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## Public Works Director Announced at Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

At the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council, Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian observed that Monday is Veterans Day and proposed that the city plan for next year an event commemorating the day.

Councilmember Ara Najarian asked when the discussion of the reconfiguration of North Brand Boulevard would be back before the council to discuss; he was advised that city staff is still collecting data on the changes that were tested and will be ready for review at the council's first or second meeting in December.

Next, the council confirmed the hiring of Daniel Hernandez as the city's public works director. Hernandez has been working as the interim director for nearly a year. According to city manager Roubik Golanian, Hernandez has 19 years of public and private sector experience; he grew up in southeast Los Angeles, earned a degree in industrial engineering from Cal Poly Pomona and a master's in business administration from Pepperdine University, and has served as the head of public works departments in Huntington Park, Commerce and San Bernardino.

"He modernized each department by implementing productivity measurement systems, cost controls, work order systems and customer case initiatives, significantly boosting their effectiveness and responsiveness," Golanian told the council.

Councilmember Kassakhian congratulated and thanked Hernandez for his dedication, adding that "public works is always on of those first things people notice about a city – the condition of its roads and sidewalks – we're very fortunate to have a city that maintains high standards and, with your leadership, will continue to do so."

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## Remembering Those Who Served: Veterans Day

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. It is a day to honor those who have served as well as those who still actively serve in the military.*

Veterans Day, which was once called Armistice Day, was proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on Nov. 11, 1919. This was a day set aside to honor returning veterans from World War I, which ended in 1918.

It is important to remember the condition of the nation at the end of WWI. This was known as "The Great War" and was the "war to end all wars;" of course that was not the case. WWI lasted for four years and pitted Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Canada, Japan and the U.S.

Weaponry used at the time was



Photo by Dick CLUB Honored by the American Legion and VFW at their monthly veterans breakfast are (from left) Wayne Cabrales, René Pardon, Sonny Cabrales with Robert Wollenweber, past commander of the American Legion Post 288.

new. It included chemical warfare like chlorine, phosgene and mustard gas. The results were devastating. The U.S. wanted to do something to remember its veterans when the devastating World War was over and its fighting men returned home.

In 1954 Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day and today America continues to honor veterans on Nov. 11.

In the Crescenta Valley there are a group of veterans that continues to support their country and their com-

munity through service in the American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1614.

This Nov. 11, like in years past, the veterans will be hosting a ceremony at Two Strike Park that will begin at 8 a.m.

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## Preliminary Election Results are In

By Mary O'KEEFE

Donald Trump has won the U.S. presidency. The polls showed the race as having razor thin margins; however, in the end Mr. Trump was the projected winner of several of the battleground states including Pennsylvania and Georgia.

During an acceptance speech given at about 3:46 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Mr. Trump called his win the "greatest political movement of all time." He thanked the American people for being elected as the 47th, and the 45th, President.

"This will truly be the golden age of America," he told his supporters.

In Los Angeles County, 45.99% of eligible voters cast a ballot; 68.52% of those were vote-by-mail and 36.48% were from vote center ballots.

Below are LA County preliminary voting results as of 3:46 a.m. on Nov. 6. *It is important to note these are only preliminary results.* According to state law, county election officials



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE Several polling places, including the community room of CV Park, opened their doors for early voting.

are required to report final official results for presidential electors to the Secretary of State by Dec. 3; all other state contests by Dec. 6. Results will be certified by the State of

California by Dec. 13.

In LA County Kamala Harris earned 63.01% of the vote, Donald Trump earned 34.24%; the statewide results were Kamala Harris 57.3%

and Donald Trump 40.1%.

U.S. State Senator Full Term: Steve Garvey has conceded and Adam Schiff has accepted

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Concrete Concerts Travel to Newhall

Steve and I love listening to live music. During COVID offerings were slim but we found a niche place where we could listen to music in comfort (and safety). The Mary Dyer Band would play free weekly "concrete concerts" outside the home of founders Dave Blasucci and Mandy Williams.

To be honest, I can't remember how we learned about the Mary Dyer Band; however, this classic rock/pop/country band has a following that has grown over the years. In fact, it can now be heard Thursday nights at Therapy at the Roar Room in La Crescenta (3645 Foothill Blvd.).

I call the early performances of the Mary Dyer Band concrete concerts because that's where they played – on the driveway of their house. Folks from throughout the Crescenta Valley would come and either perch themselves on nearby sidewalks or, like us, would bring folding chairs. Over the years, a taco truck sold food for the hungry music lovers and dancers. And over the years, the crowd grew too – from about 30 to 40 people initially to between 300 and 400 by the end of the weekly get-togethers.

We've heard Dave play solo on the patio at New Moon in Montrose/Glendale and the band in its entirety at Bogie's in Westlake Village. They've also played at the CV Fireworks.

On Saturday, Steve learned that the Mary Dyer Band was going to play an acoustic show at The Smokehouse on Main in Newhall

so we grabbed a coat and made our way up the 5 and 14 freeways.

We had made reservations so a table was waiting for us inside the lounge area of The Smokehouse on Main. We've seen Dave around town and he graciously stopped by to say "hi" prior to the show.

Not surprisingly, the show was a hit. It was fun to see the place fill up so quickly with fans. Adjacent to the lounge was a patio where some folks were seated. It didn't take long for them to try and get a table inside where the music was.

And the food at The Smokehouse on Main was delicious. I ordered brisket, mac n cheese and roasted corn. Holy cow – they were terrific! That (plus a glass – or two – of wine) made for a great night.

While I'll always treasure the "concrete concerts" – and the Mary Dyer Band still occasionally plays them – I'll be keeping my eyes open for where they're going to be next. Who knows? Maybe Steve and I will next make our way over to Therapy at the Roar Room.

A quick reminder to thank the contributors to the GoFundMe (<https://gofund.me/0f90b728>) and who either dropped off or mailed a check to help CVW recover from our recent burglary. The generosity of the community is truly overwhelming.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

There's this movie titled "The Holiday" starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, Jack Black and Eli Wallach. The plot is about escaping from bad relationships. Basically Amanda (Diaz) needs to get away from a broken heart in LA and Iris (Winslet) from a broken heart in England. They decide to switch homes.

This is a perfect afternoon romcom; however, the thing I have always liked about this movie is how it portrayed LA, Hollywood and old Hollywood. Amanda is a movie trailer editor and the movie actually shows Hollywood in a good light – because it is a community. Then old Hollywood portrays respect for Arthur (Wallach) who is an old Hollywood writer. But even more interesting was how LA and the Santa Ana winds were portrayed.

The Santa Anas is a term I learned about immediately after moving to LA. In fact, I had kind of heard about the winds when I visited LA before moving here. My husband, a Southern Californian, used to talk about the Santa Anas as if they were an entity and not a weather condition. That's what I liked about "The Holiday" – every time the exterior was shown of Amanda's LA home the wind was not just blowing but whipping around and yet Miles (Black) just acted like the conditions were normal.

But the Santa Anas are anything but simple winds. They can have sustained winds of 30 to 45 mph and gusts well over 80 mph. These winds are dry and strong, and we all know that when they come we all keep an even closer eye on the mountains for any sign of smoke. A wind-driven fire is the worst-case scenario for which we all prepare.

The origin of the term Santa Ana is unclear; however, many think the original name was Santanás Winds, which are traced to Spanish California when the winds were called caliente aliento de Satanás – hot breath of

Satan, according to the LA Almanac.

Of course this version is contested, as are many historical stories of Los Angeles.

"The reference book 'Los Angeles A to Z' (by Leonard & Dale Pitt), on the other hand, credits the Santa Ana Canyon in Orange County as the origin of the name Santa Ana Winds, thereby arguing for the term Santa Anas. The late television meteorologist Dr. George Fischbeck referred to the winds, in his folksy manner, as the 'Santa Annies.' Some early accounts attributed the Santa Ana riverbed running through the canyon as the source of the winds. Yet another account placed the origin of Santa Ana Winds with an Associated Press correspondent stationed in Santa Ana who, in a 1901 dispatch, mistakenly began using Santa Ana Winds instead of Santana Winds," according to the LA Almanac.

It does appear that the "hot breath of Satan" seems to fit the lore and it does seem to fit the winds themselves. These winds have been referenced in so many movies and television shows, including inspiring a song about the winds causing people to be "weird" in "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend."

The winds do seem to change the personality of Southern Californians. We seem to speak a sort of shorthand; for example, when someone sneezes saying "bless you" may be quickly followed by "Santa Anas?" In fact, saying Santa Ana as a question can encompass so many things – from headaches to a bad hair day. What I noticed was there wasn't anything added to the question. You fight through the wind to the grocery store and while you are attempting to straighten your hair someone will come up and simply say, "Santa Anas?" and you smile and nod. You go to buy aspirin during this windy condition and the clerk will just ask, "Santa Anas?" and you nod in agreement. It is an amazing phenomenon that appears to be uniquely Southern Californian.

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### WINE WALK ON SATURDAY

The Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) is having its sixth annual Montrose Holiday Wine Walk on Saturday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. co-sponsored by the La Crescenta Woman's Club. Ticketholders can sample wines from more than 30 pouring stations hosted by MSPA merchants and businesses. Live music and activities will be held throughout the shopping park.

Tickets are \$55 per person and available for purchase at [www.shopmontrose.com](http://www.shopmontrose.com) and at the shops Merle Norman Cosmetics, Mountain Rose Gifts, Copy Network and It Takes A Village. Check in is at the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.

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### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

The community is invited to take part in habitat restoration at the Rosemont Preserve.

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9; volunteers will be working on the project to improve storm water capture on the Preserve. Crescenta Valley Water District helped dig a bioswale channel; now it needs to be landscaped with native plants.

Come support this important project to help protect the long-term viability of Crescenta Valley's groundwater basin.

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.

Rain cancels. Sorry, no pets please.

### VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 and Boy Scout Troop 288, with the County of Los Angeles, Parks Dept. and CVHS Air Force JR ROTC, is hosting a Veteran's Day ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta. It will include the presentation of colors, the Armed Forces Medley and a community flag retirement ceremony.

All are invited.

### CVTC ELECTIONS THIS WEEKEND

Elections are being held this weekend for open seats on the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

Candidates are Frida Baghdassarian, Chris Kilpatrick and Dede Mueller.

Voting takes place on Friday, Nov. 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sadler Hall on the grounds of St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

All registered voters in the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County in La Crescenta-Montrose are eligible to vote.

### VETERANS HOST MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Local veterans host a monthly breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of the month. The breakfast is free to all local veterans and supporters, but donations are always graciously accepted. This month's breakfast is on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta

# Fall Tech Frenzy Expo Held at CVHS

By Mary O'KEEFE

There is no doubt that technology will play a major role in future jobs. Building STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills was the focus of a day-long event at Crescenta Valley High School on Sunday sponsored by the CVHS 589 Falcons robotics team.

This was the second year that the 2024 Engineering Expo: Fall Tech Frenzy was held. The event promoted STEM education with the goal of igniting a passion among young people for robotics, technology and innovation. Students from kindergarten through eighth grades walked throughout the quad on the CVHS campus and discovered hands-on activities for all to do.

A variety of schools participated including robotic teams from Burbank, Palmdale Aerospace Academy, Franklin High School La Cañada High School and a Jet Propulsion Laboratory-sponsored team named the Rock 'N' Roll Robots.

Booths on campus included CVHS Sports Medicine, Tinker Club, JPL, Technix Academy, USC Viterbi K-12 Coding Camps, Pasadena City College Laser Technology Program, YMCA of the Foothills, CVHS Chemistry Club, CVHS Academy of Science and Medicine, Glendale Community College and Glendale Educational Foundation.

Those manning the booths invited kids to explore structure using sticks and mini marshmallows. Kids explored solar power through the use of solar engines and fans, used batteries to engineer an engine and of course used LEGOS

– and their imagination – to build so many things.

Menasheh Ruiz, a sixth grader from Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School, had worked with solar panels in the past but liked collaborating with CVHS robotic team member Ethan Lee and mentor/teacher Jacob Poole to combine solar panels to increase power.

Rock 'N' Roll team members showed off their pink robot. Members work with Girl Scout Troops and support outreach at annual Girl Scout summer camps.

Not only were robots on-site but drones also flew overhead piloted by USC students from a computer program and in a nod to the basics there was a booth that allowed students to create and learn about paper airplanes.

Chemical science was also involved with a booth that taught kids how to make their own lip gloss.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) was well represented by CVHS' Entertainment Technology presented a live production of a haunted maze.

Poole said this was the second year of the event and kids, and their parents, seemed to really enjoy it.

"It's a big STEM day," he said.

Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

TOP: From left, CVHS senior and Falcons robotic member Ethan Lee with sixth grader Menasheh Ruiz. The pair worked with teacher/mentor Jacob Poole (right) on solar engines.

MIDDLE: Students explore structure and designs using sticks and mini marshmallows.

BOTTOM: Participants could spin the wheel and test their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) skills with the help of CVHS Falcons 589 robotics members.



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# District Supporters Listen in to State of the Schools



Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY

LEFT: GUSD Superintendent Dr. Daneika Watson offered the state of the schools address.  
RIGHT: GUSD board of education president Shant Sahakian gave an address on behalf of the board of education.

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Under starlit skies supporters of the Glendale Unified School District gathered outside the Glendale Community College auditorium on Wednesday evening, Oct. 30. The occasion was to hear a presentation by Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson on the state of the schools.

The event, sponsored by the Glendale Educational Foundation in celebration of its 20-year anniversary, started with a wine reception in the courtyard outside the auditorium. In addition to food and drink provided by the college, the Hoover High School jazz band quietly performed a medley of music for a grateful audience.

The crowd moved into the auditorium to find seats in anticipation of the evening's presentations. Bethany Harrington, GEF executive director, led the festivities offering introductions of the evening's program. Dr. Ryan Cornner, superintendent and president of the Glendale Community

College, welcomed the crowd reminding them that GCC is "their" college. He highlighted some of the achievements of the college including partnering with high schools to provide educational opportunities so when seniors graduate from high school they have also earned an AA degree. Future plans include the college's ability to provide its students with a BA degree in the field of restorative justice and rehabilitation.

GEF President Manuel Magpajian took the mic to outline the many achievements of GEF over the past 20 years including providing students "with the tools they need for success."

"It is an honor to play a role in shaping GEF's enduring legacy," he said adding that it was also an honor to work with executive director Harrington, the GEF board of directors, Superintendent Dr. Watson, the GUSD leadership team and board of education.

He also spoke of his own struggles as a student and how important it is to "invest in our

children's futures."

Harrington then oversaw the presentation of awards. Teacher of the year was presented to Dr. Maria Capdevila Gutierrez, a Spanish dual language immersion teacher at Toll Middle School, and Rosario Esquivel, classified employee of the year, who is the cafeteria manager Crescenta Valley High School and has been a member of the GUSD for 36 years.

Members of the dance team at Glendale High School performed for the audience before GUSD board of education president Shant Sahakian stepped up to give an address on behalf of the board of education. Clark Magnet High School student and board of education student board member Lily Tanossian then shared insights with audience members.

But the main event of the evening was the address on the state of the schools by GUSD Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson.

Overall the message delivered by Dr. Watson was one of determination and acknowledging

the accomplishments of the district.

"We are going to continue to work diligently to continue to lead this district in a way no other district has been led," she said adding thanks to the partners of the district and their support.

She touched on the diversity of the needs of the students in the district, which is one of the largest in California.

"Together we are preparing every one of them for success in college and career readiness," she said.

She proudly recited the awards received by district schools: ten blue ribbon schools and 26 California distinguished schools.

Dr. Watson credited Steelers coach Mike Tomlin with her leadership style stating, "You can't do ordinary things and expect unique results."

"I think about this quote as it pertains to the success of our district," she said. She then thanked the GEF for challenging the district and for making the district think outside the box.

Dr. Watson also outlined the

"extraordinary" accomplishments of the district "from academic excellence to exceptional programs." She went on to state that these accomplishments improve the outcomes, increase the enrollment, expand partnerships and foster community. She added that changes, especially in technology, of the last 20 years have changed the way teachers teach.

"The students of today are training for jobs that haven't even been [in existence yet]," she said.

She lauded Clark Magnet High School for being a "world class technology-focused institution" ranking among the top 1% of high schools in the nation.

Through the partnerships with community and business, Dr. Watson relayed that the future looks bright for all students as they enter college and careers.

"At GUSD we know that our diversity is our strength," she said.

Closing the night was a rousing performance by the drumlines of Glendale High School, Hoover High School and Crescenta Valley High School.



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# Is an All-Girls Flag Football Team in the Future?

By Mikaela STONE

Since 2021, the La Crescenta-Glendale Chapter of the Friday Night Lights (FNL) Youth Flag Football League grew from 75 kindergarten to eighth grade kids playing contact-free football at the Glendale Sports Complex to 500 kids spread across 58 teams. With a growing number of girls among these players, community members look to Crescenta Valley High School to establish an all-girls flag football team. A petition by local parents has received close to 500 signatures from future players and fans alike, signaling a definite local interest.

If a team is established, female flag football players from Crescenta Valley High School would join the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), facing off against teams such as the La Cañada Spartans and Verdugo Hills Dons.

Fall 2024 marks the second season since CIF officially rolled out all-female flag football teams, partially inspired by the 2028 Olympics, which will feature female and male flag football teams.

FNL Commissioner Brandon Alexander sees Olympic inspiration not only within the elementary and middle school students of his organization, but in his own all-female flag football team as CIF Westlake High School varsity head coach.

Alexander describes both experiences as “amazing.” Regarding his high school team, he said it is “so much fun to see them get better in a short amount of time.”

The Westlake girls celebrated victory last season but Alexander reports that the second time around, competition is stiffer. Working year round, players undergo off-season training and even seek out private coaches.

Alexander believes flag football “teaches sportsmanship, team

unity, discipline and hard work ... [and how to handle] wear and tear on the body” – important skills for all young people. Alexander tries to keep his K-8 league “focused on family and fun.” Kids enrolled in the FNL have one practice a week and one game – or two! – on Friday.

The FNL Eagles team features Kaia and Charlee, two eighth grade girls who attend Rosemont Middle School. Kaia and Charlee have been friends since they started track at the age of 7 – a sport they are still heavily involved in. During that time they attended two Junior Olympics for track. Kaia joined the FNL four years ago after hearing classmates discuss it, now playing with her father Andrew Villegas as the Eagles’ coach. Charlee “fell in love with football” after watching Kaia play

and joined three years ago. The football season does not conflict with the girls’ track season, or Kaia’s lacrosse season.

Kaia reports, “The boys are normally really accommodating and really sweet.”

Kaia currently stands as the only girl on the Rosemont football team – a title that may not last much longer if seventh grade Luna from the FNL Chargers has anything to say about it. Rosemont tryouts open next month, making all three girls “nervous but excited.”

Luna began playing football in fifth grade after watching her brothers play.

Villegas, or Coach Andrew, started coaching track when Kaia was 6. Both of his daughters are now involved in the FNL teams. His youngest, Sienna, is in fifth

grade.

Villegas supports students across multiple sports: He coaches the Eagles football team, youth track for the West Valley Eagles and volunteers with the Rosemont team as defensive coach, all while being a middle school social studies teacher at Oak Avenue Intermediate School. He encouraged playing football for track-and-field kids of all genders because he believed it was beneficial for runners to have a fall sport.

To him, the lasting friendships found in flag football and track-and-field are most important.

“It’s great they will get to play together at the next level,” Villegas says.

The Crescenta Valley High School girls’ flag football team petition can be found at <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/cvhs-girls-cif-flag-football-team>.



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ABOVE: Charlee (left) and Kaia during practice.  
BELOW: Kaia (left) and Charlee.





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# Demirdjian Released to Reentry Housing

By Mary O'KEEFE

A California Supreme Court ruling upholds a state law barring 14-to-15 year olds from being tried as adults and sent to adult prisons. Due to that ruling in October the case of Michael Demirdjian was heard and he was resentenced in juvenile court.

In 2001, Demirdjian was charged with murdering and robbing two boys whose beaten bodies were found on the schoolyard of Valley View Elementary just prior to it opening as a public school. Demirdjian was 15 years old at the time of the murders.

Blaine Talmo Jr. was 14 years old at the time of his murder and Christopher McCulloch was 13. The murders were described as "gruesome" crimes. The boys died of blunt force trauma.

Demirdjian was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office argued against his resentencing; however, that was difficult due to the Supreme Court ruling.

"We cannot try him as an adult," said DA David Ayvazian.

"Juvenile court is the only thing we have left."

During the resentencing the judge took into consideration the amount of time served, Demirdjian's prior history of arrest – or lack there of – and his behavior during his time of incarceration.

Demirdjian was ordered to live in a reentry management center (halfway house). He has a set of rules he must follow including obeying all of his probation requirements. He cannot leave the facility without permission of the administration and must wear a GPS monitor. These are just some of the initial conditions for his release.

He was given two years probation and DA Ayvazian and Demirdjian's lawyer, Bess Stiffelman, will meet for an update on the case and his probation in December and again in April.

After the resentencing, Stiffelman told CVW that Demirdjian had attended college and had not joined any gangs while in prison.

"He did write a remorse letter," she added.

Blaine's parents were in court during the resentencing. They

chose not to share a victim impact statement. They just stoically listened to the judge's orders regarding probation.

"There is nothing more to say," they told CVW after the resentencing.

Christopher's mom Aileen Bristow no longer lives in the area. Ayvazian had kept her apprised of the situation.

"I wish with all my heart and soul that Mr. Demirdjian had shown the same consideration and mercy to my beloved son that he has been given. I pray he doesn't waste this chance," she said.

Although it had been expected Demirdjian would have been released from juvenile court in early December there are reports he has already been released to the reentry management center.

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City Treasurer Rafi Manoukian provided the council with an annual report on the city's investments. Currently, the city has \$1.056 billion in investments, up approximately \$300,000 from last year. Most of the city's investments are in federal and state pooled investment programs such as the federal agency callables (24%) and the California Asset Management Program (17%). Current yields of 3.34% are comparable to similarly situated cities: Burbank at 3.58%, Pasadena at 2.56%, Ontario at 3.43% and Santa Monica at 3.48%. The city's portfolio is managed according to industry standards such as the "prudent investor" rule.

Manoukian noted that the details of the report could be found in the staff report attached to the council agenda: <https://glendaleca.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=37500>.

Once again, the council debated a \$156,710 consultant contract with Eagle Aerial Solutions, a "portal development company, currently conducting the statewide landscape measurement project for the California Dept. of Water Resources." Usage in more than 400 water districts in the state is being analyzed to help water professionals meet efficiency and allocation requirements established under the new long-term California water conservation legislation, which combines previously adopted state measures SB-606 and AB-1668 under the overarching

rubric "Making Conservation a California Way of Life": <https://tinyurl.com/5ye78269>.

The new rules represent a paradigm shift from imposing across-the-board usage reduction mandates (a 25% reduction in water usage, for instance) with a customized "water budget" for each urban water supplier, adding an analysis of CII landscapes (those that are commercial, industrial and institutional) to the mix. The proposed contract would help the city establish a baseline for this sector and could help identify areas of potential improvement, such as large green spaces currently being irrigated with potable versus recycled water.

The council voted 2-2 (the mayor was absent) when this issue was last on the council agenda on Oct. 22.

At Tuesday's council meeting Mayor Elen Asatryan asked, "What if we send the state the bill for this? I've talked about the unintended consequences of bills passed at the state level that then we locals have to take on additional work which then ends up costing us money from our own budget. It breaks my heart that at a time when our residents can't pay their rent and their utility bills that we as a city have to cough up \$156K for consulting."

Asatryan went on, "I'm of the mindset that I would like to send the bill to the state along with any other bills that you can come up with that we've been spending on consulting services instead of actual services to our resident."

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## Obituary Ron Klint



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Ronald Vernon Klint, 85, of La Crescenta died peacefully in his home on Sept. 1.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1939. Upon graduating from high school, he moved to Glendale where he studied at UCLA and began a long teaching career, primarily at Crescenta Valley High School, where he taught mathematics. He was also an adjunct faculty member at Glendale Community College. He was active in his church – worshiping, volunteering and singing in the choir at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley. He will be remembered for his service to the community through half a century of investing in the lives of students and for living out his faith in all that he did.

A memorial service will be held in his honor on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. in the worship center of Grace Community Church, 13248 Roscoe Blvd., Sun Valley.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy ones." (Psalm 115:15)

» NEWS DESERTS

# New Report on News Deserts

By Mary O'KEEFE

Northwestern Medill – State of Local News released a study in October on how local newspapers are faring – and it does not look good.

The State of Local News Project was created by Northwestern University to study the future of local journalism. According to Zach Metzger, director of the State of Local News Project, it was predicted that by the end of 2025, the U.S. would have lost one third of its print newspapers; however, this year that threshold has already been crossed.

According to the local news initiative/Northwestern University's release, "The loss of

local newspapers is continuing at an alarming pace, deepening the local news crisis and further depriving people of information they need to make informed decisions. Local news deserts are spreading. A furious pace of mergers and acquisitions is underway, as many longtime newspaper owners bail and regional chains capitalize on opportunities. Meanwhile, the number of standalone digital local news sites has continued to grow."

Medill also looked into the growing number of "ghost newspapers:" those that operate in name only and basically have no original local reporting.

"The local news crisis isn't just

about the loss of local outlets: it's also about the diminution of community coverage," according to the report.

The report found that in the past year 130 community papers have closed and about 55 million Americans live in places that could be labeled "news deserts."

The report from local news initiatives found there are 206 counties across the country without any news source, up from 204 last year, and 1,561 counties with only one source of local news.

"Altogether this means that almost 55 million people in the United States have limited-to-no access to local news," the report stated.

The loss of journalism jobs is on

the rise as news sources diminish. The report found that about 7,000 newspaper jobs have disappeared between 2022 and 2023, compared to a few hundred the year before.

"There are now fewer than 100,000 people employed in the newspaper publishing industry overall, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In 20 U.S. states, there are fewer than 1,000 newspaper employees remaining," according to the report.

There has been a trend of larger newspaper chains buying up smaller, family-owned businesses, and closing or gutting them dramatically.

"As the mergers and acquisitions

firm Dirks, Van Essen & April wrote in its 2023 year-end report, 'Gone are the days of a few conglomerates snapping up every newspaper for sale.' While large chains continue to control the largest share of newspapers, the past three years have been marked by increased activity from medium-size and small owners. At the same time, new chains, such as privately-held Carpenter Media Group, have grown at a meteoric pace through acquisitions, as owners both large and small have sold some of their properties. In this year's report, we tracked close to 270 papers that changed hands across 77 different transactions," the report stated.

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Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian agreed.

"I'm okay with that and I also want to look at new mandates. Our residents have done their share and we're still at Phase 3 of the drought measures and we're charging them drought fees as well. Between now and 2027 [when this mandate kicks in] I'm sure they're going to come up with other mandates – they wake up one morning and come up with ideas they're going to force on the city."

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) assistant general manager of water Chisom Obegdu noted the local benefits that could also come from the consultant's work on this. In response, Mayor Asatryan requested a report from staff on the opportunities, saying "the difference is that then we get to make that decision based off our budget where we want to spend it versus something being decided and

then shoved to the locals to cover the cost."

"I think we're going down a dangerous path here," Councilmember Dan Brotman interjected. "We get mandates all the time from the state. This is the nature of the work we do. This is not something new. And I don't know why we're taking a stand on this item. This is about the state trying to get a handle on water use because we're in a long-term drought – even though we've had some good rains over the last year – we're still in a drought. It's going to continue, with climate change; this is not going away. The state wants to be able to figure out how water gets allocated. I have no idea why we're making an issue out of this item. This is, to me, very fundamental and I don't want to be a city that starts playing games with the state, thumbs its nose at obvious interests."

Councilmember Najarian expressed his support for the mayor's position.

"I fully agree with your position on this item," he said. "It is an unfunded mandate and far too often we've seen the state impose mandates on us. There's also a regional organization, the Metropolitan Water District, that should be involved in this. The state may tell us to go jump in a lake, but unless we express our opposition to the micromanagement by legislators in Sacramento – and it's not just on water, it's on a variety of issues – they want to take away local control from us."

The plan to send a bill to the state along with a request for possible grant opportunities to cover the cost of the consultant agreement passed on a vote of 3-2. The staff report noted that GWP has funds necessary already budgeted for this and that no new allocation would be

needed to pay for it.

Finally, the council revisited the installation of an all-way stop sign in the Adams Hill neighborhood at the intersection of Adams Street and Scofield Drive. The matter was before the council on Oct. 22 after the city's Transportation and Parking Commission (TPC) failed to act on the community's longstanding pleas for help in calming traffic in the neighborhood.

"What's the fastest way to get this done for our residents?" queried Mayor Asatryan.

Two residents of the area spoke against the sign.

Adams Hill resident Brian addressed the council.

"This is a little challenging because I know my neighbors but I'm on the other side of the street – and the other side of the fence on this issue," he said.

He recalled councilmember

comments from the last time the stop sign was before them.

"Governing is looking out for the benefit of the many which sometimes causes inconveniences to the few – this is a prime example of protecting the safety of all who live, drive and walk along Adams Street, including me and my family and my neighbors, with the addition of a stop sign with the unfortunate inconvenience of a few by removing a couple of parking spaces," he said.

Councilmember Najarian stated his general inclination to let the commissioners decide on the issue. He also questioned why the director of public works could not simply decide on the placement of a warranted stop sign.

"It's crazy!" he said. "We're spending a lot of time on one stop sign."

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VETERANS from Cover

The American Legion was founded the same year Armistice Day was declared. This veterans organization worked to secure benefits, like the GI Bill, and establish the Veterans Administration health care system.

"It's like the squeaky wheel gets the grease," said Victor Bustillos, retired U.S. Marine Corps and American Legion Post 288 master of ceremonies for the Veterans Day ceremony. "The American Legion advocates for all veterans in [Washington, DC] and locally. We provide veterans connection for services for things they might need and to help them navigate them through the Dept. of Veteran Affairs."

After a person leaves the military a lot of times they just concentrate on getting back to civilian life and often don't realize the benefits that are available to them.

"I think sometimes [veterans] are not aware of what they are entitled to," Bustillos added. "New laws are happening all the time."

The VFW is even older than the American Legion and can trace its history back to 1899 and to the Spanish American War.

Both organizations foster

camaraderie among veterans. That camaraderie is what U.S. Army Sgt. First Class E-7 Wayne Cabrales, active duty, felt when he was honored at the monthly Saturday breakfast at Post 288/Post 1614.

"[American Legion] offers a lot of good services and have a great sense of community for veterans and is a great place to connect with [other military/veterans]," Cabrales said.

Cabrales is presently stationed in Virginia and is an aircraft components repair supervisor. He has been deployed several times to different areas including Iraq and Afghanistan and multiple European countries.

He and his friend René Pardon had talked about joining the military when they got out of high school but then both went into the private sector.

"But [we] didn't find any purpose in what we were doing, so we joined the military," he said.

Pardon is now serving as a reserve officer and works for Boeing. Cabrales does not know exactly how long he will make the military his career but would like to stay for his 20-year mark.

"I [joined] to serve my country and to find a purpose ... to be a part of

something bigger," he said of why he joined, and why he stays, with the U.S. Army.

He said his service has been rewarding in all aspects and has given him opportunities to travel.

Cabrales and Pardon, who was also honored at the breakfast, have joined the American Legion Post 288 and VFW 1618.

The breakfast each month is only one outreach event veterans do for their community. The veterans from Post 288 and Post 1614 also support various organizations through volunteering. Prom Plus, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, the CV Town Council, Operation Gratitude, Glendale Unified School District and CV High School JROTC are just some of the organizations they have served. Their service continues but they need more veterans to join their Posts.

Historically veterans do not join the VFW and American Legion immediately after they return from serving in the military; many times they wait until they need services. However, it is important for veterans to join before they need that help.

"[The American Legion Post 288]

gives me the opportunity to be of service to the community. We have the breakfast once a month and I am glad to help with that," said Bustillos. "I enjoy being in the company of other veterans."

Members of the VFW and the American Legion also remember that when they serve they leave their families behind. So the veterans invite the family of veterans to the breakfasts as well.

Cabrales' dad Sonny was on hand for the October breakfast. He is also the owner of Harmony Farms in La Crescenta and a consistent supporter of the veteran community.

"It is amazing having that support back home," Cabrales said of his dad and family. "The feeling and the knowledge that people do care is honestly one of the best feelings."

Veterans who are interested in joining the American Legion Post 288 or VFW Post 1614 should contact Mike Baldwin at mhbaldwin1960@sbcglobal.net or Lynn McGinnis at mcginnix@aol.com.

The Veterans Day ceremony will be a free event held at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.

WEATHER from page 2

The meteorological explanation of the Santa Anas is little less dramatic than the devil's involvement.

Santa Ana Winds (SAWs) across southwest California and the northern Baja peninsula of western North America are a type of down sloping offshore wind (from the northeast quadrant)... Air moving from the desert toward the coast accelerates through gaps in the local terrain via the Venturi effect, which results in SAWs along and in the lee of the transverse and peninsular ranges, according to American Meteorological Society (AMS).

"The extreme dry and windy conditions during SAW events create favorable conditions for producing catastrophic wildfires, particularly in the fall and early winter when the native vegetation is most receptive to ignitions. During such events, fires can quickly propagate across the wildland urban interface regions, threatening lives and property," according to AMS.

And that is where the devil may live – in the wildfires. A wind-driven wildfire is the one of those events that really does seem evil driven. The fire moves so fast and firefighters who are used to putting themselves between the fire and the community face an even greater challenge as it is decided how the fire will be fought.

So as we continue to face our Santa Anas let's make sure we secure everything in our yards as the winds pick up. Most importantly let's make sure we are ready and on alert for wildfires.

There is a Red Flag Warning and High Wind Warning through today at 4 p.m.

Santa Anas are expected to bring sustained winds from 35 to 50 mph with gusts of 60 mph.

These Santa Anas are dry and may be a little colder than usual and are being driven by an "inside slider," according to Rose Schoenfeld, meteorologist from NOAA.

Usually the Santa Anas result from a low pressure area from the northwest over the water but in this case the low pressure is creeping out of the land from the northeast angle, which is driving the winds, she said.

Schoenfeld added that residents should take extreme cautions and stay alert during the Santa Anas. Be prepared for wildfires and the possibility of evacuations by utilizing LA County Fire Dept.'s Ready. Set. Go. And stay alert to any changes in the forecast.

The High Wind and Red Flag warnings are to end today at 4 p.m. The temperatures will continue to stay in the low to mid 70s to Tuesday with a chance of rain on Monday.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Skinheads Deface Montrose in 1988

The Montrose Shopping Park is a beautiful oasis in a crazy world. Its tree-lined streets evoke a classic hometown feel. We know Montrose as a quiet and gentle place where nothing bad ever happens. But in 1988, a little bit of ugliness visited Montrose.

On Tuesday morning after a Memorial Day weekend, business owners and early shoppers were shocked to find stickers strewn through Montrose displaying a large swastika and offensive slogans. The stickers were placed on lampposts, parking meters and business windows in Montrose, and were found in several locations in Montrose Park. Printed on the swastika stickers were hateful messages such as "White power," "Death to race mixing" and "N\_\_\_\_\_s get out! Go back to your slums" along with the initials N.S.W.A.P., which stood for National

Socialist White American Party.

It wasn't expected that any culprits would ever be found and it was assumed that the crime would go unsolved. But on Thursday afternoon, a Glendale PD motorcycle officer got lucky. He was following a vehicle that had failed to yield to a pedestrian. That car, filled with rough-looking teens, had just pulled into the gas station on the corner of Verdugo Road and Mountain Avenue near Glendale College. The motorcycle officer followed it in and pulled up next to it. The policeman looked over and spotted two open beers in the center console cupholder. He hit the red lights and pulled six teenagers out of the car.

Backup was called and a search of the car found several stickers in the trunk – the same swastika stickers that had defaced Montrose a few days earlier. Five of the kids were underage – 15 to 17 years old

– but one kid in the backseat was an adult, 18 years old. One was from Glendale and the rest were from Orange County. They were self-described "skinheads," White power advocates who defined themselves by shaving their heads. They were all arrested for the open containers and on suspicion of vandalism. The kids under 18 were all released to their parents but the 18-year-old was held on \$5000 bail.

Fingerprints from the 18-year-old matched those found on one of the stickers, so it looked like a slam-dunk for the prosecution. Because of the shocking nature of the racist stickers, the 18-year-old offender was facing more than just vandalism charges. He was charged under a law often referred to as the "Synagogue Desecration Statute." It prohibits demonstrations or the posting of literature meant to terrorize people and it carried a

maximum one-year sentence.

In the newspapers by the next week the offender's parents had rushed to their son's defense. They described him as a straight-A student who had started hanging out with bad kids.

"He's just a kid [who] got into the wrong crowd," his mom said. His parents said their son had made the decision to leave the skinheads, find a job, finish high school and perhaps join the service. They further said that it was the other kids in the car who were the main offenders (although none of the juveniles was ever charged).

But with the offender's fingerprints matching prints on the stickers in Montrose, the 18-year-old seemed to be headed for a conviction. The trial came up later that year in Glendale Municipal Court.

However, justice was not served. The offender's lawyer was sharp

enough to get the charges dropped on a technicality. The lawyer argued that since her client was in the back seat of the car and the open containers were in the front center console, technically the front seat, the officer should not have arrested the guy for possessing an open container. The judge agreed. Since his fingerprints were taken after what was deemed an illegal arrest those fingerprints could no longer be submitted as evidence.

The case was destroyed.

The district attorney said he would appeal the ruling but a search of newspaper files gives no further info. We can assume that the D.A. declined to pursue the case or that the ruling was upheld.

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IEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## Is This Where We Are Now?

As of this writing, Election Day has not yet happened and I hope by Thursday's distribution of the paper we have some results. Are votes still being counted? Who won the presidency? How did the statewide measures do? I am curious yet apprehensive about what is going to happen afterward.

Based on the voting history of the past couple of decades, I can probably guess how people are feeling after the election: anxious, elated, defeated,

frustrated, disgusted and more. I wrote a piece in October 2020 titled, "Let It Begin With Me" that may bring some perspective. Check out <https://tinyurl.com/u2x8nfm>. No matter the outcome, it's time to return to calm conversations. Life is too short to live in such a high emotional state. We should be able to just talk to each other.

Speaking of which, I have a neighbor story that has me scratching

my head.

We have lived in our home in La Crescenta for 28 years, on a quiet street with great neighbors. Typical of many neighborhoods, we've had some issues over the years, but most disputes have been easily resolved with a quick discussion between houses or at the front porch.

Our relationships with neighbors have always been cooperative. On the west side of our property is a

mature oak tree. The large trunk sits on the neighbor's side, but half of the tree reaches into our yard. While we are allowed to trim parts of the tree that overhang the fence within the guidelines of protected oaks, we never do. Instead, every five years or so, both families together hire a professional company to shape the whole tree. It makes sense to split the cost of tree trimming since we each benefit from the oak's beauty and cool shade.

On the east side of the yard, there is a concrete block wall on the property line. At one point, a portion of the wall cracked and had to be replaced. Our neighbor asked if we would be willing to pay half the cost for someone to repair the broken portion, which we felt was only fair.

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# THE BEST CV WEEKLY FUN & FRIGHTS IN THE FOOTHILLS DISPLAYS!

Once again members of the community gave it their all in decorating their houses for this year's Fun & Frights in the Foothills.

This self-guided tour of decorated houses sponsored by CV Weekly gave imaginative homeowners the chance to show off their creativity in either delighting trick-or-treaters or scaring the tar out of them.

It was tough to try and identify those addresses that outdid themselves in decorating but thanks to the efforts of our judges they were able to arrive at unanimous decisions. All winners received certificates and a gift card donated by local businesses. Thanks are extended to Paradis Ice Cream that donated gift cards to the first 25 entrants.

Coming up next is the Crescenta Valley Weekly Merry & Bright self-guided tour of houses decorated for the holidays. We welcome the addresses of participating houses! Send an email to hollyween@cvweekly.com with your address to be included in this year's list. And remember: homeowners must agree to keep their decorations up until Sunday, Jan. 5!



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## CCLCF, NASA Team Up for Food Drive

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) has partnered with NASA Services for its 31st annual food drive. Decorated donation bins will be available at CCLCF, LCF schools and select businesses throughout LCF including Gelsons, Sprouts, La Cañada Congregational Church, Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital, La Cañada Pet Clinic, Caltech Federal Credit Union, Citizens Business Bank, Allen Lund Co. and Rose Gold Fitness. Donations of soups, canned vegetables, pasta, boxed milk, cereal, baby formula, juice boxes, granola bars, rice and other non-perishable foods are needed. Food donations will be given to Sue's Garden in La Crescenta

for distribution to local families in need.

Last year 45 bins of food were collected, which helped feed 150 families.

Food can also be brought to the Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Mile on Thursday, Nov. 28. The professionally timed 5K race begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. at Olberz Park in LCF. The Kids' Mile Run, also professionally timed, is a family-fun event for children 12 and under. It will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Community Center is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information on the Thanksgiving Day Run and Food Drive visit CCLCF.org/run or call the main office at (818) 790-4353.



## Paul Stein in Concert: Music at LCWC

The La Crescenta Woman's Club is hosting a free concert featuring Paul Stein.

Scott Joplin, Antonin Dvorak and John Williams are among the popular

featured composers in Stein's varied programs and Stein is bringing his virtuoso violin program performance to the La Crescenta Woman's Club performance stage on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Violinist Stein, a 36-year member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, will perform solo.

The unaccompanied violin demonstrates many colors and melodic contours. Bach specifically wrote some of his most profound music for violin and the richness of his harmonies are often on display in Stein's programs.

Program to begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by a buffet lunch when audience members can meet and greet this fascinating and affable artist. He will talk about life in an orchestra and his experiences as a music teacher and as a performer of family concerts with Chamber Music Express. He created the Chamber Music Express ensemble in 1985 to introduce classical music to audiences at schools and libraries. He has moderated seminars and lectured at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute and conventions of the Music Teachers

Association of California. He has been a featured soloist at the Hollywood Bowl and has worked with Zubin Mehta, Carlo Maria Giulini,

Andre Previn, Esa-Pekka Salonen as well as Gustavo Dudamel. He was

principal second violinist with the Colorado Symphony and performed with the Santa Fe Opera orchestra.

Born in Dallas, Stein received a Bachelor of Music from Southern Methodist University and Master of Music from Yale University.

Local residents are all invited to this free concert, and are welcome to bring a friend. Seat reservation urged.

Reservation line for concert is (818) 249-9403. Those making reservations should indicate if they are staying for the complimentary buffet lunch.

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## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis! Reverse Mortgage Rules

Dear Phyllis,  
I look forward to your real estate Q&A.

I am hoping you can offer some guidance. My 85-year-old mother fell and broke her hip and was rushed to the hospital. She has been in rehab for a month and just had a stroke. I don't know if she can ever move back into her La Crescenta home. Therefore, I am concerned about the terms of her reverse mortgage. From my understanding, the house must be sold and the mortgage paid off within six months of her vacating. I have her power of attorney and don't know what my next move should be. Thank you! Sharon

Dear Sharon,  
Sharon, I understand this is a challenging time for you and your mother. It's commendable that

you're taking proactive steps.

As per my understanding, your mother's reverse mortgage will mature if she's away from the property for more than six months for a nonmedical reason or more than 12 consecutive months in a medical facility. Violating this residency requirement could result in her being required to pay back the remaining loan balance. Therefore, it's crucial to know these rules and plan accordingly. I believe you will have 12 months from the date of her hospitalization to pay off the mortgage. But please review your mother's documents. I would not suggest contacting the lender at this point because, in my experience, they relentlessly enforce timely payoffs. I would not want to give them the heads-up of her not being in the home.

I advise seeking a local real

estate agent with reverse mortgage experience. Have them meet you at her home and discuss, when the time comes, if you want to sell the home "as is" or if the Realtor suggests any potential repairs and improvements. This will help you get a timeline.

Although it's likely that by the time you list and close escrow, it will be around two months – you can't rely on that. Remember that although most homes in La Crescenta are selling quickly, some do not. There is even the possibility of selling and then the buyer canceling an escrow. You want to avoid the risk of the lender placing the home in default and paying additional fees or, worse, losing the home in foreclosure.

Best of luck to you and to your mother's recovery.

Best regards, Phyllis



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Scene in L.A. November 2024

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Cooler days have finally arrived, which means it's time to spend an evening or two in one of the local venues to take in one of these fine productions. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue, so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is their current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theater before making definite plans.

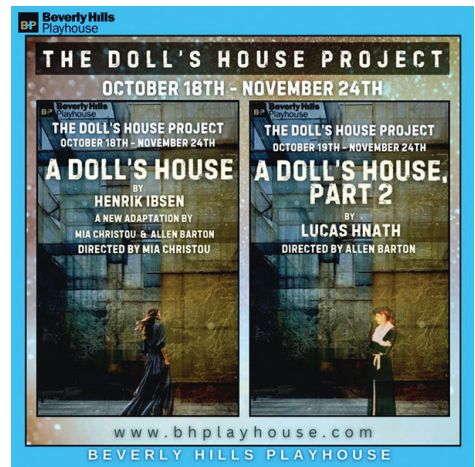
Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month or are already running:

*"DIVA The Play"* DIVA is the story of world-renowned Australian opera singer Louisa McCrae reliving her life through the lens of a fractured mind. As she unpacks a suitcase full of memories, she is transported back to powerful moments that shaped



her extraordinary life. As her mind starts slipping, can she hold onto the memories long enough to revive her broken heart?

Written by Vivienne Powell and directed by Leah Patterson, it runs through Nov. 10 at the Zephyr Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit [www.DIVATheplay.com](http://www.DIVATheplay.com).



*"A Doll's House"* Witness the play that shook the theatre world and changed everything! This fresh adaptation of Ibsen's intense drama as Nora Helmer, a woman ahead of her time, faces the ultimate test of courage and self-discovery. In a world that expects her to be nothing more than a devoted wife and mother, Nora dares to ask: What happens when a woman decides to reclaim herself? In her most lucid moment, Nora exclaims, "I AM A PERSON" – a person who has never been seen or heard like millions of women everywhere. Experience the revolutionary masterpiece that has captivated audiences for over a century.

Written by Henrik Ibsen and directed by Mia Christou, it runs through Nov. 24 at the Beverly Hills Playhouse in Beverly Hills. For tickets, visit [www.bhplayhouse.com](http://www.bhplayhouse.com).



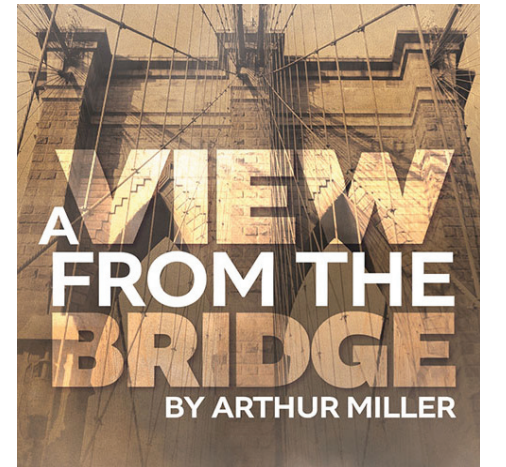
*"Joan"* Comedian. Trailblazer. Force of nature. From Greenwich Village nightclubs to "The Tonight Show" to Hollywood's red carpets, Joan Rivers made and remade her career through triumph and tragedy. This is the story of a pioneer and the story of a mom – who were one and the same. Get up close and personal with the famously edgy, fearless and loving legend in this hilarious and heartbreaking account of an American icon.

Written by Daniel Goldstein and directed by David Ivers, it runs through Nov. 24 at the South Coast Repertory Julianne Argyros Stage in Costa Mesa. For tickets, call (714) 708-5555 or visit [www.scr.org](http://www.scr.org).

*"A Doll's House Part 2"* The story continues! Fifteen years after the door slammed shut, Nora Helmer returns to the home she once left behind. Now a successful author and advocate for women's rights, she must confront the past she thought she had escaped. With sharp dialogue and surprising twists, this modern sequel delves into the complexities of marriage, identity and the price of freedom. Don't miss this powerful exploration of what it means to

come back – and what it takes to move forward.

Written by Lucas Hnath and directed by Allen Barton, it runs through Nov. 24 at the Beverly Hills Playhouse in Beverly Hills. For tickets, visit [www.bhplayhouse.com](http://www.bhplayhouse.com).



*"A View from the Bridge"* delves into the complexities of family, love and justice. Set in a tight-knit Italian-American community in 1950s Brooklyn, the play explores the lives of its characters with raw emotion and powerful storytelling. As tensions rise and secrets unravel, the audience is drawn into a world where loyalties are tested and the consequences of one's actions have far-reaching implications. With compelling characters and intense relationships, this timeless drama keeps audience members on the edge of their seats from start to finish.

Written by Arthur Miller and directed by David Ellenstein, it runs through Nov. 17 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit [www.lagunaplayhouse.com](http://www.lagunaplayhouse.com).

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# John Vorhaus Chosen as Grand Marshal of the 45th Pasadena Doo Dah Parade

Light Bringer Project and The Doo Dah Preservation Society to announced local ultimate frisbee legend John Vorhaus as their selection of the 2024 grand marshal of the Pasadena Doo Dah Parade.

John Vorhaus, the runner of Hahamonga and Brookside parks' "Slacker Wednesday" ultimate frisbee game, renowned comedy writer and teacher, and self-described "serial creative entrepreneur," was in a cab in London finishing a three-week teaching tour when he received the news of his selection. He "couldn't say yes fast enough" and called his appointment to the position "the apotheosis of my life."

Vorhaus, known broadly in ultimate circles as "JV," is a longtime resident of the San Gabriel Valley and a lifelong

devotee of ultimate.

"I've been playing twice a week for 45 years," said Vorhaus, "but I can quit anytime I want."

Though he won a world gold medal with the 1990 USA Masters ultimate frisbee team, he considers founding Slacker Wednesday to be the pinnacle of his contribution to the sport. Slacker Wednesday has been going strong for more than two decades energized by one of its many mottos: It Works Because You Don't.

The Slacker Wednesday elves are hard at work creating adornments and garb befitting a grand marshal. Vorhaus alluded to a full "honor guard of slackers" to accompany him as his entourage, a few freestylers to add flare to his grand

entrance and a bewildering costume that he hopes will wow spectators on parade day.

Vorhaus is best known for his comedy-writing classic, "The Comic Toolbox: How to be Funny Even if You're Not." He has taught and trained writers in 37 countries on five continents, and created TV shows of his own in Nicaragua, Romania and elsewhere. His writing credits include dozens of teleplays and screenplays, plus seven novels and some two-dozen works of non-fiction. His latest book is "The Book of Practice: How to do Better What You Want to do Well." Vorhaus is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and a member of the Writers Guild of America.

Known as the twisted sister of the conventional Rose

Parade, the Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade celebrates 45 years of irreverent frolicking in Old Pasadena on Sunday, Nov. 24. This year's event is co-produced by Light Bringer Project and the Doo Dah Preservation Society.

The Pasadena Doo Dah Parade began as a grassroots event in 1978 to gain national attention for its eccentric and often irreverent satire. The parade that has spawned numerous off-beat replicants across the country was highlighted in the Wall Street Journal. Dozens of inventive, if zany, art cars, mutant vehicles, marching, rocking and punk bands, and a memorable cast of performance artists, showstoppers, hoofers and crooners, disruptors, political pundits,

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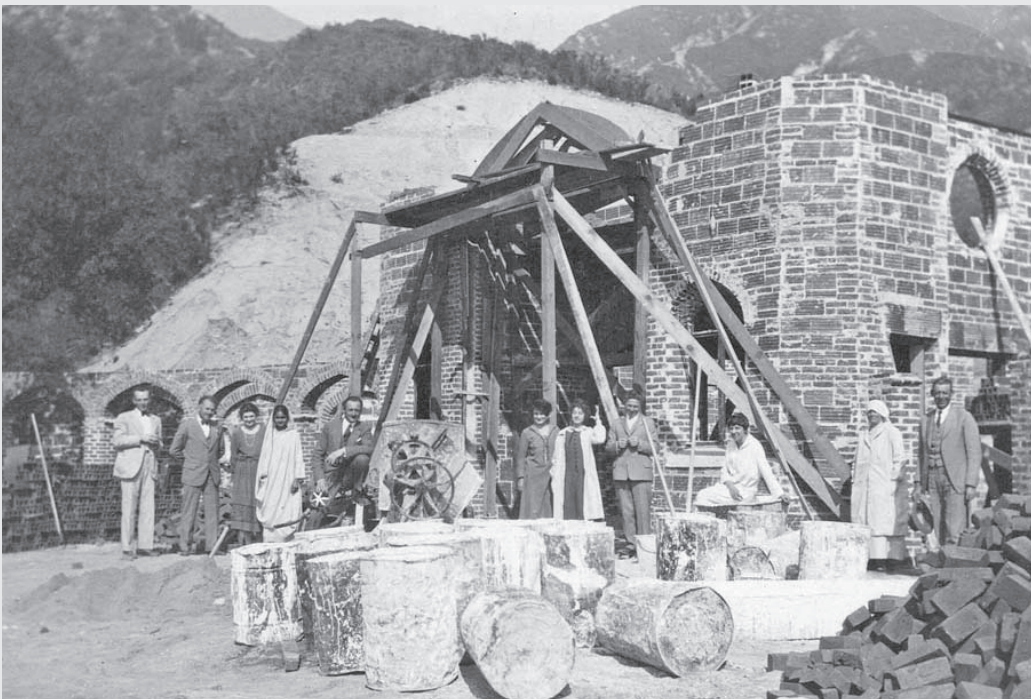
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### THEN & NOW

#### Ananda Ashrama Temple Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then:** In 1928, five years after founding the Ananda Ashrama, Swami Paramananda and church members began an ambitious building plan. The church compound, with three buildings and arched connecting walkways, was to be the centerpiece of the 120-acre religious retreat. Seen in this photo, the main church structure begins to take shape as the church leaders pose amid the construction.



**Now:** Nearly 100 years later the Temple of the Universal Spirit is one of the valley's architectural treasures! The interior of the church is gorgeous with rich woodwork and hand-painted accents. Arranged along the walls are niches that display artwork and written words representing the major religions of the world. The church welcomes visitors to their services, both for the message and for the enjoyment of the architecture and gardens. The Ananda Ashrama can be found at the top of Pennsylvania Avenue.

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# RELIGION

## 2024-25 LCPC Parent Ed Team Hosts Annual Retreat

**L**a Cañada Presbyterian Church's Parent Education Program (LCPC Parent Ed) now in its 46th year, hosted its annual team retreat at the home of Ashley Barrett in Playa Del Rey. The retreat, led by director Anne Bierling, brought together staff, the volunteer board, and the ministry support team to plan for the year ahead. They used as their guiding theme Jeremiah 3:33: "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know."

The 2024-25 LCPC Parent Ed

Team includes 20 staff members, eight volunteer board members and eight volunteers who serve on the ministry support team. Staff members include Anne Bierling (director), Amanda Baughman, Nanette Brown, Teresa Chiu, Hayley Dziak, Paula Giboney, Jennifer Gordon, Daniela Kim, Jenn Kliewer, Cathy Lukesh, Ellen Mackle, Hope Milan, Sarah Montes, Vicki Rekedal, Katy Riddell, Jan Roberts, Beth Shupper, Tracy Tobias, Jana Van Dyck and Sloan Walsh.

Volunteer board members who

LCPC Parent Ed are Ashley Barrett (board chair), Heather Adamick, Amanda Baughman, Jessica Cramer, Lauren Gallodoro, Kelsey Hendrix, Julie Milbrodt, Elisabeth Stassen and Natasha Wood.

Ministry support team members are all former board members who serve as an advisory council. They are Lynne Graves (chair), Ashley Barrett, Debbie Barsom, Anne Bierling,

Melanie Frey, Katrina Harbers, Kathy Kovalcik and Monica Skeehan.

LCPC Parent Ed offers free classes for parents and grandparents. To sign up for a class visit [www.lacanadapc.org/parented](http://www.lacanadapc.org/parented) or call (818) 790-6708 ext. 205. LCPC Parent Ed offers 16 daytime classes that meet weekly September through May and attract participants from over 20 different cities. LCPC Parent Ed also has

new online classes with parents participating from all over the country.

Parent Express evening classes are also available. Scholarships and payment plans are available online and affordable childcare is offered during most class times.

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.



Photo provided by LCPC

Pictured (front row from left) Elisabeth Stassen, Amanda Baughman, Ashley Barrett, Kelsey Hendrix, Jessica Cramer; back row Nanette Brown, Heather Adamick, Anne Bierling, Paula Giboney, Jenn Kliewer, Beth Shupper, Sloan Walsh, Jana Van Dyke, Tracy Tobias, Cathy Lukesh and Jan Roberts.

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### NOTES & NODS

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH TO TAKE PART IN FREE CONCERT

The Anthem Chorale from Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) will be among several choirs performing in a free concert to honor veterans and promote unity.

"United We Stand! A Veterans Day Musical Tribute" will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at 4550 Raymond Ave. in La Crescenta. The event is a collaborative effort between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (La Crescenta), LCIF, Holy Redeemer-St. James the Less Catholic Church and other local churches. The Anthem Chorale will present two anthems then join other churches for the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." All are invited to this patriotic event.

Additionally, LCIF invites the community to its weekly Wednesday night social gatherings, known as TOWN (Together on Wednesday Night).

Bakers will especially enjoy the gathering on Nov. 13. Come to the church's Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. to get a jump on Thanksgiving pie baking. Community members are encouraged to bake pies to either take home or donate to the church's Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social on Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.

And, to help make the Thanksgiving holiday brighter for people in need, LCIF is collecting non-perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off during regular Sunday worship with Pastor Rick Hall at 10 a.m. or during the week at the church office.

Visit [lcifoohills.org](http://lcifoohills.org) for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoohills.org](mailto: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.

#### EMBRACING THE AWKWARD MOMENTS

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) will host author and tarot practitioner on Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Non-binary disabled author of "Your Tarot Toolkit," Ru-Lee Weller-Passman will discuss ways to build a resilient community.

When we misspeak and hurt someone, we may react from a place of shame and defensiveness. When we are hurt by someone's words, we may lash out or shut down to protect ourselves. These moments feel awkward and overwhelming, but they are also opportunities to build trust instead of distance.

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

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#### 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 [jnlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jnlavieri@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!

# JUST FOR FUN

## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Nov. 8, Captn. Quinton Markham of the Salvation Army will be making a presentation.

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.

### 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 community 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: \$50 for adults, \$25 for children. Volunteers are needed for an assortment of duties for the Thanksgiving Day Run. Prices increase on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

Drop bins from NASA Services for the CCLCF food drive are available at local schools and select businesses in the area. The food drive ends Nov. 21.

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.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Chapter FF-KU of the women's philanthropic organization P.E.O. will hold its annual holiday boutique on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Crafts, foods and other delights will be for sale to support women's education.

### RIVERWALK WORKDAY

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to work next to the Los Angeles River on the City of Glendale's Riverwalk. Volunteers will remove invasive plants from the landscaped areas along the River. Wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and bring water; tools and gloves provided. Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome.

In case of rain, this event will be cancelled.

LA River Riverwalk Workday is located at 300 Paula Ave. in Glendale.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yyzb6z66>.

### 'HELLO NORMA JEANE – THE MARILYN MONROE YOU DIDN'T KNOW'

All are invited to Bolton Hall Museum at 1 p.m. on Nov. 9 for little known facts about Marilyn Monroe. Before her success on the big screen, Marilyn was Norma Jeanne Baker and used to hang out at local lakes and pools. Many myths surround this Hollywood icon and the speaker for this program, Elisa Jordan, will share the facts about Marilyn's life.

Hollywood researcher and writer Jordan has been a Marilyn Monroe fan since the age of 5 and has written extensively and appeared in documentaries about her. Her book about Marilyn will be available for purchase after the program.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420

or BoltonHall.org or email [llhs@boltonhall.org](mailto:llhs@boltonhall.org).

### RHAPSODY FOUND AT CALTECH

The Caltech Wind Orchestra presents its fall concert, titled Rhapsody, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 and Nov. 10 in Ramo Auditorium.

The concerts feature the same program of music by Gershwin, Badings and Ito. The featured work is Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," celebrating its 100th anniversary, with special guest piano soloist Bernadene Blaha. Saturday's concert will be joined by CSU Long Beach Wind Symphony (Jermie Arnold, conductor) and Sunday's concert will be joined by Symphonic Winds of The Pacific (Stephen Rochford, conductor).

Admission is free and no tickets are required. For more information visit [pva.caltech.edu](http://pva.caltech.edu) or call (626) 808-2641.

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## » ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



### ACROSS

- 1) X-ray doses
- 5) Sounds of laughter
- 9) Holler
- 14) Assist a robber, e.g.
- 15) Separable cookie
- 16) "If a tree falls in the forest and \_\_\_ ..."
- 17) "American" schedule components
- 20) Takes home from the pound
- 21) Ukrainian capital
- 22) More than a heavy drinker
- 23) Certain Civil War fighter
- 24) "\_\_\_ all in your mind"
- 26) Set \_\_\_ world record
- 28) "\_\_\_ Almighty" (Jim Carrey film)
- 30) Hawaiian hellos
- 34) Basilica end
- 37) FDR's Scottie
- 39) Verdugo of old Hollywood
- 40) Longtime maid, e.g.
- 43) In spite of the fact, to bards
- 44) Dillies
- 45) Blunt-tipped sword
- 46) Take offense to
- 48) Flagstones
- 50) Airshow stunt
- 52) "We Do Our Part" org.
- 53) Foolish sentimentality
- 56) Anger
- 59) Wishes undone
- 61) Fall
- 63) Some kitchen attachments
- 66) Word with "tube" or "city"
- 67) Lemon quality
- 68) Exciting part of a seat?
- 69) Bucks
- 70) Eyelid malady
- 71) Notable deed

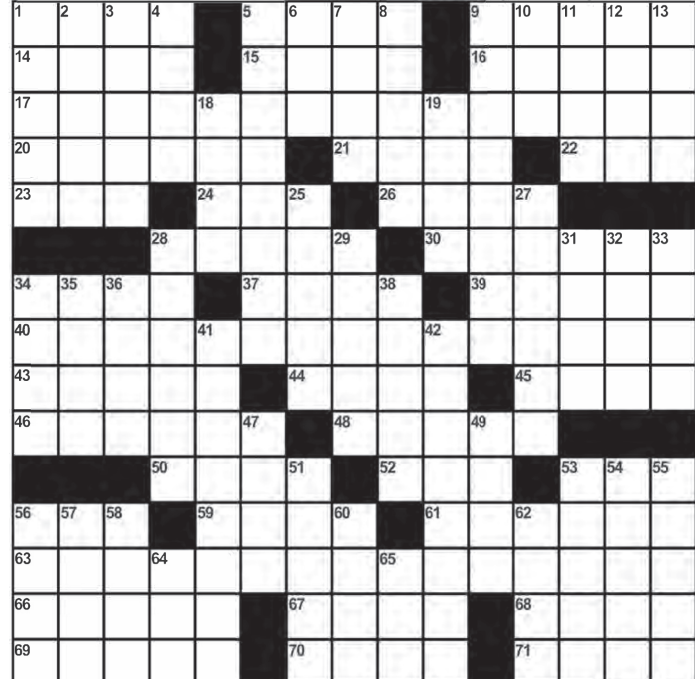
### DOWN

- 1) Traffic cop's gun
- 2) Domicile
- 3) Disband
- 4) March movement
- 5) Attractive one, in old slang
- 6) "Entourage" role for Jeremy
- 7) Relative of "Damn!"
- 8) Bulgarian capital
- 9) Whiny individual
- 10) Harley, in slang
- 11) Aahs' partners
- 12) "Render \_\_\_ Caesar ..."
- 13) Pop quiz, e.g.
- 18) Use a spoon
- 19) Legendary diva Horne
- 25) Type of duck
- 27) Pack animals
- 28) A house of worship
- 29) \_\_\_ Island (old immigration checkpoint)
- 31) Generous serving
- 32) Lestat creator Rice
- 33) Fill up fully
- 34) Worship from \_\_\_
- 35) Lacking color
- 36) Does a doggie trick
- 38) Ski mecca
- 41) Award bestowers, essentially
- 42) Alienate
- 47) \_\_\_ de force
- 49) Stretched tightly
- 51) Plural of 13-Down
- 53) Sacagawea, historically
- 54) Alpha's opposite
- 55) Beginning or early stages
- 56) Wading marsh bird
- 57) Puniest pup
- 58) Sicilian volcano
- 60) Small lovers' skirmish
- 62) Non-kosher
- 64) A stereotypical pirate may have one
- 65) "Press \_\_\_ key"

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### MANOR OF SPEAKING

By Timothy E. Parker



ANSWERS on page 3

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com November 4, 2024 - November 10, 2024

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

This is a good time to dip into books or browse online with the purpose of finding ideas on improving your health. There's a focus on your spiritual zone, so practices like yoga or tai chi may appeal to you. They provide ways to health as well as philosophies that can guide you through life. Yoga could be a great way to start.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may prefer to exercise with your partner or a buddy now. Working out alone may not be nearly as satisfying. You enjoy having someone to compete against, even on a friendly basis. Your commitment to achieving your health goals will help your training partner achieve his or hers. You're a real inspiration!

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Going on vacation may be your chance to get back in touch with your body. If you're stressed and overworked, there's a good chance you need to give your mind a rest and relax deeply. Walking, swimming, dancing, and generally enjoying the outdoors will center you in your body and help you feel good again. Keep up the healthy habits when you get home!

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're currently very motivated to exercise more. If you haven't worked out for a while, it's best to start slowly and increase your pace as you get stronger. The tendency is to dive in and burn out, which ultimately achieves nothing. Find someone to help create a program just for you that will help you stay on track.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You may be more aware of the limitations caused by health issues than of the many possibilities for healing. Try to shift your focus to available treatments, as this may encourage you to think about recovery. You may want to research the unusual and more esoteric methods to discover what's out there. If you start a fitness routine, you might want to find a workout buddy. The support will be invaluable.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It's time for you to knuckle down and take responsibility for your health and well-being. If you've been eating too much rich food and hoping your body won't notice, it's about to catch up with you. It's time for action!

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The Universe is encouraging you to reflect on your overall state of health. This is a good time to notice your self-talk and how it impacts you physically. If you're always in a positive frame of mind, this will have a wonderful effect on your energy. If you're often resentful or angry but try to hide it, your body will reveal the truth.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may find that a subtle sense of anxiety that has been with you for some time begins to ease off. It's as though you've been living on your nerves, and this has caused you to be more tired than usual. You may feel as though a weight has been taken from your shoulders over the days and weeks ahead.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may be inspired to make changes to your kitchen in order to streamline food preparation. This is a good time to think about the gadgets and utensils you might need to help you eat better and cook the kinds of meals that encourage optimum health. A short detox might also help your system.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You may feel motivated now to get the necessary help to lose weight and get into shape. You may find it useful to join an online group or local health club where you can get the support you need. It will be easier to maintain a disciplined approach if you're working through issues with others.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your search for balance in life may lead you to some interesting areas, especially those associated with your health and wellness. This is the perfect time to look at your daily habits and determine which ones are helpful and which are working against you. If you're suffering from any symptoms, part of the cause may be an imbalance that you're unaware of.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You're a lot more interested in getting to the heart of health matters now. Working out on a regular basis is one of the best things you can do to release tension. It has a cathartic effect that helps you let go of powerful emotions. This will certainly improve your well-being.



# Amazon promised to price-match my gaming keyboard. Where's my \$32?

When Bret Taylor finds a cheaper gaming keyboard online, he asks Amazon if it will price-match. A representative says yes – three times. And then the company refuses.

**Q**uestion: I recently was shopping online for a gaming keyboard. I found a SteelSeries APEX 7 Mechanical Gaming Keyboard for \$159 on Amazon. I noticed that I could buy it elsewhere for about \$32 less.

I initiated an online chat with Amazon, asking if it would price-match. A representative told me three separate times, in writing, that Amazon would match the other price. Amazon advised me to place the order and then file a price-match claim.

I ordered the keyboard and then asked Amazon to match the price. But it is refusing to give me a refund for the price difference. Can you help me get the \$32 Amazon owes me?

– Bret Taylor,  
Duncan, Oklahoma

**A**nswer: Amazon should have promptly credited you the \$32 as agreed. But wait a second. Did Amazon specifically agree to give you \$32? Actually, it only gave you a vague promise to price-match but you got it in writing and, as they say, a promise is a promise.

It looks like something went sideways with your order. I can see that you initiated several

online chat conversations with Amazon representatives and they not only told you they would price match but you were encouraged to place your order through Amazon. Then they said they would price match.

But Amazon does not price match. According to its site, it is “constantly” comparing its prices to those of its competitors to ensure its prices are as low as or lower than all relevant competitors. “As a result,” it states, “we don’t offer price matching.”

That’s nonsense. Amazon is saying, “Trust us, we have the lowest prices” but clearly it does not always

have the lowest prices, as you found out. Then it states it doesn’t do price matching, but it secretly does. It’s confusing.

You were smart to get Amazon to put its promise in writing. That makes it so much easier to resolve a complaint. A quick, polite email to the company should have gotten this fixed. I publish the names and numbers of Amazon’s executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

I contacted Amazon on your behalf. A representative contacted you and said the company had been wrong to offer you a carte blanche price matching guarantee when, in

fact, it doesn’t offer price matching. But there’s a useful lesson for you here. If this ever happens again make sure the company is specific about what it will do right down to the dollar.

To those of you who say, “Why didn’t you just order from the cheaper online store?” I think you already suspect the answer. They are not Amazon, a company with a strong reputation for customer service. Personally, I would pay a little extra to order through Amazon because I know they would take care of me if something goes wrong. The other guys? Maybe, maybe not.

Amazon offered you a \$50 gift

card instead of crediting you \$32, which you accepted. But you still have reservations about your resolution.

“I’m still a little concerned that they can put things in writing and feel they do not have to abide by that,” you told me. “I’m still trying to find out if that is even legal.”

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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**AAUW WELCOMES LOUISE KIRKBRIDE**

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale. The guest speaker is Louise Kirkbride.

Lunch will be served. Please make a reservation before Nov. 6 by email to [Marilyn\\_Robinson@hotmail.com](mailto:Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com). Non-AAUW members are invited. The cost is \$60, payable at the door by cash or check.

The program, “A Woman on a Mission – the First CalTech Coed,” will be presented by Kirkbride, who is a pioneer in customer service software and a CalTech board of trustees member. She will speak about her career and how she forged a career in technology businesses.

AAUW’s mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities, and meetings, visit <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

**GLENDALE OUTDOORS! (GO!) COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

On Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon the community is invited to enjoy the great outdoors. There will be an interpretive hike in Deukmejian Wilderness Park, a nature craft, nature-themed games and a tour of the Stone Barn Nature Center.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS](http://CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS)

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