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A Win for Pacific Pool

By Julie BUTCHER

"It costs $183 an hour to keep the [Pacific] pool open, based on the cost of electricity and three lifeguards paid $18-$25 an hour," said Amers Goff, an occupational therapist who works with children with severe developmental disabilities who utilizes the pool for aquatic therapy, in detailing the benefits for children with whom she works. She was joined by students from Incarnation Parish Elementary School on Tuesday night to urge members of the Glendale City Council not to close Pacific Pool on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays starting on Nov. 2 (as has been planned) to close a $30,000 budget gap.

"I struggled to find a home for our programs before finding Pacific Pool. It is an important service considering drowning is the leading cause of death for children with autism spectrum disorder," Goff shared.

Sebastian, a sixth grader and member of the Incarnation swim team, told the council he was honored to come before them again to advocate for keeping the pool open.

"Even when the pool is closed to the public, the pool itself still needs to be heated and treated with chemicals. Those costs do not go away simply because residents are not allowed to use it.

"Glendale has nearly 200,000 residents while neighboring Burbank has 107,000 yet Burbank has multiple city-run pools; Glendale is nearly twice as big, but it only has one aquatics center.

"Pacific Pool is where Glendale residents come for swim lessons, water polo, swim teams, lap swimming, recreational swimming and community aquatics programs. The pool is busy because people need it and use it.

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Spooktacularly Spooky Time in Montrose

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Fun is found along Honolulu during its annual Spooktacular event.



File photo
Plenty of candy, handed out by local merchants, will be found on Honolulu Avenue on Halloween.

For those looking for safe and sane fun this Halloween, Montrose is gearing up for its traditional Spooktacular event. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31, children can visit local merchants to get some sweet treats. Older kids (those 10 years and older) are asked not to visit the merchants for candy, though each store has its own policy. The streets from Verdugo to Las Palmas Avenue along Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard and Wickham Way will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Visitors to this rain or shine Spooktacular event will find the streets crowded with costumed participants of all ages. It wouldn't be unusual to see dinosaurs, chefs and even a princess cavorting along Honolulu.

According to Dale Dawson, Montrose Shopping Park Assn. business administrator and events coordinator, those who have an appetite for a snack can stop by one of several booths at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu including those selling kettle corn, cotton candy and lemonade. For something more substantial, local restaurants will be open and ready to serve the public.

"The Montrose Shopping Park Assn. is pleased to once again provide a safe and (mostly) sane environment for local trick-or-treaters to show off their fabulous costumes and pick up some treats," Dawson said encouraging trick or treaters to stop by the shopping park.

Water Rate Increase Discussed at GWP Public Meeting

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) has been holding in person and virtual community meetings regarding a proposed water rate hike across Glendale. Those from GWP are making the case as to why it needs this water rate increase.

It is important to note that the rate hike has not been approved yet. The issue will be before the Glendale City Council at its Nov. 3 meeting.

There is quite a bit of opposition to the rate change and under Proposition 218 members of the community are submitting their protests in writing and are also sharing their concerns at the community meetings.

"The intent under Prop 218 is to provide transparency, accountability, public notice and an opportunity for public participation. For water rates, the city must explain why a rate change is being proposed, how the rates were calculated, what the revenue will be used for and how the charges relate to the cost of providing water service.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

It Happened to Me

I'm embarrassed to share that I was scammed.

Apparently there is a scam going around called "party invite;" it was written up in Wired magazine back in September.

I received (what I thought) was an invitation from a friend to a party on Oct. 31. Of course, that's Halloween and I "responded" by saying I couldn't go.

She had never sent an invite. In fact, she's busy on Halloween night.

But by opening the invitation, I released something that delved into my contact list and sent subsequent "invitations" to those people.

I'm grateful to those people in my contact list who contacted me to ask whether or not I was having a party on Oct. 31 (which I'm not!).

It is Halloween, after all.

I was talking to one of our sons the other day and he asked me how it felt "getting old(er)."

Rather than getting upset with the question, I actually pondered it: What is it like getting older?

I'm reminded when I was (much) younger I swore I would never color my hair. Then it turned mousy brown – not a look I particularly liked, especially because I used to have (key comment – "used to have") natural reddish highlights in my hair.

So I started having highlights put in my hair but that was expensive so I turned to "the box." I started coloring my hair (or as I tell my husband, "deep conditioning it") to keep it a color more to my liking. Now I see white creeping in, which makes me feel really old.

But I keep pulling out the box.

I will look for wrinkles on my face and, to me, I don't see any – but I wonder if they're there. Of course, I can always take off my glasses and they'd disappear.

Pumpkins. Great outdoor decorations, but did you know they're not only attractive to other people but to bears?

True! I was given this bit of news by a friend of mine and was I surprised! Bears will smell pumpkins from far away and come to eat them. And bears are not the only animals who will eat pumpkins.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 are Samhain, or Samain. This is the end of summer and beginning of the winter festival that can trace its Irish/Celtic heritage back thousands of years. It is the foundation on which our present day Halloween rests.

"Ancient Celts believed the boundary between the physical world and the Otherworld thinned during Samhain, allowing spirits, ancestors and fairies to cross over. It fell around 1 November, but the festival began on the night before, the eve that became Halloween," according to newgrange.com.

The festival comprises many traditions including setting food aside for departed loved ones and using disguises and masks to confuse and conceal oneself from the spirits that roam the Earth on this night.

Bonfires were also part of this season and sharing food with those in need was also an important part of the day … and night.

At its center is time set aside to honor and remember those who have passed away.

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday and is very similar to Samhain. It is recognized from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 and is also known as All Saints Day.

"According to tradition, the gates of heaven are opened at midnight on Oct. 31 and the spirits of children can rejoin their families for 24 hours. The spirits of adults can do the same on Nov. 2," according to history.com.

These rituals also trace their heritage back thousands of years.

"The Aztecs and other Nahua peoples living in what is now Mexico held a cyclical view of the universe and saw death as an integral, ever-present part of life. Upon dying, a person was believed to travel to Chicunamictlán, the Land of the Dead. Only after getting through nine challenging levels, involving a journey of several years, could the person's soul finally reach Mictlán, the final resting place," according to history.com.

There are several rituals observed at this time of the year as nature turns from the rebirth of spring and summer.

I understand why this time of the year feels like the veil is thin. The earth really does feel like it is older and slows down.

I have written about Samhain before in this column.

I was never a fan of Halloween. My mom and grandma didn't like for us to go out on this night. They believed the spirits we met along the way would not be kind. I mean real spirits not kids dressed up in costumes.

My grandma would have afternoon tea and talk about family members who had passed. She would share stories of them that made me feel like I knew them … even though they had crossed over long before I was born. So Halloween to me was a time to remember them and to respect the day.

That made me not a great Halloween party guest. My husband though lives for costumes, spooky houses and everything Halloween, so my kids really celebrated.

As I age Halloween – Samhain – has become even more of a melancholy festival (yes, I have been told this is a common Irish trait). I see this is a festival that asks us to remember those who have crossed over; not to be sad but to celebrate their souls.

So this is what I hope you can do for this year's Samhain. Have fun disguising yourself from the spirit world, get lots of food (mostly candy) and take time to share the stories of those who have crossed over as they peek through the veil.

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME COMES TO AN END

Daylight Saving Time officially ends on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 a.m. Turn clocks back one hour before heading to bed Saturday night.

'CORONER TO THE STARS' SCREENING

The film "Coroner to the Stars" will be shown tonight, Thursday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Sadler Hall on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. The screening is sponsored by the CV Chamber of Commerce and features a presentation by former LA coroner Vidal Herrera.

Admission is $5 for non-Chamber members; free to Chamber members.

CVWD PLANS ROUTINE TREATMENT

Vector control activity will take place around CVWD sewer manholes from Nov. 3-9.

This routine treatment is part of the District's wastewater collection system maintenance.

Those with questions or concerns can contact Crescenta Valley Water District customer service at (818) 248-3925.

CITY SEEKS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The City of Glendale is currently recruiting for the position of director of Communications & Community Relations.

For more information about the position, including qualifications and application instructions, please visit: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/glendaleca/jobs/5507756/director-of-communications-community-relations.

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.

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.

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.

Crescenta Valley Lions Holds Grrr-eat Fall Into The Holidays Boutique

By Ruth SOWBY





Photos by Ruth SOWBY
ABOVE: Early arrivals at the Crescenta Valley Lions Club Fall into the Holidays boutique got the jump on the best buys of the day.
BELOW: Knit products, turned into holiday gifts, added color to the boutique held by the Crescenta Valley Lions on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Crescenta Valley Lions ended the year strongly having its signature fundraiser Fall Into the Holidays boutique. The Lions Club has a storied history that stretches back to 1917. According to Wikipedia, Lions Clubs International is an international service organization that boasts over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members (including the youth wing Leo) in more than 200 geographic areas around the world.

At Saturday's boutique, held on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains, each of 30 vendors had their names listed on a map that was distributed to customers, making them easily found. Products ranged from knit goods to embellished greeting cards, a bake sale to clothing, and berry bowls to nuts. From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., customers filled the patio of St. Luke's of the Mountains.

Buying was definitely on the brains of the shoppers.

Tina Means's booth of designer greeting cards was among the most visual. She is an expert in Diamond Art, also known as diamond painting. Means places rhinestones – called drills – onto a pre-printed, adhesive canvas using a color-by-number key. Each card sells for $10.

A bake sale offered pastries by Berolina Bakery in Montrose. The company's generosity in donating the pastries saved Lions volunteers from doing all of the baking. Popular among the goodies were the chocolate croissants and sour dough bread loaves.

Clothing and jewelry were also favorites. Susana Isais's fare included totes by designer Johnny Was. She sold them at basement prices compared to the designer's usual prices. For example, a flowered tote was $85 at Susana's compared to several hundred dollars though the designer.

Many agreed that the choir, Monday at JoJo's which serenaded the shoppers with Christmas music, was the perfect accompaniment to serious shopping.

Boutique chair and Lions Club secretary Diana Tyson estimates boutique proceeds at $2,500. That money will be dedicated to Lions Club student scholarships and the Firehouse Youth Center, a meeting center and safe house for local middle schoolers and teens. It is open at St. Luke's on Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for middle schoolers.

According to Tyson, "The boutique has become a community event for shopping for and visiting with neighbors. There were a lot of local people."

Upcoming is a Crescenta Valley Lions Club sponsored event – the Harvest Food Drive with proceeds benefitting the Bailey Center. The food drive is on Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, email LIONS91214@GMAIL.COM.





Raising Awareness of Breast Cancer

By Mary O'KEEFE

Although October has been designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the fact is every month, week and day women, and men, should be aware of breast cancer and proactive in protecting their health.

CVW have heard stories from a number of women who have had mammograms and ultrasounds during their annual checkups and were told a "spot" was on one of their breasts … or are simply told that something "unusual" was seen. In some cases these women were immediately given an appointment so further research could be done but others who were told it wasn't an issue in a few months found it was cancer and had spread.

There are extreme stories like these (and every type of story in-between) and it is important for women and men to know who feel there is something "not right" that they have the power to move forward.

Dr. Emma Koesters, MD, plastic and breast reconstructive surgeon with Keck Medicine of USC, said it is important to find a breast surgeon or primary care physician who will listen to a person's concerns.

"No imaging is perfect so sometimes we need different modalities, sometimes we need to follow up with ultrasound and sometimes you need an MRI," she said. "If the breasts are really dense it's hard to see things that can be concerning. I think you have to have a provider that you can have an open dialogue with and who is willing to take further steps to make sure something is there or something is not there."

Sometimes patients feel they don't have an option to request another doctor once one has been assigned to them or they are hesitant to insist that follow up tests be done.

"They feel guilty about [looking for another doctor] or they just don't know there's other [doctors] out there," she added. "You can always go see someone else and get a second opinion."

Sometimes getting a second opinion is a problem because decisions from insurance companies take so long to come. Some of the women CVW has spoken with shared their stories of insurance roadblocks. This is a nationwide issue. In an article from Cancer Care titled "The Health Insurance Maze: How Cancer Patients Get Lost in the Red Tape of Utilization Management," a study concluded that 85% of those surveyed faced prior authorization for cancer treatment, often multiple times. And 29% reported diagnosis delays and 40% reported treatment delays due to needed authorizations that were slow in coming.

These issues may increase as changes come to the Affordable Care Act in 2027, including an estimated 15% increase in monthly premiums, and others being dropped from health care insurance completely.

It is important, though, that people are their own advocate for their health, even if that means spending hours on the phone with insurance companies.

It is also important to be proactive by having mammograms and ultrasounds when required. In many cases those with dense breasts are recommended to get both a mammogram and ultrasound. People can find out if they have dense breasts after getting their mammogram. It will describe on the report the breast as "dense."

But even if someone does not have dense breasts more exploration might be needed.

"There might be a certain area where the [patient] needs a follow up and a different view because each of these techniques is sort of better at looking at things a certain way. MRIs are really advanced imaging and can show you a lot of things, but there are some things that you won't see on an MRI that you'll see on a simple mammogram," Koesters said.

She added these different techniques are complementary to each other and work especially well with dense breasts. The bottom line is to make sure to get a breast examination on a regular basis, depending on what your doctor advises.

"I think sometimes people fall in the trap of 'I don't have any family history of breast cancer. I don't have any major risk factors so I'm not the one that is at the most risk' and in truth the majority of women who get a diagnosis of breast cancer do not have family history, genetic mutation or something that puts them at super high risk," she said. "It really can be anyone. Getting your mammogram is the most helpful thing you can do for yourself."

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Hearing from a CVWD Candidate

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 last week as of press time (James Bodnar and Carla Dillion). Their answers were provided in last week's newspaper. This week we are including the response of respondent Jeffrey Johnson. Alec Hyeler was not able to reply by press time.

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

Jeffrey W. Johnson: I have lived in La Crescenta for the past 31 years. My wife, Monna Johnson, and I were blessed to have two kids who attended and graduated from our local school district. Representing clients over the last 39 years as an attorney, I have extensive, practical experience working with California and federal environmental law related to water quality standards and remediation of soil and groundwater. I am running to be re-elected to the CVWD board of directors. I was elected to the board in 2021.

After serving on the board for one year in 2022, I was elected by my fellow board members to serve first as vice president and then president of the board. I led the CVWD efforts to reach settlements with several manufacturers of PFAs, which have resulted in the District receiving over $2.4 million to date to address the contaminants. I lead the effort to make public safety, particularly firefighting support and water system hardening, a priority at CVWD. Since then, CVWD management has worked with the local fire department to gain "first responder status" for District employees needed during fire and other emergencies.

Question No. 2: What is the biggest challenge facing CVWD and their customers?

Jeffrey W. Johnson: The biggest challenge is the fire risk to the CVWD entire water delivery system. We must do all we can to prevent a fire disaster like the ones in Altadena and Paradise, California where the entire water delivery systems were destroyed.

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

Jeffrey W. Johnson: Frankly, there is not one. Here are the issues I will focus on if re-elected to the CVWD board of directors:

- First and foremost, I am committed to CVWD improving water system hardening and survivability during fire events. It is paramount that CVWD does not suffer the same fate as the water agencies located in Altadena and Paradise, California, among others. While there are no easy solutions, doing little or nothing in the face of ever-increasing fire risks is unacceptable. We have to harden our reservoirs, add shutoff valves to isolate compromised part of the District's system and be part of the first responder team when a fire starts, not be shut out of the process by the fire department and the county.
- I am committed to enforcing rate discipline and generation equity at CVWD. The District's proposed rate increases must be justified line by line, in public, against a published capital plan – not adopted as a percentage and explained later. I support the use of long-term bonds to spread out the repayment cost of 75-year-old water mains and pipelines so that today's customers are not paying for the bulk of the costs for pipeline replacement that mostly benefit future customers years into the future.
- I am committed to ensuring water supply reliability and quality. I support and advocate for increasing the amount of water we can use from the local aquifer in our District and for treating that water to meet health and safety standards. CVWD not only continues to see legacy contaminants like nitrates and PCE in our water supply but is also increasingly impacted by PFAs, also known as "forever chemicals," a family of chemicals that does not break down in the environment and are being detected and regulated in growing numbers.





Pet of the Week

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!
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the community!



The Dollar King is scheduled to open some time in early December. The Dollar King will be located in the former Joann's Fabrics building at 2160 Foothill Blvd.

"We are very excited that we will be opening at the La Cañada Flintridge location," said David Mansuryan. "The La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and city have been very helpful with the opening."



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Arrest Made in CVHS Investigation

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Monday, Oct. 26, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station released a notice of the arrest of a 22-year-old man in regard to "inappropriate messages" being sent from the suspect to a student under the age of 18 who attended Crescenta Valley High School.

"An administrator at CVHS was contacted by a student who reported receiving inappropriate messages from an adult who worked on the school campus. School administrators notified the assigned SRO [student resource officer] who immediately initiated an investigation," according to a statement released by the CV Sheriff's.

"During the investigation deputies identified a 22-year-old male who is not an employee of the school district but is employed by an outside agency that provides student aides to the school. The investigation determined that the suspect had sent an inappropriate message to the minor student."

Deputies investigated and on Oct. 26 the 22-year-old suspect from Los Angeles was arrested for "annoying or molesting a child under 18 years old."

Glendale Unified School District superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson sent a message to CVHS parents on Oct. 26 that shared the information.

"The individual has been removed from his assignment and will no longer be permitted to work at any GUSD school. This was the individual's first assignment with our District; he had not previously been assigned to any other GUSD school," stated GUSD.

The suspect was working as a teacher's aide in special needs classrooms; however, the text messaging was sent to a student in the school's general population. The parents who were directly involved in the issue were contacted by the District prior to the message from the sheriff's department, according to a GUSD spokesperson.

There was no physical contact between the student and the suspect, according to the District. The student reported the inappropriate text message to the administration shortly after receiving it.

"Students are always encouraged to 'say something' if they 'see something.' Reports can be made directly to your school office, submitted online at www.gusd.net/tipline or by calling the District's phone tip line at (323) 999-6062. The tip line is monitored seven days a week. Tips can be submitted anonymously," according to a GUSD spokesperson.

"We take seriously protecting our youth from those who would take advantage of them or potentially cause harm. Our SRO deputy promptly acted and our Detective Bureau is actively investigating this matter. I encourage parents to check with their children to ensure there are no additional victims and, if there is information learned regarding victimization, to contact our station immediately. Thank you to the victim who had the courage to report this inappropriate conduct and the Glendale USD for [its] continued partnership in keeping the community we serve safe," stated CV Station Capt. Ryan Vienna.

In the course of the investigation it was determined that there were no additional victims of this suspect at Crescenta Valley High School and there is no threat to students at present. This incident remains an active investigation and no additional information is available for release at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or who may have information regarding a similar incident at CVHS is encouraged to contact CV Sheriff's Det. Ponce at (818) 236-4015.

This is the second time in recent history that a GUSD third party hire has been arrested after reports of abuse. In December 2025 an incident of assault was reported on GUSD school grounds. Glendale Police Dept. issued a statement in February, 2026 of the arrest, which was made on Dec. 20, 2025. The suspect, Joseph Sanchez, 25, of Glendale was charged on Feb. 3 with seven counts of assault on three separate victims and one count of possession of child pornography. In Sanchez's case the alleged victims are students in special needs classes. Sanchez had worked at nine schools within GUSD.

Sanchez was to appear in court on Tuesday; however, he did not appear due to "transportation" issues and his attorney had a scheduling issue. His next court date is scheduled for Nov. 18 in Pasadena Superior Court.

News from the CHP

All lanes of the eastbound Foothill (210) Freeway were closed on Monday at about 1 p.m. due to a verbal argument between a grandson and his grandmother. California Highway Patrol responded to the reported dispute between the two individuals. Officers separated the two, making certain there were no weapons involved in the dispute. CHP closed down the freeway lanes as a precaution. The lanes were opened after it was determined there was no danger to the two individuals or others.

On Wednesday at about 9:50 a.m. a driver lost control of his vehicle while traveling southbound on Briggs Avenue just north of Foothill Boulevard. The vehicle hit a fence and a tree and was perched on the slope toward Pickens Canyon Park. The male driver was transported to a local hospital with minor in injuries. No other vehicles were involved.

California Highway Patrol responded to the accident.

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CRIME BLOTTER

OCT. 26

4800 block of La Cañada Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, security footage from a residence showed an unknown person (suspect) wearing a dark colored hooded jacket and light colored pants seen crouched behind the bushes in front of the location. The suspect walked across the street and grabbed a Flock Safety camera pole with both hands. The suspect pushed and pulled the pole repeatedly until the pole loosened from the ground and was uprooted. The suspect guided the pole to the ground and walked away. The pole, camera and solar panel were not damaged.

The incident occurred at 8:13 p.m.

OCT. 23

5100 block of Gould Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a Lamborghini SUV was reported missing from the driveway of a home at the location. The vehicle was locked and the owner was in possession of the vehicle's keys at the time of the theft.

Surveillance footage revealed a suspect wearing a face mask and dressed in dark clothing walking up the resident's driveway where the vehicle was located. It appeared the suspect shattered the front passenger window of the vehicle. There was a tow truck that pulled into the driveway and towed the vehicle. It had a AAA sticker on the truck.

The grand theft occurred between 2:50 a.m. and 3:10 a.m.

Obituary

Paul Robert Mitchell



March 9, 2026

We are saddened to announce the passing of Paul Robert Mitchell on March 9. Paul was born in Fremont, California to June Collier, who later married Paul's adoptive dad Willard Mitchell. Paul's legacy will be carried on by his wife Kym, daughter Jenna, son Julian, daughter-in-law Sierra and grandson Tate.

Paul was a larger than life personality and always found a way to make an impact on the lives of everyone he met. As a family, we carry his love for music and for food, continuing to listen to Joe Sample and cook his cedar plank salmon.

Any memorial contributions can be made to Friends of the Big Bear Valley Alpine Zoo where he spent his time volunteering as a docent, sharing his knowledge of all of the rescue animals.



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USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Brings Community Together for Girl Talk

On Oct. 22, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH) hosted Girl Talk, a free community event bringing together attendees and specialists from Keck Medicine of USC for an informative discussion on breast health, breast cancer screening and early detection in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"One of the most valuable things about Girl Talk is the opportunity to connect with women in the community with local experts, hear their questions and address concerns they may not always have the chance to discuss," said Amanda Woodworth, MD, director of breast health with Keck Medicine of USC and creator of the Girl Talk series. "We want every attendee to leave feeling informed, supported and empowered to prioritize their health."

Moderated by Woodworth, the program featured a panel of Keck Medicine specialists who discussed common breast cancer myths, screening recommendations, prevention and treatment. Panelists included Emma Koesters, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon; Maria Nelson, MD, surgical breast oncologist; Danielle Sterrenberg, MD, medical oncologist and hematologist; and Michelle Wu, MD, radiologist.

The event opened with a guided breath work practice led by Stefanie Solomon, DPT, a physical therapist with USC-VHH. The practice encouraged participants to release tension and reconnect with their bodies before the discussion.



Photo courtesy of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
USC-VHH recently hosted Girl Talk, a free community event.

The physician-led discussion included a live question-and-answer session with attendees submitting questions on cards to engage directly with specialists, learn about different aspects of breast care and address their concerns in an open, supportive environment.

Woodworth created Girl Talk to make important health information more accessible and help women feel comfortable discussing topics related to their well-being.

Over the past four years, she has led more than 20 Girl Talk events at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, USC Arcadia Hospital and USC-VHH.

Through community programs such as Girl Talk, USC-VHH continues to connect community members with trusted medical experts and resources to support informed decisions about their health.

Submitted by USC-VHH

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Community Feedback Presented

Thank you to those of you who took part in the GCC recent community feedback sessions about GCC's Montrose Campus and the new Allied Health Program. We are committed to keeping the community informed and continuing to gather your input as these projects move forward.

Read on for a recap of the two previous community sessions and details about the final fall session coming up today, Thursday, Oct. 29.

Plans for the Montrose Campus

- GCC owns two buildings in Montrose located at 2340 and 2350 Honolulu Avenue. The College does not own any additional properties in the area and is not considering any future purchases.
- Eventually, the existing building at 2350 Honolulu Ave. (the former Citibank building) will be rebuilt as the permanent home for GCC's Allied Health Program.
- The new building will fit within the existing building's footprint. The building will be two stories from Honolulu Avenue and will be consistent with the height of other buildings along Honolulu.
- GCC does not have plans to make significant exterior changes to the former PDC building at 2340 Honolulu Ave.
- GCC has intentionally designed a program for the Montrose Campus that will provide a tangible benefit to the community while mitigating any parking challenges. The College does not have plans to make changes to the existing parking lots. Programs will be designed to ensure the existing lots can accommodate the College's parking needs.

Over the past few weeks, GCC hosted two listening sessions focused on the design and programmatic elements the community would like to see in the new Montrose Campus. There is one more session coming up today, Thursday, Oct. 29.

Session 1: What building design elements would you like to see in the GCC Montrose Campus?

What we heard:

- It's important to keep the "quaint" shoppers park feel along Honolulu
- Softer design variations, such as curved lines and arches, are preferred over rectangular, block buildings
- Brick is preferred over wood or stucco - especially at the street level
- Inset building entrances and awnings help divide two-story buildings and make the frontage feel more welcoming
- Soft directional lighting is greatly preferred over bright white
- More trees and benches would be appreciated

Session 2: What types of programs, activities or services could GCC offer that would benefit the Montrose community?

What we heard:

- Programs for all ages, including young children, teens, families and seniors
- Focus on the arts – gallery, makerspace or performance space would be welcomed
- Retail and restaurant elements help fit the Montrose vibe
- Resource hub for lifelong learners
- Programs with community benefit, such as a "repair cafe"
- Meeting space for information sessions and community organizations
- Space for fun community gatherings, such as board game nights

CEQA / EIR Development Session: Preliminary discussion about potential environmental impacts the community would like included in the official Environmental Impact Report takes place tonight, Thursday, Oct. 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

Submitted by GCC

Correction

In the Oct. 22 issue of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, St. Luke's of the Mountains is having its Dia de los Muertos celebration on Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ROBIN *from page 2*

Squirrels, rats, mice and who knows what else might eat decorative pumpkins, too! Even by putting out fake pumpkins, bears will inspect them which draws unnecessary attention to property.

Let's face it: bears can be an ongoing nuisance; we see them all over the place. Just a couple of years ago a mama bear and two baby bears made their home in a neighbor's tree. And I tell my delivery people to keep their eyes open in case there are bears roaming the neighborhood.

I'll be putting away my pumpkins; I don't need any uninvited guests at my house.

WEATHER *from page 2*

Rain is in our future! There is a slight chance of rain today and Friday but NOAA is pretty certain there will be rain on Saturday afternoon through Sunday. Though NOAA is not certain how much rain there will be it looks like a wet Samhain/Halloween.

The temperatures will very likely fall and there may even be temperatures a little like a Southern California winter – in the low to middle 60s starting today through Sunday. It will be closer to 70 degrees on Monday and Tuesday.

GCC *from cover*

"A public pool that is closed on weekends for almost half the year is a resource that is not serving the public," Sebastian concluded to enthusiastic applause from those attending the council meeting.

Much later in Tuesday night's meeting, after a lengthy and detailed financial update which included good news about a $7.2 million surplus ending the last fiscal year and preliminary deliberations regarding potential future revenue sources, the council instructed the city manager to keep the pool open, at least until another financial report is presented which was previously scheduled for December.

Sebastian's school posted on social media his speaking at the council meeting and the good news about the pool: https://www.instagram.com/p/DfBofD0SP6N/.

Finance director Jack Liang detailed the budgetary report for FY2025-26; summarized revenue enhancements that are in the works as well as those still being considered or explored; and asked the council to weigh in on longer-term funding options.

Currently the city is increasing its efforts to collect transit occupancy taxes; implementing a development concierge fee; creating revenue-sharing for digital kiosks; increasing parking fees; and accruing valuation from landfill gas used to produce energy. Next under consideration are additional increases to on- and off-street parking fees; providing electric vehicle chargers in the public right-of-way; adding a potential public safety impact fee; and implementing a transportation impact mitigation fee.

Councilmember Elen Asatryan wants the city to also consider a tourism business improvement district, as neighboring Burbank and Pasadena have implemented, a tax collected from visitors as well as the continued consideration of a municipal ice skating rink. She expressed her frustration at the pace of city staff's acting to implement some of these ideas.

"I don't want to be the angry councilmember," she said.

Further potential revenue increases would require an affirmative vote by the public. These include an increase to the city's sales tax – previously considered but the votes needed for further consideration were unable to be secured;

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VIEWPOINTS

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Cemetery Times, Yesterday and Today: Part 2

Part 1 told the tale of one of the valley's most unforgettable characters from its early days: Parson James Wornom. We left with the old parson asking local developer Marshall Hartranft to donate a parcel of his land for a cemetery so he could one day be buried among the hills and the people he loved. Mr. Hartranft was rather dismissive – at first.

The Parson became ill – very ill. He was an old man who had worked hard all of his life and time was running out on him. When Mr. Hartranft saw this, he was full of contrition and he promised all over again to donate a parcel of his land but, as always, after he left the press of his many interests crowded out of his mind the Parson and his cemetery.

He went again to see the sick man and Jennie, the parson's wife, only shook her head when she saw Marshall at the door. The Parson's voice was hardly a whisper.

"I'm almost ready, Marsh; have you given [any thought to] my cemetery?" he asked.

Marshall swallowed hard and murmured something. When the old man dozed off, he quietly slipped out of the door and drove like mad to his office. Salesmen and prospective buyers vied for his time but he waved them all aside, rushed into his office and slammed the door. Finally, he had an inspiration. He selected a site of about four acres of foothills, then called his superintendent of construction and told him to take all of his laborers and mules and create a path up to the top of the main hill.

He went back to see the Parson.

"I have your cemetery now, Parson. It's ready for you," he said.

The old man smiled and relief came over his face. Just hours later, as if he had truly been waiting, "The Old Parson" died in his sleep on April 19, 1922.

Days later, his beloved horses pulled the parson's covered wagon with his casket inside down Pinyon Avenue to the foot of the hill. It was then carried by hand up the steep, winding trail to the highest rise. His wife Jennie stood by his side and many forlorn residents followed behind. It was a beautiful day and John Steven McGroarty voiced the community's great sorrow. This is how the Tujunga Cemetery, now the Verdugo Hills Cemetery, came to be.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, Verdugo Hills Cemetery will honor James and Jennie Wornom at a Day of the Dead – Día de los Muertos – celebration from 12–5 p.m. – "Dine with the Dead, Walk for Life." Everyone is invited and admission is free. Every half hour, a cemetery resident's life story will be told at their graveside, along with a photograph and candles. Residents like Henry "Harp" McGuire, who was awarded the Navy Cross during WWII for extraordinary heroism, Zama Vanessa Helder, a renowned watercolor artist, and George Washington Harris, the eccentric nature builder who



built Bolton Hall, are just a few of those to be honored on this day of remembrance.

Joselito's Tujunga and the Back Door Bakery will both be serving up some delectable food for purchase. In addition to great eats, there will be photo opportunities, games with prizes, marigolds and a community altar. A bell will sound every half hour to signal the journey to a resident's place of rest.

Bring some cash for food and games, but admission and many of the day's events, like the special Día de los Muertos dance performances, are free. Park on Terecita Road and make the short walk to VHC. Navigate to 10950 Terecita Road to park and head uphill. Limited parking is available across from the cemetery gates for those unable to make the walk. Go to friendsofverdugohillscemetery.com for a map of the day's activities, and please come visit the Verdugo Hills Cemetery on Nov. 1 between noon and 5 p.m.

Craig W. Durst, AKA The History Hunter, is a historian of the Tujunga Rancho and President of the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. He can be reached at craig@thehistoryhunter.com.



OP ED » FRANK COLCORD

Why Support the Abode Communities Development Project at Foothill & Briggs

As a local elected official and longtime resident of La Crescenta, I have been listening intently to the current debate over new multi-family development projects being proposed in the Crescenta Valley. And since I live off Briggs Avenue above Foothill Boulevard, I have especially been watching the project proposed for that corner.

More specifically, Abode Communities – a not-for-profit 501c3 organization that builds and manages low-income and senior housing – is proposing to build a 66-unit multi-family apartment building on the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue. These apartments would be made available for rent to individuals and families with incomes between 30% and 70% of the Area Median Income ($31-74K/yr). Twenty-five of these units are specifically for young adults transitioning out of the county's foster care system.

To understand more about this proposed project and its developer, I first attended the CV Town Council's public meeting on the subject held last May. I then met with Abode Communities' executive VP as well as reviewed its latest financial audit and IRS Form 990.

To follow up on the issues and concerns voiced at the town council meeting, I met and spoke with representatives from the LA County Fire Dept., Glendale Unified School District and Crescenta Valley Water District. A detailed assessment of each issue and concern is available in the Addendum attached.

After considering all of the information gathered, I have concluded that the Abode Communities' project is an overwhelmingly good fit for La Crescenta.

And here are the reasons why:

1. The project will help with our community's desperate need for housing, especially low-income housing, and will proactively help mitigate homelessness.
2. The developer (Abode Communities) has a proven record of successfully developing and managing this kind of project and has already demonstrated its willingness to be good neighbors. After receiving input from the town council and community in November 2025, Abode made major modifications to its original project design to accommodate many of the identified concerns, including:
   - Reducing the total number of units by almost 20%
   - Reducing the building's height by eliminating a whole floor
   - Addressing parking concerns by reducing the number of units and increasing the onsite parking/unit ratio
   - Addressing congestion concerns by redirecting resident cars onto Foothill and away from Briggs
3. The project is in a good location:
   - The project is located on an existing commercial corridor alongside similar-sized buildings (there are already four other three- and four-story buildings on this block of Foothill)
   - It is within walking distance of public schools, grocery and other stores, restaurants, mass-transit lines and even the sheriff's station

see COLCORD *on page 18*









NEWS FROM CVWD » JAMES LEE, GENERAL MANAGER

CVWD Asks: Imagine a Day Without Water

Having safe, clean water available when you turn on your faucet is one of the main differences between your home and a campsite. A lot goes into having that water ready for you at all times. It's involved and complex, and we've prepared a brief video to give you a glimpse into what it takes. Have a look either by scanning the QR code or navigating to instagram.com/cvwaterdistrict.

One of the many important components of delivering water (and taking it away!) is pipeline – a backbone of the system. We are aggressively pursuing pipeline replacement with in-house construction crews to save between 40%-60% compared to private contractors. We are one of very few neighborhood utilities to do so. Sometimes, we do deploy private contractors for major cross streets. These projects are noisy, dusty, create traffic diversions and delays and are overall are highly inconvenient – but they are necessary to preserve reliable service today and for future generations.

The next major project is along Montrose Avenue between Ramsdell Avenue and Del Mar Road, replacing about a mile of pipes dating back to the 1960s.

Construction is expected to begin in November with completion anticipated by spring 2027.

What Residents Need to Know

•*Early November 2026:* Crews will begin exploratory excavation to locate underground utilities and confirm their depth and position.

•*November 2026:* Work is scheduled to begin near the intersection of Ramsdell Avenue and Montrose Avenue.

•*Spring 2027:* Construction is expected to be completed by the end of spring.

How Construction May Affect You

Drivers and residents should plan for temporary disruptions during construction:

•*Traffic delays:* Weekday work may affect northbound travel on Ramsdell Avenue and eastbound travel on Montrose Avenue.

•*Work hours:* Construction activities are expected between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Depending on conditions, crews may need to work later into the evening.

•*Parking restrictions:* Curbside parking may be temporarily limited in certain work areas to provide room for construction crews and equipment.

•*Construction noise:* Some noise is expected during working hours.

•*Weekend traffic:* All lanes will remain open on weekends.

Thank You For Your Understanding With This

Everything we do is powered by dedicated professionals. Some have reached significant milestones and, since we are a neighborhood utility, I like to spotlight them to the community:

•Morgen DuRose – He has served the community for 25 years. Mr. DuRose is appreciated for his dedication and broad understanding of District operations, having served in various capacities across the organization.

see CVWD *on page 18*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trust in Our Mailing System

Today I received notification from the USPS that a government envelope had been delivered to my mailbox. In much anticipation I ran downstairs to check my box and there it was: my passport!

It was explained to me when I applied for the passport a few weeks ago at the Glendale Central Post Office that this was the procedure that would alert me to when the passport had been delivered. During the process the government alerted me also by email that my application had been received and was being checked for authenticity, etc.

My question to all of you: How can it be possible that this proof of my citizenship is acceptable to this president and yet my vote by mail ballot that I also mailed at my Maryland Street, La Crescenta post office could be in question? (That is a distinct possibility.)

I share this with our local paper and all of you because in my opinion at some point, common sense and trust in our mailing system has to be restored.

Tracy E. Collins
La Crescenta

Who – or What – Americans Voted For

Angry villagers turned out on Oct. 17 for the annual scream fest at Glendale City Hall to protest the barbarities and cruelties of the Trump Administration ("Local Protestors Turn Out For No Kings Rally," Oct. 22, 2026).

The only things missing were torches and bags of quicklime.

"I certainly didn't become a citizen to see this country fall apart," said a forlorn frau. "In Germany, where I come from, we fought against the Nazis."

For the record, Americans voted for a President, not a king. Our last monarch was George III, who we turned out in 1776.

It seems ironic that America, the proverbial land of opportunity, bestowed billions of dollars on education, housing and medical care for millions of immigrants, legal or otherwise, only to be reviled as a corrupt and rotten country.

Like ungrateful relatives, our "guests" not only want something for nothing – they want it gift wrapped.

Les Hammer
Pasadena

Urges Community to Get Involved

To the residents of unincorporated La Crescenta and Montrose:

Why aren't you running for the CV Town Council? Do you not realize how hard we worked to become one of the 26 town councils in the 5th LA County district?

I remember how important it was to then-CV Sheriff Station Captain Carol Painter. I remember being told I would only have to attend [Council meetings] as an alternate when Solveig Traeger or Patti Steur were absent! I remember going to Washington, D.C. asking for millions [of dollars] to get our new library! I remember the hours putting together our community standards district.

Now I attend a meeting to congratulate those going off the council – but where are those coming on?

It's your town now; get involved!

Danette Erickson, Past President, CVTC
Longtime CV Resident

Endorses Amy Chen

Amy Chen is running for a seat on the Foothill Municipal Water District board representing Division 4. If you live in Division 4 and get your water from Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District or another local water company, this election is about your bill.

Your water company buys imported water through the Foothill Municipal Water District whose decisions on supply, infrastructure and cost land on our bills. Water-related property taxes have more than doubled since 2024, with another 20% increase [forecast] this year.

Amy is a licensed professional engineer with 40 years in California water – from LADWP operations to rates and regional policy at the San Diego County Water Authority. After the Eaton Fire, she knows what preparedness takes.

Her opponent, former La Cañada Flintridge mayor Laura Olhasso, was appointed to the seat when the last Division 4 director stepped down. Laura's campaign argues that the Foothill Board already has the water expertise and that she'd round out the board. That's not an argument for electing her. A director doesn't round out a board. Each division elects its own director and if you live in Division 4, that seat belongs to you.

We need a specialist, not a generalist. We need an advocate who will stand up for our local water companies and ratepayers and make the right policy decisions to protect us. That's why I'm voting for Amy Chen.

Anita Brenner
La Cañada Flintridge

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Kiwanis of La Cañada Hosts Benefit Art Auction and Artisan Marketplace

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada announced its upcoming Benefit Art Auction and Artisan Marketplace taking place on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at La Cañada Flintridge City Hall (One Civic Center Drive).

This premier community event brings together art enthusiasts, collectors and holiday shoppers for an afternoon of exceptional shopping and bidding – all to raise vital funds for local youth scholarships and other community initiatives.

The marketplace will showcase a diverse selection of high-quality, handcrafted goods including: contemporary fine art, handcrafted ceramics, vintage jewelry, artisanal woodcarvings, custom succulent arrangements, apparel and La Canada High School Students Art Show and Sale. In addition to the artisan booths, the highlight of the event is a curated silent auction featuring collectible art. Bidders will have a rare opportunity to vie for pieces by world-renowned master Pablo Picasso and groundbreaking pop artist and original social justice pioneer Corita Kent, alongside works from other listed artists.

"We are incredibly proud to bring an event of this caliber to La Cañada Flintridge," said La Canada Kiwanis President Caroline Anderson. "Whether you are looking to acquire a piece of art history, find a unique holiday gift or simply support our local artisans, this marketplace offers something for everyone. Best of all, a percentage of every dollar raised goes directly toward supporting the work of Kiwanis in our community."

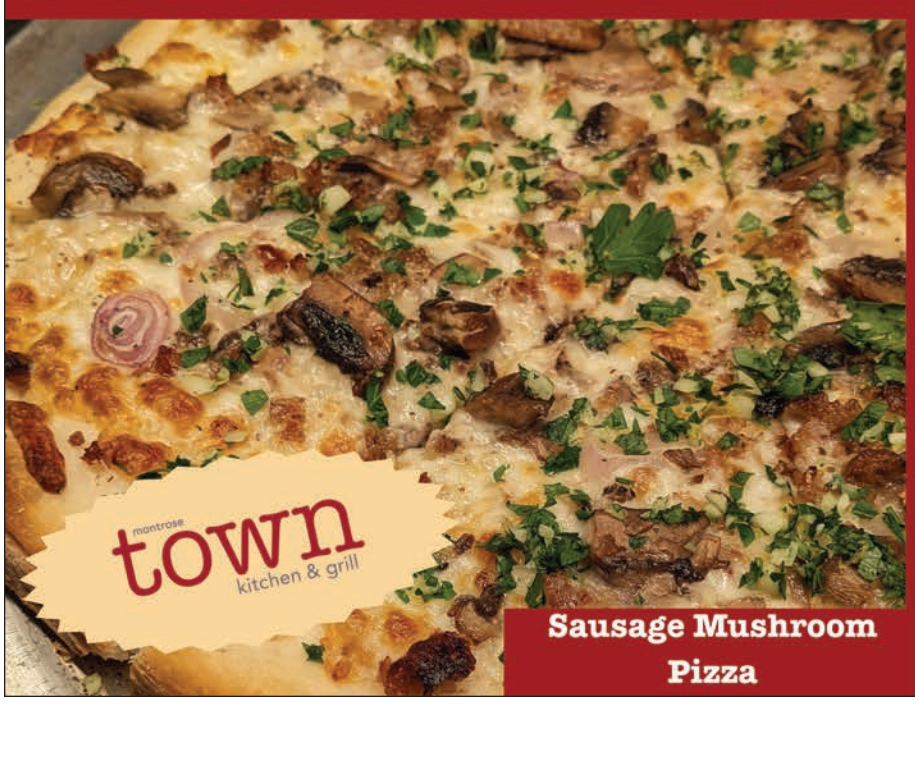
Admission to the event is free and plentiful parking is available near city hall. Guests can enjoy light refreshments while browsing the marketplace and placing their silent auction bids. For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, visit LaCanadaKiwanis.org or contact Event Co-Chair Maureen R. Siegel Sprowles at (818) 339-6639.



The La Cañada Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (tax ID #95-4359177) dedicated to serving the local community through membership, service and fundraising. The La Cañada Kiwanis Club (501(c) (4), tax ID # 95-6100347) focuses on changing the world one child and one community at a time by supporting local schools, leadership programs and youth-centric charities.

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Thanksgiving Day Run & Food Drive Returns for 33rd Year



The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge will host the 33rd annual Thanksgiving Run & Food Drive on Thursday, Nov. 26.The professionally-timed race will begin at 8:15 a.m. at Olberz Park. The Kids' Mile Run for children aged 12 and under will begin at 9:30 a.m. Top finishers will receive cash awards and handmade ceramic trophies and all participants will receive medals and T-shirts.

"Bringing our community together is at the heart of everything we do and the Thanksgiving Run & Food Drive does that in the most meaningful way," said Michael Powers, executive director of the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge. "Runners and walkers come out to celebrate the holiday and through our partnership with NASA Services and Sue's Garden we're also making sure our neighbors in need have something to be thankful for this season."

The Community Center is again partnering with NASA Services to collect food donations during the month of November. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items are welcome. Gift cards may be dropped off at the Community Center office during business hours. Donations will be given to Sue's Garden in La Crescenta for distribution to local families in need.

Advance registration for the Run is highly recommended; walk-up registration is not guaranteed. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are also available.

For more information on the Thanksgiving Run & Food Drive visit CCLCF.org/run or call the main office at (818) 790-4353.



Breaking the Silence on Menopause: Millions of Women Affected Annually

Despite the growing visibility of menopause in headlines and pop culture, outdated myths continue to stand between women and the care they need. For the 1.3 million women in the U.S. who reach menopause each year, the experience is too often defined by silence and with debilitating symptoms, from severe hot flashes and brain fog to sleep disturbances and mood shifts. Often these symptoms are dismissed as merely "a part of aging."

This Menopause Awareness Month, Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center is dismantling that stigma. Its goal is to turn the page on a generation of misinformation, committing to a new standard of care where women are no longer left to suffer in silence but instead are empowered with the expert, personalized and proactive support they deserve during this transformative life stage.

"We are seeing a long-overdue cultural shift, but awareness is not the same as access," said Dr. Sera Ramadan, Internal Medicine, at Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. "While more people are talking about menopause, too many women are still left to navigate their symptoms without a clinical roadmap. Our goal this October is to bridge that gap by providing evidence-based care and dismantling the 'suffer in silence' narrative that has persisted for generations."

The Current Landscape:

- *The Scale:* Approximately 1.3 million women in the U.S. reach menopause annually.
- *The Treatment Gap:* Despite the availability of effective management strategies, a significant percentage of women do not seek or receive treatment, often due to a lack of specialized training among providers.
- *The Economic Impact:* The professional impact is undeniable; research consistently shows that unmanaged symptoms often lead to career disruption at the height of women's professional influence.
- *The Clinical Reality:* With perimenopause often starting in the 40s and symptoms lasting years, personalized, proactive care is essential.

"Menopause is a natural stage of life, but it should not be an uncomfortable one," added Dr. Ramadan. "Evidence based interventions offer a variety of solutions, from lifestyle adjustments to hormone therapy and non-hormonal treatments. No one should have to 'just deal with it' when they could be thriving."

Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center encourages women to:

- *Track symptoms:* Use a journal or app to document changes in cycle, mood, sleep and physical comfort to share with your provider.
- *Normalize the dialogue:* Discussing menopause with your provider, friends and family, helps erode the stigma that isolates women in the workplace and at home.

"We are committed to fostering a healthcare environment where menopause is treated with the same priority as any other significant health milestone," said Dr. Ramadan. "This month, we invite our community to join us in making sure that every woman has the resources, the knowledge, and the support she needs to navigate this chapter with confidence."

GOT GOOD FOOD?
CV Weekly can promote your restaurant or food service! For details, call Rachelle at the CVW office at (818) 248-2740

TRAVEL & LEISURE

MOVIE REVIEW » JACKSON TOYON

‘Wildwood’: A Breathtaking Reminder of the Irreplaceable Value of Humans in the Creative Process

By Jackson TOYON

“Enjoy handmade art before it’s gone!”

This beseeching message appears to the audience on a small piece of store signage in the background of a momentary shot near the beginning of the film. However fleeting, it’s a fitting and poignant message – both because of LAIKA Studios’ talent for incredible hand-animated pictures and because of the current state of the entertainment industry where visual arts professions are under a growing threat of being undermined and even replaced by AI. LAIKA, with its near unassailable record, is perhaps one of the greatest examples of an animation studio that understands the importance of an artist’s hand during the production of a film – and it aimed to prove it with its newest venture.

13-year-old Portland resident Prue McKeel (Peyton Elizabeth Lee) has never been a believer in magic and thinks she has everything figured out. One day when she ignores her parents’ warnings to not take her baby brother Mac outside of the house, a murder of crows swoops down and spirits him away into the unknown. With the help of her dorky tagalong Curtis (Jacob Tremblay) she ventures on a mission to rescue her beloved little brother and goes into the mysterious but picturesque “Impassable Wilderness” about which her parents always warned her. Before she can catch a breath, Prue’s beliefs are quickly challenged as she and Curtis are chased by talking anthropomorphic coyotes, encounter signs of real magic and meet Alexandra (Carey Mulligan) – the sinister Dowager Governess who harbors hidden motives of her own. Prue and Curtis are split up shortly after their arrival and find themselves in the middle of a coming war that Alexandra is preparing to wage on the land’s ancestral inhabitants – and whoever else dares to oppose her. The life of young Mac and the fate of the Impassable Wilderness hang in the balance and Prue must find strength and belief that she never thought she possessed.



Image provided by Jackson TOYON
Prue McKeel and Curtis travel in the forest in the Impassable Wilderness.

It is difficult to overstate just how staggering are the art and visuals of this film. LAIKA and its dedicated team have achieved the spectacular – having woven a gorgeous, textured, lived-in world with room for both epic scenes of large-scale action and smaller vignettes of more intimate feeling. It has employed stop motion animation (as it always has) but it’s so buttery smooth that it almost doesn’t look like it – qualities that I believe will make it enduring and genre-defining among its peers. It feels like the kind of animated movie that could define childhoods in the same way that Coraline did for so many. Being made by a studio based in Oregon, the film also oozes a tangible love for Portland and the Pacific Northwest that can be felt in the delightful details.

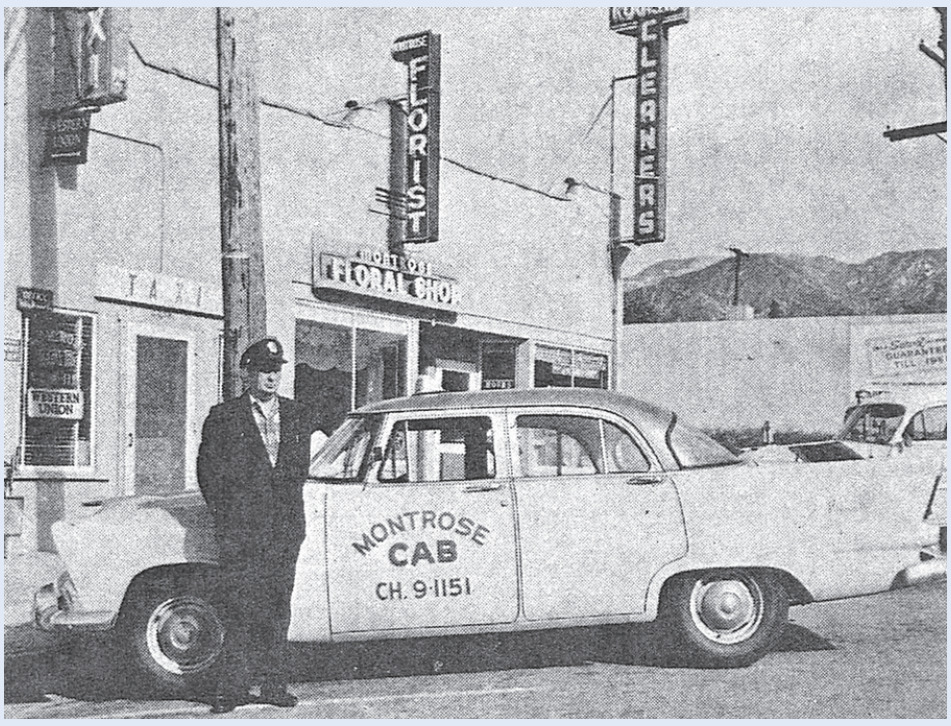
Another way that “Wildwood” particularly stood out to me is how it takes a turn for the mature. Coming in at a little over two hours, it forgoes the industry standard 90-minute runtime and stands alone as LAIKA’s longest and only PG-13 rated film thus far. It’s the furthest thing from a “gorefest” but the extra grim edge it carries as a result is impactful and I believe it will endure better in the public consciousness for it. The film is also carried along by a strong voice cast with much of my praise earned by Carey Mulligan for her portrayal of the evil Dowager Governess. The only element of note that I found the film suffering from was a few moments of fairly generic dialogue but the story well makes up for it and it was never enough to take one out of the experience.

“Wildwood” is a brilliant testament to the medium of animation, the degree of love put into LAIKA’s projects and why filmmaking still matters. The run-of-the-mill Marvel movie might clean up at the box office and hold enough turn-your-brain-off fun to please general audiences at a base level, but its visual feasts and masterful pieces of handmade craft (like this one) inspire future generations to carry on the tradition of creating and sharing art of their own with others. AI can generate homogenized amalgamations of existing material but the best and most important stories will always come from the practiced hands of artists working together to make something bigger than themselves.

Rated PG-13.

THEN & NOW

Montrose Cab Company
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: The Montrose Cab Company had its dispatch office in this small retail building at 2034 Montrose Ave., a half block above Honolulu Avenue. It also handled Western Union Telegrams and shared its building with a florist and a cleaners.



Now: The building was demolished to make way for a bank in the 1960s, which in turn was demolished to make way for a Carl’s Jr in the 2000s.

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The Secret Story Connecting Knott's Scary Farm

By Charly SHELTON

The monsters at Knott's Scary Farm may have more in common than an appetite for unsuspecting visitors. Behind the fog, an interconnected mythology has been developing for the last seven years linking witches, haunted houses and ancient objects across seemingly unrelated attractions. And it's been happening right under our noses, noticed only by those who dare to peer into the darkness and find the connections.

At the center of much of it is Sarah Marshall, the Green Witch of Calico, and a mysterious book known as The Grimoire.

Sarah Marshall dates back to the very opening of the event in 1973 when she was known as Spooky the Witch, and later Spooky Sarah. From 1973 to 1979, she was a roaming character in the fog, scaring guests when they least expected it. In 1980 to 1989, she became the focal point of the nightly show, The Hanging. The townspeople of Calico accused her of witchcraft and sentenced her to hang in town square. Just as the noose is slipped over her head, a puff of smoke appears and she reveals herself as a witch and makes her escape. She curses the town of Calico to become a Ghost Town and fill with an unholy fog at sundown each year at harvest time and that the citizens would be as monstrous on the outside as they are on the inside.

The maze Origins: The Curse of Calico from 2019 picks up moments after she disappears from the gallows and her curse takes hold in the town. It ends in the tunnels where Sarah is using her spell book The Grimoire to fill the town with fog.

Then in 2022, The Grimoire got its own maze as backstory to where the book has been throughout time. But after that, The Grimoire started showing up in other mazes, seemingly disconnected yet bound by the appearance of this book. Mazes like Eight Fingers Nine, Widows and Mary: Haunting of Worth Home have all had The Grimoire show up in one way or another. This secret connection has been playing out right before our eyes, for anyone willing to look.

In an exclusive interview, Knott's creative designer Jon Asperin, who developed The Grimoire maze, confirmed that the connections are intentional. Asked whether Scary Farm overall is one connected story, he answered, "Absolutely."

Asperin explained that around 2017 and 2018, the creative team began working toward a more unified mythology. Rather than forcing every attraction into the same plot, stories were wanted that could stand independently while sharing a common world. Some details are Easter eggs. Others establish possibilities for stories that have yet to be told.

"We've been very mindful knowing that a lot of our mazes are incredible by themselves and don't require The Grimoire. What we've done is integrated The Grimoire to kind of tie back for our hardcore guests, that lets them know that it is a part of this bigger universe," Asperin said. "And our universe of Scary Farm consists of different timelines, different places, different eras that paint this bigger, bigger picture of this huge, almost cinematic universe, in a sense, that has all these different stories, but they exist in our world."

The Grimoire is one of those connecting threads. The supernatural book can change its appearance, disguising itself as a children's storybook during the Civil War, classified documents during World War I or even a cookbook in the 1950s. But it isn't the only magical object in this universe.

"And so, with the development of all these crazy ideas throughout the next coming years, it put us on this path where we're currently at – where we've had the opportunity to introduce what we call Ancient Artifacts into our lore – The Grimoire being one of them," Asperin said.

Asperin confirmed that the team has been developing the idea of multiple "ancient artifacts" for years. They may appear quietly in attractions long before anyone explains what they are or what they can do. Guests hurrying through the mazes while being chased by monsters can perhaps be forgiven for missing the clues.



Photo by Charly SHELTON
The book The Grimoire can be found throughout many mazes at Knott's Scary Farm.

"Are these items fully developed? Absolutely," he said. "Are we ready to share it? Unfortunately, not quite yet."

With Origins ending its run this Halloween, Sarah's maze may disappear but her story appears far from finished. The witch has been part of Scary Farm's identity for decades and the creative team has left plenty of doors open for her next chapter.

The full interview and a breakdown of the connections appear in our video "Sarah Marshall and the Secrets of The Grimoire" on YouTube, which can be seen by scanning the QR code attached to this story. Just don't be surprised if the next visit to Scary Farm involves as much clue-hunting as screaming.

LCPC Presents Jazz Vespers on Nov. 8 – All Saints Remembrances

The Jack Lantz Sextet will present a Jazz Vespers concert and worship experience featuring the jazz versions of hymns, spirituals and gospel music in the sanctuary of La Cañada Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

Come light a candle in honor of a loved one who has gone before us and let their memory be a quiet flame in the evening light. Then sit with us and meditate on the scintillating jazz of memorial, funeral and resurrection: music born of sorrow and lifted by hope, the sound of the New Orleans second line, where grief walks slowly to the grave and joy dances home. Come remember, come be still and come hear the saints go marching in.

The Jack Lantz Sextet (Lance Rickman, alto and tenor saxophones; Jeff Kaye, trumpet; Ido Meshulam, trombone; plus Zac Matthews, bass, Dave Marks, drums and Jack on piano) improvises on a wide range of familiar hymns and gospel music in swing style.

No charge to attend (a free will offering received) and no reservations required for this hour-long event.

Join us for an extraordinary experience as we pray and cry for peace in our time. LCPC Jazz Vespers will also be livestreamed at live.lacanadapc.org.

La Canada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. For further information, call the church office at (818) 790-6708 or visit lacanadapc.org.

White to Perform for GNC

The Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts (GNC) series features live performances at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

On Nov. 4, GNC features pianist Brendan White performing a solo piano recital featuring selections from Années de pèlerinage by Franz Liszt (Hungarian, 1811-1886). These include: Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts, 1883), Sonetto 47 del Petrarca (1858), Aux cyprès de la Villa d'Este I: Thrénodie (1883), Les jeux d'eaux à la Villa d'Este (1883) and Tarantella (1858).

The title refers to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's novels Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship and Wilhelm Meister's Journeyman Years (Wilhelm Meisters Wanderjahre, translated into French as Années de pèlerinage).

Much of the material grew out of his earlier collection Album d'un voyageur (1835–1838) written during his travels in Switzerland and Italy with the Countess Marie d'Agoult.

The pieces in the second volume (published in 1858) explore Italian literature and culture. Dating from late in Liszt's life, the pieces published in 1883 displayed harmonic experimentation, introspection, religious contemplation and his late style.

Brendan White is a Grammy-award-winning artist whose performances feature a wide range of classical and contemporary piano repertoire. White is based in the LA area where he collaborates with orchestras, chamber ensembles and solo artists. He is a featured musician on Danaë Vlasse's Grammy Award-winning album "Mythologies." White performs solo recitals celebrating new composers and historically overlooked masterpieces. His collaborations include performances with the Eastman School's Musica Nova, Vicente Chamber Orchestra, Global Harmony Symphony, Jackson Symphony, Symphony of the Verdugos and more. As one of Piano Sphere's Emerging Artists, he has worked with notable composers and conductors including Thomas Adès, Alma Deutscher, Alan Pierson, Donald Crockett and Steven Stucky.

A Tennessee native, White studied at the Eastman School of Music and University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music. In addition to his performance career, he is passionate about music education and teaches students of all ages. He is an original member of the annual Sunset Chamberfest in Los Angeles, which features the work of young composers in Southern California.

To learn about upcoming concerts, visit http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com October 26, 2026 - November 1, 2026

ARIES *March 21 - April 19*
This period is excellent for making changes at all levels of your life. You have a window of opportunity to get started now. Use this chance to get back on track as far as your well-being is concerned, especially if you've strayed lately. If you start a diet now, you'll be more likely to stick to it. Go for it!

TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*
It's time to do some daily inner work on your health and wellness goals in order to make them a reality. You can do this in a number of ways. You can visualize them in detail, as though you've already attained your desires. You can use affirmations regularly. Or you can experiment with self-hypnosis. For best results, stick to the method you choose.

GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*
This period may encourage you to get involved in an exercise group or join a club that you feel good about. You thrive when you have the support of others. You may not be so effective at achieving your goals if you try to accomplish them alone. Make a point of finding out what's available in your area, and get going.

CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
This period may coincide with a drop in enthusiasm. If you've worked hard over previous months, there's a possibility that you may have burned out. Don't give up altogether. Instead, learn to pace yourself and slowly increase the length of your workouts. Consolidate your efforts so you're ready for the next stage.

LEO *July 23 - August 22*
Take off and give yourself the freedom to explore new cultures and philosophies. If you're traveling, this may be a good time to experiment with other ways of eating that could benefit you. Watch out for certain foods that have adverse effects on your system. Try to limit your intake of greasy or fatty dishes.

VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
You may feel moved to take a look at your ancestry and check for any inherited weaknesses. If there's a health issue that seems to repeat itself among family members, you may want to acknowledge this and see if you're prone to the same issue. You might also want to get advice on anything you can do to help keep the problem at bay or avoid it altogether.

LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
This an excellent time to get some help with your training and fitness program. If you lack motivation, you may find this to be the best way to reach your goals. If you don't want to hire a trainer, you may want to bring your partner into the fun. That way you'll be able to support each other and spend some time together in the process.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your health zone brings good news. If you've been thinking about going on a diet or losing weight, this is a great time to commit to your goals. You'll be more likely to stick with any routine you begin now. If you're thinking of going for a treatment like acupuncture, this is the best time to begin.

SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
Your energy level may not be quite as high as you've been enjoying lately. You may need to choose your activities more carefully over the coming months so you use your energy in the best way possible. It may also help if you take vitamins and minerals on a daily basis to boost your immune system.

CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
You're moving closer to achieving your health goals in many ways. It's time to consolidate your progress and think ahead. How can you improve on what you've already achieved? Do you want to focus on some aspect of your fitness efforts? For instance, you may enjoy dancing and swimming. If so, go for it!

AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
Some books concerning health and wellness may contradict your experience. At this point, you need to trust yourself rather than go with what someone else wrote. Everyone's metabolism is different, so what works for you won't necessarily work for others. Get advice and ideas, but listen to your body. It will direct you.

PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
Aspects suggest that too much hard work and not enough attention to your body and well-being may result in stress. Give yourself plenty of leeway now. Make sure to pay attention to your health, because by doing so, you'll have a lot of extra stamina and be more likely to succeed.

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KIWANIS CLUBS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Oct. 30, Johnny Brookbank will give a presentation on The Hero's Quest.

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, Oct. 31, Back Door Bakery and Cafe is having a special event – a Halloween Party including costume contest, prizes, giveaways and live music with 99 Mirrors.

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.

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, 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.

CCLCF EVENTS

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

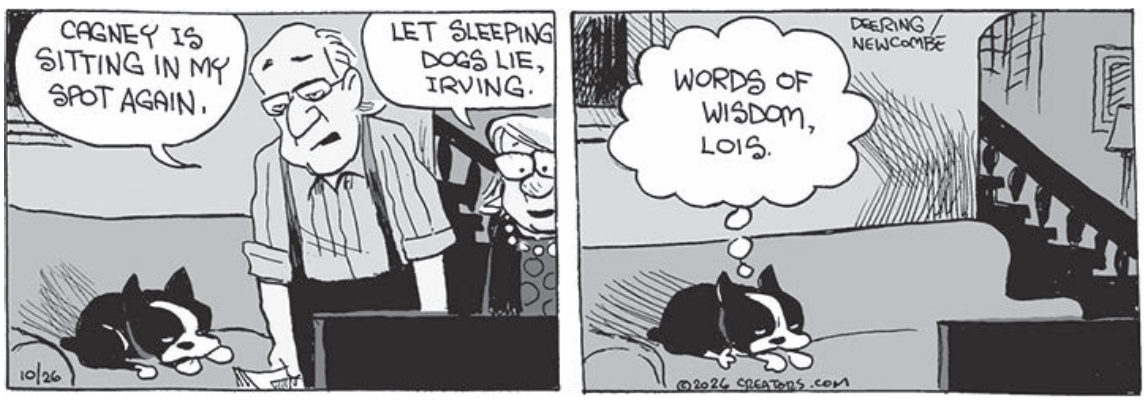
• Fall II Registration: Fall II registration is open! Fall II classes started the week of Oct. 19 and run through Dec. 19. It's not too late to take part! Browse new classes and returning favorites at cclcf.org/register.

• Help local families in need by donating non-perishable food, toiletries and/or gift cards to CCLCF's annual food drive. Drop bins will be located at CCLCF and select organizations in the area throughout the month of November. Learn more at cclcf.org/run.

• Thanksgiving Run: The 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Day 5K & Kids Mile is coming up on Nov. 26. Early bird savings end Oct. 31! Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available. Learn more: cclcf.org/run.

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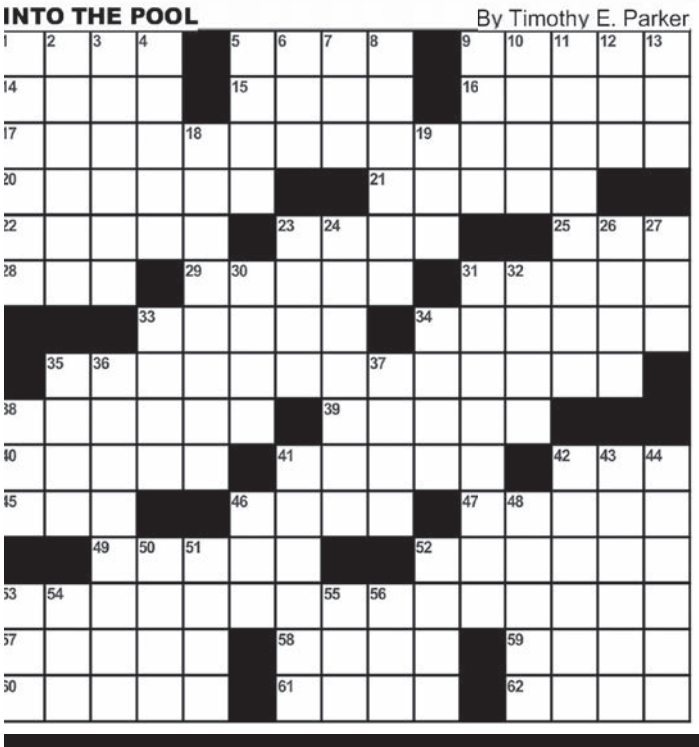
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21) Gofers and such
22) One putting people in their places
23) Like bone-dry land
25) Relaxing health facility
28) Place for a pig
29) Cut at an angle
31) Chimney parts
33) Pago Pago's place
34) Scarcity
35) Becoming allies
38) Peril
39) Tidal bore
40) Correct, as text
41) Anxious
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45) One of the major networks
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61) Blockhead
62) 1990 World Series champs

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4) On edge
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6) Delivery vehicle
7) Easter basket item
8) Not wholesale
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10) Formally surrender
11) Comfort verbally
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34) Boxers and retrievers
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38) Christmas mo.
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42) Smitten
43) Like stadium rows
44) Some woodland deities
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51) Concludes
52) Bombard, as with water balloons
53) Santa ___, California
54) Mafia head
55) Definitely not later
56) Seven, on a grandfather clock

INTO THE POOL

By Timothy E. Parker



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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Is There A Way Out Of This Amazon Account Recovery Black Hole?

Henry Dickson is trapped in a digital hall of mirrors after his iPad crashes and requires a backup restoration. Amazon's security system demands he approve a notification on an app he can't access. Can a loyal customer find a human at Amazon with the power to override a buggy algorithm?

Question: I've been an Amazon customer for more than 20 years. I've spent thousands of dollars on Amazon products and even contributed to the Amazon Vine program.

Recently my iPad was bricked – meaning it was rendered inoperable – during an update. After I rolled it back and reinstalled the Amazon shopping app, I tried to log in. The system asked me to approve a notification sent to the app on that very iPad. Since I was not logged in yet, I could not see or approve the notification.

Now I'm stuck in an endless loop. Amazon has a recovery link where you can upload a driver's license to prove your identity but the link is useless. It requires you to log in before you can upload the documents. If I could log in, I would not need the recovery link.

I've spoken to a dozen representatives over several days. Some were nice but most just read scripts and promised to escalate the case. Each escalation resulted in a form email containing the same link that does not work.

I even tried the account change team at a special phone number. A representative had me email my ID and confirmed he received it. Then I immediately got an automated bounce-back saying the address does not accept incoming emails.

I've lost access to my Prime benefits and my entire Kindle library. It feels like the company's tech support is nonexistent and designed to fob customers off. I just want to regain access to the account I have maintained for decades. Can you help?

— Henry Dickson, Roswell, New Mexico

Answer: Amazon should have a recovery process that works when you lose access to your primary device, like your iPad. A security system that requires you to be logged in to prove you can't log in is a cruel digital tautology.

Amazon should also ensure its account change team can actually receive the documents they request instead of pointing you toward a "no-reply" black hole.

You kept great records of your interaction with Amazon, which was really helpful. But it looks like you also made several increasingly frantic calls to Amazon. When you find yourself in a loop like this, stop calling the main support line. The front-line agents rarely have the authority to bypass two-factor authentication protocols.

Instead reach out to an executive. I list Amazon executive contacts who can actually make things happen on my advocacy site.

I contacted Amazon on your behalf. At the same time, you took a chance and emailed an executive. While Amazon claimed your account was "compromised," it finally disabled the 2FA and the old password. The path back wasn't easy. You hit another wall when the system told you that your cellphone number was already in use. Eventually, Amazon allowed you to re-register your number and regain control.



Illustration by Dustin ELLIOTT

"I know your wait has been frustrating and for that, I truly apologize," a representative wrote to you in a follow-up email.

I'm glad you got your account back. You mentioned you're having second thoughts about returning to Amazon after this. That's understandable. If a company makes it this hard to be a happy customer, maybe it's time to take your business elsewhere – somewhere that doesn't treat your identity like a math problem it can't solve.

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•Take part in a heartwarming volunteer event at CCLCF on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Pack wellness envelopes filled with love, care and holiday cheer for women undergoing chemotherapy. Volunteer at cclcf.volunteerlocal.com.

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

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.

ANSWERS *for page 15*

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'10 GOOD MEN' COMING TO ALEX

The California premiere of the film "10 Good Men," a feature documentary about the B-17 Flying Fortress in WWII told through the final original firsthand accounts of 10 surviving combat veterans, will be screened on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd. in Glendale.

Tickets are $16 to $26 and available at thealex.evnsong.com/events/10-good-men-tickets (discount of 10% when using code TJ10). Groups of 20 and more receive on-stage recognition.

A Q&A with director Trent "TJ" Jones and producer George Retelas follows the screening with poster signing afterward. Pre-show activities include replica WWII flight gear and photos with historical re-enactors in the theatre courtyard.

AUTHOR MEISELAS AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

On Saturday, Nov. 7 from 1 – 3 p.m., the community is invited to meet Ben Meiselas, co-creator with brothers Brett and Jordy of MeidasTouch, currently the most downloaded podcast in the country.

Ben Meiselas will be at Flintridge Bookstore to sign the brothers' just released book WTF America?!: The Way Out of this Hell and Back to Democracy (Grand Central Publishing), which has already gone to reprint and is now the No. 3 overall non-fiction bestseller on Audible.

The book WTF America?! is an unflinching look at how the United States and the world arrived at this dangerous moment – with authoritarian movements gaining ground and democratic institutions under relentless

attack – and, more importantly, how we can fight our way back and reclaim the future.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge,. The bookstore's hours are: M - F from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Gail Mishkin at gailm@flintridgebooks.com or call the store at (818) 790-0717.

CREATORS MARKET LA COMING TO MT. OLIVE

On Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mount Olive hosts Creators Market LA, a family-friendly market featuring local artists, handmade goods, Japanese crafts, food and unique gifts.

Admission is free.

Mount Olive is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

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.

BINGO FUN

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos is hosting its Fall Bingo Night at Verdugos Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; games start at 5 p.m. Admission is $25 for 10 game cards. Advance ticket purchase is recommended and sponsorships are available. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

A sock drive supporting the Glendale Police Dept. community outreach will also be held. Those who bring in three or more pairs of new socks (any size or style) will receive one free pre-game opener bingo card.

For tickets or more information, call (213) 545-1563.

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

MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

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

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

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

•Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Library.

The Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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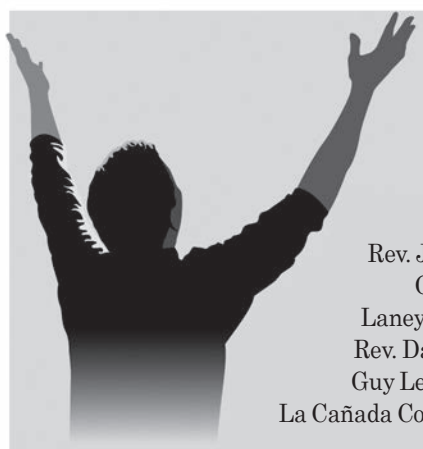
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: The mid-term election is imminent. Everyone around me, no matter what "side of the aisle" they are on, seems to be concerned and feels our country/state needs a turnaround. I don't want to get into debates or arguments that only seek to polarize people. I am a committed, God fearing voter.

How do I be open, yet keep my perspective being true to my values and beliefs? – Concerned Voter

Answer: Dear Concerned Voter,

Your concerns are well-founded. The best thing we can do, as people of committed faith, no matter our political persuasion, is to pray for our country and the upcoming election.

God's Word says in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Here is a suggested outline to help you pray in these next days:

1. God's purposes will be fulfilled in our state/nation election's process:

- That the process will be honest, free from fraud or manipulation
- The ballot counting will be accurate and not delayed
- God's choices will be fulfilled about those to put in authority and laws to pass

2. The candidates and leaders:

- Their lives will be protected from harm or danger
- Will be God-fearing, not afraid to speak up and stand for what they believe in
- Will be committed to govern with wisdom and courage
- Will prioritize serving the people rather than gaining personal power

3. The voters:

- Will be able to discern truth from misinformation and manipulation
- Conversations with others will be respectful and civil even though they may disagree
- Will weigh their vote based on the Word of God and biblical principles rather than attitudes of others, fear, media pressure or historical political loyalty

4. Spiritual Renewal in Our Nation:

- This election will be more than a political turning point. It will be a turning back to God
- Our constitutional form of government, that we were founded upon, will be protected
- The people will be committed to respecting and submitting to governmental authority
- People will cultivate a spirit of brotherly love and care for their fellow citizens
- Families will be unified and strengthened

Our first President, George Washington, following his inauguration prayed and dedicated our country to God. Here is his prayer that should be given a hearty amen by all of us: "Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, without a humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee."

Committed to praying for our nation and citizens,

Pastor Dabney Beck

NOTES & NODS

LCIF INVITES COMMUNITY TO ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to attend its All Saints Day worship service on Sunday, No. 1 at 10 a.m. led by Pastor Viv Vega. At LCIF, All Saints Day is a time for the congregation to pause, reflect and give thanks for all people of faith – both those living today and those who have passed away.

In the Lutheran faith, the word "saint" isn't limited to famous historical figures. Instead, it refers to every believer, viewing each person as both flawed in daily life and forgiven through God's grace.

During Sunday's worship, the church will honor loved ones who have passed away by reading their names aloud. A bell will chime for each person named.

Following the service, everyone is invited to gather in the fellowship hall for refreshments and snacks. The informal gathering will offer an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and connect with members of the congregation and other community members.

Anyone attending Sunday worship is encouraged to bring non perishable foods and/or personal hygiene products for the church's "Grace-Giving" drive. Donations can be placed on the altar for a blessing during Sunday worship. Alternatively, items can be dropped off at the church office and LCIF will make sure they get to the altar the following Sunday for a blessing. Donated items will help those in need this Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information on all church events, or to receive pastoral care, visit lcifoothills.org, email office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP CONCERT

All are invited on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. for a praise and worship concert at New Hope Church, 10438 Oro Vista Ave. in Sunland.

The concert features a nine-piece band with drums, guitar (acoustic and regular), keys, bass and three to four really great singers singing leading Christian praise and worship music that most of the churches in our town are used to hearing and singing.

The concert is free to attend and words are projected so everyone can join in! The concert is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with break in the middle for coffee and cookies.

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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4. Multi-family homes like this are more environmentally sustainable with residents using only half the energy and water per capita of residents in single-family homes. They also reduce urban sprawl and the pressure to mow down more of our beautiful hillsides for houses.
5. It is a terrific project, especially considering the alternative. Case in point: the city of La Cañada has spent years (and a million plus dollars) fighting a multi-family housing project further east on Foothill. Recently, the courts ruled LCF could no longer prevent the development of this property and they now have a much larger project being developed there than the one originally proposed.
6. Lastly, this project is a terrific opportunity for La Crescenta to demonstrate our best qualities. By being welcoming of these young adults and families, we can help provide them with the kind of safe, stable and supportive community we have all benefited from and that they deserve.

At this point if you are still not convinced, I request you consider the Addendum (found online: www.cvweekly.com/VIEWPOINTS) I have provided that digs deeper into each of the concerns voiced in opposition to this project. I think you will find that the reasons to support this project far outweigh the few concerns that are largely over-blown or have better solutions than just opposing this project.

Supporting this project will also demonstrate to other developers that we as a community can be reasonable if they are reasonable. This may go a long way in shaping what future development along Foothill Boulevard will look like.

In closing, I hope you will join me in voicing your support for this terrific project by emailing the CV Town Council (contact@thecvcouncil.com) and Supervisor Kathryn Barger (Supervisor.Barger@bos.lacounty.gov).

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Morgen is a central part of the System Operations department and uses his talents of "Responsibility" and "Activator" to provide a welcoming learning opportunity for all. He holds State-certified Distribution IV, Treatment III and Collections I licenses.

• Christina Kopelman – She has served the community for 20 years. Ms. Kopelman is appreciated for her infrastructure coordination and delivery over the years, most recently earning her Project Management Professional designation. Christina uses her talents of "Relator" and "Ideation" to demonstrate technical leadership and leadership in terms of workplace culture. She holds Distribution II and Treatment II licenses.

• Rob Wood – He has served the community for 20 years. Mr. Wood is appreciated for his steady hand in developing the District's wastewater collection program and building upon the System Operations department using his talents of "Developer" and "Achiever." He holds Distribution II, Treatment II, and Collections III licenses.

Our next office hours, which we hold about quarterly, is on Jan. 27 at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. We will also be resuming tours, so please reach out if you'd like an invite.

Thank you as always for reading and continuing the dialogue.

GWP *from cover*

In essence, those four things and those four bullet points are why we're here today," said Tom Lorenz, former public information officer for the City of Glendale who acted as moderator at the Oct. 17 public meeting at Brand Park.

Chisom Obegolu is the assistant general manager of GWP. He started the Oct. 17 meeting by explaining the past.

"About 70 to 100 years ago we built our water system. That was a great investment," he said.

He then stated the main two reasons the rate hike is required: improving an aging infrastructure and the increase in the price of buying water.

"Many of you may be aware of the conditions of Lake Mead and Lake Powell where the [water supply] is depleting at a rapid rate," he said. "The City of Glendale, as it exists today, cannot exist without imported water."

He added Glendale imports 60% to 70% of its water supply from outside the immediate region and the number one source – the Colorado River –"emanates from Lake Powell and Lake Mead."

"But the second source is the State Water Project System from Northern California, which travels 700 miles to Glendale," he said.

The remaining percentage of water that makes up the GWP water table is groundwater at about 38%.

Buying water is necessary but has become increasingly more expensive. The cost of maintaining the infrastructure is also more expensive.

Most of the audience members at the Oct. 17 meeting understood the reasoning behind the increases but had questions as to the amount that will be raised annually and if the amount raised will be used in a fiscally responsible way.

"I totally understand why you need to increase the rates," said a woman in the audience. "However, based on what your wonderful customer service told me, it's being increased 100% for me. [That's] 100% for the first year and more than that in the second year, so to put that into a question … Is that not a little ridiculous?"

Obegolu explained that there are a lot of variables in terms of what makes up a customer's rate and how much the increase will be.

"If you are in the highest elevation, generally speaking, you will pay more than those in a lower elevation," he said.

There was another question about businesses not getting the same rate increase. It was explained that wasn't really the case, but then Obegolu added, "One of the reasons why commercial bills aren't going up as much as a single family's is because now all customers are going to be tiered."

In the future, it is proposed that all customers will have tiered rates while currently commercial customers have a uniform rate.

This comment prompted some in the audience to question whether this water hike promoted attraction of developers.

Members of GWP said they do not promote individual companies.

Glendale customers can see what their estimated cost of water will be at https://waterbillestimator.glendaleca.gov/.

For information on the GWP water rate proposal visit

https://tinyurl.com/45kku7k4.

To connect or get information on those opposed to the rate hike visit

https://www.saveglendalewater.com/.

The decision will be made by the Glendale City Council at its meeting on Nov. 3 at 614 E. Broadway, 2nd floor, in Glendale. The meetings begin at 6 p.m.

LEGALS & CLASSIFIEDS

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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDMUND SKAISTUTIS SPIRAUSKAS CASE NO. 26STPB09531

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Edmund Skaistutis Spirauskas; Edmund S. Spirauskas; Edmund Spirauskas**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **TARA LYNN MURRAY** in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION for Probate requests that **TARA LYNN MURRAY** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: November 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 610, Room n/a at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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an increase to the parking tax paid by private lots; an increase in the business license tax; a new cannabis tax; a commercial vacancy tax; and a public safety parcel tax.

Three councilmembers expressed willingness to reconsider cannabis businesses in Glendale as well as possible options for short-term vacation rentals, perhaps on a temporary basis to capture Olympics revenue.

Mayor Ardy Kassakhian was not at Tuesday's council meeting but his proposal to move to a wide-angle camera viewpoint for council meetings failed to garner support. Changes to the council's public comment procedures moved forward with three votes to consolidate all of the public commenting periods "front-loaded" at the beginning of the council meetings and to limit the time allowed public speakers based on the number of speakers on a "sliding scale," such as been recently adopted by the City of Long Beach: three minutes if there are between one and 10 speakers; 90 seconds if there are 11 to 20 speakers; and 60 seconds if there are 21 or more public commenters.

"You're adopting an ordinance and a system that hasn't even been tested," said Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian who voted against the changes. (The "Long Beach plan" was adopted by the City of Long Beach on Oct. 13 and has not yet been implemented.)

Councilmember Alek Bartrosouf wants the council meetings to be run as effectively as possible and he wants commenting on issues of public concern to be as convenient and welcoming as possible, especially for first timers.

Councilmember Asatryan opined that public commenting during the council meeting is meant to address the council and not the public, "and not use it as a platform for social media."

The council quickly and unanimously approved a project at 340 N. Central Ave. in the downtown specific plan zone that includes 956 square feet of ground level retail space, 20 residential units (15 two-bedrooms and five three-bedroom units) in a six-story building on a 9,064 square foot site.

Councilmembers commented on the responsiveness of the developer and on the beauty of the ultimate design.

Council critic Beth Brooks appreciated the plans, observing that "architecture is public art."

Also on Tuesday night, the council approved an $8 million pavement reconstruction project in South Glendale.

Councilmember Bartrosouf commended the safety improvements included along with planned asphalt rehabilitation and asked that several high-injury intersections be included, acknowledging that typically improvements to the intersections would be made when the larger arterial streets were repaved.

Public Works staff estimated costs for the intersections at from $150,000 to $255,000 and creativity was urged to reduce the cost, perhaps "striping without scraping."

The council delayed action on a routine field improvement project at Pacific Park/Edison Field, a facility the city shares with the school district. Councilmember Dan Brotman noted that typically the costs are shared, with the city picking up 85% of the costs based on a calculation of usage but that GUSD is claiming an inability to pay.

"It may seem petty but it's $291,000 and 15% is $43,650, not an insignificant amount," said Brotman acknowledging the same budget stresses are experienced by the city.

Councilmember Asatryan agreed that the item should be delayed until an overall discussion can be held with the school district to resolve other funding issues.

Councilmember Bartrosouf shared a reminder that SCAG [the Southern California Association of Governments] is in the process of updating housing requirements which will ultimately be ascribed to California's cities as Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers. Constituents often express concerns about zoning and development issues, he noted, and those numeric targets are set in a complex multi-year process, not by the city council.

"We want more housing," Shane Lee of Glendale YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) told the council.

He invited the public to the group's last happy hour of the year, a Housing Happy Hour, on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Paperback Brewery, 422 Magnolia Ave. "to celebrate some of the successes we've had this year, like the Sears project we made you approve and the Glendale Gardens, and we're also working on the project on New York and Foothill that people are freaking out about – we need to rally to make sure that gets approved."

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