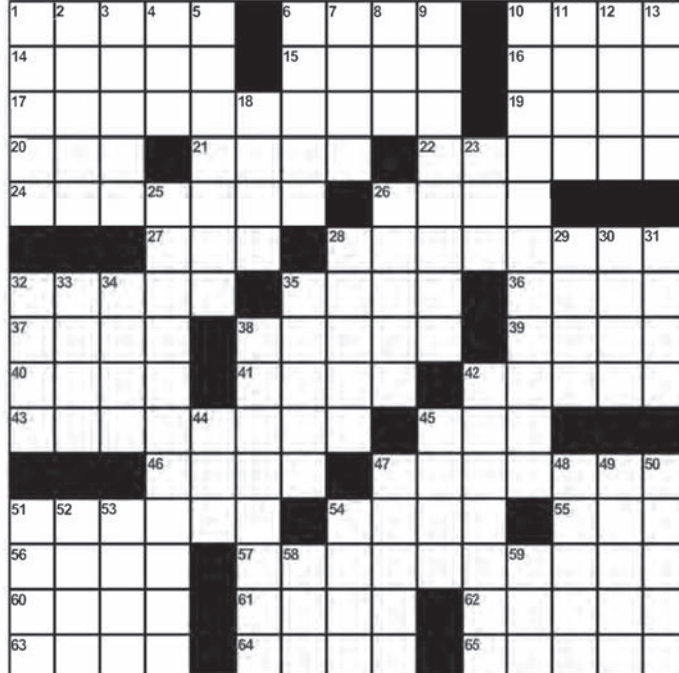
DOWN

- 1) Floppy-snouted beast
- 2) Sphere of action
- 3) Subtly suggested
- 4) Make a patsy of
- 5) Bed sheet fabric
- 6) Higher in rank
- 7) Trim, as expenses
- 8) Go astray
- 9) Illegal muscle enhancers
- 10) Mr. Deeds portrayer, 2002
- 11) Frat party garb
- 12) Pundit's piece
- 13) Flat-topped formation
- 18) Valentine trim
- 23) Tidbit for an aardvark
- 25) Mr. Chips portrayer, 1939
- 26) Flogged, in a way
- 28) Does a car wash job
- 29) Agra garb
- 30) Cast-of-thousands film
- 31) Matador's prop
- 32) Declare firmly
- 33) Brubeck of jazz
- 34) Tourney for all
- 35) Bookstore section for DIYers
- 38) Original members
- 42) Enjoys the boardwalk
- 44) Diarist Anais
- 45) Game company with a hedgehog mascot
- 47) Cell company's structure
- 48) Marble material
- 49) Private stock
- 50) Anesthetic of old
- 51) Peyton and Eli, to Archie
- 52) Send out
- 53) Water-to-wine site
- 54) Twelve-point type
- 58) Backtalk
- 59) More than tipsy

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Hey, Mister!

By Fred Piscop



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My Milk Frother Quit Just After The Warranty Expired. What Are My Rights?

When Andrew Fogel's milk frother sputters to a stop right after the warranty ends, he gets steamed. Fogel rarely used his Paris Rhône appliance before it died. And now the manufacturer wants to offer him only a discount towards a new machine. Can it do that?

Question: I bought a Paris Rhône milk frother through Amazon. I barely used the item – less than 25 times, maybe – and now it no longer turns on. I've had it for just over a year.

I contacted the manufacturer and even sent a video showing the problem. Paris Rhône admitted there was an internal defect but said the warranty had expired. It offered me a 12% discount on a new frother. I don't think this is fair. Can you help me get a replacement?

– Andrew Fogel, Wantagh, New York

Answer: I don't blame you for feeling steamed. I would, too. A product that dies just after the warranty expires smells a lot like planned obsolescence. Companies will point

to the letter of the warranty – one year and you're done – but that doesn't end the conversation.

You do have legal protections beyond the manufacturer's warranty. Under the Uniform Commercial Code, which governs most sales in the United States, every consumer product comes with what's called an implied warranty of merchantability. That's legalese for "this thing should work as intended for a reasonable amount of time."

If a milk frother barely survives its first year, you could argue it's not fit for its ordinary purpose. Some states enforce these implied warranties for up to four years, though you usually have to press the case in small claims court to get results.

That said, companies count on the fact that few consumers will take

them to court over a \$30 appliance. They know most people will sigh, toss the broken item in the trash and click "Buy" again. It's a frothy business model that guarantees them future customers.

I almost told you to check the reviews for your frother the next time, but when I looked up your Paris Rhône model it came back with 4½ stars on Amazon, which is pretty decent. Sure, there are a few bad reviews on the product but that's pretty normal. You couldn't have known this appliance would stop working after 13 months.

In reviewing your email correspondence, I noticed that you didn't get Amazon involved in this problem. But you might have. After all, you purchased the frother on its platform, and Amazon has a

reputation for standing behind its products, sometimes even after their warranties have expired.

Fortunately, when you asked my advocacy team for help we were able to apply a little pressure to the manufacturer. We shared your correspondence and the video you took with Paris Rhône, and this time the company perked up. It agreed to send you a brand new, upgraded frother at no cost without even requiring you to return the broken one. That's a much better response than a 12% coupon code.

The lesson? Don't let a company whisk you away with a "Sorry, out of warranty" line. Always document the problem, keep your receipts and point out that consumer law expects a product to last a reasonable time – not just until shortly after the ink

dries on the warranty card. If the company still won't listen, you can escalate to executives, file a small claims action or – like you did – ask a consumer advocate for help.

Your frothing failure wasn't the end of the world but it exposed how fragile these warranty promises can be. The company made things right when pressed but you shouldn't need an advocate to get a fair shot at preparing your morning latte.

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/>.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On March 27, Joy Stone will talk about the Meet the Masters program.

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

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

There will be live music 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 for CCLCF Spring I Session* is open! New classes and returning favorites will run through May 2. Learn more at cclcf.org.

• *Spring Break Camps*: Options include Coach Andy's Sports Blitz (ages 5-12), Make It! Bake It! (ages 7-12), Skyhawks Sports (ages 6-13), Theatre/Improv (ages 8-15), World Dance (ages 6-14), and Youth Guitar (ages 8-17). Spring Break Camps run March 30 thru April 3 (LCUSD spring break). Learn more at cclcf.org.

• *Registration continues for Camp Runamuk and summer camps*. Camp Runamuk for ages 5-10 will run weekly, June 8 to Aug. 14, with a different theme each week, including a counselor in training program (ages 12-15). Learn more/register at cclcf.org.

• *Summer Camps*. Check out the junior & pre-teen Ceramics Camps (ages 5-13) and Professor Egghead

Camps (ages 5-10). Learn more at cclcf.org.

• *Family Bingo Night*: Save the date! Family Bingo Night is on Saturday, May 23 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. More info coming soon.

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

COURTYARD SALE BENEFITS THURSDAY CLUB

The La Cañada Thursday Club will be having a courtyard estate sale on Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Thursday Club, 4440 Woodleigh Lane in LCF.

Antiques, art, china, collectibles, crystal, electronics, furniture, holiday décor, housewares, jewelry, linens, sporting goods, toys, and more will be on sale. Proceeds from the sale go to the Thursday Club 501(c)4.

Purchases are not considered a charitable contribution.

Admission is free and there is plenty of parking.

EASTER FUN

A Saturday morning of Easter fun, including real live bunnies to pet, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, refreshments and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny (wear your Easter best!) takes place on Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills, 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (entrance and free parking at the back of the building).

There is no charge and all are welcome! Please phone (818) 957-1500 or email events@scIENTOLOGY-montrose.org to let them know you are coming.

3 SPIRITUAL KEYS TO CREATING HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS

La Cañada Flintridge Library invites the community to this spiritually enriching workshop on Saturday, April 11 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the La Cañada Flintridge

Library, 4545 Oakwood Ave. in La Cañada Flintridge. Discover spiritual tools and techniques to help stay physically, emotionally and mentally in balance. Participants will be asked to pick a challenge from their life to work on and discover how these three keys can widen their perspective. Participants can start using them immediately in any area of their life.

This free workshop – 3 Spiritual Keys to Creating Harmonious Relationships – is a community service sponsored by ECKANKAR, The Path of Spiritual Freedom.

For more info, call (877) 504-6364.

INVENTING PARADISE – TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

In 1895 Los Angeles was a 29-square-mile pueblo with a few thousand residents. Thirty seven years later, in 1932, Los Angeles had grown by 450 miles and 1.2 million people and became the largest city by area in the United States. During that time six visionaries – Phineas

Banning, Harrison Gray Otis, Henry Huntington, Harry Chandler, William Mulholland and Moses Sherman – willed LA into being.

The speaker for the 2nd Saturday program is Paul Haddad who will share fascinating and entertaining stories about the creation of Los Angeles including how and why some cities (Hollywood, Venice and San Pedro) joined Los Angeles while others (Beverly Hills, Culver City, Pasadena) avoided annexation.

This presentation is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. It will be held on April 11 at 1 p.m. at the Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society by calling (818) 352-3420, visiting <https://www.boltonhall.org> or emailing llhs@boltonhall.org.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS

The Glory of Easter

At La Crescenta Presbyterian Church

<p>Palm Sunday ~March 29</p> <p>Worship Services at 10am Contemporary Service with praise band Traditional Service with choir, pianist in the Chapel</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday ~April 2</p> <p>Simple soup and bread meal at 5:30pm in Koopmans Hall, followed by Communion at 7pm in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>Good Friday ~April 3</p> <p>Worship Service focusing on the power and meaning of the Cross at 7pm in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>Easter Sunday ~April 5</p> <p>Two Easter Services Contemporary Service with praise band at 9am Traditional Service with choir, organist and pianist at 11am</p>
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All services are on the La Crescenta Presbyterian campus, 2902 Montrose Ave., La Crescenta.
For details, visit lpcp.net or call 818-249-6137.

KIWANIS from page 13

General admission tickets are \$100; on the day of the event, tickets are \$115 and are subject to availability.

Tickets include wine tasting and food. As this event is expected to sell out, early purchase is recommended.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or to donate, please visit Zeffy. To sponsor, please email a high-resolution logo to kiwanisverdugos@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 516, Verdugo City, CA 91046.

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LETTERS from page 9

- City and county ordinances do not apply to community college developments, which are under the jurisdiction of the State of California, leaving the community unable to press concerns or grievances locally.

- Combined, USC, VHH and GCC will have more leverage than Montrose Shopping Park and the greater supporting neighborhood.

Now is the time to pay attention and be heard, not to deserve what Garfield neighbors were told – that they waited too long to speak up.

This project is supported by two bond measures many of us recently voted for – amounting to nearly a billion dollars of taxpayer support – and it belongs to all of us.

*Carol Clark
Montrose neighbor
MontroseMovingForward@gmail.com*

PDC from page 5

However, the therapists will have to apply for the new positions and go through the interview process because the positions currently held will not be the same positions.

The timeline for the move and the opening of the PDC location for PT and OT is summer [of 2026], he added.

“The reason we’re moving the program out of the hospital is we need the space to expand our Emergency Department that is often crowded,” Osorno added. “This will benefit the community tremendously.”

At present the PT and OT programs at USC-VHH are located near the Emergency Department and patients have to travel through the ED to get to their therapy.

One of the main issues, as stated earlier, is the lack of communication felt by residents, businesses and community members.

“We are setting up a town hall [meeting] that is going to be in the [second half] of April,” he said. “The date has to be finalized yet.”

The meeting will answer questions and concerns from the community. Representatives from USC-VHH, GCC and USC are expected to be at the meeting to answer questions.

CVW will continue to follow the story and share meeting dates as they become available.

WEATHER from page 2

Another [study] that M. vaccae has a long-lasting anti-inflammatory effect on the brain. That’s important, because brain inflammation impacts mood-regulating brain chemicals,” according to the article.

More research is being done, and will need to be done, to confirm the findings but it does look like Lowry is winning over his skeptics.

One of the songs that is on my grandsons’ morning playlists is “Back to the Earth” by Jason Mraz: “Whenever my head starts to hurt. Before it goes from bad to feeling worst. I turn off my phone. I get down low. I put my hands in the dirt.”

Gardening is another example that shows if we take care of the Earth, it will take care of us.

It looks like good gardening weather is coming up, although it may be best to start early and get inside before the heat of the day.

Our temps today will see highs in the low 80s. On Friday we will warm up to the high 80s and stay there through Saturday then dip again on Sunday and continue cooling through Tuesday, with a high of 78. Tuesday we will also see some rain, a slight chance, according to NOAA.

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IN BRIEFS from page 3

GWP LAUNCHING REBATE PROGRAM

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) is launching a Commercial Energy and Water Saving Rebate Program for local businesses that install high-efficiency energy and water-saving equipment.

The program enables Glendale businesses to reduce energy and water consumption, lower monthly operating costs, and contribute to the City of Glendale’s sustainability goals. By offsetting the initial cost of high-efficiency upgrades, GWP is making it easier for businesses to transition to modern, eco-friendly equipment.

ASCENCIA ANNUAL GALA

Ascencia is holding its 18th annual gala, named Creating a Lasting Impact!, on Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale. This fundraiser will support Ascencia’s essential programs that create a lasting impact on the individuals it serves. Tickets, sponsorship packages and underwriting opportunities are available now. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/dwdxjwpm> to take part in this event.

GLENDALE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GALA

Diamonds Gala 2026, the annual Glendale Educational Foundation gala, takes place on Friday, May 1 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 3067 E. Chevy Chase Drive in Glendale from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

To learn more, visit glened.org.

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN LA CRESCENTA

The community is invited to give the life-saving gift of blood at a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The blood drive will be held at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. Visit lpcpc.net/giveblood to sign up.

Blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries. Those who have been looking for a local venue to donate, are encouraged to sign up and attend!

For more information, contact La Crescenta Presbyterian at (818) 249-

6137. CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Michelle Gillette. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta.

The Center for Spiritual Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road

in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on March 29. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

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

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

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To support this effort, the City will hire a consultant to lead project design and community engagement efforts. A concept design/feasibility study informed by community feedback will be presented to Glendale City Council within 12 months of kick-off, with the engagement process beginning in mid-2026 and the concept design/feasibility study approval expected by late 2027. City staff has already begun the process of seeking grants and other non-City funding sources to identify funds for the future development of the site.

For project updates or to sign up to receive project information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/hbktm98d>.

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