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Council Delays Action on Water Rate Increase

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, notwithstanding a packed house prepared to comment publicly opposing a proposed dramatic water rate hike, the Glendale City Council voted to delay action at least until its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

In early September the council adopted a long-term plan to maintain and upgrade the city's aging water infrastructure and set the stage for the implementation of water rate increases of 53% on average starting on Jan. 1, 2027 to pay for the water plan.

As previously reported, Glendale's 35 square miles hosts a daytime population of more than 200,000, 31 pumping stations, 30 tanks and reservoirs, 15 wells and two water treatment plants servicing 407 miles of pipeline delivering water to 36,000 customer meters. Approximately 62% of Glendale's water is imported from the Colorado River, 240 miles to the east, along with 40 million other water users in seven states; and from California's state water system, joining 27 million other Californians, starting 700 miles to the north.

Thirty-three percent of Glendale's water is groundwater and less than 5% is recycled.

Imported water supplies are significantly challenged by changing conditions: Lake Mead and Lake Powell were approaching water levels so low as to be nearing "dead pool" status where water can no longer flow downstream by gravity.

The last time Glendale conducted a comprehensive water rate study was in June 2018. Water rates have increased 7.5% since 2019 while inflation for the same period totaled 29.2%. The cost of imported water has gone up 45% and the cost of electricity has increased 57% during the same time span while the cost of a gallon of gasoline has spiked 41%.

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Veterans Day Commemorated

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Nov. 11, members of American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 will host a Veterans Day commemoration at Two Strike Park.



File photo

To commemorate all veterans, a service is being held at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Veterans from American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614, seen here at a previous event, will oversee the commemoration.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. That was when The Armistice occurred after World War I. The actual Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919 officially ending the "war to end all wars."

It was shortly after that in November 1919 that President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations…"– President Wilson

It wasn't until the U.S. Congress on June 4, 1926 officially recognized the end of WWI and stated Nov. 11 would be recognized as a "recurring anniversary."

It was called Armistice Day until 1954 when the holiday's name was changed to Veterans Day. It did not stay that way, however; in 1968 The Uniform Holiday Bill was signed moving holidays, including Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, each year to land on a Monday, near its original dates. This was done so Americans could have a three-day weekend. It was thought all would love this change – but it was not loved. In 1971, the first Veterans Day under the new law was confusing because it landed on Oct. 25. A lot of states recognized the original date of the 11th day of the 11th month (Nov. 11), which added to the confusion. In 1978, President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-97 and Veterans Day was moved back to the date of its foundational conception.

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College Presents Plans for Montrose Buildings

By Eliza PARTIKA



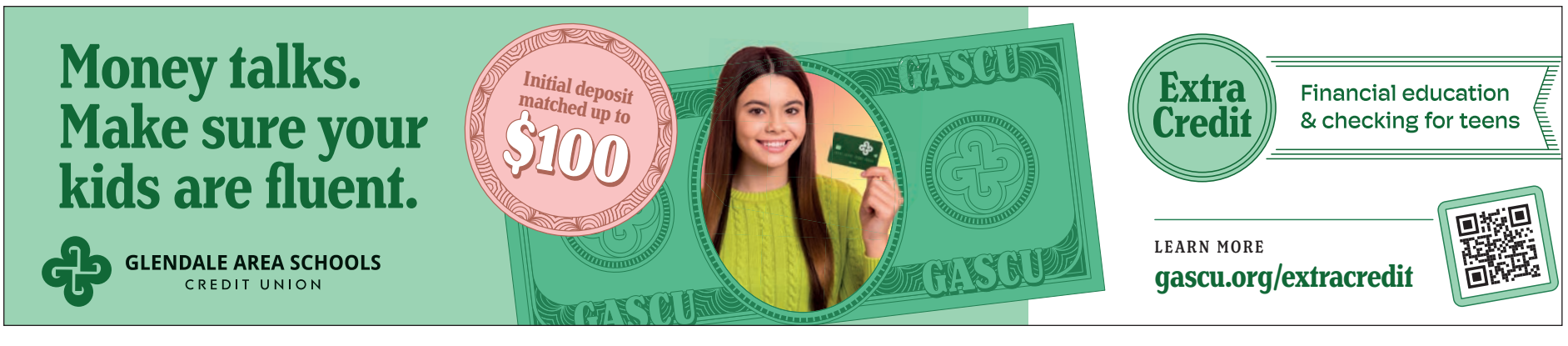
Photo by Glendale Community College

Dr. Ryan Cornner of Glendale Community College addresses concerns raised by nearby residents at a meeting on Oct. 29.

Glendale Community College (GCC) president and superintendent Dr. Ryan Cornner met with around 40 community members on Oct. 29, the last of three meetings to cover the plans for new clinical occupational therapy (OT) and physical therapy (PT) programs planned for the site at 2350 Honolulu Ave. GCC's properties at 2350 and 2340 Honolulu Ave., which the college has owned since the late 1980s, will be renovated and expanded into a clinical setting and a community center, respectively.

Community meetings were the first step in a multi-year approval process for the five-year Allied Health Pathways program, supported by the University of Southern California. After community meetings, GCC will develop curriculum and manage the accreditation process for the new Allied Health Pathways program. GCC will also design the Montrose Campus Allied Health Facility and conduct an environmental review using a "design-build"

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Seems Like Old Times

On Friday I visited the elementary school that my children (and my husband) went to: Monte Vista Elementary School.

The occasion was the children's costume parade when the children parade around the field with the rest of their classmates, showing off their Halloween costumes. My granddaughter was going to show off her "cupcake vendor" costume.

I hadn't been to the school in years – probably decades – and I was surprised by some of the changes. Overall, though, the atmosphere was welcoming and it did feel "like old times."

I took it a bit slow due to the injuries sustained from my fall on Oct. 15, but I eventually made it to the field. The kids were lined up by classroom, decked out in their Halloween finery (I'll include pictures in the Nov. 12 issue of the CV Weekly).

"Spooky" music played and the children marched around the field, many of whom accompanied by teachers and helpers also dressed up in Halloween costumes.

Thankfully the parade ended because it started to rain and parents (and grandparents) made our way back to our cars.

On Saturday night, Steve and I joined my son, his wife and their two children on Honolulu Avenue for the Spooktacular event hosted by the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. I had a chance to briefly speak to Jim Collins, owner of Town Kitchen and Grill. He said the Spooktacular event was one of his favorites – and I agreed. Yes, it was crowded but it was fun. Children, adults and even pets were dressed up in Halloween costumes. The merchants along Honolulu Avenue were armed with plenty of candy, ready to greet the trick or treaters. But we were there only about 45 minutes before making our way to go trick or treating with another granddaughter.

When trick or treating with her I was surprised by how many houses were decorated for Halloween and it made me pine for the days when we used to (elaborately) decorate our house for Halloween. For example, one year we had a smoke-breathing dragon and another we had a troll greeting trick or treaters. Nowadays our house is dark – not even a pumpkin in sight – because we are out with our grandkids. Ah, time does march on.

We were able to get in some trick or treating before it started to rain. Thankfully we had brought our umbrellas and we looked forward to enjoying hot soup that was waiting for us back where my granddaughter lived.

Aside from the bit of melancholy of days gone by we had a fun Halloween – even though I didn't see a smoke-breathing dragon.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

The world of "Star Trek" was hit hard in October. On Oct. 14, Michael Forest died at 97 years old. He portrayed Apollo in the original series "Star Trek" in the episode titled "Who Mourns for Adonais?"

Then on Oct. 15, Richard Riehle passed away at 78. He was often a guest star on a variety of "Star Trek" episodes including "Star Trek: Enterprise," "Star Trek:Voyager" and "Star Trek: The Next Generation" (STTNG).

And on Oct. 25 at age 90, Walter Koenig – Ensign Pavel Chekov – passed away. On Oct. 28, Sir Patrick Stewart, at age 86, crossed over.

As readers of this column know, I am a Trekkie going way back – before the movies and even before the spin-offs. The original series, even at an early age, gave me hope for the future. I loved seeing so many different humans and species working together.

"Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry said that Walter was cast as Chekov because he looked like "Davy Jones from The Monkees." (He wanted to play to the younger generation.)

But for me, Chekov meant more than just a Davy Jones look-alike. He was Russian and openly proud of being Russian and everyone around him treated him equally. This was in the 1960s and, although I found "Star Trek" in reruns in the '70s, we were in a Cold War. The generation before me had "duck and cover" drills for when the Russians sent over nuclear weapons. We were in an intense space race and Russian spies were everywhere. I lived in Iowa, not too far from Omaha, Nebraska. We all knew this was one of the top Soviet military targets in the world. I know it may be difficult for younger people to understand but as a child there was a constant reminder that the number one nuclear target was our backyard.

And yet here was this perfectly friendly, cute guy navigating the Enterprise. That is where the hope was found by me.

I am an original "Star Trek" super fan and a fan of "Star Trek: The Next Generation." I have to be honest: when it came to choosing Kirk or Picard, I was Kirk but in recent years I started appreciating Capt. Picard more and more. He was an intellect, a philosopher, a historian, a psychologist … he was everything rolled up into one.

Patrick Stewart gave Capt. Picard such a range of emotions and nuances. This man was an actor. You just knew that he knew everything about his character and loved the man he was portraying. In actor's terms, there was a lot of attention paid to the subtext of the character and of every scene.

But recently I have found that while Captain Kirk's strength was in-your-face kind of action, Captain Picard's was a subtle strength that built as the scene, and the series, grew.

It has been nice to watch STTNG again with experienced eyes. As the real world around us seems to be moving toward the "strong man" mentality, it is nice to see how true strength is built and wielded with intellect and understanding.

There have been a lot of tributes to Sir Patrick Stewart and Walter Koenig – on social media and in print – since their passing but as always the most eloquent and meaningful words are echoed from "Star Trek" itself: "Someone once told me that time was a predator that stalked us all our lives. I'd rather believe that time is a companion who goes with us on the journey. Reminds us to cherish every moment. Because he'll never come again. What we leave behind is not as important as how we live. The potential [is] to make yourself a better man. And that is what it is to be human."

[This quote came from the film "Star Trek: Generations."]

There does not appear to be any rain in the next few days. Temperatures will be in the high 70s today and Friday to warmer – in the low 80s – over the weekend, then back down to the 70s on Monday and Tuesday.

NOAA is tracking a "stronger looking low pressure system" that may bring rain on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 but that could change.

There will be wind along the foothills, possibly Thursday night but more likely on Friday and Saturday with gusts of 20 mph.

Local resident Gregg Inboden reported 0.31 inches of rain received last weekend.

NEWS

IN BRIEF

HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

The CV Lions Club is having a Harvest Food Drive benefitting the Bailey Center on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Drop off location is at 2563 Foothill Blvd. (on Cross Street).

Questions? Call Diana Tyson at (818) 625-5221 or email LIONS91214@gmail.com.

HEARING POSTPONED

The hearing on CHNA appeal of the 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd. project has been postponed to at least Feb. 23.

GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK

The Chace Taylor Malone iMpact Foundation is having its benefit golf tournament on Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:30 p.m. at El Cariso Golf Course, 13100 Eldridge Ave. in Sylmar.

Register at https://theimpactfoundationla.org/golf-2026.

GWP MEETING POSTPONED

The next public hearing on the proposed water rate increase will be held on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale City Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor, in Glendale.

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.

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.

A Rainy All Hallows Eve in Crescenta Valley

By Mary O'KEEFE













Southern Californians are not used to a wet Halloween but inclement weather did not stop the ghouls and ghosts from coming out in force – with umbrellas in hand.

The last time it rained on Halloween in the Los Angeles area was in 2014. Rain had only dampened the holiday in LA 11 times since 1877, according to reports including LA in a Minute.

At Spooktacular in the Montrose Shopping Park, the crowds of kids and adults began walking Honolulu Avenue early in hopes of beating the rain. The rain started around 6 p.m. though it was a little misty beforehand. But then it was full on rain. Kids ran from store to store to get their candy while parents chased them carrying umbrellas.

Then, as is tradition, many trick or treaters traveled from Honolulu Avenue to the streets of Sparr Heights where residents generously greeted all of the costumed creatures with candy. It was crowded (and a little difficult navigating the narrow sidewalks without bumping umbrellas) but there was as much laughter and excitement from rain-soaked kids as there was when the skies were clear.

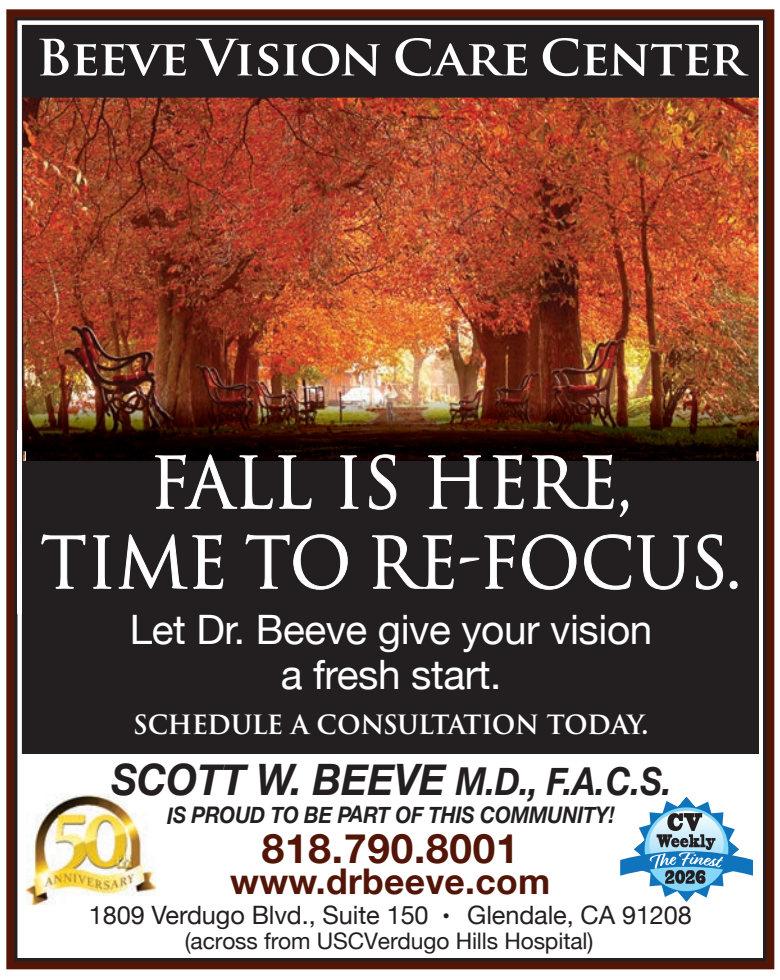
One of the residents said they've given out an average every year of about $400 worth of candy on All Hallows Eve. Many residents decorated so the little spookies felt at home as they presented their candy bags ready to be filled with goodies. The residents who participated are always gracious and friendly as their driveways and porches fill with children.

St. Luke's of the Mountains held a much drier event in Sadler Hall on Halloween as celebrants commemorated Dia de los Muertos and Samhain. Tables were filled with photos of loved ones who had passed over, food and decorations were on display and what seemed like 1,000 orange marigolds decorated the church's sanctuary. Live music played throughout the night.

A day before, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station held its annual Trunk or Treat. The skies were cloudy but no rain fell as plenty of youngsters went from car to car to get their treats. They also enjoyed an outdoor movie.

Photos by Charly SHELTON and Robin GOLDSWORTHY





Day of the Dead and Samhain Commemorated at St. Luke's of the Mountains



Day of the Dead and the Celtic festival of Samhain were celebrated at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church in La Crescenta on Halloween night.

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF HOLDING COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome and first-time donors are especially encouraged to participate. Those who wish to schedule a specific donation time can do so by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering "lcifoothills" when prompted.

The drive comes as the nation's blood supply continues to face challenges. This past July, the American Red Cross declared a national blood supply crisis after donations fell to a four-year lo, with supplies of type O blood reaching critically low levels. Although the blood supply has made some recovery, maintaining an adequate inventory remains an ongoing concern.

According to the Red Cross, someone in the United States needs blood or platelets every two seconds.

In addition to the blood drive, LCIF invites local bookworms to discuss "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi on Monday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. in the church's conference room. The book is the November selection for LCIF's book club, which meets monthly. The book club is open to anyone in the community with a love of reading.

The church continues to accept donations for its "Grace-Giving" drive to collect non-perishable food and personal hygiene supplies. Donations can be placed on the altar, for a blessing, during Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Alternatively, items can be dropped off at the church office and LCIF will make sure they get to the altar the following Sunday for a blessing. Donated items will help those in need this Thanksgiving holiday. A list of items that are most needed can be found on the church's website: lcifoothills.org.

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.

UUS IN HISTORY WITH LAY LEADER ANN KLEINSASSER

What do Linus Pauling, Susan B. Anthony and Adlai Stevenson have in common? Along with a host of other well-known historical figures, they were all Unitarians! It is always affirming to learn about inspiring people who shared our values. On Sunday, Nov. 8 we will hear about several famous Unitarians, and the ways their values influenced their work and contributions to society.

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills meets in-person at 10:30 a.m. at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the Zoom link https://www.uuverdugo.org/.

CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

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

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

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Some of California Election Results are In

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Nov. 3 Election Night is over but the counting of ballots continues. The results below are as of Nov. 4 at11:55 a.m. from the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Office. The statewide results are from the office of the Secretary of State Office.

It looks like both La County Measures A and E have a strong lead in approval.

Republican candidate for California governor Steve Hilton has conceded the race to democrat Xavier Bacerra, the next governor of California.

Preliminary results are below:

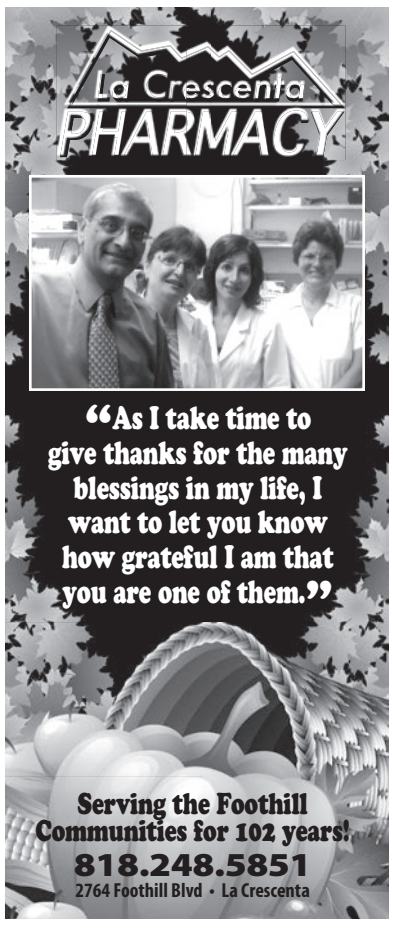
Lt. Governor	*LA County Results*	*Statewide Results*
Fiona Ma	70.62%	63.8%
Gloria Romero	29.38%	36.2%
Secretary of State		
Shirley Weber	71.93%	64.7%
Donald Wagner	28.07%	35.3%
Attorney General		
Rob Bonta	71.12%	63.8%
Michael Gates	28.88%	36.2%
U.S. Representative District 28		
Judy Chu	72.33%	
April Verlato	27.67%	
U.S. Representative District 30		
Laura Friedman	75.47%	
Scott Meyers	24.53%	
Member of the State Assembly District 41		
John Harabedian	70.62%	
Adam Vena	29.38%	
Member of the State Assembly District 44		
Nick Schultz	71.12%	
Carolyn Daniels	28.88%	
Superintendent of Public Instruction		
Richard Barrera	62.40%	57.1%
Sonja Shaw	37.60%	42.9%

LA County Sheriff	
Robert Luna	68.53%
Alex Villanueva	31.47%
Burbank City Council – Top Three Candidates for three seats	
Nikki Perez	22.19%
Mike Van Gorder	13.64%
Nolan Southerland	11.57%
Los Angeles City Mayor	
Nithya Raman	51.12%
Karen Bass	48.88%
La Cañada Unified School District Governing Board Member – Three seats available	
Dan Jeffries	27.09%
Susan Moore	23.49%
Octavia Thuss	21.63%
Crescenta Valley Water District Board of Directors – Three seats available	
Carla Dillion	32.96%
James Bodnar	31.33%
Jeffrey Johnson	27.16%
Foothill Water District Member Board of Directors, Division 5	
Patrick Atwater	59.38%
Noosha Razavian	40.62%
La Cañada Irrigation District Member, Board of Directors, Division 4	
Helen Avila Olivares	68.62%
Sheree Butts	31.38%

Measures 1, 2, 3, 5, 37, 38, and 42 all received a Yes vote with 50-plus percent of the vote counted.

Measure 4, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44 and 45 all a No vote with 50-plus percent of the vote counted.

The election results will not be official for another 36 days.



A New Project on Foothill



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

By Mary O'KEEFE

Community members may have noticed the demolition of the buildings at 3037-3043 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

This project, according to the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) report, is a mix use condo project. It includes 29 attached residential condominium units in six buildings and one commercial lot with mixed use of 9,500 square feet commercial and 18 residential condos in one building.

The project is currently demolishing six residential structures and one commercial building to make way for the new development.

The project was presented to the Land Use Committee in January 2017 when Sean Mo, the architect and developer of the then-proposed project, said he had responded to the concerns of the public regarding oak trees.

Responding to concerns previously raised, Mo had explained the changes made included preserving all three oak trees.

"Even though we were okayed to tear them down, we'll be keeping them and incorporating them into the landscaping at the rear of the property," he said at the 2017 meeting.

The project was approved in 2021.

To read the history of the project visit https://tinyurl.com/zt35xcpv or https://tinyurl.com/7ed7ua5k.

Threat at FSHA

At 11:19 a.m. on Wednesday, the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station received a call from staff at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Cañada Flintridge indicating it had received a threat.

The school placed itself on lockdown as a precautionary measure and deputies were on scene. No suspects were located, no acts of violence occurred and no injuries were reported.

The school and the sheriff's department are actively investigating the incident.

The school's BrightArrow emergency messaging system provided instructions to parents regarding how they may pick up their children, who were released.



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CRIME BLOTTER

OCT. 31

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that while she was shopping at the location she purchased jewelry using her credit card. She then continued to shop and put her purse down while she was trying on clothes. She then picked up her purse and left the location to go to the grocery store. When she went to make her purchases at the grocery store she realized her credit card holder was missing. She then got text messages from her credit card companies that someone had attempted to use her credit card without her permission or knowledge. She canceled her cards.

The theft occurred between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that as she was shopping she placed her purse in a shopping cart. As she approached the cashier and checked her purse she notice a male adult quickly walking away from her area. She then found her wallet had been stolen. Another victim at the same location, and around the same time, reported that while she was shopping she put her purse in the shopping cart. While she was waiting at the checkout lane she noticed her iPhone was missing from her purse.

Both thefts occurred between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

OCT. 29

2500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned home to find the interior rooms had been ransacked. The rear entrance, sliding glass door had been shattered and was open. Residents also found the Wi-Fi router had been unplugged, affecting the home's surveillance cameras. Several items were found to be stolen.

The burglary occurred between 8:05 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

OCT. 28

4900 block of Palm Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a driver noticed the door locking mechanism on his vehicle had been damaged and the interior of his car had been ransacked. Tools had been stolen from the vehicle between Oct. 28 and Oct. 29.

Deputies Respond to Incident at Ace Hardware

By Mary O'Keefe

On Tuesday night about 8:45 p.m., deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept.–Crescenta Valley Station responded to a call from a "passerby" who said s/he had witnessed a group of men in the Ace Hardware parking lot in the 3100 block of Foothill. The witness reported seeing at least one of the men with a gun.

Deputies responded and detained the group. After an investigation there was no evidence of any weapons found and the men were released, according to Sgt. John Gilbert, LASD–Crescenta Valley Station.

Obituary

Gary Dean Milam



Aug. 5, 1934 - Oct. 26, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Gary Dean Milam, who departed this life peacefully on Oct. 26 at the age of 92 surrounded by his loving family.

Gary is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 69 years Gayle, his five children: Michael (Deborah), Mary, Matthew (Jennifer), Melissa (Craig) and Melanie (Jonathan), 21 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Gary was born to Caton Lucius and Elsie Milam on Aug. 5, 1934 in the family home on Webster Avenue in Rexburg, Idaho. He lived a life dedicated to his wife Gayle, their five children and his church. He and Gayle were lifelong members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Upon graduation from Brigham Young University, Gary spent over 30 years employed as a business administrator for Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL/NASA). Prior to JPL, Gary managed a few Los Angeles area Alexanders supermarkets.

Gary attended RD White Elementary School, Wilson Middle School and Glendale High School in Glendale. His wife Gayle also attended Glendale High School but the two did not meet until attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where they were introduced by a mutual friend.

After graduating from BYU and marrying Gayle Carole Kirk on Sept. 14 in 1957, the two lived in Montrose for four years and then moved to their wonderful home in Tujunga where they lived from 1963 until August of this year.

Gary had several hobbies and interests – some of which benefited his local community. He spent many years as a Boy Scout leader, helping young men –including his two sons and many of his grandsons – achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Gary also loved fishing – a hobby he was introduced to by his three older brothers (Don, Jay, and Nyle) while fishing the Snake River in Idaho – a skill he passed on to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His two sisters – Betty and Lola – also had a big influence on his life.

Gary also loved taking care of their family home and was especially proud of their backyard, which enjoys a beautiful view of the Verdugo Mountains.

He was a devoted husband, loving father and a wonderful example of Christlike love. We take great comfort in knowing that families are forever. We love you. Until we meet again.

Memorial service was held on Monday, Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1020 E. 1900 North in Lehi, Utah 84043.

A viewing was held prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Highland City Cemetery.

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Getting Prepared for 'The Big One' – Whatever That Looks Like

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

La Crescenta resident Paul Dutton has been working on preparing folks for when (not if) the "Big One" strikes – whether flood, earthquake, wildfire or any other natural disaster.

To that end, he launched The Emergency Preparedness Network, which will have its first webinar on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. It is the goal of the free webinar to start getting families ready for disaster before it strikes.

Dutton has worked in emergency preparation for decades working with the sheriff's department, Red Cross and fire departments, among others, to prepare interagency strategic planning. He can provide free, field-tested evacuation and business continuity checklists to ensure that folks are prepared in the case of emergency.

"It's what we're going to do beforehand that's going to make a difference," he said.

Dutton's experience spans some of the most significant disasters in Southern California's recent history including the Station Fire and the massive floods occurring afterward.

According to Grist Magazine, in the 1980s billion-dollar disasters happened on average every 82 days but over the last decade that window has tightened to just 16 days. Dutton wants to make sure that as many people as possible are prepared.

"They're not coming for you – now what?" is just one of the many questions The Emergency Preparedness Network will answer.

Dutton said that having a three-day kit on hand is a myth.

"People are going to need a lot more than that," he said. "People are going to need a family disaster plan that's going to last 30 days."

Among the things that Dutton wants to teach people is how they can be their own first responder. The three big plans he will teach is the importance of sheltering in place, having a reunification plan and having an evacuation plan.

"Every family needs a reunification plan," he advises noting that most disasters strike without notice.

Preparation in the face of a disaster is essential to Dutton.

"You learn more about putting on a seatbelt on an airplane than taking care of your family in the case of an emergency," he said.

The Emergency Preparedness Network can be found on YouTube, among other outlets, or type tepn.info to get quick access to The Emergency Preparedness Network.

To learn more, on Nov. 7 attend the webinar hosted by The Emergency Preparedness Network from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To learn more, scan the QR code.

Pet of the Week

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!
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GCC *from Cover*

The cost of a fire hydrant has soared 132%.

In addition to the average proposed rate increase of 53% for the first year, rates would go up on Jan. 1 on the following four years by 11%, 10%, 10% and 7% respectively. The average single-family household would see an increase of approximately $37 per month on its water bill. Most renters would see similar, perhaps smaller, monthly increases. The new plan charges rates based on the size of the meter but maintains usage tiers that presumably reward water conservation.

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) prepared detailed information explaining its plans, including a tool to estimate the specific impact of the water rate increases on individual bills, that can be found at https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/glendale-water-and-power/rates/water-rates/proposed-water-rates.

On Tuesday night, the council heard from the public and will continue to hear public comments at next week's meeting. GWP also conducted a series of community meetings as part of its outreach effort.

A first-time council commentator said, "I'm a little baffled by the lack of transparency behind this whole water rate increase in terms of how it's being pushed onto the rate payers. I spoke with the city attorney and asked for the water rates and the master plan – all we have is a summary – nothing has been released in terms of the data behind it.

"At the Oct. 15 meeting, a resident asked why the city wouldn't use its water surplus – the answer was that it's not a surplus. Then at the Brand Library meeting on Oct. 17, GWP Finance staff said that it's not a surplus as it's being depicted and that the city is not authorized to charge more than what it costs to provide water – which is true; that's Prop. 218 – but the city's own adopted budget shows that the water surplus fund holds $136 million as of July 1 of this year, growing to $143 million by next June.

"It's got no spending plan.

"This year the main water fund moves a new $7.3 million into it. The rate study counts that same set-aside at only $400,000. At the same time, the rate study would nearly triple the reserve target from $11.3 million to nearly $40 million to hold six months of operating cash based on what the study calls 'industry standards.'"

The speaker criticized the city's fiscal mismanagement based on its building of bike lanes.

"I agree with the proposed rate hikes on almost everything except one item," said Glendale resident James Henkins addressing the council. "I built a garage 24 years ago. I was told I could get a building permit if I put in a fire-preventative sprinkler system."

Henkins explained that he did not necessarily believe the sprinkler system was needed for the garage but he would not be able to get the necessary permit without it and so he had it engineered and as a result was required to upgrade his water main from one inch to an inch and a half.

"That doubled my customer rate compared to my neighbor, who uses the same amount of water as I do. So for the past 24 years, I've been paying double what my neighbor pays. The new proposed rate structure would make that three times my neighbor's rate, simply because I put in a fire-preventative sprinkler system.

"My neighbor's customer charge would be $16,000 over the next 24 years while mine would be $45,000 simply because water comes to my house in a half-inch bigger pipe. That's the problem I have with the proposed rate structure. I don't see why I should be penalized for complying with the city's requirement that I put in a fire-preventative sprinkler system and then be surcharged an extra $30,000 over the next 24 years.

"Other than that, thank you for giving me really clear, fresh, outstanding water. I appreciate it," Henkins concluded his comments.

Another first-time speaker noted that he had "voted for some of you."

"The simple thing of it is this is an affordability crisis that is self-inflicted. You guys are raising these rates at a time when most people can barely afford their daily food and gas – you have a ton of people on fixed incomes," said the speaker.

He reported that he had attended two of GWP's community outreach meetings and found staff condescending; he believed more time is needed to adequately inform the public about the new higher water rates.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian questioned the process under Prop. 218 by which customers affected by the proposed rate increases can challenge the increase and was told that Prop. 218 challenges would be accepted until the close of the public hearing, after the city council heard all public comments.

Under Prop. 218, if a majority (50% plus one) of the affected property owners submit valid written protests opposing the pending increase, the utility would be prohibited from implementing the rate change.

Earlier in Tuesday night's council meeting, Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) teacher Gagik Galfayan was recognized as a Teacher of the Year, one of five recognized statewide by the superintendent of Education.

Mayor Ardy Kassakhian read from the proclamation: "The City of Glendale proudly commends you for being named one of California's five Teachers of the Year in recognition of your outstanding dedication and contributions."

"It is a privilege to be a teacher in this community. I truly believe GUSD is one of the best school districts in California," Galfayan told the council. He teaches history at Wilson Middle School.

Mayor Kassakhian proclaimed November as Alzheimer's Awareness Month and announced that Glendale City Hall would be lit up in teal as part of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's campaign to "Light the World in Teal." More information about the effort can be found at https://lighttheworldinteal.com/.

The City of Glendale will honor veterans on Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11 starting at 11 a.m. at Fire Station 21, 405 Oak St.

"The city proudly invites all veterans and community members to join us for our Veterans Day event, featuring supportive resources and a complimentary lunch as a token of our gratitude," the city's announcement stated.

More detail about this year's Veterans Day honors can be found at https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/office-of-the-city-manager/communications-community-relations/veterans-day.

Glendale teens and their families are invited to participate in a Teen Driver Safety Workshop on Friday, Nov. 6, starting at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Park Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., where "teens can speak directly with Glendale police officers, California Highway Patrol officers, and Armenian Bar Association attorneys about safe driving techniques and making smart, responsible decisions on today's roadways."

Details about the upcoming workshop can be reviewed at https://www.glendaleca.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/56506/17?toggle=allupcoming&npage=2.

Metro announced the first phase of construction of the North Hollywood/Pasadena BRT along Broadway and Verdugo Road beginning on Nov. 16 and continuing for the next three months. Residents should anticipate temporary lane reductions, turn restrictions, sidewalk closures and pedestrian detours. At least one travel lane in each direction will remain open and access to Glendale High School will be maintained, the mayor reported.

Community meetings are set for later this month: virtually on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – the meeting can be accessed at bit.ly/NoHoPasBRT

and at an in-person community open house in Eagle Rock on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Occidental College, Herrick Memorial Chapel, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Campus Road and Alumni Avenue.

Metro has detailed information about the BRT on its website: https://www.metro.net/projects/noho-pasadena-corridor/.





VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

My Own Memories of La Crescenta – Part 5

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

The Montrose Theater was a kid magnet in the 1960s. I would call the Montrose Theater and listen to the pre-recorded message that told the features showing and the times. (If I didn't know the phone number, I could dial "4-1-1" and a live operator would look it up and read me the number. I had to write it down quickly.) I can remember many times when that 600-seat theater was packed full of kids. One time we came a little late for a showing of Disney's "That Darn Cat." We had to sit in the front row on the far-left side. Couldn't even see the screen!

The ticket window was an opening in the outside wall on the left side of the theater. After entering the doors in the middle the tiny snack bar was on the left side, and the even tinier bathrooms were on the right side. My choice of snacks was always a big box of Milk Duds. The seats were miniscule compared to theater seats today. I was a tall kid and my knees hit the seats in front of me.

Another haunt for us kids was a miniature golf course. It was located on Foothill Boulevard about where the Office Depot is today. It was a very old mini golf course, poorly maintained, with the putting green felt peeling away in many spots. The windmill didn't even turn.

This mini golf place was my first introduction to pinball as it had a line of old machines under an awning. Amazingly they all worked. There was a crusty old guy behind the counter who gave out change and issued the golf clubs. One time he told me the story of having lost one of his testicles in an accident. He said he had been "cut proud," which is a very old horseman term for a stallion that hasn't been properly castrated. He went on to tell me that made him very popular with the ladies, as they thought he couldn't get them pregnant. As a kid, I had no idea what he was talking about but I knew enough to be very, very uncomfortable with the conversation. Ah, the good old days when it was still okay to be incredibly inappropriate.

My pets of choice while I was a kid were guinea pigs, bought from the Tropicana Pet Store in Montrose. I could collect scrap hay for free for their bedding from Bonetto's Feed at the corner of La Crescenta and Montrose avenues. I got lettuce for them at Spike Jones Market for free as well, the outer layers of lettuce and cabbage that they were going to throw away. When one of the pigs died, romantic me wanted to bury him at sea. My mom took me down to Pacific Ocean Park, an old amusement pier in Santa Monica. I intended to toss him off the end of the pier but it was crowded and I got too self-conscious, so I slipped him into a trash can instead.

Many of my columns focus on the darker side of history, murders and such. I was the same way as a child. When a family at the end of the street suddenly moved I was quite sure that there was a murder involved. Us neighborhood kids poured through the trashcan of the house, trying not to be seen by anyone still living there. We soon came upon a kitchen knife with suspicious red stains on it (probably tomato). We had found the murder weapon! We all knew that blood can permanently stain. We had all seen Don Knotts at the Montrose Theater in "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken" with the permanent stains on the haunted house organ that couldn't be cleaned off ("And they used Bon Ami!"). But now that we had the murder weapon, what would we do? Try to find more evidence? Go to the police? No – our solution was to never go down to that end of the street ever again.

Problem solved.

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

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

100 and Counting

By my calculation, this is the 100th article that I have written for CV Weekly, a milestone I never imagined when I began my professional career.

Back in the day, I had set my sights on being an animal researcher, a Jane Goodall-type out in the field, and put myself through college by working different jobs "pushing paper," as they used to say. Over time, I realized that a climate-controlled office was far more attractive than being outdoors in the heat, wind and cold even if I was observing interesting animals. So I shifted gears and started working indoors at the LA Zoo in the Education division and still got to be part of something greater than myself by contributing to the zoo visitor experience. I never looked back.

Since then, I have been provided with many career opportunities and gained many skills. Turns out, one of them is writing. As part of my various jobs and volunteer positions, I had written newsletters, handbooks, marketing pieces and have even written technical documents for the no710.com website while fighting against the 710 Freeway tunnel. All of my administrative work and scientific research prepared me to write these fact-based materials.

Writing for pleasure was never on my radar until one day in 2007 when it just came to me that I should write a book! Yep, it just popped into my head one day out of the blue. The book remains unfinished but what that moment did was wake me up to the realization that I am a storyteller. Writing initially gave me an outlet to pass down my stories and my knowledge, if only for my family to read. What it developed into was so much more.

In May 2018, I was approached by Sharon Weisman, a fellow community advocate, who had been writing articles in the CV Weekly giving reports from the Crescenta Valley Community Association (CVCA). She said she wanted to retire from writing and asked if I would be interested in taking her place. Sharon was one of four volunteer writers who shared a column once a month and reported on state and local issues. Her articles were about land use and other topics that affected the quality of life in the Crescenta Valley. I must say, I was excited about the prospect of becoming a voice for the community I love but also concerned that I wouldn't have enough to write about each month.

Editor Robin Goldsworthy must have been dubious when I proposed a wide variety of seemingly unrelated topics that first year but she took a chance on me, and I am so glad she did. In addition to what the CVCA was talking about, I wrote about volunteerism ("How Full is Your Cup" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/09/06/2018/update-neighborhood-susan-bolan/), becoming a mom ("Parenting By the Seat of Your Pants" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/05/02/2019/news-valley-susan-bolan-2/), the importance of zoos ("Why Do We have Zoos?" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/02/07/2019/views-valley-susan-bolan-4/), interacting with unhappy people ("Killing It with Kindness" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/06/06/2019/views-valley-susan-bolan-6/) and dealing with a chronic disease ("My Endo Story" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/01/03/2019/views-valley-susan-bolan-3/.)

I wrote regularly on local issues like the Verdugo Hills Golf Course housing project ("VHGC Update" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/03/07/2019/news-valley-susan-bolan/) and I also went on to write about growing up in Sunland ("The Benefit of Grass" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/09/05/2019/views-valley-susan-bolan-8/), ("It's a Small World After All" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/04/01/2021/views-from-the-valley-3/), several of my relatives ("Gifts from my Ancestors" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/06/03/2021/views-from-the-valley-4/), ("Connection to Rockhaven" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/11/03/2022/views-from-the-valley-20/), spooky encounters ("Nancy the Doppelganger, Javier the Angel" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/06/01/2023/views-from-the-valley-26/), ("Déjà vu All Over Again" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/10/03/2024/views-from-the-valley-40/), the loss of a son ("A is for Addiction, D is for Drugs" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/02/07/2020/news-valley-susan-bolan-5/) and the aftermath of the pandemic ("We Need a Little Christmas Right This Very Minute" https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/12/02/2021/views-of-the-valley-2/.)

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Spooky Season on Mountain Street

Houses on Mountain Street in Glendale are ready for the spooky season.













Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Why Did Our Agent Counter The Offer?

Dear Phyllis,

We recently sold our home but the experience was unsettling. We received three offers over the asking price. One offer was $100,000 over the other two and our agent decided to counter that offer with what seemed like insignificant items, such as who escrow and title were to be and lessening the days of the inspection contingency. The buyer did not sign the counteroffer and it resulted in us accepting $100,000 less. Why did our agent counter the offer? I think we should have just accepted the offer and opened escrow.

— JK

Dear JK,

I am a Realtor and not an attorney. However, you are missing the point. I don't think the buyer walked away because of the counteroffer. Instead, the timing suggests something else happened.

First, in multiple-offer situations, buyers often stretch beyond their comfort zone. They want to win. As a result, they may submit a price that looks strong on paper but does not hold up emotionally or financially. Then, once the pressure of the bidding war fades, reality sets in. That is when buyer's remorse often appears.

Next, the items your agent countered—escrow, title, and inspection timelines—are typically minor terms. They do not usually cause a serious buyer to walk away from a home they truly want, especially when they have already offered $100,000 more than competing buyers. In most cases, a committed buyer will sign the counter or at least respond. Silence usually signals hesitation or second thoughts, not frustration over small details.

Also, even if you had accepted the original offer outright, the sale was not guaranteed. The buyer still had to deliver the earnest money deposit and open escrow. A buyer experiencing regret can simply fail to perform at that stage. In other words, acceptance alone does not lock in the transaction.

Finally, your agent may have been trying to strengthen your position. By tightening timelines or clarifying service providers, the goal is often to reduce risk and keep the transaction on track. While it feels like the counter caused the loss, it is more likely the buyer was already backing away.

In short, the higher offer was probably never as solid as it appeared. The counteroffer did not create the problem, but likely exposed it.

Warm regards,

Phyllis



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LCWC Presents Check to Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy



Tim Martinez of the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy accepts a $500 check from Jennifer Genens, Philanthropy co-chair of the La Crescenta Woman's Club at its October meeting. The conservancy buys natural land for wildlife corridors such as the local Rosemont Preserve. The non-profit land trust protects wildlife and native plants.

Submitted by Danette ERICKSON

LCWC Extends an Invitation



Photo submitted by Danette ERICKSON
From left are LCWC members Nancy Craig, Gwen Williams, Carol Stein, Maria Saenz, Denise Napiwocki, Cindy Charles and President Mary Nolte.

Members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club extends an invitation to the community to join them on Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. when they walk Descanso Gardens or join them at 9 a.m. for social chat.

In October there are plenty of Halloween decorations too!

ALC Announces Promotion of Casey Tracey

The Allen Lund Company (ALC) announced the promotion of Casey Tracey to general manager of ALC Los Angeles. Tracey brings two decades of transportation industry expertise to the role and succeeds Jeremy McGovern, who was recently promoted to vice president of Sales and Operations.

Casey joined the Los Angeles office in 2014 and has been instrumental in the branch's continued success. Through her exceptional leadership and operational knowledge, she was named Operations manager in 2019 and was promoted again in 2023 to assistant manager.

McGovern stated, "I am thrilled for Casey to step into the general manager role and lead the Los Angeles office into its next chapter. Since joining the team, Casey has been an integral part of our success, demonstrating a strong commitment to the Allen Lund Company's core values of integrity, service and family. Her proven dedication and leadership make her the ideal person to build on our momentum and elevate the Los Angeles branch to the next level."

Regarding her promotion, Tracey shared, "I am excited to take on the GM role here in Los Angeles, a unique opportunity given LA's standing as our company's flagship office. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the executive team and Jeremy McGovern for their confidence and support. The drive and dedication of the entire LA sales team are what truly propel our business forward, and I look forward to working with this team as we grow into the future."

Action League of the Foothills' Bargain Box

For those who ever wondered about the house just north of the La Cañada Library, since 1968 it has been the headquarters for Action League of the Foothills (ALF) and the Bargain Box Thrift Store.

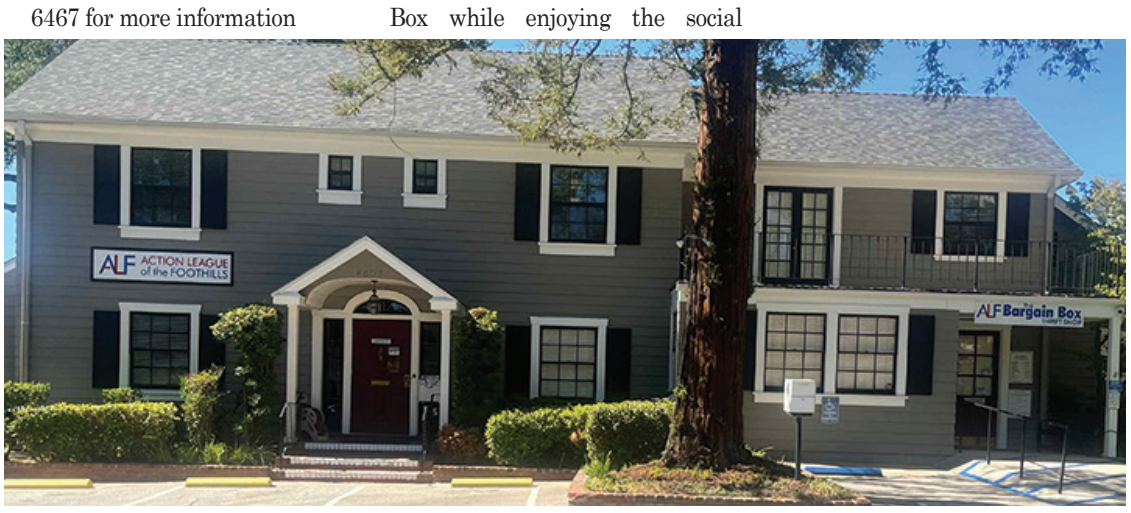
The Bargain Box Thrift Store is operated and staffed by Action League of the Foothills' members who welcome public donations of gently used household items, clothing, toys, collectibles and more.

- Donations accepted Monday thru Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (except on posted closed dates). When donating items, please check the ALF website (alfoothills.org) for items that we cannot accept or call (818) 790-6467 for more information
- Bargain Box shopping hours are 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except for posted closed dates).

During the year, the Bargain Box holds special holiday sales for everything and is decorated for the occasions. The Christmas Sale, Jewelry Sale and Holiday Dress Sale are coming in November. The ALF calendar of all sales/dates/times can be found on the ALF website (alfoothills.org). Also on the ALF website, shoppers can register to receive Constant Contact emails that keep people updated on holiday sales and other Bargain Box happenings.

ALF members work on all programs and at the Bargain Box while enjoying the social interactions with other members and the community. Bargain Box funds support the drama program, musical instrument rental program, Books & Beyond, ALF Teens, scholarships and a wide variety of programs selected by the ALF in Action Committee each year.

For those looking for new, rewarding, hands-on and fun volunteer opportunities, ALF welcomes new members throughout the year. For information about membership, contact ALF at info@alfoothills.org or call (818) 790-1328. Additional information about Action League of the Foothills can be found on the ALF website: alfoothills.org.





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Scene in LA - November 2026



By Steve ZALL & Sid FISH

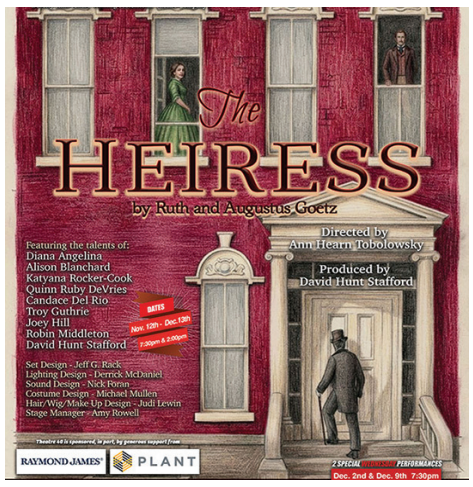
"The Laugh Track" takes audiences behind the scenes of the classic American sitcom "I Love Lucy." Inspired by the real-life experiences of one of Hollywood's first female television writers, the play shines a light on the woman who punched up the jokes, helping to open doors for women in the writers' room.

Written by Wendy MacLeod and directed by Brian Shnipper, it runs Nov. 6 - Nov. 22 at the International City Theatre in Long Beach. Tickets: InternationalCityTheatre.org.



"Little Women" follows Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March as they grow up, discover their places in the world and pursue dreams uniquely their own. At the center of the story is Jo, an ambitious, imaginative and fiercely independent aspiring writer determined to forge a life on her own terms.

Written by Allan Knee, based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott, with music by Jason Howland and lyrics by Mindi Dickstein, it runs Nov. 6-Nov. 22 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach. Tickets: musical.org.



"The Heiress" is a compelling drama set in 19th century New York where Catherine Sloper, a shy and sheltered young woman, falls in love with a charming suitor whose intentions may be less than honorable. Caught between her controlling father and the man she hopes to marry, Catherine must confront betrayal, heartbreak and the painful truth about those closest to her.

Written by Ruth Goetz and Augustus Goetz, based on the novel "Washington Square" by Henry James, and directed by Ann Hearn Tobolowsky, it runs Nov. 12-Dec. 13 at Theatre Forty in Beverly Hills. Tickets: theatre40.org.

"Romeo and Juliet: Time Enough for Love" What happens when Romeo and Juliet fall in love at 75 instead of 14? Verona becomes Verona Village, a South Florida retirement community. The elderly star-crossed lovers are forced to navigate romance, family interference and social expectations as they repeat the Shakespearean plot.

Written and directed by Christian Lebano, it runs Nov. 13-Dec. 19 at the Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater Village. Tickets: openfist.org.

"She Loves Me" is a charming romantic musical comedy about two feuding coworkers at a 1930s European perfume shop who unknowingly fall in love through anonymous letters. As their secret romance blossoms, misunderstandings and hilarious complications lead to a heartwarming discovery that sometimes true love is closer than you think.



Written by Joe Maseroff, with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and directed by Brian Pirnat, it runs Nov. 13-Dec. 12 at the Westchester Playhouse in Inglewood. Tickets: (310) 645-5156 www.kentwoodplayers.org.



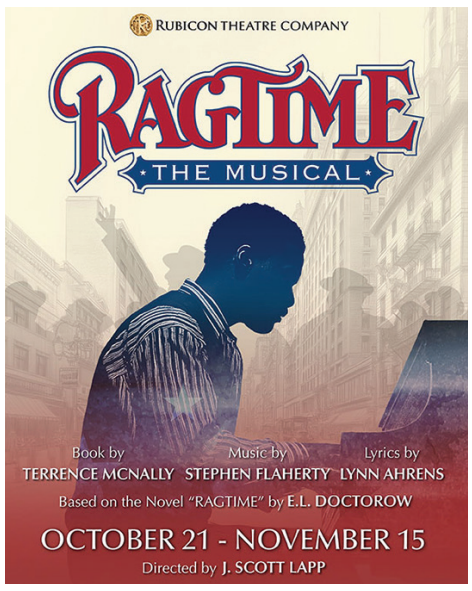
"Road Show" "Road Show" is a one-act musical that tracks the turbulent, freewheeling journey of the real-life Mizner brothers, Addison and Wilson. Spanning 40 years from the Yukon Gold Rush to the 1920s Florida real estate boom, the show delivers a razor-sharp, vaudevillian critique of American capitalism and greed and the complicated, testing nature of familial bonds.

Written by John Weidman, with music by Stephen Sondheim, and directed by Joanna Syiek, it runs Nov. 20-Dec. 6 at the Zephyr Theatre in Los Angeles. Tickets: www.chrtheatre.com.



"Bob Baker's Nutcracker" A beloved holiday tradition, this enchanting production features more than 100 handcrafted puppets, including Clara, the Nutcracker and the Sugar Plum Fairy. With spectacular marionettes, whimsical characters and intricate sets, this magical adaptation continues to delight audiences of all ages.

Performed by the Bob Baker Marionette Theater, it runs Nov. 28-Jan. 3, 2027 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse in Sierra Madre. Tickets: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org.



"Ragtime" A Harlem musician, a Jewish immigrant and a repressed wife unite through belief in the promise of the future.

Runs through Nov. 15 at the Rubicon Theatre in Ventura. Tickets: www.rubicontheatre.org.



"The 39 Steps" takes the intrigue and suspense of a spy thriller and turns it into a wildly inventive night of live theatre.

Runs through Nov. 22 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. Tickets: LagunaPlayhouse.com.

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THEN & NOW

Hindenburg Park Flood

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: In the late 1970s a debris flow came out of a canyon in the Verdugo Mountains, went through the Glenwood Oaks neighborhood and spilled across the Hindenburg portion (the west end, by Dunsmore Avenue) of CV Park. The massive rocks and sand went into what was then a dry stream bed running through the park.



Now: Here's that same view today looking across the debris channel from the parking lot that's located to the north of the recreation building. Note that the sycamore tree is the same one as is seen in the "Then" photo. Note too that some of the larger boulders from that debris flow were left in place. Those of us who grew up playing in CV Park have fond memories of exploring that stream bed that once meandered through the park and many wonder why it was channelized and concreted over. Mystery solved.

Anthony Cardella Performs as Part of Rhapsodia



Rhapsodia, a 501(c)(3) organization, presents renowned pianist Anthony Cardella in a once-in-a-lifetime concert on Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. as part of the 2026-27 Sundays of Sound concert series. Hosted at the historic La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta, Cardella will be performing Ballades Across Time, pairing each of Frédéric Chopin's four iconic Ballades with a 20th- or 21st-century work that reimagines the ballade tradition through a modern musical voice. Juxtaposing masterpieces by Chopin with works by Claude Debussy, Samuel Barber, Sergei Bortkiewicz, and Judd Greenstein, the program traces nearly two centuries of musical storytelling, revealing how one of the Romantic era's most influential forms continues to inspire composers today.

Dr. Anthony Cardella is an award-winning performer and composer who has won regional, national and international piano competitions and has recently appeared in concert halls across the United States as well as in Spain, Italy, France, Serbia, Hungary and Turkey. A Wisconsin native, Cardella moved to Los Angeles in 2019 after completing his undergraduate studies at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music, and has completed a master of music and doctorate of musical arts degree at the USC Thornton School of Music. Cardella now serves on faculty at Occidental College and The Colburn School and is a sought-after adjudicator, masterclass clinician, and touring performer.

Admission is free, but donations accept to directly support the artist.

Visit www.rhapsodia.org for upcoming events.

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Artist Ashoke Chhabra Illuminates ace/121 Gallery with a Striking Collection of Sculptural Works

Glendale Arts presents LIGHTS FORM ACTION!, a solo exhibition by artist Ashoke Chhabra that opened on Oc. 31 and is on view through Nov. 21 at ace/121 Gallery in Glendale. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 6-8 p.m. where they'll have the opportunity to meet the artist, whose distinctive creative practice has earned him recognition across the intersecting worlds of art, craft and design.

LIGHTS FORM ACTION! is a collection of illuminated sculptures that explores the interplay of light, geometry and form through striking constructions that transform rigid materials into eye-catching works of art.

Chhabra describes the creative process as a non-linear "series of failures, happy accidents and modest victories." On occasions where the "endless plodding is punctuated by the spark of an idea," the process results in the new line of work on view at the gallery he calls the Chaos Series, "so named for the confluence of angles and facets that characterize much of the work."

The Los Angeles-based artist primarily uses 17 ply baltic birch plywood and acrylic, along with a mixture of adhesives and fasteners, in the creation of his pieces. His application of a "modular form of fabrication in which a component of the same design and of varying scale is joined, stacked up, twisted, or reversed" creates contours that "in one moment … can evoke musical rhythm while in next geologic formations."

Chhabra's use of lighting is also a motif that acts as a defining facet of his work. A lighting feature is nestled in each hollow form he assembles in order to highlight the skeletal geometry unique to each object.

"Lights are beacons. Lights are dynamic. They draw our gaze," Chhabra said. "I have sought to leverage these qualities in order to captivate the viewer. In this way I hope to assign an ethereal quality to forms that might otherwise appear heavy, brooding and unapproachable."

ace/121 Gallery is operated by Glendale Arts and located at 121 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale. The gallery is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free on-site parking directly adjacent to the gallery is made possible by the YMCA Glendale for opening reception attendees.

Visitors are encouraged to check ace121gallery.com for additional details.

'The Who's Tommy' – A Visual and Sonic Treat at Pantages Now Through Nov. 15

By Jon K



Photo by Evan Zimmerman for MurphyMade
Collin Flanagan plays the title character in 'The Who's Tommy.'

"The Who's Tommy" – an Tony award winning rock musical with music and lyrics by Pete Townshend and based on a 1969 rock opera by the Who, is back on stage in Hollywood at the Pantages Theater now through Nov. 15.

High marks go to the revival's creative visuals and clever stage design, excellent choreography and brisk pacing and an iconic score featuring timeless tunes such as "Pinball Wizard" and "See Me, Feel Me." Add to that the generally strong performances, including newcomer Collin Flanagan's deft portrayal of Tommy Walker – a deaf, mute and blind boy who becomes a pinball sensation – and Kris Lyons, who kills it as the Acid Queen in her national tour debut, no less.

On the debit side are the dark themes of childhood trauma that some might find difficult to digest, and the lack of an intermission. But the two-hour show flies by. It's an energetic and audience-pleasing mix of sight and sound.

The Pantages Theater is located at 6233 Hollywood Blvd. in Los Angeles, phone (323) 468-1770. https://www.pantagestickets.org/

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com November 2, 2026 - November 8, 2026

ARIES *March 21 - April 19*
If you're on vacation, you may want to take a break from dieting and sticking to a rigid exercise routine. Time away from this schedule will allow you to relax and consolidate your efforts. It gives your body a chance to recuperate. Stick to easy activities like swimming or walking. You can start the routine again when you return home.

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*
If you're feeling emotionally and physically toxic, it's time to take a couple days to look after yourself. Even though you're busy, it's a good idea to eat simple foods that will help cleanse your system. Let go of ongoing issues that may be clogging your emotional self. Doing so will give you a sense of lightness and energy. It's worth the effort!

CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
You love good food and wine, but don't let all your hard work go to waste. If you've managed to lose pounds over recent months in your bid to get as healthy as you can, don't spoil your efforts. Relax a little, but not too much. Limit yourself to a few luxuries, but don't go to extremes. The middle way is best if you want to stay fit.

LEO *July 23 - August 22*
It's important that you pace yourself over the days ahead. Don't try to cram too much into a short space of time. It helps to delegate some of your work to others in order to avoid stress and nervous tension. Take the time to enjoy a relaxing massage, meditate, or go for a yoga session.

VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
You may need to find other ways to recharge your batteries now. It's important that you not burn yourself out. If you do, you'll find it hard to function in your daily life. Think about taking up a practice like tai chi. It can help dissolve blockages and allow your energy to flow more harmoniously. You'll feel renewed.

LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
The coming days are especially positive. They will help foster your relaxation. You may also benefit from talking about any difficult issues that may be having a negative effect on your body. It helps to release toxic emotions regularly. Doing so will have a more profound effect on your overall well-being than you may realize.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Now more than ever you need to be firm in your resolve. This is especially the case if you're going to be doing a lot of socializing. If your diet has been going well, you don't want to put the pounds back on. Try to avoid rich, tempting foods and stick with the nutritious choices instead.

SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
You may need to take extra care of your health now, since you could be feeling burned out. Think about taking vitamins and minerals on a regular basis in order to boost your immune system and keep strong and fit. Rather than eating too much rich food, stick with simple, nutritious meals. You'll feel much better if you do.

CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
Why not treat yourself to a couple days at a spa? Give yourself a chance to enjoy the luxury of deep relaxation. Allow those knotted muscles to release and let go of any stress and tension that may be keeping you from being as efficient as you'd like to be. If you do this for yourself, you'll be in the perfect frame of mind to give to others.

AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
One of the things you can do for yourself over the coming days is a luxurious aromatherapy treatment. Allow the scent of lavender, rose, or sandalwood to relax and seduce you on every level. This will do more than heal your body. Aromatherapy oils are also excellent for healing the mind and easing you into a restful night's sleep.

PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
If you've been working hard lately, allow your family to help out. Tell them that you'd appreciate it if they could help you relax and take some time off. Once you've had a chance to recuperate, you'll be much better company. Keep up your exercise in order to release tension and stay fit.

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KIWANIS CLUBS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Nov. 6, Glendale Police Dept. sergeant Gaik Pobokhian will be speaking on e-bikes.

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 Thursday, Nov. 5 there will be an open mic music nite. On Nov 7, Tisa Adamson will be performing.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

There will be music from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

STONIS TO SPEAK AT AAUW

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold a branch meeting Saturday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale.

The guest speaker is Michelle Stonis, assistant professor of history at Glendale Community College. Her presentation, "Who Gets Remembered? Women's History, Education, and the Stories We Tell" will cover topics including historical recovery and historical agency, herstory vs. history, contemporary curricular concerns and why access to women's history and stories matter.

In addition to her teaching specialties of United States history and United States women's history, Stonis is a co-founder and co-director of GCC's Pulitzer Center Campus Consortium, which builds a bridge between the journalism and history programs to train students in international reporting on gender. She also manages GCC's partnership with the National Women's History Museum. Her master's thesis research on missionary wives in 19th-century Hawai'i won the best thesis in the College of Liberal Arts at California State University, Long Beach. Most recently, she was featured on The Remedial Herstory podcast discussing her research and its implications for U.S. History survey course pedagogy. She continues researching feminist topics related to body image and representation, such as her credited work on the Disney+ animated short "Reflect."

For information about AAUW Glendale Branch or to RSVP for branch meetings contact news@aauwglendale.org.

CV PARK ACTIVITIES

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

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.

CCLCF EVENTS

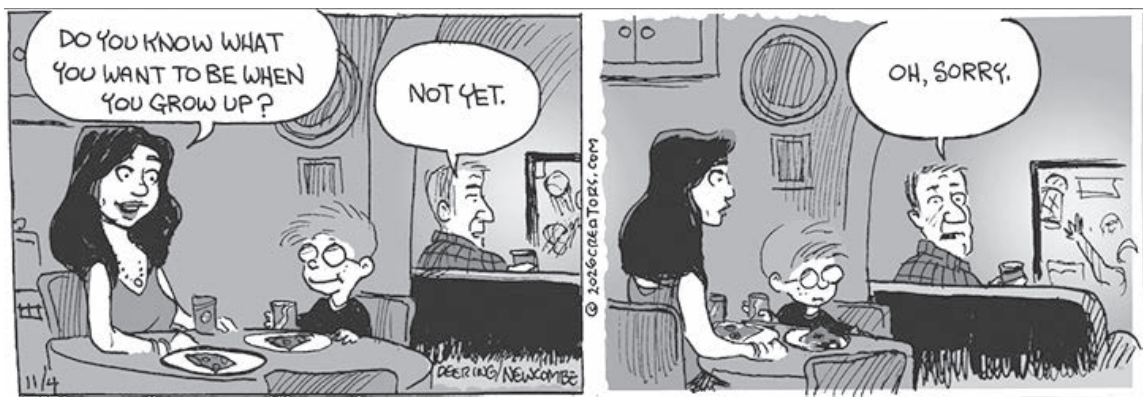
The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them:

• 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.

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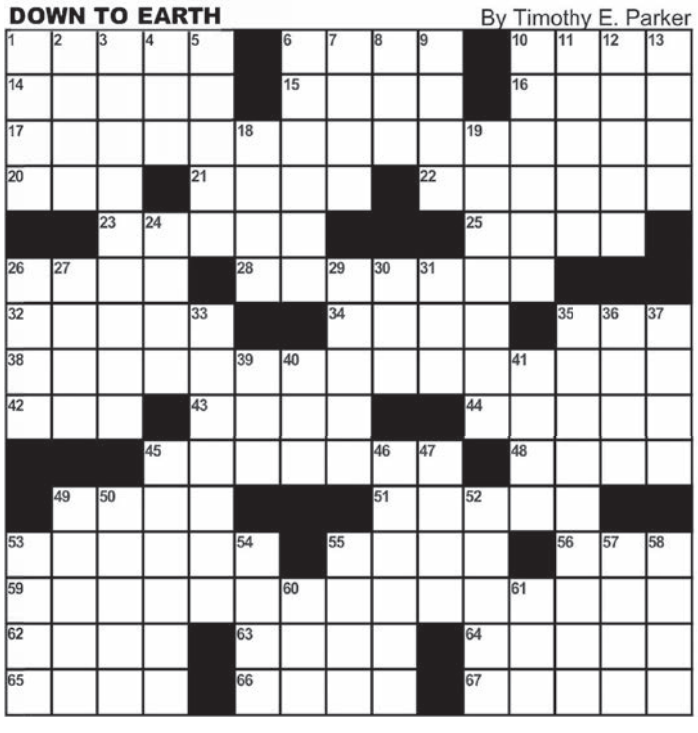
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1) Argentine grassland
6) No longer new
10) 100-meter event
14) Out in front
15) Far from wealthy
16) "Giant" author Ferber
17) Greedy thing to wish for (with "the")
20) Big Apple, briefly
21) Cut and splice
22) Con games
23) Distiller Walker
25) Not once, poetically
26) Yemen neighbor
28) Procedures
32) African language
34) Continental cash
35) "Tarzan" extra
38) Extremely happy
42) Feminizing suffix
43) Big game
44) Bedouin
45) Place to find many teahouses
48) Feel sorry for
49) Dele reversal
51) Angry
53) Carry with great effort
55) Meathead
56) A bad dancer might step on it
59) Momentous and then some
62) Length x width, for a rectangle
63) Pseudonym of H.H. Munro
64) Desert plant
65) Caddie's bagful
66) "Take ___ Train" (Duke Ellington classic)
67) Stately horse

DOWN

1) Certain chess piece
2) Shout to a sailor
3) Mall occupants
4) Amigo
5) Calculating one, at times
6) Computer-running period
7) Coat inside a chimney
8) One billion years
9) Bit of residue
10) Goes up against
11) "Skyfall" singer
12) Contemptuous look
13) Fedoras and pork pies
18) Sandler of films
19) When the Jewish Sabbath begins
24) "What's gotten ___ you?"
26) Reed instrument
27) Staffs
29) Prefix meaning "four"
30) "Come again?"
31) Rock that needs refinement
33) Modernized
35) Military truce
36) Builder's map
37) Mini-whirlpool
39) "___ the ramparts ..."
40) Physician's charge
41) "My mistake!"
45) Guys
46) Nova ___
47) Horse gait
49) Make a basket
50) "... called for his fiddlers ___"
52) Does what one's told
53) Whack, as a baseball
54) Whispered "yoo-hoo"
55) Be a cake maker
57) "___ bitten, twice shy"
58) "Good grief!"
60) "A likely story!"
61) Same old, same old

DOWN TO EARTH By Timothy E. Parker



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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Samsung Sent My Broken Projector Back and Called The Case Completed. Is There A Way Out?

William Hunt's Samsung projector breaks while still under warranty but the company tells him it can't find the parts to fix it. Instead of a refund or a replacement, the manufacturer simply mails the broken device back to him and marks the file "completed." Can a consumer advocate break through this wall of silence?

Question: Last year, I bought a Samsung Freestyle 2nd Gen projector from Amazon for $365. It came with a warranty valid for a year. When the unit stopped working eight months later, I opened a service ticket and sent it to an authorized repair center in New Jersey.

Samsung confirmed receipt and even emailed me to say it would cover all labor and parts as a "one-time accommodation." Then the situation turned bizarre. The repair facility notified me that the unit was indeed defective but could not be repaired because the necessary parts were unavailable. Rather than offering a replacement or a refund, Samsung closed my ticket.

I've spent the last two months in a customer service black hole. I called and chatted with support more than four times and every single time I was promised a supervisor would call me back within two days. Those calls never came. I emailed "Extra Care" contacts and got no response. I even submitted a complaint through the CEO portal and emailed executives directly.

Then I sent a formal demand letter citing the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act. The next day, I received two automated emails from Samsung stating the "service of your unit was completed" and that it was shipping my projector back to me un-repaired.

It feels like it is just waiting for my warranty to expire so it can walk away from a defective product. I just want a working projector or my money back. Can you help me? – William Hunt, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Answer: Samsung should have replaced your projector or issued a full refund the moment it determined the device was unrepairable. Under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, a manufacturer can't simply shrug its shoulders because it ran out of spare parts. It's legally obligated to make the consumer whole.

You did almost everything right here. After a few initial calls, you started a paper trail, which is essential to a successful case. You even escalated the matter to the executive level, which is exactly what I recommend when the front-line support agents start reading from a script. I list the contact information for Samsung on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

The only thing you might have done differently was to stop the phone calls sooner. As you discovered, "We'll call you back in 48 hours" is often corporate-speak for "Please go away." When a company fails to follow through on a promise once, move everything to email so you have a record of the inaction.

I've dealt with similar "parts unavailable" excuses before. In a previous case involving a Samsung washing machine the company eventually agreed to a buyback after a similar standoff.



Illustration by Dustin ELLIOTT

I contacted Samsung on your behalf. A spokesperson for the company told me they were "looking into this ASAP." Shortly after that, the company reached out to you and expedited a full refund for your projector.

"We will carefully review this matter in an effort to constantly improve the customer experience," a spokeswoman added.

I'm glad we could pull you out of the black hole. Enjoy the next movie night – hopefully with a brand that remembers to stock its repair parts.

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

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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.

•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.

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.

LCWC HOSTS PHYLLIS HANSEN

Pasadena resident Harrye Forbes (1861 – 1951) was a turn-of-the century force to be reckoned with. Known for preserving California history, restoring the California Missions, rebuilding the historic Campo de Cahuenga (site of the peace treaty signing by Col. John C. Fremont and Gen. Pico) and installing roadside Mission Bells along the length of California's El Camino Real, few could keep pace with her contributions to public service.

Popular California historian Phyllis Hansen will bring the formidable

"Bell Lady," Mrs. A.S.C. Forbes, to life as she relates Mrs. Forbes' legacy as a Renaissance woman. Harrye, aka Mrs. Armitage Sutton Carino ("A.S.C.") Forbes was an author, historian of California's Spanish heritage, designer, artist, businesswoman, foundry-founder, activist and legendary photographer; a larger-than-life influence in culture, politics and community service, helping to build and promote the growing state of California..

Hansen's colorful narrative and A/V presentation of California history includes a display of rare unique books, photos and artifacts from the estate of Mrs. Forbes.

The community is invited to come, immerse and be inspired by the historical record of Harrye "Mrs. A.S.C." Forbes.

The La Crescenta Woman's Club next meets on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at 4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

Reserve a seat by calling (818) 249-9403.

*Free admission but space is limited. Please reserve seats.

*Please mention if you would like to be our guests for lunch afterwards.

DAR PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL VETERAN EVENTS

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Don José Verdugo NSDAR Chapter will be participating at two local events honoring our veterans on Nov. 11.

At Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta, at 8 a.m. DAR members will be serving coffee and donuts holes in the parking lot before the ceremony. Together with Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 288, the DAR will recite a patriotic poem as part of the program.

At the Montrose Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Honolulu Avenue at the corner of Oceanview Boulevard at 10 a.m. DAR members will serve coffee and donut holes. Members will also place a wreath and recite a reading of the Declaration of Independence for America 250.

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.

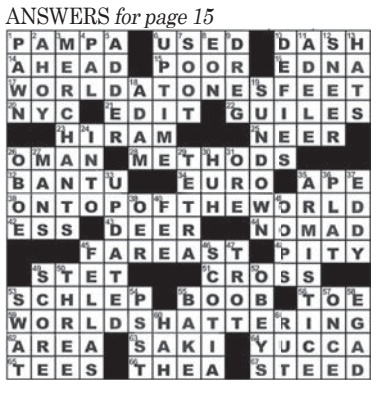
CALTECH ORCHESTRA PRESENTS CONCERTS

There will be two concerts on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, No. 8 at 3 p.m., both in Ramo Auditorium. The program features works by leading American composers, including John Williams, Frank Ticheli and a featuring a premiere by Bruce Broughton, composer of film and television scores such as "Silverado," "Tombstone" and "Hawaii Five-0." The second half of the concert will feature guest ensembles: the CSU Fullerton Wind Symphony (on Nov. 7) and the Los Angeles Symphonic Winds (on Nov. 8).

Admission is free and no tickets or registration are needed. For more information visit pva.caltech.edu or email hschoe@caltech.edu.

Then on Nov. 14 and Nov. 15, the Caltech Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Glenn D. Price, will present its fall concert featuring three distinctive works from the American orchestral repertoire.

ANSWERS *for page 15*



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BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER » ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY, PRESIDENT

So Much to be Thankful For

The month of October was an exciting time for the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce! We took part in Oktoberfest, hosted by the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. This is a great event and one of the biggest events that the Chamber has!

On Oct. 8 the CV Chamber welcomed new business Planet Fitness at 2647 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. This fitness community is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is dedicated to helping people meet their fitness goals. The CV Chamber board had a chance to visit the space (located at the previous Rite Aid property) and learned a lot about all it has to offer. Thanks to Justin Novak of Planet Fitness who oversaw the festivities!

On Oct. 18, the CV and Montrose-Verdugo City chambers welcomed i9 Sports to the neighborhood! i9 Sports is the nation's largest multi-sport provider focused solely on high-quality, community-based youth sports programs.

On Oct. 28, chamber supporters turned out for a social hour at John Sparr Tavern in Sparr Heights. It was great meeting new people!



And on Oct. 29 a screening was held of "Coroner to the Stars," courtesy of Vidal Herrera of 1-800-AUTOPSY. Vidal worked with Thomas Noguchi, on whom the film is based. It was a compelling film made even more interesting because of Vidal's input.

Looking ahead, the Chamber is having its next social hour at El Charro Restaurant, 3741 N. Verdugo Road in Montrose, on Nov. 18 (in observance of Thanksgiving the following week) at 6 p.m. Plan to stop by, enjoy some casual mixing and eat some delicious Mexican food!

The CV Chamber is growing! Welcome to:

Aztlan Athletics LLC. Aztlan Athletics is a South Pasadena based non-profit organization founded in 1974 that promotes health and wellness through community based running and fitness events, sports camps and running club for all ages. It manages fundraising events for other non-profits, supports youth scholarships and offers wellness consulting with a focus on inclusivity and sustainability. Talk to Jose Zavala at (626) 755-8489 or visit www.aztlanathletics.org.

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We love our residential members, too, including April Antuna, Robert Perez and Dede Mueller! Thank you for supporting the CV Chamber of Commerce.

For information on joining the CV Chamber of Commerce, contact Steve Pierce at (818) 248-4957.

And remember – the offices of the CV Chamber of Commerce have moved to 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta!

Robin Goldsworthy, President
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NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER » MOLLY BURKE, CEO & PRESIDENT

From Oktoberfest to Holiday Magic!



What an October! From the 47th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest to celebrating local businesses, it was a month filled with unforgettable moments.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who braved the heat and joined us for Oktoberfest! We are especially grateful to our incredible sponsors including Babaians Law Firm and J's Maintenance, along with our dedicated volunteers, committee members and vendors who helped bring this beloved tradition to life. It truly takes a village and we couldn't do it without you!

We also celebrated two wonderful business milestones! We welcomed i9 Sports Glendale/North LA with a ribbon cutting recognizing their commitment to youth athletics and creating opportunities for children in our community. We also celebrated an incredible 35 years in business with Copy Network! It's always a joy to recognize the people and businesses making a difference throughout our community.

November is here and there's plenty more to look forward to! We're excited to bring back our All Members Chamber Night at Montrose Bowl on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Whether you're a longtime member, new to the Chamber or simply interested in getting involved, join us for an evening of bowling, relaxed networking and fun. Bring your family, meet the faces behind our local businesses and discover more ways to connect with your Chamber and community!

Following that is our free Dinner & Discover: Protecting Your Business workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 6 p.m.–7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church. Join Kimberly Fraisse of Daniel Fraisse Insurance and Bianca Babaians of Babaians Law Firm for a practical conversation about insurance, liability, risk management and legal considerations every business owner should understand. Bring your questions and gain valuable insights to help protect what you've worked so hard to build!

Then, let's kick off the holiday season! Join us and the Montrose Shopping Park Association for the Old Town Montrose Christmas Market on Friday, Nov. 27 from 5 p.m.–9 p.m. on the 2200 block of Honolulu Avenue. Enjoy a festive European-inspired market alongside the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Glendale Fire Toy Drive and free photos with Santa!

see MVCC *on page 19*

SCENE IN LA *from page 13*

"Dear Evan Hansen" A powerful, heartfelt musical about finding connection, discovering yourself and the courage to be seen.

Runs through Nov. 22 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts in La Mirada. Tickets: www.LaMiradaTheatre.com.

"Motel 66" Eight short one-act plays set in different cities along the infamous Route 66.

Runs through Nov. 22 at the Lonny Chapman Theatre in North Hollywood. Tickets: www.theGROUPrep.com.

"At the Very Bottom of a Body of Water" When her daily routine is disrupted by a new fishmonger, Marina's world crumbles.

Runs through Nov. 29 at Boston Court Pasadena in Pasadena. Tickets: bostoncourtpasadena.org.

COLLEGE *from Cover*

process that incorporates community feedback throughout the process. Construction is set to begin in 2029 and be completed by 2031.

If approved in its current form, the clinical program could potentially be a pilot program for the introduction of similar programs in rural communities without direct hospital access throughout the state, said Cornner.

The meeting discussed general plans for the site, the environmental impact report and CEQA reporting requirements.

Plans for the site include tearing down the Citibank building at 2350 Honolulu Ave. and establishing a two-year physical and occupational therapy program. Cornner and other community members in attendance who are part of the OT profession said this would be one of only a handful in California in a time when there is one OT graduate for every 10 needed in areas like Montrose, which has an aging population. The program will be lab-based, providing 520 hours of fieldwork for physical therapy and 640 hours for the occupational therapy program.

Cornner integrated the community feedback from the other two meetings into the plans discussed on Oct. 29, including the request for the addition of a public art and community space in the PDC building at 2340 Honolulu Ave. The community space would include public restrooms, art galleries and access to the GCC library collection and provide spaces to hold community meetings – all approved by the Montrose Shopping Park Association. The buildings would not be more than the current height requirement in the area – two stories – and the number of parking spots will not decrease.

Cornner said the site will bring "tangible health benefits" to the Montrose community and grow the college's connection to the Montrose community, in addition to providing a productive use for two vacant buildings in the business district of Montrose.

Attendees expressed concerns about transparency and parking space availability, referencing the lack of a public meeting when the Garfield Campus was erected in South Glendale in 2020. When asked if it was possible to enshrine decisions made by the current board, Cornner was up front with attendees saying that, according to law, the current GCC board cannot pass policy that will impact the decisions made by future boards of the college. Cornner emphasized his willingness to meet with the community in an intimate setting as a sign of transparency.

"I serve with a board that cares deeply about the community. It is easiest for a president to do nothing. I am here saying what our plans are and aren't. I am here trying to make sure we are effective in using resources bought with public money," Cornner told attendees.

Others at the meeting were surprised at the pushback against the site. One attendee was Denise Miller, a trained occupational therapist and a member of the state board.

"What being safe looks like is having community partners where you can walk down the street to be evaluated," she said. "When you get to 70 to 85 years old it is a critical moment. We want people to live their life exactly how they want it. That's how we will train our students. That's how we train our physical therapists throughout the state."

Support for the college was summed up by one attendee: "They are trying to be good neighbors; at the end of the day we all want to be good neighbors, don't we?"

For more information, contact Glendale Community College or visit https://www.glendale.edu/about-gcc/montrose-campus.html.

VETERANS DAY *from Cover*

Since then Nov. 11 has been a time to honor, remember and thank veterans who have served the nation.

"Veterans Day means a lot to me," said Steve Pierce, a U.S. Navy veteran who served in Vietnam.

Pierce signed up for service during a time when others his age, in their 20s, were being drafted. His father was concerned that if Steve was drafted he would not be able to choose the branch of service he wanted to serve in – and Steve's dad wanted him to join the Navy. So Pierce joined the Navy.

"It turned out to be a good experience," he said.

He was a sophomore in college when he signed up for a three-year tour in the Navy Reserves; he also got married around this time.

Once overseas Pierce said, "We would take a lot of fire – a lot of rocket fire shot at us."

When he returned to the states after he left the service, he said it was different than it is now.

"It was turbulent times in the 1960s," he said. "[Veterans] were not appreciated."

He added he was never spit on, like many veterans who returned from Vietnam had to deal with, but there was a feeling of not being wanted.

"We didn't talk about [service] we just came home and were silent," he said.

Now when someone thanks him for his service it means so much to him – not just for him but for his fellow veterans as well.

To commemorate all veterans, a service is being held at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The Crescenta Valley High School JROTC will perform the presentation of colors, the American Legion color guard will oversee the playing of "The Armed Forces Medley" and Scout Troop 288 will sponsor a community flag retirement ceremony.

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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.

Petitioner:
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

At the regular meeting of August 24, 2026, the Foothill Municipal Water District's Board of Directors held a public hearing and introduced for first reading the following Ordinance:

[ORDINANCE NO. 15-1026 ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RELATING TO DIRECTORS COMPENSATION]

SUMMARY

Following a second reading on September 28, 2026, via a hybrid hearing and publicly held meeting on October 26, 2026, from the Foothill Municipal Water District's Headquarters, located at 4536 Hampton
Road, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011, the Board of Directors of the Foothill Municipal Water District adopted Ordinance No. 15-1026, approving the increase in the per diem to $156.11 per meeting for up to ten meetings per month as well as ten meetings a month for the Metropolitan representative. For multiple meetings that occur the same day, only one meeting may be compensated.

At the October 26, 2026, meeting, the Board of Directors adopted the above listed Ordinance by the following vote:

Ayes: Garry Bryant, Frank Colcord, LaDrena Dansby, Laura Olhasso, John Vrsalovich
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

This is only a summary of the adopted Ordinance. A copy of the full adopted ordinance is available for viewing in the District's Office, located at 4536 Hampton Road, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 & 818-790-4036, or can be sent electronically by request.

Nina Jazmadarian
Secretary of the Foothill Municipal Water District Dated 10/27/27
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SUSAN BOLAN *from page 9*

I always believed that the stories I told were more than just my random thoughts and feelings and that they could be helpful, maybe even inspiring, to someone out there. Robin has indulged my unique topics and never suggested that perhaps they were far too personal for a small town newspaper. I truly appreciate her and those who supported me along the way.

I invite you to check out my past articles by going to cvweekly.com and search Susan Bolan. You will find everything archived there.

Thanks for being part of my journey. Happy reading!

Susan Bolan
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MVCC *from page 17*

Celebrating Our New MVCC Members!:

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MVCC Upcoming Events:

On Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Strike Up Connections – An All Members Chamber Night from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at Montrose Bowl, 2334 Honolulu Ave. Pre-register at bit.ly/allmembers26

On Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Dinner & Discover: Protecting Your Business at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. This is a free event; plenty of free parking at 2700 Montrose Ave.!

On Friday, Nov. 27 – Old Town Montrose Christmas Market from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. in the 2200 Block of Honolulu Avenue.

Remember to shop local!

Molly Burke, President/CEO
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2026 ANNUAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

AHEAD With Horses
$8,000 toward adaptive equine equipment enhancement for its horse therapy program.This organization has been working with handicapped and developmentally disabled children and youth since 1968, providing them with a sense of success each time they ride.

Glendale Arts
$5,000 toward expansion to deliver yearround arts, education, wellness, youth, and community programming at ace/121 Gallery. This grant makes reusable presentation systems, portable lighting, support equipment, and storage and deployment systems for exhibitions, artist talks, Mindful Art for Wellness, Youth Art Lab, Glendale International Film Festival, and community gatherings possible!

LA River Arts (LARA)
$8,000 toward a 2027 River Session on Indigenous people and their crafts and traditions along the Glendale Narrows called “Rivercraft: Making/ Storytelling Along Tovaangar.” Tovaangar is the river’s name in the Tongva language and River Sessions are LARA’s signature programs, with two dozen sessions held over the past three years. LARA is dedicated to transforming the LA River into a place for art, nature, and community with a vision of the entire corridor of the river as a shared public space.

Love on 4 Paws
$12,000 to support its animal therapy program providing healing comfort to those in need. As one of the very few organizations providing this service, patients and students of all ages can smile after a visit from a furry, four-footed therapist!

Martial Arts History Museum
$8,000 to make state of the art learning kiosks available to guests from all over the world! Not just a museum, but a one-of-a kind cultural center documenting the history of martial arts from cultures around the globe, this is a gem for Glendale!

New Growth, Inc. (Camp Kelly)
$12,000 for the 2027 season of Camp Kelly, an accessible and inclusive place where children of all abilities come together. Camp Kelly believes that mixing special needs children and their neuro-typical peers (those without any special needs diagnosis) creates an accepting environment that builds empathy and emotional intelligence while fostering an importance of understanding that all humans are different.

Village Community Counseling Center
$12,000 will transform the waiting and counseling rooms into warm, comfortable places for clients. The Center aims to offer therapeutic assistance to individuals, adolescents, couples, and families, prioritizing affordability by avoiding reliance on insurance.

WriteGirl
$12,000 to expand the WriteGirl/Bold Ink Writers Northeast LA program at the Glendale Central Library for October 2026 through August 2027. Underserved teens attend monthly creative writing workshops and are matched with a weekly mentor. They participate in the Bold Futures college access program, have the opportunity to be published in the literary journal, “Lines & Breaks,” and take part in other WriteGirl/Bold Ink Writers events and initiatives.

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