



Council Urges Shopping Locally

By Julie BUTCHER

At the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting, the Glendale City Council adopted a proclamation recognizing Saturday, Nov. 30 as Small Business Saturday and urged Glendale residents to shop locally at small businesses, particularly on that day.

"Sixty cents of every dollar spent at a small business goes back into the local community," Mayor Elen Asatryan noted, introducing plans for next year's small business expo on Thursday, May 1 at the Embassy Suites.

Montrose Shopping Park Association vice president Gigi Garcia, representing 180 independent businesses in Montrose, shared plans for Plaid Friday on the Friday after Thanksgiving. She urged people to wear plaid and visit small businesses as an alternative to Black Friday.

The Montrose Shopping Park is celebrating the holiday season with an old town Christmas vibe, Garcia reported, complete with a horse-drawn trolley on the weekends, pony rides, live music and free photos with Santa.

The council also recognized Palace Cleaners and Laundry for its 101 years in business.

City lobbyist Kyra Ross offered a detailed legislative update. In light of the state budget deficit of \$47 billion this fiscal year, the emphasis in Sacramento has been on protecting existing programs. Additionally, this year's budget added \$1 billion in homeless housing, assistance and prevention; \$500 million in low-income tax credits to develop affordable housing; and protecting active transportation programs. While state revenues are coming in \$5 billion above June projections, a multi-billion deficit is still expected for the next two years, Ross added.

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A Moon Tree Planted at Rosemont

By Mary O'KEEFE

Rosemont Middle School students plant a tree that has roots that extend to the stars.

Rosemont Middle School science students gathered around a small tree on Monday. School custodians had dug a hole where the tree was going to be planted. The students were all smiles and excited when two girls took the tree from science teacher Salome Abraham Chuang and placed it in the ground.

The girls stepped away and several other students put a shovel of dirt around the tree, securing it in its new home.

This tree is now only a couple of feet tall but it will soon tower over the Rosemont yard. It is a sequoia, which is a pretty big deal; however, this particular tree has



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
A student with the Garden Club places a 'Moon tree' into the hole at Rosemont Middle School. The 'Moon tree' came from seeds that were carried into lunar orbit.

an astrological background.

The students applied to NASA a year ago to be chosen as a school to plant a "Moon tree."

It all started with Apollo 14. "NASA astronaut Stuart Roosa, the command module pilot for the Apollo 14 mission and a former U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service smoke jumper, carried

tree seeds into lunar orbit," according to NASA.

Once back on Earth, the "Moon trees" were grown into seedlings by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Services and then disseminated to national monuments and dignitaries around the world. "In a nod to the legacy of Apollo 14, and a celebration of the future

of space exploration with NASA's Artemis Program, a 'new generation' of Moon tree seeds traveled into lunar orbit aboard the Orion spacecraft. The seeds travelled thousands of miles beyond the Moon spending about four weeks in space before returning to Earth," according to NASA.

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Rockhaven and City Reach an Agreement

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Friends of Rockhaven and the City of Glendale have entered into an agreement regarding Rockhaven Sanitarium.

This will end a lawsuit that was filed over a year ago, in April 2023, by Friends of Rockhaven, the non-profit organization formed to help support and protect the Rockhaven Sanitarium site. Members of Friends of Rockhaven were not permitted onto the property for the duration of the lawsuit.

"Months ago the City of Glendale reached out about possibly settling the lawsuit. While certain we would win we didn't want to put any more money into this endeavor and longed to be back within those walls!" according to a statement from Friends of Rockhaven. "We are grateful the City has promised to include The Nurses' Cottage in inspections and will be addressing puddling issues that are leading to further damage. We are also hoping to be able to get in and address issues that won't be included in their plans for the \$8 million-like finally painting The Rose Cottage."

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Deferred maintenance of the Rockhaven property, in addition to a lapse of communication by the City, spawned a lawsuit by Friends of Rockhaven.

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New Places, New Friends

One thing about Crescenta Valley residents – we know that not everything is available to us here in town. For example, I have to call elsewhere to get a 3-yard bin to start cleaning out my garage (ugh – don't even get me started on that chore!).

We'll travel for major purchases. For example, the new-to-me car I'm driving was purchased in Newport Beach. And I know several people who have vacation homes in Big Bear or the area of Palm Springs.

We'll also travel for food and entertainment ... and that's what Steve and I did on Monday night.

If you remember, Monday night was rather chilly so when Steve accepted a dinner invitation from a friend I made sure to bring a jacket. The reservation was for a spot in Hollywood called Lavo.

Now back in my heyday (yes, even though I married young I had a heyday) I would go to Hollywood for fun. I even worked at a couple of spots (Capitol Records and EMI Records, to name two) in Hollywood.

In 1998 Steve and I spent the day in Hollywood, going to see "Titanic" before having dinner at the iconic Musso and Frank's (I'm so glad it survived COVID). And back in the day I'd often go to the nightclub on the Sunset Strip operated and owned by "hip hypnotist" Pat Collins.

Lavo was within walking distance to Pat's former nightclub and driving through "the Strip" brought back so many memories!

But I want to tell you about Lavo.

As you probably remember, I'm a native Californian having been born in Hollywood (anyone remember Queen of Angels Hospital?) and living in Sun Valley. I had plenty of stories to share. I told them about the various places in Hollywood that I went to – I didn't even have time to tell them about the time I tried to sell a story to the National Enquirer or when I went dancing at the Playboy Club (now long gone) – both buildings on Sunset Boulevard.

And how gorgeous was Lavo? Oh, my gosh! As described on its website, "LAVO is a coastal Italian restaurant designed for a lighter and brighter West Coast flagship with an unparalleled year-round alfresco dining experience. The restaurant offers an elevated indoor and outdoor dining experience while boasting a spacious sun-drenched dining room, triple-height ceilings with a retractable roof, operable accordion windows, and luxurious Italian furnishings throughout."

Chris had arranged a prix fixe menu, so the four of us didn't have to spend time perusing the menu – we had a sampling of just about everything (I didn't touch the octopus though Steve said it was tasty).

The night flew by and considering I still have stories to share, another night at Lavo might be in my future.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

In the circles in which I travel there is a lot of concern about what the future for climate change research holds and as a mom and a grandma I share in this concern. But then I remember one of my favorite quotes from one of my favorite movies.

It is from "Jurassic Park" and the creator of the park, John Hammond, and scientist Henry Wu are explaining to Dr. Ian Malcom (a mathematician specializing in chaos theory) why the dinosaurs in the park cannot breed. Wu explains that all of the dinos are female. Malcom asks how they know they are all females and Wu explains that the park people control the dinos' chromosomes.

"John, the kind of control you're attempting simply is ... it's not possible. If there is one thing the history of evolution has taught us is that life will not be contained," Malcom said. "I'm simply saying that life, uh ... finds a way."

To me, in the context of this article, means science will find a way. There have been times when science has been pushed to the side for one reason or the other but it does not stop the fact that scientists will continue to do science ... it is in their nature – and science will not be contained.

One of the more well-known scientists whose discoveries could not be contained was Galileo Galilei. He was an Italian astronomer and physicist. In 1633 he was arrested, tried and convicted for publishing his evidence that supported the Copernican theory that the Earth revolves around the Sun. Of course this went against the Catholic Church and Scripture that, at the time, stated the Earth was the center of the universe ... not the Sun. Galileo was found

"vehemently suspect of heresy" for his views and was required to "abjure, curse and detest" his opinions. He was sentenced to house arrest where he remained for the rest of his life ... and his texts were banned. Apparently the powers-that-be felt if it wasn't talked about it wasn't real.

Galileo's discoveries laid the foundation for modern astronomy.

He also invented an early type of thermometer, made significant achievements in astronomical observations and discovered the four largest moons of Jupiter and the rings of Saturn.

And then there was Albert Einstein. Hitler came into power in 1933 and his Nazi movement immediately began its persecution of Jews in Germany. Einstein was a Jew and very vocal in his opposition to Nazism. Nazis focused on Einstein, painting him as a symbol of Jewish degeneracy and the Gestapo repeatedly raided his family's home. Einstein was teaching in California at the time. He eventually renounced his German citizenship. During this time 14 Nobel laureates and 26 professors of theoretical physics fled Germany.

Science again found a way, regardless of the surroundings, and all that German knowledge did not end but flowed into other countries.

In my most optimistic "Star Trek" moments, despite our differences I really do believe that all of mankind wants what is best for the Earth. We all want to hand down a planet that is better than when we got here. We want our grandchildren and great grandchildren to be proud of our love – not only for our country but for our planet and, at our foundation, humans are and have always been curious and have been explorers.

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IN BRIEF

CCLCF THANKSGIVING DAY 5K RUN/WALK

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge's Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk returns on Thursday, Nov. 28. The professionally timed race, now in its third decade, begins at 8:30 a.m. at Olberz Park, One Civic Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. Cash prizes will be given to the top three finishers in the men's and women's categories and winners in each age category will receive handmade ceramic medals. The kids' mile will be timed this year and will begin at 9:30 a.m. The top three finishers for boys and girls will receive trophies.

The race will feature a new route and a costume contest.

For more information visit CCLCF.org/run or call (818) 790-4353.

CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE EMPHASIZES LEASH LAWS

The City of La Cañada Flintridge, in partnership with Pasadena Humane, is launching an initiative to educate residents about the City's leash laws and increase enforcement at Mayor's Discovery Park, where complaints about unleashed dogs have increased.

The City's leash laws require that all dogs be kept on a leash no longer than six feet in length and dogs must remain under full control of their owner or custodian while in public, including at City parks and on trails, or upon private property other than that of the dog owner.

Beginning in December, the City will increase the presence of animal control officers from Pasadena Humane at Mayor's Discovery Park. The primary goal is to educate park visitors about leash laws and promote responsible pet ownership. However, in cases of non-compliance, appropriate enforcement actions may be taken.

For more information on leash laws in La Cañada Flintridge, visit the City's animal control webpage.

INPUT SOUGHT ON GLENDALE SPEED SAFETY PROGRAM

The City of Glendale's Public Works Dept. is launching of its new Speed Safety Program, a proactive initiative aimed at improving traffic safety and reducing speeding in key areas throughout the city.

The California State Legislature authorized a speed safety camera pilot program for six designated cities, Glendale being one of them. Glendale will implement speed safety cameras. The Glendale Speed Safety Program has already begun to collect data, such as speeding citations and collisions, to determine speed safety camera locations. The next phase gathers input from the community about safety challenges related to speeding. Based on data and public input, a recommended list of nine speed safety camera locations will be released in early 2025.

To add to the City of Glendale's input regarding safety camera locations, a virtual community meeting is being held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. Join via Zoom or watch the live meeting on YouTube. There is also an in-person community meeting today, Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center at 201 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

For information and the survey, visit GlendaleSpeedSafety.com.

GRAND OPENING OF YOUTH SPACES AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

The community is invited to the grand opening of the new Youth Spaces at Glendale Central Library. The day will be filled with excitement, creativity and fun as these new spaces are unveiled.

Included are a redesigned Children's Space, Teen Space and Sound Space. The grand opening is on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glendale Central Library is located at 222 E. Harvard St.

ELECTRIC CAR & BIKE GUEST DRIVE

The City of Glendale is having a test drive opportunity for e-bikes and EVs on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glendale City Hall parking lot, 120 N. Isabel St. in Glendale. Explore a wide variety of electric vehicles, including the Tesla Cybertruck, Hyundai Ioniq 5, Ford F-150 Lightning, Tesla Model Y. Also, test ride the latest electric bikes from top manufacturers.

Parking at 650 E. Wilson Ave. in Glendale.

RSVP to test drive an electric car at <https://gwp.evnavigator.com/evdrive.html>; no RSVP needed to test an electric bike.

» PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

NHM Commons Opens, Showcasing the Past and Inspiring the Future

By Charly SHELTON

This past weekend, the Natural History Museum (NHM) of Los Angeles County opened its doors to its brand-new NHM Commons wing, a \$75 million expansion that redefines what a museum space can be. Nestled on the southwest side of the museum's campus in Exposition Park, NHM Commons aims to be more than just an exhibit hall. With its stunning glass façade, new café, retail offerings and multi-purpose theater, this space invites the community to explore natural history, culture and science in an accessible, engaging way – and all of this is available for free, without an admission ticket to the wider museum.

At the heart of the Judith Perlstein Welcome Center is the museum's latest permanent resident Gnatalie, a 75-foot sauropod skeleton unlike any other. She's the most complete sauropod skeleton on the West Coast and holds the distinction of being the only green-colored fossil specimen anywhere in the world mounted for display.

Gnatalie earned her quirky name thanks to the swarms of gnats that plagued the excavation team during her discovery in Utah. And for me, this isn't just another dinosaur – it's one I personally helped unearth back in 2012.

I worked at The George C. Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits for many years and I've worked as a paleontologist in the private sector for a while now.

But all of my work is done in California. I've found mammoths in Redlands, saber-toothed cats in the Tar Pits, and 15-million-year-old sea shells in Tujunga. But Gnatalie was the only dinosaur dig I've ever taken part in because it was the only dig

I've participated in outside of California. I was involved only briefly way back in 2012 when I was a student; however, I can at least say that I had some small part in the dig. I wasn't really important to this dinosaur ... but this dinosaur is important to me.

That dig was a watershed moment in my life. It was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to dig up a dinosaur – a dream that started in the Dinosaur Hall of the NHM of Los Angeles County when my mom brought me so many times as a young kid.

Seeing this dinosaur now, towering over the Welcome Center on permanent display located about 500 feet from where my dream was born 30 years earlier, is a deeply personal and awe-inspiring moment. And what's more, I was fortunate enough to bring both of my sons to see what Daddy was a part of before they were born.

Gnatalie shares the Welcome Center with other marquee attractions, like

Barbara Carrasco's 80-foot mural L.A. History: A Mexican Perspective, which tells the story of Los Angeles through intricate vivid vignettes. Together these pieces embody the museum's mission to connect visitors with the past while inspiring curiosity about the future.

Beyond Gnatalie, the NHM Commons includes two new exhibitions. Collective

Knowledge from Our Changing World offers a fresh look at the museum's vast collections with vibrant photography and behind-the-scenes stories highlighting the work of NHM scientists. Meanwhile, Doing Science Better, Together celebrates the discoveries made through the museum's community science initiatives, showing how everyday Angelenos play a vital role in advancing scientific research.

Outside, the new community plaza is as inviting as the exhibits inside. Designed in collaboration with the Native American Advisory Council, it features sustainable landscaping,

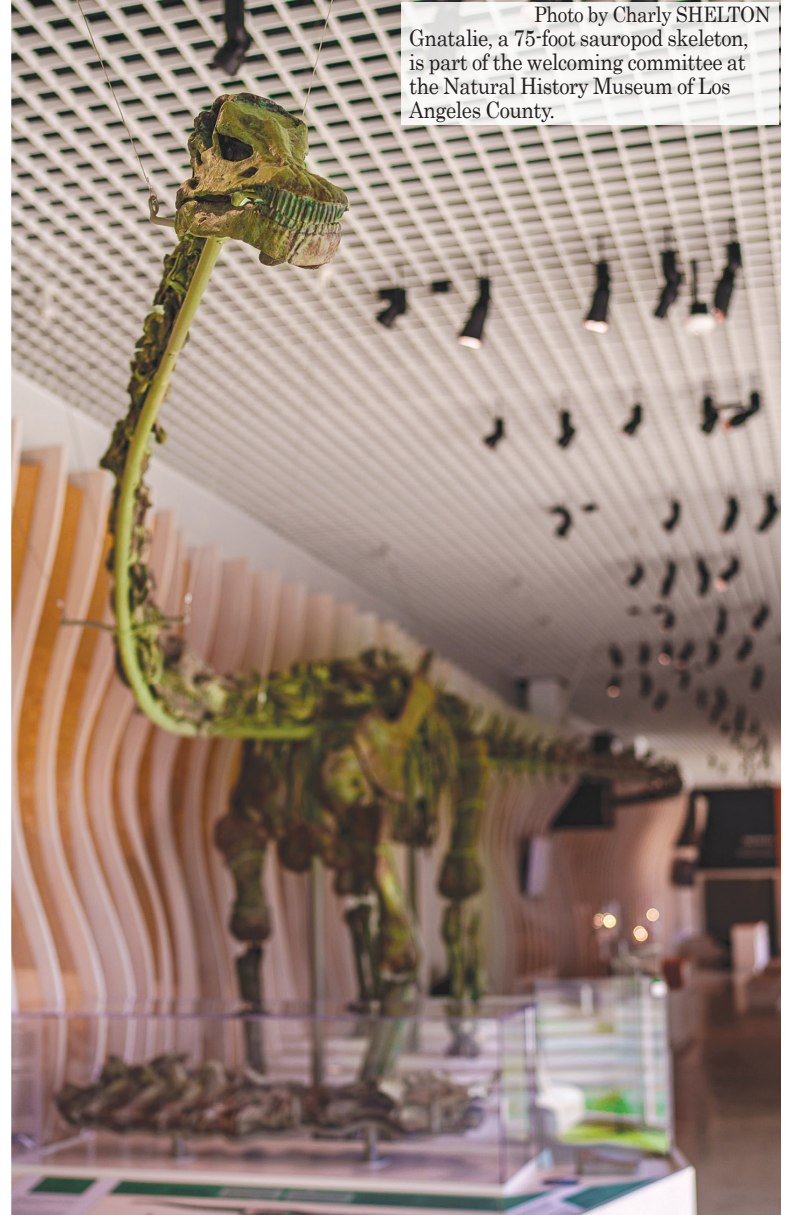


Photo by Charly SHELTON
Gnatalie, a 75-foot sauropod skeleton, is part of the welcoming committee at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

educational components honoring Tongva culture and open spaces perfect for school groups and community events. There's even a new café, run by

South LA Café, serving up coffee and light bites – a thoughtful addition that ensures this space is as welcoming as it is inspiring.

The opening of NHM Commons is a testament to the museum's commitment to innovation, inclusivity and community. Whether visiting to see Gnatalie, enjoying a cup of coffee, or simply exploring the new outdoor plaza, there's something for everyone at this remarkable new space.

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Annual Scouting for Food Held



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Last weekend Scouting for Food had Scouts collecting donations of food for a variety of food banks including Sue's Garden at Highlands Church. From left Scout Marcus Paige and event organizer Debra Coffeen.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Last weekend, Scouts for Food collected hundreds of bags of groceries donated by local neighbors.

On Nov. 9 Scout troops dropped off empty bags to local residents asking people to fill the bags up

with non-perishable items. Then on Nov. 16 the Scouts picked up the bags filled with donations.

There were five locations around the area where donations were being gathered and all were related to the specific food bank recipients. For example, at Highlands Church in the 4400

block of La Crescenta Avenue bags were being collected for Sue's Garden food bank, an outreach of the church.

Troop 319 members had already picked up their bags in the Dunsmore Park area and were helping Troop 288 with pickup in the area of Sue's

Garden.

Matthew Paige of Troop 319, and the committee chair for Scouting for Food, and his son Marcus picked up an extra route to help pickup bags in the area of Sue's Garden. They had picked

up an extra 42 bags through that effort.

Marcus has a long history as a Scout, having started his scouting career as a Cub Scout in first grade. He is now a senior in high school.



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NOTES & NODS

Lutheran Church Prepares

Lutheran Church in the Foothills will celebrate the talents of Dr. Sun Coe, the church's longtime keyboardist, on Sunday at 10 a.m. It will be Coe's last official day as accompanist for LCIF. Coe, who holds a doctorate in music from USC, has graced the congregation with her musical talents and warm personality for 24 years. All are invited to join the LCIF

congregation in a special tribute to their beloved accompanist during regular worship with Pastor Rick Hall at 10 a.m. A celebration will follow in the church's Fellowship Hall. The church announced the addition of Katherine Frantzen as LCIF accompanist.

Frantzen is the daughter of a previous youth and family minister at LCIF, Paul (and Julie) Frantsen. The church community looks forward

to honoring Dr. Coe's legacy while welcoming Frantzen to the musical team.

And LCIF is gearing up for the holidays with a special Thanksgiving Eve service and pie social. The community is invited to join this celebratory gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. The event is co-hosted with Christ the Shepherd and Mt. Olive Lutheran Churches; it offers

a chance for reflection before the Thanksgiving festivities begin. Homemade pies

will be shared following the worship service. Those interested in attending the service (and indulging in some pie) are encouraged to RSVP with the LCIF church office. Visit lcifoothills.org for event details.

For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge.

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

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 began on Nov. 16.

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

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

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

Walk and Word

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Nov. 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.

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.

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GUSD, GTA Reach Tentative Agreement

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) and the Glendale Teachers Association (GTA) has reached a tentative agreement with (GTA) for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

The tentative agreement includes an ongoing 4% wage increase retroactive to July 1, 2023 and an additional 2% one-time payment for the 2024-25 school year. It also includes updated standards for evaluations for certificated employees and an

early notification incentive for employees planning to retire or resign at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

"This agreement underscores our shared commitment with our labor partners at the negotiation table to maximize compensation for our educators, especially in light of current fiscal challenges," said Board of Education President Shant Sahakian. "We remain steadfast in our commitment to working together with our valued educators, in

collaboration with families and community members, in the best interest of our students."

The tentative agreement also includes no changes to the current Blue Shield employee healthcare plans or the District's contribution to plans for the 2024-25 school year. According to information from GTA, this agreement also includes a commitment that future savings on health and welfare benefits that may result from the work of the 2024-25 Employment

Benefits Committee will be subject to negotiations.

"I am grateful to our District and GTA leaders who worked collaboratively to reach an agreement that provides our dedicated education professionals with the compensation they deserve," said GUSD Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson. "I look forward to continued conversations about how we can better support educators and staff to the benefit of all students."

As a next step, the GTA membership will vote on the ratification of the tentative agreement; the GTA board of directors recommends a yes vote on the tentative agreement. Members have from Monday, Dec. 2 to Friday, Dec. 6 to vote on the contract.

Once the vote is taken, the GUSD board of education will vote on the final approval of the contract.

Provided by GUSD and GTA

Results In for CVTC Elections

The election results are in for the Crescenta Valley Town Council. Out of over 13,000 eligible voters 91 showed up to vote for the CVTC candidates, according to the CVTC website.

Incumbents Dede Mueller received 41% and Frida Baghdassarian received 34% and returning councilmember Chris Kilpatrick received 25%. "Although CVTC was

disappointed in the voter turnout this year it has prompted us to look closely at how we can better reach our community to engage on local matters, receive input and

ultimately to prompt residents to join the Council in the future," said council VP Kerri Lewin Brautigam.

She added that with three open seats, the Council has

the liberty to appoint people to fill in for the one-year terms. Serving on the Council takes a commitment not only of community but of time.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Obituary

Anthony Gerardus Verkouteren



March 29, 1948 - Nov. 2, 2024

Anthony Gerardus Verkouteren, 76, of Altadena passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 2. He was known to some as Tony or Gerry but to those closest to him he was Dad, Uncle or Opa.

Anthony was born on March 29, 1948 in Surabaya, Indonesia to Henri and Cecilia Verkouteren. The family moved to the Netherlands in the early 1950s then to the United States soon after, sponsored by a family belonging to St. James

the Less Catholic Church in La Crescenta. They settled into a home close to the parish.

While growing up, Anthony and his younger brother Michael would walk to the church early Sunday mornings to altar serve at the first Mass.

In 1963, Anthony graduated from St. James Elementary and started high school at Pater Noster in Los Angeles. He transferred to Crescenta Valley High School and graduated with the Class of 1967. He joined the USMC and served for two years as a wireman for the 3rd Marine Division, which was stationed at Da Nang Air Base in Vietnam. He continued his military service back home in the National Guard until 1972.

Using his wireman experience, he obtained a job with the Glendale Public Works Dept. repairing telephone lines; after sustaining a work injury, he completed his education at Citrus College and transferred to the Building Inspection division. He also met the love of his life, Lilia, around this time and purchased his first home in Pasadena, upgrading a decade later to their current home in

Altadena.

Although work and fatherhood kept him busy, Anthony still made time to coach and volunteer for AYSO Region 88. He even managed to start a business, Affordable Property Inspection, and helped many potential homeowners. Anthony also briefly worked part-time at OSH near his childhood neighborhood.

Upon retiring from the City of Glendale after 30 years of service, to stay active he worked as a school bus driver part-time for children with special needs.

Anthony is survived by siblings Eleonore Brown and Michael Verkouteren. He leaves behind wife Lilia; son Carlos (Mary Ann) Novoa; daughter Sonia (John) Reading; son Casey Verkouteren; and grandchildren Anthony and Marc Novoa, and Kylie and Ava Reading.

A funeral service will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. at St. James the Less Catholic Church, 4651 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Military burial and interment will be at 1 p.m. at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

WEATHER from page 2

In the best of times, and the worst of times, we cannot contain our need to learn and to grow.

"They used to say that if man was meant to fly, he'd have wings. But he did fly. He

discovered he had to," said James T. Kirk in "Return to Tomorrow."

Our forecast looks like rain from Saturday through Monday. We could see anywhere from 1/10th to 1/4

inch on Saturday and up to an inch on Sunday into Monday. It does appear the rain will end on Tuesday but the future for a sunny Thanksgiving is not quite certain, according to NOAA.

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Glendale Police Investigate Non-Fatal Stabbing of Three Glendale Men

Glendale police officers completely unrelated, stabbing of responded to the area of San Rafael Avenue and Dryden

Street regarding a report of a fight in the street. When they arrived on the scene, they discovered a total of three men in their 20s who were suffering from non-life-threatening stab wounds.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Nov. 17. The Glendale

Police Dept. immediately dispatched its homicide investigators to the scene. Investigators, supported by the newly launched Real Time Intelligence Center, are actively working to identify potential leads and suspects.

That same evening, at approximately 8:15 p.m., Glendale police officers also responded to a separate,

an adult man. The male suspect in this incident was asked to leave an establishment in the 100 block of West Windsor Road. When two other men inside confronted the suspect about leaving, the suspect brandished a knife and stabbed one of them. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries. All parties were located at the scene and the suspect was arrested for charges related to the attack.

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Obituary

Charles F. "Tye" Veden

Oct. 21, 2024

Charles F. "Tye" Veden passed at 93 on Oct 21. He was a longtime resident and civic activist in Glendale. Tye started in business selling insurance. He later bought a local agency from Goodwin Knight and owned Knight Insurance Agency with his brother Noel until Tye's first retirement. Tye (no one knows the origin of the nickname) was long associated with the Boy Scouts of America. As a Scout, he achieved the rank of Eagle. He was also a member of the Order of the Arrow, which is a national Brotherhood of Scout Honor Campers. As an adult, he became involved in Scouting leadership and became president of the Verdugo Hills Council, BSA. Scouting's highest honor, the Silver Beaver, was bestowed by the BSA. He was also named to the Verdugo Hills Council Hall of Fame.

As a business owner, he became involved in the Glendale Junior Chamber of Commerce in the days when the JCs sponsored the Days of the Verdugos, a local parade and fundraising effort, leading to community projects of various kinds. He became president of the JCs and later received the Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award. Tye was also named the Junior Chamber Man of the Year. The Man of the Year award was also bestowed by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce after serving as the Chamber president.

Tye became a member of the Rotary Club of Glendale and became president of that organization in 1988-89. Glendale

Rotary, along with the rest of the Rotary world, began the effort to eradicate polio globally during his year as president. Many projects, both locally and globally, were funded and completed during Tye's time as a Rotarian. Tye also committed funds to the Rotary Foundation, achieving the level of Paul Harris – times five.

Tye graduated from Glendale College in 1950 before moving on to UCLA. But Glendale College remained a part of his life. Tye was instrumental in the innovation of the El Vaquero Racquet Club run by the Glendale College Foundation. Fees from the club have raised over \$140,000 for the college foundation.

In 1995 Tye was named chair of the Planned Giving Committee. Commitments to date exceed \$500,000. Another \$250,000 was raised via the Capital Campaign Endowment, the annual business luncheon, the annual golf tournament and other college foundation projects. Over \$100,000 has been donated to the Tye Veden Scholars Fund. Tye also was instrumental in starting the Glendale College Athletic Hall of Fame where former students were inducted who went on to do big things. One of the first inductees was GC alumni Andy Reid, current head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Tye also was involved with the Glendale Adventist Medical Center Foundation and was an organizing member of the organization. He would become a trustee and later the president of the Foundation as well as an organizing member of the Glendale Adventist Medical Center Civic Advisory Board. Along the way, Tye was a commissioner for the City of Glendale Parks, Recreation and Community Services and a city planning commissioner. He was also the vice president

of the Glendale Community Foundation.


Those who knew Tye would also know of his love of the mountains, namely the High Sierra. He made his first trip as a Scout at 16 and for the next 74 years never missed a trip. These were strenuous back country excursions involving horses, mules, backpacks and lots of miles in rough terrain. The map collection alone was very extensive and a measure of his interest in seeing some places that were almost impossible to get to.

Tye was an avid fisherman and he developed his personal style of fly fishing. He would rise early, wake his sons and get out on the water. In the evening, he would love to sit by the campfire with a glass of wine and tell stories of the day and past trips and then ask, "Where are we going next year?"

In the last few years, these trips were "car camping" but at least he was enjoying himself in a lawn chair overlooking a lake surrounded by mountain peaks.

Tye Veden was preceded in death by his parents Fred W. Veden and Louise T. Veden; his daughter Michele Veden Pearce. He is survived by his brother Noel; son David (Michaeline); and son Todd. Tye was also preceded in death by his best friend (and son David's godfather) David Adams. He is survived by Isabel Adams.

In lieu of flowers, Tye's family suggests contributions in his honor to Verdugo Hills Council, BSA, the Glendale College Fund, Rotary International Foundation or La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. A celebration of life, along with stories and sharing, will take place at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave., La Crescenta, on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. A post service reception will take place at the Church following.



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CRIME BLOTTER

NOV. 16

4500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident

returned home to find the front window screen and the window frame bent where it appeared someone had attempted to use a pry tool to slide the window open. The resident reported that a family had called him and reported seeing two "strange males" walk through the vehicle gate heading east toward their unit. The family member was concerned because the men were not known to them. The resident walked outside to the common area of the complex and saw Suspect No. 1 described as a male, 6' tall standing along the far east end of the complex. When Suspect No. 1 saw the resident he said something to him in an unknown language. Suspect No. 2 then came walking over and then both suspects left the area. Both suspects were described as wearing black hats, similar to Halloween witch hats, face masks and black jeans. Suspect No. 2 had a black backpack. Both were described as Caucasian or light skinned.

The incident occurred at 6 p.m.

NOV. 15

900 block Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a suspect entered the store at the location

just before it was to close. He walked over to one area and picked up a backpack, then walked to another area and took several pairs of jeans, placed them in the backpack and walked out of the store without attempting to pay at 9:51 p.m.

NOV. 13

2100 block of La Cañada Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle sometime between Oct. 27 and Nov. 13.

NOV. 12

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported while she was shopping she noticed a man watching her. He was described as about 70 years old, 6' tall with short hair and at the time of the incident wearing black over black clothing. The man was making eye contact with her, which she thought was strange, but continued shopping. When she went to pay for her items she discovered her wallet, which she had placed inside the shopping cart, had been stolen.

The theft occurred at 12:40 p.m.

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Land Acknowledgment Ceremony Held at GCC Verdugo Campus

Glendale Community College (GCC), in collaboration with the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Gabrieleño/Tongva, presented the college's land acknowledgment in a ceremony held on Nov. 14 in the college's Student Center and outside the college's Tongva Building at the Verdugo campus.

An introduction and speakers

including representatives of the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Gabrieleño-Tongva tribe, GCC Superintendent/President Dr. Ryan Cornner and other college officials in the Student Center. The event then moved outside next to the Tongva Building for a blessing by Chief Anthony Redblood Morales and Andrew Guiding Cloud Morales

that included the planting of a sage shrub.

"This campus, where students come to learn and grow, stands on our ancestral homeland," said Chief Morales. "Glendale and the surrounding areas are part of our ancestral territory and this recognition brings much-needed visibility to the Tongva people. I am grateful to Glendale Community College for taking this important step in acknowledging the Tongva people. This recognition honors our history and provides a space for future generations to continue learning, growing, and building a more inclusive, respectful world. Together, we walk in the spirit of unity, with a shared commitment to the earth and all who live upon it."

The event is part of GCC's ongoing commitment to acknowledge the historical and cultural significance of the land on which the campus is located. It was organized by GCC's Cultural Diversity and Student Equity and Achievement programs.

"The first people of this land, the Gabrieleno-Tongva tribe, cared for this land for generations prior to Glendale Community College arriving here nearly a hundred years ago," said GCC Superintendent/President Dr. Ryan Cornner. "Today, we have the honor of acknowledging the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, expressing our sincere gratitude and offering our hand in partnership as we broaden the understanding of our history and

the history of this land."

The land acknowledgment states: Glendale Community College acknowledges that the land our institution inhabits today was once known as Tovaangar, the unceded land and home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. For countless generations, the First People stewarded and cared for this land, which encompasses what is now known as Los Angeles County, Orange County, parts of San Bernardino County, Riverside County, as well as the Channel Islands. We pay our respects to the Gabrieleño-Tongva tribe and extend our gratitude for their enduring care of this land.

Glendale Community College commits to a collaborative allyship and partnership with the Gabrieleño-Tongva tribe that uplifts its people within our instructional and institutional decision-making processes. Glendale Community College supports teaching the history of colonization and the forced removal of the First People from this land. We encourage reflection among faculty, staff, students and visitors about the meaning of Glendale College's presence here and we invite everyone to join us in caring for this land.

In November 2020, GCC Academic Senate voted unanimously to rename GCC's Aviation and Art building to Tongva to recognize the cultural, historical and spiritual significance of this territory of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as

well as all First People.

In November 2021, Native American Heritage Month officially became a permanent part of GCC's Cultural Diversity Programming.

In October 2023, a partnership was initiated to establish ongoing collaboration with any work associated with the Gabrieleño-Tongva tribe and GCC.

In November 2023, an official land acknowledgement was created in partnership with the Gabrieleño-Tongva representative. At that time, the Campus Facilities Development Committee approved placement of a plaque on the Tongva building, added a Tongva-themed mural on the building wall and incorporated white sage and/or native milk weed in campus gardens.

Finally, in November 2024, a land acknowledgement statement was made.



Arrests in Lopez Canyon

By Mary O'KEEFE

While on patrol in the Lopez Canyon area on Nov. 15 at about 7:19 p.m. deputies from the Los Angeles County – Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station heard what sounded like gunshots.

They investigated in the 13000 block of Lopez Canyon Road and found a four-door black Infiniti vehicle parked on the south side of the road with four occupants, according to Sgt. John Gilbert.

They detained the occupants and found a 3-D printed semi-

automatic gun under the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

Three people were arrested: a 21-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested from a grand theft warrant and a petty theft warrant. A 23-year-old male from Panorama City were

arrested for a domestic violence warrant and a petty theft warrant. A 18-year-old from Panorama City was arrested for possession of a large capacity magazine, carrying a loaded firearm and negligent discharge of a firearm.

IFLA Having Annual Golf Tournament

By Mary O'KEEFE

It's time again for the annual golf tournament hosted by the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation-Los Angeles (IFLA). It will be on Friday, Nov. 22 at the Brookside Golf Club, 1133 Rosemont Ave. in Pasadena.

This is the fourth year for the event, which supports IFLA and all it does for the local community.

IFLA was started after the death of Chace Taylor Malone. He struggled with anxiety and depression, which led to substance abuse for many years. He lost his battle with abuse in 2021 at the age of 27.

His mother Victoria and his high school friends worked together to create IFLA in Chace's name to help those who are lost and for family members who struggle to find ways to help their loved ones.

"The focus of the foundation is to offer individuals a comprehensive plan to effect meaningful change and save lives. This wraparound approach is vital to address the complex needs of individuals suffering from addiction, often exacerbated by mental health and social issues. Our vision is a safe and healthy community, free from the tragedy of addiction," said Victoria Malone in a previous interview with CVW.

In just the short time since the organization was founded, numerous people have been helped in a variety of ways, including partnering psychologists with individuals in need and providing nutritional education and life coaching.

But to help others funding is essential and the golf tournament is a fun and supportive way to help IFLA.

Player check-in is 9 a.m. when golfers will receive sponsored merchandise giveaway items, a bucket of balls with which to warm up and one beverage ticket. At 9:45 a.m. there will be a welcome address, at 10 a.m. shotgun play begins and from about 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. all players and supporters will meet at the patio next to banquet room.

There will be a 19th Hole gathering at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, 2428 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose at 5 p.m.

Registration for the golf tournament can be made up to the day of the event. To register go to <https://theimpactfoundationla.org/2024-golf-tournament>.

For those who cannot make the golf tournament but would like to support IFLA visit <https://theimpactfoundationla.org/donate>.

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ROCKHAVEN from Cover

In June 2021, State Senator Anthony Portantino secured \$8 million for the Rockhaven property.

The agreement has the City doing various things to help support the maintenance of Rockhaven including “perform improvements on ponding and grading issues adjacent to all buildings at Rockhaven by March 2026, as well as identify items that could reasonably be completed within six-month frame from Jan. 1, 2025.”

In addition the City will conduct property structural

assessments of the Coulter Cottage and Nurses’ Cottage and identify other maintenance issues.

“The court will retain jurisdiction. It feels good someone will be keeping an eye on the City’s promises,” said Joanna Linkchorst, president, Friends of Rockhaven.

The settlement also signals a willingness for the City and Friends of Rockhaven to have an open dialogue once again about the property. Since the lawsuit the City cut communications with the Friends of Rockhaven

organization and all tours, which were once a staple of Rockhaven history, were stopped as were cleaning days and other events that help maintain and support the property.

Linkchorst has been in communication with City officials and is hoping these events will be put back into place. She stated she had received an email about three weeks ago from the City that a meeting would be scheduled; however, as of press time it has not been scheduled.

Rockhaven has had a roller coaster history. The property itself is a tribute to a woman in business, which at the time was uncommon. Agnes Richards opened Rockhaven Sanitarium in 1923 when she rented a cottage in the 2700 block of Honolulu Avenue. She purchased other homes and soon Rockhaven was a well known sanitarium that offered a safe place for women.

Richards kept Rockhaven going until her death in 1967 when it was passed to her granddaughter Patricia Travis. Travis sold the sanitarium in 2001 to a large hospital corporation, which closed the facility in 2006.

Rockhaven’s future was in question until the City of Glendale purchased the property in 2008. One plan was to relocate the Montrose Library to the Rockhaven property and also to create a park. Then the economy took a turn and everything was stalled. Since then, the future of property

has been in question – what would happen to this historical location? Several buildings on the property have been listed on the state and national historical registries. The City and Friends of Rockhaven worked together to conduct historical tours of the location but then the City started pulling back on maintaining the site.

CVW has written several articles regarding Rockhaven and its history including the damage by heavy rains over the last couple of years. Roofs leaked, tarps that were put on blew off and the beauty that once was Rockhaven faded.

Friends of Rockhaven saw this destruction and worried about the location’s future, which is why a lawsuit was filed.

With the recent settlement it is hoped that the City of Glendale and Friends of Rockhaven can work together to save this historic woman’s business.

All decisions with regard to Rockhaven still lie with Glendale City Council.

“I still hope for a park with a museum,” said Linkchorst. “But we asked [the City] to set aside just one building – the Pines – to retain the original elements [of the property]. We envisioned a museum like the Doctors’ House, Gamble House, The Adobes – like a house museum with all manner of artifacts on display in every room.”

Linkchorst added Friends of Rockhaven still has concerns about the City’s plans for the future of the property including

the demolition of rooms and no plans for a restroom outside of the museum building. The lawsuit has been difficult for the organization – not only emotionally as this property is close to members’ hearts, but also financially. Linkchorst is worried about the time lost from supporting Rockhaven.

“[I worry] that we have missed out on tours introducing new people to the beauty and stories of Rockhaven. Our fundraising has been challenging without a place to show off and so many people want to learn [about this historical Glendale location] and haven’t been able to,” she said.

Friends of Rockhaven hope to meet with the City to discuss plans.

“We still have dreams of a place of wellness for everyone, with non-profits, museums, art, food, yoga, dancing, weddings, fairs and shows,” she said.

Next week CVW will have the response to the settlement by the City of Glendale.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Montrose Merchants Created the Montrose We Know Today

The Montrose Shopping Park is a true gem. Its winding streets and mature shade trees make it a joyful place to dine out, shop and stroll. People absolutely love the look of Montrose! But it didn't always look this nice. So who was responsible for making Montrose one of the most beautiful shopping areas in the Los Angeles area? It was not the city nor county. It was the merchants and store owners themselves who brought their vision to reality. Here's that story.

Montrose was laid out by developers over a century ago, in the teens. In the 1920s, businesses boomed on the wide main street of Honolulu Avenue. As the buildings went up in the decades after, the street took on a look that resembled a main street in a small Midwest town. One- and two-story brick buildings fronted the long straight sidewalks with angled parking on

the street. There were no trees and the only shade on hot summer days were canvas canopies that extended out from a few stores.

In the post-war period the booming population of the valley, now mobile via increasing car ownership, began to shop farther afield. The Midwest look of the Montrose storefronts was aging poorly compared to sparkling new shopping areas opening in other parts of LA. By the 1950s business along Honolulu began to decline.

Fortunately for modern-day Montrose, a group of visionary Montrose merchants began to talk about what would reinvigorate the shopping district. They looked at other cities that had faced the same sort of "aging problems" and had redeveloped their main streets into desirable shopping areas. A group of Montrose merchants even took a road trip to Grand Junction, Colorado in 1963 to see how its

downtown had reinvented itself. The group was impressed with what it saw there and decided to emulate their work. (Looking at modern photos of downtown Grand Junction, parts of it look remarkably like Montrose.)

These bold Montrose merchants envisioned a winding street with bump-outs containing benches and drinking fountains covered in lush landscaping and overhanging trees. This was a huge change from the boring standard straight avenue with sidewalks covered in concrete, baking in the hot sun.

A major problem to overcome was parking. The landscaped sidewalks would eliminate over half of the parking on Honolulu in front of stores. It was a heavy lift to convince store owners to give up convenient parking. They would also have to create new parking lots by purchasing property behind

the stores and installing rear store entrances. The cost of buying property for parking fell to the City of Glendale while creating rear entrances fell to the store owners. But the cost of tearing out the old sidewalks, creating new curbs and seating areas and planting trees and plants was going to be mainly on the shoulders of the store owners to be shared out to the tune of several thousand dollars each – a huge sum in the mid-'60s. But the change was existential to the survival of Montrose. A vote of the store owners was taken and the bold but expensive project was approved by a slim margin of 62%.

The Montrose Shopping Park concept was approved at the beginning of 1967 and work began almost immediately in March. Demolition started at the west end of Honolulu and moved east. Construction of new curbs started

in May. With what today we would call blinding speed, the entire project was completed by the end of that summer. The construction came to a total cost of \$300,000. A grand dedication ceremony was held on Friday Sept. 1, 1967.

It was the completion of a wild dream envisioned by a few very forward-thinking store owners. It was a radical change, unique among other shopping districts. What had been a somewhat dowdy main street had been transformed into what we have today, a "shopping park" where shoppers stroll and shop in a park-like environment. Montrose Shopping Park is a beautiful place. We are lucky to have it. And we can thank the very merchants whose stores line the street.

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Charting a New Path Forward – The Economy Must Work For Us All

Elections can be hard things. One side wins, one side loses. Too many people feel lost. More feel apathetic. But our last several elections have existed in categories of their own. So much was at stake this year: the economy, inflation, funding for affordable housing, women's rights, LGBTQ rights, DACA, immigration reform, Obamacare and the future of Social Security and Medicare. It was all on the table. And people were fully invested with their whole hearts. People gave their time, their money and their hope to one side of the political divide.

I know some of you are jubilant at the outcome while others feel crestfallen. But here's the thing: Just because the election is over, it doesn't mean we stop fighting for better policies that can improve the lives of everyday Americans.

What was lost in the noise of the election is that the United States has very real issues that we don't spend enough time talking about. Tuesday's results made it clear that Americans are unhappy with the status quo. As this new administration begins, we have two tasks ahead: First, try to learn from what happened and second, we make a plan.

Even though the Biden economy produced strong economic growth while reining in inflation, it's a simple reality that this economy does not work for many Americans. We see that most clearly where policy was on the ballot. Alaska voted to increase the minimum wage. Missouri voted for paid sick leave. Arizona, Missouri, Colorado, New York, Maryland, Montana and Nevada voted to protect abortion

rights. Those are bread and butter issues. They are also Democratic policies. Conservative and swing states voted for Democratic policies while also voting for a Republican President that echoed what they were feeling: that this economy is broken, that it doesn't work for people just trying to get by.

I could not be happier that those states voted for a higher minimum wage, for paid sick leave, and to protect a woman's right to choose. However, it was the issues that weren't on the ballot that Americans would need the most help. On paper, the U.S. economy is the strongest in the world. Yet going to the grocery store is just painful. A stop at the gas pump can feel like it's going to break the bank. Add in the cost of housing, health care and childcare

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans - Let's Be Honest

I recently received a flyer listing the dire consequences if the Republicans did not gain the Presidency. Among them was the possibility of statehood for Washington DC. OMG! The U.S. citizens living in our capitol city might have the same representation in Congress as those living in Wyoming, whom they outnumber! OMG!

Republicans don't favor democracy! If they did they would support eliminating the electoral college, which allows a candidate who loses by 10 million votes to become President.

So, dear Republicans, please be honest. And when you talk about freedom on the 4th of July, acknowledge that you mean the freedom of a minority to rule over the majority; and that you would prefer any type of authoritarian government to one legitimately

elected by voters whom your leader calls "devils."

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La Crescenta*

All About Voter Turnout

As of Nov. 12, days after the Electoral College (got to get rid of it) had decided the winner of the 2024 presidential election, the voter ballots continue to be counted to this date.

Donald Trump's voter turnout from the 2020 presidential election (approximately 74 million) compared to the 2024 presidential election (approximately 75 million) was an "increase" of approximately one million votes, generated from his political base.

Joe Biden/Kamala Harris voter turnout from the 2020 presidential election (approximately 81 million votes, an historic record) compared to

the Kamala Harris 2024 presidential election run (approximately 72 million) was a "decrease" of approximately nine million votes, "snubbed out" from her political base.

Deductive Reasoning:

The reason why Donald Trump won the 2024 presidential election is because of the dreadfully low turnout for Kamala Harris and her Democrat party compared to that of the 2020 presidential election. The loyal base of that party just stayed home and did not vote, for whatever reason; and not because of young Black men or Hispanic men or Latino men, or any of that other nonsense.

Note: In 2024, the country of Mexico elected its first woman president (Claudia Sheinbaum) in its more than 200 years of independence.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

The Flintridge Guild of Children's Hospital Decks The Halls



By Ruth SOWBY

Children's Hospital Los Angeles will be the recipient of the Flintridge Guild's largess from its 75th anniversary of its holiday boutique and brunch. On Saturday, Nov. 16 at Pasadena's Shakespeare Club, decked out in its holiday best, 52 Guild members served hundreds of customers hungry for sweets from The Sweet Shoppe and holiday-themed merchandise filling some dozen rooms. Tickets were \$45. For an extra fee, guests

enjoyed a champagne brunch. "Deck the Halls" attendees were greeted at the Club's entrance by a string quartet from La Cañada High School. From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., customers enjoyed the festive atmosphere inside the mansion, including a Thanksgiving table setting and decorations from twinkling lights, nutcrackers and nativities to Christmas elves, angels and miniatures of sparkling holiday singers and holiday homes. This year's event was co-chaired by Kathy Seuylemezian, Debi Jacobs, Tang Mansjur and

Kim Kessler. "The dedication of members and generosity of community make this event a success year after year," said Guild President Savonia Angelica.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
TOP LEFT: Altadena resident Christina Stein has totes to fill and considers the nutcrackers at the Flintridge Guild Children's Hospital boutique on Saturday, Nov. 16.
MIDDLE: Pasadena's Shakespeare Club was the sparkling setting for the Flintridge Guild holiday boutique and brunch.
ABOVE: Flintridge Guild volunteer Laura Buchanan, also a baker and nurse, is ready for customers at The Sweet Shoppe.
LEFT: Working in harmony at the Flintridge Guild Holiday Boutique and Bunch are Co-Chairs, from left, Kim Kessler, Debi Jacobs, and Tang Mansjur.



CRESCENTA VALLEY WEEKLY PRESENTS

The 2024 Merry & Bright Holiday Light and Display Tour!

Share your merriment and brighten the spirits of your community this Holiday Season!
From December 19th – January 4th families will be driving past identified houses that have been decorated festively for the season.

To include your address in the Merry & Bright Tour and be entered into our contest, send your address to HollyWeen@cvweekly.com by 5 p.m. on Dec. 16. Your address will be included in all three issues of the CV Weekly that feature Merry & Bright Tour addresses! Entries received after Dec. 16 will be included in the following issue/s of the CV Weekly. Get your address in asap so families can create their own drive-by experience.

Judging will be done between December 20th - 24th.
The first 25 entrants will receive two tickets to the Holiday Exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Library. The winners will be announced in the January 9 issue of the CV Weekly!

JUDGING CATEGORIES

<p>1. Christmas Story Award (traditional or nostalgic use of lights and decorations - Leg Lamp use gets extra points)</p>	<p>2. Clark Griswold Award (excessive use of lights and decoration - more is ALWAYS better, can we see it from space?)</p>	<p>3. Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree Award (best use of music and technology)</p>	<p>4. Santas Coming to Town Award (best use of Santa or Santa's in decor)</p>	<p>5. Most Original Award (not your usual everyday holiday decor)</p>	<p>6. Best In Show Award (ya blew the judges minds)</p>
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Cemeteries Share History's Past for TGHS Guests



Provided by Katherine YAMADA
LEFT: Tour goers listen to an explanation of some of the grave markers.
RIGHT: An example of some of the gravestones at the Brand family graveyard.

The gates of two of Glendale's historic cemeteries were open recently for tours highlighting figures from the past. Members of The Glendale Historical Society led ticket holders on tours of Grand View cemetery, founded in the mid 1880s for Civil War veterans, and of the Brand family graveyard. Eileen Wallis organized the event, which began at Grand View. As the only burial ground in this area until 1906, it provided space

for veterans from both sides of the conflict. One of the first stops was at a small headstone provided by the federal government marking the grave of Virginian Moses Blake. He had volunteered for the Union Army, then segregated by race, and served as a private in Company A of the 52nd U.S. Colored Infantry. After the war, Blake made his way to California working for another former Virginian, Cameron Erskine Thom, who had served as a captain in the Confederate

Army. Thom also headed west after the war, purchasing a significant acreage from the Verdugo family. Blake worked on Thom's fruit ranch in what is now known as Rossmoyne for some 20 years. He also helped found the Glendale Post of the Grand Army of the Republic and, according to Wallis' research, was likely the only Black member. Tour goers also learned of the enormous death toll from the flu epidemic of 1918-20, and of other

epidemic diseases, including tuberculosis, while stopping at various gravestones including that of Allan Bryant, the third medical doctor to live and work in what is now known the Doctors House. Originally located on Wilson Avenue, the Queen Anne-Eastlake style house was rescued, moved to Brand Park and renovated by the newly formed historical society in the early 1980s. The tour continued at a small cemetery in the hills above Brand

Library where L.C. Brand his wife Mary Louise and other family members are buried. Brand died in 1925 and a pyramid-shaped monument was later erected there. Burial is limited to Brand relatives and family members; to date 34 burials have taken place, the most recent in 2023.

Soroptimist Glendale Raises Funds for Scholarships with a Brunch and Concert

By Ruth SOWBY

Glendale Community College played host to the second annual Soroptimist International of Glendale Brunch and Concert on Sunday, Nov. 10. Partnering with the college, Soroptimist is raising funds for worthy women students in the visual and performing arts program at GCC. Tickets for the

brunch and concert were \$70. For the concert only, tickets were \$35. Seventy-five supporters gathered in the Sierra Vista Building patio on campus. They were treated to a buffet brunch prepared by GCC Culinary Arts students. "We want to be part of a community effort that celebrates the arts and offers a brighter

future for aspiring artists," said Soroptimist President-elect Desiree Portillo-Rabinov. Portillo-Rabinov is also president of the GCC board of trustees. With hunger satiated, supporters walked across campus to the auditorium. The concert highlighted the Symphony of the Verdugos directed by Dr. Paul J. Sherman and featuring flutist

Sarah Andon alongside GCC staff, students and career musicians – "an auditory feast," according to 4th Vice-President Susan Hunt. Soroptimist member Dr. Carol

Ann Burton added, "Soroptimist worked with the GCC Music Department to create a partnership with an endowment that blends philanthropy and music."

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
BELOW: Susan Hunt, Glendale Soroptimist 4th Vice-President, helped support the brunch and concert and was a member of the Concert Committee. The brunch was held in a colorful classroom of the GCC Culinary Arts Dept.
BOTTOM: With Soroptimist Glendale President Jean Sagan out of town, President Elect, Desiree Portillo-Rabinov (right) took over presiding at the Second Annual Scholarship Brunch and Concert at GCC. She is joined by Natali Movsesyan and mother Marina Abrahamyan (center).



Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Overcoming Resistance To Memory Care

Dear Phyllis,
I am another loyal reader who enjoys your real estate advice. I have a question with a twist. I am my mother's conservator, she has dementia. Although she has caretakers, it's getting to be the time that I will need to sell her home to continue to pay for her care. I can't sell the home while she is living there. My two brothers are no help, and the responsibility rests with me. I have many sleepless nights worrying about how I will get her moved. She gets very angry and will not go willingly. Part of her dementia is she is very suspicious of my motives. I hope you have some sage advice so I can get on with selling her home.
Audrey

Dear Audrey,
I understand that you don't want to sell the home with your mother in it. I agree that it would be very confusing for her in her present situation, at best. Overcoming her resistance to moving will be difficult, and I sympathize with you. Since she's suspicious of your motives, perhaps your mother would be more receptive to advice from a trusted friend or doctor, who can explain the benefits of her moving. Instead of framing the move as permanent, present it as a temporary stay or a trial period to help her feel more comfortable. Highlight the positive aspects, like increased social interaction or activities

she might enjoy. I had a client in a similar situation. She handled it by gradually getting her mother accustomed to the facility. Try taking her to lunch there. You may need to do this numerous times. The goal is to have her become acquainted and comfortable with the staff. If she's able, ease her into it by having her participate in a few activities. Have her slowly get acclimated. This worked for my client, and I hope it works for you. I wish you the best in getting your mom the necessary care and the sale of her home.
Best regards,
Phyllis



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Wicked Awesome Tie-Ins at Universal Studios Hollywood



By Charly SHELTON

Universal Studios Hollywood has gone full-on “Wicked” this season, bringing the magic of Oz to life along with a lot of fun. With the highly anticipated “Wicked” movie hitting theaters this weekend, the park has sprinkled a little Emerald City magic across its Upper Lot and CityWalk – perfect for fans of the iconic musical and those who just love a bit of whimsy.

First up is the Feature Presentation store, which has transformed into a “Wicked” paradise. The shelves are packed with everything from Spirit Jerseys inspired by Shiz University to Strawberry/Matcha (pink and green) candy bars, souvenir T-shirts from Munchkinland, and many more dazzling trinkets that would make Glinda proud. It’s the kind of store where you can’t help but pick up a little something, like the coolest pajamas (that feature the Wizard’s mechanical face) that feel like they were stolen from a swanky hotel in The Emerald City. It’s as much about shopping as it is about

feeling like you’re part of the story. There’s also a pop-up at the UNIVRS Store in CityWalk that has a lot of the same merchandise but the one inside the park is really the place to be.

Of course, my favorite aspect of any festival is always the food. Hollywood & Dine has a slightly-themed menu that feels like it might be from a quick-service restaurant in an Oz amusement park – not a super far reach, thematically, from what the actual restaurant is but the food itself is pretty solid. Funnel cake, corn dog, bacon cheeseburger – much of the standard fare that you’d find on the menu any other time. But now it’s a Funnelest Cake and a Drizzmatic Corn Dog. It’s not bad, it’s fine food. But it feels like the low-point in an otherwise clever and fun tie-in movie promotion festival. The best food tie-in actually has a great name – The Ozmopolitan. Beyond that, the food is a bit of a let-down inside the park.

But if you head to The Toothsome Chocolate Emporium at CityWalk the limited-time milkshake, the Ozitively Pink & Green Shake – half strawberry and half key lime, served side-

by-side in the cup – is fun, interesting and colorful enough to feel straight out of Glinda and Elphaba’s closet.

And also in CityWalk, or inside the park, Starbucks is getting in on the celebration. The “Been There” series of mugs extends into Oz with three new mugs – Shiz University, The Emerald City and Munchkinland. These are only available in Universal parks, making for another extra-special tie in. The specialty “Wicked” drinks – Elphaba’s Cold Brew and Glinda’s Pink Potion – are two specialty drinks that are available at Universal and in select stores nationwide. The Elphaba cold brew is the best thing of the entire celebration, even if it’s not officially from Universal, and it’s the best drink I’ve ever had from Starbucks.

Beyond the food and merch, there’s a photo op inside the park where you can step into a scene inspired by the movie and screen-used costumes are on display at Universal Cinemas for when you go see the film.

Overall, this is a fun tie-in for the park and CityWalk, a little something special to add on to



your day. What Universal has done here is create a celebration of “Wicked” that feels playful and connected without trying too hard. It’s a mix of fun details and bigger locations that will leave you humming “Defying Gravity” as you head out into the park.

For fans of “Wicked,” or anyone just looking for a fun experience before seeing the new film, it’s as much of a no-brainer as Scarecrow.

To see my full review of all the food I tried and a look at everything across the

celebration, scan the QR code or find me on YouTube at @Zipahdeedoodad.

Photos by Charly SHELTON
TOP: The specialty “Wicked” drinks – Elphaba’s Cold Brew and Glinda’s Pink Potion – are two specialty drinks that are available at Universal and in select Starbucks stores nationwide.

MIDDLE: Universal Studios Hollywood has gone full-on “Wicked” this season and reporter Charly Shelton shares some insights as to what folks will find at USH.

ABOVE: The Toothsome Chocolate Emporium at CityWalk features the limited-time milkshake, the Ozitively Pink & Green Shake – half strawberry and half key lime, served side-by-side in the cup.

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Bleacher Seats Now on Sale for The Hollywood Christmas Parade

Grandstand bleacher seats are now on sale for the 92nd anniversary of The Hollywood Christmas Parade Supporting Marine Toys for Tots. Jeremy Renner has been named grand marshal of The Hollywood Christmas Parade Supporting Marine Toys for Tots. The parade will be hosted by Dean Cain and Laura McKenzie, with Montel Williams and Elizabeth Stanton. The parade will be presented in association with The City of Los Angeles on the streets of Hollywood on Sunday, Dec. 1 starting at 6 p.m. Grandstand bleacher seats will open at 4 p.m. and pre-parade entertainment will begin at 5:30 p.m. See the parade

up close by purchasing grandstand bleacher seats at <https://tinyurl.com/2wa8xrxz>. Prices start at \$120 (all-in pricing).

The 92nd anniversary of The Hollywood Christmas Parade Supporting Marine Toys for Tots will kick off the holiday season with fanfare including movie cars, award-winning bands from around the country, equestrians, larger-than-life character balloons, colorful floats and humorous specialty acts culminating with the appearance Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Fun history: The Hollywood Christmas Parade was originally called the Santa Claus Lane Parade. When the American



performer Gene Autry, who was known as The Singing Cowboy,

was riding on his horse down Hollywood Boulevard in the 1946 Santa Claus Lane Parade, he heard young parade spectators in the crowd exclaim, "Here comes Santa Claus!" This incident became the

inspiration for Autry to compose the traditional perennial Christmas holiday song, "Here Comes Santa Claus (Right Down Santa Claus Lane)," which he co-wrote with Oakley Haldeman in 1949. Autry

first recorded the song in 1947. The song was released as a single by Columbia Records and became a No. 5 country hit and No. 9 pop hit at the time.

CASA 0101 Theater Presents 'The Hunchback Of Notre Dame,' A Musical

CASA 0101 Theater will present the "The Hunchback Of Notre Dame," a musical based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney film.

"The Hunchback Of Notre Dame" will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m. for a six-week run through Dec. 22. Performances will be in the Gloria Molina Auditorium at CASA 0101 Theater, 2102 E. First St. in Los Angeles. There will be no performance on Friday, Nov. 29.

In 15th-century Paris, the bells of Notre Dame Cathedral ring out as Quasimodo, the bell-ringer, watches the city celebrate the Feast of Fools, a medieval burlesque festival. Convinced by his uncle Dom Claude Frollo, archdeacon of Notre Dame Cathedral, to stay hidden due to his deformed appearance, Quasimodo yearns to explore the

world. Against Frollo's wishes, Quasimodo ventures out to join the festivities where he faces cruelty – except from the Romani gypsy dancer Esmeralda. As Frollo's fury escalates, Quasimodo, Esmeralda and Phoebus de Martin, captain of the cathedral guard, defy societal constraints to rescue each other amid mounting tensions at the hands of Clopin Trouillefou, king of the gypsies, all set to a stirring score in this timeless tale.

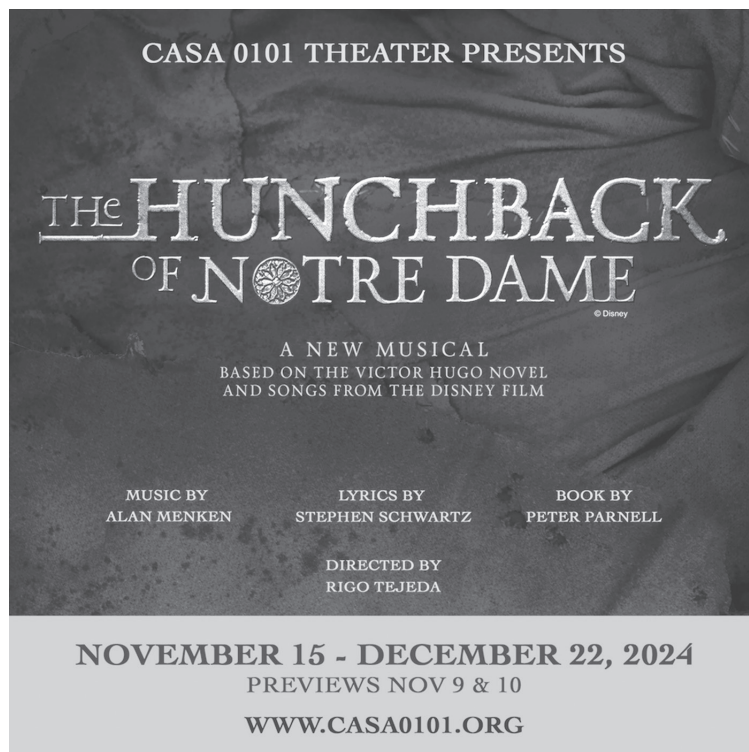
Tickets to "The Hunchback Of Notre Dame" are \$35 per person for general admission; \$30 per person for students and seniors 60-plus; \$25 per person for Boyle Heights residents and groups of 20 or more; and \$70 per person for VIP tickets, which includes priority seating, taking a picture on the set, a free concession item and a souvenir memento.

This musical contains adult themes and is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

For tickets, please call the CASA 0101 Theater box office at (323) 263-7684, email tickets@casa0101.org, or buy online at www.casa0101.org.

Concurrently during the run of the show a free art exhibit will be available to be viewed in the Jean Deleage Art Gallery. Titled "Gloria Molina: Madrina of the Eastside," the exhibit is located in the lobby of CASA 0101 Theater. The art exhibit will include portraits from various artists of the late Los Angeles County supervisor during her lifetime.

CASA 0101 Theater – the Gloria Molina Auditorium is located at 2102 E. First Street in Los Angeles.



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Applications Now Open for the Brand Summer Music Series and Jewel City Concert Series

Performance groups are invited to apply for the Brand Summer Music Series and the Jewel City Concert Series. Music ensembles must be trios or larger to participate. Musicians interested in applying may visit GlendaleArtsandCulture.org/PerformanceSeries to apply. The application portal opens on Monday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. and closes on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025 at 5 p.m.

The Brand Summer Music Series is an outdoor concert series located on the hillside area behind the Brand Library & Art Center. Performances are scheduled for every Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning July and going through August and must be one set, 90 minutes in duration. Performance groups will receive a stipend of \$1,700 per performance. Concert

attendees often bring their own chairs and picnic amenities and enjoy dancing next to the stage. Please note that alcohol is prohibited and performances may be experienced by children and families.

The Brand Summer Music Series began in 2014 and is supported by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks, and the Brand Associates.

The Jewel City Concert Series is an outdoor concert series taking pace in the fall at the Artsakh Paseo located in the Glendale Downtown Arts & Entertainment District. Performances are scheduled for every Saturday from 5 p.m.

to 6 p.m. beginning the last weekend in September and continues through October and must be one set, 60 minutes in duration. Performance groups will receive a stipend of \$1,200 per performance. The Paseo has limited seating and is situated parallel to Brand Boulevard next to LOOK Cinemas, Urartu Coffee, Octopus Japanese Fusion Restaurant, Gen Korean BBQ House and The Glendale Room. Shoppers and visitors to the local businesses make up the majority of the audience and performances may be experienced by children and families.

The Jewel City Concert series began in 2017 and is supported by the City of Glendale and the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, with funding from the Urban Art Program.

Submissions Now Being Accepted for GIFF 2025

The Glendale International Film Festival is now accepting film and screenplay submissions for its 2025 season. Each year, GIFF brings together diverse voices from around the globe, championing

independent storytellers who push the boundaries of cinema. Presented and produced by non-profit Glendale Arts, GIFF 2025 will be held in person from Sept. 25-30, 2025, in Glendale.

GIFF accepts films and screenplays in 22 categories: feature film, international feature, documentary feature, animation feature, horror/thriller feature, Glendale film – feature & short, female filmmaker – feature & short, experimental film – feature & short, drama short, comedy short, dramedy short, international short, documentary short, animation short, horror/thriller short, short short, web series/new media, music video, feature screenplay, short screenplay, student film – feature & short, student screenplay – feature & short. Projects can be submitted via FilmFreeway at filmfreeway.com/GlendaleInternationalFilmFestival until the final deadline on July 11, 2025.

This past September, GIFF marked a decade of spotlighting artistic achievement and cinematic excellence during the festival's 10th edition. A golden hour opening night party was held at the Mya Rooftop at The Glenmark ushering in six days of programming and events. These included: a slate of

31 programs featuring screenings of 90 feature-length and short films and 21 post-screening Q&As: a festival lounge, staged at Glendale Arts-run ace/121 Gallery; and a pair of high-profile panel discussions: "Made in California," which explored efforts being made for California to reclaim the state's status as a premier filming destination amidst the unprecedented challenges facing the entertainment industry, and "Shaping Reality: The

Future of Documentary, Democracy and the Human Story," which examined the evolving role of documentaries as tools for social justice, their potential to influence democratic processes, and the ways in which they can bridge cultural divides.

The competition ended with the filmmakers and screenwriters attending awards night at the Glen Arden Club. Winners were announced in 18 categories.



Photo provided by GIFF
Susan Hunt and Vic Pallos were among the guests at the 2024 awards night.

THEN & NOW Montrose Shopping Park Construction Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: The Montrose Shopping Park was under construction in this view from 1967. This is the 2400 block of Honolulu Avenue looking east toward the intersection with Wickham Way. The cement is being poured for one of the many landscaped "bump-outs" that create the winding characteristic of Honolulu Avenue, a street that had been until then a straight treeless business district. This was a bold idea in urban planning – the concept being to slow traffic down so businesses would become more visible to motorists, and to encourage pedestrian traffic with significant landscaping and with pedestrian features such as benches and drinking fountains.



Now: The creation of the landscaped bump-outs was a bold leap of faith on the part of Montrose businessmen who drove the effort, and the City of Glendale, which assisted. But as anyone can see today, it's an investment that has paid off as the Montrose Shopping Park is considered one of the jewels among shopping districts in Glendale. This is the view standing in front of White's Framing and Restoration looking east toward Joselito's.



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The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Nov. 24 neurologist Dr. Mirella Diaz-Santos will be speaking.

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.

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.

Dropbins from NASA Services for the CCLCF food drive are available at local schools and select businesses in the area. The food drive ends today, 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL EXHIBITION AT BOLTON HALL MUSEUM

Bolton Hall Museum is celebrating the history of Sunland-Tujunga's public schools. Its new exhibit, Back to School with Bolton Hall, traces the history of local education from its humble beginnings as a one-room schoolhouse to the vibrant community of schools that exist today. Spotighting each of the area's public schools, the exhibit

features vintage yearbooks, textbooks, photographs and more.

Bolton Hall Museum is open for visits on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. This exhibit runs through spring 2025.

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 by calling (818) 352-3420 or visit BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

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

The Glendale/La Crescenta

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

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

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society have its next club meeting on today, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church at 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

Club member Beverlee Nelson will present the learning lab of "Planting an African Violet

Leaf." The program will be playing "Leaf Bingo." Members are to bring named African violet leaves – two to a plastic bag with the ends wrapped in a cotton ball and aluminum foil. Members and guests will enjoy playing lively games of bingo with winning the African violet leaves.

There will be a raffle and silent auction tables. Show-and-tell, questions and answers will be part of the program. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. For more information telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website: www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You have the unique communication skills to get your ideas and goals across to higher-ups at work. It's like a lesson in performance. You have what it takes to get your point across whether it's a presentation or request for a raise. Aspects help you move forward, affecting groups and self-employment. Although you may be working alone, you have a lot of financial support.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You're right in the thick of things this week. You need to slow down the spending and think about how you can get out of debt. Paying off what you owe may not be easy, but it will be well worth the effort. Your loved ones are counting on you. Your shared future may depend on the moves you make now.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You're poised and ready to take advantage of new opportunities. There's disharmony combined with long-lasting transformation. That means your relationships, which are currently being shaken up, may not always be there when you need them. Learning new skills may fall on you in the meantime. Spend more time in the home, making repairs and spending to ensure that everything is up to safety codes.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

For you, this week is about your job being a little less than satisfying right now. You may not be able to count on what you've been told in the past, so you will need to make some contingency plans. The way to your dreams goes straight through your mind and ideas. Use them to your best advantage!

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Once in a while you need to go off the rails when it comes to money, and this week provides that opportunity. Nonconformity meets romance, kids, and fun, making it a great time for a spontaneous trip or gathering. Don't break the bank, though. Spend just a little more than you ordinarily would. That way of life you've been dreaming about comes a little closer each day.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You're likely to be tested in the financial department this week. Your career sector is destabilized, forcing you to make other plans. You can't count on much here now, so it's best to stick to your ideals while looking at options. Meanwhile, you're making yourself over completely. From the way you dress to the way you speak, you're

thinking about how to make a new impression on the people who matter most.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You may have been through a period of cleansing on all levels. Letting go of resentment or bitterness is every bit as important as clearing out toxins from your body. If you haven't tried a short detox yet, perhaps you could make it a regular habit. You'll feel so much better.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This is prime time to consider being your own boss for a change. Everything about the way you make money is adjusting at this time. This goes double this week. What you think is there today may not be there tomorrow, so make sure you're putting your hard-earned money in a safe place. The future you envision is possible by being patient with your finances.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

For you, this week is about fueling your energy. You will find ways to spend money on fun pursuits or have a family meeting to determine the most prudent investment strategies. Your communication is affected, enabling you to make your goals clear and concise. With concentrated action, you and your loved ones can achieve any goals you set.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This week you may need to spend on repairs or want to bring more communication into your home in the form of phone lines, DSL, or cable. This can be helpful if you're thinking about moving some or all of your work to this area. Meanwhile, your house of money and values indicates a time of great action and activity on this front. You can make all you need and more.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This week you have a ton of energy to get things done. You're full of action and assertion, so it does no good to sit back and wait for others to open doors for you. You have the impetus and tools to get where you need to be to make more money. Talk yourself up without being too arrogant or self-conscious about it.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You now have news about better job opportunities and ideas on how to make more per hour. That would make life easier, yes? You have lots of support to do this, too. An emphasis on karma and past lives reveals a new skill you didn't realize you had. Make it pay off for you in any way you can.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



ACROSS

- 1) "Beg pardon ..."
- 5) Much, slangily
- 10) It's far from a flattop
- 14) Handed-down history
- 15) Hole-___ (golf coup)
- 16) Common roller-coaster feature
- 17) They include numerators and denominators
- 20) Providing bearings
- 21) Tiny carpenter
- 22) Thing picked up at the beach
- 23) Animated Olive
- 24) Drunk, in slang
- 27) Not us
- 29) Short choral composition
- 32) Tokyo of long ago
- 33) "Much ___ About Nothing"
- 36) Fence for defense
- 38) It includes angles and shapes
- 41) Jon Bon Jovi, for one
- 42) "What ___ the odds?"
- 43) Notable period of history
- 44) Golden Horde member
- 46) D.C. veterans
- 50) Spanish capital
- 52) Clairvoyant's favorite letters?
- 55) Lobster eggs
- 56) Moray, e.g.
- 57) Evolution adherent
- 60) X = 3, X + 2 = 5, and others
- 63) Pavarotti solo
- 64) Tossed with force
- 65) Singing club
- 66) Like much lingerie
- 67) Make fun of
- 68) Half a matched set

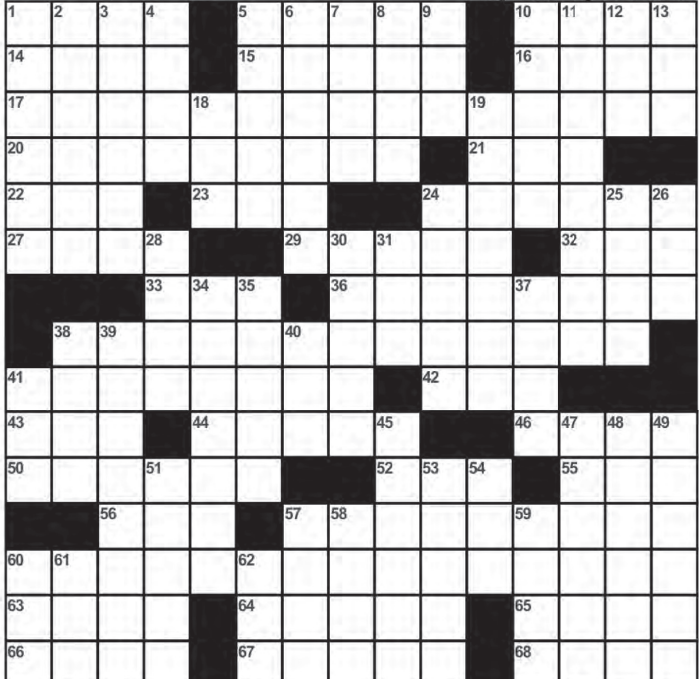
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- 1) March family creator
- 2) "Yippeee!" alternative
- 3) Ferret's cousin
- 4) Humorous internet image
- 5) Full of dryer fluff
- 6) Photographed or taped
- 7) In a quandary
- 8) It might produce a run
- 9) Former nuclear power agcy.
- 10) Flared dress style
- 11) Shoes, sandals, sneakers, etc.
- 12) Director Howard
- 13) Photo ___ (media events)
- 18) Plastic ___ Band
- 19) More moth-eaten, e.g.
- 24) Historic Alabama city
- 25) Challenge to a canoeer
- 26) Bambi's mother, e.g.
- 28) Bit of Halloween attire
- 30) Musical with its own glasses?
- 31) "The ___ of Pooh"
- 34) Concentrate, in a way
- 35) Group of eight
- 37) It's used to take flight?
- 38) When doubled, a Society Island
- 39) Campus VIP
- 40) Gangster's gun in old films
- 41) Sleep phenomenon
- 45) "The Twilight Zone" telecasts, today
- 47) Baltimore's bird
- 48) Body shop convenience
- 49) Has a hunch
- 51) One way to get out of debt
- 53) Metal-shaping tool
- 54) Place for an orchestra
- 57) Take out, to an editor
- 58) Lung opening?
- 59) Approaching, in romantic poetry
- 60) "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
- 61) Common savings vehicle
- 62) Little salamander

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MATH IS NOT HARD

By Timothy E. Parker



ANSWERS on page 17

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Sears can't repair my Kenmore trash compactor. Can you get my money back?

Kenneth Stueben wants Sears to repair his Kenmore trash compactor. He's already paid \$436 for the parts and labor, but now Sears can't do the job – and it won't refund his money. Is that allowed?

Q My Kenmore trash compactor stopped working late last year because the on-off switch malfunctioned. A Sears technician came to my home and said he needed to order a replacement switch.

The total charge for the diagnosis, the part and the labor to install it came to \$436. The technician asked me to sign a form to pay that before he left. But the repair never happened because Sears eventually told me they couldn't get the part. I tried several times to discuss this by chat, phone and email, but no one

ever answered the telephone or responded to my messages.

After failing to get any response from Sears, I told Citibank about my problem and they helped me file a credit card dispute. I received a refund for the service call but the \$297 I paid for parts is still outstanding.

Can you help me get my money back?

– Kenneth Stueben, Santa Rosa, California

A: Sears should have fixed your trash compactor as agreed. If it couldn't, it should have given you a prompt refund for

everything – the service call, the spare parts. Everything.

Why didn't it? Once a company takes your money, it will go to great lengths to keep it so there are probably safeguards in Sears' payment systems to prevent it from just coughing up an immediate refund. Maybe the company was optimistic that it could still find the parts it needed for your trash compactor. But that's probably a garbage theory.

You followed the right path to a resolution. First, you gave Sears a chance in writing to address this and it didn't. You followed, applying steady pressure to get

a resolution, and again Sears failed to act. So you filed a credit card dispute.

You should have received a full refund for the technician visit and the parts but it looks like you either disputed an incorrect amount or Citibank only processed the charge for your technician visit. You might have circled back with Citi in an appeal or asked a Sears manager for another review. It looks like Sears promised another review but never followed through. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the Sears and Citi executives on my consumer

advocacy site, Elliott.org.

I contacted Sears on your behalf. A few days later, Sears contacted you and refunded the charges for the obsolete spare parts. Maybe it's time for a new trash compactor.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/. © 2024 Christopher Elliott

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GYO HOLDS AUDITIONS

The Glendale Youth Orchestra will hold auditions by appointment on Sunday, Nov. 24 for the upcoming winter and spring quarters. The GYO performs three concerts each season at the Alex Theatre. Members range in age from 12-23. Students

must participate in their school music program (if there is one). Generous scholarship program available and each season there is a concerto competition for orchestra members. All audition information and application can be found on the GYO website: www.glendaleyouthorchestra.com.

For more information, visit www.thealex.com.

INTERPRETIVE HIKE, 'GOBBLE, GOBBLE, TURKEY HIKE,' AT DEUKMEJIAN

The City of Glendale is hosting a calorie-burning hike on Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with some interpretation about plants and birds along the way. The hiking trail is moderately difficult with stops along the way for discussion, stories and activities.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/La Crescenta.

For more information, visit https://tinyurl.com/yj67u3un.

Chorus," "Cjannukah in Santa Monica," "I Saw Three Ships," "Jingle Bell Rock," "O Holy Night," "O Magnum Mysterium," "The Yodel Carol" and "White Christmas."

The performance includes narrative and choreography and a special visit from Santa Claus, who will be available for photos with kids during intermission. During intermission entertainment continues with a rousing game of "Name that Holiday Movie."

Tickets are \$30 each for adults, \$25 each for blocks of 10, students (13 & up) are \$20 and children (12 & under) are free. Tickets are available online at http://www.TowneSingers.org or at the door.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena.

For more information call (626) 604-6231 or email townesingers87@gmail.com.

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The community is invited to Bolton Hall Museum at 1 p.m. on Dec. 14 for the annual holiday

program featuring a holiday performance by the Randy Van Horne Singers. The Singers will entertain with their renditions of holiday songs and will lead everyone in a carol sing-along. A drawing for great prizes and refreshments round out the afternoon.

Sunland-Tujunga's Franny McCartney is the master of ceremonies.

Bolton Hall Museum's 2025 Annual Calendar will be available at the event for purchase and the Museum Gift Shop features creations by local artists, publications about local history and more.

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 by calling (818) 352-3420 or visiting BoltonHall.org or emailing llhs@boltonhall.org.

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise or dance or are interested in art, theater, or knitting, the Center has something for everyone. Sunland also hosts bingo on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and a movie matinee on the big screen at 1 p.m. on Thursdays; on Mondays and Fridays there is country line dancing from noon-1:30 p.m. The Sunland Senior Center runs programming from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a donations-based lunch served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunland Senior Center is located at 8640 Fenwick St. in Sunland. For further information, call (818) 353-9571. These special events are free.

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GCC from Cover

During the 2024 legislative cycle, 2,124 bills were introduced. Of those, 1,206 went to the governor; 1,017 were signed; and 189 (15%) were vetoed. Most of the vetoes were of bills seeking funding outside the state budget. Of additional note, AB 1886 cleans up some minor points of housing policy. Prop 4 authorizes \$10 billion in climate bonds for recycled water, parks and extreme heat mitigation. SB 1053 phases out plastic grocery bags by 2026. Voters in every California county passed Prop 36 on Nov. 5; it increases penalties for serial theft and for certain drug crimes as well as classifying certain drug offenses as "treatment-mandated felonies." The governor's budget is due on Jan. 10, 2025 and will be impacted by the November election. There are at least 36 new members of the California

state legislature. Governor Gavin Newsom has called a special session beginning on Dec. 2. The state is expected to budget new disaster funds as well as acting to protect California immigrants, civil rights protections, and existing gun control laws, the lobbyist told the council. Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian urged focus on funding to cover state mandates. "Anything that can reassert local control is a move in the right direction," he said. "Hopefully, after seeing these election results folks in Sacramento are listening to the voters." "Some counties in California are turning purple because they care about safety and security, economy, putting food on the table, the price of gas," Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian said. He asked about plans to increase the price of gas even further

and advocated for programs to make it less expensive to build condominiums. "We're in favor of ownership housing, so the next generation is able to buy and stay in Glendale," he added. Councilmember Ara Najarian recognized Stephan Yacoubian, a Glendale orthopedic surgeon and commander in the U. S. Navy. Yacoubian received a medal of recognition in October 2024 for his part in Operation Keen Sword, a military expedition that was part of a combined exercise between the Navy and Japan's military at Camp Foster in Okinawa, to improve medical response readiness in the event of a war. Councilmember Dan Brotman commended the city's sustainability staff for the successful quarterly events of the repair café and clothing swap.

Councilmember Gharpetian requested an update on the city's digital sign ordinance and proposed that December be declared Family Celebration & Appreciation Month. Gharpetian also urged city staff to reach out and congratulate the new district attorney, noting the importance of political events across the state and nation. A representative of the Glendale-Burbank Salvation Army issued an invitation to the organization's Kettle Kick-Off on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Forest Lawn Glendale, 1712 S. Glendale Ave., Hall of Crucifixion-Resurrection. Glendale Water and Power (GWP) representatives updated the council on their efforts to utilize more renewable energy. Consultants to the utility reported that the city's current goals of having 10% of its customers move

to customer solar power and 100 megawatts of storage by 2027 is not only not feasible but that the shift to rooftop solar would drive up overall energy rates. City staff will return to the council with a report analyzing goals that make sense for the environment as well as for ratepayers to include strategies such as community solar and new installations on city-owned properties. "People who are on the forefront here with the adoption of this technology are those who can afford it," observed Councilmember Kassakhian. Councilmember Najarian agreed that while the issue is "very complicated," what he hears most is outrage from ratepayers. "There is no way I can commit to a program that will increase rates," he said. *see GCC on page 19*

MOON from Cover

NASA then reached out to local schools allowing them to compete with other schools to be awarded the trees. Krista Mcmillin, the head of the Rosemont Science Dept., received one of those email invitations and presented it to the science department.

"It was a long application," Mcmillin said. "They wanted to make sure we had guaranteed space for the tree and a barricade around it."

Chuang was tasked with filling out the application. Rosemont administrators were not sure what type of tree they were going to receive.

"We sent [the application] out fall of last year," she said. "We hadn't heard so we thought we didn't get [accepted] - and then we heard this fall that we got it."

Sequoias can reach 30 feet tall

within the first 10 years after planting. They can reach up to 300 feet in total and the trunk of a sequoia can be 40 feet in diameter - or larger.

After planting the tree, teachers at Rosemont had about 20 students hold hands and encircle the planted Moon tree to show the size the trunk could reach.

"This is a little piece of the moon space program," Mcmillan said.

Principal Suzanne Risse said it was a great opportunity for students to plant this tree as it will be at Rosemont long after they leave the middle school.

Although the classes in attendance on Monday were from the Science Department, the tree was actually planted by students from the Gardening Club and its care will continue by the club.

GCC from page 18

The council voted to reappoint Councilmember Kassakhian to represent the city on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) board.

The council heard the introduction of ordinances clarifying building standards for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in downtown Glendale.

The full council voted to approve an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Adams Street and Schofield Drive. Adams Hill neighborhood resident Brian called in to the meeting.

"Once again, we find ourselves taking the time to discuss a single stop sign, a stop sign that city traffic engineers say is necessary for traffic calming, a stop sign that

the overwhelming majority of those who live in the neighborhood want for safer streets, a stop sign that will slow traffic in front of my house where my kids play every day," he said. "I understand the frustration of losing two street parking spaces may cause to my neighbor across the street, and I sympathize with him, but this is a public street and the welfare of the majority must outweigh the inconvenience of one."

At a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, the council approved the consideration of changes to improve the city's processing of permits and entitlements.

The council reviewed an update to its camping

ordinance to prohibit daytime as well as overnight camping on city streets. Representing the Greater Glendale Downtown Association, Rick Lemmo urged the council to "be as aggressive as possible" in addressing issues of homelessness.

Finally, the council authorized increased funding for hotel rooms to address homelessness. The budget for the expanded year-round hotel program increased from \$80,000 last year to \$300,000 this year, city staff said in answer to questions from the council.

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FRIEDMAN from page 10

... and the economy just feels stacked against far too many of us.

So, that's the first part. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Americans went to the polls and said none of this is working for me. Now comes the second part: moving forward with a plan to address the issues.

I've spent my career fighting for the environment, transportation, health care and housing. While I'm transitioning from the California State Legislature to the United States Congress, I will not stop fighting for those priorities. I will not stop fighting for an economy that works better for us all.

Our current tax code as it is written now favors giant corporations over people. There are two well-known Fortune 500 companies, one of which paid out \$7 billion in dividends to its shareholders last year while receiving a \$423 million tax refund. Another brought in \$10.9 billion in profits but paid only \$42 million, a tax rate of about 0.38%. By comparison, most taxpayers average between 22%-32%. Middle class Americans are being asked to subsidize lush corporate tax breaks while they themselves can barely afford to buy groceries or purchase their first home. That's not right. I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to fix this, to accomplish real change that puts people first.

As we all dust ourselves off, pack up the lawn signs and look down the road ahead, we'll also be rolling up our sleeves. Democrats in Congress, and California's State Legislature, will continue to fight against the eradication of environmental protections and against efforts to strip away women's rights. We will continue to fight for livable wages and for an economy that works for us all.

It's been an honor to represent our corner of California in the California State Legislature for the past eight years. As I transition from the Assembly to Congress, I want to thank my constituents for putting your trust in me to fight for the things that matter: housing, consumer protections, the environment, education, transportation and so much more. I will continue to fight for a better way of life for us all!

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