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Bike Lane Creation Criticized

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, a local resident addressed the Glendale City Council, noting that his family has lived in the area for 75 years and that La Crescenta Avenue has been used as a major travel artery for more than 100 years with few problems.

"Now the Council has decided to cut the traffic lanes and put in dedicated bike lanes. This decision goes against the 2022 study, which said the road will be at full capacity in a few years. The study suggested shared lanes and, in light of recent fire evacuations, it makes sense to leave it at full capacity. The same type of fire could happen here. We're right near the Verdugos [and the Angeles National Forest]. Also, more housing's being built. There'll be more car traffic, and lane restriction will be a problem."

"The majority of residents oppose these bike lanes," he continued. "Only a small group pushed for them. Outreach was very poor in the foothills. Brand Boulevard outreach was better, but the demonstration lane also spread the word for people and the majority spoke against the project. A huge number of people will not know these lanes are gone 'til they are gone, forever, probably."

"I'm out there about four times a day. This bike lane will be empty. I see a bike maybe once a month, maybe one bike per thousand cars. Councilman Brotman told a member of the Montrose Shopping Park Association that if the bike lane doesn't work the lanes will be restored, and that's the issue. To push this project through without a demonstration lane to see the effects of it is not right. There's no back-up plan if it doesn't work." He requested the project be delayed.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

Keeping Students Safe - Post-Prom at Prom Plus

By Mary O'KEEFE

Prom is on May 16 and in the Crescenta Valley that means its time for Prom Plus. For over three decades, Crescenta Valley High School Prom Plus has offered a safe place for seniors and their guests to go to after prom.

Prom Plus is a grassroots effort that began after a CVHS senior was shot and killed at an unsupervised after-prom party. Community members and parents wanted to give students an alternative to after-prom parties where kids could have fun – and be safe.

Throughout the years the Prom Plus board, along with hundreds of volunteers, worked to raise funds for the event and then stayed up all night to make sure students had a memorable after-prom party.

Each year there are different games students can enjoy and this year is no exception.

"In addition to a massive obstacle course, laser tag, a full casino room, a video game truck, a photo station, a mini golf course, ping pong, face painting, a balloon artist, an arts and crafts station, a karaoke room, tons of food, drinks, snacks, desserts and games — like corn-hole, Jenga, playing cards and a huge variety of board and boxed games — and a very generous raffle for those who stay until the end — 5 a.m., we have some new additions," said Asia Bribiesca-He-



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 At the 2025 prom, seniors placed an opportunity drawing ticket in a container, hoping for the prize.

din, president of Prom Plus. "We are bringing back the mechanical bull (by popular demand!), and we're introducing a very talented caricature artist. Since [students] will want to enjoy all the activities without carrying [their] portrait around all night, we're offering an opportunity to store it in the coat check room!"

The board realized that with so many activities for students more signage was needed. That has been

worked out so all games, food and other areas (including the coat check room) will be easy to find.

The coat check room is monitored at all times allowing prom goers who bring a change of clothes to check prom dresses and suits.

For most of its three decades Prom Plus has been held through the generosity of the YMCA of the Foothills at the Crescenta-Cañada Y.

"When you [seniors] arrive, you'll check in and get your wristbands at the front entrance and as you enter the lobby area, way-finding posters will point you to all of the different activities happening at various locations throughout the Y. As you pass the entry lobby, you'll be greeted by the food court, which is stocked with a variety of hot foods and drinks, a coffee setup, snacks and desserts.

see PROM PLUS on page 8

Another Contentious Meeting Concerning Briggs and Foothill Project

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Monday night representatives from Abode Communities met with the community, Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) and its Land Use Committee (LUC) to share an update on the project at the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue, where the La Crescenta/Maylane Motel is currently located.

The initial proposal was for a five-story, 80-unit building of affordable rental housing to be built on the site.

Of these apartments, 25 would be set aside for transitional-aged youth ages 18 to 24 who must have a juvenile living with them – either their own child or a child for whom they are caring. There would be one apartment set aside for a manager. The development would have 80 parking spaces.

At a November 2025 meeting hosted by CVTC and LUC, Abode presented that initial project, which was met with great opposition by community members.

see ABODE MEETING on page 8



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 Abode Communities revised its initial project of 80 units to 66 units.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Rain Didn't Dampen My Spirits

Let's face it – this past Sunday was a wet one.

I didn't expect the rain and was actually surprised on Sunday morning when I saw how gloomy it was outside. But that didn't stop me from heading to the Kids 'n' Kritters event on Honolulu Avenue. It didn't appear to slow down the kids (and their parents) who came out to learn about the various animals, emergency responders, entertainers and more who also turned out for the event.

Later on Sunday afternoon, I headed to the 61st annual Pasadena Showcase House in Arcadia. It is a magnificent estate built by Elias "Lucky" Baldwin in 1907 for his daughter. Named the Baldwin Oaks Estate, the house sits on more than two acres and, in addition to touring the house, ticket holders could purchase a meal or stop by the many Shops at Showcase.

Seeing the transformation of the house was awe-inspiring. From the staircase that leads to the second



Standing by the majestic pool only increased my desire to "beautify" our house and landscape.

floor where the bedrooms are located to the backyard, everything was done to perfection. Of course, I thought (and still do) that our house needs a major makeover. Oh well.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Sunday is Mother's Day. It can be a bittersweet day for me. I am a mom and grandma, so there is that side of Mother's Day, but I am also a daughter, a granddaughter, a niece, cousin ... and friend. As I age I find myself more reflective, and probably because of my Irish American upbringing, I am more melancholy ... if that is possible. Mother's Day, for me, is a time to reflect on those who have mothered me and shaped my life. My own mom (of course) and my grandma who lived with us influenced how I saw the world and taught me that I need to treat others the way I want to be treated. But I was also fortunate to have so many strong women who supported me. In fact when I meditate, these women – all who have longed passed – are the ones I call to encircle me and support me.

That is what motherhood is ... support that lasts beyond "the veil" of death. My mom and I had a rocky past, like many mother-daughter duos, but when I needed her she was there. Mom was a bit of a witch; she had a direct line to my soul and could tell when there was something wrong. She would call me when I was most fearful and was able to lift me out.

My grandma was even more intuitive. She had glaucoma from the time I was born and was steadily losing her sight – but she could see me clearer than anyone else. My aunt taught me that being judgmental about others reflected more on how I felt about myself than how I felt about those I judged. She also taught me that it was okay to believe in magic no matter how old you were. A cousin of my grandma's taught me that speaking up was the best way to help others. My great-grandma taught me that family was everything.

I hope that I have passed these mothering tips on to my kids and grandkids. When I would have afternoon tea with my kids, and now with my grandkids, these mothering figures were always part of the conversation.

It is important for my grandkids to know the strength and love of these women who continue to support me and will always be there for them, too.

According to the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum, Mother's Day in the U.S. is traced back to Julia Ward Howe, the author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." She was an abolitionist, a women's rights advocate and a peace activist in the 1870s. During this time the Civil War had ended but the aftermath was everywhere, and the Franco-Prussian War was just beginning abroad. It was these events that inspired Howe to issue the "Mother's Day Proclamation," originally titled "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world." Howe urged the creation of an international body of women who could find ways to avoid war and bloodshed:

"I earnestly ask that a general congress of women, without limit of nationality, may be appointed ... to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace."

Remember, this was a woman fighting for this in the 1800s, although it does seem very much like pleas heard throughout history and even today.

Nothing came of her proposal, of course; she then sought to establish an annual Mother's Day for Peace to be celebrated in June. That occurred in a few places but did not catch on.

Mother's Day that we celebrate today is rooted in the work of Ann Jarvis and her daughter Anna, who established a holiday to honor her mother Ann. Again, the root of this holiday was to honor a woman who had faced tragedy and decided to help others. Jarvis had more than a dozen children though most died from diseases like measles and diphtheria. She worked hard to educate the community to try to help others and families to avoid the tragedies she had suffered.

see WEATHER on page 5

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

COMMUNITY MEETING ON UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS)

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, 4554 Briggs Ave., invites community members to attend an informational meeting this afternoon, Thursday, May 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. regarding the potential development of a Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program at the local station.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of how a UAS program would operate and to gather feedback from the community. During the meeting, department policy will be reviewed as will FAA regulations, and questions from attendees will be answered.

Community input is important as this technology is evaluated and could be used to enhance public safety while maintaining transparency and accountability.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

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

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

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

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

VETERANS HOST MONTHLY BREAKFAST

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

The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

CCLCF TO HOST NON-PARTISAN CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE MEET & GREET

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) will host a free, non-partisan City Council Candidate Meet & Greet on Monday, May 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the CCLCF Auditorium, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. Refreshments will be provided.

Attending candidates include Quemars Ahmed, Nerses Aposhian, Kim Bowman and Ernest Koeppen. Each candidate will have an opportunity to address attendees, share their platform, and answer questions in an open, informal setting. CCLCF is presenting this event as a community service and does not endorse any candidate or political party. All candidates running for La Cañada Flintridge City Council have been invited to participate on equal terms.

Attendance is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.cclcf.org or contact Michael Powers at michael@cclcf.org or (818) 790-4353.

CV CHAMBER SPEAKER SERIES - A DISCUSSION ABOUT INSURANCE

Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce invites the public, and specifically small businesses, to a discussion regarding insurance.

Gregg Inboden, local resident and vice president/commercial lines at Momentous Insurance Brokerage, will be addressing concerns and answering insurance questions on May 14 at 6 p.m. This presentation will be held on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church at Sadler Hall, 2563 Foothill Blvd.

All are invited to this free event; no RSVP required.

JACK WONG NAMED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CITY'S CDD

The City of Glendale announced the appointment of Jack Wong as interim director of the Community Development Dept.

Wong brings decades of local government and community development experience, including leadership in planning, housing, code enforcement, building and safety, engineering, redevelopment and economic development across multiple cities.

He previously served as assistant city manager, executive director of a Redevelopment Agency, Public Housing Agency leader, and director of Community Development, and has also held interim community development leadership roles in several Southern California cities.

Kiwanis of Glendale Celebrate Successful Duck Splash



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale had a successful – and fun – duck splash and open house on Saturday, May 2. The annual event, the Club's 21st, was held at Verdugo Park in Glendale.

From 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., guests could visit several game and information booths including Forest Lawn, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and the YMCA. Game booths were operated by members of the Builders Club and Key Club – two of the Club's student-led school programs – and squeals of delight were heard when guests won a prize at one of the booths. The Kiwanis also hosted an art contest. The event had a western theme and much of the artwork reflected the theme. Music and dance filled the air and emcee (and Kiwanian) Savi Levy was happily on the mic enticing folks to learn a dance from caller Dale.

Approximately 19,000 ducks were adopted at \$5 – each purchaser hoping to win the grand prize of \$10,000 though no complaints were heard when awards were made of \$500 and \$1,000 (each category had two awardees in addition to the grand prize).

A "lake" was set up by Glendale Fire Dept. firemen where the adopted ducks raced. At the bottom pool, the adopted fowl were scooped up by "Golden



Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
TOP LEFT: Visitors to Verdugo Park were greeted by a giant inflatable duck.
TOP RIGHT: Isla Eskandari (left), age 5, watches as the ducks make their way down the "lake" erected for the event.
ABOVE: Caller Dale led folks in the "Hokey Pokey."

retrievers" – members of various organizations – and hustled off.

The Club offers non-profit organizations the opportunity to be "Duck Buddies," giving each non-profit 50% of each duck adopted (\$2.50 per duck).

To learn more, visit <https://glendalekiwanis.info/>.

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NOTES & NODS

MOTHER'S DAY HONORED AT LCIF

On Sunday, May 10 at 10 a.m., Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) will hold a special worship service celebrating mothers and mothering figures.

The service will offer a time for reflection and gratitude for all who nurture and care for others.

Recognizing that Mother's Day can be a complex day for some, the service will also provide a supportive space for those with strained relationships, those experiencing infertility and those grieving the loss of loved ones. Prayers and moments of remembrance will be incorporated into the service, led by Pastor Viv Vega.

In addition, LCIF will hold its

next "Women Gather" Bible study on Tuesday, May 12 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's conference room. The Bible study group meets twice a month, offering local women a consistent place to reflect and connect. All are welcome to attend, and no RSVP is required.

On Thursday, May 14, LCIF will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. Those who wish to schedule a specific donation time can do so by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering "lcifoothills" when prompted. All donors will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card, courtesy of the Red Cross.

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 Thursday.

TREASURES 'N' TRINKETS SALE

Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the community is invited to shop the Treasures 'n' Trinkets Sales hosted by the Center of Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

There will be lots of goodies at great prices. Come shop!

ICF - BRANCH 374 SPONSORS ITALIAN WORKSHOP

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) - Branch 374 is sponsoring workshops on conversational Italian. The workshops are on six Saturdays through June 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Bede Catholic Church. The cost for the workshops is \$130 for ICF members, \$150 for non-members.

The workshops will be taught by Laura Godin and Raffaella La Scala, native Italian college professors, at St. Bede, 215 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

For more information call (818) 599-6626 or email icf374@outlook.com.

CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Michelle Gillette. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta.

The Center for Spiritual Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

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 May 10, 17, 24 & 31. 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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CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!
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Family Fun Found at Kids 'n' Kritters Event



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Despite rainy skies, families were undeterred when heading to Montrose for its annual Kids 'n' Kritters event, a free event presented by the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The event featured animals, both exotic and domestic, various first responders including representatives from the California Highway Patrol, Glendale Police Dept., the Los Angeles Sheriff's

Dept., Montrose Search And Rescue and firefighters from Glendale Fire Dept. were highlighted. A Kids Fun Zone featured inflatable slides and bungee jump for kids and a performance was given by members of Revolution Dance Center.

A farm animal petting zoo, provided by Don Tucker, gave children the chance to enjoy gentle creatures up close. Alissa Lachance of Wild Wonders returned to showcase various animals in the "Exotic Animals Shows." Attendees could also visit the weekly Harvest Market where

they would find fresh California Certified and organic produce, flowers, baked goods and specialty foods.

Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
 TOP LEFT: Members of the Montrose Search And Rescue team were on hand and demonstrated to guests a five-to-one system and gave away stickers.
 MIDDLE: Kids had fun on the bungee.
 TOP RIGHT: Amy Tate of the Glendale Police Dept. introduced a young guest to comfort dog Brisket.
 RIGHT: Rainy skies did not deter folks from coming out to the Kids 'n' Kritters event in Montrose.



GEF Hosts Successful Annual Diamonds Gala



The Glendale Education Foundation (GEF) hosted its successful annual Diamonds Gala on Friday evening, May 1, at Chevy Chase Country Club. The event brought together community and business leaders, educators and supporters for an inspiring evening dedicated to honoring this year's Diamond Award recipients – exemplary Glendale Unified School District high school alumni – and investing in the future of Glendale. This year's awardees were Dr. Brian Landisi who was presented with the Paragon Diamond Award, Joanna Linkhorst who received the Premier Rose Diamond Award, Dr. Alen Andriassian was honored with the Hope Diamond Award and Vrej Hovsepian was recognized as the second-ever recipient of the Sapphire Award.

The event highlighted the continued impact of the Renewal Project, GEF's initiative focused on expanding opportunities, enhancing programs, and ensuring every student in Glendale has access to the support and experiences they need to succeed.

"The Gala is a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish together as a community," said Bethany Harrington, executive director. "The energy in the room and the generosity of our supporters will help move the Renewal Project forward and continue strengthening our role as a community hub – one that brings people together to enrich Glendale by investing in its most important asset: our students."

Funds raised during the event will directly support programs benefiting students throughout

the Glendale Unified School District, enhancing educational opportunities and reinforcing the Foundation's role as a connector between schools, families, and the broader community.

For more information about the Glendale Education Foundation and its programs, please visit glened.org.

Provided by B. HARRINGTON

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 LEFT: The GEF board consists of (in back, from left): Manuel Magpapián, GEF President, Alex Parajon and Sapphire Award Honoree Vrej Hovsepian; next row, center: Bethany Harrington, executive director, Shant Kevorkian Adam Franko and Alwyn Lees; front row, from the left, are Bryan Longpre, Debbie Blute, Octavio Jaramillo, Yuliya Pobereyko and Maria Sahakian.

RIGHT: From left, Bryan Longpre and Shant Sahakian were among the attendees.

WEATHER from page 2

She organized "Mother's Work Clubs" and promoted special "Mother's Work Days" when women would collaboratively collect trash and undertake other projects to improve local environmental conditions and their neighbors' understanding of hygiene.

The Civil War affected Jarvis as well, seeing neighbor turn against neighbor; she organized women's groups with moms of both Confederate and Union troops who were sick or wounded. This way of thinking was not always accepted but, despite threats of

violence against her and others in the club, she organized a "Mother's Friendship Day" in an effort to bring both sides of the war together to create a sense of community, according to the Smithsonian.

There is something very comforting, and empowering, knowing that Mother's Day honors mothers and goes far beyond the giving of flowers and enjoying a nice brunch with mom. It was established by women who understood that mothering comes from a strong foundation of women who put others first, who saw what

violence could do to a community – to a society – then stood up to do something about it.

Today will be warm – near 80 degrees – and then temperatures will steadily climb through Tuesday. According to NOAA, we should be at least 15 degrees above normal, even 20 degrees higher in some areas. On Sunday and Monday, temperatures will be in the mid to upper 80s/low 90s with even a possibility of near 100 degrees in areas like Van Nuys.

There are no strong Santa Ana conditions or rain in the future.

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Return Fraud Scheme Suspects Arrested In Glendale

The Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) has concluded a financial crimes investigation involving an organized retail fraud scheme targeting Nordstrom.

The case originated when a Nordstrom employee at the Glendale location identified a suspect attempting to return a counterfeit item in February 2026. On March 10, 2026, an officer assigned to the Downtown Policing Unit was contacted by a member of the Nordstrom Investigation Team who reported the suspicious return activity.

Some recent items included YSL handbags valued at \$2,950 and \$3,150, as well as Gucci shoes valued at \$1,190.

Through an internal review, Nordstrom investigators identified a pattern of fraudulent activity linked to two Glendale residents, later identified as Arpineh Sarkisian and Argin Gharapetian. Investigators determined that since 2019, the suspects had made over 224 purchases of high-end designer clothing and

cosmetics with all 224 items subsequently being returned. The estimated potential loss to Nordstrom exceeds \$300,000, with more than \$30,000 in confirmed losses occurring during this single investigation.

The investigation revealed the suspects purchased authentic merchandise online and later returned counterfeit versions of those items, both in-store and through Nordstrom's distribution center.

Glendale Police Financial Crimes detectives, working in coordination with Nordstrom investigators, utilized investigative leads, technology and search warrants to further investigate. On April 22, 2026, Glendale police served a search warrant at the suspects' residence in Glendale.

During the search, officers recovered a large quantity of high-end designer clothing, purses, shoes and cosmetics. Counterfeit items, merchandise tags, packaging materials and identifiable stolen property were also

located. Evidence further indicated that the authentic items were being resold through an online merchant platform.

As a result of the search warrant, Nordstrom has identified an additional estimated \$35,000 in fraudulent returns tied to this case, bringing the confirmed loss as of April 30 to approximately \$50,000.

After the search warrant, Sarkisian and Gharapetian were arrested for various charges, including felony grand theft, receiving stolen property and theft by false pretenses.

Both Sarkissian and Gharapetian are due back in court on Aug. 31, 2026, for their arraignment.

The investigation remains ongoing by the GPD. Anyone with information pertaining to this case is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Financial Crimes Unit at (818) 548-3101.

Submitted by GPD

CRIME BLOTTER

MAY 2

1200 block of El Vago Street in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a residential burglary. Surveillance footage revealed three suspects. All suspects wore black hoodies, black ski masks, black pants and gloves. They entered the backyard of the residence from the side of the home. They walked to the rear kitchen glass door and shattered the glass. The suspects entered the home and about 10 minutes later exited the front door of the home. They were carrying multiple bags and backpacks. They entered a white

sedan and left the area. Residents reported several items had been stolen.

The residential burglary occurred at 7:23 p.m.

APRIL 30

5100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue in La Crescenta, two catalytic converters were stolen from one vehicle parked in a resident's driveway between May 2 and April 30.

APRIL 29

3000 block of Encinal Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between

April 29 and May 1.

3000 block of Encinal Avenue in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

APRIL 28

3100 block of Alabama Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between April 28 and 30.

APRIL 14

2300 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen between April 14 and April 30.

Obituary Kay Goeden



Aug. 4, 1941 - April 9, 2026

Born in Crofton, Nebraska to Carmelita (Tramp) and Severin Hoebelheinrich, Kay attended Mount Marty High School and college in Yankton, South Dakota. She graduated college with a teacher certificate. She taught school at St. Rose in Crofton and at Pius X in Omaha, Nebraska. She married Richard Goeden and moved to Hawthorne, California and continued teaching until they relocated to Tujunga.

Kay returned to school and earned her registered nursing degree. She worked at City of Hope in the Pediatric Oncology Division, working nightshifts so she could spend her days with her family. Kay and Richard raised their five children together.

In 1998, Kay married Omer Goeden following the passing of his wife Valdene. They shared a love of travel, rock collecting, card playing and square dancing. After Omer's passing in 2009, Kay remained active in her community, continuing to square dance and enjoying games like bunco and canasta with friends.

Kay was deeply committed to service. She provided the Eucharist to home-bound seniors. Alongside friends, she prepared care packages and letters to soldiers, ensuring they felt remembered.

An active member of the Red Hat Society, the Women's Club, & Senior Club, known for her warmth and outgoing nature, she touched countless lives and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Kay is survived by her children: Dale (Diane), Brenda (Joel), Brad, Rick (Kathy) and Deb (Cliff); grandchildren Connor and Abby Goeden (Rick and Kathy); brother Ronnie (Jan) Hoebelheinrich; sister JoAnn (Ken) Wockman; brother-in-law Wayne (DelRae); and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Omer; sister DelRae Meridith; and brother Roger Hoebelheinrich.

A Mass will be held at St. James the Less Catholic Church in La Crescenta on May 15 at 11 a.m. Family and friends are invited to attend and a reception will be held at the family home following the service.

She will be in our hearts always.



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PROM PLUS from Cover

There is also a coat room where you can leave your coats, formal wear, shoes etc so you can change into your comfy active wear and take advantage of all the activities in total comfort,” Bribiesca-Hedin said.

The Prom Plus tagline is “Saving Lives One Prom at a Time;” however, there may be no way to tell exactly how many lives Prom Plus has saved over the years. But what is known is that over the years thousands of students in Crescenta Valley were given a place where they could be safe and have fun to create memories with other students as they get ready to leave high school and move on their life’s journey.

Prom Plus began after a CVHS senior was shot and killed at an unsupervised party at a hotel in Anaheim. According to reports, there was drinking involved – both by the kids at the party and the shooter, who was a former student.

And for those who think this is something that is not a concern anymore: on May 3, one person was killed and three others were injured in a shooting at a post-prom party in Indianapolis. According to reports, the shooting occurred at a short-term rental home where a large number of teens

gathered for the post-prom party.

“For 32 years, Prom Plus has provided a safe, supervised celebration for students after prom, fulfilling our mission to create a prom night they’ll remember for all of the right reasons. Prom Plus was born as an intentional community response to the tragic death of a beloved CVHS student at an unsupervised after-prom gathering. Since its inception, Prom Plus’ purpose has remained constant: a super fun night they’ll be talking about for years, free from drugs, alcohol or danger,” Bribiesca-Hedin said.

Prom Plus is an event that cannot happen without support from the community, including parents. Prom Plus needs funding and volunteers.

“We’re staying open two hours later this year, until 5 a.m., so [students] can celebrate pretty much until sunrise! We need volunteers for the 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. shift and [we need] prize donations valued at \$25-plus. We’ve put together a Sign-Up Genius with all of the opportunities to volunteer, donate and support – they can find it linked from the main page at promplus.org. We count on community support to make the night a success, and this year is no

exception,” Bribiesca-Hedin added.

The Prom Plus board is working hard to get volunteers and never stop raising funds for the event.

Bribiesca-Hedin added a note to parents:

“Prom night is something our students look forward to for years. It’s also a night that carries more risk than many people realize. Over the years, we’ve seen how quickly unsupervised after-parties can turn into something unexpected. Even well-intentioned plans can create situations that are difficult to manage and carry real responsibility for the adults involved.

That’s exactly why Prom Plus exists.

“Your student’s prom ticket already includes access to a fully organized, supervised after-party that costs over \$30,000 to produce. It’s designed to be safe, structured and genuinely, amazingly fun with food, activities and an environment where students can celebrate without unnecessary risk.

“We don’t expect CVHS families to take on that level of responsibility, expense or coordination on their own. We’ve built something for the entire community so no one has to.”

ABODE MEETING from Cover

At the time, community members as well as CVTC members voiced their concerns about the placement of the parking lot exit onto Briggs Avenue, of the design, the size of the building and the amount of apartments offered, in addition to other issues.

At Monday’s meeting Abode representatives updated the audience with a new redesigned project.

The new proposed project would feature 66 affordable units that would be serving incomes ranging from 30% to 70% Area Median Income (AMI). The project would include 25 units for transitional age youth (TAY) and one unit for an on-site manager, said Maegan Pearson, associate vice president of Real Estate Development, Abode Communities.

The amenities planned for the project include on-site laundry, a fitness room, residential services, on-site property management, landscaped open space, a children’s play area, bike parking and a community room, she added.

“We’ve reduced the unit count to 66 units [from 80], which consists of 32 one-bedroom, and then 17 two-bedroom and 17 three bedroom [units] and 70 parking spaces,” she said.

The mention of the number of parking spaces incited a loud rumble of disagreement from audience members – and that was just the beginning.

From the building’s color to the new design, most of the audience was not agreeable to anything presented by Abode and as the presentation continued the audience went from having respectful and insightful questions and concerns to making rude and disrespectful attacks, not only at the Abode representatives but to the LUC members as well.

Rudeness aside, the main focus of the November meeting and Monday’s meeting was a very real concern – evacuations and wildfire. Many of those in the audience live in the Briggs Terrace area, which features one way in and one way out. As numerous people pointed out, this project would add hundreds of people to this corridor, which is in the high and extreme high fire hazard area.

Abode offered a traffic study, which it was not required to do by either the state or LA County; however, the study appeared to be done during times when traffic was the lightest in the area.

There are three schools above Foothill Boulevard: Mountain Avenue Elementary (2307 Mountain Ave.), which is directly off Briggs Avenue, and Rosemont Middle School (4725 Rosemont Ave.) and Monte Vista Elementary (2620 Orange Ave.), which feed into Briggs traffic during student drop off and pick-up times. The traffic study did not appear to take this type of traffic into consideration.

Another point that was made by a community member during the question/answer portion of the meeting dealt with water flow studies. It has been reported by the California Natural Resources Agency that water system issues during the Palisades Fire were due to an insufficient flow rate. There were also reports of residents not having any water available during the January Palisades Fire.

This, along with the Eaton Fire, fueled the fear and the awareness of how important infrastructure is when it comes to building in the area. Representatives from Los Angeles County Fire Dept. who were at the meeting said that they are still reviewing the Abode proposal.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Glendale and Montrose Railway's Relics – Part 3

The Glendale and Montrose Railway, an electrified trolley line, connected Montrose and the rest of the valley to the larger world of Glendale and Los Angeles during the big growth years of 1913 to 1930. The tiny rail line was always cash-strapped and the Depression finished it off. Some of the trolley's infrastructure was repurposed and, despite the passing of a hundred years, still remains today. Last week we covered the buildings that are relics of the trolley line. Today, let's talk about the "railroad right-of-ways" that still exist. (Those are the narrow strips of land the tracks were on.)

We had previously talked about the streets that were built specifically for the railway. Montrose Avenue was built especially wide to have tracks down the center. North Verdugo Road was also built for the trolley and still has the center median where the

trolley ran, now occupied by mature trees and grass.

The Glendale and Montrose Railway had designs on running its tracks to the growing community of La Cañada Flintridge. They established a short right-of-way coming off the main line on Montrose Avenue, just above Honolulu Avenue. The proposed tracks would have curved off Montrose Avenue headed east, then climbed the hill above what was then Indian Springs Resort (now Vons and CVS Pharmacy). That right-of-way was sold off after the trolley line folded but it still retains the shape of a curving track bed.

Here's where it lies: At 2047 Montrose Ave. we see the offices of Interscape Construction Company. The long narrow building, first built as the Montrose Motel, follows the curve of the right-of-way. East of Interscape is a paved alley built on the curve, now used for storage.

That comes out on Park Place. The right-of-way land continues at 3836 Park Place, behind Marshalls. Many years ago, someone bought this oddly shaped, long curving strip of land and built a very narrow, but very long, six-unit apartment on it. It's appearance is striking. It appears to be single rooms stacked end-to-end to fit onto this oddly shaped lot. One can clearly see this right-of-way on Google Maps.

The other right-of-way still visible is at the other extreme end of the line. In 1920, the Glendale and Montrose Railway wanted to extend its line to the edge of Los Angeles. It cut a deal with Union Pacific to use its freight tracks for a trolley line that would run down Glendale Avenue, past Forest Lawn and alongside San Fernando Road to its intersection with South Verdugo Road (today near the 2/5 Interchange). There passengers could get off the Glendale and Montrose trolley and board the Los Angeles

Railway trolley to continue to downtown LA. An especially popular stop was Forest Lawn Glendale, which then had its main entrance not on Glendale Avenue but further east, right on the trolley line.

The tracks reverted back to Union Pacific solely when the trolley went bankrupt in 1930. Union Pacific continued to use that right-of-way delivering freight to Glendale up until 1956. In 1990, Union Pacific sold off that right-of-way, a long narrow strip of land that extended from Forest Lawn all the way to that San Fernando/Verdugo intersection. The various businesses that adjoined the right-of-way bought the land and today it's largely a series of long thin parking lots. Pater Noster High School at the intersection of San Fernando and the 2 Freeway acquired the right-of-way for parking. (As an aside, Pater Noster became Ribet Academy, visible off the 2 Freeway.

I think it's become another school in the last couple of years. The iconic five-story building was constructed in 1923 as the Theme Hosiery Company. It manufactured silk stockings until the late 1940s when nylon stockings put it out of business.)

Forest Lawn Glendale purchased its right-of-way for a maintenance yard. Just like Anawalt Lumber in Montrose, it paved asphalt over the tracks. And just like Anawalt, the tracks are visible and have even broken through. It's here in this maintenance yard that you can actually touch the "holy steel rail" that a century ago carried Glendale and Montrose trolley riders from LA to Montrose.

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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Love the Mom You're With

This Sunday, May 10 is Mother's Day. For so many across the country, it's a time to honor and appreciate the woman who nurtured you through life and who remains the person with whom you share laughter and tears. She is your number one fan, your closest confidant, and you can't imagine life without her in it. Spending time with your mom on Mother's Day can be the best gift for

the two of you.

My mom is no longer around in the physical world but we still have daily talks. I regularly hear her voice in my head during the course of my day and hear songs with lyrics that remind me of her. Real or imagined, this time with my mom gives me the feeling I had as a child, sitting in her lap and feeling her arms wrapped around me. That comfortable childhood

embrace of Mom's love has remained and carried me through the toughest moments of my life. It is reassuring that she still pops in to let me know everything is going to be okay.

Funnily enough, my mom really did not like Mother's Day. Mom felt so strongly about it that she refused to acknowledge that it was her "special day" and told me to skip any celebration and move right to

the next thing – her birthday on May 15. I never really understood her protest but she explained that children should love and respect their mothers every day and that to her, grown children who slap a corsage on their mom's chest and take them out to a champagne brunch once a year seemed phony and cliché. I never wanted to do that but I did let her rant about it. I found other ways to

give back to my mom throughout the year, like working in the garden by her side, cooking a meal together or holding her hand following her most difficult medical procedures. I knew it was important to show up and be there for her in good times and bad. We had a good time together and I thank her for giving me life.

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Nestled on a quiet cul-de-sac in the highly sought-after Upper Briggs Terrace neighborhood of La Crescenta, this charming 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch-style home offers the perfect blend of comfort, character, and opportunity. Set on a spacious lot, the property welcomes you with inviting curb appeal and a warm, airy interior highlighted by vaulted wood ceilings and abundant natural light.

The thoughtfully designed layout features a generous living space with seamless indoor-outdoor flow—ideal for both everyday living and entertaining. The kitchen is a true centerpiece, complete with a central island and a built-in breakfast nook featuring hidden storage and an integrated table, creating a cozy yet functional gathering space. A large formal dining room showcases custom built-in shelves and cabinetry, adding both style and practicality. Directly adjacent is the spacious living room, which features a charming box bay window, gorgeous wood ceilings and brick fireplace.

The private primary suite offers a relaxing retreat with a beautifully remodeled bathroom and dual closets, while two additional bedrooms provide flexibility for family, guests, or a home office.

Outdoors, the expansive lot presents endless possibilities, complemented by an extra-large detached garage—perfect for a potential ADU conversion, workshop, or additional storage. Newer windows throughout enhance energy efficiency and comfort. Located within a top-rated school district and just moments from parks, trails, and local amenities, this home combines a peaceful setting with everyday convenience. A rare opportunity to own in one of La Crescenta's most desirable neighborhoods.



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Flintridge Prep Student Launches Book Rescue Project at Glendale Earth Day Fair

Flintridge Preparatory School junior Felix Fey set about to fix a problem. During his time as president of the Glendale Central Library Teen Advisory Board, Fey learned that libraries across the country often discard their weeded books into recycling dumpsters because they have no reliable, affordable way to dispose of them. And many can't accept donations from patrons looking to unload their used books. Meanwhile, charities and organizations need book donations but most only accept certain types and nobody has time to make separate drop-offs all over Los Angeles. So books wind up in recycling bins and landfills — or they sit in people's closets.

"I wanted to create a one-stop drop-off," Fey said. "You bring us your books, we sort and box them, and they get delivered to the

organizations that need them. A book rescue."

Fey launched the Book Rescue Project on April 4 at the Glendale Earth Day Fair at Verdugo Park, collecting more than 1,080 books and media items — nearly 1,000 pounds of material. Donations began arriving before the fair had even officially opened and the tables were overflowing within an hour. California Assemblymember Nick Schultz and Glendale City Councilmember Dan Brotman were both in attendance.

The collected items are currently being sorted for delivery to four literacy-focused organizations Fey partnered with: Access Books, Re-Book It (run by The Last Bookstore), Children's Book Recycling Center and LA County Books for Jails.

Fey said he also learned that thrift stores and donation centers aren't always a great answer to

the problem of recycling books — they often receive far more books than they can sell and the extras can wind up in recycling bins or landfills.

"Recycling bins don't totally solve the problem either ... binding glue, coatings and mixed materials in hardcovers can contaminate the recycling process, sometimes sending entire loads to landfills," he added.

Fey, who now serves as a student commissioner on the Glendale Sustainability Commission, said the launch was just the beginning. Throughout the day, residents asked when he would be doing this again and out-of-town visitors wanted to know if he could bring a book rescue to their area. He would suggest people host their own.

"They all said, 'I'd love to do this — but how?'" Fey said. "That's when I realized there's a bigger



Photos provided by Felix FEY. Felix Fey with California Assemblymember Nick Schultz at the Book Rescue Project booth on Glendale Earth Day Fair on April 4 at Verdugo Park.

need than just [in] Glendale." Fey has built a website at bookrescueproject.org with that includes a starter guide so that students, Scout troops, libraries and community groups anywhere can host their own book rescue events.

"This really is something anybody can do," he said. "The books are out there, and so are the people who need them."

Scouts Host Annual Tasting Bee

Eighteen Girl Scout troops, representing several countries from around the world, took part in their annual tasting bee. Held in April, the bee is a cultural celebration showcasing the food, customs and facts of various countries presented by troop members.

The troops presented facts, fun and food from Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica, France, Honduras,

India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and the UK.

According to organizers, the international tasting bee gives girls the opportunity to see their place in the international community of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts —WAGGGS — and enables them to work together

to create an educational and enlightening experience for others as they learn about countries.

For just a few dollars (Girl Scout admission was \$12 per Scout — patch and tastes included — and guests were \$10 each, which included 30 tastes per person), the community enjoyed the event held at the local Montrose Girl Scout Center, 2732 Montrose Ave.

The event coincides with World Thinking Day, which occurs in the middle of Girl Scout cookie season. Each year volunteer experts from the Silver Trefoils bring information about the WAGGGS world centers and set up a table at the tasting bee so Girl Scouts can learn from the Scouts who have visited most of the centers, further inspiring them to travel the world.

Among the highlights at this year's tasting bee was a slideshow shown with images from the sites to show from events at the WAGGGS centers. (The Order of the Silver Trefoil is a group of adult Girl Scouts from the legacy council of GS-Mount Wilson Vista, who have 25 or more years in Girl Scouting.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/YOUTH

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GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

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Patrick Murphy brings decades of business leadership, community commitment, and real-world problem-solving experience to his candidacy for Glendale City Council. Patrick and his wife, Genae are proud to call Glendale their home.

A seasoned businessman, Patrick has spent four decades working with property owners, retailers, and community stakeholders to strengthen local economies and bring new life to struggling commercial spaces including neighborhood preschools and medical office buildings resulting in new jobs and tax revenues.

During his five-year tenure as Vice President with Leslie's Pool Supplies, he led a major expansion effort, successfully opening 250 new stores nationwide while managing complex entitlement, budgeting, and construction operations.

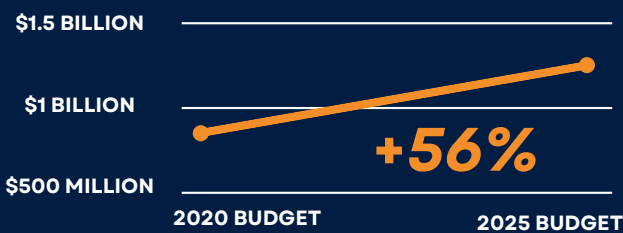


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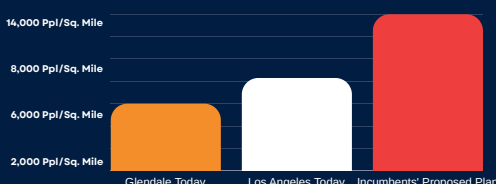
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FIX THE BUDGET CRISIS



City spending has surged 56% since 2020 – and reserves will be gone within five years. Of 93 city contracts over \$1M in three years, only 3 were audited.

STOP RECKLESS OVERDEVELOPMENT



The proposed Land Use Element would add 269,000 residents over 20 years – pushing Glendale's density far beyond Los Angeles today. The City-Owned Residential Overlay must be removed.



Nurses are the heart of our care

Happy National Nurses' Week 2026



USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is proud to recognize National Nurses' Week by celebrating and honoring the hard work and dedication to patient care that our nurses show every day.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

DAR Supports a 'Beary' Good Cause

Daughters of the American Revolution – DAR – worked with Operation Gratitude providing Battalion Bears to children whose parents are deployed.

Thousands of bears were ready to go to their “fur-ever” homes but first they needed to go through quality control and be given the once over by the women of DAR. Members did the inspection from the Don José Verdugo Chapter in La Cañada,

Martin Severance Chapter in Pasadena and members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

The mission of the DAR is historic preservation, education and patriotism; it is a non-partisan, non-political organization. This was the perfect project to thank members of the nation’s military and their families for all the sacrifices they make.

Submitted by Beverly DiLUCIA

From left are Jan Duitsman (from Martin Severance), Susan Haigh (Martin Severance), Alyssa Neubauer, (Martin Severance), Beverly de Lucia (from Don Jose Verdugo), Sherry Setoda (Don Jose Verdugo), Amy O'Dell (Don Jose Verdugo), Maddie O'Dell (Don Jose Verdugo), Amy Toczek (Don Jose Verdugo) and Maria Pearce.



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Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!
 Importance Of A Final Walk Through

Dear Phyllis,
 I recently closed escrow on an older home—a beautiful vintage Spanish style. My wife and I saw the property once during the open house and again with our Realtor before making an offer. After our offer was accepted, we returned for the property inspection. Everything seemed in order.
 About a week before closing, there was a period of heavy rain. It didn't occur to us to check on the house again before the close of escrow. However, when we received the keys and moved in, we discovered that a portion of the ceiling in the kitchen had collapsed. The sellers had already vacated the property weeks earlier so it's doubtful that they would have known.
 Now we are getting the roof fixed and really can't move into the home. All of our stuff is in the moving van until we can move in. Bills are racking up. I'm unsure of how to proceed and whether I have any recourse. I would appreciate any advice you can offer.

— Rained Out

Dear Rained Out,
 I'm sorry to hear about the roof damage—what an unfortunate surprise to face right as you're trying to move in. Older homes

are full of charm, but they can also come with hidden issues that only reveal themselves under certain conditions, like heavy rain.

Your situation underscores the importance of a final walkthrough before closing. Most purchase agreements give buyers the right to inspect the property one last time, usually within five days of the closing of escrow. The purpose is to ensure that the property is in the same condition as when the offer was accepted and that no new problems—such as your collapsed ceiling—have arisen.

Had a final walkthrough been conducted after the rainstorm, you might have discovered the damage in time to address it before the sale was finalized. You could have claimed that the condition of the property had changed and refused to move forward. I'm not a real estate attorney, I can't say definitively whether the damage constitutes a breach, but it's definitely worth discussing with your Realtor. If your agent can't help resolve the issue, I recommend consulting a real estate attorney. They can review your contract and advise if you have grounds for recourse. Wishing you a smooth path forward—and a dry roof very soon.

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USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR AGING

» DR ADRIA NAVARRO, PHD, LCSW

May is Older Americans Month: A Time to Celebrate, Support and Strengthen Age-Friendly Care

Each May, communities across the country celebrate Older Americans Month, a national observance established in 1963 to honor the contributions, resilience and wisdom of older adults. This year's theme – centered on inclusion, independence and the value of aging well – arrives at a moment when our nation is experiencing one of the most significant demographic shifts in its history. Adults over 65 are now the fastest growing age group in the United States and their needs, strengths and voices are shaping the future of health care.

For hospitals and health systems, Older Americans Month is more than a celebration; it is a call to action. As part of the commitment of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to improve care for older adults, hospitals nationwide are working to become Age-Friendly Health Systems – places where every older adult receives safe, evidence based, person-centered care every time.

What It Means to Be Age-Friendly

An Age-Friendly Health System follows the 4Ms Framework, a set of essential practices designed to improve health outcomes and quality of life for older adults:

- **What Matters** – Understanding and honoring each patient's health goals, preferences and priorities.
- **Medication** – Ensuring medications are age appropriate, necessary and don't cause harm.
- **Mentation** – Preventing, identifying and managing dementia, depression and delirium.
- **Mobility** – Supporting safe movement to maintain function and independence.

These four elements guide every interaction with older patients,

from emergency care to inpatient stays to outpatient visits. CMS encourages hospitals to adopt the 4Ms as part of its broader strategy to improve quality, reduce avoidable complications and support aging with dignity.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Commitment to Older Adults

In recognition of Older Americans Month, our hospital reaffirms its commitment to becoming a fully Age-Friendly Health System. This work is not a single project or a temporary initiative. It is a culture shift – one that places older adults at the center of care and recognizes the unique strengths and challenges that come with aging.

Over the past five years the Community Resource Center for Aging (Resource Center) has joined these efforts, seeing that Foothill communities and beyond have access to available long-term services and support, focused on support, wellness and aging at home. Hospital providers collaborate to ensure that every older patient receives care aligned with what matters most to them. This includes:

- Asking patients about their goals for treatment and daily life
- Reviewing medications to reduce side effects and interactions
- Screening for memory changes, mood concerns and delirium risk
- Encouraging safe mobility to prevent decline

Why This Work Matters Now

Older adults bring tremendous value to our community – through caregiving, volunteering, leadership and lived-experience.

They may also face real challenges: managing chronic conditions, navigating complex health systems and recovering from illness or injury. Age-friendly care helps address these challenges by focusing on safety, independence and respect.

Research shows that hospitals using the 4Ms see fewer falls, fewer medication complications, shorter hospital stays and better patient satisfaction. These improvements benefit not only older adults but the entire health system.

Celebrating Older Adults All Month – and All Year

As we celebrate Older Americans Month, we invite community members to join us in recognizing the older adults who enrich our families, neighborhoods and workplaces. We also reaffirm our commitment to providing care that supports healthy aging, honors personal goals and strengthens quality of life. If there are issues you or your family are exploring, please feel welcome to call or email our Resource Specialists at (818) 949-4033 or email Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu. Becoming an Age-Friendly Health System is a journey we are proud to take alongside the older adults we serve. Their stories, strengths and aspirations inspire us every day.



Adria Navarro, PhD
 Program Manager
 USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
 Community Resource Center
 for Aging

TRAVEL & LEISURE

Not Quite a Thriller: 'Michael' is Entertaining, but Ultimately a Sanitized Puff Piece that Explores Nothing

By Jackson TOYON

Everybody knows Michael Jackson – and how could you not? His music transcends generations and he was perhaps the most famous musician and entertainer to ever walk this earth. If you took a time machine back to the Paleolithic Age, walked up to the nearest Neanderthal and said Michael's name, you'd probably get treated to a rough imitation of some of his moves. It's truly difficult to understate the King of Pop's influence on culture and the music industry – but in disappointing fashion, director Antoine Fuqua makes a concerted effort to do just that in his new biopic "Michael."

We begin our story in 1966 in Gary, Indiana as steel worker Joseph Jackson (Colman Domingo) puts his five sons through brutal rehearsals to turn them into the music group known as the Jackson 5. Comforted by his mother (Nia Long), a young Michael (Juliano Valdi) persists in his musical upbringing despite the abusive treatment from his father. In 1968, their performance at the Regal Theater in Chicago is noticed by a representative of Motown Records, at which point the group is scooped up, signed onto a contract and put on a whirlwind tour of performances. During a recording session for their hit song "I Want You Back," Motown founder Berry Gordy Jr. (Larenz Tate) realized that Michael was particularly special and felt

that he had an incredible future ahead of him.

Cut to 10 years later: In 1978 an older, but still childlike, Michael (Jaafar Jackson) finds himself harboring ideas about wanting to break free from the strings of his father's control and record a solo album. A strict Joseph allows him to do this during his very limited free time and the results are near immediate – "Off the Wall," Jackson's first creative breakthrough of his own, is a massive success. For the rest of the film, we follow Michael as he seeks to forge more of his own path in the music industry as he balances it with the love he still holds for most of his family.

This film is a conflicting experience. On one hand you're listening to some of the greatest songs to come out of the music industry but on the other, you're being taken through another instance of the most generic musician biopic formula that continues to plague the 21st century. The credits indicate that the Jackson family had hands all over this project and you can tell by how the subject is presented – the film has very little interest in providing new information about Michael or an unbiased look at his life – both the good and the bad. It always takes the opportunity to adore Michael, showing how kind and charitable he was to children in hospitals, but very conveniently the film wraps up in 1988 – just before Neverland and all the related allegations.

Photo provided by Jackson TOYON
Jaafar Jackson portrays the iconic Michael Jackson in 'Michael.'



Jaafar Jackson is the gleaming diamond in the rough patch that is this film. His impressive skill at emulating his uncle's legendary dance moves and iconic way of speaking and singing prevent the film from being a disaster; even if he can't fully save it he certainly gets to show his stripes as an enchanting performer. Casting a blood relative to play the part of the original man was absolutely the best decision to make here and one must wonder how different things could have been if they had not.

Despite Jaafar's efforts, though, confusing editing choices still muddle and fail to fully deliver on the energy that one would expect from a Michael Jackson concert.

A casual viewer can have an enjoyable

time watching this but bland execution on the filmmaking side of things turns what should have been a biopic into more of a concert film. The film flows like the cliff notes of Michael's life, simply ticking off the important boxes for the first half of his career – Motown discovery, beloved song, major life event, new album, nose job, famous concert. It's especially disappointing since it deals with one of the most strange and fascinating musical figures out there.

For those who only want to jam to Jackson's greatest hits, they'll probably have a good time. However, those who go into this film hoping to better understand the person behind all the pop and mystique, it won't be found in "Michael."

Rated PG-13.

Scouting America
Verdugo Hills Council

COMMUNITY IMPACT BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 28, 2026
7:00am to 9:00am
Glen Arden Club

with Mike Libeck, National Geographic Explorer

VHBreakfast.GiveSmart.com

Verdugo Hills Council Community Impact Breakfast is an annual event that joins community leaders, businesses, and supporters of Scouting on May 28 at the Glen Arden Club for an inspiring morning dedicated to youth development. Enjoy breakfast, connect with local leaders, and learn how Scouting is shaping the lives of young people through programs focused on leadership, character, and service.

Featuring keynote speaker Mike Libeck, a National Geographic Explorer and Adventurer of the Year, sharing powerful stories of resilience and exploration from some of the most remote places on Earth.

The event is complimentary and open to the public. Register at VHbreakfast.givesmart.com.

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TITLE - \$10,000

- 2 Tables of 8 for the Community Breakfast
- Event Signage
- Choice of Inside Front Page or Back Cover of Program Tribute
- Recognition at the Community Breakfast
- Company Profile in the ECHO newsletter for 1 Month
- Company Logo and Website Link on the VHC Website and Facebook Page for 1 Month
- Opportunity to Address Attendees

GOLD - \$5,000

- 1 Table of 8 for the Community Breakfast
- Event Signage
- Full Page Program Tribute
- Recognition at the Community Breakfast
- Company Logo and Website Link on the VHC Website and Facebook Page for 2 Weeks

SILVER - \$2,500

- 1 Table of 8 for the Community Breakfast
- Event Signage
- Half Page Program Tribute
- Company Logo and Website Link on the VHC Website and Facebook Page for 1 Week

BRONZE - \$1,000

- 4 event tickets for the Community Breakfast
- Event Signage
- Quarter page program tribute
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Scene in LA - May 2026

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Here are some great new shows coming soon to the Southern California theater scene!

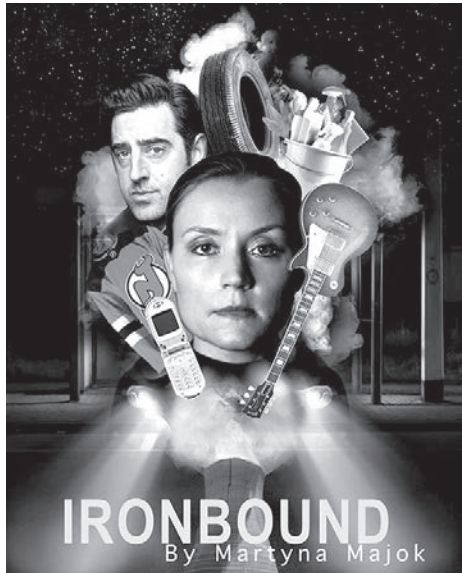
COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue, so bring a face mask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is their current policy.

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

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

"Ironbound" takes place over the course of 20 years through three relationships and in one location – at a New Jersey bus stop. Polish immigrant Darja negotiates for her future with men who can offer her love or security – but never both. Though the world of *"Ironbound"* is a world of constant less – less safety, less softness, less margin for error – Darja is determined to build a life that measures in more than just survival. Each negotiation is an act of hope and every win, no matter how small, serves as proof that even in a life defined by "less," something can still be gained.

Written by Martyna Majok and directed by Kimberly Alexander, it runs through May 18 at the Madnani Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit www.ironboundplay.com.



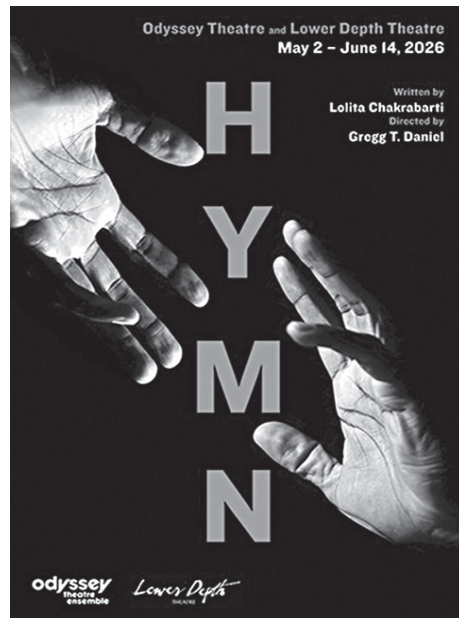
"Carlota: Alhajero de Secretos" Part melodrama and part comedy, *"Carlota: Alhajero de Secretos"* is all corazón. Inside the home of Carlota and her three daughters, time seems to have stood still. But their cloistered world is suddenly shaken when the youngest daughter encounters a handsome stranger in town for his father's funeral. What follows is a cascade of revelations as long-buried secrets emerge – like precious jewels hidden inside a jewelry box. Echoing the themes of Lorca's play in which he examined the abuse of power within a rigid, puritanical household, Carlota offers a sharp and often humorous critique of a moral code that suppresses desire in the name of respectability – a "righteousness" that often proves more hypocritical than virtuous.

Written and directed by Rodrigo García and Ugho Badú, it runs through May 24 at the Los Angeles Theatre Center in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (213) 489-0994 or visit latinotheaterco.org.

"Hymn" At a moment when public conversation about men's emotional lives, and the particular pressures facing Black men, has never been more charged, *"Hymn"* offers something rare: a portrait of male friendship that is tender, funny and utterly without apology. Set against a background of R&B rhythms, boxing and rounds of scotch, *"Hymn"* stars Jason Delane (*"Safe Harbor," "Bulrushes"* and *"One Night in Miami"* at Rogue Machine) and Chuma Gault (*"Gem of the Ocean"* at

A Noise Within, *"The Gun Show"* at Moving Arts) as Benny and Gill. The two men meet at a funeral; Gill knew the deceased, Benny did not. Soon they, and their families, have become close.

Written by Lolita Chakrabarti and directed by Gregg T. Daniel, it runs through June 14 at the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055 Ext. 2 or visit OdysseyTheatre.com.



"Millennials Are Killing Musicals" With a contemporary pop-rock score, this entirely original musical comedy offers a fierce, funny look at identity in the age of social media. Brenda, a single millennial mom, just wants to do better "adulthood" (like the seemingly perfect Jake's mom at her daughter's school) when her younger #influencer sister Katrina shows up eight months pregnant and totally unprepared for motherhood. The three women work to shed the Greek Chorus of social media filters on their lives to achieve their dreams.



Written by Nico Juber, with music by Nico Juber, and directed by Kristin Hanggi, it runs through May 17 at the Colony Theatre in Burbank. For tickets, visit www.colonytheatre.org.

"Southern Fried Funeral" Dewey Frye is dead. He was a much-loved individual in his small Mississippi town. His sudden demise in embarrassing circumstances leaves the rest of the family to pick up the pieces of the clan's unfinished business – if they don't kill each other first. Funerals bring out the worst, the best and the funniest in people, and the Fryes are no exception. Grieving widow Dorothy is surrounded by loving (if neurotic) family and friends – except for her snake-in-the-grass brother-in-law Dub, who plans to seize her home and evict her. There may be two individuals who will come to Dorothy's aid – and they're the people she'd least expect. Can they save the day?

Written by Dietz Osborne and Nate Eppler, and directed by Kerr Lordygan, it runs through May 10 at the Ahiah Center in Pasadena. For tickets, visit www.jewishsgpv.org/calendar/jfed-players-present-southern-fried-funeral.



"Blue Man Group" The beloved production will continue to showcase classic Blue Man favorites along with brand new content including the addition of a new character exclusive to the current tour. The Rockstar is a dynamic multi-instrumentalist with striking blue hair who will join the Blue Men in creating a multi-sensory experience fans can remember for years to come. Featuring pulsing original music, custom-made instruments, surprise audience interactions and hilarious absurdity, show goers will join the Blue Men in a joyful experience that unites audiences of all ages.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

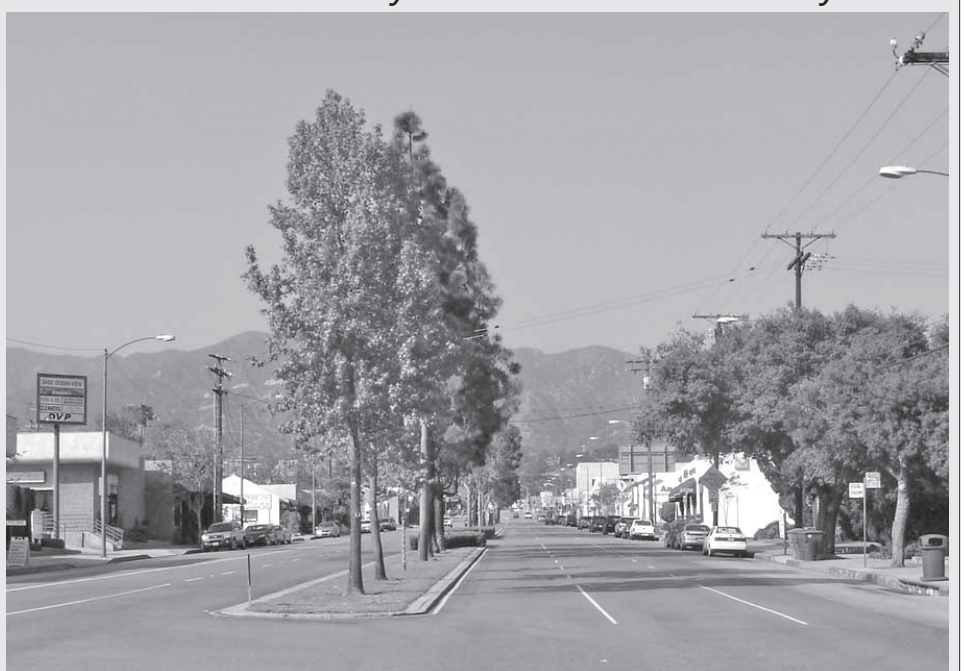
THEN & NOW



Then: This wide median on North Verdugo Road just below Montrose had been the track bed, or right-of-way, of the Glendale and Montrose Railway system, a freight and passenger electric trolley system that helped Crescenta Valley grow from 1914 until the trolley went out of business in 1930. Soon after the trolley line closed, the steel rails were torn out for scrap or reuse. As the valley was deep in the Depression, the local Kiwanis Club pulled out the wooden ties and cut them up for firewood for the needy of La Crescenta. Local boosters worked on beautifying the bare median and a call went out via The Ledger newspaper for residents to dig up any small trees they could spare from their yards to plant along the center strip. A concept of decorating the trees with Christmas lights was proposed to compete with Altadena's then-popular Christmas Tree Lane, but the lighting and required utilities never materialized.

This photo was taken in the 1940s when the trees were beginning to mature.

North Verdugo Road Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: The median is in many places on its second generation of mature trees. Verdugo Road had originally been the gateway to the Crescenta Valley. In the '50s and '60s the road experienced rush hour traffic as residents used its three lanes in both directions as a main thoroughfare in and out of the valley. With the completion of the 2 Freeway in the mid 1970s, North Verdugo Road returned to a quieter status as a neighborhood roadway. This shot is looking north just where Ocean View intersects.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

April 27, 2026 - May 3, 2026

ARIES March 21 - April 19

It helps to have a strategy in place so you can stay on track with your health. You may often have big ideas about what you want to achieve regarding your well-being. You'll find it easier if you take regular baby steps rather than try to reach your goals in record time. You want to feel great, not grow discouraged.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Good posture is a great confidence builder and a boon to your overall health. In order to sort out any potential posture issues, you might want to try something like yoga or tai chi. It also helps to be more aware of your body while you're walking, standing, sitting, or engaged in any kind of activity. If you do this, you'll learn to correct your posture very quickly.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You love to expand your horizons, yet somehow you seem to get stuck in a rut when it comes to exercising and keeping fit. Think outside the box and try something new. There are so many ways to enjoy exercise. If you're attracted to a sport that you've never tried, find an informal group you can join. You can always switch to something else if it doesn't suit you. Keep trying until you find what you love to do.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You might have a stack of exercise DVDs. You might even get around to watching one from time to time. But unless you use them consistently, they aren't going to help you with strength, aerobic fitness, or weight loss. Pick your favorite, make a pact with yourself to use it every day for two weeks, and see how much progress you make. If it helps, you'll be motivated to continue.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Feel your body. Get in touch with it, listen to it, and appreciate it. Accept your body as it is, regardless of whether it conforms to somebody else's standard of beauty. Try dancing to express some of the emotions that may be locked within you, the ones you find hard to express. This is an especially good exercise to try right now.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You might have suffered recent setbacks where your health is concerned. However, these should end pretty soon. Be patient for now. If you have an injury to a part of your body that makes it hard to exercise, make a point of rehabilitating that first of all. Work at it slowly and do what you can to get it functioning properly. Take your time.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It's time to rest. The cosmos indicates that you should slow down if you want to lose weight or get into shape rather than rush ahead and try to do it quickly. Think about what you want to achieve and why. Take some time away from your current diet and exercise routines. Pause for a while to get your bearings and celebrate how far you've come. Then you can renew your efforts.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You might not feel as light on your feet as you did a few months ago. It's as though an invisible burden is weighing you down. This is due to the influence of the cosmos, which can sometimes cause muscle stiffness and tension even if you're exercising regularly. You might need to take fish oils or other supplements to help your joints stay flexible. Doing so could free you up considerably and give you a new lease on life.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't let your expectations get in the way of your achievements. If you aim too high, you could grow disappointed and give up too soon. Pace yourself now, and don't worry if others seem to be a long way ahead of you. They were once where you are now. The cosmos is encouraging you to get professional help for any wellness issues, and the sooner the better!

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You're learning something new every day that helps improve your health. The focus is still on combining spiritual healing with practical, everyday techniques that can boost your energy and set you on the path to total wellness. If you're unsure about what to eat, make use of resources that can help you locate the foods that suit you best so you can avoid the ones that don't.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This is a great time to encourage your partner to train with you or embark on a new health routine together. If you do it now, you'll be more likely to continue even when the going gets tough (and there's always a time when the going gets tough). This is also a good time to hire a personal trainer if you need one. Your efforts will be rewarded.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The cosmos indicates that you should take extra care of your feet now. If they aren't in the best condition, it's time to give them some attention. Visit a podiatrist and get your feet tended to and any problems sorted out. Get a pedicure and have your nails trimmed and rough patches smoothed away. If you make this a regular habit, you'll soon feel like you're walking on air.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



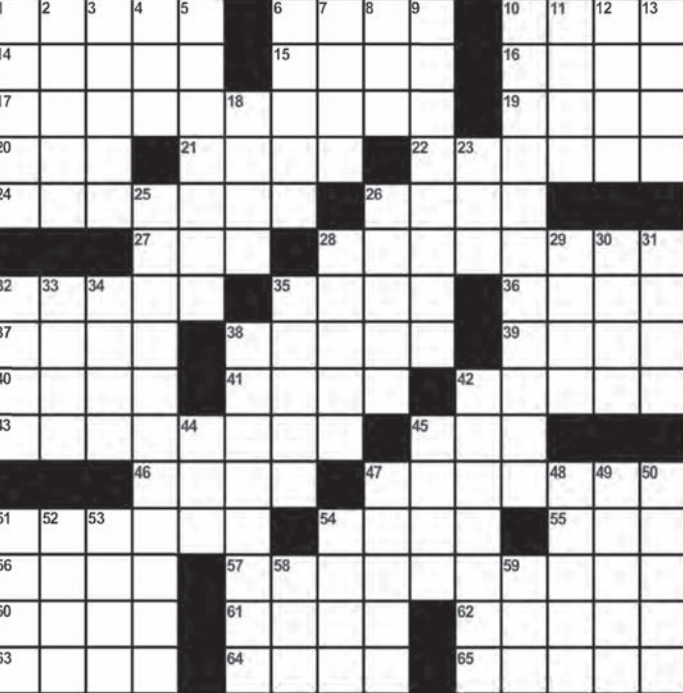
ACROSS

- 1) Wise old heads
- 6) Help in wrongdoing
- 10) Garments with underwires
- 14) "Looks __ everything!"
- 15) Eastern holy man
- 16) Sausage segment
- 17) Second Amendment issue
- 19) Prefix with "knock" or "lock"
- 20) Vigoda of "Fish"
- 21) Carnival oddball
- 22) Requiring a combination, say
- 24) More smart-mouthed
- 26) Put on a long face
- 27) Anthem contraction
- 28) Situations with "horns"
- 32) Fork-tailed seabirds
- 35) Comfy spot
- 36) 14-Across, informally
- 37) Not have __ to stand on
- 38) Word that can follow the first parts of 17- and 57-Across and 10- and 25-Down
- 39) Clinton's attorney general
- 40) Bull artist
- 41) Inside-the-Beltway figures
- 42) "No kidding!"
- 43) Arlington, e.g.
- 45) __-Columbian era
- 46) UPC part
- 47) Support, as a team
- 51) Home for a yacht
- 54) Hockey thug
- 55) Attorneys' org.
- 56) Zillions
- 57) LEAD -> LOAD -> GOAD -> GOLD, e.g.
- 60) Rum go-with
- 61) Square mileage
- 62) Ones in a skein
- 63) Broker's advice, maybe
- 64) Sign of boredom
- 65) Venerated one

DOWN

- 1) Long tales
- 2) Island off Venezuela
- 3) Heredity factor
- 4) Ltr. accompanier
- 5) Cheap cigars
- 6) Take in or let out
- 7) Kennel sound
- 8) Moody subgenre of punk
- 9) Bankhead of "Lifeboat"
- 10) Illegal arms trade, e.g.
- 11) Where to do camels
- 12) Pot starter
- 13) Warehouse platform
- 18) Not e'en once
- 23) Good __ boy
- 25) Kind of musical performance
- 26) Puts through a sieve
- 28) Dining table decoration
- 29) Demeanor
- 30) Part of AD
- 31) Pack overhead
- 32) Low end of the Mohs scale
- 33) Fashion designer Saab
- 34) Clean, as a pipe
- 35) Gooey campfire treat
- 38) Hightailed it
- 42) Period when forging began
- 44) Semi capacity unit
- 45) Place to play Marco Polo
- 47) Monster who trashed Tokyo
- 48) Like well-worn jeans
- 49) More than pudgy
- 50) Less done
- 51) Apple Store buys
- 52) Spiny succulent
- 53) Part of some sandwiches
- 54) Shot up
- 58) __ pro nobis
- 59) Tierra __ Fuego

WHERE'S JONES?



Notice of Public Hearing

This is a notice that the District will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Water Code sections 10642 to receive public comments and consider adoption of a Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP).

In compliance with California Water Code (§§ 10610-10657 and § 10608) the UWMP and WSCP are required to contain detailed evaluations of the water supplies necessary to reliably meet demands over at least a 20-year period in both normal and dry years. Public input from diverse social, cultural and economic elements of the population is encouraged and will be considered during the finalization of the 2025 UWMP.

The Draft 2025 UWMP documents CVWD's plans to ensure adequate water supplies to meet existing and future demands under a range of water supply conditions, including water shortages. The Draft WSCP documents CVWD's plans to manage and mitigate an actual water shortage condition, should one occur because of drought or other impacts on water supplies.

A public hearing will be held on:

**TUESDAY,
MAY 26, 2026
7:00 P M**

at CVWD Board Room
2700 Foothill Blvd
La Crescenta, CA 91214

A copy of the Draft 2025 UWMP and Draft WSCP can be accessed at www.cvwd.com/uwmp a week before the public hearing.

If you have any questions regarding CVWD's 2025 UWMP, WSCP or the public hearing, please contact us at (818) 248-3925 or feedback@cvwd.com. Written comments may be submitted until May 26, 2026. Public comments can also be made at the in-person public hearing at the time and place listed above. Following the public hearing, CVWD Board of Directors may revise, change, modify and/or adopt the 2025 UWMP and WSCP with recommended modifications as a result of public input.



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Hotels.com and Europcar Charged Me Twice For A One-Way Rental. Can I Get My Money Back?

Lawrence Signori thought he'd fully paid for his rental car in Porto, Portugal. But not according to his rental company. Europcar charged him an extra \$407 for insurance and other fees. Can he get this fixed?

Question: I booked a one-way car rental in Porto, Portugal through Hotels.com. When I picked up the vehicle at the Europcar counter, the agent said I hadn't paid the one-way fee—even though my reservation clearly showed it was one-way. She added \$155 to my bill.

She also refused to accept the insurance I had purchased through my travel plan or my credit card, and forced me to buy Europcar's "Premium Protection" for another \$155. On top of that, she added a \$97 "Premium Station Surcharge," even though I had reserved the car at the Porto airport from the beginning.

Before I left the United States, I had already paid Hotels.com \$338 on my Visa card. Europcar claimed that only \$243 had been applied to my rental and insisted the rest went to Hotels.com as its commission. I contacted Hotels.com for help, but

all I got were vague responses.

I'm asking for a refund of \$407, which represents the unfair charges. Can you help?—Lawrence Signori, Jupiter, Florida

Answer: You shouldn't have been billed for any of these nuisance fees. Hotels.com says all those charges are included in the taxes and fees portion of your prepaid rental. Europcar should not have added them again at the counter.

As for the insurance and station surcharge, that's a familiar script at car rental counters. Some agents will pressure you into buying their coverage or tack on extras that weren't disclosed up front. Once you sign the rental agreement and drive away, it can be impossible to get those charges reversed. That's why I always recommend reviewing the rental agreement carefully before leaving the lot—every fee, every option.

Hotels.com initially told you

that Europcar hadn't charged you twice but when my advocacy team reviewed the paperwork, we discovered the math didn't add up. You prepaid enough to cover both the base rental and the one-way fee.

This is a bizarre case. Usually our readers get hit with one, maybe two, fees when they rent a car. But it looks like Europcar slammed you with three fees. Some of them may have been a result of crossed wires with Hotels.com. But still, three has to be a new record!

I think you might have gotten farther by appealing to someone higher up the food chain at Hotels.com. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the executives at Hotels.com (Expedia) and Europcar on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

I contacted Expedia, which owns Hotels.com, and suggested that it take another look at your



case. After a few rounds of back-and-forth, Expedia agreed. You received a full refund for the extras.

Next time you rent a vehicle anywhere I recommend booking directly with a car rental company and carefully reviewing all charges before signing. And one more tip: if you're picking up a car overseas, bring proof of insurance. It can help you avoid unwanted extra charges

for mandatory insurance. 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/>. © 2026 Christopher Elliott

CALENDAR this

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On May 8, Katie Brandon of Pasadena Village will be making a presentation to the Club.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

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

RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE

The community is invited to step beyond the noise of the modern world and into a place where time loosens its grip and wonder takes the reins. This spring, the original Renaissance Pleasure Faire invites guests to trade ordinary weekends for an escape into a vibrant 16th century village. Through May 17, laughter, spectacle and a touch of mischief await beneath the banners. Located just 10 minutes east of Pasadena at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area in Irwindale, the Renaissance Pleasure Faire welcomes all.

Tickets for The Renaissance Pleasure Faire are \$53 for adults and \$28 for children aged 5-12.

Children aged 4 and under are admitted at no charge.

Themed events! Season passes available! Visit RenFair.com/SoCal for more information.

FUN FOUND AT BACK DOOR BAKERY

Back Door Bakery and Cafe is hosting live music every Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. On Thursday, May 7 it's Open Mic Music Nite; on Friday, May 8 it's Jokers & Spokers (comedy & poetry) and on May 9 Sunland's Song Circle will perform. Also, on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Reno Goodale hosts King Trivia! Back Door Bakery is located at

8349 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus).

There will be music from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

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

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them:

- Registration for CCLCF Spring II Session is open! New classes and returning favorites will run through May 30. Learn more at cclcf.org.
- Spring Ceramic Sale: The spring ceramic sale is on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring ceramics and glass for sale plus studio tours and demos from all departments. Volunteers needed! Visit cclcf.volunteerlocal.com to sign up.
- A sound bath meditation takes place on Wednesday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to noon. To register, visit cclcf.org/register.
- Registration continues for Camp Runamuk and summer camps.

Camp Runamuk for ages 5-10 will run weekly, June 8 to Aug. 14, with a different theme each week, including a counselor in training program (ages 12-15). Learn more/register at cclcf.org.

• Summer Camps. Check out the junior & pre-teen Ceramics Camps (ages 5-13) and Professor Egghead Camps (ages 5-10). Learn more at cclcf.org.

• Family Bingo Night: Save the date! Family Bingo Night is on Saturday, May 23 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Volunteers needed! Visit cclcf.volunteerlocal.com to sign up.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

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The concerts are at 8 p.m. on Friday May 9 and Saturday May 10 in the Ramo Auditorium.

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Parking was another issue that was raised to a level of concern regarding fires and evacuations. With only 70 parking spaces provided for 66 units, there was an assumption that any additional vehicles would park on local streets, which would cause issues with evacuations.

It was made abundantly clear that few in the audience approved of the Abode Communities project; however, that may not make any difference when it comes to the project's approval.

"Under SB 35, authored by State Senator Scott Wiener, the state created a streamlined path for certain housing projects to move forward without going through the traditional local approval process.

The intent was to accelerate the production of housing, including affordable units. That means qualifying developments can be built if they meet clear state standards, even if a city or county does not grant discretionary approval," according to a spokesperson from the office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger in a previous CVW interview.

According to the log for the meeting the project will go before the LA County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 12 (subject to change). The project needs approval from three of the five supervisors to move forward. Abode, a non-profit organization, is asking for funding from LA County. On May 12 the board will vote on the approval

of "funding for a multifamily affordable housing development" and a "resolution declaring intent to issue multifamily housing mortgage revenue bonds or notes for the development and construction of affordable multifamily housing."

"The La Crescenta project [at Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue], submitted by developer Abode Communities was one of 12 projects recommended for funding by the LA County Development Authority through Notice of Funding Availability for Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing 31 in the amount of \$4.5M," stated Elisa Vásquez, director of the Office of Public Affairs and Communications for the LA County Development Authority [LACDA]. "The proposal

was originally for an 80-unit project with funding and 25 Project-Based Vouchers [PBVs] allocated to develop housing for Transitional Age Youth [TAY]. Following a community meeting held on Nov. 6, 2025, the developer reduced the scale of the project to 66 units while continuing to retain the 25 TAY units to be eligible for the recommended funding and PBVs."

If approved by the board, the developer would then receive a funding commitment letter from LACDA and would apply for any remaining leverage financing, including tax credits.

The majority of the CVTC members voted not to approve this project and to send a letter stating their opinion to all LA County

supervisors, Assemblymember Nick Schultz and State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez.

It was advised that audience members email their concerns about the Abode Communities project to all LA County Supervisors: Supervisor Hilda Solis, email FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, email HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, email ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, Supervisor Janice Hahn, email FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov and Supervisor Kathryn Barger, email Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov.

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