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## Rose Queen Chosen

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses® has named Lindsay Charles as the 106th Rose Queen® at the recent announcement and coronation ceremony. The 2025 Tournament of Roses President Ed Morales made the announcement on the front steps of Tournament House in Pasadena.

The seven young ladies highlight the mosaic of backgrounds and cultures that define the Pasadena community and exemplify character, service and leadership modeled through their commitment to family, school and community.

Charles is a senior at Westridge School and lives in San Marino. She is the jumps captain of the school track and field team, co-president of Food Chain LA, co-lead of Green Guerrillas club, co-lead of Multicultural/Multiracial Affinity, a member of Stemology for Kids and a previous volunteer at Huntington Hospital. Fluent in Mandarin, Charles enjoys gardening, neuroscience, hiking, journaling, drawing and collecting art. She plans to study environmental science or neuroscience at New York University, University of Michigan, Barnard College, Santa Clara University or the University of Washington, among others. She is the daughter of Mark and Martha Charles.

The Rose Queen and Rose Court are traditions of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, dating back to 1905 when Hallie Woods was selected as the first Rose Queen to ride in a horse-drawn carriage down Colorado Boulevard in the Rose Parade. From designing and making their own dresses in the early years, wearing pillbox hats in the '60s to today's gorgeous gowns, the celebrated history is a source of pride.

see ROSE QUEEN on page 19

## Community Gathers for a Happy Halloween

By Mary O'KEEFE and Michelle SEVANA

*Halloween arrived early last weekend with several trunk-or-treat events throughout the area ... but more Halloween fun is to be had.*

Hosts and goblins were seen at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Crescenta Valley Station on Friday night when it hosted a trunk-or-treat event. Classic cars were decorated in the station's lower parking lot with plenty of candy for the ready kids.

Trunk-or-treaters were dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes as they paraded by the vehicles, taking pieces of candy from the car's trunks. California Highway Patrol was also on hand to share candy, coloring books and stickers. Ralphs



Photo by Michelle SEVANA  
 "Mario" of Mario & Luigi/Nintendo fame, along with a motorcycle-straddling skeleton, was on hand to welcome trunk-or-treaters at the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church event on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Market was on-site sharing bags of goodies for kids – not just of candy but stickers, notebooks, pencils and stamps.

Kids were kept busy with games

and face-painting and were thrilled to climb into the cab of an LA County Fire Dept. engine; however, by far the most popular thing to do was coloring on an LASD patrol car.

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## Election Security Presented at Press Conference

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Tuesday the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan and LA County Sheriff Robert Luna held a press conference focused on election security and how the RR/CC and LA County Sheriff's Dept. (LASD) will be working to keep elections – voters and poll workers – safe.

Both Luna and Logan said that although people may not see deputies at the polls or at the ballot drop boxes they will be close by.

"We are one week out of the 2024 Presidential general election. There is a lot of activity going on and we want to take this opportunity to brief you on just some of the basics of what's happening with the election and then specifically to talk about



Screenshot by Mary O'KEEFE  
 Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan, with LA County Sheriff Robert Luna standing behind him, spoke about the measures being taken to ensure safe voting this election.

what we are doing collaboratively here in LA County to ensure we have safe and secure elections in the days and weeks ahead," Logan said.

Logan stated that as of Tuesday

over 900,000 vote-by-mail ballots had been received and expects that number will rise to 1 million in the next few days. RR/CC also had 47,000 in-person ballots cast at its 122 locations. As of Satur-

day, Nov. 2, there will be an additional 526 open polling places open, totaling the in-person vote centers to 648 throughout Los Angeles County.

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# Halloween and Me

I used to love Halloween. I think I shared with you that when I was younger I'd decorate my house in Sun Valley with all things Halloween: carved pumpkins, spider webs (I only knew of cheesecloth back then) and creepy crawly things. I'd drive to Conwin Carbonic in Glendale off San Fernando Road (I don't know if they're gone entirely or just moved) to buy dry ice that I would put in a caldron for a spooky effect.

In my teenage years I had a tall boyfriend who would sit in a rocking chair on my parents' front porch. He'd "pop up" and scare trick-or-treaters. I had friends mixed with dummies who would lie on the front lawn and as trick-or-treaters would step over them they'd pop up, surprising and scaring them. What fun!

When we moved to a back house (a flag lot) on Altura Avenue, I discovered there were no trick-or-treaters: I was so sad. But when we moved to Mountain Pine there were a ton of trick-or-treaters. We spent many hours decorating the house. Happily one of my sons was just as crazy as I in creating scary stuff for the house. One year we even had a smoke-breathing dragon! The neighbors would come by for the big reveal and would tell us how great the house looked.

But those days are pretty much gone. We have two granddaughters who live nearby and now we're "those people" who turn off our porch light on Halloween night so we can go trick-or-treating with the grandkids. Our three dogs keep the house safe, though I don't envy any intrepid trick-or-treaters

– they might get eaten!  
And speaking of getting eaten, let's take a quick look at this history of Halloween candy – courtesy of history.com.

Though I was always looking for candy on Halloween, candy wasn't always given out. In the early years when Halloween first became popular (in the 1930s and 1940s) children were given all kinds of sweet things – from pieces of cake to fruit, nuts, toys and coins. (I remember getting pennies at some doors.)

In the 1950s, when candy manufacturers began to promote their products for Halloween and as trick-or-treating became more popular, candy was increasingly regarded as an affordable, convenient offering.

It wasn't until the 1970s, though, that wrapped factory-made candy was viewed as the only acceptable thing to hand out. A key reason for this was safety as parents feared that real-life boogeymen might tamper with goodies that weren't store-bought and sealed.

Today when it comes to Halloween candy a number of the most popular brands are enduring classics. (Think Reese and Hershey.)

For the good of my pumpkins, rather than pieces of cake, fruit, nuts, toys and coins I'll rely on factory favorites to hand out on Halloween ... if I'm home.

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

We are seeing cooler temperatures, at least for a while, as we go into the autumn, or fall, season and that got me thinking – why is this time of year called autumn or fall?

According to dictionary.com, the word autumn comes from the French automne from the Latin autumnus. It was first recorded in English as early as the late 1300s; notably both Chaucer and Shakespeare used it in their works. Shakespeare used autumn more as a metaphor for aging than the season.

"Chaucer may have been the first (Middle) English author to use 'autumn.'

In his translation of Boethius' 'Consolation of Philosophy' (c. 1380) the Latin 'autumnus' morphs into Old-French 'autumne' in a line about Boreas, the Greek God of the North Wind. Boreas is said to be blowing out leaves that Zephyrus (the West Wind) had blown in during the spring," according to vaultofthoughts.com.

Fall, being used as a description of this season, appears in the early 1500s. The name is thought to come from the fall of the leaves, which happens at this time.

According to the astronomical definition, fall begins with the autumnal equinox. In the Northern Hemisphere, it's the September equinox; south of the equator, it is the equinox in March.

What exactly is the equinox?

According to NOAA, "There are only two times of the year when the Earth's axis is tilted neither toward nor away from the sun resulting in a 'nearly' equal amount of daylight and darkness at all latitudes. These events are referred to as equinoxes. The word equinox is derived from two Latin words – aequus (equal) and nox (night). At the equator, the sun is directly overhead at noon on these two equinoxes. The 'nearly' equal hours of day and night are due to refraction of sunlight or a bending of the light's rays that causes the sun to

appear above the horizon when the actual position of the sun is below the horizon. Additionally, the days become a little longer at the higher latitudes (those at a distance from the equator) because it takes the sun longer to rise and set. Therefore, on the equinox and for several days before and after the equinox, the length of day will range from about 12 hours and six and one-half minutes at the equator to 12 hours and 8 minutes at 30 degrees latitude to 12 hours and 16 minutes at 60 degrees latitude."

In Greek mythology the autumn equinox was the return of the goddess Persephone to the darkness of the underworld, where she is reunited with her husband Hades.

The Celtic goddess of the autumn equinox is Banbha. She is an Earth Mother and queen. In Irish mythology she is the founding mother of Ireland. Mabon is the Celtic harvest festival observed on or around the autumn equinox. It is the time when harvest is ending.

The Celts looked at Mabon as a time of reflection, gratitude and balance, which is a great tradition to continue. When societies used to be more in balance with the Earth I think this time of Mabon meant more. Now most of us can go into a heated home when it gets cold, we are not constrained by seasonal foods and most of us don't live on farms so we don't see barren fields.

Mabon is usually celebrated in September and Samhain (Halloween) is actually today and tomorrow. This is the season to slow down and to reflect. Samhain tells us this is the time the veil between this world and the next is thinnest. It is a time to think of the souls who have passed and to honor them with our memories. So this is the time I talk to my grandkids about their great and great-great grandparents. We look at old photos of loved ones and I share stories with them that my grandparents shared with me.

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# NOTES & NODS

## Lutheran Church Prepares for 'Trunk or Treat'

A week after celebrating Reformation Sunday, Lutheran Church in the Foothills will celebrate another important date on the church calendar: All Saints Day. On this day, congregants remember and honor their own lost loved ones, as well as the saints celebrated throughout history.

As part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Lutheran Church in the Foothills uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which provides a three-year series of readings for Sundays and festivals for Christian churches in North America. The Revised Common Lectionary is a work of an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches. The ELCA notes "of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death."

All Saints Day worship will begin

at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3 with Pastor Rick Hall, including music and choir led by Mark Anzelon and pianist Katherine Frantsen. All are welcome. A livestream is offered on the church's YouTube channel.

Following worship, LCIF is joining La Cañada Korean Church for a lunch of Korean BBQ as the two congregations build relationship. Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Halloween Haunted House at Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills

Tonight, 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 family, along with lots of candy as visitors explore a graveyard, spidery room, witch's room and more – all free of charge – the Church's annual gift to the community.

The haunted house entrance

is at the back of the building of 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. Free parking above Broadview Drive near Ocean View Boulevard. For more information, call (818) 957-1500 or email [events@scientology-montrose.org](mailto:events@scientology-montrose.org).

## Mt. Olive Offers A Breakfast Bible Study & A Community Lunch

Mt. Olive invites the Crescenta Valley community to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Drive, Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. A study of the Book of Second Corinthians will begin on Nov. 16.

Also, a weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Lastly, Mt. Olive offers a community luncheon every second Wednesday through May. For a suggested minimum donation of \$5, a delicious lunch is offered including a brief uplifting devotion and some great entertainment provided by various local artists.

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

## Walk and Word

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Nov. 10, 17, & 24. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

## Concert Celebrates Veterans

All are invited to attend the free community choir concert "United We Stand! A Veterans Day Musical Tribute," which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at 4550 Raymond Ave. in La Crescenta. This will be presented by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (La Crescenta Stake), the Lutheran Church in the Foothills and Holy Redeemer-St. James the Less Catholic Church, and other churches in local communities. This is a beautiful opportunity to bring a spirit of unity and peace to our communities!

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# Special Presentations Highlight CV Town Council Meeting

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

In addition to reports on activities by community activists, the CV Town Council meeting, held on Oct. 17, included a presentation by Glendale Community College Superintendent/President Dr. Ryan Cormner and Trustee Desiree Rabinov. They presented information urging the passage of Measure GCC, which is on the Nov. 5 ballot.

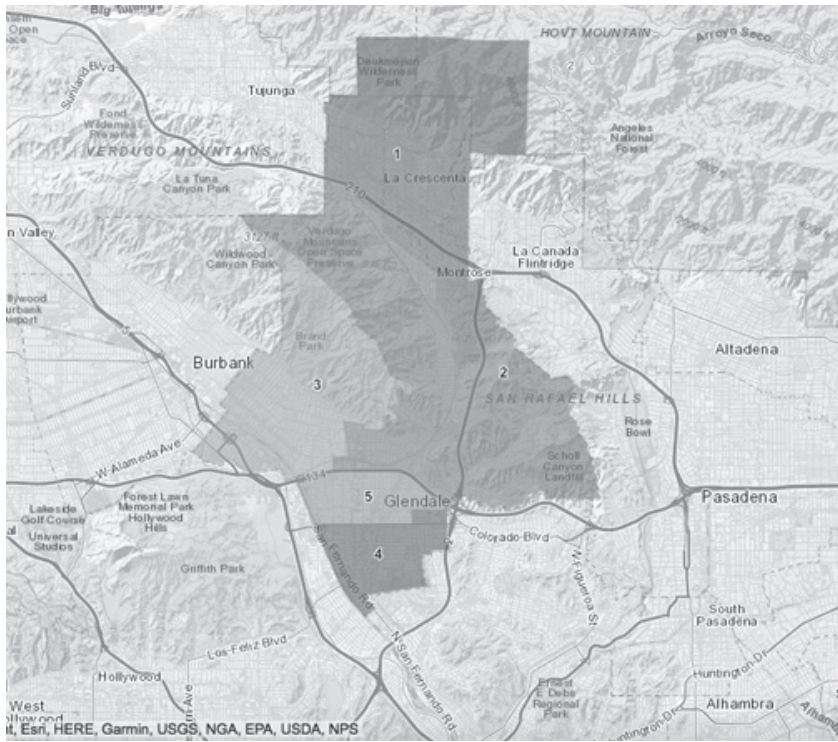
Citing necessary improvements at the college, the \$600 million bond would be repaid by homeowners through the levying of \$25 per \$100,000 assessment by the Los Angeles County Assessor. (The shaded areas of the attached map show the assessment areas.)

According to information distributed at the meeting, the bond measure would be controlled locally for GCC improvements only and could not be taken away by the state; an independent citizens' oversight committee would be formed to conduct annual audits and public disclosure of all spending would be required; no funds could be used for administrator salaries or benefits; a local measure would help GCC quality for state matching funds that would otherwise go to other communities.

It should be noted that Measure G, a \$98 million facilities bond measure, was passed on March 5, 2002 to authorize the repair and rehabilitation of deteriorated educational facilities and to add classrooms and instructional support space at the Verdugo Campus of Glendale Community College (GCC) and the Adult Community Training Center (ACTC), renamed the Garfield Campus (Garfield).

Measure GC, at the election conducted on Nov. 8, 2016, voters approved the issue of up to \$325,000,000 of the Glendale Community College District's general obligation bonds. These funds enabled the District to continue to upgrade educational facilities, add classrooms and instructional support space at the Verdugo campus, Garfield campus and the Professional Development Center (PDC) in Montrose.

Outgoing assemblymember Laura Friedman then gave a legislative update outlining 12 bills she co-authored that were signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Friedman, who is running to succeed Congressman Adam Schiff in California's 30th Congressional District, then took questions from the audience. However, the only question centered on treatment centers that are reportedly opening in the local area. Friedman responded that more oversight is needed regarding this issue.



Friedman was then presented with a certificate of appreciation by the CV Town Council.

A candidate forum was then held. The CV Town Council currently has six seats available for council; three candidates – returning council members Frida Baghdassarian, Chris Kilpatrick and Dede Mueller – are vying for seats.

Moderating the forum was Land Use Committee member Ines Chessum.

Responding to a question regarding what prompted each candidate to run for the council, each outlined their initial reasons. Mueller wanted to originally fight the development of Eagle Canyon, Kilpatrick said the development of the 210 Freeway caught his attention but now his focus is on housing and Baghdassarian said she reacted to “community desires.” Regarding what is the most important issue for each of them, Kilpatrick was quick to point out that his focus was on safety.

“It’s important to be vigilant with law enforcement and the community,” he said.

Baghdassarian agreed saying that safety and maintaining that safety were key issues for her.

Mueller pointed out that traffic issues and safety around schools were what she focused on. She also noted that high fire danger in the area and preparing people for that scenario were of importance to her.

Finally, Chessum asked the candidates what they felt was their biggest accomplishment while on council.

Baghdassarian, the current council president, cited reconnecting the community as her biggest accomplishment.

Mueller said that getting the community involved in “acknowledging that more engagement is desired” was her biggest accomplishment.

Kilpatrick, who was a former president of the council, congratulated Baghdassarian and Mueller on their outreach efforts, specifically regarding the topic of the U Matter Luxury Resort and the strong public comments

regarding the facility.

The CVTC elections are on Friday, Nov. 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are open to all registered voters in the La Crescenta-Montrose unincorporated portion of LA County. Voting is being done at Sadler Hall on the grounds of St. Luke’s of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

During council business, Mueller commented the recent pancake breakfast held by the council had a strong community turnout and that overall the council was pleased.

Looking ahead, the lighting of the community Christmas tree is planned for Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. The free event will include the distribution of cookies and hot cocoa; a puppet show will take place prior to the event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.; the next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21 at the La Crescenta Library.

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# Boyfriend Arrested in Gruesome Death of Girlfriend

A Costa Mesa man has been charged with the murder of his girlfriend and then leaving her body in a trashcan.

Daniel Allen Aldrich, 49, of Costa Mesa, has been charged with one felony count of murder and one felony enhancement of

the personal use of a weapon in the death of Julie Anne Sanetra, 38, whose body was found by landscapers hired to mow the property's lawn.

The murder allegedly occurred on Oct. 20 after a night of drinking and arguing

between the couple. Allegedly after disposing of the body the suspect drove to a family home in North Glendale where he was arrested by Costa Mesa police officers.

Aldrich faces a maximum sentence of 26 years to life if

convicted on all charges. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Nov. 19 at the Stephen K. Tamura Justice Center in Westminster in Dept. W12. He is currently being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

## CRIME BLOTTER

**Oct. 27**

2800 block of Mary Street in La Crescenta, a resident said she parked her vehicle and locked it at the location. She returned the next morning to find the front driver's side keyhole had been punched and she was unable to gain access into her vehicle.

The burglary occurred overnight.

200 block of Baptiste Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a witness stated seeing Suspect No. 1 and Suspect No. 2 in a vehicle parked very close

to the victim's pickup truck. Suspect No. 2 was described as a male about 5'10" tall with a medium build, wearing a white mask covering his face, a brown jacket and long pants. Suspect No. 1 remained in the vehicle. Suspect No. 2 got out of the vehicle, immediately approached the victim's pickup truck and stole several gardening items. Suspect No. 2 then returned to his waiting vehicle and the two suspects drove away.

The theft occurred at 2:48 p.m.

**Oct. 23**

2600 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident returned home to find the rear sliding glass door had been pried open, several rooms had been ransacked and numerous items were stolen. The electricity at the home had been turned off apparently by the suspect/suspects.

The burglary occurred between 8:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Oct. 21**

1500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a shop owner arrived at her business and noticed lights in the middle section of her store were not on. She checked the electrical panel and found it open. Someone had apparently turned the power off to the shop's center section. She then realized items were missing from a storage unit on the property. The storage unit had not been locked.

The vandalism and burglary occurred overnight.



Nov. 9, 1950-Sept. 29, 2024

Bonnie passed away on Sept. 29 surrounded by her loving family.

Bonnie was born on Nov. 9, 1950 to Lee and LaVonne Broadway and was proud to spend her entire life in the Crescenta Valley. She attended local schools and graduated from CVHS in 1968. She married William (Bill) Meade (also from CV) and they had two children (Dawn and Dennis, who also graduated from CVHS).

Bonnie was raised in faith and was a lifelong member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church where she was a choir member, served on the chancel guild and for many years was the finance secretary.

She was a longtime volunteer of Girl and Boy Scouts, supporting at the troop and council levels. Bonnie supported the schools her children attended helping with the PTA, supervising as a noon duty aide and organizing many fundraisers. She worked at Verdugo Hills Bowl and then at the Glendale Area Schools Federal Credit Union for over 25 years helping many people with various loan matters.

Bonnie liked attending family reunions, especially when they were in South Dakota where she could turn the vacation into a road trip and reconnect with old friends and see the sights. She enjoyed visiting with her many neighbors and friends and, of course, cheering on the Dallas Cowboys and the Los Angeles Dodgers. She loved growing her cherished roses of all colors at every house she lived in and was often seen in Montrose eating at her favorite restaurant – Joselito's.

She is survived by her daughter Dawn Meade Keeling and husband Bob; son Dennis Meade; sister Nadine Moore; nephew Aaron Moore and wife Cassandra; and great niece Brynley Rae along with an extensive extended family of first, second and third cousins.

A celebration of life will be held on her birthday, Nov. 9, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2723 Orange Ave. in La Crescenta.

Bonnie will be missed but is now at peace and out of pain.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bonnie's name to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, La Crescenta.

## Accident on Altura

By Mary O'KEEFE

A solo vehicle traveling at a reported high rate of speed collided on Wednesday morning with an electric utility pole at the west end of the 2800 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta. The avenue is a cul-de-sac that ends at the entrance

to the Crescenta Valley High School track and field. Calls came into California Highway Patrol at 9:04 a.m. concerning the accident. No injuries were reported and Southern California Edison was called due to the extreme damage to the pole. The collision is under investigation by CHP.

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# Local Veterans Support Operation Gratitude

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Oct. 23, members of American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 participated in a “packing day” at Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude provides opportunities for people to express their gratitude to military personnel and first responders for the work they do.

According to its website, “Since 2003, with the help of its nationwide network of volunteers, [Operation Gratitude] has sent a total of 4 million care packages containing carefully chosen items meant to boost the morale and resilience of service members and give them warm reminders of home. Today [Operation Gratitude] sends up to 200,000 care packages per year, and is committed to growing that number to over 1 million per year by 2027.”

This was the second year that veterans from the local American Legion and VFW partnered with members of the Military Order of the World Wars in Operation Gratitude. The veterans traveled to Chatsworth where Operation Gratitude is located.

In addition, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution also took part in packing day. Veteran Lynn McGinnis requested a large box full of Operation Gratitude boxes that will be distributed to veterans in local retirement facilities.

American Legion Post 288 and VFW 1614 members had also asked for cards to be donated so notes could be written for deployed service members. Many cards were received and the veterans were able to add them to the care packages.



Photos by Dick CLUBB  
 TOP LEFT: American Legion Post 288 commander Johnie McDowell helps assemble boxes for Operation Gratitude.  
 ABOVE: Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution also lent a hand.  
 LEFT: Veteran Jeremy Burnham puts the finishing touches on boxes to prepare them for shipping.  
 BELOW: Lynn McGinnis, who requested a large box full of Operation Gratitude boxes for distribution to veterans in local retirement facilities, takes a moment to talk to fellow veteran Jeremy Burnham.



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Voters can go to any of the locations to vote in person. The in-person voting locations will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Nov. 4, then on Election Day (Nov. 5) the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Logan shared the security process of vote-by-mail ballots that come from the U.S. Postal Service or the ballot drop boxes.

"The first part of the process is to have the [LASD] K9 units scan [the boxes the ballots are transported in] to identify if there is any piece of mail with suspicious products or substances in it," Logan said. "That enables us to, if that were to happen, isolate that [specific ballot/ballots] and go into an investigative process; but it also protects our environment so that we don't have to shut down operations and we can continue to provide the service that we need to have the ballots processed and counted."

The RR/CC partnered with the LASD and other local law enforcement agencies regarding security.

The ballots go from the in-person voting locations to 79

check-in centers throughout the county and then they are transported either by sheriff patrol cars or sheriff helicopter back to the Norwalk RR/CC office.

"Part of our parking lot actually becomes a helipad and it's quite a scene here on election night, the way that we efficiently get those ballots back [to Norwalk]. Securely getting those ballots back here is through a partnership with the sheriff's office. There are also a number of security provisions here in the building," Logan said.

There are several surveillance cameras throughout the area that monitor the facility 24/7.

"We take the security of the voting process very seriously, but we also take transparency very seriously," he added. "So this building is available for observers to come and watch the process."

"We as the County of Los Angeles take security ... extremely seriously. In a region as diverse as Los Angeles County, public confidence in a fair and transparent election

process is essential," Luna said. "I am aware that some of our residents, based on community input, have some concerns about safety as it relates to voting. Election safety is a top priority for us in Los Angeles County, specifically with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., and we are committed to a fair process free of intimidation and free of interference."

Luna pointed out that as of Monday the department had not received any credible threats to polling locations or toward poll workers in LA County.

"But we're continuing to monitor the situation," he added.

He added that LASD is working with partners nationally, statewide and locally. In fact, last week Luna was in Boston, Massachusetts at a city chiefs conference where one of the top topics was election security around the nation.

"So just please know that although there are no credible threats [at this time], we will always be prepared to respond swiftly to any incidents or threats that may be occurring," he added.

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HALLOWEEN from Cover

Kids grabbed markers and drew pictures or signed their names on the patrol unit.

The event also featured a family-friendly movie later that night.

On Saturday, kids had a chance to enjoy another Halloween event at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

Its trunk-or-treat event was a success as kids and parents took part in a fun-filled afternoon collecting candy from decorated trunks, painting or carving pumpkins, and more. Church elder Jillian Matson was one of the organizers of the event. She said it was the second year the church hosted the family-friendly event with many of the same people, and trunks, returning this year to participate. She said the number of people attending this year nearly doubled.

Jesiah Bozich, director of Children's Ministry, was another organizer of the event. He said for him the most important part was seeing the free-spirited smiles of the kids. He also said that, in his opinion, the kids enjoyed the creativity they feel while attending trunk-or-treat.

Tonight, Halloween night, will have events kids and adults won't want to miss.

In Montrose, family fun can be found at Spooktacular on Honolulu Avenue in the Montrose Shopping Park. The annual Montrose Halloween Spooktacular will take place in the 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The avenue is closed to vehicular traffic as trick-or-treaters walk from store-to-store as merchants

fill their bags with candy and treats.

For more information, email [shopmontrose@aol.com](mailto:shopmontrose@aol.com) or call Event Coordinator Dale Dawson at (818) 541-0699.

Also in Montrose is a free, kid-friendly fun and slightly spooky haunted house maze 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 family along with lots of candy as visitors explore a graveyard, spidery room, witch's room and more – all free of charge.

The haunted house entrance is at the back of the building at 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. For more information, call (818) 957-1500 or email [events@scientology-montrose.org](mailto:events@scientology-montrose.org).

For those brave souls, spooky Halloween offerings can be found at 413 Whiting Woods with the annual Haunting of Whiting Woods. This haunted work of love is spearheaded by creator and Whiting Woods resident David Krohn ... and an army of volunteers. Krohn estimates about 30 people help with 413 Whiting Woods – 20 actors for the show and another 10 people who help build, haul, carry, paint, etc. who can't (or don't want to) act on Halloween.

He extended special consideration to Gary, Geoff, Alisa and Alan who have been working on this year's event almost every day for a month.

This year's theme? Zombies!

"We did this theme 15 or so years ago at Vista Court [his previous residence in La Crescenta] and

that was probably my favorite year," said Krohn. "This year's visitors get to experience ground zero of the zombie outbreak that started in La Crescenta."

Krohn's creations are Crescenta Valley staples and highly anticipated by Halloween celebrants. While his haunted houses started off as small events catering mainly to friends, they have evolved into a beloved part of the community. Even during the restrictions imposed during the 2020 COVID pandemic, Krohn saw how his efforts brought locals together when nearly 1,000 people attended the evolution from a walk-through haunted house into a haunted drive-through. What the years have taught Krohn is that he must "control what [he] can and accept what [he] can't control ... there's a lot of people and moving parts."

Due to the scarability of his haunted experience, not all members of all families are urged to attend.

"It really depends on the family," said Krohn. "The scenes are fairly elaborate, which creates enough reality to make the scares work well. Additionally, most of us have been doing this for a long time so we know how to push buttons. What I can say is that it's scary ... especially so this year."

The Nightmare in Whiting Woods Haunted House is located at 413 Whiting Woods Drive from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Halloween night only. The event is free to attend and is sponsored by Property Masters Realty.

see HALLOWEEN on page 19



# VIEWPOINTS

VOICE OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

## Spirited Times at the Verdugo Hills Cemetery

Jen hopped into her car and began thumbing through her collection of CDs, mumbling aloud as she went – “The Faint, Joy Division, The Cure.” She popped open the yellow Sony Discman prominently Velcroed to the dashboard and loaded it. By the time the downbeat of “Just Like Heaven” filled the car, she was off.

She’d recently received a driver’s license and both she and her best friend Tory had finally escaped the bubble of La Crescenta, where both had spent the entirety of their young lives. Jen had worked hard to be able to purchase her grandmother’s ’95 Honda Civic and ever since the two friends had been on a mission of exploration. At this point in time, in the early 2000s, they had discovered the back roads of Tujunga and there they came upon the unique hilltop graveyard, the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

Pulling up to the curb, Tory opened the door and jumped in.

“I’ve got it,” she said and held up a book for Jen to see. On the cover in bold letters it read, “Book of Spirit Communications.” The two had no ill intent but were both very curious about just what might be out there.

They parked high on Grenoble Street in Tujunga and made their way down a long dark path to the cemetery’s rear gate. A rusty chain swung low between two bent posts, which were all that guarded these hallowed grounds. They stepped over and entered. They found a comfortable place and then Tory opened the book and began reading from its pages. Though these incantations continued for quite some time nothing stirred.

They moved on and found themselves traipsing through a thickly wooded area on the

cemetery’s perimeter. There, from the outstretched branch of an ancient burlled oak, hung an old swing. Jen took a seat and Tory settled nearby. As they sat there chatting, the swing suddenly propelled forward, as if pushed gently from behind.

The two departed quickly, rather frightened by the experience; however, within days they returned to the swing. With open and warm hearts, they abandoned the book and just spoke kindly.

“Who are you?” they said. “We’d like to meet you.”

It was then that a spirit revealed itself. Never was the spirit visible nor was a word ever spoken – and yet both words and visions were conveyed. It required a focusing in the fog to recognize a tall thin old man, hunched and dressed in vintage clothing with an old timey

hat. They learned his name was Frank and that the Verdugo Hills Cemetery was very important to him.

Both Jen and Tory would return many times after these initial encounters. Practically without fail Frank would join them, always providing a sense of protection and safety to both girls.

Fast forward to 2021: As the caretaker of the cemetery, I was on-site working when a woman entered and waved. I greeted her and learned that this was Victoria – Tory of decades ago. She shared the previous story with me and, while intrigued, I quickly forgot about it. Though I believe I have an open mind, I’m a skeptic at heart.

A short time later I was reading some history about a cemetery resident, Hiram Hatch, who was an important leader in Tujunga’s

pioneer days. Originally from Jackson, Michigan he had been a hero of the Civil War fighting for the Union. He became a successful businessman and then warden of the largest walled prison in the world before coming west. He arrived here in 1913 and became a leader of the Little Lands colony, what was to become Tujunga. When I read the next line, I stopped.

“Hiram Francis Hatch was known to all as Frank!”

I’ve since learned that Frank lost his young sister Ann and later his young daughter Lula Mae. I’m now coming around to this warm, kind, protective spirit being that of Hiram “Frank” Hatch.

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

### NEWS FROM THE CV WATER DISTRICT » JAMES LEE, GENERAL MANAGER

It was great to celebrate Imagine A Day Without Water a few weekends ago. The mobile water tank in partnership with LA County Fire and Glendale Fire departments will drastically augment firefighting capabilities. Our community and beyond out to Pasadena, Burbank and the northern portions of Los Angeles will benefit from firefighting aircraft to reduce time between air drops, which is critical for fires whose perimeters expand exponentially. We also unveiled a means of efficiently and quickly distributing drinking water at various sites in the event of

emergency. And congratulations again to Nicolas Dermardirosian, a senior at CV High, whose piece, “The Last Orange Tree,” won the science fiction writing contest.

We’re also proud to announce the completion of our first storm water capture project. In partnership with the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (parent organization of Friends of the Rosemont Preserve) and LA County Flood Control District, CVWD completed the construction of a 42-foot bioswale that will capture and redirect storm water flowing through the Rosemont Preserve (at the top of

Rosemont Avenue past Two Strike Park) into the Goss Canyon debris basin. This nature-based solution will increase groundwater recharge by allowing more time for water to percolate into the soil before entering the County storm channel.

This marks the District closing the loop on one of the more significant points of feedback from a public opinion poll conducted last year. Per that opinion poll, the community called for capturing water that would otherwise flow to the ocean (which makes too much common sense). We are particularly proud to have

expedited typical bureaucratic speed bumps and to have employed in-house resources for the construction of the project that could easily have taken years to navigate various agencies and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Appreciation goes out to the regional partnership coalition and to Jonathan Russo, construction crew lead, who led team members Ruben Hernandez, David Escalera, Cesar Velasquez and Rafael Alas Lopez in the field.

Storm water capture represents one element of a future water supply portfolio including groundwater, recycled water and trading and

storing water across the region. These projects and pipeline and other infrastructure rehabilitations represent significant fixed costs. We are preparing a financial plan to support a safe and secure future, including a transition to collect more revenues on the fixed service charge (meter charge). Water and wastewater utilities are made available 24/7 and are thus a service. And predictable revenues support long-term planning resilient to forces beyond our control, such as climate and regulations.

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## Vendors Take Part in Eclectic Event



Photo by Charly SHELTON  
In addition to seeing more than 20 vendors, participants at the Eclectic Mini Marketplace could take part in a sound bath healing event.

Twenty-four vendors took part in the Eclectic Mini Marketplace recently held at the Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta. The event featured artisans, vintage, antique and collectibles sellers and intuitive readers.

There was also a sound bath healing practitioner on-site. The free admission event raised funds that financially supported the Center, according to organizer Myrna Perez. Though the event was well attended there are no guarantees

that another event of this type would happen in the future. "[It] may be a possibility, but there is much to discuss and consider," said Perez. "If it happens, it would be either in the spring or maybe mid-October."

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## The Dark Side of Daylight Saving: How Time Changes Can Impact Your Health

On Nov. 3 clocks will "fall back" and we will gain an hour as part of daylight saving time (DST), which ends at 2 a.m. This means sunrise and sunset will occur about an hour earlier too. This extra hour of sleep isn't all good news; making this shift in time may actually increase health risks. "There is a fair amount of

convincing evidence that the abrupt switching from standard time to daylight saving time is associated with several health and social risks and consequences. Specifically, the first few days of such change are fraught with increased traffic accidents and a significant uptick in fatal crashes with a hefty price of up to 300 deaths a year," said Dr.

William Wang, chief medical officer, Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. "In addition, heart attack and stroke risks increase. Moreover, transitioning both into and out of daylight saving time has been linked to a myriad of sleep and mood disturbances as well as suicide."

Extended evening light delays the brain's release of melatonin, the hormone that promotes drowsiness, which in turn interferes with sleep and causes us to sleep less overall. "Despite our lack of understanding as to the exact reason, we believe it may have something to do with the disruption of the body's internal clock, or its circadian rhythm," added Dr. Wang.

Researchers have also noted negative effects that occur during the transition from DST to Standard Time in November when it gets darker earlier. In addition to sleep loss, people are at greater risk of mood disturbance, miscarriages and other health problems.

Because of the adverse effects of DST on sleep, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine advises that adults obtain at least seven hours of sleep per night preceding and following DST changes. Graduated adjustment of sleep and wake times beginning two-three days before DST can also help with this transition. When performing activities that require maximal alertness, individuals also should exercise particular caution for at least seven days following DST changes.

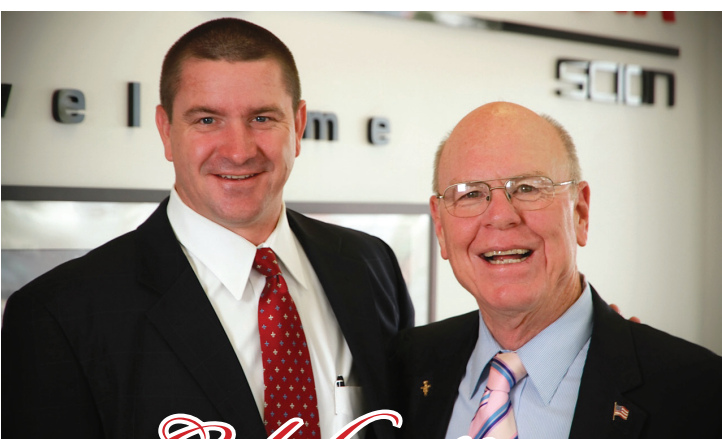
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# Aging in Place – Things to Consider

Adria Navarro, PhD, LCSW  
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According to the University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging, 88% of people between ages of 50 and 80 say they wish to stay in their homes for as long as possible, or “age in place.” For many people aging in place provides a haven of comfort and familiarity. However, this is ideally an informed decision that has many considerations such as: safety/adaptability, community, supports and financial resources, to name a few.

**Safety/Adaptability** – Physical limitations may arise as you age. Is your home able to be adapted to support these limitations? For example, if you have a two-story home is there a bedroom on the ground floor should navigating stairs become difficult? Are you able to arrange the additional accommodations such as accessible showers and toilets, handrails and ramps to support changes in balance and ambulation should you one day need more assistance?

**Community** – Social connection is vital as we age. Loneliness impacts us emotionally and physically. Do you have family or friends nearby who will visit? Do you belong to clubs or visit a community center that offers activities? Do you have access to public transportation should driving become an issue?

**Supports** – The need for hands-on help can increase as we age and while some of that support can come from willing family, friends and neighbors you may need to hire help for tasks such as: housekeeping/laundry, shopping, meal prep, home repair/landscaping, medication management, daily activities (bathing, dressing, grooming, etc.). Help from those you know well can play a big role, but

relying on others can present problems such as caregiver burnout. It’s important to consider the limitations of your support system before counting on their assistance.

**Financial Resources**—According to Genworth’s 2021 Cost of Care Study, the median cost of a home health aide was over \$5,000/month. If you have a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan it may include some minor financial coverage of support services. Those with long term care insurance or a sufficient nest egg of savings will be paying out of pocket for services like personal home care, adult day services, meals, and home modifications to name a few.

All of these factors require careful consideration when making decisions about where and how we age. Other options, such as shared housing, are emerging. Retirement communities currently offer coordinated access to activities, services, amenities and social connection that many older adults appreciate. For ease in care as you age there are continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs), bringing together multiple types of housing arrangements including independent, assisted living, and memory care.

USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging can help you talk through what your goals are when it comes to aging in place, helping you assess your situation and resources to assist in putting together a plan. Complimentary consultations by phone (818) 949-4033 or email Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu.



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Clowning to Acrobatic Performances – Cirque du Soleil’s Koozå has Them All

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

An experience for the senses, Koozå – the Cirque du Soleil show found in Santa Monica – tells the story of a loner known as the Innocent. Childlike in his demeanor, a kite by his side, he desires to find his place in the world. After receiving a mysterious package he opens it to find a huge Jack in the Box – but it is not Jack who ultimately pops out but a character known as the Trickster. The Trickster brings color to the world of the Innocent and it is through his relationship with the Trickster that the Innocent ultimately realizes the opportunities that surround him.

But the performance is so much more than that.

Koozå shares the story of the Innocent’s journey by reaching back to Cirque du Soleil’s roots. It combines two of its most endearing traditions: acrobatic performance and clowning. The clowning aspect of the performance can be found in the behavior of the King, the Tourist and the Handyman. The King, ruler of Koozå, is more of a buffoon than royalty and the Tourist and the Handyman play

nice off of his antics.

With his sophisticated ways the Trickster entices the Innocent while at the same time keeps his eyes on him so that nothing bad happens to him.

Mixed in with the story telling are acrobatic performances that dazzle. From seeing a trio of female contortionists bend in ways that don’t seem – well, right – to watching two performers conquer the wheel of death, the traditional circus-like components of Cirque du Soleil are very satisfying ...

and breath-taking. Oftentimes the sharp intake of breath by fellow audience members could be heard.

Two singers – the Indian Singer Kathryn Holtkamp in the first act and the Soul Singer Joanie Goyette in the second – add a layer to the show that ties together the story and acrobatic performances. And instead of relying only on death-defying stunts, which include a high-wire act and balancing on chairs, the costumes for Koozå add to the overall story. For example, a “rat cape” is used at the beginning

of the Skeleton Dance. It contains fake-fur rats that have crystal eyes; they run down the performer’s body and exit into a trap door. Startling to be sure.

But the costumes also accentuate the strength of the performers. The form-fitting outfits worn by the contortionists, for example, make it impossible for anything to be hidden – what the audience sees the trio doing is actually what the trio is doing. And the strength – not mention the focus – of the performer who balances on the



Photos by Terri ANDERSON  
 LEFT: The Trickster keeps his eyes on the Innocent.  
 MIDDLE: A tower of chairs defy gravity as the artist shows off his balancing skills.  
 ABOVE: The trio of contortionists confound the senses.

tower of chairs is evident from the moment he steps on the stage.

Overall Koozå is a joy to behold that leaves its audience with one question: How did they do that?

Koozå can be found next to Santa Monica Pier through Jan. 5. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/4u8vfx6v>.



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# Marsh and Marsh on GNC Roster



Katherine Marsh and Patrick Marsh.

On Nov. 6, the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. will feature flutist Katherine Marsh and violist Patrick Marsh performing duos by Giuseppe Cambini, Harald Genzmer, and Franz Anton Hoffmeister.

The program will feature the music of Giuseppe Cambini (Italian, 1746-1825), "Duo for Flute and Viola op. 4 no. 5," "Allegretto brioso" and "Rondo, Allegretto;" Harald Genzmer (German, 1909-2007), "Duettino for Flute and Viola Moderato," "Andante tranquillo," "Intermezzo" and "Finale;" and Franz Anton Hoffmeister (German-Austrian, 1754-1812), "Concertant for Flute and Viola no. 3," "Allegro," "Romance" and "Allegretto."

Flutist Katherine Marsh is an active professional musician and teacher. She is currently the solo piccolo player of the Santa Barbara Symphony, principal flute of the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra and has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Santa Barbara

Grand Opera and Master Choral and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, as well as other symphony and chamber ensembles throughout Southern California.

Originally from Bowling Green, Ohio, she received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music degree from the University of Southern California. This past November, Marsh premiered James Domine's "Flute Concerto" with the San Fernando Valley Symphony. Her piccolo and flute playing can be heard in many "Star Wars" video games performing with the Skywalker Orchestra. In addition to orchestral work, Marsh is a member of the California Music Teacher's Association and is a coach for Junior Chamber Music. She recently served as a board member for the Arts High Foundation.

<https://www.kathymarshflute.net/bio>

Patrick Marsh received his bachelor's degree in viola performance from the University

of Michigan and is currently attending The Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins as a viola major.

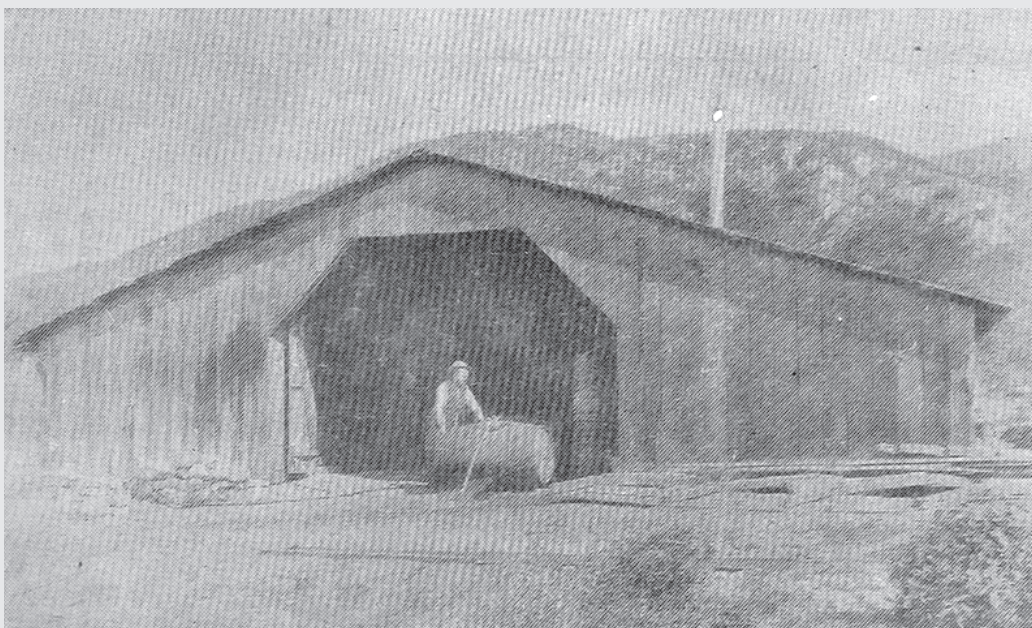
As a violist, Marsh was one of the founding members of Clemens Quartet, a string quartet performing and competing throughout the United States. As a violinist, Marsh is a former concertmaster of The Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. His performance opportunities have taken him across the United States, Europe and St. Petersburg Russia.

Though classical music is the foundation of his technique, he can be found branching out into the jazz and rock genres. Marsh plays a blue Fourness Fuse five-string electric violin and runs it through a Line6 Helix for effects, and two Gallien Krueger bass amps in stereo.

Marsh can also be heard as a featured soloist in such feature films as "Kids vs. Monsters" and "Pali Road" as well as such video games as "Relics of Gods" and Disney's "Cartooniverse." <https://www.patrickmarshmusic.com/>

## THEN & NOW

*Hall Ranch*  
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**THEN:** In the early 1880s Col. Tom Hall, a Civil War veteran, homesteaded one thousand acres on the north side of the Crescenta-Cañada Valley, just east of Pickens Canyon. He planted extensive vineyards and was soon producing barrels of wine like this one seen in this very early photo. It's said that the wine production was curtailed many years later by a teetotaling daughter-in-law who was secretly adding vinegar to the barrels. Grapes continued to be grown until much of the homestead was sold in 1912 to developer E. T. Earl. He laid out the curving streets of Alta Canyada and replaced the grapevines with the deodars the neighborhood is famous for.



**NOW:** Wow! The ancient barn and some of the surrounding acreage are still intact! This is the view looking northeast from the corner of Alta Canyada Road and Hacienda Drive. The canyons behind the old ranch also carry remnants of the Hall Ranch in their names: Hall/Beckley Canyon and Winery Canyon. The current owners value this undeveloped piece of property much more than money and have resisted many offers from developers. Local legend has it that actor Kevin Costner, when he lived just down the street from this location several years ago, would regularly leave offers to buy the property in the mailbox of the current owners.

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Nov. 1, the Club remembers Mike Guyer, one of its members who recently passed.

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

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

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

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

### 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.

### CCLCF BOASTS SEVERAL EVENTS

Standard pricing for participants of the Thanksgiving Day Run continues. 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 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. in Ramo Auditorium. Tickets are \$5-\$20 and available at <https://tinyurl.com/38xcyc2t>.

"Earth Data/The Musical" is inspired by the real-life research of NASA JPL climate scientists Dr. Kimberley Rain Miner and Dr. Bradley Gay.

For more information, visit [tacit.caltech.edu](http://tacit.caltech.edu) or email [tacit@caltech.edu](mailto:tacit@caltech.edu).

### LCFTRA HOSTS WINE AND ROSES EVENT

The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association is kicking-off its annual campaign to raise funds for its entry in the 136th Rose Parade on Jan. 1, 2025. The annual gala fundraiser, Wine and Roses, will be held on Nov. 2 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the campus of Flintridge Sacred

Heart Academy, 440 St. Katherine Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

The gala has a new look this year with exhibits from community partners at Mt. Wilson Observatory, Cal Tech and more. The 2025 float entry is a spin off of the Mars Rover.

On Nov. 2, attendees will be serenaded by the internationally acclaimed All American Boys Chorus of Costa Mesa ([taabc.org](http://taabc.org)), and have a spirited live and silent auction plus culinary delights from the chefs of

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.

Tickets and sponsorships available now on [LCFTRA.org](http://LCFTRA.org) or email [vplcftra@gmail.com](mailto:vplcftra@gmail.com).

### SUZUKI MUSIC PROGRAM GALA, FESTIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) is celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout 2024. A gala benefit concert and fall festival, with a silent auction, will be on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. at Forest Lawn in Glendale in the HOCR Hall. To register and purchase tickets visit <https://www.suzukimusicofla.org/>.

The gala concert will include the Colburn School performing group the "Unfourgettable" Guitar Quartet, plus winners of major SoCal competitions. Those who have sustained SMPLA over the last 50 years will be honored.

The fall festival, co-hosted with the Suzuki Music Association of California (SMAC-LA) will be a full on "Suzuki play-in" with violins, violas, cellos, basses and guitars.

Donations are also gladly accepted for Suzuki music education.

Forest Lawn – Glendale is located at 1712 S. Glendale Ave.

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com)

November 28, 2024 - November 3, 2024

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You face a time of extreme growth in your career sector this week. You have renewed hope that you're going in the right direction, and faith in your own skills and natural abilities. You know what you want to do, and you've learned to do it well. Appropriate pay will be forthcoming. Your work is transforming for the better.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You are most likely under a bit of a financial crunch now. You're almost all talk and little to no action when it comes to changing your job or career, or are having a tough time being heard when it comes to money. Though it may not feel pleasant now, the planetary undercurrents are changing your inner life in special ways, and therefore your ability manifest money in the future.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You usually like to make money just so you can have the pleasure of spending it, and now communication is more finely-tuned (aka, easier to understand and deliver) about a new opportunity to make money. Look to areas like fun activities, children, and even romance to find new ways to bring in more each month. You might open a lemonade stand with your child, or find that you have a real talent for matchmaking!

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

In the weeks prior to now, you may have begun to feel more alive, and now you're ready to blossom. This may also be true of your money life. Issues surrounding money and values, as well as your home, mother and inner self are highlighted this week. Though your home may be a source of unexpected spending, look on the bright side. The focus is on seeing how your skills and talents can bring you more money over the next few months.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You're soon likely to enjoy a gentle but needed bump when it comes to money. The planet of love, acceptance and creativity is asking you to become the person everyone sees as successful and the standard to live up to. You are a role model to others, even if you may not realize it yet. They see the potential in you, and you may actually hear from someone who can make you feel great about yourself this week, so keep your ears open.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Though your dominant focal points in life aren't always associated with money, you know how to make your skills and talents noticed. At this time, you're enjoying a burst of energy as personal planets move through your sign. But you're not quite here and not quite there with your money situation. In a few months things get a quite bit rosier, but for now, stay the course even if it doesn't seem too bright.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Right now, you're likely to be the glue in your own life. Maybe you're the hub of your social or working group, but you're the one everyone's looking to now to find new ideas and activities that can help everyone out financially. If you're feeling overwhelmed, don't. You're more than up to the task of creating new wealth for yourself, and others, if you choose. You're not responsible for them, but can make some valuable contacts.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This week the planetary energy may make your money situation seem out of your reach, or money issues out of your control, but you have more influence than it appears. You may be trying to come up with new ideas, or even taking on new work. But for the next month or so, it may be hard to get ahead. You may even be thinking about changing your career or going after a new position. Waiting until the next season is a better option at this time.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're unbeatable now! Opportunities come to you easily, and you're reveling in the cash you can earn, win, and save. It's all expanding and lucky for you, so make sure you have what you need in order to handle it responsibly. Since your career and authority figures are affected, the money you're likely to bring in is large and potentially life changing. It's a great week to be you.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You have a new level of confidence in all your endeavors. If you're trying to gain a promotion for your hard work, or the salary to match, you will have no trouble convincing higher-ups that you're worth it. Your house of education, travel, and foreign languages is highlighted, making it a wonderful time to think about broadening your skills for even greater rewards.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You have a great deal of change happening now in your house of other people's money, indicating fundraising and debt repayment. If you're starting a new business, it's time to approach investors and venture capitalists. Writing and editing the perfect business plan will help you make your case to everyone. You may find that the larger entities can offer you the best deal going forward.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You have energy directed toward groups, politics, and self-employment. You have all the friends and contacts you need to begin a new venture, whether product, service, or project at your current job. You will also meet new people who can help you get where you want to be financially. At the same time, you're augmenting and transforming your union with other people. You have all the tools you need to get ahead.

## ACROSS

- 1) One of three fairy-tale bears
- 5) Harass
- 11) Many college degs.
- 14) Voting nay
- 15) Fainting
- 16) Little amphibian
- 17) Frighten one's Halloween staff?
- 19) Anger
- 20) Kind of station
- 21) Lawyer's objection
- 23) Happen
- 26) Wanna-\_\_\_ (copycats)
- 27) Inebriate
- 28) Remote access?
- 30) Fatalities
- 31) Reward for waiting?
- 32) TV watchers
- 35) What caused Dracula to go the doctor?
- 40) Those preparing for a break
- 41) \_\_\_ Perignon
- 43) Put forward as truth
- 46) Get involved in a different sort?
- 49) Gather some wool
- 50) Bawl
- 52) Conquers
- 53) Crested parrot
- 55) Came in first
- 56) "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
- 57) Like a calm spirit?
- 62) "Born as"
- 63) Scotland's \_\_\_ Islands
- 64) Visitors to baby Jesus
- 65) It causes you to lose one hr. of sleep
- 66) Napped leathers
- 67) Black, poetically

## DOWN

- 1) Mas' mates
- 2) Anti-apartheid party, for short
- 3) After-school bake sale org.
- 4) Nonlethal weapon
- 5) They've got your parts covered
- 6) Cigar residue
- 7) Stockholm citizen
- 8) Saddle afflictions
- 9) Weaver's equipment
- 10) Consumers of products
- 11) Lebanese capital
- 12) Way to begin
- 13) Cordwood units
- 18) Make, as money
- 22) Cook in an oven
- 23) When Sept. ends?
- 24) Elegantly and stylishly fashionable
- 25) Mafia chief
- 26) Lose a staring contest
- 29) Banish from an apartment
- 30) Hard to see through, as fog
- 33) Compass heading, sometimes
- 34) Fret
- 36) Word with "neat" or "control"
- 37) Confused mixtures
- 38) Betting numbers
- 39) Bard
- 42) New bride's title
- 43) Climb upward
- 44) Ocean stopping points
- 45) Confidential matter
- 47) Wind instrument
- 48) Give a new title to
- 50) "You Send Me" singer Sam
- 51) Expensive pub order
- 54) Drive-\_\_\_ restaurant
- 55) Explanations
- 58) Director Spike
- 59) Bit of ointment
- 60) Psyche component
- 61) Confused noise

## HALLOWEEN PUN

By Timothy E. Parker

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Saks Fifth Avenue return problem: Why won't they accept this \$10,854 gold ring?

Saks Fifth Avenue refuses to accept a \$10,854 gold ring as a return. The reason: The company says it's damaged. Is Thomas Gunderson stuck with this purchase?

**Question:** I ordered an Origami Crossover Ring in 18K yellow gold with diamonds for \$10,854 from Saks Fifth Avenue.

The ring was too large for my wife. She had it out of the box for literally two minutes. We returned the ring the next day. Saks received the ring but then they sent it back to us saying it was damaged.

We did not damage the ring. We are in our 60s and 70s, and our eyesight is not the best. We did not see any damage but after taking photos of the returned ring, we could see scratches when enlarging the photos.

We have gone back and forth with Saks to get a refund and they refuse. We can't prove we did not damage the ring and they can't prove they sent us an undamaged ring. The scratches appear to be very superficial in the gold band and can probably be buffed out. Can you help me get my money back?

— Thomas Gunderson, Los Alamos, New Mexico

**Answer:** If you had the ring out of the box for two minutes, and your wife did nothing more than try the ring on, then you couldn't have possibly caused the damage.

But you're right: how do you prove something like that?

Saks says it accepts returns via mail or through the store. Earlier this year, it began charging a \$9.95 return shipping fee, which it deducts from your refund. According to the Saks Fifth Avenue refund policy, returns are eligible for a refund if they are made within 30 days of delivery. They must be presented in the same condition as when they were received: unworn, undamaged, unaltered and with the original tags and proof of purchase.

"Returns that do not meet

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this policy will not be accepted and will be sent back to you," it states.

Saks didn't assume you damaged the ring. It said you were responsible for the damage. Saks believes it sent you an undamaged ring and that between the time it sent it out and received it the ring was damaged.

Based on the correspondence between you and Saks, it looks as if a few things were overlooked. Initially, Saks referred you to a third party, which sold the ring through Saks. The vendor referred you back to Saks. At that point, Saks might have filed a claim through its insurance company or through the shipping company. Instead it just told you that

you had to accept a ring that didn't fit your wife.

Is there a way to prove you didn't do it? Kind of. You could have taken a picture of the ring when you received it. Presumably, the ring was damaged during the return so you could have used the initial photo to prove you didn't scratch the jewelry.

In the end, a brief, polite email to one of the executive contacts at Saks Fifth Avenue might have helped. I publish them on my consumer advocacy

site, Elliott.org.

I reached out to Saks Fifth Avenue on your behalf. A corporate escalation specialist contacted you and agreed to accept the return.

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](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2024 Christopher Elliott

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9640 Wheatland Ave.	Shadow Hills	91040	<b>Haunted Garden of Shadow Hills. Walk Thru 10/31-11/1 from 6pm-10 pm</b>
10531 Mather Ave.	Sunland	91040	▶ YES
7532 Kyle St.	Tujunga	91042	
9916 Provo Ave. (New)	Tujunga	91042	▶ YES
3601 Honolulu Ave. (New)	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
3552 Prospect Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
3553 Altura Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	
3432 Prospect Ave. (New)	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
3452 Mary Ann St.	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
3330 Mary St.	La Crescenta	91214	
3050 Evelyn St.	La Crescenta	91214	
2854 Sanborn Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
4747 Glenwood Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	<b>MisAdventure Land Halloween night only from 7 pm-10 pm</b>
5347 Pineridge Dr.	La Crescenta	91214	
2858 Markridge Rd.	La Crescenta	91208	
2908 Hopeton Rd.	La Crescenta	91208	
2415 Rockdell St.	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
5835 Irving Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	<b>Upper Briggs Terrace</b>
4434 Rosemont Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	
2229 Crescent Ave.	Montrose	91020	▶ YES
1810 Glencoe Way	Sparr Heights	91208	▶ YES
3436 Buena Vista Ave. (New)	Sparr Heights	91208	▶ YES
3604 Las Palmas Ave.	Sparr Heights	91208	▶ YES
3541 Sierra Vista Ave. (New)	Sparr Heights	91208	▶ YES
3608 Sierra Vista Ave.	Sparr Heights	91208	▶ YES
3601 Angelus Ave.	Sparr Heights	91208	▶ YES
2900 Honolulu Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
413 Whiting Woods Dr.	La Crescenta	91214	<b>Nightmare in Whiting Woods Halloween only, Sunset to 11 pm</b>
4007 Willalee Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
4021 Willalee Ave.	La Crescenta	91214	▶ YES
4800 Grand Ave.	La Cañada	91011	<b>Walk The Plank Halloween only from 7 pm-10 pm</b>
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**ROSE QUEEN** from Cover

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During the coronation ceremony, President Morales presented Rose Queen Lindsay Charles with a Mikimoto crown featuring more than 600 cultured pearls and six carats of diamonds.

The 2025 Rose Queen and the 2025 Rose Court will attend numerous community and media functions, serving as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community and the greater Los Angeles area. Each Rose Court member will receive a \$7,500 educational scholarship from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

All are invited to experience the awe and wonder of the floats, bands and equestrian units of the 136th Rose Parade on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

**WEATHER** from page 2

So while enjoying this day of trick-and-treating and of dressing in costumes for Halloween parties, also take time for Samhain to remember loved ones who have passed. And thank the Earth for the harvest as the autumn equinox brings us back into balance.

Autumn has arrived with cooler temperatures and even some rain in the future. Halloween, today, will see a high of 67 and a low in the 40s. Friday will be more of the same as far as temperatures go but on Saturday the clouds will roll in and there is some rain expected. (As of Wednesday night there is a 60% chance of rain after 11 a.m. on Saturday.) The rain may continue to Sunday but then warmer temperatures are expected on Monday and Tuesday as we climb back to the 70s.

**HALLOWEEN** from Cover

For those who are busy Halloween night but want to see the many decorations around town, the Crescenta Valley Weekly, with additional sponsors, presents Fun & Frights in the Foothills, a self-guided tour of houses that are decorated for Halloween. Addresses can be found on page 18 of this paper.

After the haunts on Halloween night a celebration centuries in the making will be held on Nov. 1 at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church.

All are invited to the Día de Muertos festival from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Luke's, 2563 Foothill Blvd.

Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) has been an important celebration in Mexico since pre-Hispanic times. The Mexica [me xikal] (Aztecs) memorialized their dead for two months in the summer: Miccailhuitontli (for children) and Hueymiccailhuitl (for adults). Spaniards introduced the Catholic calendar and moved the practice of honoring the dead to All Souls Day, celebrated on Nov. 2. The tradition is rooted in the native Mexican belief that life on earth is a preparation for the next world and that it is important to maintain a strong relationship with the dead. Families gather in the cemetery during this celebration to welcome the souls on their annual visit. In houses, people prepare altars, known as ofrendas, with traditional ephemeral elements for the season, such as cempasúchil (marigold) flowers, copal incense, fresh pan de muerto bread, candles and calaveras (sugar skulls). Photographs, mementos and favorite items used by the departed are included, according to Mexican Culture Without Borders.

The St. Luke's event will feature food and music, and everyone is invited to bring a photo or favorite items of a loved one who has crossed over.



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