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## CEQA Exemption Questioned in Development

By Julie BUTCHER

Local residents who have been actively organizing against a proposed five-story, 87-unit multi-family residential development on Foothill Boulevard near New York Avenue were surprised when the item was pulled at the last minute from Tuesday night's agenda of the Glendale City Council.

The project with the density bonus and project specifications sought by the developer was approved by the Glendale City Planning Dept. in hearings held in March and June. An appeal was filed by the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association, supported by the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council.

Glendale's new director of Community Development, Rachel Friede Dimond, explained that the City received communications from the local water board "identifying issues relating to the terms of the clearance letter which were not outlined in the original clearance letter itself. The issue could impact the AB-130 CEQA exemption determination and we're asking for a continuance to a date certain – Nov. 17 – to allow the applicant to work with the water board and for the City to further evaluate the legal implications."

Opponents of the project have previously raised concerns about previous hazardous waste mitigation on the site as well as other concerns and have advocated for a complete environmental review of the development.

The council finalized plans for Beeline bus service improvements previewed in July with council comments and suggestions incorporated into the plans that notably include a pilot testing expanded evening bus operating hours.

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## Local Events Feature Halloween Fun ... and Candy

By Mary O'KEEFE

*There are several events in the area where kids and adults can celebrate Halloween.*

Nothing says fall like Halloween.

At La Crescenta Presbyterian Church an afternoon of trunk or treating, pumpkin decorating and activities for the entire family takes place on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Kids can come in costume and collect treats from festively decorated cars, then carve or paint a pumpkin at this free event. (Costumes must be family-friendly – absolutely no play weapons). Don't forget a bag to collect treats!

Trunk or treat will take place on the church campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

Halloween can find kids in costumes walking house-to-house, gathering as much trick or treat candy as they can, but it is also, reportedly, a dangerous night for pedestrians. Even with increased patrols the streets can be

File photo  
Robert Manciero and Donna Libra hand out candy at the 2025 CV Sheriff's event.



dangerous on Halloween.

To combat this, the California Highway Patrol is having a 12 Hour Maximum Enforcement Period beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 31 and continuing to 6 a.m. on Nov. 1. Among the issues they'll be looking for are drivers who are under the influence, perhaps after attending a Halloween party. Halloween night is a time when there are a lot of pedestrians on sidewalks and streets. This is an even more concerning issue in areas (like some in the foothills) that do not have

sidewalks where children, sometimes very excited costumed children, run from house-to-house with bags of candy.

Several local agencies and organizations have turned to more controlled trick or treat events. For example, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.–Crescenta Valley Station is having a trunk or treat event.

At the CV Station, many classic cars will be participating in this annual event. An estimated 20 to 25 vehicles

and information booths can be found at the station.

"We have CHP, [Los Angeles County] Fire Department, U.S. Forest Service, Crescenta Valley Water District, Starbucks, Ralphs [market] and the La Crescenta Library," said Deputy Maryanne Martin.

The movie "Scooby-Doo! Frankencreepy" will be shown beginning at 6 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

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## Local Protestors Turn Out for No Kings Rally

By Julie BUTCHER

"I just became a citizen two years ago and I certainly didn't become a citizen to see this country fall apart," said one woman explaining why she was at Saturday's No Kings rally outside Glendale City Hall. "In Germany, where I come from, we fought against the Nazis."

She also joked that the current President could likely not answer half the questions she had to answer to become a citizen.

Her husband also weighed in.

"Everything we fought for, all of our rights and every advancement, is at risk," he said. "People protested like this when I was a kid and now it's a shame, but we have to do it all over again to show our daughter and to set an example."



Photos by Julie BUTCHER  
Protestors hold signs showing their displeasure at the current administration of President Trump.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

## Down She Goes

On Thursday, I was fishing a dog toy out of the pool, standing on bricks on the Jacuzzi, when plop! Down I went. The bricks were shaky, at best, and gave way when I stood on them.

Unfortunately, Steve wasn't home (if he had been I would've been screaming for him) so I was responsible for taking an assessment of my injuries and getting myself out of the water.

Thankfully, I wasn't too badly banged up. As I sat in the water, one leg in the Jacuzzi and one leg in the pool, I did a quick assessment. It appeared that above my waist was in good shape – I didn't lose consciousness and, except for a small puncture wound on my right arm, I seemed to be okay. That wasn't the case below the waist.

I scraped up my left leg and my left foot is still pretty ugly. I did discover that my upper body strength stinks; still in a sitting position, I had made my way to a chair that I used to get myself up. My left leg was swollen and I previously had surgery on my right knee so I had to boost myself up to get to a standing position – which wasn't easy.

I called our office manager Rachelle who drove me to the hospital. USC-VHH took X-rays to determine if I had any broken bones (I didn't). Since I couldn't put any weight on my left foot (and even had to use crutches and later a cane to get around) Rachelle plopped me in a wheelchair. This made it

easier to get around the hospital.

After being sent home, for four days I sat in a recliner with my left leg elevated. I didn't get much done, to say the least.

Of course, this couldn't come at a worse time. As you've probably read, Crescenta Valley Weekly and the CV Chamber are moving our offices to 2563 Foothill Blvd. (on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains). My plans were to be entirely settled at 2563 Foothill Blvd. by Oct. 26. My office staff has really worked hard to pack us up to get us out of here. However, my "hot shot plans" to pack up everything have been derailed.

But I will persevere – it may take me a little longer, but I'll get it done.

Current plans are:

Oct. 22: Rachelle will be at Sadler Hall, setting up our phone service.

Oct. 24: My son Danny, husband Steve and I will be moving most of our stuff from the offices of CV Weekly and CV Chamber to our new office.

Oct. 26: The big moving truck from Andy's Transfer will pick up the remainder of our stuff at our current location.

Our office will be closed on Oct. 22 and Oct. 23.

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### » WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Although many eyes are on November's election to see if the country will see a blue wave sweep across and, if so, how high will that wave travel – or will the political waters stay calm keeping a mix of red and blue? In many communities local government will have the most impact. It is the supervisors, town and city councils, school districts and water boards that really have power to shape communities. In California, the water board is one of the most important elected organizations in a community.

When people think about California there are several things that come to mind – Hollywood, Silicon Valley, the ocean, the Gold Rush – but not a lot of people think about California regarding our water rights even though there are some famous movies that deal with this issue.

The movie "Chinatown" (1974) dealt with a lot but at its foundation were water rights and corruption. The film dealt with a fictional plot to orchestrate a drought to force landowners to sell cheaply.

The film was fiction; however, it was inspired by a real California battle with water. Water power brokers included William Mulholland who bought up land and water rights in the Owens Valley then diverted water to the San Fernando Valley through the LA Aqueduct.

Until Mulholland and his deal, the LA Basin was dry, depending entirely on rain and snowfall for its water. In an article titled, "When California's Water Wars Turned Violent" by PBS reporter Kirstin Butler, the water battle began with a 1904 camping trip to Owens Valley. It was there Mulholland saw the abundant water source streaming from the melting snowcaps in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Mulholland was a "self taught" civil engineer and the head of what was later the LA Dept. of Water and Power (LADWP).

In 1904 LA's population was growing and it was obvious the area did not have enough natural resources to sustain the growing city. So Mulholland helped design a way to get the water from Owens Valley to travel over 200 miles downstream through the desert and rocks to the City of LA.

On this camping trip with Mulholland was a former LA mayor named Fred Eaton who began buying up portions of the Owens Valley once the plot was formed to get water from the Owens Valley. Now as you can imagine the people who lived in the Owens Valley were surprised when the water diversion plan was made public. They knew Eaton was buying land but had no idea why. (Does any of this sound familiar when it comes to data centers and small towns losing their ground?)

In 1905 Eaton bought the Rickey Cattle Company, which was about 50,000 acres of water-bearing land. Once the plan to divert water from the Owens Valley became public the residents were very upset.

"Soon after the LA Times made Eaton's scheme public, he was visiting one of the Valley's small towns with his son. A mob ran both Eatons out of town, but not before the prospector was promised unhappy consequences should he return," according to PBS.

It took about 10 years to create the "world's largest aqueduct" and LA was flush with water. But as with all well-planned schemes, the population of LA grew beyond what was being pumped in from the purchased land in the Owens Valley.

The City of LA returned to the Owens Valley to purchase more land to get even more water rights.

"[Owens Valley] residents' water tables dropped. As farms produced less, the local economy faltered, investment dried up and banks refused to make loans. Schools closed," according to PBS.

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IN BRIEF

CVCA MEETING TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting tonight, Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., this month via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on topics that affect the foothill communities, as well as an opportunity for area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Members of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce will be at the CV Sheriff's Station on Oct. 30 for its trunk or treat event. The event is from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is free to attend.

SPECIAL EVENT OFFERED AT ROSEMONT PRESERVE

On Sunday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., those who want to try growing California native plants in their yard but didn't know where to start are invited to the Rosemont Preserve for a beginner-friendly workshop on gardening with natives. Led by local resident and plant enthusiast Michael Seales, this introductory session will give participants the confidence to start their native garden. Whether the goal is to save water, reduce yard maintenance, attract wildlife or simply connect the home deeper with nature, this workshop has everyone covered. Topics will include sun, soil, and water needs (and myths), how to select the right plants and the fundamentals of caring for native plants. Bring a notebook and questions! Also, please remember that volunteers are being sought to host the open gates event. Open gate hosts unlock the gate, welcome visitors and field questions about the Preserve. Those who would like to be trained to host an open gate event can reach out to Kyle Cavazos at [kylecavazos@arroyosfoothills.org](mailto:kylecavazos@arroyosfoothills.org).

ELKS SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Elks Most Valuable Scholarship (MVS) program for 2026 is accepting applications from high school seniors throughout the United States. This MVS program offers four year \$30,000 and \$4,000 scholarships. The deadline for applying is Nov. 12 at 11:59. The MVS program is one of the largest scholarship donors in the U.S. and allocated over \$2.52 million in 2025. Applications are available from local public high schools and online at the MVS for qualifying students. Visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>.

OFFICES CLOSED FOR MOVE

The offices of the CV Weekly will be closed today, Thursday, Oct. 22 and tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 23 as CV Weekly prepares to move to its new location at 2563 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta.

Florencita Art Gallery: A Place for Painters, Sketch Artists and More

By Eliza PARTIKA

Tucked behind Lost Books on Honolulu Avenue is the Florencita Art Gallery, which has served artists in La Crescenta since the mid-1940s. Once associated with renowned artists such as Norman Rockwell, the gallery now offers classes in watercolor and live-model drawing and painting for artists of all skill levels.

The gallery traces its roots to the Business Men's Art Institute – BMAI –, founded in 1930 and incorporated in 1943. Originally located on Beacon Avenue, the institute moved to its current location at 2228 Florencita Avenue in Montrose in 1992. By 2021, women had joined the membership in growing numbers, prompting members to change the name to Florencita Art Gallery to better reflect the organization.

The building includes two large studios, a kitchenette, two bathrooms and stations for still-life setups. Membership includes a key that provides access to the studio at any time, along with access to easels and drawing benches.

"It provides a remarkable facility for people who wish to paint, primarily for painters," said gallery president David Block. "We have a drawing class as well as a facility for people to do their art in a space. It's large, we have perfect lighting, we have the facilities for live models and still lifes, we have easels, drawing benches – everything you would need as an artist."

During live-model sessions, about 30 students set up easels to paint or draw clothed and nude models. Artists may spend one or two weeks working on a piece while others explore different perspectives of the same subject.



Photos provided by David BLOCK  
ABOVE: Artists work on projects at Florencita Art Gallery in Montrose.  
BELOW: Painters concentrate on their work at Florencita Art Gallery.

Artists bring a range of materials, including charcoal and oil paints.

"It's like going to the gym, in a way. We weren't experts when we started. It takes time, but we continue to show up and learn, to improve our skills," said Kevin Turcotte, one of the organizers of the live-model painting class.

The gallery welcomes everyone from beginners to professional storyboard artists looking to explore a new medium. For regular participants, classes offer a chance to develop their skills, learn from other artists and make time for creative work.

The organization has historically focused on amateur artists, hosting art shows, painting demonstrations and gallery tours. Members also took field trips to places such as the desert and Laguna Beach, and sometimes visited the former MGM studio lot in Culver City for painting outings.

In 1948, more than 150 members gathered to hear Norman Rockwell, the famed



illustrator, and Clyde Forsyth, a landscape painter. The institute was also featured in Life magazine. Russian artist Sergei Bongart taught classes there until 1985.

Today, the gallery has 18 active members and additional non-members attend its classes. Its combination of instruction, studio space and flexible access gives local artists a place to practice and

develop their craft.

"For those interested in painting as a hobby or a passion, we are the best-kept secret in the area," said Block. "If you're interested in improving as a painter, you can come to a class and be exposed to great painters that way, or you can come to use the studio whenever you want. That's rare."

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# LCPC Parent Ed to offer Candlelight Yoga and Mindfulness Class



By Ellie RICHARDSON

LCPC Parent Ed invites the community to register for a fall Candlelight Yoga and Mindfulness express class. Taught by certified yoga instructor and La Canada resident, Dimple Bhasin, this class will meet on Mondays through Nov. 9 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Attendees will meet in the LCPC Cook Chapel for gentle movement, breathwork, sound bath and stress release. Registration is \$100 and includes the book, *Breath is Prayer, Calm your Anxiety, Focus your Mind and Renew your Soul* by Jennifer Tucker. To register please visit [lcpeparented.org](http://lcpeparented.org).

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### LCIF INVITES COMMUNITY TO GRACE-GIVING

Lutheran Church in the Foothills – LCIF – invites the community to participate in its Grace-Giving drive through Nov. 22. The church is collecting pantry staples such as canned goods, dry legumes, nut butters, dry pasta, boxed stuffing mix, canned gravy or cranberry sauce, vegetable or olive oil and sugar. Hygiene products are also needed including feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and diapers of any size. Donations can be placed on the altar for a blessing during Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Alternatively, items can be dropped off at the church office and LCIF will make sure they get to the altar for the Sunday blessing. Donated items will help those in need this Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information on all church events, or to receive pastoral care, visit [lcifoorthills.org](http://lcifoorthills.org), email [office@lcifoorthills.org](mailto:office@lcifoorthills.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.

### TRUNK OR TREAT AND PUMPKIN DECORATING AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

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Trunk or treat will take place on the church campus at 2902 Montrose Ave.

in La Crescenta. For more information, visit [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) or call the LCPC office at (818) 249-6137.

### MOVIE NIGHT AT UUCVH

Join the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) for its monthly movie night on Friday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and snacks provided. Viewers can bring a snack to share if they want. No reservation needed. Just stop by at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

### 'HYPOCRITES: THEM, ME AND YOU' WITH CESAR CARDONA

Hypocrisy is easy to spot in others and hard to see in the mirror. Cesar Cardona grew up in a violent, divided home and survived gang life, addiction and a brutal assault that meant relearning to walk and talk. The lesson: How we judge others often says more about us than about them.

His talk explores a simple, uncomfortable truth: understanding others starts with looking at ourselves.

Come ready to reflect and maybe catch yourself in the act.

In-person meets at 10:30 a.m. at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Visit the UUCVH website for the Zoom link: <https://www.uuverdugo.org/>.

### 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.

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# Market Decimated Due to Winds

By Eliza PARTIKA

Cravings Night Market “will be back” after high winds devastated the outdoor market on Friday, Oct 16. Market organizers Eddie Ghazarian and Greg Kasabyan were on the ground the day of the accident to cut metal rods from wrecked and warped tent foundations and rescue any remaining vestiges of market infrastructure.

The damage occurred during their October pumpkin patch event, said Kasabyan, who was with families enjoying the pumpkin carvings when the wind struck their market site.

“There are only two stands left of 40. We had an excellent turnout at our pumpkin patch event and when the winds picked up we had to stop and get everyone to safety. They had to leave their food behind,” said Kassabyan.

One vendor was hurt badly when a tent pole ripped from its foundation and hit him.

“It was a scene from nightmares,” he shared.

“It looks like a war zone,” said Ghazarian, full of emotion as he assisted with the soldering of a metal foundation.

Community members and high school groups have come by to assist with the cleanup efforts.

“It’s reassuring and it has put a smile on our face to see how many people are willing to help get us back up and running,” Kasabyan said.

“Cravings Night Market has been so much more than a food court market for the community. It has been a true sanctuary where families, elderly community members, disabled community members and neighbors from all walks of life can gather in a safe place at night. It has become the heartbeat of the community,” said Vicky Nailing, a Tujunga neighbor and the architect of the Cravings Night Market’s Go Fund Me.

The Cravings team needs to raise at least \$7,000 to pay for replacement of essential equipment for the vendors who work the market.

Greg Kasabyan said the goal is to reopen by Oct. 28 as they gather new vendors and make new plans for the space.

Kasabyan made it clear that the market will be open again for the community to enjoy.

“We are not going to give up. Let people know we are not going anywhere, we will be back” he told the CV Weekly.

To donate to the Cravings Night Market Go Fund Me, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3t9873ar> or contact Vicky Nailing at (323) 228-2089.

# Hearing from (Some of the) CVWD Candidates

By Mary O’KEEFE

There are four people running for three seats on the Crescenta Valley Water District board of directors. They are [as they appear on the ballot] Alec Hyeler, Jeffery W. Johnson – incumbent, Carla D. Dillion and James Bodnar – incumbent.

CVW reached out to all four candidates. Two of them responded as of press time. Below are those two responses. If the other two candidates respond by press time by next week we will include their comments.

*Question No 1: What is your background in regard to the water district?*

*Carla Dillion:* My background includes more than 30 years of experience across the water sector, including drinking water, wastewater, groundwater and stormwater. I’ve worked in project management, process engineering and regulatory compliance and for the past two decades my roles have been in public sector leadership. Most recently, I served as the director of Engineering & Operations at Crescenta Valley Water District, a position I held until my retirement this past summer.

I hold degrees in engineering and public administration, am licensed as a professional engineer, and maintain certifications in Water Treatment, Water Distribution, and Wastewater Collections.

*James Bodnar:* My water experience is extensive with a strong foundation in education and certifications. I graduated from California State University Northridge with a Bachelor of Science in engineering and extended the foundation with a Master of Science in environmental engineering from Stanford University.

With experience, I earned a professional civil engineer licensure and both a water treatment and distribution operator certification. I started my water experience working on California’s contaminated Federal Superfund Sites. I evaluated groundwater contamination, treatment methods, public health exposures and calculated potential human health risks. My water quality experience is important as Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) faces a groundwater challenge with polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS, which are organofluorine compounds often used in food packaging, waterproof fabrics, or non-stick cookware).

Mymostrecentworkexperience extended over 28 years with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California where I helped develop and manage groundwater storage programs and water supply programs. The experience will help in developing partnerships with other water agencies that could strengthen our local water reliability. My experience in both water resources and water operations provides our community with strong leadership and knowledge to better manage our local resources to meet our needs.

*Question No 2: What is the biggest challenge facing CVWD and its customers?*

*Carla Dillion:* The water sector as a whole is facing significant pressures right now and CVWD is no exception. In simple terms, the District’s major challenges center on sustainability, reliability and affordability – for both water and sewer service. Imported water supplies are becoming less certain. Water levels in the Colorado River system remain low and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation recently released a framework calling for 10% reduction in California’s allocation. At the same time, local groundwater from the Verdugo Basin cannot meet the community’s full demand and contains PFAS and nitrates, which require additional specialized treatment. Like many public agencies, CVWD is also working to catch up on infrastructure maintenance that was deferred in past decades. Replacing it responsibly requires careful planning, prioritization and transparency.

Many of the District’s costs are driven by outside agencies. For example, CVWD pays to treat sewage at the LA-Glendale plant, purchases imported water through Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) and must absorb rising electricity rates. These external costs ultimately affect customer bills. Balancing reliability, affordability and regulatory/contractual requirements is a complex task for any water district and it will remain a central issue for CVWD and its customers.

*James Bodnar:* The biggest challenge facing CVWD is the aging infrastructure that requires continued maintenance and replacement. My family moved to La Crescenta in the 1950s. The wells and most pipes that existed then are still working today, but we need to plan for their retirement with an updated system. CVWD could better educate customers on how [their] money is spent. CVWD also needs to listen to the concerns of customers and work to address them.

*Question No 3: What issue would you first like to focus on if elected?*

*Carla Dillion:* CVWD is already doing several things well, including prioritizing infrastructure replacement and completing select pipeline projects with in-house staff. Those efforts should absolutely continue. Beyond that, there are four areas I believe deserve focused attention: beginning treatment for PFAS and nitrates, initiating a study on potential consolidation, preparing shovel-ready designs for grant opportunities, and addressing long-standing voting boundary discrepancies.

To start, the Verdugo groundwater basin contains PFAS and nitrates, which are currently managed by blending local groundwater with imported water before delivery to customers. Moving toward direct treatment of these compounds would improve water quality for everyone who relies on CVWD’s supply.

During recent conversations with customers, I’ve learned that many are unaware of how imported water reaches the District. MWD sells water to FMWD, which then sells it to CVWD. Each agency carries its own operational and administrative costs and as inflation has risen so have those overhead expenses. For that reason, I believe CVWD should begin a formal study to evaluate whether consolidation or other structural changes could reduce longterm overhead costs and improve efficiency. These processes take years, so it’s important to begin the discussion now.

Another priority is ensuring the District is ready to compete for outside funding.

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# Juvenile Arrested Following Stabbing

A 17-year-old has been arrested in connection with a stabbing that occurred near the Burbank Town Center. On Oct. 15 at about 1:30 p.m., Burbank police officers responded to the area of Magnolia Boulevard and San Fernando Boulevard following reports of an altercation involving several juveniles, during which a person was reportedly stabbed.

Upon arrival, officers located a crime scene near the Burbank Town Center. The involved individuals had left the area before officers arrived. A short time later, officers located a juvenile male victim who had sustained a stab wound to his arm. He was transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation and treatment. As of Oct. 16 the victim was listed in stable condition and his

injury did not appear to be life-threatening. Investigators identified a 17-year-old Burbank resident as the suspect. At about 7:30 p.m., he was located and arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, in violation of California Penal Code sections 664/187. Formal charges are pending review by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The motive for the altercation

and the circumstances leading up to the incident remain under investigation. The incident did not occur on school grounds and there is no ongoing threat to students or the community. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Burbank Police Dept. Investigation Division at (818) 238-3210.

## CRIME BLOTTER

**OCT. 20**  
900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she entered the store at the location with her husband. While she was shopping she handed her cellphone to her husband. Her husband was not certain if he laid the cellphone down or put it in his pocket; however, as they were walking out of the

store they realized the phone was missing. They "pinged" the phone and its location was found in Pacoima. The theft occurred at 2:10 p.m.

**OCT. 19**  
4500 block of Alveo Road in La Cañada Flintridge, while a gardener was working in the backyard at the location a person walked up and said he saw two unknown males steal gardening tools from the back of his truck. The witness who contacted the gardener saw a dark-colored sedan parked next to the victim's truck. The two males exited the vehicle and stole the items.

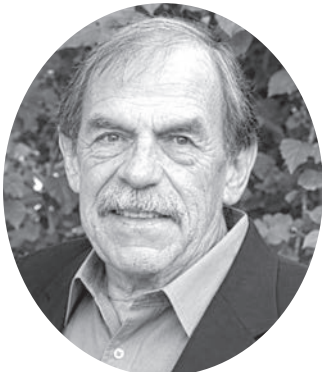
The witness walked outside and asked the men who they were and one man said he was the victim's cousin and then they got back into the vehicle and sped off. Suspect No. 1 is described as a White or Hispanic male wearing a black cap, black face mask, blue jacket, white shirt, blue pants and dark color sneakers. Suspect No. 2 was described as a White or Hispanic male wearing a black cap, white shirt, black shorts, white socks and black sneakers. The theft occurred at 10 a.m.

**OCT. 16**  
2600 Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee of FedEx was driving her truck through the Ralph's parking lot when she accidentally made a wrong turn driving the wrong way in the one-way parking lot. While driving in the opposite direction a driver, described as a male Black adult driving a black, four-door Mercedes, became extremely upset with her. She lowered her window to apologize for her mistake when the man [suspect] lowered his window and began yelling profanities at her. She rolled up her window and drove away. She then parked at the side of the parking lot and waited for her co-worker to arrive so she could transfer the remaining packages in her truck to the co-workers. While waiting the suspect exited his vehicle and approached her. He lunged at her in an attempt to strike her. In defense, she kicked the suspect. The suspect then slapped the woman multiple times in the head. She raised her hands to block the hits to her head but then the suspect punched her in the arm. She attempted to back away from the suspect but he grabbed her hair and attempted to drag her. A male employee yelled at the suspect to stop and he immediately released the

woman, returned to his vehicle and drove away. The assault occurred between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

2900 block of Manhattan Avenue in La Crescenta, a woman found a puppy for purchase on Facebook Marketplace. She contacted the person who was offering the puppy via Facebook Messenger. It was agreed that the woman would purchase the puppy and made an agreement with the seller. The woman was told she needed to give the seller a deposit prior to picking up the puppy, which she did. It was arranged for the buyer to pick up the puppy in Bakersfield; however, an actual address to meet was not provided. Then the woman was contacted and was told by the seller she was not able to meet with her but a third party was able to meet her – with the puppy. The woman did not want to meet a third party and canceled her purchase. She stated she wanted a refund of the deposit since the seller did not comply with the contract/agreement. The seller said she could not refund her the money. The woman contacted Facebook Marketplace and was told to make a police report. The theft began at 5 a.m.

## Obituary Victor Frank Cassara



Jan. 10, 1937 - Sept. 30, 2026

With heavy hearts, we share that Victor Frank Cassara, 89, of Sunland joined his wife in heaven on Sept. 30. Victor was born in Sun Valley, California to the parents of Anna Vernaci Cassara and Frank Cassara. He was one of five brothers: Joe, Mike, John and Bill. In 1940 the family moved to Tujunga. Victor met Ruth on a blind date; he was 16 and she was 14 – and it was love at first sight. A USMC veteran, Victor was honorably discharged after serving in Japan. They married on June 23, 1956 and lived in Sunland throughout their lives. He was preceded in death by his devoted wife Ruth Cassara after 62 years together. For 57 years, he ran White Star Swimming Pool Plastering in Sun Valley with his brother John. He was a remarkably hard working man who poured his heart into everything he did. Beyond his fierce work ethic, he will be remembered most for his immense generosity. His open heart and giving nature left an undeniable mark on the lives of all who knew him. He was a loving husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. We will miss him dearly and feel grateful for the many wonderful years we shared. Surviving family include: daughter Carolyn Cassara Miller; son Victor Cassara Jr. and his wife; Vincent and Lori Cassara. He also leaves behind his grandson Duane and his wife Christi Miller; grandson Brian Miller; granddaughter Elizabeth Cassara and her fiancé Dylan Roderick; grandson Vincent Cassara Jr.; granddaughter Maile and her husband Kevin Dwyer; granddaughter Amanda Cassara; and great-grandchildren Paris and Luna Miller. Victor will be laid to rest next to his wife at San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery.

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# Survey Finds 7 in 10 Glendale Voters Support Verdugo Wash Redesign

The City of Glendale last week released the results of a statistically valid survey about redesigning the Verdugo Wash, a 9.4-mile flood control channel in Glendale.

The survey found that 70% of Glendale voters support redesigning the Verdugo Wash, with two in three responding that they think a redesign would benefit them. The following five features topped voters' lists for a redesign:

1. Maintaining the Verdugo Wash's role as a flood control channel
2. Reducing flooding risks
3. Improving water quality
4. Planting native plants to reduce wildfire risks
5. Creating shady areas with trees and canopies

The City commissioned this survey to inform the process

of crafting the Verdugo Wash Master Plan, an in-depth analysis of existing conditions and an exploration of a variety of design strategies and alternatives suitable to the different conditions found along the Wash.

When presented with three design options, 70% of respondents picked a natural habitat with walking and biking paths as their first choice, beating out options for a natural habitat without public access and keeping the Wash as is. Eighteen percent picked keeping the Wash as is as their first choice.

More than seven in 10 respondents also ranked elements such as green/park spaces, walking paths, protected bike and walking paths separated from cars or trucks, and protecting native wildlife as

extremely or very important.

Respondents expressed highest concern for public safety, cost, environmental issues, and homelessness when asked an open-ended question about their concerns regarding redesigning the Wash. Crime or public safety were cited most frequently at 21%. Two in 10 indicated the project's cost as a concern. Twelve percent of respondents mentioned either environmental issues, preservation or wildfire prevention, and 11% responded by sharing homelessness or drug use as key concerns.

When asked to list reasons to support a redesign, a need for more green spaces, nature, or shade received the largest share of support at 30% of surveyed

voters. This was followed by a need for community spaces, recreation activities, or family gatherings at 19%, beautifies or improves Glendale's appearance at 17%, and city connection, walkability, biking trails, or car-free paths at 14%.

"These results give the community valuable information to support the exploration of possibilities for the future of the Verdugo Wash," said Rachel Dimond, director of the City's Community Development Department. "This type of public

input is an important early step in the process of engaging the community to craft a plan that reflects the community's values."

The survey was conducted over the phone and online from Aug. 10-31 and it oversampled from Glendale's north, northeast and downtown areas to elevate the voices of those who live closest to the Wash. The survey sample was created by randomly selecting registered voters in Glendale.

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# CV Chamber Presents Screening of 'Coroner to the Stars'

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is holding a screening of the documentary "Coroner to the Stars" on Oct. 29 that chronicles the journey of Dr. Thomas Noguchi, former Los Angeles County Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner.

Noguchi conducted autopsies on many famous/infamous people including Marilyn Monroe, Robert Kennedy, Sharon Tate and Natalie Wood, to name a few. The Japanese immigrant's career was praised and, at times, full of controversy.

Noguchi was criticized several times for sharing his opinion too quickly, including his handling of Natalie Wood's autopsy. His original ruling was Wood's death was an accident, which has been questioned by a former intern of Noguchi. His life was full of battles with the County but included awards and acknowledgements.

After the screening, Vidal Herrera, founder of 1-800-Autopsy and who provided the film, will be on hand to answer questions and to share personal experiences. Prior to the founding of 1-800-Autopsy, from the 1960s to 1984 Herrera served as a Los Angeles County field deputy coroner investigator. He trained under Noguchi, who served in the office from 1967 to 1982.

The makers of the documentary contacted Herrera.

"They said, 'We understand you worked there in the '70s and '80s,'" he said.

Herrera told them that not only was he at the LA Coroner's at that time but Noguchi was his mentor.

Herrera was also active in the office during the devastating losses due to AIDS [Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome]. Thousands of people in LA County died due to AIDS in the mid 1970s to 1980s.

Those were difficult days, not just for those who mourned the loss of

those who died but due to the fear many felt because of the disease.

"One of the parts about the AIDS epidemic was the discrimination against those [who died of AIDS-related complications]," Herrera said.

He added that discrimination was realized in several ways including when he would try to find a funeral home that would accept those who had died due to complications surrounding AIDS. Locally, Crippen Mortuary accepted those bodies.

During his time serving with the LA Coroner's Office Herrera was part of the investigations of numerous serial killers in Southern California, including the Hillside Strangler, the Skid Row Slasher, the Freeway Slasher, the Grim Sleeper/Strawberry Killer and the Night Stalker.

Herrera will share stories of his time with Noguchi when he was in the Coroner's Office.

CV Chamber of Commerce is holding the screening at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church/Sadler Hall, 2563 Foothill Blvd. on Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free for CV Chamber members and is \$5 for non-members. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Funds raised will go toward supporting CV Chamber of Commerce outreach, including its scholarship program.

"Corner to the Stars" was directed by Ben Hethcoat and Keita Ideno; its writers are Ben Hethcoat, John Henry Hinkel and Keita Ideno and it is produced by Ben Hethcoat, Billy Ray Brewton, John Henry Hinkel and Tommy Andres.



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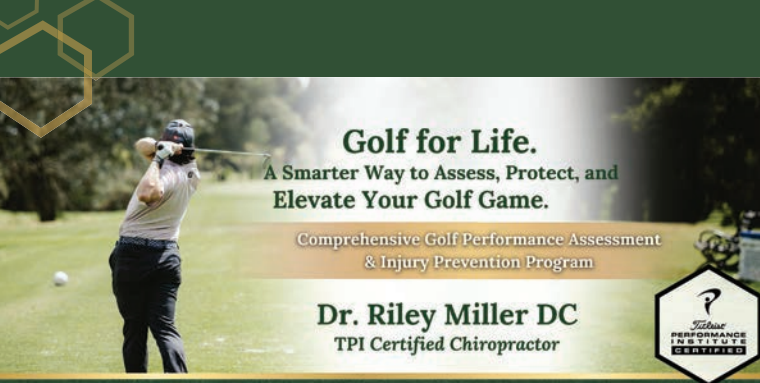
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# City of La Cañada Flintridge Appoints Former Mayor Donald R. Voss to Fill City Council Vacancy

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council appointed Donald R. Voss to fill the vacant seat on the LCF City Council. Voss was selected to serve the remainder of the vacant term through March 2028 following a public application and interview process conducted by the members of the city council.

A resident of La Cañada Flintridge since 1982, Voss built a successful career in banking before retiring, holding a finance degree from the University of Washington and a graduate degree from Rutgers University's Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He brings extensive institutional knowledge, financial expertise and a proven track record of local leadership. Voss previously served two four-year terms on the La Cañada Flintridge City Council after being appointed in late 2006 to fill a vacancy. During his tenure, he served as mayor and collaborated on a wide range of regional issues, including trail restoration, freeway sound walls and opposition to the 710 Freeway tunnel. Prior to his time on the city council, Voss served from 2001 to 2006 as the council-appointed city treasurer.

"This person has got to be someone who, I believe, will provide stable and consistent leadership, not only for the Council, but certainly for our community and our city staff to execute all the priorities and tasks that we have given them," said Mayor Jeanne Kim Hobson during the Oct. 20 meeting. "For me, that person is Don Voss."

Beyond his municipal roles, his exceptional leadership and volunteer service, which includes serving as a trustee for the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Foundation's Endowment Fund and chairing the San Gabriel Chapter of the Red Cross Board of Directors, earned him the prestigious "La Cañadan of the Year" award in 2016.

"I am honored by the Council's decision to allow me the opportunity to be of further service to the City," said Voss. "I am eager to begin work with my new colleagues in pursuing the goal of protecting and enhancing our quality of life in La Cañada Flintridge."

The city clerk will officially swear in Voss before the applicable deadline of Nov. 4. A ceremonial oath of office will follow at the next regular city council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the city hall council chambers located at One Civic Center Drive. While the meeting begins at 6 p.m., the swearing-in is scheduled as an agenda item; its start time may vary. Members of the public are invited to attend in person or participate by visiting [LCF.ca.gov/City-Clerk/Agenda-Minutes](http://LCF.ca.gov/City-Clerk/Agenda-Minutes) or on Charter Spectrum Channels 3 or 16.

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Grant opportunities often appear with short timelines and having shovel-ready designs in place would allow CVWD to act quickly when those opportunities arise.

Finally, I would like to see CVWD work proactively with the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) to resolve the issue of customers who receive District services but are not included within the voting boundaries. Residents who rely on CVWD for their water and/or sewer service should have the ability to participate in selecting the District's elected leadership.

I can be reached at [CD4CVWD@gmail.com](mailto:CD4CVWD@gmail.com) or through my website [CD4CVWD.com](http://CD4CVWD.com).

James Bodnar: I would like to work on both local and external outreach. CVWD needs to better educate the community on how it's spending [their] money. As a public agency, CVWD has zero profit. Every cent a customer pays goes into delivering water and sewer service to our community. The money spent needs to be spent wisely. I also would like to work on partnerships with other water agencies that will improve our future water supply reliability and emergency preparedness. I want CVWD to improve its water capabilities to better respond to droughts, water contamination, earthquakes and fires. I take community service seriously and will put forth the effort for our community to have safe and reliable water service.



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# City of Glendale Adopts First Ever Mural Ordinance

The City of Glendale officially adopted its first mural ordinance that takes effect in October 2026. More than five years in the making, the ordinance marks a significant milestone for arts and culture in Glendale, creating a new framework to support and celebrate public art throughout the city. As a regional leader in developing a formal ordinance for murals on private property, Glendale has established a model for other municipalities to consider and utilize as they develop their own policies.

The mural ordinance is intended to update the existing mural design review standards and establish a clear set of procedures for mural installation, maintenance and

de-installation. It provides a permitting procedure pursuant to which murals may be installed on existing public and/or private structures.

“Public art has the power to transform spaces, tell our community’s stories and create a stronger sense of place,” said director of Library, Arts & Culture Lessa Kanani’opua Pelayo-Lozada. “This ordinance provides the clarity and structure needed to support murals while preserving the creativity and artistic expression that make them meaningful.”

The City has launched an online mural permit application via the Glendale Permits Portal that creates a transparent process for submitting mural

permit applications with the intention of expediting the mural approval process.

On Sept. 29, Glendale City Council approved a resolution that stated that the first 100 applications for murals seen from the public right of way will be charged the Mural Design Review Fee – Small Commercial Business/Non-profit fee (regardless of commercial business size) with the intention to promote the expansion of murals across Glendale.

For more information about the mural ordinance and Mural Permit Application, please visit [glendaleartsandculture.org/murals](http://glendaleartsandculture.org/murals).

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Glendale’s Beeline bus operations served 1.2 million passengers in FY2025-26, City staff reported. A five-year review focused on increasing ridership and improving overall productivity with a focus on sustaining ridership growth seen during the pandemic years.

The upgrades are predicted to add 113,000 additional boardings at a cost of \$2.8 million, funded from the City’s Transit Utility Fund, not from the general fund.

Mayor Ardy Kassakhian wants to explore incentive programs specific to Glendale residents – a gold ticket program that could possibly offer unlimited bus trips and other local benefits – and the mayor also wants to see a rebirth of local public transportation opportunities, such as the Red Line buses that used to operate along Glendale’s streets.

Senior Legislative Advocate Kyra Ross from the lobbying team of California Public Policy Group updated the council on this year’s efforts in Sacramento. Of the total 1,846 bills introduced this year, 1,040 were signed into law. Governor Gavin Newsom signed his last bill on Sept. 30.

Housing topped this year’s issues, Ross told the council, along with wildfire prevention and liability, climate and water issues, and public safety.

The most recent state budget includes \$500 million in low-income housing and tax credits, \$200 million for multi-family housing production, \$900 million in programs to address homelessness, \$1 billion for high-speed rail, and \$1.15 billion in increased funding for CAL FIRE.

Ominously, the state’s Legislative Analyst’s Office has warned that “the underlying budget condition is not sound.”

Glendale has received \$71,000 for a HeloPad to expand water resources for aerial firefighting and enhanced wildfire response time and \$150,000 toward the police department’s Substance

Abuse & Wellness Resource program.

Anticipating a new administration and new leadership, the City’s lobbyist predicts more housing legislation; a continued focus on fire safety and wildfire liability; work on enhanced public safety retirement benefits; regulations and constraints on the use of automatic license plate readers; controls on AI and data centers; and potential film and television tax credits.

In response to proposals to decrease the public safety retirement age from 57 to 53 and enable local negotiations on enhanced retirement benefits, Councilmember Dan Brotman expressed concerns serious enough “to make our voices heard on this and forget the politics.”

“If this passes and the next governor signs it ... we need our legislators to understand that this will have serious effects on our ability to provide basic services and even to fill positions in our fire department when they become vacant,” he said. “We might not be able to afford to replace those people because of these changes.”

The cost of the retirement benefit enhancement has been estimated at \$370 million for public safety personnel employed by the state of California.

“Cities don’t want to upset their firefighters,” the lobbyist said, then explained how the enhancements passed through the state legislature unanimously.

On Tuesday night, Glendale proclaimed the week of Oct. 18–24 as United Against Hate Week, “reaffirming our commitment to fostering a community in which diversity is valued, differences are respected and every person has the opportunity to live with dignity, safety and belonging. This observance encourages residents, community organizations, education institutions, businesses and civic partners to reject hate

and intolerance, promote understanding and compassion and advance safe welcoming neighborhoods and schools.”

The council commended the organizers of the city’s inaugural Cultural Festival and recognized Oct. 14 as Sister Cities International Day and shared video highlights from the event. These highlights can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMoQZqQ5p\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMoQZqQ5p_M).

Southern California Sister Cities International state representative Elena Galvez thanked the council “for your outstanding leadership and commitment to fostering peace through mutual respect, understanding, and citizen diplomacy.”

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian reported on attending this year’s Howl at the Moon Comedy Night, a fundraiser for the city’s K-9 program.

“It was a blast!” said Councilmember Gharpetian who also recognized the 50th anniversary of the Glendale Galleria and commended those predecessors who had the vision to green light the shopping center that “put Glendale on the map” and attracts more visitors than Disneyland.

Glendale will honor its veterans with a ceremony at the headquarters of the Glendale Fire Dept. at 421 Oak St. (parking will be available across the street in the Glendale Galleria parking structure) on Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

As part of its ongoing commitment to recognizing local veterans, the City of Glendale invites veterans and their families to participate in an online Glendale Veterans Tribute, a special webpage highlighting the service and contributions of veterans in the community: <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/office-of-the-city-manager/communications-community-relations/veterans-day>.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

My Own Memories of La Crescenta – Part 4

Continuing from my last column, I'm writing up my own memories of growing up in La Crescenta in the 1960s.

For the kids in the neighborhood – most of whom were boys – playing army was the name of the game. We mostly used sticks for guns. I remember the dearest dream of one of the boys' was to have a real foxhole on his yard so we diligently dug the hole for him. We never finished it. Good thing, too, as the possibility was very real of ending up in China had we dug too deep.

The second most popular game was tree climbing. Our street was lined with carob trees, which were low and many-branched, making them easy for us kids to get up into. Not only that, but carob pods were flat and heavy, perfect for breaking into pieces and flinging at each other.

And we were obsessed with the concept of quicksand. We saw numerous TV shows in which people stepped onto an ordinary patch of dirt only to begin slowly sinking, trapped and unable to escape until they sank from view. We wanted that! The construction was simple. We dug holes, filled them with water and mud and carefully scattered leaves and sticks over the top to camouflage it. Then we would try to lure someone's little sister to step into our deadly trap. Of course it never worked, as the water drained out leaving a firm wet spot in its place. Disappointment!

Dean Nelson was my best friend down the street. His dad said "man" at the end of every sentence, perhaps something he picked up from the earlier Beatnik Era. That was just so cool. Dean and I emulated that

habit and I still today have held onto that speech pattern. For real, man.

Dean's next-door-neighbor had a fallout shelter in his backyard, which we were occasionally allowed to play in. It was below ground with stairs leading down into a small concrete room. It had a bed and shelves stocked with food and water. This was the mid-60s, and the Cold War was still hot. Quite a few people mistakenly thought they could survive a nuclear blast by going underground for a few days and had built bomb shelters in their yards or under their homes.

Behind Dean's house was a huge vacant lot. It was weedy and rock-strewn – a paradise for young boys. At the far back of the lot was an old falling down building. Looking back, I think it was probably a large chicken house of some sort. It was long and low and had feed bins running down the center. Next to it was a large spreading tree that had branches that touched the ground, which created a natural "fort" for us to hide in.

This tree backed up to a wooden fence and just over the fence was a horse named Barney. Barney would often stick his head over the fence to watch us play. We were a little intimidated by him. Barney belonged to Mr. Figgins, who was a throwback to a bygone era. Mr. Figgins was paid to keep the weeds down on the many vacant lots in the neighborhood and he did so with a horse-drawn plow. I can remember seeing Mr. Figgins leading Barney up and down various streets, on his way to plowing the lots around our neighborhood.

Also going up and down the streets were the "honey dipper" trucks. They were tank trucks with a suction mechanism

designed to suck up human waste from the cesspools everyone had. Before we had a wide-ranging sewer system in the Crescenta Valley, most homes had cesspools into which toilets emptied. A cesspool is a rock or brick lined pit, covered by a cement cap. The sewage flows into the pit and the water leeches out it leaving the solids behind. The solids need to be removed, often several times a year. The cesspools would sometimes overflow, causing an incredible stink in the neighborhood. It happened often. That very distinctive smell was a feature of my childhood and an occasional whiff of that smell today takes me back.

Ah, wonderful memories!

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OP ED » PATRICK ATWATER

# Do You Know Who Sells Your Water?

Over the past few weeks I have been knocking on doors across La Crescenta as a candidate for the Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD or Foothill) board. At one doorstep a kind gentleman asked whether I was running to be in charge of Foothill Boulevard. I laughed and then I realized he was far from alone. Fewer than one in 10 of the neighbors I have met know who or what is Foothill.

That is not a criticism of anyone. Foothill is a wholesale agency that works quietly in the background and most of us never have reason to think about it. But it is worth knowing because it sits at the top of a chain that ends at your kitchen faucet.

Foothill sells water to the Crescenta Valley Water District and the Crescenta Valley Water District sells it to your home. Foothill stretches from La Crescenta into La Cañada and then into Altadena, a community that tragically made global news due to the January 2025 firestorms.

Foothill was created in 1952 to bring imported water from the Metropolitan Water District to our corner of the foothills. That water travels from the Sierra snowpack and the Colorado River – and we needed it then because the postwar boom was adding families faster than local supplies could keep up. The people who built that system made a long-term bet on neighbors they would never meet. Today eight small, “mom and pop” retail water providers depend on Foothill and each one has its own board, staff, equipment and rules. (Eight sounds like a lot because it is.)

Years ago, during my first week working at the Crescenta Valley Water District, I learned what that arrangement costs. The operations manager was giving me a tour of the infrastructure when a pump went

out. What followed was a week of chasing the root cause. District and Foothill staff and contractors cannot touch each other's equipment for legal liability reasons, so every step meant handoffs, coordination and a lot of waiting around. When the dust settled, the culprit was a blown fuse. That should have been a \$50 fix but instead it cost more than a hundred times that in staff time and contractor fees.

Nobody in that story did anything wrong. Everyone was doing their job within the boundaries the system gave them – and that is exactly the point. The boundaries themselves were the expensive part. A fuse is a small thing, but multiply that kind of friction over many years across every repair, purchase and planning decision and you begin to see where a share of your water bill goes. You also begin to see the better ideas that never get tried because no single agency owns the whole problem.

Consider what is coming. Most of our pipes went into the ground about seven decades ago, which means they are approaching the end of their useful lives. The cost of pipe, pumps and equipment has climbed sharply. Extreme weather, from atmospheric rivers to the heat and fires we all know too well, tests our system in ways its designers never imagined and we need to keep water flowing and hydrants working when an emergency hits. Meeting all of that with eight small retailers and a wholesaler, each with separate staff and budgets, asks a great deal of every one of them.

Imagine a more consolidated water system with more capacity to manage and control costs. One team could look at the whole system at once, replace aging pipes in a sensible order, share equipment and expertise, and respond to an emergency without first sorting out whose valve is whose. A blown fuse

would be a \$50 fix again.

Consolidation does not have to mean losing our local voice; it means designing a structure that keeps decisions close to home while removing the walls between us.

Our community has already weighed in on this. I remember a member of the crowd at the parcel charge hearing saying that consolidation might be the best thing to come out of that sometimes contentious discussion, and I remember a community poll showing roughly 80% of ratepayers in favor of this.

These are not easy questions and the folks serving on our water boards are capable professionals who want to get this right. My sincere hope is that they take the long view and tackle the generational issues in front of us now, rather than leaving them to the next board ... and the one after that.

It's also an issue that is already here and needs a clear answer. The state has commissioned a formal study of consolidation in the wake of the Altadena fires. So here is my invitation: I would like to hear where every candidate for the Crescenta Valley Water District and the Foothill Municipal Water District stands on consolidation. If you are running, please tell your neighbors in plain language whether you support it, what it should look like and how you would get there. I hope the CV Weekly will share your answers.

*Patrick's a husband, father, son, brother, avid cyclist, fervent reader, enjoyer of adventures, lover of board games and the author of "A New California Dream." He is a candidate for the Foothill Municipal Water District board and writes for CV Weekly in his personal capacity. This piece was authored in collaboration with generative artificial intelligence.*

BETWEEN FRIENDS

# The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild Presents the 2026 Book & Author Luncheon



By Ruth SOWBY

With close to 200 guild members and guests, the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club ballroom was wall to wall book lovers. At 69 years old, the Orthopaedic Guild has supported the LuskIn Orthopaedic Institute for Children to the tune of ¾ million dollars.

At the luncheon, first introduced by Mary Beth Perrin, LuskInOIC Foundation senior advisor, was 10-year old Victoria Francisco from Mexico. Victoria was born with stenosis and operated on by doctors at the LuskInOIC several years after her birth. She is now able to standup straight without pain and walk normally. Victoria is the LuskInOIC Foundation patient ambassador.

The audience welcomed the entrance of the authors and their books. First up was Susan Frazee and her book Marin Snell and his Worm Hotel. In it, she teaches children how composting works with a worm bin.

Deanna Nese with her “cozy mystery” book Checked Out at the Snowy Plover Inn. Nese teaches English and history to middle school

students and is a member of Sisters in Crime and West Coast Christian Writers.

Diane Wheaton’s memoir is Finding Loretta: An Adopted Daughter’s Search to Define Family. The book recounts her search, and the struggle to balance her feelings for her adoptive parents and a shocking disclosure.

All three authors were available

to sign and sell their books. A silent auction was also held in conjunction with the luncheon.

La Canada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild members have supported LuskIn Orthopaedic Institute for Children formerly Orthopaedic Hospital since 1956. The institute provides care to children with orthopaedic disorders regardless of their family’s ability to pay.

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# LCWC Supports the YWCA’s Domestic Violence Program

On Sept. 26, a dozen members of the La Crescenta Woman’s Club (LCWC) joined in an international volunteer opportunity by collecting about \$450 in food items for the YWCA Glendale & Pasadena’s food pantry. The LCWC held the event to support the General Federation of Women’s Clubs International Day of Service, the purpose of which is helping to end domestic and sexual violence across the United States and internationally. The YWCA operates a comprehensive Domestic Violence Supportive Services Program that includes

residential and non-residential programs to support survivors’ safety and healing, as well as offering violence prevention education. The organization’s food pantry directly addresses survivors’ food insecurity by providing staple items such as soups, cereal, canned vegetables, and healthy snacks. However, the food pantry is relatively small and, according to YWCA leadership, the food supplies are rapidly depleted as the pantry serves the agency’s 16-bed shelter as well as clients in other emergency housing. The LCWC members delivered approximately 14 bags of food

from the YMCA’s wish list to help restock the pantry and the club hopes to provide continuing support in the future. The YWCA Glendale & Pasadena (<https://ywcagp.org/>) offers a number of ways to support their domestic violence programs, such as cash donations or purchasing items from their shelter wish list. The LCWC (<https://lacsrescentawomansclub.org/>) is always seeking individuals who’d like to make a difference in the Crescenta Valley community while building friendships. The club offers both day and evening meetings.

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### What is Financial Caregiving?

Caregiver Awareness Month, observed every November, is a chance for communities to honor the millions of Americans who support those in need of assistance with their daily activities. In 2026, the spotlight is widening to include a crucial but often invisible part of caregiving: financial caregiving. Thanks to new research from Age Wave, Edward Jones and The Harris Poll, we now have a clearer picture of what financial caregiving looks like, what it costs and how families can prepare for this growing responsibility.

Caregiving has always been a cornerstone of family and community life. Today, two in five American adults identify as caregivers and nearly half of those who aren't yet caregivers expect to step into the role in the future. As lifespans increase and "health spans" lag behind, more older adults require support with daily living, medical needs and – critically – financial management.

Financial caregiving includes tasks such as managing bills, navigating insurance, budgeting for care and often contributing personal funds to cover expenses. Age Wave's research shows that more than 32 million U.S. adults serve as financial caregivers for someone age 65 or older, representing 81% of all caregivers for older adults.

The latest Age Wave findings reveal several important truths:

- Financial caregiving is widespread and growing. As families become smaller and more geographically dispersed, more adults are taking on financial responsibilities for aging parents, spouses or relatives.
- The financial burden is significant. 91% of financial

caregivers spend their own money each year, and 84% are not fully reimbursed, leaving them to cover an average of \$8,737 annually out of pocket. These dollars often come from retirement savings, emergency funds or education accounts.

- Time commitments are substantial. Financial caregivers provide an average of 109 hours of care each month – the equivalent of a part time job. Many juggle this alongside full time employment.
- Caregiving is both meaningful and challenging. While 85% of caregivers say the role gives them purpose, many also report stress, burnout



and difficulty maintaining their own wellbeing.

- Most families are unprepared. Only 33% of financial caregivers say the role was planned or discussed ahead of time, and just 22% felt extremely prepared when caregiving began.

In Los Angeles and across the country, families are navigating longer lifespans, rising care costs, and increasingly complex financial decisions. The new research underscores a simple truth: caregiving belongs in the financial conversation long before care is needed.

Financial caregiving affects not only the care recipient but also the caregiver's longterm

stability. Many caregivers reduce personal spending, cut back work hours or delay retirement contributions. These sacrifices, while made out of love, can have lasting consequences.

This November Caregiver Awareness Month is an opportunity to:

- Start family conversations early. Discuss expectations, financial responsibilities and care preferences before a crisis occurs.
- Connect caregivers to resources. Local senior centers, non-profit organizations and financial advisors can help families plan for care costs and navigate benefits.
- Recognize caregivers publicly. A simple "thank you" can go a long way in acknowledging the emotional and financial labor caregivers provide.
- Advocate for caregiver support. Policies that expand respite care, financial planning assistance and workplace flexibility can strengthen families and communities.

Caregiving – especially financial caregiving – is one of the most meaningful acts of love a person can offer. As recent research shows, it is also one of the least planned experiences we may have. This November, let's honor caregivers by making their work visible, supporting their needs and encouraging thoughtful preparation for the caregiving journeys many of us will undertake. USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging can come alongside as one learns about our community's longterm services and support. See listings at [uscvh.org/aging-resources](https://uscvh.org/aging-resources), call (818) 949-4033 and/or email the team at [Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu](mailto:Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu).

# Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts Names New President

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts announced that Marybeth RehmanDittu has been named president of the organization for 2026-27. A longstanding and deeply involved member since 2009, RehmanDittu has held numerous leadership roles within the organization and in 2025 served as Benefit chair for the 60th Pasadena Showcase House of Design, one of the

nation’s oldest, largest and most successful home and garden tours.

“After having the privilege to help lead such a milestone year for our organization, I am honored to step into the role of president and continue our mission of supporting local music and arts programs,” she said.

RehmanDittu said she is inspired by the organization’s

long history of community impact and is committed to advancing its legacy.

“To date, we have contributed more than \$28 million to support music and arts programs throughout our community. I am excited to continue expanding our outreach and strengthening our support for organizations that bring the arts to life,” she said.

RehmanDittu joined Pasadena

Showcase House for the Arts in 2009 and has held numerous roles, including serving as chair of Interior, Empty House Party, Premier Night Provisionals, Youth Concert, Gifts & Grants and Benefit chair.

A resident of La Cañada Flintridge for 35 years, RehmanDittu’s grown sons and grandchildren all live nearby and she enjoys spending time with her family at the Lake

and the beach – when she is not running Bila77, the women’s contemporary clothing business she cofounded in 1977.

The 62nd Pasadena Showcase House of Design will be open from April 18 – May 23. Golden tickets will go on sale in mid-November and timed entry tickets will be available beginning in early February.

For more information, visit [pasadenashowcase.org](http://pasadenashowcase.org).

# YWCA Glendale and Pasadena Partners with Ulta Beauty to Uplift Young Women Through Wellness and STEM

YWCA Glendale and Pasadena, in partnership with Ulta Beauty Charitable Foundation, recently announced its participation in Pretty Empowered, a nationwide initiative taking place on Oct. 24 and designed to inspire and empower young women through education, wellness and career exploration.

Pretty Empowered engages students in interactive sessions focused on wellness, cosmetic science, supply chain logistics and store operations, and STEM-based career pathways. This year’s theme is Beauty is Belonging and highlights the importance of inclusion and self-expression in shaping future leaders. YWCA Glendale and Pasadena expects to welcome approximately 100 students to participate in the program. The initiative emphasizes self-care, confidence and leadership development, fostering a sense of belonging and connection among participants.

“Pretty Empowered builds on the work our Girls’ Empowerment Program does all year, helping young women see themselves as scientists, leaders and change-makers,” said Debra Suh, CEO of YWCA Glendale and Pasadena. “This year’s theme, Beauty is Belonging, reflects what we want each of our 100 participants to feel: that they belong in every space, from the lab to the boardroom. We’re grateful to the Ulta Beauty Charitable Foundation for making this experience possible for young women in our community.”

Launched in 2022 by YWCA Metropolitan Chicago with support from the Ulta Beauty Charitable Foundation, Pretty Empowered has grown rapidly. From one site in its inaugural year to eight locations nationwide in 2024, the initiative has reached over 1,200

participants.

Other participating YWCAs include YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region, YWCA Greater Atlanta, YWCA Kitsap County, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, YWCA Metropolitan St. Louis, YWCA Northern New Jersey and YWCA South Florida.

Ulta Beauty Charitable Foundation’s continued support has been instrumental in expanding Pretty Empowered. Its commitment to the holistic well-being of women and teens aligns with YWCA’s mission to eliminate racism and empower women.

“Ulta Beauty is proud to continue our partnership with YWCA through Pretty Empowered, an initiative that reflects our shared commitment to helping young women realize their full potential,” said Amiee Bayer Thomas, chief retail officer at Ulta Beauty and board member for YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. “By creating spaces that foster confidence, belonging and curiosity, we’re helping young women explore new possibilities – in beauty, in STEM and beyond – and empowering the next generation of leaders.”

For more information about Pretty Empowered or to get involved, contact Jomie Liu at [jomieliu@ywcagp.org](mailto:jomieliu@ywcagp.org) or visit [www.ywcagp.org](http://www.ywcagp.org).

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### Ask Phyllis! Saving On The Commission?

Dear Phyllis,

My sister is the trustee of our parents’ estate. Our mother passed away two years ago, and our father just passed last month. The family home is a fixer with a guest house over the garage.

My sister has very limited work and business experience, yet she has decided she does not want to pay a Realtor’s commission. Instead, she plans to approach the landlord next door to see if he wants to buy the property. If he declines, she intends to reach out to a few builders who have recently completed projects on the street.

My brother and I are

concerned this approach may not result in the best outcome for the estate. What is the best way for us to address her concern about saving on the commission.

Thank you.

— Upset Brother

Dear Upset Brother,

You’re right to be concerned. While your sister’s plan seems simple, it creates real risk. Most importantly, it may leave money on the table and invite disputes.

A trustee must act in the best interests of all beneficiaries. Therefore, she must make a reasonable effort to secure fair market value. However,

approaching one neighbor or a few builders—without broader exposure—can fall short. As a result, even good intentions can be challenged if the sale price appears too low.

In addition, a fixer with a guest house can attract many buyers. For example, investors, builders, and end-users may all compete. Competition drives price. On the other hand, limiting buyers reduces it.

To move forward, consider these steps:

- First, encourage her to get one or two opinions of value from experienced local Realtors. This is only for information.
- Next, suggest she list the home subject to achieving a net higher than any investor offer.
- Also, remind her—gently—that her role is to maximize value, not minimize commissions.
- Finally, if needed, consult a trust attorney to understand your rights and her duties.

Ultimately, the goal is not to win an argument. Instead, focus on protecting the estate and ensuring a proper process. By framing the discussion around her responsibility, you can keep the conversation productive.

Warm regards,

Phyllis

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Late to the Timeline: ‘The Social Reckoning’ is Sharp, But Lives in its Predecessor’s Shadow

By Jackson TOYON

It’s been 16 years since the world first saw director David Fincher’s “The Social Network” and much has changed since we felt sympathy for Jesse Eisenberg’s geeky-but-flawed depiction of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. Facebook (now Meta) is unregulated and omnipresent and Mr. Zuckerberg is no longer a student fresh out of a college dorm room – instead being one of the most powerful unelected men in the world, mired in all the controversy and criticism that comes with it. Aaron Sorkin, who wrote the screenplay for “The Social Network,” has stepped into the position of director for this official follow-up film that explores the outsized role Facebook plays in the lives of everyone – and where the world stands after more than two decades with its presence.

In 2019, Frances Haugen (Mikey Madison) joins Facebook’s “Civic Integrity” team as a data engineer. She believes in the company’s stated mission of connecting people but sees troubling signs that Facebook’s leadership is prioritizing user engagement and revenue over user safety. At the same time, political investigative reporter Jeff Horwitz (Jeremy Allen White) is hired at the San Francisco branch of the Wall Street Journal to write coverage on Facebook. After fruitless attempts to make her concerns heard, Haugen responds to a message from White and agrees to meet in secret. Though she still fears breaching her NDA and believes

in the company’s capacity to do good, she relays her concerns to White and concedes to help him in his efforts to investigate the tech giant. Jumping ahead to 2021, we find Mark Zuckerberg (Jeremy Strong) rehearsing as he prepares to testify before the U.S. Senate in the wake of the Wall Street Journal’s reporting with the help of his aides and his crisis management consultant Raya (Wunmi Mosaku). Zuckerberg goes along with the rehearsal but becomes increasingly frustrated as Raya and former Facebook investor Charlie Garrigan (Bill Burr) press him on Meta’s policies.

I first wish to recognize and appreciate the director’s efforts in getting this important story told despite the obstacles it faced during production, as I’m sure it was difficult. Aaron Sorkin is a brilliant writer who has directed some successes in the past but I believe he may produce his best and most enduring work while not sitting in the director’s chair. David Fincher was in fact Sorkin’s first choice for the job but he was unavailable – and I can’t help but agree that a director/writer pairing of Fincher and Sorkin would have resulted in a stronger project and better companion piece to the original film. Ultimately, “The Social Reckoning” disappoints a little in that it boasts a quality script but the execution of it pales in comparison to “The Social Network.”

Though its direction is lackluster, the film is still anchored by a very solid cast. Mikey Madison, fresh off her Oscar win



Image provided by Jackson TOYON  
Jeremy Allen White and Mikey Madison star in ‘The Social Reckoning.’

for Best Actress in “Anora,” is great and proves that she’s not a one-hit wonder as a leading actress. Jeremy Allen White, though not incredibly memorable, provides likable chemistry alongside Madison through his tech illiteracy. Jeremy Strong’s long face and intense presence are highly effective in portraying the unsettling and Machiavellian personality we have come to know from Zuckerberg in the last decade, right down to the creepy Caesar haircut. Bill Burr even manages to be a standout in this, though he occupies a supporting role. Without a cast this good, I’m not sure the film would have carried as much weight as it does.

]The Social Reckoning” is a competent

biographical legal thriller that touches on the important issue of the dangers of social media but it’s missing an emotional core and feels like a warning that came a little late. The film covers an issue that we lived through and are continuing to live through – and despite the somewhat triumphant ending it is an issue that has proven to have only gotten worse since Meta’s misdeeds were revealed to the public. It’s a project that potentially would have been better suited as a comprehensive documentary, leaving the film firmly in the realm of decent rather than great, where its precursor so comfortably resides to this day.

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# Queen Wanted: Doo Dah Queen Tryouts This Sunday

All are welcome to throw their hat in the ring at the Pasadena Doo Dah Queen tryouts on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, at the Old Towne Pub. On hand for the wild ride will be queen-hopefuls, former queens, everlasting king Clayton, magistrate Vince, czar Tom, duke of Doo Dah, Rocket Man – the emcee, veteran parade entrants, tryout supporters and those too curious to stay away. Live music throughout the afternoon will be performed by Ma the Band.

Hopefuls will how Doo Dah royals why they deserve to wear this year’s crown.

The public is welcome to weigh influence on the Doo Dah glitterati. Contestants will have three minutes to strut their stuff. Dress extravagantly (whatever that means to each contestant), come prepared and they have to be ready to demonstrate their gifts – whether it’s song, dance, gags, recitation, impressions, looks, vibes, juggling, pantomime, ventriloquism, sword-swallowing, plate-spinning, glass blowing, whistling or turning invisible, the hunt is on for someone who is the life of the party. Normal need not apply. This is a fast-paced variety show to match no other!

Doo Dah Queen tryouts will take comers from all walks of life. The queen role is not exclusive to gender, sexuality, race, class, shape or even species. Yes: lizards, birds, dogs and critters of all kinds have tried out



for the role of queen! The new queen will be crowned by the current reigning royal, Queen Bootleg Meg.

Past years have seen the crowning of many colorful, talented and eccentric royals: Queens have included Sparrow Dena, Quing Robbie Ravenwood, Natalie “Mama Sunshine” Flores, “Sassy but Classy” Jennipha, Kavita of Peace and Love, Sabrina “Diva of Pasadena,” Patrizzi

Intergalactica, Red Rosie, Naughty Mickie, Tippi Headtrip and the Lost Language, Tequila Mockingbird, MeowMeowz, Susann of “Good Vibes, House Parties & Jabberwocky Jerk Sauce,” and the 1978 original “Queen of the Stardust Ballroom” Dorothy Romani.

Pasadena Doo Dah Queen Tryouts are produced by Light Bringer Project and the Doo Dah Preservation Society. Sign up and

music begins at 2 p.m.; competition starts at 3 p.m.

The Old Towne Pub is located at 66 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in Pasadena (enter at 34 Holly Street).

The cost is free but donations are welcome.

*Submitted by Light Bringer Project*

## Celebrating 100 Years

On Nov. 3, the Sunland-Tujunga Branch of the library is celebrating 100 years of serving the local community. The community is invited to gather with friends and neighbors, enjoy family-

friendly activities and take home an art postcard by artist Sharon Nullmeyer (“Nullsie”) to commemorate this historic milestone.

A schedule of events includes:

At 3 p.m., Scottish bagpipe performance; at 4 p.m., Sunland-Tujunga printing craft; at 5 p.m. refreshments; at 6 p.m. – Sunland-Tujunga Library history presentation with Angie Jung. Note that

the lineup is subject to change. Special 100th anniversary coloring sheets will also be available for all ages.

### THEN & NOW



**Then:** The Begue family was one of the pioneers families of the Crescenta Valley coming here in 1882, one year after Dr. Briggs. Little Phil Begue, son of the family, wrote later that when they first arrived there was a band of Indians camped on the land and that a stone-lined well and the remains of an old adobe wall were there as well. These indications of a much earlier inhabitation have led some historians to surmise that this was a halfway stop for travelers between San Gabriel Mission and San Fernando Mission in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The Begues built this stone house in 1882 and this photo of the aunt and uncle of the then-owner Charleston Dow was taken about 1906.

### Verdugo Hills Golf Course Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now:** Las Barras Canyon (La Tuna Canyon is actually the canyon on the other side of the Verdugos) was developed into a CCC camp in the early 1930s. On Dec. 8, 1941 the camp was taken over by the U.S. government as a detention camp and by Dec 16 it was accepting prisoners, mostly Japanese from Los Angeles and San Pedro. After the war it was run as a youth prison camp and in 1959 the Verdugo Hills Golf Course was built. The course, whose clubhouse is shown here, was sold to a developer who has initially proposed 320 homes or a huge retail development. That project stalled years ago and it now sits abandoned. This land illustrates the complex political boundaries of the Crescenta Valley. This portion of the valley is actually in the City of Los Angeles.

# JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

October 19, 2026 - October 25, 2026

**ARIES** *March 21 - April 19*  
Your health seems excellent. You may want take advantage of this by swimming, cycling, or going on a long trail hike. Give your body a chance to enjoy a thorough workout at whatever level suits you best. It may also help to try a gentle two-day detox to give your internal organs a boost.

**TAURUS** *April 20 - May 20*  
Your health may be affected by your mental state now. Try not to get too obsessed over issues that have the potential to knock you off balance and cause tension. It really helps if you can learn to let go instead of getting involved. Your body will thank you, and all your cells will register a sense of relief. Try it and see!

**GEMINI** *May 21 - June 20*  
If you're going to be doing a lot of socializing, it may be time to begin pacing yourself. If you're going to be eating out a lot, much of the food will probably be rich, more so than usual. Try to be discriminating when you get to that buffet table or face that menu. Choose foods that contribute to glowing health, if possible.

**CANCER** *June 21 - July 22*  
With such a fiery health zone, you may need to cool off now and again. Try swimming, and make it a regular habit. Every muscle in your body will get exercise and you won't break out in a sweat. If you have aches and pains, swimming will also help ease muscles and release joints.

**LEO** *July 23 - August 22*  
Don't let the stress of creating a successful career get to you. Aspects suggest that you may be so focused on getting ahead that you temporarily forget that you have a body. You may forget to eat and exercise. You are your own best resource. It really does pay to look after your body, so make it a regular habit.

**VIRGO** *August 23 - Sept. 22*  
If you feel you need some kind of structure to enable you to get the best from your diet and exercise routine, you may want to call a personal trainer. If you work in partnership with him or her, you'll be able to devise a program that takes into account your metabolism and specific needs. There is no off-the-shelf strategy that will complement your needs as well.

**LIBRA** *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*  
You may be wrestling with an issue that may have been causing a subtle adverse effect on your health. Don't hold on to it. Be prepared to let it go. If you can release it completely so you feel at peace with the situation, then you'll notice a corresponding increase in your overall energy level. You'll feel better.

**SCORPIO** *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*  
You seem to be in a very hearty mood. Although you may feel well, don't undo all your hard work by eating the wrong foods after you exercise. If you're hungry after your exertions, try to eat more protein and other foods that are satisfying but don't add pounds. If you must indulge, enjoy it and then get back on track.

**SAGITTARIUS** *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*  
Although you may be thinking about getting fit and reading all the right books about diet and exercise, you may not actually be doing anything about it. It's time to put the books aside and go to the gym. If you need help, get a personal trainer or a competent friend to give you some tips to get you started.

**CAPRICORN** *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*  
Don't let mental tension negatively affect your body. This period may bring challenges that cause you some stress. It's nothing too worrisome, but you could suffer from stiff muscles, a headache, or back pain. You need to relax and loosen up. Some kind of stress management program would also be helpful.

**AQUARIUS** *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*  
You may have a tendency to stiffen up more than usual now. As part of your daily exercise routine, you may find it helpful to include yoga or tai chi, which help the body relax as well as stay supple and healthy. If you can keep this up, your well-being and overall level fitness will get better.

**PISCES** *Feb. 19 - March 20*  
Your focus may not be on your body but rather on reaching your goals. You're likely deeply involved in career matters now. If you really want to succeed, you need to have at your disposal the energy to do what you need to do. It all starts with being fit and healthy in the first place. Make your well-being your main priority.

## CALENDAR this

### KIWANIS CLUBS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Oct. 16, Marlene Montalvo from GPD will address drug usage in schools.

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

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

The La Cañada La Crescenta AM Club has a free weekly meeting held from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

### FUN FOUND AT BACK DOOR BAKERY

Back Door Bakery and Cafe is hosting live music weekly at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the Don Dunham Band will be performing.

Back Door Bakery is located at 8349 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland.

### 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 music from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday 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.

### 'CRUCIBLE' COMING TO CV HIGH SCHOOL

Crescenta Valley High School's fall production is Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" presented by CV Falcon Theatre Company and ETLP. "The Crucible" takes place during the Salem witch trials and the story still feels relevant today.

Performance are at 7 p.m.; dates are tonight, Thursday, Oct. 22 (opening night); Friday, Oct. 23; Saturday, Oct. 24. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and can be purchased online, at the door or at <https://gofan.co/app/school/CA18788>.

### 'HOCUS POCUS' SCREENING AT WTCC

The Women's Twentieth Century Club – WTCC – will be screening "Hocus Pocus" on Saturday, Oct. 24. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for children aged 4-12 and \$10 for teens and adults (no charge for children 3 and under).

Audience members can bring their own food or purchase snacks and beverages at the clubhouse.

To avoid mosquitos the screening will be inside; however, people are invited to bring a blanket and sit on the floor or borrow one of the WTCC chairs.!

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/34366196135>.

WTCC is located at 5105 Hermosa Ave. in Eagle Rock.

### CV PARK ACTIVITIES

CV Park has the following activities planned for the remainder of the year:

On Friday, Oct. 30 from 4 - 7 p.m., it's Trick or Treat Village; on Friday, Nov. 20 from 4 - 7 p.m. it's the Harvest Festival; on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Holiday in the Park is being held.

CV Park is located at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

### HAUNTED HOUSE MAZE

On Halloween night, Oct. 31, the community is invited to a free, kid-friendly, fun and slightly spooky Haunted House Maze in Montrose from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills. Visit a witch, glimpse a seance, see ghoulies and creatures, complete with light and sound effects – and, of course, candy! Free professional photo booth photo opportunity is offered to every family. Everything is presented at no charge – it is the Church's annual gift to the community. The Haunted House entrance is at the back of the building of 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

The Mission of the Foothills has been part of the Montrose/Glendale community for over 40 years, see CALENDAR THIS on next page

## » ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE

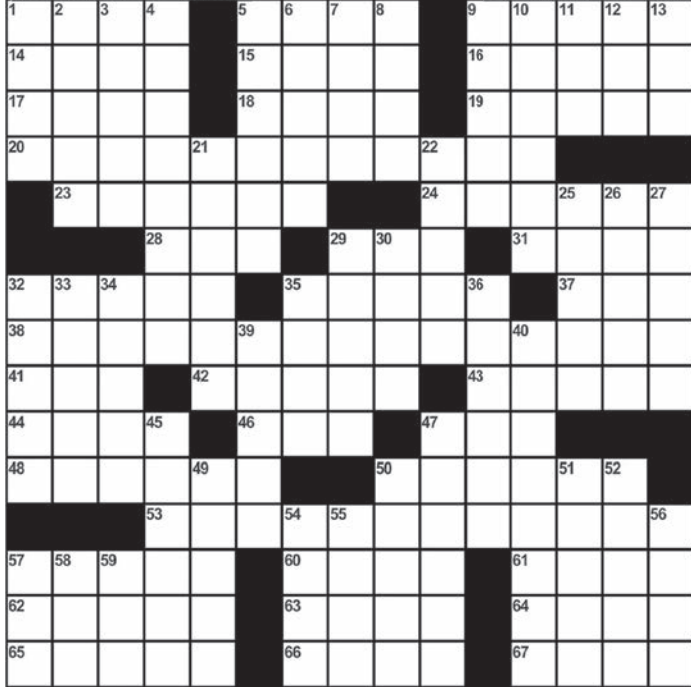


## ACROSS

- 1) "Sir" alternative  
5) Way through the woods  
9) According to  
14) Hairdo one picks out?  
15) Mixed bag  
16) Material on a coarse board  
17) Rustic cross  
18) Type of large bag  
19) Kitchen appliance  
20) What all divers must do  
23) La Brea hazard  
24) Deadly  
28) Absorbed, as a cost  
29) Hawaiian dish  
31) Performances for one  
32) A Muse  
35) Weeper of myth  
37) Apprehend  
38) Be acclaimed and then some
- 41) Coke complement  
42) Things discouraged in society  
43) Destiny, to a Hindu  
44) Flight data, briefly  
46) Cheerios grain  
47) Thing to seek forgiveness for  
48) Beliefs  
50) Small songbird  
53) Hide out for a bit  
57) Calculating snake?  
60) Death notice, briefly  
61) Arm bone  
62) As from  
63) Characteristic carrier  
64) Word on a bathroom door  
65) Warms  
66) Admirer at a distance  
67) Big first for a baby

## MOTION DETECTOR

By Timothy E. Parker



## DOWN

- 1) Cleopatra's Antony  
2) Happening, as "the game"  
3) Bouquet  
4) Not rushed, to a conductor  
5) Baked, crusted entree  
6) Like an active kite  
7) Brother of Janet Jackson  
8) Farmer, at times  
9) High dwelling  
10) Brains or intelligence  
11) Ballpoint, e.g.  
12) .0000001 joule  
13) Bread type  
21) North, to Manhattanites  
22) Accused's need  
25) Courtroom addressee (with "your")  
26) Burglar deterrent  
27) Chad's neighbor  
29) Burgundy grape  
30) \_\_\_ and aahs  
32) "Snowy" bird  
33) One way to go  
34) Don Draper, e.g.  
35) 1492 ship of note  
36) Type of kiss that involves noses  
39) Hangman's creation  
40) Brat's outbursts  
45) Choose  
47) More cushiony  
49) Auto's four  
50) Bale binder  
51) Arm of the sea  
52) 1,000 kilograms  
54) Balcony section at the opera  
55) Comply with  
56) Mud dauber, e.g.  
57) Cigarette remains  
58) Kick the bucket  
59) Evidence acceptable in court

see ANSWERS on following page

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Can GE Really Send The Same Broken Part Eight Times?

*Paul Clarke’s GE Profile ice maker is broken and, despite eight attempts to fix it with an approved vendor, the company keeps re-sending the same damaged part. Now he’s stuck with a \$3,000 appliance that doesn’t work. Is it time for a new machine?*

*Question: My GE Profile ice maker is currently out of the manufacturer’s warranty but I’ve been working with a GE-approved appliance vendor to get it repaired. The situation has become ridiculous. GE Parts has sent the same replacement part eight times now, and every single time the part has arrived broken.*

*The part in question is an impeller motor, shaft and a three-blade propeller. It comes in a box and the part itself is inside a sealed clear plastic bag. Each of the eight times, the propeller was broken.*

*What’s even stranger is that there are no propeller blades inside the sealed bag. This means the part is being packaged and*

*shipped when already damaged. GE has now prevented this appliance from being repaired for four months. I have an Assurant Warranty that will cover the appliance once it has been repaired by the approved vendor but we can’t get to that point because of these broken parts.*

*Since GE can’t seem to provide a working part, I would like them to replace the appliance, which is valued at \$3,000. Can you help me?*

*– Paul Clarke, Savannah, Georgia*

Answer: GE Appliances should have sent you a working part the first time. If it failed a second time, a red flag should have gone up in the warehouse. By the third or

fourth time, someone should have physically inspected the box to ensure they weren’t just shipping plastic shards to your home.

When a company proves it can’t supply the basic components to fix its own product, it has a responsibility to make the customer whole. In the world of high-end appliances, that usually means a replacement or a significant credit toward a new unit.

You did the right thing by sticking with a GE-approved vendor. Using unauthorized repair shops is the fastest way to get a manufacturer to wash its hands of you. You also did a great job documenting the phantom blades

– the fact that the broken pieces weren’t even in the sealed bag proves this wasn’t a rough delivery driver, but a quality control meltdown at the source.

For anyone else facing an appliance doom loop, remember to keep a meticulous paper trail. If the front-line customer service agents keep sending you broken propellers, it’s time to stop talking to them. You can always appeal to the executives at GE Appliances. I list their names and email addresses on my site Elliott.org.

This case is a reminder that sometimes the system just breaks and you need a human to step in and stop the machinery. I contacted GE on your behalf to see why its parts

department was stuck on repeat. Shortly after that, GE reached out with a solution.

“We wanted to let you know that we have offered Mr. Clarke a prorated check given the age of this unit since it is out of warranty,” a GE representative told me. You accepted the check, which should be enough to help you move on from this frozen disaster.

*Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a non-profit organization that helps consumers solve their problems.*

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## CALENDAR THIS from previous page

offering communication and study courses for children, 20 life improvement courses and other Dianetics and Scientology related services and counseling for adults. Aarious community outreach programs, such as Drug Free World (drug education and prevention), are also supported.

For more information, call (818) 957-1500 or visit [www.scientology-montrose.org](http://www.scientology-montrose.org).

## CCLCF EVENTS

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

• Fall II Registration: Fall II registration is open! Fall II classes will start the week of Oct. 19 and run through Dec. 19. Browse new classes and returning favorites at [cclcf.org/register](http://cclcf.org/register).

• Call for Talented Teens: CCLCF is seeking talented teens (grades four-12) to show off their talents in the upcoming CCLCF showcase “La Cañada’s Got Talent” on Nov. 14. Apply at [bit.ly/LCGTapp](http://bit.ly/LCGTapp). Those with questions can email [jack@cclcf.org](mailto:jack@cclcf.org).

• Dances de los Muertos: Belly Dance Fantasy Theater. Celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos with an evening of spooky, seasonal dance delights on Saturday, Oct. 24. Learn more at [cclcf.org/events](http://cclcf.org/events)

• Mahjong Open Play: Calling all mahjong lovers! Bring skills to a friendly, community-style, open play session at CCLCF on Oct. 28. Prior mahjong experience required. Learn more at [cclcf.org/events](http://cclcf.org/events)

• Thanksgiving Run: The 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Day 5K & Kids Mile is coming up on Nov. 26. Summer sale runs through Sept. 30. Learn more at [cclcf.org/run](http://cclcf.org/run).

Community Center of La



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

## ELKS SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Elks Most Valuable Scholarship (MVS) program for 2026 is accepting applications from high school seniors throughout the United States. This MVS program offers four year \$30,000 and \$4,000 scholarships. The deadline for applying is Nov. 12 at 11:59.

The MVS program is one of the largest scholarship donors in the U.S. and allocated over \$2.52 million in 2025. Applications are available from local public high schools and online at the MVS for qualifying students. Visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>.

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Special Olympics - Southern California is hosting the 2026 Glendale soccer and tennis competition at CV High School, 2900 Community Ave. in La Crescenta on Oct. 25. Volunteer check in is at 7:30 a.m., opening ceremony is at 9 a.m., and the event ends around 3 p.m.

To sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2hsbpud2>, email Travis Bannerman at [tbannerman@sosc.org](mailto:tbannerman@sosc.org) or call (661) 489-0539.

## NEW LIFE AT VERDUGO HILLS CEMETERY

The community is invited to learn about the lives of many cemetery residents at Verdugo Hills Cemetery on Nov. 1. An upcoming event at Verdugo Hill Cemetery (VHC) – Dine with the Dead, Walk for Life – is on Nov. 1 from noon until 5 p.m.

Chefs from Tujunga Joselito’s and the Back Door Bakery are presenting a tasty selection for this Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos remembrance celebration. In addition to great food, there will be photo opportunities, games and prizes, and every half hour there will be the chance to gather at a gravesite with an ofrenda, or altar, including a photograph, to share that person’s story.

Participants should bring some cash for food and games. Park on Terecita Road and make the short

walk to VHC. Navigate to 10950 Terecita for parking. The special Día de los Muertos dance show by Dani and her amazing performers will be the highlight, taking place at 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

## SUSAN RIOS OPEN HOUSE

An opportunity to meet artist Susan Rios will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15 from noon to 3 p.m. when she hosts a two-day art ad shopping event.

New and never-before-seen pieces will be available for purchase at 524 W. Wilson Ave. in Glendale.

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Those who can, do; Those who can do more, volunteer. Author Unknown Little Landers Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help support its mission, “To preserve and maintain Bolton Hall Museum and the historical record of Rancho Tujunga.”

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

Potential volunteers are asked to reach out with questions. Email [LittleLanders@BoltonHall.org](mailto:LittleLanders@BoltonHall.org), phone (818) 352-3420 or send a letter so P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, CA 91043.

## MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

• The Montrose Library hosts canasta on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• The Back Alley Painters is a vibrant group of adult artists who gather to create, share their work, offer constructive feedback and enjoy each other’s company.

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

• Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed!

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS](http://CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS)



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VERDUGO WASH *from page 7*

The survey was offered in English, Armenian, Spanish, and Korean.

The survey results will inform how the City engages with the community on the process of crafting the Verdugo Wash Master Plan, which started in late 2025.

The City and its design team are committed to fostering a collaborative planning process with the community and partners, like Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This fall, the City is preparing to restart the process of engaging the community to help shape the possibilities for the Verdugo Wash, which runs from Crescenta Valley Regional Park to confluence with the Los Angeles River near the 134 freeway. Thanks to this survey, the City and the community can take a data-driven approach to guiding conversations and decision-making about this important piece of Glendale's landscape. The City will offer more opportunities for the community to share their input during the planning process, such as community surveys and meetings.

Learn more about the planning process, including future community engagement opportunities, and view the full survey results at VerdugoWash.com.

Submitted by the City of Glendale

SHERIFF STATION *from cover*

"There will be a few game booths and a Halloween costume contest," Martin added.

"Our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event furthers our efforts to build positive relationships with the community and promote public safety and gives families the opportunities to interact with deputies and our participating partners outside of an enforcement setting," said Captain Ryan A. Vienna, CV Sheriff's Station. "We welcome the opportunity to promote Halloween safety during this event while working towards the longterm value of having strong relationships with the people we serve."

The event is on Friday, Oct. 30 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will be held at the CV Sheriff's Station, 4554 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta. It is sponsored by Early Rodders, Ralphs Market and CV Water District and is free to attend.

On Saturday, St. Luke's of the Mountains will be celebrating Dia de los Muertos.

The church will be holding a Dia de los Muertos event on Oct. 31 from 5 p.m.

to 8 p.m. in the courtyard. There will be live music and dancing. Admission is free, and food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, is a multi-day Mexican holiday when family and friends gather to pay respect and remember loved ones and friends who have died.

The sacred ancient Gaelic festival Samhain will also be observed at the event. Samhain marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Like Dia de los Muertos it is a time to pay respect and celebrate the lives of those who have passed away. Halloween traces its heritage to Samhain. It is believed the time of Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 is when the veil between the physical and spiritual worlds is the thinnest.

People are invited to bring photos of their loved ones who have died to display on a decorated table at St. Luke's.

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church is located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta at the corner of Rosemont Avenue.

NO KINGS *from cover*

One Montrose resident shared that she was out "like everyone else" in response to the corruption and cruelty she sees from the current administration.

"I feel obligated to be out here," she said.

East Area Progressive Democrats (EAPD) was the organizer of Saturday's event.

"Nearly 1,000 residents of all ages, including some casting ballots for the first time, came together in 90 degree heat for Glendale's No Kings: Vote Early rally.

Together we sent a resounding message to protect Americans' freedoms and voting rights and to reject the cruelty, corruption and high costs of the failing Trump Presidency," EAPD president Hans Johnson reported.

Live music was performed by local duo Los Dos, and hundreds of supportive honks from passing motorists joined the cacophony of surprisingly loud whistles handed out by organizers of a group watching for ICE raids. State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez and City Councilmember Elen Asatryan addressed the crowd.

"We have to protect our voting rights here in California," Senator Pérez said. "If your vote was not so powerful, we would not see this administration spending millions to terrorize our community. But I will let you in on a secret and that is that when we organize, we win."

Glendale's fourth No Kings rally was one of more than 3,000 events held across the country. National organizers summed up the success of the day.

It is estimated that the Oct. 17 event was the largest early vote activation in U.S. history. Across nearly 3,000 events in 50 states, millions came together to vote early and make a plan to vote.

"No Kings: Vote Early is the next step of reclaiming power after a year of mass mobilizations," explained <https://www.nokings.org/>. "It's a day of non-partisan voter participation, being in community with each other and making sure every eligible voter has a plan, knows their options and is ready to make their voice count."

"Glendale, with a population that is 51% immigrants – the highest percentage of any city on the West Coast – is a perfect location to uplift the message that diversity is strength," EAPD's Johnson added.

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And then something happened that set the stage that LADWP is still performing on ... the Owens Valley residents and farmers came together to negotiate with the City of LA. But those talks went nowhere and the City, in 1924, sued a long list of farmers claiming they were the ones diverting water that belonged to the City of LA.

The people of the Owens Valley realized the law was not on their side – so they took the law into their own hands. They bombed part of the aqueduct. Though Mulholland used his money and power to find the perpetrators no one would turn them in.

The farmers were seeing 300,000,000 gallons of water being drained daily from their Valley. In the end, LA controlled 90% of the Owens Valley water.

Without water conservation and as the LA population continued to grow, the Owens Valley was being drained dry. So Mulholland turned to the Colorado River and made a deal to bring that river to LA.

“Water is the life-blood of every community. The man who did more than any other to furnish that vital element to Los Angeles is William Mulholland, who for many years was chief engineer and general manager of the city-owned Bureau of Water Works and Supply (now the Water System of the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power). He died in 1935 but his work lives on. Every time a faucet is turned [on] the water it releases is a reminder of the man whose life was devoted to public service,” according to LADWP.

That statement is absolutely correct; Mulholland’s work does live on. There is no doubt that without his engineering ideas LA would not have been able to survive. And it is important to note that although Owens Valley residents felt their water was stolen, the pioneers of the valley had done a similar thing to the indigenous peoples who were there before them. Mulholland’s deals continued to put LA first and the rest of the valleys and communities living outside of its water walls were destined to be affected by those agreements.

I have been writing about a project that CVWD presented years ago. It is quite simple: Capture some of the rain water and ice melt that travels from the mountains above our valley down the Dunsmuir Wash and divert it into the ground. This would increase groundwater for residents – something we lost quite a bit of during the years of drought. The water that travels down the Wash that goes through CV Park, which is where this pipe would be built, currently goes through our washes into the LA River and then out into the ocean. There is no water reclamation plant along the way to capture the water – it just flows out into the sea.

When I approached the LADWP I was told that CVWD could build their project and capture the water – but they would have to pay LADWP for the water they captured. So LADWP would “let us” have the water that freely flows through our valley but we would have to pay for the water [I just wanted to state this twice].

When I pointed out that they, LADWP, did not capture the water, that we were not taking water away from them, that this water was simply traveling through on its way to the ocean, they agreed with what I said and then said, “CVWD can build their project but will have to pay us for the water.”

They have to pay because the deal Mulholland made was that it was the City of LA’s water and there was no stipulation that it would actually have to be used in a constructive useful way – it simply belongs to them.

So as we all wait for El Niño and the possibility of getting a lot of rain, and the governor has issued a state of emergency so we can prepare for possible historic rainfall, I invite CV residents to get their umbrellas, take a quick trip to CV Park and watch the amount of water flowing down the wash that we can’t save for our groundwater because of an agreement made over a century ago.

We are still seeing a slight chance of showers and possibly a thunderstorm today with our high in the mid-60s. Winds should be calm; our Santa Anas have blown through. We still have a slight chance of rain on Friday, but should see some sun peeking through with temperatures in the mid to low 70s. That pattern of warming and no rain is expected to continue through Tuesday, according to NOAA.



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