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Friedman Makes Presentation at Council

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council met Tuesday night for its last October meeting. It first heard a legislative update from Assemblymember Laura Friedman who gave an overview of the 12 bills she authored that were signed into law by the governor as well as budget items of importance to the assembly district.

Most of the bills highlighted by Assemblymember Friedman passed with bipartisan support and some had bipartisan sponsorship.

AB 761 was introduced in coordination with LA Metro, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the City of West Hollywood; it aligns the terms of long-term infrastructure funding so California can better compete for new federal infrastructure dollars.

AB 810 was a two-year bill developed in conjunction with the state's universities to avoid the practice of "passing the harasser;" the bill requires the disclosure of credible accusations and sustained allegations of misconduct of applicants to state schools.

AB 1868 passed with sponsorship from Habitat for Humanity (which "does great work here in Glendale," Friedman noted), aligns the way county assessors value affordable housing based on the ultimate buyer being low-income.

AB 1889 sets state policy requiring local governments to implement measures to protect and improve wildlife connectivity as part of the conservation element of their general plans, in consultation with state and local agencies.

AB 1963 requires the Dept. of Pesticide to determine whether paraquat dichloride, a highly toxic herbicide used to kill weeds, should be banned or its use continued as is currently allowed. Paraquat is banned in 66 countries including China where it is produced. Friedman reports partnering with the Michael J. Fox Foundation on this bill as there is a demonstrable link between the use of paraquat and Parkinson's disease.

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Emergency Responders Honored by CV Armenian Center and Supervisor Kathryn Barger

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Thursday, Oct. 17, the Crescenta Valley Armenian Community Center and Meher and Satig Der Ohanessian Youth Center has a long history of supporting emergency responders.

Members of the Crescenta Valley Armenian Community Center have served lunch to local firefighters, have donated funds in support of law enforcement and fire and, for over a decade, have supported Glendale Fire Dept.'s toy drive during the holidays.

The Center is also very supportive of the community at large. During the pandemic members of the Center supported the community by organizing, gathering donations, creating food packages and distributing to those in need. But beyond food, they also offered guidance on filling out unemployment insurance, mortgage support and rent deferment as well as guiding small businesses through red tape associated with the pandemic.

On Thursday, Center members honored emergency responders



along with Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

"I know I'm biased because I'm in the fifth district but I represent the best departments throughout the County," Barger said. She added that emergency responders from the County and Glendale work together and thanked them all for their service.

Barger then took time to share her support of Prop 36.

"[If it passes] it will actually allow us to address what is going on in our community as it relates to drug abuse and I'm hoping that, as it moves forward, we can get people the help they need," she said.

Barger had cast a dissenting vote during a supervisors meeting on a motion asking the Board to oppose Prop 36. [See her statement on page 5.]

She then turned her attention

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 Glendale Police Dept. was among the groups recognized by the CV Armenian Center and Supervisor Kathryn Barger. Chief Manny Cid (far left) was with some of his officers along with Supervisor Kathryn Barger (far right).

to honoring members of the Glendale police.

"Under the leadership of Chief Manny Cid, the Glendale Police Department has made significant strides to their community outreach resources and engagement.

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GPD Capt. William Graduates from FBI Training

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale police captain Robert William graduated from the 291st session of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

The FBI offers an accredited professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement members who are nominated for the course by their agency. It is 10-week program that provides coursework including intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science and law enforcement communication.

There were 255 law enforcement members who in September went through the program with William. He said that each participant took away something different from the classes.

"There was a lot of time for me to reflect on myself as a person, as a citizen, as a father and a husband but also as a leader with the [GPD] organization," William said.

He said the classes he took were

very helpful.

"We were talking about constitutional law; that was a very applicable class because we were talking about amendments and changes in the law. We were talking about [a] philosophical change in law enforcement and how we all adapted [to] those types of things. As a leader for my organization [GPD], I get to bring that back and have those conversations with my leadership team ... and be in tune with what's going on with the rest of the country," he added.

William said the members he was in the program with came from all over the world, including from



Africa and Denmark. There were some countries that had worse crime than what was seen in the nation ... and in California.

Photo courtesy of GPD
 FBI director Christopher Wray congratulates GPD Capt. Robert William after he completed the FBI Academy training.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Deep Fakes and our Election

Years ago CV Weekly did a story on “deep fakes,” which (according to Wikipedia) are images, videos, or audio that are edited or generated using artificial intelligence. The idea that a public figure can be impersonated on a broad scale – that is on television or online – is a scary proposition.

Deep fakes aren't limited to politics. We often warn our readers that the elderly are often targeted by “bad actors” who use the voice of a loved one to try to get the victim to do something (typically to send money).

However, this political season has also been plagued by deep fakes. For example, according to cyberscoop.com, Taylor Swift said, shortly after the debate ended, that she would support Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris for president. She chided the campaign of former president Donald Trump for the use of artificial intelligence and deep fake images to falsely claim that she was supporting his campaign.

“Recently I was made aware that AI of ‘me’ falsely endorsing Donald Trump’s presidential run was posted to his site,” Swift wrote in an Instagram post officially endorsing Harris. “It really conjured up my fears around AI, and the dangers of spreading misinformation.”

Spreading misinformation – or outright lies – is more common than we realize and has been going on for decades. For example, how many TV commercials have we seen that promoted any kind of product, from cars to cereal, making any kind of claim? Advertisers weren't chastised much less withdrawn from media.

But it seems to me that things are much worse now. I mean, isn't there a difference between hawking soda and

creating the image of a person who spews lies and misinformation?

As social media sites and email became commonplace, lawmakers in at least 17 states put into place laws that specifically refer to online impersonation done with an intent to intimidate, bully, threaten or harass a person through social media sites, email or other electronic or online communications. These states are California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

However, there are ways to identify a deep fake. Keeping in mind that while creating a full person deep fake takes a lot of work, oftentimes just the face is substituted.

According to telefonica.com, most deep fakes are limited to face substitutions. So one way to detect forgery is to identify incongruities between the proportions of the body and face, or between facial expressions and body movements or postures. Also, reproducing the images of a person's tongue, teeth and mouth is difficult making it easier to identify a deep fake when the person speaks.

In the end, it's important to compare what you hear to what that person is known for. And in this season of politics, take the time to look at a candidate's voting record – no deep fake can cover up that.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

It is probably to no one's surprise that I listen to Irish podcasts. I enjoy not only the Irish myths and legends, but historical podcasts that deal with everything from druids to the Great Famine that led to so many people immigrating to the U.S. I learn a lot about why my family traveled to the U.S. because, as my Great Uncle Carroll would say when asked about family history in Ireland, “We drank in a pub over there – now we drink in a pub over here.”

He was not really focused on our family's immigration.

This weekend while I was listening to one of the many podcasts the name John O'Donohue was mentioned, along with a bit of his poetry. As always when listening to historical podcasts or reading books on history, I make notes for things I want to look up later. So at the end of the podcast, down the rabbit hole I went with Mr. O'Donohue.

He was a poet, a philosopher, a scholar and an ordained Catholic priest. I cannot wait to read his many books, several of which I heard of in the past and at least one that was in my library that I had never gotten around to reading. (When your last name is O'Keefe you tend to get a lot of books penned by Irish authors for birthdays and holidays). Mr. O'Donohue passed away in 2008 when he was in his early 50s.

For those who have not explored his philosophy and poetry I invite you to do so; for those who have known his works I invite you to re-read them.

The lines that started me on this O'Donohue journey were, “Weariness invades your spirit. Gravity begins falling inside you. Dragging down every bone.”

This is from “A Blessing For One Who Is Exhausted.”

I love this community but we are a busy group of people. With bingo nights, meetings,

school sports, special events and Halloween haunts, October is a very busy month. Then we jump right into November and December holiday events.

If anyone needs a blessing for exhaustion it is us. And normally this is where I would relate what I have read or seen to climate change ... and I guess I can in an abstract way.

Researching what our Earth is going through due to human-caused climate change is exhausting; not just the actual act of doing research but the times when it just feels so hopeless. Realizing that some are still in denial – even after seeing the effects that scientists have warned us for decades actually manifesting throughout the world – does cause soul-sucking exhaustion.

Which is another reason why this blessing called to me.

So below is the blessing from Mr. O'Donohue. I hope it touches your soul like it did mine. (I actually took time this weekend and turned away from the news of the day. Instead I made some ginger snap cookies from my grandmother's recipe and read a good book.)

By John O'Donohue
Syndicated from awakin.org, June 02, 2014
 When the rhythm of the heart becomes hectic,
 Time takes on the strain until it breaks;
 Then all the unattended stress falls in
 On the mind like an endless, increasing weight,
 The light in the mind becomes dim.
 Things you could take in your stride before
 Now become laborsome events of will.
 Weariness invades your spirit.
 Gravity begins falling inside you,
 Dragging down every bone.
 The tide you never valued has gone out.
 And you are marooned on unsure ground.
 Something within you has closed down;
 And you cannot push yourself back to life.
 You have been forced to enter empty time.
 The desire that drove you has relinquished.

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CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting tonight, Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

BOOK SALE AT LIBRARY

The Friends of La Crescenta Library will be holding its annual book sale in the meeting room of the La Crescenta Library. Good homes are needed for about 10,000 pre-read books available at next to nothing prices. A “members only” presale takes place on Friday, Oct. 25 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the public is invited on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta

SEEKING THE UNSEEN: CAPTURING WILDLIFE WITH EXPERT EYES AT ROSEMONT PRESERVE

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve to learn about the Preserve with wildlife camera-trapper and AFC advisor Denis Callet. The event is on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. During this special tour of the Preserve guest will gain insider access to Callet’s camera trapping process and get a behind the scenes look at how he captures such striking images and videos of wildlife.

Since 2015, when Callet first began photographing wildlife at the Rosemont Preserve, he has captured images of 10 different mountain lions – everything from pregnant mothers and their kittens to large males marking their territory. His incredible footage of wildlife not only helps with AFC’s research and understanding of wildlife movement, but also nurtures connections between people and the precious animals they share the land with.

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 the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

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

NWGHA HOSTING SHREDDING DAY

Shredding Day, the once-a-year event for all Glendale residents to shred old financial papers and personal documents while watching, will be on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot behind Grandview Presbyterian Church, 1130 Ruberta Ave. (between Glenoaks Boulevard and Fifth Street and between Sonora and Western avenues.)

Sponsored by Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association, the shredding truck has a TV camera so participants can watch the destruction of their documents and be assured their confidential papers are thoroughly destroyed.

Everyone is welcome. Members of NWGHA get three boxes free and then pay \$8 per box thereafter. Non-members pay \$8 per box. Northwest Glendale residents who join NWGHA that day get the member discount.

For information call (818) 754-8274.

FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS BAILEY CENTER

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is having a food drive benefiting the Bailey Center on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Luke’s of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. Curbside drop off is available on Cross Street, one block north of Foothill Boulevard, behind the church.

Questions? Contact Diana Tyson at lions91214@gmail.com or call (818) 625-5221.

Also on Nov. 16, the Lions Club is having a boutique featuring handmade items, a raffle, bake sale and holiday music. All proceeds benefit the Fire House youth center.

LCWC Holds Soles4Souls ‘Shoe-Raiser’



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

TOP LEFT: Montrose resident Kim Kadletz donates several of her gently worn shoes to the La Crescenta Woman’s Club for its Soles4Souls shoe drive.

ABOVE: La Crescenta Woman’s Club Co-President Carol Stein helps out at the collections booth for the Club’s Soles4Souls shoe drive.

BOTTOM LEFT: Signs directed donors to the Soles4Souls shoe drive held at the La Crescenta Woman’s Club.

BELOW: La Crescenta Woman’s Club Philanthropy Co-Chair Sarah Williams (right) looks proud of her fellow Club members who collected the donated shoes.



By Ruth SOWBY

Soles4Souls is the catchy title members of the La Crescenta Woman’s Club call its annual shoe drive. Sunday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. marked the day the highest number of pairs were donated to the Club in the four years of annual “shoe-raisers.”

“Our parent organization, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC), shared information with all Clubs to encourage them to collaborate to support Soles4Souls,” said Cindy Charles, Evening Section co-director. “La Crescenta jumped on the opportunity and now has supported this project for the past four years.

Athletic shoes will be recycled for children to wear at playgrounds and parks around the world. Shoe manufacturer Nike will grind up each pair of donated athletic shoes that aren’t distributed to create new ones. Soles4Souls headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia will distribute the athletic shoes and other donated shoes internationally to various programs providing relief, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.

Though the Club doesn’t make money on the event, Charles said the Club is glad that it doesn’t have to “foot” the bill for shipping.

“We are so grateful to not have the cost for shipping thanks to Zappos,” said Charles. “Members donate shipping supplies, such as boxes and packing tape. We tie pairs [of shoes] together or individually bag them as we pack them in the boxes. It is so much fun to see all the varieties of shoes we receive! We take all kinds: women’s, men’s and children’s [shoes].”

Charles said that 1,413 pairs of shoes were packed in 112 boxes that will be shipped to Atlanta.

In the Club parking lot, co-president Carol Stein was helping sort the shoes donated by community members. She also donated her own shoes.

“It helps me clean out my closet,” said Stein.

“Our community support is so appreciated by LCWC!” added Charles. “We enjoyed meeting those who dropped off shoes.”

She said that the LCWC hopes to continue this event annually.

The La Crescenta Woman’s

Club was established in 1911. Its clubhouse will be 100 years old in 2025. The public will be invited to a community event planned for March 16 to celebrate the clubhouse birthday.

Robin Goldsworthy contributed to this article.

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Breaking Down Who Votes for CVWD Board

By Mary O'KEEFE

CVW was contacted by residents in the Hermosa Avenue area of Montrose. They had read the CVW article regarding candidates for the Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) board who are on this November's ballot. The question they asked was regarding who voted for the candidates.

In the article CVW stated, "Those who are in the CVWD service area are eligible to vote for these candidates."

That statement needs a correction and an explanation – which dates back to the annexing of the area by Glendale in 1951.

"When the voters voted to set up the Crescenta Valley Water District, part of what they voted on had to do with the legal boundaries of the district," said a CVWD representative.

The people who vote for CVWD

board candidates live within those boundaries but those who live outside the boundaries, though they might still be served by the district, don't vote for the candidates, according to the representative.

The CVWD representative said he understands it is confusing; however, the annexing of areas by Glendale has never been simple.

"After World War II, Metropolitan Water District was formed to bring in water from the Colorado River because the population was growing so much. Residents realized they needed water from the Colorado River. Metropolitan is allowed to sell water to cities or to local governments. So La Crescenta [Montrose] was split down the middle, and the residents on the west side [of the split] voted to annex to Glendale so that they could get metropolitan water

from Glendale. The people on the east side of La Crescenta and the town of La Cañada [Flintridge] both voted to form the Foothill Municipal Water District. ... So they get their water from Metropolitan, but it is indirect. It goes from Metropolitan to Foothill to Crescenta Valley Water District," the representative explained.

CVWD was formed about the same time – 1950 – that parts of Montrose-La Crescenta were annexed to Glendale. At that time there were many smaller water companies in the area, including one in the area of Hermosa Avenue; however, the residents near Pine Cone Road, for example, were served by a different company. These private water companies joined the newly formed CVWD so they could access Metropolitan water.

So while legal boundaries are a part of the answer so are water pipelines and which water municipality owns them – Glendale Water & Power or CVWD.

"So the [CV] Water District took those [pipelines] over despite the fact they [were] outside its boundary and [CVWD] furnished water that way," the representative said.

Which is why some customers pay both GWP and CVWD.

James Lee, CVWD general manager, said the district is aware of this confusing situation and has talked with the City of Glendale in the past about rectifying it.

"Sometimes there are two water mains on the same street – one serves one side [CVWD] and one serves the other [GWP]," he said.

It is this 73-year-old annexation decision/vote that determines which residents vote for CVWD candidates and which do not. This issue has been discussed and debated for years; the best advice for residents who are outside the

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"And then there were other countries that seem to be pretty peaceful. They don't see the level of crime we do; for example, we had agencies represented from the Netherlands [which has relatively low crime rates]. There was [a representative] from Denmark [who said] they don't see gang violence, they don't typically see the level of violence or street violence we see here in California," he said. "But it seemed to me when it comes to drugs, that's [an issue] that is across the board for everyone. Everyone's dealing with it, and everyone is dealing with it in different ways."

He added the experience of attending the FBI session allowed him to hear how other agencies were dealing with a variety of law enforcement issues. The things he learned he brought back to GPD.

"I think it's about networking," he said. "You bring all these

agencies together and we're building lifelong relationships, professionally and personally."

William added that now if he is dealing with a situation in California he could reach out to a contact in Michigan or Florida and compare notes on a specific issue.

He did add he was happy to see the agencies from California seemed to be a "cut above the rest" when it came to technology and reform and even philosophically.

"I am happy to say we are pretty far advanced," he said.

Although the FBI program was an honor to attend, and will be of value for years to come, the decision to leave his family for 10 weeks was not easy. He said his wife had to "pick up the load" and deal with all the kids' sports and practices.

"Just knowing the amount of pressure that was on her was

challenging for me," he said.

But his wife realized how important the program was and supported his choice to go.

The information he brought back will be invaluable.

"[In one class] we talked a lot about emotional intelligence for law enforcement," William said. "It's no surprise that policing right now in this country is a very difficult thing to do, especially for our young officers [who] are stepping into this career ... And gone are the days where we tell people suck it up and just get on with it. I've seen a major shift to a better direction where we are more empathetic and more understanding of where they are coming from ... So to me that was perhaps the class that had the profound impact on me – because I got to not just focus on the leadership side of it but also just as a person."

Supervisor Barger's Statement in Support of Prop 36

By Mary O'KEEFE

Supervisor Kathryn Barger offered the following statement regarding her support of Prop 36:

"I'm supporting Proposition 36 because it will reinstate accountability on crimes destroying the quality of life of law-abiding people in Los Angeles County. I believe this proposition isn't about overturning Proposition 47 in its entirety. Proposition 36 was created by a group of bi-partisan state legislators. It's focused on modifying legal loopholes that repeat offenders exploit as they manipulate the system to avoid legal consequences," stated Barger.

Proposition 36, which is on the Nov. 5 ballot, makes several key changes related to punishments for theft and drug crimes. First, it increases

punishment for some of these crimes. Second, it creates a new treatment-focused court process for some drug possession crimes. Third, it requires courts to warn people convicted of selling or providing illegal drugs to others that they can be charged with murder if they keep doing so and someone dies. It increases punishment for some theft and drug crimes and creates new court process for some drug possession crimes. Prop 36 allows people who possess illegal drugs to be charged with a "treatment-mandated felony" instead of a misdemeanor, in some cases. Specifically, this applies to people who possess certain drugs such as fentanyl, heroin, cocaine or methamphetamine, and have two or more past convictions for some drug crimes.

A "Yes" vote on this measure

means: People convicted of certain drug or theft crimes could receive increased punishment, such as longer prison sentences. In certain cases, people who possess illegal drugs would be required to complete treatment or serve up to three years in prison. A "No" vote on this measure means: Punishment for drug and theft crimes would remain the same, according to the California Legislative Analyst Office.

"When Proposition 47 became effective, my biggest disappointment was the dismantling of the drug court system. This was a valuable and effective tool that could help introduce treatment for people struggling with drug addiction. We were left empty-handed, with no way to incentivize rehabilitation.

"I also believe we can

implement Proposition 36's reforms in a balanced way that respects our Board of Supervisors' commitment to diversion and rehabilitation. We will continue honoring our sizable, multimillion dollar investments in the work of our County's Justice, Care and Opportunities Dept. and Dept. of Youth Development. Their respective missions are to decrease recidivism, enhance re-entry services and ultimately prevent individuals from becoming involved with justice systems.

"But supporting Proposition 36 sends a clear message to individuals who feel they are beyond the reach of the law: you will be held accountable," Barger stated.



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Ignoring the guy with the snake around his neck behind them are the Lewis family from Montrose. From left are dad Jared, Ren, 1, Maya, 4 and mom Mequimi.

By Ruth SOWBY

On Friday, the YMCA in the Foothills in La Cañada sponsored more than 400 trunk-or-treaters who roamed the facility of the Y gathering treats, showing off costumes, decorating pumpkins and more. The evening event turned out to be as much of a costume parade and a picnic as it was treats in trunks.

The Y's multi-purpose room


was wall-to-wall with costumed skeletons, princesses, ghouls and ghosts. Y staff members did their best to keep up with the demand for cotton candy and popcorn by their Halloween guests who munched as they decorated pumpkins at craft tables. The face-painting station was standing room only. A full-fledged popcorn machine manned by Y staff popped pounds of popcorn from 5:30 p.m.

to 7:30 p.m. Orange pumpkins and orange balloons were the décor of the day.

According to YMCA director of Marketing & Communications Kat Corona-Pilgrim, the Y is looking forward to an even bigger Halloween party next year.

The real estate company Thomas Atamian + Associates in Pasadena co-sponsored the event.

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More Cases of Locally Acquired Dengue Virus Identified in Baldwin Park

On Oct. 15 the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health, in collaboration with San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, stated it was investigating further local spread of dengue virus infection in Baldwin Park. Two additional cases of locally acquired dengue have been identified, bringing the total to five cases concentrated in this area of the County. These new cases have no history of travel to areas where dengue is typically found.

This small local outbreak raises concern about the continued spread of dengue in Baldwin Park due to infected mosquitoes and the potential for spread to other areas of Los Angeles County as people travel throughout the County. It is essential for people living and working in Baldwin Park and other areas where a case of dengue has been identified to prioritize mosquito control and prevention measures to reduce the risk of spread.

Dengue spreads through the bite of infected Aedes mosquitoes, particularly Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus. Sustained spread of dengue in a neighborhood occurs when infected mosquitoes bite and spread dengue to people who are then bitten by other mosquitoes. Those mosquitoes become infected and continue the cycle.

Aedes mosquitoes are most active during the daytime. Their peak biting (feeding) times are generally early in the morning (around dawn, just after sunrise) and late afternoon (just after sunset when the sky

begins to darken).

Taking proactive measures and the cooperation of the community in these areas are vital for addressing this issue. Residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to take advantage of free vector control services including inspection and abatement of mosquito breeding sites at their homes. This is essential to helping identify and reduce the risk of further local spread of dengue.

About one in four people infected have symptoms of the infection, which can range from mild to severe. Symptoms of dengue may appear two to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Persons infected with dengue may be asymptomatic or experience flu-like symptoms, such as a fever, followed by severe headache, pain behind the eyes, joint and muscle pain, rash and, possibly, mild bleeding. In severe cases, dengue can lead to severe bleeding and shock and a severe drop in blood pressure that can lead to organ failure, which requires immediate medical care. Residents experiencing symptoms should see their healthcare provider as a blood test is needed to confirm dengue infection.

Public Health continues to work closely with vector control districts on enhanced surveillance and active engagement with the community to help with mosquito control.

- To prevent mosquito breeding:
- Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs.
 - Clear standing water in flowerpots, saucers, birdbaths and other

outdoor containers. Empty items that hold water inside and outside your home once a week. Mosquito eggs only need a thimbleful of water to hatch.

- Cover water storage containers such as buckets and rain barrels. For containers with no lid, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
- Clean and maintain swimming pools, spas and drain water from pool covers.
- Throw away old items in the patio or yard that can hold water; e.g., old car tires and children's toys. Call 2-1-1 or the local vector control agency to report persistent problems.

This year, there have now been eight cases of locally acquired dengue reported in LA County. Panorama City and El Monte have each seen one and two cases respectively suggesting the virus has infected the local mosquito population in those cities. So far, none of these people have developed severe disease. Public Health's first confirmed case of locally acquired dengue was reported Sept. 9. Cases of locally acquired dengue were previously confirmed by Long Beach and Pasadena departments of health in fall 2023.

There are no antiviral medicines approved to treat dengue. Treatment is supportive and may require carefully managing fluid levels.

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CRIME BLOTTER

OCT. 17

1100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that as she crossed the street at the location a light colored four-door vehicle approached behind her and stopped. The vehicle had stopped on the northeast side of

Foothill Boulevard and Hill Street facing north. A woman, Suspect No. 1, was sitting in the front passenger seat and asked her for directions to a grocery store. The woman began to give her directions when Suspect No. 1 gave her two "Apple earbuds" and told her it was in appreciation for her help. Suspect No. 1 also placed a yellow necklace around the woman's neck, again stating it was a gesture of appreciation. A male, Suspect No. 2, kept talking to the woman while Suspect No. 1 put the necklace around her neck. The woman stated she did not want these appreciation items. The suspects drove away from the area; it was then that the woman realized her gold necklace with a heart shaped diamond was missing.

Suspect No. 1 was described as a Hispanic female about 25 years old with black hair in a ponytail. Suspect No. 2 was described as a Hispanic male, about 25 years old with black hair and clean-shaven. The theft occurred at 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 16

4700 block of Palm Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported viewing her surveillance camera footage at 3:16 a.m. and her vehicle car door was closed. About an hour later she saw her vehicle's driver side door and trunk were open. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

Several items were stolen between 3:16 a.m. and 4:16 a.m.

OCT. 15

4900 block of Palm Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, several items were stolen from a vehicle overnight.

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a burglary call. Surveillance footage revealed three suspects entered the store. Suspect No 1 was described as an adult in his/her 30s, wearing a blue ball cap, white shirt and blue jeans. Suspect No. 2 was described as an adult in his/her 30s wearing a blue long sleeve shirt with a white logo printed on front and blue jeans. Suspect No. 3 was described as an adult in his/her 40s. Suspect No. 1 entered the store pushing a black shopping cart, Suspect No. 2 entered the store pushing another shopping cart and Suspect No. 3 joined them in the store. Suspects No. 1 and No. 2 went to the aisles that held alcohol. They began placing them into the carts. Suspect No. 3 walked toward a rear emergency exit. Suspects No. 1 and No. 2 pushed their cart full of alcohol and other items through the emergency exit. Suspect No. 3 was carrying multiple bottles of stolen merchandise. The three suspects got into a four-door white sedan and drove away from the area.

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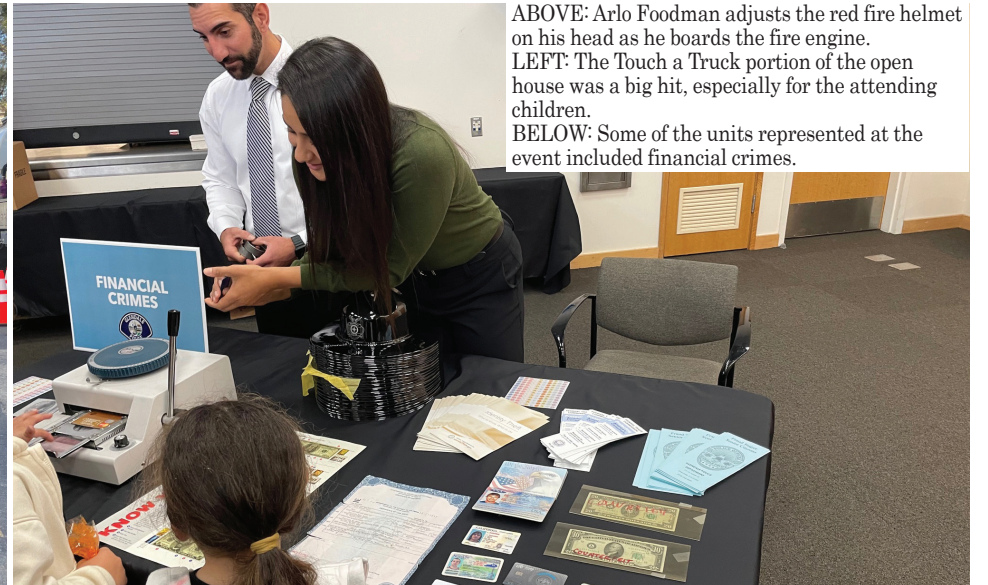
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GPD Opens Its Doors for Open House



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TOP LEFT: The airship that was on display drew a lot of attention from attendees.
ABOVE: Arlo Foodman adjusts the red fire helmet on his head as he boards the fire engine.
LEFT: The Touch a Truck portion of the open house was a big hit, especially for the attending children.
BELOW: Some of the units represented at the event included financial crimes.

By Mary O'KEEFE

There was a lot for families to do, and learn, at Glendale Police Dept.'s Open House and Touch a Truck event on Saturday, Oct. 19.

All types of trucks and vehicles from the City of Glendale's Public Works were lined up to

explore – from motorcycles to an airship. And of course the Glendale Fire Dept. was also well represented. Kids, like 2-year-old Arlo Foodman, wearing plastic fire helmets, climbed into the cab of the fire engines and pretended they were driving to an emergency. Although the Touch a Truck

portion of the open house was primarily aimed at kids, parents appeared to love the vehicles just as much as the children.

There wasn't one pop-up station that didn't draw a line. Kids also got to go inside a school bus and climb a rock wall supplied by Glendale Parks and Recreation.

Though the trucks were a big hit inside the GPD community room was just as crowded with people who went from table to table to talk to the officers and detectives. Some of the units represented at the event included financial crimes, investigative analyst, assaults and burglary/robbery.

There was a big display by the Verdugo Regional Crime Lab where kids, and adults, learned about fingerprinting and DNA analysis.

GPD's facility dog, Brisket, was also on hand to receive pets and hugs by just about everyone who walked by.

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AB 2297 modernizes the Hospital Fair Pricing Act to better protect patients and their families by prohibiting liens being placed on homes to collect unpaid medical bills and improves access to medical care financing for low-income consumers.

AB 2552 places a moratorium on some of the most dangerous rodenticides that cause the widespread poisoning of wildlife; the legislation creates an enforcement mechanism that empowers the attorney general and other government entities to enforce the use or sale of anticoagulant rodenticides.

AB 2553 helps unhoused people who utilize public transportation.

AB 2712, in partnership with the Miracle Mile homeowners association, prohibits the City of Los Angeles from issuing preferential parking permits to residents of developments within half a mile from transportation and exempt from parking minimums. If a development is using state law to avoid providing parking, Friedman explained, the developer cannot access preferential parking for those residents who might otherwise be able to park in an existing neighborhood that is already having problems with curbside parking.

AB 2801 was developed in conjunction with the Apartment Owners Association and clarifies the responsibilities of tenants and landlords and ensures that security deposits not be used to subsidize upgrades to the vacated unit.

AB 2875 adds protections to California law to include protections of wetlands recently rolled back by the U.S. Supreme Court in Sackett v. EPA. Not only are wetlands “really crucial habitat protections but also flood protection in coastal zones,” the assemblymember reported. The new law sets the policy of the state to ensure no net loss and potential gains in the quantity, quality and permanence of wetlands acreage and values in California.

AB 2925, introduced in conjunction with the Jewish Federation and the legislative Jewish caucus (of which Friedman is a member), attempts to address rising levels of antisemitism on California college campuses. The bipartisan bill requires the inclusion of antisemitism training anywhere anti-discrimination and diversity, inclusion and equity programs are offered.

Friedman highlighted key budget gains: \$2.83 billion in funds for child care reimbursements; a 5% increase to the budgets of California’s UCs and CALState universities allowing spots for 12,000 more Californians at the schools; \$556 million in increases to transitional kindergarten (TK)–grade 12 educational programs; \$762 million to expand universal TK; full funding for California’s universal meal program, which provides breakfast and lunch to all of California’s schoolchildren; and \$227 million from the state’s general fund for a scholarship program aimed specifically at

helping middle class families send their students to college.

Finally, Assemblymember Friedman delineated funding she has secured for Glendale: in 2017, \$20 million for the LA-Garden Bridge and another \$10 million in 2021 for the project to connect Glendale with Los Angeles’ Griffith Park with a pedestrian and bicycle bridge.

In 2022, Freidman secured \$14.65 million to fund library renovations; open space preservation; provide transportation infrastructure improvements along the Verdugo Wash and provide crucial equipment for wildfire mitigation; and \$6 million for the Verdugo Wash Visioning Project. In 2023, \$933,000 was appropriated toward the city’s renovation of Fremont Park.

Friedman shared contact information for her district office: (818)558-3043 for local questions and constituent services; in Sacramento: (916) 319-2044; email Assemblymember.Friedman@assembly.ca.gov. As she is running for congress, Freidman expressed her parting appreciation for working with Glendale city staff and councilmembers.

“I love living in Glendale and it’s because of the amazing quality of life we have here, the city services,” she said.

Alex Balekian, Friedman’s opponent in the race for the congressional seat made available as Congressperson Adam Schiff runs for the U.S. Senate, addressed the council during public comments. He responded to comments

previously expressed regarding recent increases in utility costs.

“People here are hurting. Are you tone deaf or intentionally sadistic?” he said. “Your climate sustainability dream has become an unsustainable nightmare and you all need to stop.”

City staff reviewed the process by which electric rates were increased and indicated plans for a more extensive explanation of the rate-setting process. The primary drivers of increased rates are the cost of developing new infrastructure, the cost of maintaining existing resources, and debt service. Because of Propositions 26 and 218, the city cannot charge more than it costs to deliver service; it cannot make a profit. In 2023, the council approved three increases; in 2024, customers saw increases of 14.8% and 11%; next year, utility customers will see another 11.3% rate increase. Assistant City Manager John Takhtalian added that bills currently being received cover the hottest months the city has ever seen, July and August. The city hit its highest peak demand during this time, 349 megawatts. That peak would have been higher, he said, if not for sustained outages the utility experienced.

The council balked at approving an amendment to a consulting agreement to improve water conservation, voting 2-2 on the contract.

The council approved extending an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for up to \$471,052 to develop an overall

master plan for recycling in the city for the next 20 years and narrowly okayed up to \$542,034 for the development of a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Councilmember Ara Najarian raised concerns that the added costs resulted from work done at the behest of the city’s sustainability Commission.

“It’s the tail wagging the dog,” he said, concerned that the authority to expend funds is solely within the purview of the city council, not of its commissions.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian opposed the plan entirely.

“This was passed in September 2022, and I wasn’t here when it was approved. It’s not mandated by the state and, if this was before us today, I would not support it,” Gharpetian said.

The Greener Glendale plan was approved in 2012, Councilmember Dan Brotman observed, “and a lot has changed in the world” since then.

“All leading California cities are planning for this future we are facing: hotter, dryer, more fire-prone climate,” he said. “I want to be a leading city, to be preparing for that future, not just closing our eyes to it.”

The council delayed action on a decision from the city’s Transportation and Parking Commission denying action on an all-way stop at the intersection of Adams Street and Scofield Drive in the Adams Hill neighborhood. The neighborhood has been

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VIEWPOINTS

MYSTERIES OF MONTROSE » ROBERT NEWCOMBE

Was Montrose Really Laid Out in the Pattern of a Rose?

As I noted in previous columns, 12 years ago, when I wrote my book “Montrose,” there were three questions that remained unanswered when I submitted it to the publisher. In June of this year, I gave a presentation to the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley on what I called the “Mysteries of Montrose Origins.” This column summarizes my presentation of the third mystery: Was Montrose really laid out in the pattern of a rose?

I first heard this story in 2005 when Mike Lawler and I were writing our Arcadia Publishing book on La Crescenta. I loved it and wanted to make sure we included it in the book. Here’s what we wrote:

“After developers Holmes and Walton bought the lower section of the valley from the Briggs family in the early 1910s, they cleared the relatively flat ground of brush and large rocks and held a contest to name the community. Montrose was chosen and the streets were laid out in the fanciful pattern of a rose. The

sweeping curves of the roads still confuse newcomers.”

When I was writing the book “Montrose,” I found some of the newspaper ads about the naming contest and learned that the name Montrose wasn’t chosen until the end of December 1912. I realized that this community was already graded and laid out in the circular pattern so unless the contest was a sham and the developers had already chosen the name, there’s no way Montrose could have been laid out in the pattern of a rose.

As I did promotional events for the book in 2013, I mentioned this regularly, and many people were upset. They want this story to be true. They even quoted “fanciful” back to me. So where did this story come from?

The first mention that I’ve found is in a book published in 1981 called “Glendale Area History” in which the authors write, “Following the naming [contest], the subdividers laid out a street plan in the form of

a rose and its petals, with circular streets leading from the broad curve of Montrose Avenue.”

This was written more than 60 years after Montrose was laid out and I haven’t found a single mention of this story between 1908 and 1974. Where did these authors get this information? I don’t think they made it up and they wrote it so authoritatively that they clearly believe this to be true. So did I up until 2012. All I can conclude is that at some point someone looked at a map and determined the street pattern sort of looks like a rose and, since the name is Montrose, that must have been intentional, and the story was passed on orally.

However, in all the advertisements and publicity stories about the development of Montrose there is not a single mention of laying the streets out in a pattern of a rose. Instead, they usually mentioned the “winding drives” and “the circular system of boulevards that give the place a park-like effect.”

After Montrose had opened in

the summer of 1913, they wrote, “Montrose has been laid out along distinctly original lines. The monotonous checker-board effect which characterizes the ordinary subdivision has been carefully avoided. Beautiful curving driveways circle about a central park where the Montrose clubhouse is to be erected.” They clearly felt this layout was a major selling point.

The rose pattern story seems charming but put yourself in a buyer’s position 110 years ago. Would you really have bought a lot here because the community was sort of laid out in a pattern of a flower?

I have a theory, though, about why Walton chose these circular boulevards. These lots that Briggs had laid out in parallelogram shapes in the 1880s hadn’t been sold for close to 30 years. Walton and Walters were spending a lot of money bringing water to this area and they wanted to make sure that everyone knew that Montrose was not simply a renamed piece of La Crescenta.

If you look at a map of the area from before the building of the 210 Freeway, Montrose really stands out because of the circular roads. Which only look like a “rose and its petals” when looking at this through “Montrose colored” glasses.



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Airlines Offer Military Perks and Discounts

By Tim Kinsella

I served for 33 years in the United States military. As the former commanding officer of the Navy’s largest aviation training installation at Naval Air Station Pensacola, I know firsthand the deep relationships between military aviation and our airline industry.

The airline industry has been one of the leading employers for America’s service members employing more than 50,000 veterans. I’ve been fortunate to fly all over the world for both military and personal reasons, but no matter where I travel I always know I’ll be treated with kindness and dignity when I fly on a U.S. airline.

U.S. airlines offer discounts, waive fees and provide many other perks for active duty and veterans alike. To make the most of these opportunities, active-duty personnel and veterans should check out the military benefits airlines offer before finalizing travel arrangements.

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and veterans, and their immediate families. Southwest also offers lower fares not available to the public if you call ahead.

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depending on whether the flight is for duty or leisure.

Many airlines also let members of the military community ship their pets – a benefit not typically offered to the general public. This is something we took full advantage of when we

were stationed overseas in Belgium. Active-duty servicemembers who are relocating or traveling on orders should check airline policies to see if their four-legged friends can fly for free. Semper Fido!

see AIRLINES on page 19

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Possibility of a ‘Bloodbath’

In spite of the state budget deficit of \$46 billion (or \$73 billion according to the legislative analyst), homeowners and renters alike face a virtual bloodbath if most or all of the bond and tax measures pass in November.

Prospective charges on the communal credit card include county Measure A to increase the sales tax by one-half cent to raise \$1 billion a year for affordable (read: subsidized) housing. Tack on a \$10 billion bond for educational facilities (Proposition 2) and another \$10 billion bond for climate-related projects (Proposition 4).

Brace yourself for Proposition 5 co-authored by Assemblywoman Laura Friedman and approved by most Democratic lawmakers, including Assemblyman Chris see LETTERS on page 19

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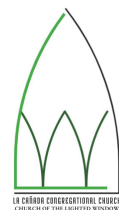
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Art Auction Benefits Local Non-profits

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada and the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge are co-hosting an art auction on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 4469 Chevy Chase Dr., La Cañada Flintridge. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship funds of both organizations.

Attendees will enjoy an evening of wine and appetizers while perusing a wide array of curated pieces, including California plein-air, WPA, mid-century modern, portraits and contemporary artists. Fine art conservator, art historian and curator Maurine St. Gaudens will be present, providing information and perspective on the art during the event.

While the majority of the pieces will be sold via silent auction, art historian and curator Joseph Morsman will

preside over a live auction of five of the most compelling works. Major sponsors of the event include Abell Auction Company, Pasadena Picture Framing, Terry Piasky with Coldwell Banker, Chuck Terhune, La Cañada Flintridge Sister Cities Association, and Descanso Gardens. Co-Chair Maureen Siegel Sprowles encourages the community to attend.

“Whether you are a seasoned collector or simply a passionate admirer of art, we promise you an informative and fun experience where you can purchase a treasure for a good cause,” she said.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Original art will be awarded as door prizes.

For more information and a link to purchase tickets, visit cclcf.org/events.



Pictured are event co-chair Maureen Siegel-Sproles, Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Treasurer Trish McRae, CCLCF Executive Director Betsy Ferguson, event co-chair Maureen Siegel-Sproles and Kiwanis President Alice Perez.

Prepare for Flu Season: Expert Insights from Dignity Health Physicians

As the flu season approaches, Dignity Health wants to keep local communities informed and healthy. Its team of physicians is urging everyone to take proactive steps to protect themselves and their loved ones against influenza.

Flu season typically peaks between December and February, and vaccination is the best defense. Dr. Douglas A. Webber, internist with Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital, emphasized the importance of early vaccination.

“Getting your flu shot is crucial this year,” said Dr. Webber. “The flu is a serious illness, especially for the elderly and those who are immunocompromised, [for example] cancer or transplant patients. It can lead to severe complications and even death with up to 50,000 fatalities annually.”

In addition to vaccination, Dignity Health experts recommend the following preventive measures:

- Practice good hand hygiene by washing hands frequently.
- Avoid close contact with sick individuals.
- Stay home if you’re feeling unwell to prevent spreading illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing.

Flu season typically occurs between October and May with activity peaking between December and February. The flu vaccine plays a pivotal role in preventing significant flu-related illnesses, including hospitalization and death.

“The vaccine is your best shot at reducing your risk of ending up in the hospital or worse,” Dr. Webber added.

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DAR Holding Community Events

Daughters of the American Revolution, Don Jose Verdugo Chapter invite the community to attend and join in the following activities open to the public; all are welcome.

Nov. 1 is a coffee and book signing beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the La Cañada Library; 4545 Oakwood Ave. The speaker is Ronald C. White Jr., author of several books on Lincoln, Grant and now Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, an officer in the Civil War. His book on Chamberlain is "On Great Fields."

The DAR meeting takes place after the book discussion and Q&A.

White is a graduate of UCLA and Princeton Theological Seminary, receiving a Ph.D. from Princeton University. He has taught at UCLA, Whitworth University, Colorado College and Princeton Seminary. He has lectured on Lincoln at the White House, and in England, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico and New Zealand. He lives with his wife Cynthia in Pasadena, California.

Future Events:

Veterans' Day Monday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m., join in honoring local veterans in Montrose at the War Memorial on the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.

Wreaths Across America Saturday, Dec. 14 at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena.

Christmas Tea Saturday, Dec. 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 201 W. Bennett Ave. in Glendora


USO Cookie Drop and Holiday Letters for Camp Pendleton

The December Chapter meeting on Dec. 6 will be a luncheon at the Oakmont Country Club. There is an outstanding speaker and program planned.

The DAR is a volunteer non-profit, non-political women's service organization "Remember, Honor, Teach." Don Jose Verdugo Chapter serves the Crescenta Valley and surrounding communities. For more information: donjoseverdugo.californiadar.org.



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Rick Andrews, MS

Thursday, November 7th 12-1 pm

Crescenta Cañada YMCA
1930 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada


To Register:
We will have box lunches for takeaway at the end of the talk for our in-person attendees. Doors open at 11:45 a.m., and the talk will begin promptly at 12 p.m. Reservations for takeaway box lunches are required 48 hours in advance. Please visit uscvh.org/doc-talks or call (818) 952-2228 to register.



Rick Andrews, MS is a clinical exercise physiologist and the manager of the Cardiopulmonary Rehab Department at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

He has 20 years of experience working in cardiopulmonary rehab and as a university lecturer in exercise physiology and human biomechanics.

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People Making News

Cal Poly Pomona, College of Engineering announced that Andres C. Torres received the Chang Family President's Scholar award. Torres is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Approximately 1,500 students were named to the Biola University dean's list in spring 2024. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

The following local residents were named to the dean's list: Faith Choi of La Crescenta, majoring in allied health; Emily Low, majoring in comm sciences disorders and Melissa Dunnigan, majoring in English, both of Sunland; Jakob Torres of La Cañada Flintridge, majoring in kinesiology.

Recently Biola broke ground on its new state-

of-the-art 45,463 square-foot studio facility for students in the Snyder School of Cinema & Media Arts, which is one of the fastest growing schools and programs at Biola. The university also renovated its largest auditorium and dedicated it to its original dedicatee, Ethel Lee.

Founded in 1908, Biola University is committed to the mission of biblically centered education, scholarship and service – equipping men and women in mind and character to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

With more than 5,000 students at its Southern California campus and around the world, Biola's eight schools offer more than 250 academic programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. For more information, visit biola.edu or call (562) 777-4061.

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Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Investor Offers In Trust Sales

Dear Phyllis,

I know you have a lot of experience with trust sales and I wish you worked closer to Mission Viejo. I am the executor of my brother's estate in Mission Viejo. His home is mostly in its original condition. I listed the home with a local Realtor who lives in the neighborhood. After listing, we got a lot of low offers, apparently from investors. We opened escrow with the highest offer. Apparently, the investor had never seen the home and when it came time for their money to go to escrow they wanted an additional \$50,000 credit because the home needed too much work. They never did an actual inspection. We then opened escrow with another investor, and it was basically the same deal with the enormous credit and money not going to escrow. The third time we opened escrow, the investor

buyer had 14 days to remove all contingencies. They sent money to the escrow company but canceled it after 14 days. They never even asked for credit. The listing expired and numerous agents have been contacting me. I hope you can guide me on the best way to deal with investor offers. *Perplexed*

Dear Perplexed,

Thank you for the compliment! I have extensive experience with investor offers in trust sales.

If the home is vacant and has a Supra lockbox, the listing agent is notified each time an agent shows the home. It's very simple for the listing agent to verify that the buyer's Realtor accessed the lockbox. We log on to the website and it reflects each time the lockbox was opened. If the showings are only by appointment with the listing

agent, your agent should keep track of who they are meeting. Your agent should have checked to verify that the agent showed the home or verified that the Supra lockbox was opened before you countered the offer.

You can check the offer from the third buyer. They likely had a provision for an assignment. Sometimes this is a means for an investor to open an escrow on your home and try to resell it during escrow for a higher price. If they can make a profit, they assign their interest to the new buyer and close escrow.

When you interview the next agent, ask them the same question you asked me. If they provide you with insight similar to mine, you will be in better hands the next time.

I wish you success.

Best regards,

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Art Talks at Brand

Brand Library & Art Center is having its final Art Talks at Brand, formerly titled Art Talk Tuesday, on Thursday, Nov. 7. Art Talks at Brand invites contemporary artists to discuss their work and the issues surrounding it, followed by a moderated Q&A with Brand staff member, artist and writer Jennifer Remenchik. The fall series will feature Los Angeles-based artists Kira Shewfelt, Amie Sillah, Edgar Bryan, and Carrie Cook. The series is sponsored by the Brand Associates, is free and open to the public.

Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. – Artist Carrie Cook is featured.

Carrie Cook was born in Nashville, Tennessee and currently lives and works in Los Angeles. Through a rigorous process of mining her archive,

Cook's practice explores the psychological territory of memory, ecstasy and grief. Circling poetic everyday moments into a mystical narrative, the works create a symbolic visual language. The works seek to reassess the tradition of surrealism and employ the symbolism of ancient art history and Eastern and Western religious traditions, resulting in large scale works on canvas as well as intimate icon-like paintings on panel. Cook's work has been exhibited in galleries around the world and featured in publications such as Bat City Review, Art Maze Magazine and Contemporary Art Review Los Angeles.

Brand staff member and program moderator Jennifer Remenchik is an artist and writer based in Los Angeles. Her work has been exhibited in

several institutions and galleries, including No Gallery, VIVO Media Arts Centre, HILDE, basement projects, Industry Lab, and The Contemporary Austin, among others. She is a regular contributor to Hyperallergic and has written for CurateLA, BOMB Magazine, and Contemporary Art Review Los Angeles. Remenchik began organizing art talks at Brand Library & Art Center as a way to showcase artists who reflect the diversity of the art scene of the greater Los Angeles area.

Visit BrandLibrary.org/Art-Talks for more information on artists in the Art Talks at Brand fall series as well as links to recordings of past Art Talk Tuesday programs.

Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.



Carrie Cook, Two Tables, 2024, oil on canvas, 33 x 44 inches.

Matt McIntyre Named President of PSHA

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts has announced that Matt McIntyre has been named president of the organization for the 2024-25 year. McIntyre is the first male member to serve in the position in the organization's 77-year history. An active member since 2018, McIntyre has held various board and benefit positions over the years, and recently served as Benefit chair of the Pasadena Showcase House of Design in 2023.

McIntyre says he is honored to be leading

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts at a time of particular growth and prosperity.

"It has been thrilling to see the success of our all-volunteer organization over the last four years since the pandemic," he said. "Our four recent benefits have seen a surge in attendance and collectively raised \$2.4 million that we've immediately distributed to our local community; topping \$26 million in total funding since our founding in 1948. In addition, each of our music programs is

growing, as has our volunteer membership."

He is looking forward to his role as president during another milestone, opening the organization's 60th Showcase House. Though McIntyre couldn't release details of the house, he shared that an announcement was forthcoming.

"Our 60th Pasadena Showcase House of Design will be one of the largest estates we have presented to date and a new Showcase House for our annual visitors," he said.



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2024 Jewel City Concert Series at The Artsakh Paseo

The 2024 Jewel City Concert Series will consist of five outdoor concerts that take place at the Artsakh Paseo, 127 N. Artsakh Ave. in Glendale from Sept. 28 through Oct. 26. These free Saturday evening concerts are at 5 p.m. and showcase music groups from Southern California. Performances run approximately 60 minutes without an intermission. Seating is not provided; visitors are welcome to bring a chair. The concerts are sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from

Glendale Library, Arts & Culture.

Visit GlendaleArtsAndCulture.org/JewelCityConcertSeries for more information.

On Oct. 26, Ominous Duck will be performing. Ominous Duck is a post-grunge rock band formed from the collective passion of four Los Angeles teenagers. Drawing inspiration from their favorite bands, they craft music that echoes their generation's defiance and yearning for connection – and offers back a message of solidarity and hope.

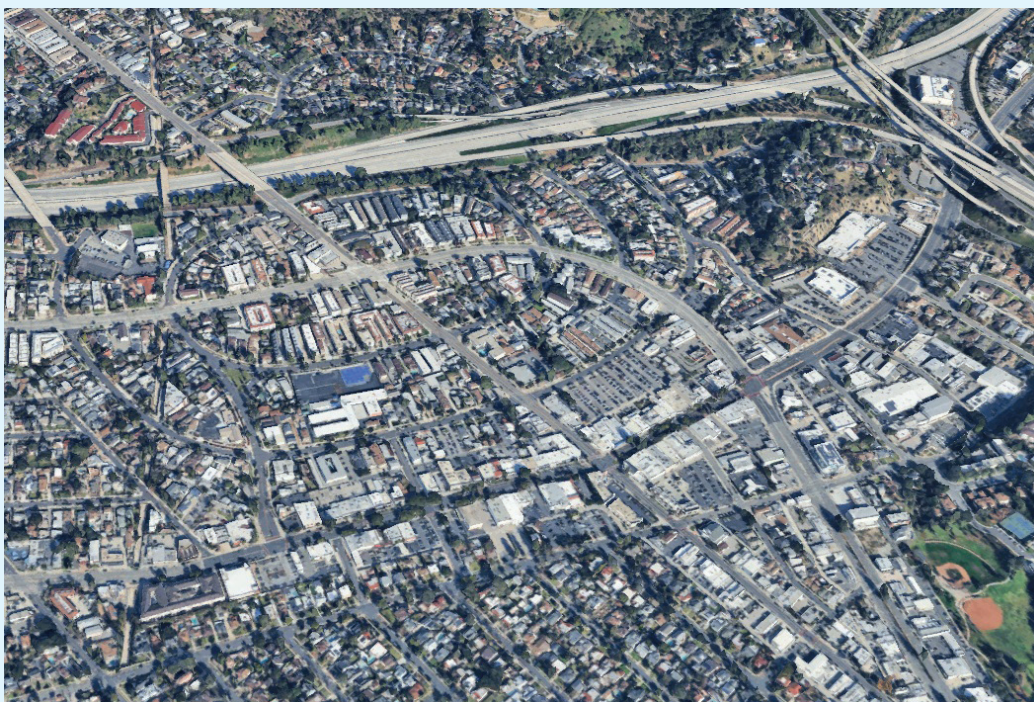


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THEN & NOW Montrose Rose Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: This photo is an aerial view of Montrose in 1931. One can clearly see that the pattern of the streets resembles the petals of a rose – thus the name “Montrose.” However, local historian Robert Newcombe feels that was just coincidental, that the streets were laid out in that pattern just to be unique.



Now: This is a modern view of the “rose pattern” streets of Montrose taken from the same angle. It's very built up now, packed with large apartment and commercial buildings, and it's harder to see the rose pattern. Also note that the 210 Freeway “pruned” the rose, taking off the top portion.

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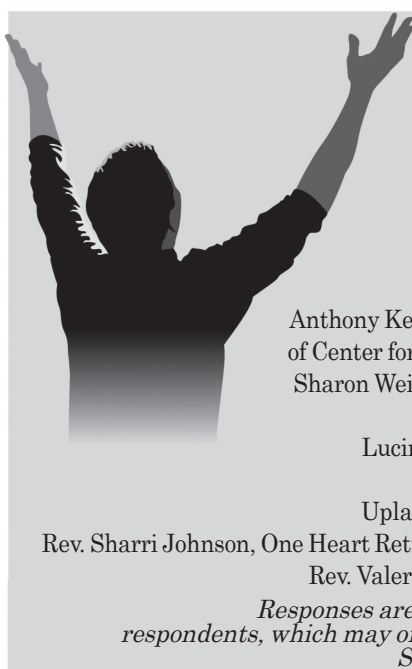
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: I have a locked safe with a loaded gun inside in case there are intruders into our home. I thought I had put the combination in a safe place because I put it under some books in the bookcase. My son must have seen me put it there because we found it and open the safe. He shot one round through a door and that scared him and so he put the gun back. In retrospect I probably should have kept the combination with me perhaps in my wallet. I don't think he'll try that again, but I'm feeling really bad about his finding combination in the first place. Is there anything I can say to him to please ask first before he does anything like this?

— Worried Dad

Dear Worried Dad,
 I checked some references about

the usefulness of having a loaded gun at home for self defense: less than 1%. The leading causes of death in children and teens are accidents, homicide and suicide. Do you need any other reasons to not have a gun? I had a gun in my house and I called the local police to come get them. They did with no questions asked.

Please do the same.

Carolyn Young
 LCSW

Dear Worried,

I am sorry that your son had that terrible experience that he had. But what were you thinking to have had a loaded gun around in the first place? I understand the fear of intruders, but long ago I decided that I was not going to have a gun around. (My wife and I do have two attack dogs, each weighing less than 20 pounds. But they do make quite

a racket!)

Seriously, have you ever thought how you'd feel if you or your son accidentally shot a person you didn't know? How would you ever sleep again without being disturbed that you killed somebody's son or father? Guns may protect us, but from what?

I was probably not the right person to respond to your question. As a kid I used to go shoot my .22 rifle with my father. But now I own no guns and, in light of what I have said above, I think I fear hurting people more than I fear being hurt by them. But I'm a minister, so what would you expect?

Good luck in finding peace. I wish you well.

The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
 Upland Christian Church,
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NOTES & NODS

LUTHERAN CHURCH PREPARES FOR 'TRUNK OR TREAT'

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is inviting all high school students to join in its new youth hangouts. Led by Pastor Rick Hall, these gatherings offer a casual and welcoming environment for teens to connect, play games, enjoy snacks and listen to music. The goal is to create a space where young people can simply be themselves and feel a sense of belonging. The hangouts are open to all high school students, regardless of religious affiliation. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend or two. The next hangout is scheduled for Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room.

A reminder that all are invited to LCIF's annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. This festive celebration will feature an array of fun activities for all ages. Children can look forward to trick-or-treating, games, a bounce house and plenty of treats. The event is free of charge and offers a safe and enjoyable environment for families to celebrate Halloween. For those attending LCIF's regular Sunday worship beforehand (10 a.m.), costumes are welcome.

Visit lcifoohills.org for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoohills.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 Friday.

CRESCENTA VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church and the Montrose Preschool are having our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Join us for treats, music, food, face painting and more.

The address is 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose. Those who have any questions call (818) 249-4048 or check the website at cvumc.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND PUMPKIN DECORATING AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is hosting an afternoon of "trunk-or-treating," pumpkin decorating and activities for the entire family on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Kids can come in costume and collect treats from festively decorated

cars then carve or paint a pumpkin at this free event, which will take place on the church campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

Costumes must be family friendly – no play weapons or offensive themes. Don't forget to bring a bag or bucket to collect treats!

For more information, visit lcpc.net/events or call the LCPC office at (818) 249-6137.

DEATH WISHES: UUCVH TO HOST PROMINENT AUTHOR

On Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m. author and cultural proficiency consultant Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins will talk about the inevitability of death and what can be done about it.

Everyone is going to die, but few want to talk about it. People refuse to write wills, complete advanced care directives and tell their loved ones about their end of life preferences. How might we navigate this sensitive subject with grace and compassion? Nuri-Robins has authored six books, including: "Cultural Proficiency" and "Fish Out of Water." She serves on the Bio-Ethics Committee of the UCLA Medical Center and the boards of several social-service organizations.

UUCVH is located at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. To join via Zoom visit the UUCVH website at https://www.uuverdugo.org/.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE AT CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY MISSION OF THE FOOTHILLS

On Halloween night, the community is invited to a free, kid-friendly fun and slightly spooky haunted house maze on Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills. A free professional photo booth photo opportunity is offered to every

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Oct. 25, Assemblymember Laura Friedman will make a presentation to the Club.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

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

CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

October is National Stamp Collecting Month, a time to celebrate the rich history and joy of philately. This month is the perfect opportunity to dive into the fascinating world of postage stamps. One way to get involved is by joining 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., in the second floor community room at 7 p.m.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Friday (note new day) from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

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

CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta – an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before—don't worry; you will be taught! Come on Tuesday afternoons to play canasta from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

CVIM PRESENTS FALL MUSIC 'SPOOKTACULAR'

The finest musicians of the Crescenta Valley High School Music Dept. will be performing for a fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the CV amphitheater and upper field. Bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the outdoor concert.

Tickets for the dinner and silent auction are \$10; dinner and ticket combo are \$20. Treats and drinks available for purchase. Silent auction begins at Oct. 11 and closes on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. <https://www.32auctions.com/cvim2024>

Questions? Email 2ndvp@falcommusic.org.

Crescenta Valley High School is located at 2900 Community Ave. in La Crescenta.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT PACIFIC COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK

The Annual Fall Festival takes place on Oct. 26 at Pacific Community Center in Glendale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This family-friendly event includes games, arts & crafts, music, a bounce house, a pumpkin patch, carnival games and the Glendale Rocks! climbing wall, food vendors and more.

Pacific Community Center & Park is located at 501 S. Pacific Ave. in Glendale.

CCLCF BOASTS SEVERAL EVENTS

Senior activities at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge include:

Artwork auction on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the CCLCF auditorium.

Standard pricing for participants of the Thanksgiving Day Run. Kids 1 Mile Training Program is a brand new program for kids who are registered for the run. Volunteers are also needed for an assortment of duties.

CCLCF is hiring! An administrative assistant position is open. Duties include programming support, bookkeeping and customer service. To learn more, visit cclcf.org. To apply, visit jobs@cclcf.org.

Looking ahead, CCLCF is having its annual ceramics holiday sale on Dec. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Visit the CCLCF website at cclcf.org or call (818) 790-4353.

THE CALTECH THEATER PRESENTS 'EARTH DATA/THE MUSICAL'

The Caltech Theatre presents "Earth Data/The Musical," directed by Brian Brophy, is an original

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science-driven show created and performed by a team of engineers, technologists, researchers and local artists. There will be three shows: on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3 p.m.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

October 21, 2024 - October 27, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your social life will be active now. In order to make the most of it and not jeopardize your health, take a few precautions. Try not to eat too many greasy or fatty foods. Drink lots of water, especially if you're drinking alcohol. Above all, get enough sleep. You'll feel and look better if you follow a path of moderation.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may be experiencing a problem that's different from past ones. If you're following a diet or exercise routine, you may be too rigid and even go to extremes. Being obsessive about your diet or workout can be just as bad as being too lax. If you push your body beyond its capability, you may do more harm than good.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The Universe may encourage you to direct some of your excess energy into keeping fit and well. You may need a strategy that inspires you to commit some time every day to your well-being. You have a tendency to drift when it comes to following a routine, but anything associated with your health is important. It will help ground you.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The Universe may stir up your health sector. You may suddenly feel a pang of jealousy or dented pride as you notice how fit your friends look compared to you. Something or someone will encourage you to start your workouts again. Think about cutting back on fatty and sweet foods. Just do whatever it takes to get fit and well.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Because of the current aspects, you may find symptoms suddenly flare up for a while, or you may feel fatigued even though you aren't ill. See your health professional if you're worried, but you should gradually begin to feel better than ever. You've shed a lot of bad habits over time.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

There is a major focus on your health zone and it looks upbeat. Aspects are perfect for making a fresh start. If you've gotten off track, use this opportunity to get back on. Find an exercise routine that you enjoy so you won't be tempted to stop. Also, work on a dieting approach that feels right for you.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Trying to find a balance in your daily activities may improve your health. If you spend a lot of time sitting, try to compensate by working out regularly. If you drink a lot of caffeine, think about drinking more water. Caffeine dehydrates you, so make up for the lost fluids. Be good to yourself!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your health gets an extra boost now. You may notice that any symptoms suddenly ease up or disappear altogether. A new treatment may be just what you need in order to get back on your feet. Things are looking up, but you may be tempted to eat more, which could pile on the pounds. Try to avoid too many sweet or fatty foods.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This is a time for ideas, and one may encourage you to look after your health. Perhaps a book you read affected you. Maybe a friend shared a story that encouraged you to rethink your approach to your well-being. Researching health issues may give you a renewed understanding of why it's so important to eat well and exercise daily.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

There's good news now as you experience a newfound exuberance. You may be motivated to join an online group that encourages you to take better care of your health. You're more likely to stay disciplined if you have a good support system. You may be tempted to eat more, too, so be careful.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This is a great time for you. The Universe offers you a chance for change at all levels, including your health. If you've approached diet and exercise in fits and starts in the past, then determine to be more consistent. That's how you'll get the results you want. Join a friend or partner who can give you support, especially when you start to flag.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may put a lot more pressure on yourself at work now. Your creativity may peak, but so may the tension accompanying getting your work completed on time. Resolve to treat yourself better. Get a massage that includes aromatherapy. Regular exercise will also help shake off the cobwebs and help you feel fit enough for any challenge.

ACROSS

- 1) ___ sapiens
- 5) Applaud
- 9) Asparagus unit
- 14) Homecoming guest, briefly
- 15) Make over
- 16) Prefix for "sonic" or "violet"
- 17) Part of a Monopoly set
- 18) Bun warmer
- 19) Maple bar or apple fritter
- 20) President who was the son of a president
- 23) Break bread
- 24) Ages and ages
- 25) What a pilot might announce, briefly
- 28) Classroom assistant
- 31) Rub the wrong way
- 36) Drop, to an editor
- 38) Congers
- 40) Police car's alarm
- 41) President on the \$1,000 bill
- 44) Like a vampire's face, stereotypically
- 45) Sky box?
- 46) Dietary, in ads
- 47) Supplies with better weapons
- 49) Dress in India
- 51) Affirmative action?
- 52) When dark comes o'er the land
- 54) Museum exhibit
- 56) President associated with peanuts
- 65) Dickens' Heep
- 66) Eight, on a sundial
- 67) Jason's mythical ship
- 68) Chop finely
- 69) Occasional needle point?
- 70) Barristers' accoutrements
- 71) Walkways
- 72) Dispatch, as a dragon
- 73) Mislplace

DOWN

- 1) Muslim pilgrimage
- 2) Varied assortment
- 3) Scads
- 4) Signs of things to come
- 5) Raker of chips
- 6) Jeans name
- 7) Yemeni port
- 8) Explorer ___ de Leon
- 9) Ethiopian's neighbor
- 10) Fail to tread lightly
- 11) Volcano in Sicily
- 12) Calla lily family
- 13) Things to exterminate, to many
- 21) Sine ___ non
- 22) Hither companion
- 25) Painter Degas
- 26) Far from long-winded
- 27) Hello or goodbye
- 29) Dealer's handful
- 30) Clothing designer Perry
- 32) Place for dead presidents?
- 33) Coach
- 34) Slow, musically
- 35) Broke off
- 37) "Be it ___ so humble ..."
- 39) Words before "date" or "trap"
- 42) Entangles, as in a net
- 43) Truthfulness
- 48) Observe
- 50) Nest egg feature
- 53) Church parts
- 55) It's a drag in fishing circles
- 56) Checkers maneuver
- 57) Opera highlight
- 58) After-dinner confection
- 59) A head
- 60) 100 dinars
- 61) "Mona ___"
- 62) Small band
- 63) Baker's dozen?
- 64) Gift on "The Bachelor"

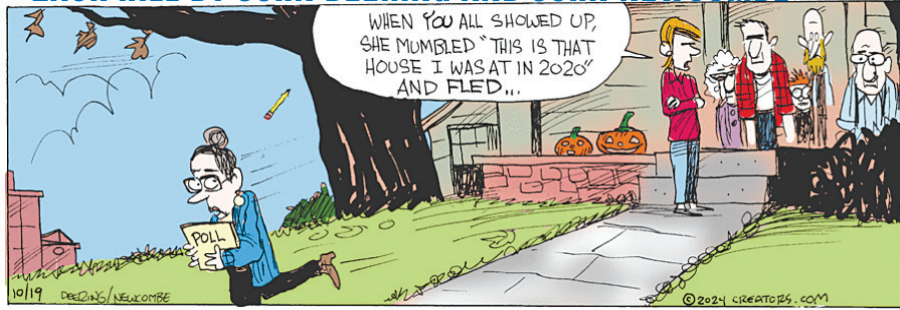
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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Shakedown Street: Why can't I resell these Grateful Dead concert tickets?

When Ticketmaster sells Nathaniel Meyer his Grateful Dead tickets, it leads him to believe he can resell them. But he can't. Is he stuck with them?

Question: Ticketmaster sold me tickets to Dead & Company: Dead Forever - Live at Sphere that did not indicate transfer or resale restrictions prior to sale while advertising another category of tickets for the same event that clearly stated that those tickets were nontransferable.

The comparison of the two ticket categories side by side implied that the tickets I purchased could be transferred or resold. After my purchase, I found out that I can't resell them.

I have tried for two months just to gain knowledge of whether this restriction would eventually be lifted and have been given no resolution or answers. In the process, Ticketmaster inadvertently called the wrong party to discuss my situation, which was a breach of my personal information.

I'd like a full refund of the \$3,350 I paid for my tickets.

—Nathaniel Meyer, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Answer: Ticketmaster never explicitly said you could resell your Grateful Dead concert tickets but, as you point out, it certainly implied it.

But before I get to the answer, a word or two about the Grateful Dead. I spent almost 20 years doing extended road trips around the United States before moving abroad and I have concluded that the Grateful Dead is the ultimate driving soundtrack. I always turn my Sirius XM to Channel 23 and leave it there for the duration of the drive. (Thank you, David Lemieux.) As is a tradition in this column, I will be featuring lots of Grateful Dead song titles in the story. Are you ready?

It looks like the event's organizer, Sphere, controlled the transferability of the tickets. Sometimes organizers initially do not allow ticket transfers but after they sell all their tickets and are sitting on top of the world they change the terms as the concert date gets closer. (Am I making this too easy, fellow Deadheads?)

In this case, Sphere had indicated the tickets were not transferable but it told Ticketmaster that it might loosen its rules. So there was some uncertainty but it sure felt like Ticketmaster was stealin' your

tickets – and it left you singing the blues. What made this a difficult case was that your tickets didn't say they were transferable. You made that assumption based on other tickets for the same event that were explicitly nontransferable. That was a fair, but ultimately flawed, assumption.

It looks like the event's organizer did not indicate the transferability when it sent the ticket information to Ticketmaster. That could have been an innocent mistake but it led you to buy tickets that you thought were transferable. You must have felt like a passenger on a ship of fools.

If you're ever in a situation like this again, it's best to confirm the terms of a concert ticket before buying it. And when you're talking about a \$3,350 expenditure (worth every penny, if you ask me) you want to get that in writing. Otherwise, you could end up the loser.

In your correspondence with Ticketmaster, a representative also recommended event ticket protector insurance. A claim would have been hard to handle because most insurance covers issues such as an illness, a mechanical breakdown on the way to a concert or death. But it probably wouldn't have applied to a transferability problem.

Did you need a miracle to get this case resolved? Maybe. You could have appealed this to a manager. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Ticketmaster executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. You might have also disputed the charges on your credit card although it might have been difficult to win since you didn't have a written promise of transferability.

But don't worry – help is on the way. I contacted Ticketmaster on your behalf. A representative called you and offered a full refund for your Dead & Co. tickets, which you accepted.

Nathaniel, I hope you keep on truckin' and I'll see you at the next show.

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/>. © 2024 Christopher Elliott



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There is nothing else to do now but rest
 And patiently learn to receive the self
 You have forsaken for the race of days.
 At first your thinking will darken
 And sadness take over like listless
 weather.
 The flow of unwept tears will frighten
 you.
 You have traveled too fast over false
 ground;
 Now your soul has come to take you back.
 Take refuge in your senses, open up
 To all the small miracles you rushed
 through.
 Become inclined to watch the way of rain
 When it falls slow and free.
 Imitate the habit of twilight,
 Taking time to open the well of color
 That fostered the brightness of day.
 Draw alongside the silence of stone
 Until its calmness can claim you.
 Be excessively gentle with yourself.
 Stay clear of those vexed in spirit.

Learn to linger around someone of ease
 Who feels they have all the time in the
 world.
 Gradually, you will return to yourself,
 Having learned a new respect for your
 heart
 And the joy that dwells far within slow
 time.
 – John O'Donohue from "Blessings"

We are looking at several blustery days.
 Today, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
 temperatures will be in the high 80s and
 there may be some slight winds that are
 typical for the season; however, Sunday
 night through Tuesday those winds out
 of the northwest will pick up with gusts
 from 25 to 40 mph. And these winds will
 be cold so temperatures will drop to the
 70s.
 Then on Wednesday and Thursday the
 warm Santa Ana winds will begin again,
 warming up temperatures again.

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advocating for traffic calming
 since at least 2021. Several
 measures have been tried
 or contemplated and the
 neighbors now agree nearly
 unanimously that the all-way
 stop is the best option. The
 council will reconsider the
 matter in November.
 Finally, the council adopted
 a resolution demanding
 the immediate release of
 Armenian hostages held by
 Azerbaijan.
 From the staff report: "The
 City of Glendale condemns
 violence, torture and
 inhumane treatment based on
 ethnic identity and calls for

justice and accountability for
 those responsible. Azerbaijan's
 long-standing anti-Armenian
 policies led to the 2020 war
 against Artsakh, resulting in
 the ethnic cleansing of over
 70% of its territory. This
 culminated in the 2023 forced
 depopulation of Artsakh's
 Indigenous Armenian
 population, the destruction
 of cultural monuments and
 an ongoing humanitarian
 crisis. A blockade lasting
 over eight months isolated
 120,000 Armenians from basic
 necessities, and a large-scale
 assault in September 2023
 displaced more than 120,000

Armenians.
 "On Feb. 6, 2024, the
 Glendale City Council
 recognized Azerbaijan's
 ethnic cleansing and genocide
 in Artsakh. In February
 2024, the California State
 Legislature introduced SJR
 11, urging President Biden to
 address the illegal detention
 of Armenian prisoners of war
 and civilians by Azerbaijan.
 Glendale, home to the largest
 Armenian diaspora outside
 Armenia, stands in solidarity
 with its community and sister
 cities in Armenia, including
 Kapan, Gyumri and Martuni
 (Artsakh)."

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AIRLINES from page 9

An enhanced airport experience

Airports can get chaotic, especially around the holidays. Members of the military community, however, may be eligible for a little extra comfort, convenience and relaxation.

Most airlines offer priority boarding to members of the military and their families. Early boarding offers a chance to secure overhead storage for carry-ons and get settled into a seat before the single-file procession of other passengers starts down the narrow aisle. We sure appreciated this when we were moving overseas with two small children, two cats and more bags than a discount shopper on Black Friday!

Military travelers flying with American, United or Alaska Airlines can enjoy airline clubs and lounges before boarding, depending on the airport and availability. Whether it's to hang out with the family, find a nook to read, grab a snack or grab a catnap, these lounges offer a quiet space to relax before boarding.

Know what deals, discounts, and perks are available before you book!

Traveling can be stressful for anyone. To relieve stress and save both time and money, members of the military community should make a point of looking into the discounts, perks and amenities available to them before they book. Our airlines offer these discounts because they appreciate and value the sacrifices our servicemembers and their families make every day – something a great number of airline employees have experienced as veterans themselves.

Captain Tim "Lucky" Kinsella, USN (Ret), is the executive director of the Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz Center for Leadership at the University of West Florida. He served 33 years in the United States Navy.

LETTERS from page 9

Holden and Senator Anthony Portantino. If passed by voters bent on suicide, the measure would lower the threshold for parcel taxes from a two thirds majority to a simple majority and, in effect, wipe out Proposition 13.

Here's the kicker: While Governor Gavin Newsom wages war on Big Oil, the non-elected California Air Resources Board (with 12 of its 16 members appointed by the governor) meets two days after the election to discuss low-carbon fuel standards that are expected to raise the price of gasoline by 47 cents a gallon– 65 cents by January.

And you thought you were being gouged by the oil companies!

*Les Hammer
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ARMENIAN YOUTH from Cover

The core unit has been instrumental in addressing quality of life concerns in the Montrose - Crescenta [Valley] area, working closely with residents and business associations," she said.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station was also recognized.

"The Crescenta Valley Station has made an outstanding impact through their proactive approach to community safety," Barger said. "Each year I'm proud to fund the sheriff department's summer teams, which are dedicated to [serving] the unincorporated areas during the very busy summer season by addressing quality of life issues, solving crimes, establishing positive relationships with community groups and so much more."

The Glendale and LA County fire departments were also recognized for their service to the community.

"Glendale Fire Station 29, situated on Honolulu Avenue, is known for their dedication not only in responding to emergencies but also participating in community events to educate and engage the residents of all ages," Barger said.

Then it was LACoFD's turn to be recognized.

"The individuals who are [being honored] are assigned to Fire Station 63, which serves the unincorporated La Crescenta community. The experience and teamwork of this crew are crucial in responding to emergencies and providing vital support during very challenging situations," she said.

She pointed out that Captain Brown, who has worked at Station 63 for more than four years, is a military reservist officer in the U.S. Air Force and had just returned from a month-long deployment in Japan with his unit.

Barger also thanked members of the Center for their support to the community, and to the veterans of the American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 who attended the event.

She told audience members to feel free to reach out to her for any need in the community.

In addition to Barger's office presenting a certificate of recognition to those emergency responders, the Center gave each a medal that was designed for them for the event.

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