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Council Delays Action on Proposed Water Rate Increases

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council once again delayed action on a proposed steep five-year water rate hike – at least until next week. The council did not close the formal public hearing thereby allowing for the continued submission of written protests from affected property owners.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian thanked those packing the council chambers, observing, "So many new faces showed up here tonight to voice their opinion; this is what community engagement is all about and I appreciate that."

Glendale residents lined up to speak.

"Phillip" lives in the Verdugo Woodlands neighborhood.

"In January, our water rates will go up 53% on average, then they go up another 11, 10, 10, and 7%. By 2031, our water bills will be more than double what they are today. GWP's own slides tonight show inflation was 29% over the past eight years. Water rates went up 7.5%, zero [percent] in 2025 and zero in 2026. That was a choice. Now residents are asked to pay for it in one January.

"By 2031, the average bill goes from about $73 a month to about $160 a month. My own water bill will go up by almost $3,000 a year.

"Among other reasons, we're told this is about aging pipes. But the slides show only about $100 million out of $474 million for new pipes. Actual capital spending fell to $1.7 million in 2024. Now GWP promises $20 million a year – four times its recent pace – plus $40 million in bonds. If pipe spending fell to less than $2 million a year, why should we believe the next five years will be different?" he asked.

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Discover Montrose Stores at the Annual Holiday Wine Walk

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Eighth Annual Montrose Holiday Wine Walk is on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The annual Montrose Holiday Wine Walk is a unique way to walk into stores that people frequent a lot to businesses they may have passed by and thought "Maybe one day." Participants will discover 41 "pouring stations" – these are businesses where participants can enjoy a pour of wine and, at many places, some light snacks.

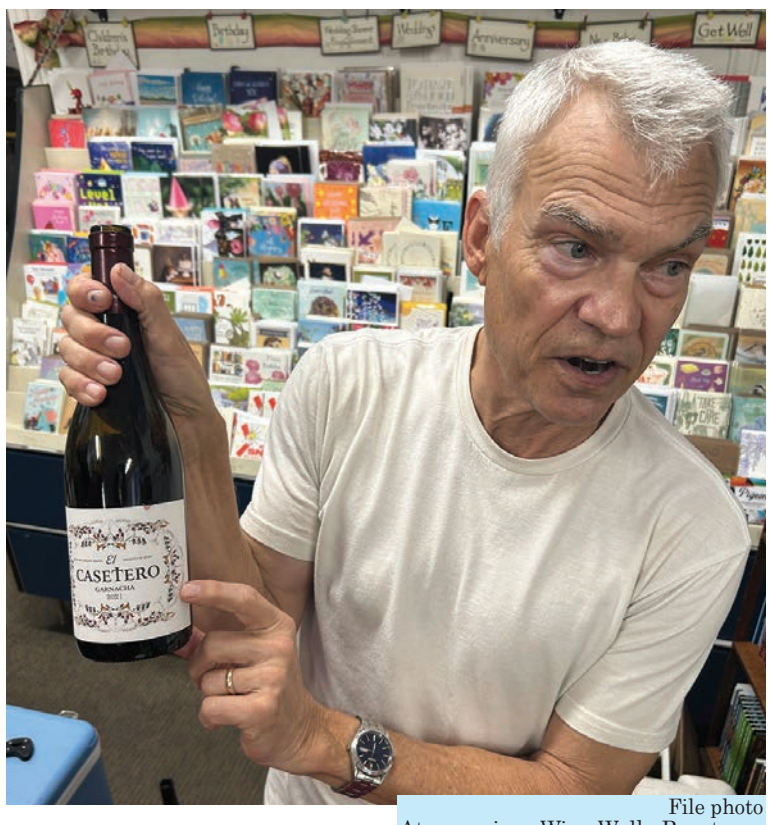
The event began after members of the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) took a bus tour to a few Southern California towns. The tour was sponsored by the City of Glendale's Economic Development Team. One of the stops was in the City of Claremont, which had previously hosted a wine walk event. The idea intrigued Dale Dawson, MSPA's event coordinator, who expanded the idea and organized the first event.

"Come to the check-in booth as early as 4 p.m. and meet the ladies from La Crescenta Woman's Club – [MSPA's Wine Walk] co-sponsor and recipient of 15% of ticket sales as a donation; they will check you in and give you your supplies: a signature tote with a HWW logo wine glass, 15 tasting tickets, $10 in Montrose scrip and a Wine Walkers Guide Book showing where the pouring stations are and what they are pouring. There will also be live music in every block," Dawson said to those who may be coming to the Wine Walk for the first time.

The event is a "small" fundraiser that generates support for a variety of beautification efforts in the Montrose Shopping Park.

Dawson notes this is an adult event and to "avoid bringing children" to the Wine Walk. Each person is required to have a ticket.

"Tickets are $55 and Wine Walkers receive back $10 in Montrose scrip," Dawson added. "Tickets can be purchased online at www.shopmontrose.com, in-store at Copy Network or It Takes A Village Kids or at the VIP booth the evening of the event – if available tickets remain at that time."



File photo
At a previous Wine Walk, Brent Beaty poured some favorites at Once Upon A Time bookstore.

This year's event is even more of a celebration at Once Upon a Time children's bookstore.

"This is our 60th year [of the bookstore] and we will be celebrating with a toast at 5 p.m.," said owner Maureen Palacios.

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Veterans Day in the Crescenta Valley

By Mary O'KEEFE

"Memorial Day is about honoring veterans who never made it home. Veterans Day is about honoring those who did," said Victor Bustillos, veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and commander of American Legion Post 288.

Bustillos was emcee of the Veterans Day event held at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta on Wednesday morning. The ceremony included the Crescenta Valley High School JROTC presenting the colors, veterans from American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1614 presenting the "Armed Forces Medley" and Scouting America Post 288 conducting the flag retirement. Before the ceremony members of the Daughters of the American Revolution offered coffee and donuts. Entertainment was provided by from Monday@JoJo's and a brief talk honoring veterans was given by 44th District Assemblymember Nick Schultz.

"Whether it's thanking a veteran, hiring one or supporting a veteran-owned business, there are many ways we can show our appreciation," Bustillos said. "The veterans we honor today answered the call. Our military members are at risk daily in places such as the Middle East and other global spots. Audie Murphy once said, 'The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him but because he loves what is behind him.'"

Bustillos shared the story of the late Hollywood actor Audie Murphy and his service during WWII.

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Photos by Mary O'KEEFE
Assemblymember Nick Schultz presented the veterans, represented by emcee and Post commander Victor Bustillos, with a certificate.


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Getting Ready for the Wine Walk

One of the most highly anticipated events hosted by the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. is coming up this Saturday night – the Holiday Wine Walk.

Though rain is expected early Saturday, by Saturday night it should be crisp and clear; however, in the past I have gone to the Wine Walk under the protection of an umbrella.

I love going into the many shops in Montrose that I normally wouldn't step foot in – mainly because they don't carry what I'm usually looking for. I typically meet some really nice folks, though.

Then there are the stores that I have gone into before – like Once Upon A Time bookstore. Brent Beaty is usually pouring some fantastic wines and is ready to tell you about them. Stopping in Once Upon a Time is a must for me.

If you haven't been to a Wine Walk before, let me give you a brief primer on what you can expect.

When you first arrive, you'll check in at the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard where you'll find members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club. They'll be handing out a tote bag, a booklet of where you can find those shops that are pouring, pour tickets, scrip (a value of $10) that can be used at local shops and the all-important wine glass.



In addition to other clubs to which I belong, I am a member of the Mary Pinola Education Fund (pinolafund.org) advisory board. Among the duties of the members is to review grant applications submitted by local organizations. Some of the applications are from clubs that are familiar to many while others are more obscure. The goal of the Pinola Fund is to give grants to those organizations that support education, so while all are worthwhile some fall outside the parameters of the Pinola Fund.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Oct. 5 the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments regarding a case between the County Commissioners of Boulder County and Suncor Energy.

Suing oil companies is a common thing but this lawsuit a bit different because the case centers on whether state/county/local governments can sue on the basis of climate change.

A ruling was not issued as of press time – and actually isn't expected until summer of next year.

The lawsuit moved to the U.S. Supreme Court after Colorado's Supreme Court ruled state common-law claims could proceed in state court without being blocked by federal law.

Climate change has been a debate for generations, even though the majority of climate scientists do state that the climate is changing due to human activities – like burning fossil fuels. There are still a small number who feel that either the climate isn't changing, the changes are cyclical or believe nothing humans have done affects the climate.

Oil company executives for years have been part of that denial and actually helped fuel [pun intended] the denial.

"For decades, some members of the fossil fuel industry tried to convince the public that a causative link between fossil fuel use and climate warming could not be made because the models used to project warming were too uncertain. Supran et al. show that one of those fossil fuel companies, ExxonMobil, had [its] own internal models that projected warming trajectories consistent with those forecast by the independent academic and government models. What they understood about climate models thus contradicted what they led the public to believe," according to science.org.

For a while some of the oil companies were working toward creating cleaner burning fuels and even alternative energy – but that doesn't change the years of denial.

Now, not everything that happens in our climate is due to humans causing an accelerated change; however, it is pretty certain that we have ignored our planet's warning signs over and over again and now must reap what we sowed.

The fact the Earth's water, air and soil were being polluted was bad but now climate change is taking a toll in our pocketbooks – and that brings the situation to a whole new level of concern.

The Colorado lawsuit asks who should bear the costs of climate impacts on the state. Presently the costs fall on the shoulders of taxpayers, but should it be them alone who pay for climate-related damages?

"Colorado is already experiencing more extreme heat, wildfires, drought and poor air quality, all of which create significant public costs. Since 2018, the lawsuit against ExxonMobil and Suncor has survived repeated attempts by the companies to move or dismiss it, clearing both a district court and the Colorado Supreme Court. Now the fossil fuel companies are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene. The outcome carries local and national implications for climate accountability," according to Boulder County.

The lawsuit was filed against Suncor and ExxonMobil on April 17, 2018. There are similar lawsuits brought by other states, including California and New York.

The County equates it to the lawsuits against the tobacco industry in the 1990s.

"Since 1983, average temperatures in Colorado have risen more than 2 degrees F and are continuing to warm, according to a report from the University of Colorado – [creating]

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

HEARING POSTPONED

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

NOTICE FROM CVWD

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) will be conducting an improvement project as part of CVWD's ongoing pipeline replacement program. CVWD in-house construction crew will replace the existing six-inch water main along the 2400–2500 blocks of Frances Avenue with a new eight-inch water main.

Crew mobilization is today, Thursday, Nov. 12 and tomorrow, Nov. 13 with a construction start of Monday, Nov. 16. The completion date is early February 2027.

Hours that the area is affected are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 2400-2500 Frances Ave will be closed to traffic daily. No Parking signs will be posted at least two (2) days prior to work. Residents are asked to park along Rosemont Ave. or Briggs Ave. and use alternate routes as needed.

Residents may experience noise, dust and construction equipment activity during work hours; no interruption of water service is anticipated during this phase of work.

Those with questions can contact the District's Customer Service Dept. at (818) 248-3925 or email customerservice@cvwd.com.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE EVENTS

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve.Volunteers will be removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Help maintain the bioswale at the Preserve! Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended).Tools will be available.

Then on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m, the gate will be open so guests can wander the Preserve.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence.As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages and no reservations required.Rain cancels event.Sorry, no pets please.

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

CITY OF GLENDALE OFFERING WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

The Glendale Fire Dept. is offering free wildfire risk assessments for homeowners. Through these evaluations, fire prevention specialists conduct a Defensible Space and Home Hardening assessment, reviewing a property's landscaping and exterior building features and providing personalized recommendations to help reduce wildfire risk.

The program is designed as an educational resource, not an enforcement effort. Glendale residents can sign up for a free evaluation through the City of Glendale's Wildfire Risk Assessment program at https://tinyurl.com/5n76t4hd.

GLENDALE TO HOST FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Local residents will have an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste and electronics during a free drive-thru collect event on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will take place at 1259 N. Verdugo road in Glendale - Lot 30. The free event is open to all Los Angeles County residents. Participants should secure hazardous materials in their vehicle's trunk or pickup bed. A limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip applies. Business waste, tires, trash, and large appliances will not be accepted.

CITY SEEKS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

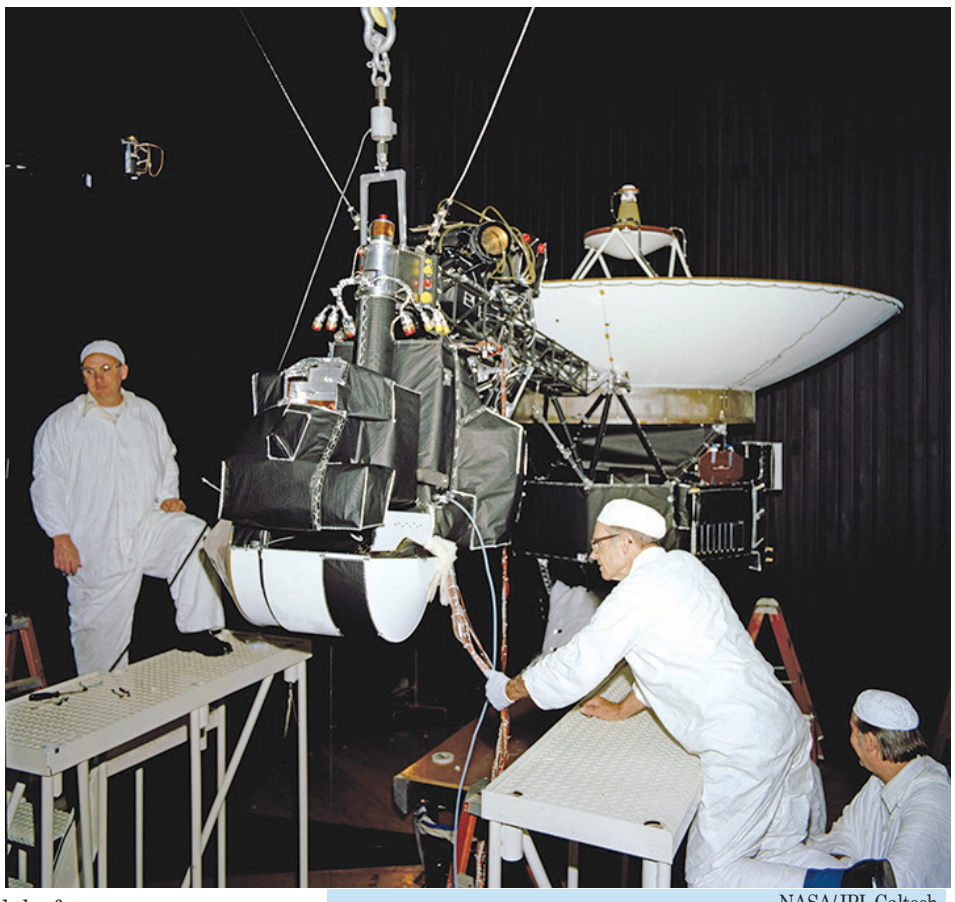
The City of Glendale is currently recruiting for the position of director of Communications & Community Relations.

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.

» PART ONE

Happy 90th Anniversary to JPL

By Mary O'KEEFE



NASA/JPL Caltech

On Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 2:16:07 a.m. PST, NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft will be 16.094 billion miles (25.902 billion kilometers) away from Earth – or the distance light travels in 24 hours, also known as one light day. Voyager 1 will be the first human-made object to reach this distance from Earth, adding to a long list of historic firsts for the mission. Voyager 1 and its twin, Voyager 2, are the only spacecraft to ever operate outside the heliosphere, the protective bubble of particles and magnetic fields generated by the Sun.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is celebrating its 90th year of exploration, innovation and daring "mighty things."

Many of us drive on the Foothill (210) Freeway and see the buildings on the hill to the north, between La Cañada Flintridge and Pasadena. As drivers pass by they probably do not realize what amazing explorations are being planned, what astonishing developments in technology are being achieved and what wonders of the universe will be made clearer thanks to those who work on that hillside campus.

From exploring beyond the heliosphere with Voyager I and Voyager II to creating a ventilator to help humans breathe on Earth during a pandemic, those who work at JPL are always working toward the future.

"I think the biggest contribution [JPL has made] is probably the nature of the scientific quest that we embark on," said Jordan Evans, director of flight projects. "We have, throughout our history, explored beyond where humans have explored [including] many of the first in planetary exploration and the first spacecraft to have left the solar system and is exploring interstellar space."

JPL is managed by Caltech and is NASA's only federally-funded research and development center, according to jpl.nasa.gov.

The motto of NASA's JPL is "Dare Mighty Things." This quote is actually from President Theodore Roosevelt in a speech he gave in 1899 when he stated, "Far better to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

Although it would be over three decades before JPL was conceived, these words from President Roosevelt fit JPL to a tee.

"I think [it is] this notion of really big ideas," Evans said. "You ask a scientific question and we design and build a machine to answer it. I think that is … JPL's biggest contribution and legacy in the past 90 years."

JPL can trace its heritage to a group of Caltech graduate students that began to conduct rocket-propulsion tests in Pasadena's Arroyo Seco on Oct. 31, 1936.

"The origins of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory date back to the 1930s when Caltech professor Theodore von Kármán oversaw pioneering work in rocket propulsion. After unsuccessful and sometimes hazardous experiments, several graduate students, led by Frank Malina along with rocket enthusiasts from the Pasadena area, moved their work off campus. They chose the Arroyo Seco, a dry canyon wash north of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California – and the future home of JPL" according to jpl.nasa.gov.

Initially JPL was a contractor with the U.S. Army. It launched its first satellite, Explorer 1, in 1958. While the Soviet Union's Sputnik satellite orbited the Earth … JPL took it a step further (as is its way) and conducted science with an onboard Geiger counter and discovered the protective radiation belts that encircle the Earth.

This "we can go farther" attitude has served JPL well as most of its missions have gone much longer than initially planned and like Voyager I and II went farther into space than ever expected.

JPL also made space exploration not just for science fiction geeks but has been able to capture the imagination of thousands around the world.

"I think in addition to improving our understanding of other worlds, which helps us understand our own world, we end up applying technologies that we develop here to problems right here on Earth," Evans said.

He added that during the COVID 19 pandemic medical ventilators were in short supply.

"A group of JPL engineers, within 30 days, came up with a design for a COVID ventilator … that supported a COVID patient and designed it in such a way that it did not compete with the parts that were needed for medical ventilators. Basically using a supply chain of essentially local hardware store types of materials and then just put the design out there for countries around the world to start building these ventilators," Evans said.

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GUSD: Registration Now Open for Tours, Virtual Presentations

A world of learning opportunities awaits families exploring Glendale Unified School District's (GUSD) dual language immersion (DLI) programs for the 2027–28 school year. Registration is now available for school tours and virtual presentations, giving families an opportunity to explore participating campuses, learn how students develop skills in two languages and ask questions about the award-winning programs.

This year brings a special addition: families can tour Glenoaks Elementary School, which will welcome the first kindergarten class in GUSD's new Western Armenian Dual Language Immersion program in fall 2027. The program will offer students the opportunity to learn academic content in Western Armenian and English while building connections to language, culture and community.

Families can view tour schedules and register at www.gusd.net/tours. Applications for the 2027–28 school year open Nov. 1, 2026 with a Jan. 31, 2027 deadline for consideration in the lottery.

"A school tour gives families a chance to picture their child's experience and ask the questions that matter to them," said Dr. Nancy Hong, director of Dual Language Immersion and English Learner Services. "We are especially excited to introduce families to our new Western Armenian program at Glenoaks. Alongside our established programs, it offers another opportunity for children to grow as learners, develop language skills and connect across cultures. We encourage families to join us, explore their options and find the program that's right for their child."

Beginning with kindergarten in the 2027–28 school year, students in the Western Armenian program will spend half of their instructional day learning in Western Armenian and half in English. Students will learn to speak, read and write in Western Armenian through their academic lessons, rather than studying the language only as a separate subject.

Upcoming tours for the Western Armenian program began at 9 a.m. on Oct. 26 and Oct. 28; Upcoming tours for the Western Armenian program continue at 9 a.m. on Nov. 4 and Nov. 10; and Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. Additional dates and registration information are available on the district's tour webpage.

The new program builds on GUSD's longstanding commitment to multilingual education and creates an opportunity for families to help sustain Western Armenian across generations.

Glendale USD is known for its high-quality dual language immersion programs and was recognized in 2024 as the "District of Distinction" by the Association of Two-Way and Dual Language Education (ATDLE). The first DLI program was implemented in Spanish in 2003 and GUSD's language offerings now include Eastern Armenian, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean and Spanish with Western Armenian joining in fall 2027. Dual language immersion combines academic instruction with language learning, supporting students as they develop literacy in English and a partner language.

Elementary programs use either a 90:10 or 50:50 instructional model. French, German, Italian and Spanish programs begin with more instruction in the partner language and gradually move toward an equal balance with English. Eastern Armenian, Western Armenian, Japanese and Korean use a 50:50 model where half the day is taught in English and the remaining half in the target language.

GUSD middle schools offer pathways to continue the DLI program with an advanced language arts course in the target language designed for DLI students. The Spanish DLI programs at Roosevelt STEAM Academy and Eleanor J. Toll Middle School also offer a second core-content subject in history/social studies.

Students in GUSD's established DLI pathways can continue their language studies through high school world language and advanced courses. Most languages offer a capstone exam for potential college credit, and students may qualify for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

In-person tours and virtual presentations are available on scheduled dates with options varying by school and language. Families are encouraged to review the schedules and register in advance at www.gusd.net/tours.

Families living within and outside GUSD boundaries are welcome to apply for dual language immersion programs. Students residing outside the district must complete the required inter-district permit process if offered placement.

Applications for the Dual Language Program lottery open Nov. 1 and must be completed by Jan. 31, 2027 for consideration in the 2027-28 school year. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist. Families can find application instructions through the tours webpage.

For more information, visit www.gusd.net/DLI.

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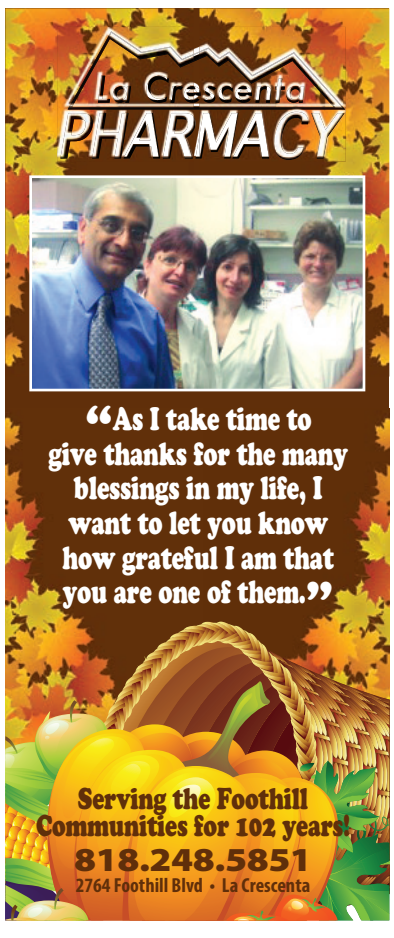
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GCC *from Cover*

Phillip demanded three things: phase in the first-year increase instead of the shock of a 53% increase; publish a project-by-project capital plan; and report every year on promised versus actual capital spending.

GWP Assistant General Manager of Water Chisom Obegolu reviewed the timeline of the new Water Master Plan and cost of service analysis (COSA) that started in late 2024. On Sept. 26 of this year, the council authorized the required Prop. 218 notices.

The proposed plan includes $100 million in infrastructure spending over the next five years: $30.4 million to replace aging pipes and to extend recycled water to nearby parks and green spaces; $10.6 million for fire protection systems improvements; $42.3 million to rehabilitate pumping stations, reservoirs and to install permanent generators; and $15.3 million to replace aging meters to improve billing accuracy.

There are three components to the rates charged for municipal water: variable water charges that are based on usage; a fixed meter charge based on the size of the meter; and a pumping charge based on the cost of energy needed to deliver water to higher elevations. GWP has divided the city into seven zones. Approximately 90% of water customers live in Zones 1-3, the zones at the lowest elevations.

Obegolu shared the outreach that was done and shared the extensive information the utility has made available to the public, including the online water bill estimator, at www.glendaleca.gov/ProposedWaterRates or by calling (855) 550-4497. He shared several examples showing an average increase of $21 – $26 per month for single family households and average increases of between $72 and $87 per month in the highest elevation – Zone 7, home to 47 GWP customers. A renter in a 10-plex would see increases of $21 – $24 per month, on average.

Obegolu reminded the council that July's catastrophic water main break in West Hollywood was caused by the failure of a 110-year-old, 36-inch steel pipe.

"Right down the center of Glendale Avenue, there's a 30-inch old steel main. It's 100 years old," he said.

GWP General Manager Scott Mellon responded to some of the concerns raised by public speakers.

Though the master plan demonstrated that the city has the infrastructure capacity needed for future development it also highlighted the importance of replacing aging resources. If there is a development that requires new pumping capability or new pipes, the private developer would be required to pay for those upgrades.

"One hundred percent of the costs are paid for by the developer. There are no subsidies for developers of any kind," Mellon emphasized.

Transfers from the electric side of the utility have no bearing on water rates. GWP's Assistant General Manager, Utility Finance & Risk Management, Adrine Isayan added that there has not been a transfer from the water side of the utility since 2011 and that the law defines electricity and water as enterprise funds which cannot be co-mingled.

In response to calls for seeking funds from the state and federal government, Mellon reiterated to the council that staff is "always looking for ways to get funding."

"Albert" has lived in Glendale for 40 years and 10 months. He told the council that when he used the bill estimator, his bill almost doubled. He urged the council to oppose the proposed increase.

"I can't pay you; my neighbors can't pay you. I walked my street and no one knows about this,"

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Opportunity for LCF Residents to Learn About Composting, Organics Recycling and More

This November, La Cañada Flintridge Public Works Dept. is inviting residents and businesses to learn more about composting, organics recycling and California's SB 1383 requirements through two educational workshops and a free compost giveaway.

The City will host two educational workshops designed to help businesses and residents better understand organics recycling and composting. Businesses are invited to attend a commercial workshop on Monday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. at LCF City Hall to learn what SB 1383 means for their operations, including organics recycling requirements, available waivers and compliance information.

The City of La Cañada Flintridge will host the residential workshop at city hall on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at city hall to provide guidance on using kitchen food scrap pails, gardening with compost and planting cool-season vegetables.

The Public Works Dept. is also hosting a booth at the Farmers Market, located at 1300 Foothill Blvd., across the street from Memorial Park, on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to share more information about SB 1383 and distribute free bagged compost, vegetable seeds and compost pails. Compost can help nourish gardens and plants while supporting healthy soil and reducing organic waste.

The compost, vegetable seeds and compost pails are available to La Cañada Flintridge residents only, while supplies last. There is a limit of two bags of compost per household during the first two hours of the event. Compost pails are limited to one per household. Households that have previously received a compost pail are not eligible to receive an additional pail.

"We all have a role in protecting our environment, and these events are a great opportunity for our community to learn how to 'go green' in their daily lives," said Mayor Jeanne Kim Hobson. "By providing residents and businesses with the information and resources to build eco-friendly habits, we are collectively building a cleaner, more sustainable La Cañada Flintridge."

Learn more about SB 1383 and organics recycling For questions, contact the Public Works Dept. at (818) 790-8882.



CRIME BLOTTER

NOV 7

2500 block of Fairway Avenue in Montrose, a man parked his vehicle at the location and the next day notice a dent on the driver's side door. He noticed a footprint on the dent on the driver's side door. An informant reported that she had heard a loud "bang" about 3 a.m. The informant reported that she heard a person yelling in Spanish at the location. She looked out her window and reportedly witnessed a male, described as Hispanic and wearing dark clothing walked past the residence and was screaming. She immediately closed her window so the man would not see her and then she heard a big boom coming from in front of the residence where the victim's vehicle was parked. She initially believed the suspect had hit trash cans; however, after looking at the vehicle's damage she now believes it was done by the suspect.

While the deputy was taking the report he received a call for service at a residence three houses down from the victim's home. He responded and the victim stated that she had parked her vehicle in the 2500 block of Mayfield Avenue and noticed that her vehicle had a broken window and a dent on the passenger side door. She also remembered hearing a male yelling in Spanish outside her home around 3 a.m. She did not look outside but did hear a loud bang and just assumed the man had slammed a door.

The vandalism occurred overnight.

NOV. 5

4400 block of Briggs Avenue in Montrose, an unlocked vehicle was ransacked and several personal items were stolen reported at 6:30 a.m.

NOV. 4

4800 block of Fairlawn Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported her vehicle stolen from the location. Security footage revealed a suspect, described as a male Hispanic wearing a black jacket, black shirt and gray shorts, seen walking away from a white SUV parked on Fairlawn Drive. The suspect walked up to a vehicle, a 2025 McLaren, and attempted to open the passenger side door but was unsuccessful. He then left the view of the camera but soon another vehicle, a black Mercedes-Maybach that was parked at the location, was seen backing up slowly. It is believed the suspect was the driver of the Mercedes. It is believed the suspect was able to enter the Mercedes, because the keys were left inside the car. As the Mercedes was backing out of the area it collided with and damaged the 2025 McLaren vehicle.

The Mercedes then drove away from the area at 4:46 a.m.





Stabbing Suspect Arrested for Attempted Murder

On Sunday, Nov. 8 at approximately 5 p.m., Glendale police officers responded to an altercation in the 1100 block of South Glendale Avenue involving two adult males.

During the altercation, one male brandished what was described to be a folding pocketknife and attacked the other, stabbing him. The suspect also sustained minor injuries during the incident.

Following the attack, the suspect fled the scene.

The victim remained at the scene until Glendale police officers and firefighters arrived. Glendale Fire Dept. personnel provided medical assistance and transported the victim to a local hospital, where he remains stable yet in critical condition. Officers and detectives conducted an investigation, collected evidence and interviewed witnesses. The investigation revealed the identity and location of the suspect, where he was detained and ultimately arrested.

The suspect was identified as Levon Hakobyan, 30, of Van Nuys. Hakobyan was booked for attempted murder at the Glendale Police Dept. jail.

The investigation remains ongoing. No additional information is available at this time.

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

Obituary
Virginia Sturmer



July 7, 1935 - Oct. 31, 2026

Virginia Sturmer, born July 7, 1935, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Oct. 31.

Virginia called La Crescenta home for more than 60 years. After leaving Kentucky, she made her way to Long Beach before eventually settling in La Crescenta where she built a life and made lasting memories over the decades.

Virginia dedicated more than 20 years of her working life to Glendale Community College where she worked in the Administration Office before retiring. Outside of work, she found joy in the simple things that made life meaningful. She had a special gift for crocheting and loved making things for the people she cared about, whether it was sweaters, mittens or beautiful afghans. Each handmade creation was a little piece of her love, thoughtfully made and given to someone special.

She was also an avid reader, with a love for books that seemed endless. It would be hard to find anyone who read as much as Virginia did. If you ever needed a good book recommendation, she was always the person to ask.

Virginia never met a conversation she didn't enjoy. She loved talking with people wherever she went and she had a way of making connections with those around her. But above all else, her favorite conversations always seemed to find their way back to her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her greatest joy and she loved sharing stories about them with anyone willing to listen. They were a constant source of pride and happiness in her life.

Virginia leaves behind a family who will forever cherish her memory including her daughter and son, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her love, warmth and the countless memories she created will continue to live on through all those who knew and loved her.

She will be deeply missed and remembered in every handmade stitch, every favorite book and every story shared among the family she loved so dearly.

At this time, no memorial service has been planned. The family is taking time to grieve and process this unexpected loss and will share any future arrangements if they are made.

Rest peacefully, Virginia. You will always be loved and never forgotten.

Obituary
Robert Hansen



Dec. 22, 1950 - Oct. 1, 2026

Funeral Services for Robert Hansen, age 75 of La Crescenta, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. at Crippen Mortuary in La Crescenta with a reception to follow at the mortuary. Nebraska funeral services will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Beemer, Nebraska. Internment will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the Beemer Legion Hall. Visitation in Nebraska will be on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 11a.m. at the church. Crippen Mortuary in La Crescenta is handling the arrangements in California and Minnick Funeral Home in West Point is handling the arrangement in Nebraska.

Robert passed away peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 1 at his home.

Robert Leslie Hansen was born on Dec. 22, 1950 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Robert and Thais (Chapman) Hansen. He graduated from Stanton High School in 1969. He continued his education in Nebraska and California to become a licensed funeral director.

Robert worked for Home for Funerals in Norfolk before moving to California to finish his education. In California he worked for Callahan's Funeral Home for a year before he went on to work in 1979 for Crippen Mortuary. He became a partner in the business before he eventually took over as the owner of the business. Robert was proud and excited to start the planning process to celebrate the mortuary's 100th anniversary in 2028. He also owned and operated Crescenta Valley Floral and Gifts, a limousine business and on the side catered.

Robert was a member of the La Cañada Rotary Club where he was honored with the Paul Harris Fellow Rotary recognition. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, International Family Charities, Californians for Nebraska and the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce where he served as a past president, to name a few. Robert was a past honorary mayor of La Crescenta and was a big believer in supporting local businesses and kid/charity events in his community.

Robert had a generous heart and was quick to help others. Every holiday, he opened his home and cooked a large meal for those who had nowhere to go, many times hosting 45-plus individuals. His quick wit and loving nature will be missed by many.

Survivors include his niece, Robin Hansen of Beemer, Nebraska; great nephew Joey and Abby Hansen of Red Cloud, Nebraska and children: Carter, Crue and Callen; great nephew Cord and Chelsea Hansen of Tekemah, Nebraska and children: Cael, Arya and Lainey; great niece Taryn and Eric Ray of Colorado Springs, Colorado; best friend Jack Best of Palm Springs; his Crippen Mortuary family: Leo Murillo, Kathy Gallardo, Logan Elliot, Cathy Crisostomo, and Manny Salcido; several cousins, other nieces and other nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his infant sister Candace, nephew Joe Hansen, great nephew Niall Hansen, his significant other Wayne, and numerous other family members.

FSHA Cleared After Non-Credible 'Swatting' Incident

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy (FSHA) resumed regular classes and normal campus operations on Monday following a swift law enforcement response to a non-credible "swatting" call received last Wednesday morning.

At approximately 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4, the FSHA security team received an anonymous phone call claiming a threat to the campus. School administrators immediately alerted the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.- Crescenta Valley Station and initiated standard emergency lockdown procedures to ensure the safety of all students, faculty and staff.

Law enforcement officers arrived promptly and conducted a comprehensive sweep of the campus grounds. Following a thorough inspection, authorities determined the threat was entirely non-credible and part of a broader series of automated hoax calls targeting several schools including in the Bay Area.

The lockdown was officially lifted late Wednesday afternoon, transitioning to a controlled shelter-in-place protocol to allow for an orderly dismissal. Out of an abundance of caution, local law enforcement provided an increased patrol presence on campus during morning arrival on Thursday.

"Our faculty, staff and security team acted with immediate precision and care to keep our girls safe," said Marlena Conroy, president at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy. "While we are deeply thankful that our campus was safe, we will always act with utmost vigilance when it comes to our community. Anchored in our shared faith, we move forward united in strength and gratitude – thankful for the swift action of our first responders and deeply honored by the trust our parents place in us to cherish and protect their daughters."

All academic schedules, athletic practices and campus extracurricular activities resumed as planned. Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy continues to fully assist law enforcement with their ongoing investigation.

Provided by FSHA

Crescenta Valley Deputies Arrest Woman for Intentionally Starting a Brush fire In Angeles National Forest

A woman was arrested by deputies from the Crescenta Valley Station during the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 7 for recklessly starting a fire in the Angeles National Forest. The arrest followed a call for service received by the station when personnel from the U.S. Forest Service Fire Dept. spotted the woman walking near a small brush fire on Little Tujunga Canyon Road near mile marker 16.

As firefighters addressed the fire, deputies from Crescenta Valley arrived and detained the woman for further investigation.

The brush fire was quickly extinguished and burned approximately 0.5 acres. During their investigation, deputies determined that the woman had intentionally started the brush fire.

The woman, identified as Sheila Nartatez, a 47-year-old resident of Los Angeles, was subsequently arrested for violating Penal Code 452(c) "Recklessly setting fire to forestry land." Nartatez was booked at the Crescenta Valley Station jail and is being held on $35,000 bail.

Starting a fire recklessly is inherently dangerous, especially during red-flag warnings for high-wind events. Strong winds can carry burning embers over long distances, igniting multiple fires and transforming a small fire into an uncontrollable wildfire. Gusting winds, steep terrain and dry conditions can accelerate fire spread, endangering lives, homes, wildlife and surrounding communities.

In anticipation of red-flag wind events, Crescenta Valley Station deploys additional units to conduct fire watch duties in our area of responsibility.

Captain Ryan A. Vienna stated, "These units responded, investigated and arrested a woman who started this fire. I thank the fire department for its quick response, which extinguished a potentially disastrous fire that could have affected all LA County residents. We at Crescenta Valley Station remain committed to increasing our presence through field deployments during these events to save lives and property in the communities we serve."

This investigation is ongoing and no additional information is available for release at this time.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact Sheriff's Arson and Explosives Detail general line at (323) 881-7500.

Those who prefer to provide information anonymously may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use a smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website https://www.lacrimestoppers.org/.

Stabbing Murder Suspect Arrested by Glendale Police

On Monday, Nov. 9 at approximately 6 p.m., Glendale police officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of Justin Avenue after a caller reported finding blood inside their home.

Officers conducted a check of the residence and located a female in her 50s who was deceased. Through the investigation it was discovered the deceased had suffered multiple stab wounds.

Officers checking the area located a male seated inside a parked vehicle in the immediate area. The male was detained and subsequently identified as the victim's son and the sole suspect in this investigation. Detectives also recovered the weapon believed to have been used in the crime.

The suspect, 21-year-old Sebastian Landau, was arrested and booked for murder at the Glendale police jail.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation. No additional information is available at this time. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4840.





WINE WALK *from Cover*

The toast will be led by Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian, who has been a lifelong Once Upon a Time customer. He was one of the many Harry Potter fans who lined up outside the bookstore, many dressed in costume, each time a new book in the series was released.

"That will kick off the Wine Walk, which is one of the highlights of the holiday season," she added. "People come into the store, some for the first time."

For many, like Kassakhian, Once Upon a Time bookstore was the magical place where, as kids, they would get a chance to explore all types of books and become part of the Montrose children's bookstore family.

"[We consider] everyone who comes to the bookstore as family," Palacios said. "The Wine Walk is a great way to bring new folks into the stores and a great time to see old friends."

VETERANS DAY *from Cover*

"At just 19 years old Murphy landed in Europe as an infantryman during the Second World War. By war's end, he had become the most decorated American combat soldier of the conflict. His awards include the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. But what made Audie Murphy remarkable was not the number of medals on his uniform. It was what he did when everything was on the line.

"Like many veterans, he came home carrying invisible wounds. Long before terms such as PTSD entered the American vocabulary, Murphy openly discussed the challenges faced by combat veterans."

Murphy talked about the long term effects of war such as PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). He continued to work to bring attention to the American veteran and continued to advocate for mental health support for veterans.

Schultz spoke about the importance of the day and the uniqueness of the Crescenta Valley event.

"It's this celebration every year at 8 a.m. that I really have come to enjoy because as we sit here in this quiet and tranquil park it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of this day and what it means," he said.

A flag retirement ceremony was conducted by members of Scouting America Troop 288. Strips of old flags were retired in a fire pit "out of respect," according to the Scouts.

One by one adults and kids walked up to the fire with strips of old and damaged American flags and laid them in the flames.

A student bugler ended the ceremony by playing "Taps" as people quietly left.

On Tuesday veterans from the American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 continued a ten year tradition and attended a ceremony at Lincoln Elementary School to honor veterans and Veterans Day.

Organized by Lincoln principal Barbie Fariss and PTA parent Cheryl Lyn Baralaan "did a great job in managing the ceremony," said veteran Dick Clubb. "The children were well-behaved and

and performed their tasks flawlessly. We had nine veterans who participated as well as several other veterans who were related to the students at Lincoln that participated in the event. As always, the ceremony was a pleasant and enjoyable experience and the children are always so cute."

JPL *from page 3*

In addition, Evans added, is the microwave technologies that have been developed at JPL, called FINDER (Finding Individuals for Disaster and Emergency Response). This is portable radar technology that can detect heartbeats in a pile of rubble, like after an earthquake.

JPL has faced some very difficult times including massive lay-offs and the Eaton Fire of 2025. Hundreds of JPL employees were affected by the devastating Eaton Fire.

JPLers quickly mobilized to support their fellow workers. They held food and clothing drives and even offered free babysitting so parents could work the phones to get answers on how to move forward; however, there was a technical side of their support as well – they developed technology that can help in the next fire.

"We developed detector technologies that go on satellites that really are helping pave the way for being able to get first responders to respond to fires much more quickly," he said.

JPL's Mars exploration is legendary and has been so successful many think that landing on the red planet is easy … .it is not. There are challenges to putting an autonomous robot on the surface of Mars and other planets.

"In many ways it feels a lot like what we do on Earth when we launch something into space and then the astronauts come back via parachute, land in the ocean and [they are picked up]," he said. "On Earth, we've got such a thick atmosphere that you can softly come all the way down to the surface on parachutes, but the moon has no atmosphere – you can use thrusters and gently work your way to the surface of the moon. Mars has this atmosphere that's about one one-hundredth of ours, so it ends up being far more challenging than either of those other bodies. You can't take a parachute all the way to the surface. You have an atmosphere that's going to disturb you and heat you up as you're coming in. And so you can't just come screaming in and fire thrusters to land. The challenges are really the worst of both worlds.

"But obviously, time and time again, we have found ways to let ever more capable robotic systems, robotic geologists, explore Mars, to learn more about it and to learn more about Earth in the process."

Next week CVW will explore what the future at JPL looks like.



VIEWPOINTS

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Perriseau Paradise in the Land of the Sun

Harry saw Mr. Gumbiner earlier that day as he was busy preparing for the evening's festivities. Mr. Gumbiner – Herman Gumbiner – was a theatre operator who had arrived in Los Angeles in 1921 from Chicago. He came to own and operate the Cameo and the Garrick Theatres, both on South Broadway downtown.

He brought down the Garrick Theatre in March 1927 and the modern, opulent, and innovative Tower Theatre rose in its place. It was the first in Los Angeles to be fully wired for sound to better serve the new "talkie" films. It was also the first to provide air conditioning. On Oct. 12, 1927 Herman's crew prepared for the grand opening and as his film projectionist, Harry Robin Perriseau, had an important role to play.

Soon after that long day and the successful screening of "The Gingham Girl" Harry made the long journey to Sunland to visit his parents, Louis and Lizzie, at 10210 Oro Vista Ave. In the summer of 1928, Harry married Estelle Szydel and just over nine months later, their first son Merritt was born. The next year, the young family moved to Sunland, just blocks from their son's grandparents.

When Harry and Estelle had their second son in 1932 – Melvin – Harry was 40, and Estelle was 30. Their youngest son, Marvin, was born in 1935. After Grandma Lizzie passed away in the spring of 1939, Harry, Estelle and the three boys moved in with Grandpa Louis at his house on the northeast corner of Oro Vista Avenue and Day Street.

When the family moved into the old home on Oro Vista, Merritt – the eldest son – was 10. When Merritt was about 80, he sat down to record an oral history with Lloyd Hitt, Bill Skiles and William Andrew in attendance. The rest of the story continues with Merritt's words.

"My grandparents, Louis and Lizzie, came from Minnesota and bought this house in Sunland in 1927. I believe my father told them about the Crescenta Valley. He came to Los Angeles before 1920 and soon learned the skills of a film projectionist. He worked downtown at the Cameo Theatre on 5th and Broadway and at the Tower Theatre on 7th and Broadway. Grandpa figured the house was built around 1885 but claimed a fire in Los Angeles destroyed those early records.

"The house is almost as original as it was when my grandfather bought it in 1927, except that my dad put redwood siding on it. All the redwood siding came from a mill in Burbank and he picked out every board. As a result, none of the siding has a single knot. It also used to have a wood shingle roof that was replaced with a composition shingle roof.

"The landscapes around the house have changed a great deal. Across the street, west of the house on the other side of Oro Vista, there were citrus orchards. North of the house we had about an acre of grapevines. We grew Concord grapes, Tokays, Muscats and others. My father and I picked them and took them downtown to sell at the Grand Central Market. When I was a kid, the grapevines stretched all the way to the boulevard.

"I remember when Foothill was just two lanes. I can still see that big steam shovel they brought in to break up the concrete when they converted it to four lanes. Before Kmart was there, even before the drive-in theater came in about 1950, a large vineyard occupied that lot and the whole town attended a barbecue there each year.


Merritt with his wife Bernice in 1953

"Merritt passed on May 4, 2018 at the age of 89; his wife Bernice preceded him. They had one daughter together. Today another happy, young family resides in the home at 10210 Oro Vista and if Grandpa figured correctly, it's one of the oldest homes in Sunland and it remains the Perriseau Paradise that it's always been."

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

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » JEFFREY RODRIGUEZ, PRESIDENT

Crescenta Valley Town Council Update – November 2026

November has been a busy month for the Crescenta Valley Town Council with our annual election, continued discussions on issues impacting our community and several opportunities for residents to come together as we head into the holiday season.

Thank You, Crescenta Valley!

First and foremost, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the Crescenta Valley Town Council election on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7. Your involvement is what makes our community special. The town council serves as a voice for our residents and your participation helps ensure that the concerns and priorities of the Crescenta Valley continue to be heard.

We also congratulate Ruben D. Karapetian on his election to the Crescenta Valley Town Council. We look forward to welcoming Ruben and working together to serve the community we all care so deeply about.

A Visit from Our State Representatives

At our previous general meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez and Assemblymember Nick Schultz back to the Crescenta Valley.

Both representatives shared updates on their work in Sacramento and, more importantly, took the time to hear directly from our residents. These conversations provide a valuable opportunity for our community to ask questions, express concerns and engage with those representing us at the state level.

We sincerely appreciate Senator Pérez and Assemblymember Schultz for making themselves available and continuing to foster an open dialogue with our community. Thank you as well to the residents who attended and participated in the discussion. Your voices matter.

Preparing for the Rainy Season – November 19 Presentation by LA County Public Works

While Southern California may still be enjoying some beautiful fall weather, the rainy season is just around the corner and now is the time to prepare.

We are pleased to welcome Lee Miller from the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works who will discuss storm preparedness, potential El Niño conditions and practical steps residents can take to protect their homes and properties during the upcoming rainy season.

As a foothill community, we are particularly mindful of the challenges heavy rainfall can bring from flooding and debris flows to drainage concerns. Being informed and prepared is one of the best ways we can protect our families, homes and neighborhoods.

We encourage everyone to attend, bring their questions and take advantage of this informative presentation.

A Crescenta Valley Holiday Tradition – 11th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 2

It's almost time for one of our favorite community traditions! Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

The festivities begin early with a special performance by Christopher T Magician from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., featuring a fun-filled magic show especially for children ages 5–12. Families can also capture a little holiday magic with photos with Santa for $10, with proceeds supporting scholarships for students in our community. A wonderful way to create a holiday memory while giving back to local students! The evening will feature festive performances by Valley View students and the Charismatics from Crescenta Valley High School, filling the celebration with music and holiday cheer.

This cherished annual event is made possible through the generous support of Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the Friends of La Crescenta Library and the Crescenta Valley Town Council. There is something truly special about seeing our community come together during the holidays. We hope you'll bring the family, reconnect with neighbors, and join us as we celebrate the season right here in the Crescenta Valley.

Briggs and Foothill Development Update

The Crescenta Valley Town Council continues to closely follow the proposed affordable housing development at the corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

Recently, Council representatives met with Abode Communities to discuss the proposed development and share concerns and questions raised by residents. We appreciate Abode's willingness to meet and engage in a constructive conversation about a project that has generated significant community interest. The town council remains committed to advocating for transparency, thoughtful planning and the safety and well-being of our community as discussions move forward. We anticipate continuing the dialogue with Abode Communities and will share additional information with residents as it becomes available.

Staying Connected, Staying Involved

As we approach the end of another year, we want to thank the many residents who continue to attend meetings, participate in local elections, ask important questions and stay engaged in the issues shaping our community. The Crescenta Valley is more than just a place to live – it is a community of neighbors who care about one another and the place we call home. That sense of community is what makes our valley so special.

We hope to see you at our Nov. 19 general meeting at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library and again on Dec. 2 for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

This Thanksgiving, may we be grateful not only for the blessings around our own tables but also for the people who enrich our lives and the community we share. May we continue to look out for one another, lend a hand when it's needed and never take for granted the little things that make the Crescenta Valley feel like home.

From our town council family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving.

Jeffrey Rodriguez, President CV Town Council

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OP ED » GLENDALE MAYOR ARDASHES 'ARDY' KASSAKHIAN

A Blue Tsunami Is Not a Blank Check

Some are calling the 2026 midterm elections a blue tsunami. I've heard pundits attribute the election's success to the rise of far-left candidates and others call it a repudiation of Trumpism. Regardless of how one assesses the election, we need to remind ourselves that an election victory is not a trophy. It is an opportunity. For those who won, it's the day they are hired. And how leaders respond to this moment will say a lot about where we are headed as a country.

The numbers don't lie. For those who are not happy with the results, it will be hard to claim this election was stolen. Americans sent a clear message. Democrats won control of both houses of Congress, delivering a sharp rebuke to President Trump and the direction of the country. There is plenty for Democrats to celebrate. However, I hope the celebration is followed by an equally important question: Now what?

Mario Cuomo famously said, "We campaign in poetry, but govern in prose." After more than two decades in local government, I can tell you how true that is.

I love campaigns. I love the energy, the conversations, the feeling that ordinary people can come together and change something. But the signs eventually come down. The speeches end. And on Wednesday morning, someone still has to fix the streetlight, balance the budget, keep the water running and make sure families feel safe in their neighborhoods.

That is the part of democracy that rarely goes viral. It is also the part that matters most.

As mayor of Glendale, I have learned that residents are remarkably uninterested in excuses. They don't care whether a delayed project is the fault of a department, a contractor or another level of government. They want to know what we are doing to solve it. They expect us to listen, make decisions and take responsibility when those decisions don't work.

Washington could learn something from that.

In Glendale, some of the decisions I am proudest of were not unanimous or especially glamorous. They involved listening to people who disagreed, negotiating details and accepting that good government is usually an exercise in imperfect choices. That is not a failure of leadership. It is leadership.

Many people voted on [Tuesday, Nov. 3] because they are tired – tired of rising costs, tired of political chaos and tired of being told to hate their neighbors because they vote differently. They want affordable housing, decent health care, good jobs, safe streets and some semblance of confidence that the future will be better for their children.

Democrats should hear that as an invitation to govern, not permission to settle scores.

There must be accountability. Congress has a constitutional responsibility to investigate misconduct, demand answers and check executive power. But accountability is not revenge. And an endless cycle of investigations, outrage and retaliation cannot become a substitute for improving people's lives.

The reality is that Democrats will control Congress, not the White House. President Trump will still have the veto pen. Moving the country forward will require negotiation, compromise and the courage to explain –honestly – when agreement cannot be reached. That may disappoint people who want every political fight to end with a knockout. But governing is not boxing. You cannot build a lasting future by treating half the country as an enemy.

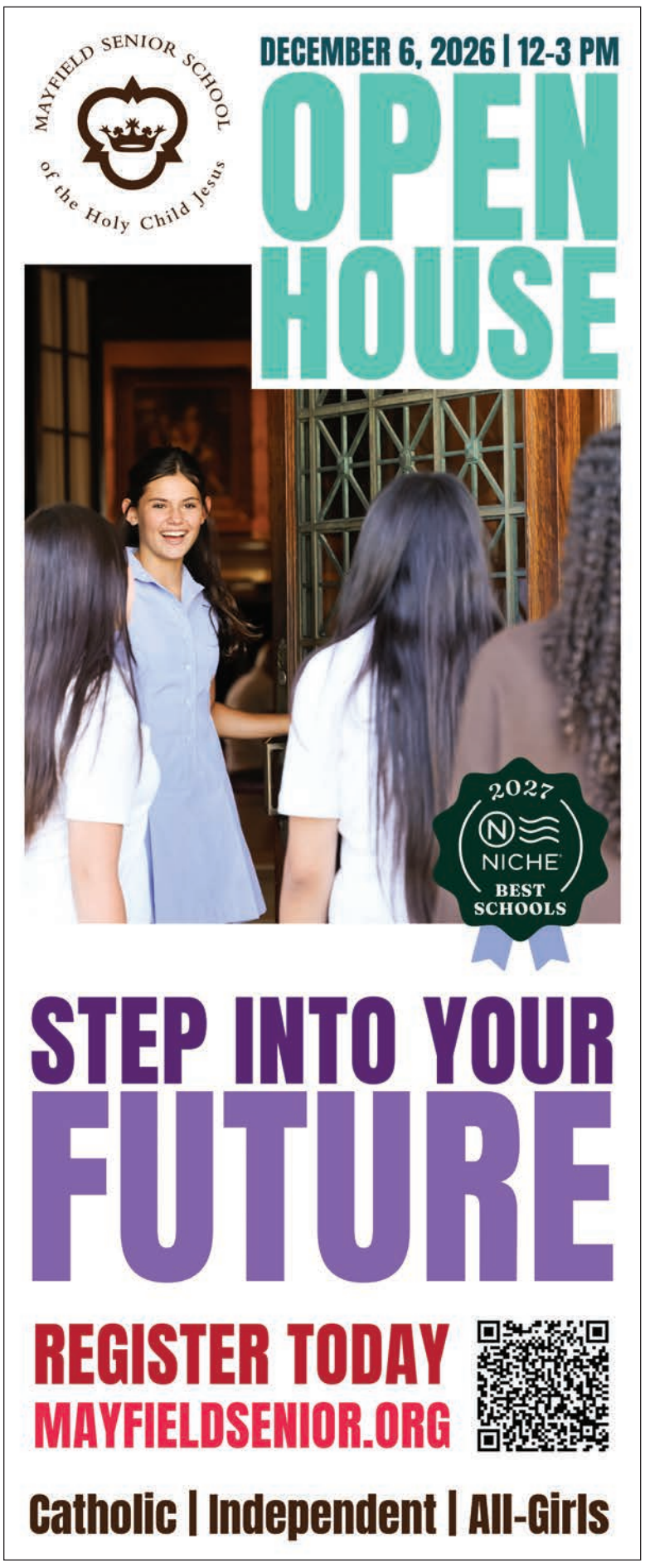
I also hope Republicans take the results seriously. Losing an election is painful but democracy gives every party the chance to listen, reassess and return with better ideas. No party owns the American people and no victory lasts forever.

I say this as someone who has won elections and watched friends lose them: the vote is not a judgment of anyone's worth. It is a temporary grant of public trust and that trust has to be earned every day.

Campaign poetry reminds us what is possible. Governing prose determines whether we get there

The voters have spoken. Hopefully, both parties will listen. We'll know for sure in 2028 if they did.

Ardy Kassakhian is the mayor of Glendale and a longtime public servant with more than two decades of experience in municipal government and public policy. He serves on the boards of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). He is also an adjunct professor of political science at Glendale Community College and holds degrees from UCLA and Northwestern University, with additional executive education at Harvard Kennedy School. The views expressed are his own.



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another resident exclaimed, emotional and near tears.

Many shared these sentiments: We strongly oppose the proposed water rate increases of 53% starting on Jan. 1, 2027, which is less than two months from now.

Let's be clear: households cannot reasonably budget a rate increase of this magnitude with such little notice. Families are already struggling with the rising cost of groceries, insurance, utilities and gas. Now the city is proposing to impose an additional financial burden practically overnight.

"Spread the increase over five years equally rather than such a dramatic upfront increase," one Glendalian proposed.

"Maria" asked, "How did this all turn into such a critical situation when details of what was happening with our water crisis was not at the forefront of our city election in June? The forthcoming massive increase should have been the stand-out issue so we could hear from incumbent councilmembers [who] have had years to address this issue and act on it. The community would have wanted to hear the position of candidates about GWP burdening your constituents with a massive water rate hike."

The speaker went on to suggest that the timing of the rate hike could be linked to the implementation of SB 79, state legislation aimed at increasing the building of housing along transit corridors.

A few spoke in support of the rate increases.

"We're all being squeezed from every direction. Affordability is a very big issue in Glendale, in California, in the nation. We absolutely need this investment. We live in a desert. Part of this fund is going to go to exploring ways to capture more water locally. We need to do it," one caller said.

"Anna" has lived in Glendale for 38 years and called in to "speak in support of the water rate increase and investment our Glendale water system needs."

"I live in Zone 3 and have family members who live in Zones 4 and 6 where rates are a little higher because of pumping costs. I think that's fair. Residents in lower elevations should not have to subsidize the added cost of serving the few folks in higher elevation areas.

"I also understand why another increase is difficult for families. But delaying these repairs won't make the costs go away. And it could actually mean higher costs. We have seen what can happen when maintenance is put off. We shouldn't leave this problem to our kids to deal with in the future," she said.

Most opposed the increases.

"These are not minor adjustments," "Vahe" said, questioning the "apparent rush to approve" the drastic increases.

"Why are we not allowing additional time for the residents to understand?

"Transparency is not something to fear. Public participation is not an inconvenience. And asking for additional time is not unreasonable," Vahe concluded his comments.

The council heard public comments from more than 50 Glendalians, listened to GWP staff and deliberated into early Wednesday.

Councilmember Elen Asatryan supports the overall investment in water infrastructure but raised concerns about letters the city received from lawyers representing Forest Lawn and emails from the Americana and the Glendale Galleria, both shopping malls claiming they were not notified about the pending rate hikes. She advocated to continue the discussion until next week's council meeting.

"Previous councils didn't want to be the bad guys and have left us in this position," Asatryan added.

Mayor Ardy Kassakhian attempted to close the public hearing but could not secure the votes necessary to do so.

Kassakhian followed up on several issues raised by speakers. Approximately 33% of Glendale's water is groundwater but because of contamination, including trace amounts of Chromium-6, local groundwater needs to be mixed with imported water in order to be usable. Seven states, two countries and numerous independent tribes depend on water from the Colorado River. California's allocation has been cut by 12%.

In accordance with Prop. 218, if a majority (that is, 50% plus one) of affected property owners submit valid written protests opposing the pending increase, the utility would be prohibited from implementing the rate change and would be required to redo the entire cost analysis.

The mayor was advised that the city has received 4,351 total Prop. 218 protests out of the 22,738 that would be needed to overturn the increases.

Councilmember Alek Bartrosouf expressed concern about delaying action, unconvinced that a delay would change the ultimate outcome, worried about sending misleading messages to the public.

A representative of Forest Lawn summed up its concerns, focused primarily on the increasing cost of recycled water and citing Forest Lawn's long-term historical commitment to Glendale's recycled water. Having been instrumental in the 1970s in the development of the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (co-owned by the cities of Los Angeles and Glendale to treat local wastewater), Forest Lawn became the city's first major commercial customer for recycled water. In February 1989, the Glendale council approved an agreement to supply Forest Lawn with up to 200 million gallons of reclaimed water annually, with the city funding the construction of water mains and pumping stations up to the park's boundary.

City Manager Roubik Golanian reminded the council that per Prop. 218, "Every customer – residential, commercial and industrial – received notification of the proposed rate increases.

"Maybe they didn't read it, but every account holder received a detailed notice."

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2027 "Being Water Wise Is" Student Art Calendar Contest Winners

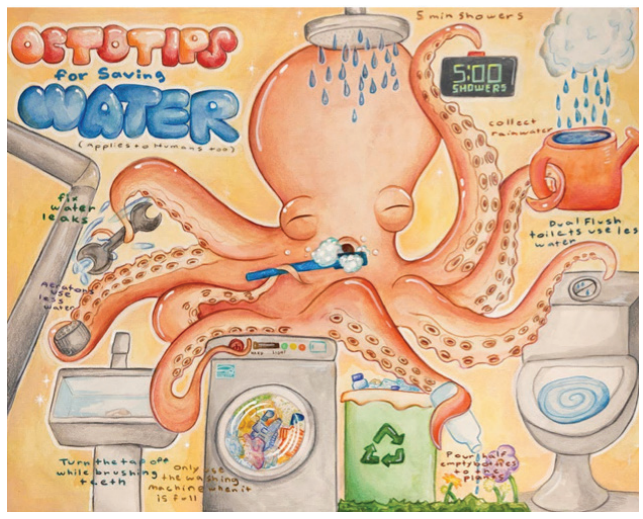
Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) announced that two talented students from the District's service area have been selected as winners for the 2027 Metropolitan Water District "Being Water Wise Is" Student Art Calendar Contest. The selected students are:

- Lucas Kim, Grade 5 of Palm Crest Elementary School. Teacher is Talin Dikranian.
- Olivia Park, Grade 6 of La Cañada Elementary School. Teacher is Andrea Redecker.

The artworks are among the 37 featured in the calendar, submitted from six counties in southern California. Twenty-six water agencies participated in the art contest with thousands of artworks submitted. The winning artworks will be featured in a rotating exhibit traveling throughout Southern California.

"The creativity and talent demonstrated in these students' artwork is truly impressive," said Nina Jazmadarian, general manager. "It is wonderful to see young people use their artistic abilities to communicate the importance of water conservation. Their work reminds us that protecting our most precious





natural resource is a responsibility we all share."

The theme of the contest, "Being WaterWise Is," emphasizes the value of water stewardship and the importance of water conservation in our communities. The creativity of the selected artworks illustrates how everyone can take part in preserving the Earth's most precious natural resources.

Halloween Celebrated at Local Schools









In celebration of "the spooky season," Crescenta Valley High School, Rosemont Middle School and Monte Vista students dressed in Halloween costumes. Despite rainy weather, the students (and staff) enjoyed the festivities.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Sheriff's Station Welcomes Trunk or Treaters

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station brought spooky fun for the whole family with its annual trunk or treat event held at the sheriff station on Oct. 30.

Hundreds of families attended the event, which featured Smokey Bear, screenings of "Nacho Libre" and "Scooby Doo," a dance party, spirited decorations, air lift rides and pictures with the Montrose Search and Rescue Team, and photos with the Grim Reaper at the site of an untimely "car accident": a display featuring a wrecked car with skeletons and a police vehicle.

Sponsors of the event included the U.S. Dept. of Forestry, the Crescenta Valley Water District POPA Credit Union and the Montrose Search and Rescue team. Early Rodders classic cars donated their trunks for the event.

Captain Ryan Vienna said the trunk or treat event is about building relationships with families.

"This is a unique opportunity for the community to actually come into the sheriff station area, our secured area in the back, and it's a safe place for families – so it is probably the safest Halloween event that anyone could attend. We take that very seriously to make sure everybody has a good time and it's inclusive for all the people," he said.

Captain Vienna and other officers were dressed in costumes, adding to the festive atmosphere. Costumes are always encouraged.

"Last year, I was an alien blow up and with our closeness to JPL and the wild mission to the moon, I felt inspired," he said.

Kira Antuna, owner of new spa Faces, located on Foothill Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue, sported a trunk with spa-going skeletons.



"This is my second year doing the trunk or treat," she said. "I love it this year. Everybody came out. I love all the cars, the decorations … just giving back to the community and connecting with everybody here. La Crescenta is very connected; everyone supports everyone here."

Photos by Eliza PARTIKA

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ALFIE Players Are Seeing Spots



Action League of the Foothills' drama program, also known as ALFie Players, recently presented Disney's "101 Dalmatians KIDS" at Lanterman Auditorium.

Twenty-six young actors in grades three through six lit up the stage as they told the story of the daring rescue of Dalmatian puppies stolen by the evil Cruella de Vil. The enthusiastic audience of more than 400 family, friends and community members were especially delighted with the captivating songs in the production.

The musical was directed by Katelyn Evenson, along with assistant director Tristan Waldron. ALFie Players is a philanthropic program provided by ALF, offering children in the community the opportunity to experience the joys of a live theatre performance.

ALF also offers ALFie Company, a program for older students in grades five through 10.This troupe will be presenting an entertaining rendition of the beloved musical "Annie KIDS." Registration for this nine-week workshop will open on Nov. 16 at noon. Rehearsals begin on Jan. 5, 2027 and the final performance will be on March 5. For more information, visit ALF Drama at ALFoothills.org or call ALF at (818) 790-2211.

ALF welcomes new members throughout the year. For more information about membership, email 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.

People Making News

Vanessa Malabanan of Tujunga has earned a master of science in computer science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Malabanan was among approximately 2,240 undergraduate and graduate students who earned degrees during the summer 2026 semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Ark Sano Jazz Trio to Perform for GNC



The free admission Glendale Noon Concerts (GNC) series hosts live performances at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

On Nov. 18, GNC will feature the Ark Sano Jazz Trio playing standards, with Ark Sano on piano, Larry Steen on bass and Dustin Haner on drums.

Known as the pianist of the jazz band Black Note, Ark Sano is reputed as one of the top pianists on the jazz scene. As a summa cum laude graduate and scholarship recipient of the Berklee College of Music with a major in jazz and composition, one of his highest achievements was when he became a finalist of The Thelonious Monk International Jazz Piano Competition. He has appeared in numerous recordings with Black Note, and produced four albums including Jungle Music and Nothin But Swing. He has appeared in well-known jazz festivals at North Sea, Monterey, Montreal and JVC. In addition to his talented jazz skills, Sano is a composer, music arranger, music director and conductor of the Japan Chamber Music Ensemble.

Bassist/composer/producer Larry Steen has been declared "A giant of the not too distant future" by the Los Angeles Times. Equally proficient on both fretted and fretless electric bass, as well as classical and jazz upright bass, Steen's accomplishments are nothing short of remarkable.

Steen has performed and/or recorded with a wide array of top name performers, cutting across all genres. The expansive list includes Ella Fitzgerald, Rosemary Clooney, Billy Eckstine and Mel Tormé, Bennie Maupin, Louis Bellson, Bob Sheppard, Airto Moreira and Flora Purim. He has also performed with Barry Manilow, Engelbert Humperdinck, Melissa Manchester and Jimmy Buffett, as well as Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, Dave Koz and Steve Vai.

Steen has played bass on numerous TV and radio recordings, including Roswell, Providence, Felicity, Once and Again, Beverly Hills 90210, Power Rangers, General Hospital, Entertainment Tonight and many others. His debut CD, First Move, features jazz luminaries Ernie Watts, Dave Weckl, Otmaro Ruíz and others, including Yellowjackets bassist Jimmy Haslip, who served as executive producer. His latest release, View from Afar, recorded by the Larry Steen World Jazz Ensemble, features Robben Ford, Ernie Watts, Russell Ferrante, Doug Webb and other notable musicians.

Born in Downey into a working class family, Dustin Haner found his love for the drums in high school at the age of 13. Like many young people Haner was immersed in the old 60s rock of Led Zepplin, Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones. Quickly adapting to the rhythms and sounds he was hearing the discovery of jazz, be-bop in particular, became a foundational part of his playing. Since then, Haner has been relentless in pursuit of swing and groove. His broad influences include the works of Schoenberg, Webern, Stravinsky as well as jazz musicians Thelonius Monk, Bud Powell, Charlie Parker, Art Blakey, Miles Davis, Elvin Jones, Philly Joe Jones and Roy Haynes.

Haner has been performing throughout the Southern California music scene with his 21st century group Stoptime, the Michael Le Van Trio and the local inspiration Jacques Leisures organ trio. His stint with the vocalist Elena Gilliam and background in music at CSULB as a young talent have given Haner the tools to provide great feeling grooves across the spectrum of music.

To learn of upcoming GNC concerts visit http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com.

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts Announces Its 62nd Pasadena Showcase House of Design

Returning to San Marino for the first time in 17 years, Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts has announced that it will unveil The Winchell Estate, an example of California's Colonial Revival architecture, as it 62nd Pasadena Showcase House of Design. Situated behind iron gates and a private drive and unseen by the public for 50 years, this property is poised to become one of the largest Showcase Houses ever presented.

Designed in 1940 by renowned architect Roland E. Coate, the 16,000-square-foot main residence is the centerpiece of a sprawling five-acre estate that includes four guest cottages. Inside, timeless grandeur meets gracious California living with a sun-drenched solarium, wood-paneled library, an 1,100 square foot entertainment room and bar, private screening room, home elevator and a grand foyer featuring an imported European castle staircase.

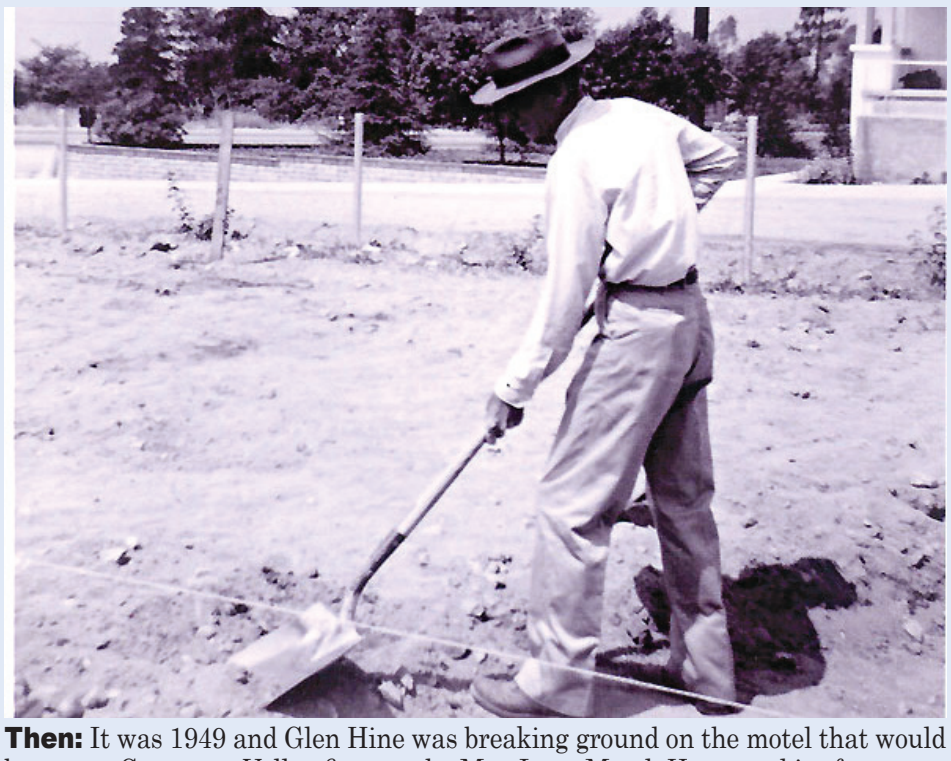
The estate's grounds, originally designed by celebrated landscape architects Florence Yoch and Lucile Council, are equally impressive. Formal terraced gardens, sweeping lawns shaded by century-old oak trees,

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THEN & NOW

La Crescenta Motel

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: It was 1949 and Glen Hine was breaking ground on the motel that would become a Crescenta Valley fixture, the May Lane Motel. He named it after his kids, Maynard and Alane. The Hine family worked hard all that summer and opened it just in time to handle Christmas visitors. At this time, Foothill Boulevard was State Highway 118, connecting Route 66 with Oxnard and Highway 1, and the May Lane did a brisk business. The vacant lot on the corner was intended to be a restaurant. There were several motels like this along Foothill and this is the last one. Mr. Hine ran the motel until his death in 1964 after which his kids ran it, until it was sold to developers over 20 years ago.



Now: The same angle today, minus the construction fence that now obscures this view. When the Hine family sold the motel, they took the "May Lane" name with them. Renamed the La Crescenta Motel, it continued to operate on borrowed time and became a favorite location spot for movie and TV filming. Several development plans by several owners over the years have failed and it seems that each one has been more controversial than the last. It sits completely abandoned now, and is currently up for yet another controversial development. Who knows – maybe this one will stick?

Grand Marshal Announced for The Hollywood Christmas Parade



This year's 94th anniversary of The Hollywood Christmas Parade Supporting Marine Toys for Tots will be held live on the streets of Hollywood on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. (pre-parade entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m.). The historic parade, which begins at Orange Street and Hollywood Boulevard, will feature Entertainment Tonight hosts Kevin Frazier and Nischelle Turner as co-grand marshals for this year's event. The CW Network will nationally televise the parade on Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. with an encore airing on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

Frazier and Turner said jointly, "We're thrilled to be chosen as co-grand marshals of this year's Hollywood Christmas Parade! It's an honor to be part of this historic Hollywood tradition that brings so much joy to the community. We can't wait to see the smiling faces of Angelenos who come out each year to celebrate and support Toys for Tots."

The parade, presented by Associated Television International in association with The City of Los Angeles, will be hosted by Erik Estrada and Laura McKenzie, along with parade co-hosts Montel Williams and Elizabeth Stanton..

This year's parade will feature 5,000 participants, including Hollywood celebrities from film, television and stage; musical performances; large-than-life four-story character balloons; colorful floats; as well as novelties and famous movie cars. The parade will culminate with the appearance of Santa Claus and his reindeer ushering in the holiday season.

Grandstand bleacher seats will open at 4 p.m. with pre-parade entertainment beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the parade beginning at 6 p.m.

To purchase grandstand bleacher seats visit https://www.ticketmaster.com/search?q=hollywood+christmas+parade.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade official website is https://thehollywoodchristmasparade.org.

Local Artist Ashke Chhabra Brightens Up Glendale Arts' ace/121 Gallery





Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Maria Sahakian, Glendale Arts chief operating officer and exhibit organizer, shows off a work of art that is lit from within by artist Ashke Chhabra. The exhibit at ace/121 Gallery continues through Nov. 21.

RIGHT: Standup comics Zoot Velasco, left, and Martin Morrow have been rehearsing for their Ice House show on Nov. 12 under the auspices of Glendale Arts and Comic Cure.

By Ruth SOWBY

LIGHTS FORM ACTION is on view in the ace/121 Gallery now through Nov. 21. Maria Sahakian, Glendale Arts' chief operating officer and organizer of the exhibit, gave a recent tour of the illuminated sculptures that play with the connection between light, geometry and form. The artist deals with rigid material lit from within that becomes art. He works from his studio in the hills above Los Angeles as he continues to refine and explore his unique artistic techniques.

Also on hand for the informal tour were comics Zoot Velasco and Martin Morrow. They have been practicing for "A Night of Magic and Comedy" show that will premier at the Ice House in Pasadena tonight, Thursday, Nov. 12. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the show is at 8 p.m.) The two comics, along with other comics, have been rehearsing for the show at the ace/121 Gallery under the auspices of Glendale Arts and Comic Cure.

ace/121 Gallery is located at 121 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale.

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a sculpture garden and a resort-inspired pool deck with expansive private vistas create a setting of natural beauty and understated elegance.

Rich in history, The Winchell Estate traces its heritage to Henry Huntington's original San Marino Ranch and is recognized as one of the city's most significant historical resources. Its distinguished past includes ownership by legendary engineering and construction magnate Ralph M. Parsons and his wife Kathryn Crawford, a former actress who became a celebrated interior designer. For the past 50 years, the Winchell family has lovingly maintained the estate continuing its status as one of San Marino's most private and treasured properties – and safeguarding an enduring legacy in San Marino.

"We are thrilled to return to San Marino after so many years," said 2026-27 Benefit Chair Garrett Collins. "This is such an exceptional property it just seemed like the perfect home for us to celebrate our return to San Marino. Guests can expect one of the most memorable Showcase Houses in our 62-year history."

After just a few months of renovation, more than 30,000 guests are expected to tour the 36-plus interior and landscape design spaces that will be transformed by talented designers highlighting the latest trends in high style living. Guests are welcomed to stay for a full day of entertainment with a visit to the more than 20 Shops at Showcase, featuring a wide variety of exquisite vendors,

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com November 9, 2026 - November 15, 2026

ARIES *March 21 - April 19*
This is a good time to gather a team of supportive friends around you. It will be easier to find a group of people who share your same fitness goals. If all of you have the same determination to succeed, you'll provide powerful support for one another. This is an excellent way to take your health to the next level.

TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*
Don't let your fitness routine slide away. Your focus is on other things right now, particularly your career. If you keep making excuses as to why you can't work out, you're going to lose all the benefits you've gained. It's essential that you create a balanced lifestyle and make your health a priority. You'll regret it if you don't.

GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*
Give yourself space to set your goals for the period ahead. Although you may not feel like exercising or working out now, you can use the time to decide how best to tackle any health issues and keep fit as a matter of course. It's important that you find an exercise routine that you feel completely at home with. You'll be more likely to keep it up.

CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
Sometimes it's the little things that contribute more to your overall health than any major routine you may implement. It can be the decision to consume coffee or juice, alcohol or milk, or fries or salad. If you can get the small choices right, then the big health issues will take care of themselves.

LEO *July 23 - August 22*
Your determination to have fun as well as get all your work done may wreak havoc with your nervous system. It helps to take special care of your well-being if you want to enjoy yourself and fulfill your obligations. Eat sensibly and try not to drink alcohol on an empty stomach. Most of all, relax. The more laid back you can be, the more fun you'll have.

VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
Try to design a variety of menus that aren't too hard on your system. Cut back on fat and be willing to include more vegetables and greens. If you can make your desserts as healthy as possible, you'll be better off. You don't have to feel overstuffed after meals. You can feel pleasantly full and fantastic.

LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
It looks as though this period is going to be energizing in one way and potentially draining in another. If family and friends are visiting, make sure you get enough rest. If you can get away and spend some time alone, it will help you recharge your batteries and reconnect with your heart center. You'll be more relaxed. Give yourself a break.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
There isn't much to worry about during this period. All the hard work has already been done. You can now relax and begin to ease back into your normal routine. It's time to work on your health goals for the coming months and move to the next level.

SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
Your health seems to be taking up a lot of your time and energy. If you're dealing with an ongoing problem, you may need to attend to it now. It's time to get back to a simpler way of eating that enables your body to settle down and regain its natural rhythm.

CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
The period ahead looks very positive for your health, with nothing to mar the outlook. If you want to take steps toward your health goals, you may benefit from yoga or tai chi. Any form of exercise with a spiritual component will increase your energy and enable you to feel calm and centered. If you make this a regular habit, you'll be almost invincible.

AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
You may want to redesign your kitchen. Doing so could encourage you to take meal preparation more seriously. If you create an atmosphere in which you can experiment with recipes and feel completely at ease, you'll be more inspired to cook. This in itself has many health benefits, since you can cut out unnecessary fat and sugar.

PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
There may be conflicting arguments about the best way to stay healthy. One book says one thing and a TV program says something completely different. The only way out is to get the help of a personal trainer who can design a program to suit your metabolism. You may also be able to get expert help online or at a fitness center. Don't leave it to chance!

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KIWANIS CLUBS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Nov. 13, Assemblymember Nick Schultz will be making a presentation to the Club.

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 Nov 14, Sunland's Song Circle 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.

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. 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.

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.

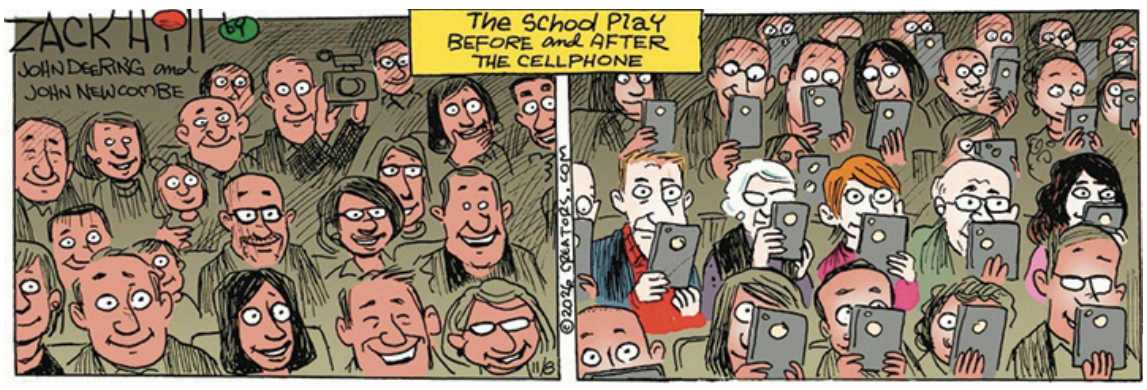
The MVS program is one of the largest scholarship donors in the U.S. and allocated over $2.52 million in 2025. Applications are available from local public high schools and online at the MVS for qualifying students. Visit https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm.

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On Nov. 14 and Nov. 15, the Caltech Orchestra, conducted by Dr.

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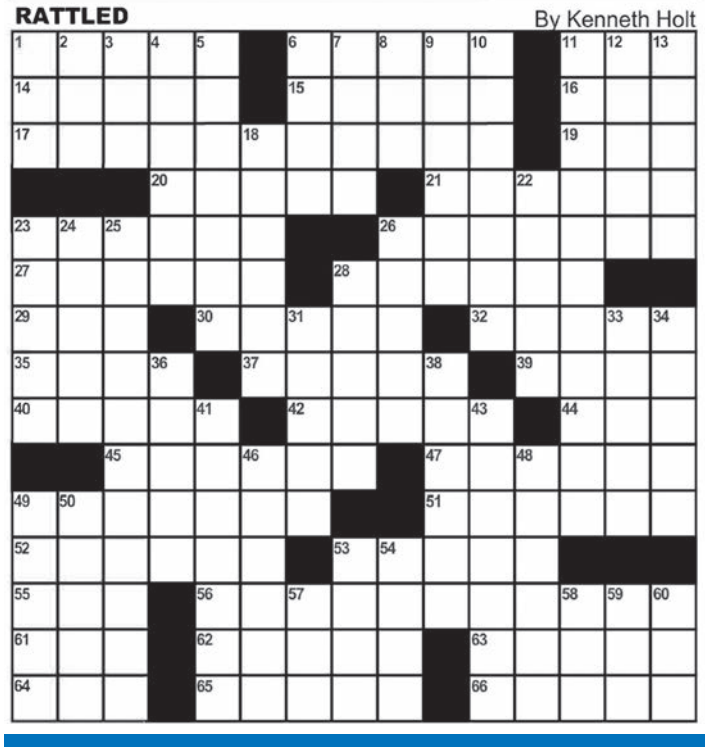
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45) They contained the hits
47) Nearest the center
49) Brno is its largest city
51) Fabrics with wavelike designs
52) Bewilders
53) Facial expression of dislike
55) Make into a knot
56) "All the world's a stage ..." writer
61) 252 gallons
62) Place of a famous shroud
63) ____ in judgment
64) Common pair?
65) Depleted one's bank account
66) Daisy's cousin

DOWN

1) Gaping mouth
2) Bit of air pollution
3) Blackjack card
4) Golden Horde member
5) Coffee shop freebie
6) Part of a church
7) Lot developer's map
8) Leon Uris novel (with "The")
9) To some extent
10) Subjects to ridicule
11) It causes the ground to move
12) Nighttime breathing problem
13) About to cry
18) Makes fun of
22) Where birds settle down
23) Showing signs of life
24) Wombs
25) Things for those with stone thumbs?
26) Poppa's pairing
28) Sounds of horses on the move
31) Out of port
33) Come to mind
34) Reinforced garment seams
36) Cordage fiber
38) Upper parts of piano duets
41) Dispossesses
43) Stir-fry tidbit
46) Serve
48) Some long-distance runners
49) A photo finish
50) Hatred or disgrace
53) Injure, as a knee
54) Small bit of change
57) "Who ___ you kidding?"
58) What some collectors collect
59) Fish eggs
60) Make a 63-Across

RATTLED By Kenneth Holt



see ANSWERS on following page

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Amazon Locked My Account After A Hacker Stole My Gift Cards. Can I Get My Money Back?

Joanne Crissey's Amazon account has been hijacked, her contact information is changed and her gift card balance is drained. Now she's locked out and getting nowhere with customer service. Is there a way out of this account recovery black hole?

Question: I'm reaching out because I've been stuck for over a month in an Amazon account recovery nightmare. I recently received two emails from Amazon saying that my mobile phone and email address had been updated. I didn't make either request. I was hacked.

I've been calling Amazon's customer service almost daily since then. While I finally got them to change my email back a few weeks ago they still haven't restored my phone number. Because of that, I can't log in.

Then, just a few days ago, I received a delivery notification for a package I didn't order. I can't even see what was purchased or how it was paid for because I'm locked out.

To make matters worse, I had a credit of $255 in gift cards on my account. Every time I call, the agents tell me they're sending my information to the "escalation department" and that it will be resolved in 24 to 48 hours. It never is.

I'm a senior citizen and this whole process has been incredibly frustrating. I just want my account reopened and to know how this happened. Can you help me?

– Joanne Crissey, Tinley Park, Illinois

Answer: When a customer reports a hacked account, Amazon should move quickly to verify their identity and restore access. A month is far too long to be stuck in a black hole of escalations.

Amazon's account security policy is meant to protect you but in this case the safeguards for the hacker became a barrier for the actual owner.

You did the right thing by calling immediately and trying to establish a record of the unauthorized changes. But the phone isn't necessarily your friend when things go sideways. For a problem like this, you need a paper trail. That way when you hit a wall with front-line customer service, you can escalate the issue in writing to a manager. I list the contact information for Amazon on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. Reaching out to the executive customer service team often bypasses the loop you were stuck in.

We've seen similar "locked out" cases with other platforms. These situations usually require a nudge from someone outside the standard support script.

I contacted Amazon on your behalf. A representative from the executive customer service department called you shortly after. You report that she was "very apologetic" and completely restored access to your account, including your gift card balance.

Your case is an important reminder to never share passwords with anyone including friends and family. Set up two-factor authentication for your important accounts. And also, don't click on any links to log in to an account like Amazon. Navigate to the site yourself. Otherwise this could happen to you again.

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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CALENDAR THIS *from previous page*

Glenn D. Price, will present its fall concert featuring three distinctive works from the American orchestral repertoire.

The program opens with Charles Ives's "The Unanswered Question," followed by Aaron Copland's iconic "Appalachian Spring. The second half features Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto, Op. 14 with soloist Maia Jasper White, Caltech director of Chamber Music. The concert will be moderated by Dr. Sara Ballance, Caltech lecturer of Music Theory and History.

There will be two concerts: on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15 at 3 p.m., both in Ramo Auditorium.

Admission is free and no tickets or registration are needed.

For more information, visit pva.caltech.edu or email hschoe@caltech.edu.

BINGO FUN

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

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

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

SUSAN RIOS OPEN HOUSE

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

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

MUSIC FOR HOPE

Children of One Planet presents Music for Hope - America on Nov. 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Western Justice Center, 55. S. Grand Ave. in Pasadena. Evening includes hors d'oeuvres and food, entertainment and guest speakers.

Suggested donation is $100 per person.

Proceeds support after-school programs and and the opening of Children of One Planet Performing Arts & Wellness Center.

www.childrenofoneplanet.org

HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

The Glendale Elks Lodge #1289 announced its annual Hoop Shoot basketball contest will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Rosemont Middle School gym located at 4725 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta. The contest is open to youths aged 8-13 as determined by their age on April 1, 2027. There is no entry fee to participate – the parents only need to complete and return the registration form to Hoop Shoot director by Nov. 19.

Please contact Chris Sullivan – Hoop Shoot director – at 66csully@gmail.com or by calling (818) 472-6264 to sign up or for more information.

Additional information about the Elks Hoop Shoot may be found at www.Elks.org/hoopshoot.

CSL-LA CRESCENTA PRESENTS BRIAN ECKER

Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta presents Brian Ecker, aka Brian Diamond, on Nov. 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. singing songs from the Neil Diamond Christmas album. Admission is $15. Refreshments served after the concert.

Get a jumpstart on the holiday season with this Neil Diamond tribute artist. Ecker will perform a set list full of hits and Christmas favorites. Ecker is a lifelong resident of La Cañada Flintridge and has a history of performing in local community theaters.

For those who care to donate, there is a Toys for Tots barrel from the sheriff's department in the CSL lobby that welcomes all unwrapped new toys.

Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

WINTER FAIRE COMING

On Dec. 5, a Winter Faire takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Waverly School campus. There will be artisans and handmade goods, food, music and kids activities.

All are welcome.

Waverly School is located at 67 W. Bellevue Drive in Pasadena.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

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

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

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

MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

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

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

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

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

The Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose

(818) 548-2048.

ANSWERS *for page 16*



CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise or dance or are interested in art, theater, or knitting, the Center has something for everyone. Sunland also hosts bingo on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and a movie matinee on the big screen at 1 p.m. on Thursdays;

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS





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

Reprinted from July 2021

Question: Our daughter's husband left her with two young sons, ages 4 and 6. She was just reported to the county children's services because she's been going out at night and leaving them alone. Had we known this we would have cared for them, but we think she didn't want us to know she was going out because we don't believe in that behavior. We appealed to the court to let us take the boys instead of foster care and now we have them.

Our difficult question is how can we help our daughter be a better parent? We're baffled by her behavior because we took her to church every Sunday since she was born and we've never been a family that goes out to bars.

Our grandsons are asking for their mother. What do we tell them? She does have visitation rights and they always want to go home with her. We pray for her and our grandsons every day.

~Discouraged

Dear Discouraged,

How wonderful that you appealed to the courts so you could foster your grandchildren. Your love and nurturing will certainly help to provide some stabilization in their lives. Child abandonment can cause lifelong issues when unaddressed and showing them your love will offer them the sense of security they might otherwise not experience. It appears their father is completely out of the picture so it's only natural that they would want to go home and be with their mother as that is the only life they have ever known. Interestingly, your daughter is viewed as abandoning her children but their dad, though completely out of the picture, is not!

It is unfortunate that, despite the fact that you have provided a healthy foundation and instilled good values for her, your daughter is making careless decisions that could impact her children for the rest of their lives. There can be numerous reasons why a parent shows reckless behavior towards their children. Many times, single parents can feel overwhelmed and incapable of handling the responsibility of their children on their own. That inability often reflects on their own sense of self-worth causing individuals to act out in uncharacteristic ways. Now that the life she knew with her husband is over, your daughter might feel as though she has been abandoned. As misguided as it is, going out and seeking her own freedom as a single woman might be your daughter's way of re-establishing her identity. She might be using it as a way of recovering from her own sense of abandonment. I point this out not to justify her behavior but to demonstrate how important it is to refrain from being judgmental.

The Science of Mind teaches us to trust that everything not only happens for a reason but for a good reason. The moment we shift into a positive interpretation of the circumstances, ask what the gift this situation has to offer, the wisdom will be realized and by-product will always be for goodness' sake.

Whatever the reason, your daughter's actions demonstrate that she needs professional counseling to get her life on track and then re-establish her sense of self-respect and purpose. This scenario requires not only having faith in God, but the faith of God to create a new direction for your daughter and her family. Your continued love and support will help your daughter find her way back to herself and show your grandchildren that they are safe in your care in the meantime.

In Light,

Rev. Mary Morgan
mormari@aol.com

Surviving The Holidays

The holiday season is often described as a time of joy, celebration and togetherness. But for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, the holidays can bring a very different set of emotions. Empty chairs at the dinner table, cherished traditions and memories of holidays past can make an already difficult journey through grief even more challenging.

Recognizing the unique challenges that accompany grief during the holidays, Montrose Church is hosting a special one-time community presentation, Surviving the Holidays, on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The program will be facilitated by Dr. Nicole McClurg, grief coordinator with Forest Lawn, who will share helpful principles, practical guidance and encouragement for navigating the holiday season while experiencing the loss of someone loved.

Participants will explore ways to acknowledge their grief, navigate difficult emotions, approach holiday traditions and family gatherings, honor the memory of loved ones and discover that it is possible to experience moments of hope and joy even while carrying the pain of loss.

Whether someone has recently experienced a loss or has been grieving for several years, this presentation is designed to provide a welcoming environment where individuals can find understanding, encouragement, and practical tools for facing the holidays.

The presentation is open to community members who have experienced the loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, friend or another loved one. Anyone who anticipates difficulty navigating the upcoming holiday season is encouraged to attend.

Advance registration is requested through the Montrose Church website, https://www.montrosechurch.org/. Click on the Right Now page, and register for Surviving the Holidays.

Everyone in the community who is navigating the difficult journey of grief is welcome.

Montrose Church is located at 2409 Florencita Dr. in Montrose.

NOTES & NODS

LCIF HOSTING A PIE SOCIAL

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to attend a service of blessing and gratitude on Thanksgiving Eve. LCIF and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church are teaming up to host this special worship service to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. in the LCIF sanctuary. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

The service will be followed by a "Pie Social" in the church's fellowship hall. Those who enjoy baking are encouraged to bring their favorite homemade pie to the event. The event offers a peaceful moment of reflection before the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving Day. For many, the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving is a rare window of calm before holiday travel, cooking and family events consume the following day. All are welcome to attend this evening of worship and social connection, regardless of church affiliation.

Continuing with the spirit of Thanksgiving, LCIF continues its "Grace-Giving" drive to collect non-perishable food and personal hygiene supplies for those in need. Items can be placed on the alter for a blessing regular Sunday worship at 10 a.m. or dropped off at the church office. Items are being accepted through Nov. 22. Donations will be distributed in time for Thanksgiving.

LCIF would also like to remind the community of the blood drive it is hosting with the American Red Cross on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk ins are welcome.

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.

ST. BEDE'S PRESENTS BUON NATALE DINNER PARTY

St. Bede's Italian Catholic Federation invites the community to its Buon Natale Dinner Party on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Eastside. RSVP by Nov. 17; contact chair Joan Bartoli-Porto at (818) 642-4044 or email j.bartoli.porto@gmail.com.

The cost for ICF members and their guests is $50; $60 for reservations made after Nov. 17 and for non-members.

TO CHOOSE OR NOT TO CHOOSE WITH MARY MADILL

If your brain feels so 'full' that you feel mentally paralyzed, you're probably suffering from decision fatigue. An American makes an estimated 35,000 decisions a day.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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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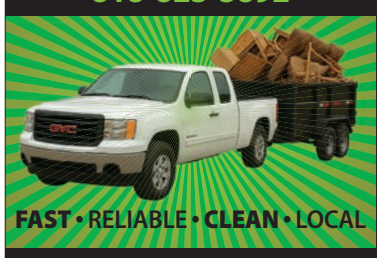
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more heat waves, more destructive wildfires, more severe droughts and changing precipitation. These communities will likely experience more severe infestations of mountain pine beetles and other insects, reduced snowpack, earlier spring runoff from snow in the mountains, greater rainfall intensity and worse ground-level ozone. Climate change will affect fragile mountain ecosystems and hit at the heart of the local economy damaging roads, forests, homes, the agricultural sector, the ski industry and open space. Adapting to such a wide range of impacts requires local governments to undertake unprecedented levels of planning and spending," according to Boulder County.

Boulder states that for over five decades the oil companies knew about the harm their products could cause and yet continued to do business as usual.

"In 1968, a report from industry scientists warned these companies that 'significant temperature changes are almost certain to occur by the year 2000' due to rising GHGs [greenhouse gases] and that 'the potential damage to our environment could be severe.' By the 1970s, Suncor and Exxon knew with high certainty that their products were dangerous and that inaction would cause dramatic, or even catastrophic, changes to the climate. Exxon took measures to protect itself from climate change: for example, the company adapted its own facilities to protect from sea level rise. Yet Suncor and Exxon chose to conceal this knowledge from the public in order to continue promoting and selling fossil fuels. And worse, they both participated in efforts to spread doubt about climate change and discredit the scientific voices that they knew were telling the truth. This helped to delay the shift to a low-carbon economy by decades," according to Boulder.

ExxonMobil and Suncor is asking for the Colorado case to be dismissed because they feel federal law preempts state court climate change claims. And they base this on the foundation of the Clean Air Act, and other federal environmental laws.

July was the hottest month on record … ever … in the United States, according to NOAA.

And this is since recorded dates that go back to 1895.

The Earth is warming. El Niño is a common event; we have had El Niños in the past and we even have had super big ones, like the one currently expected. But this El Niño is making a bigger impact, especially along the coast due to the warming of the ocean and melting of the glaciers that create higher ocean waters … and then there's the Kelvin wave so … yep, we are facing more and more extreme weather …and even if some of it is cyclical it is cyclical – on steroids.

I remember talking to smokers who insisted that smoking cigarettes was not linked to cancer or other lung issues. I remember before my dad stopped smoking he was convinced that the campaign against smoking was not based in science. Then he quit and felt so much better – he was actually able to breathe. Suddenly he came to the realization that maybe the tobacco industry had been lying to everyone, that getting free Lucky Strike cigarettes when he joined the U.S. Air Force may have actually been a marketing ploy. He hated to think that a company would knowingly put people, especially service men and women, in jeopardy – but just maybe….

Maybe these lawsuits that show how much taxpayers are paying for climate change will bring an awareness not found before and maybe, like my dad, minds will be changed.

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