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New Multi-Family and Mixed-Use Housing Explored by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

At the end of a packed meeting on Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council began the process of adopting objective design standards for new multi-family and mixed-use housing in residential and commercial districts.

According to California's government code, objective design standards are defined as "standards that involve no personal or subjective judgment by a public official and are uniformly verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark or criterion available and knowable by both the development applicant or proponent and the public official prior to submittal." Absent objective design standards, developers would be able to build anything allowed "by right."

The proposed standards and the process of adopting them in their entirety can be reviewed at <https://engage.glendaleca.gov/objective-design-standards-multi-family-and-mixed-use-projects>.

The ordinance will be back at Council for adoption next Tuesday.

Councilmember Dan Brotman explained that SB 79 becomes effective on July 1 and, absent objective design standards, the city would have "no say" over development. Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian clarified that the adoption of these new standards is not related to the future of the controversial city-owned parking lots nor would it result in any zoning changes.

Also on Tuesday night, the Council authorized \$1,050,000 for 38 bus shelters and 34 enhanced bus shelters, funded by a combination of state grant funds and local Prop C funds.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

Memorial Day Events Held Throughout the Valley

By Mary O'KEEFE

The solemnity of Memorial Day will be commemorated in the Crescenta Valley and beyond.

Memorial Day is May 25 and, as is the tradition in the Crescenta Valley, Montrose, Glendale and Burbank, events will be held that recognize the day.

In the early days, Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day when flowers were placed on the graves of soldiers. The modern Memorial or Decoration Day can trace its beginning to May 5, 1868.

"The Grand Army of the Republic, [a] politically powerful organization of Union veterans led by Major General John A. Logan, issued General Orders No. 11, or the 'Memorial Day Act,'" according to the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Over the years, there were accounts of those who felt the day actually began in 1866 with women in Columbus, Georgia who lobbied for a defined Memorial Day to place flowers on the graves of Civil War soldiers. Then there was another account originating in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania where three women decorated graves of fallen soldiers in October 1864 and another in



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 Allen Brandstater, left, looks at bagpiper Bobby Kilgore at the beginning of a previous year's Memorial Day commemoration at the Vietnam War Memorial Wall at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.

Charleston, South Carolina.

"Black freedmen and White 'Northern abolitionist allies' hosted an enormous and historically significant program on May 1, 1865 at the 'Martyrs of the Race Course' cemetery where 257 Union dead were buried," according to the VA.

Regardless of where it started, it appears that many people had the same idea: find a way to honor those who served their country.

In Montrose, the Memorial Day ceremony will be held "precisely"

at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 25 at the Vietnam War Memorial Wall at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.

"The ceremony is expected to last no more than 40 minutes so that attendees and officials may attend other Memorial Day events throughout the City [of Glendale] and surrounding communities," said Steve Pierce, a Vietnam veteran and communications administrator and film liaison for the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA).

Dignitaries who will be in attendance include Assemblymember Nick Schultz, Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian, Glendale Police Dept. Acting Chief Robert William, Glendale Fire Dept. Chief Jeff Brooks, Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station Captain Ryan Vienna, MSPA president GiGi Garcia and MSPA board members, Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce CEO/President Molly Burke and members of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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Community Learns About Drone Use at CV Sheriff's Station

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station held the first of two community meetings on May 7 to get input on new County policies guiding the use of drones by all L.A. County Sheriff stations, and to discuss the potential purchase and use of drones for policing in La Crescenta, La Cañada Flintridge and Montrose.

Sergeant John Gilbert, who will be in charge of the drone program, reviewed the department policy, FAA flight regulations and how a drone program might operate in their jurisdiction. Sgt. Gilbert and Captain Ryan Vienna gathered thoughts from approximately 30 community members in attendance.

Gilbert said the drones would primarily be used for disaster,

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Photo by Eliza PARTIKA
 An example of an ASD drone and its operating system were on display at the CV Sheriff's Station during the UAS meeting.



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Supporting Altadena's Rebuilding Efforts

On Saturday evening, Steve and I headed to Altadena. Much of the landscape is still "moon-like" – the remnants evident of the Eaton Fire in January 2025.

We were on our way to a fundraiser for the Altadena Mountain Rescue Team. "Murder at the Mausoleum" was held at the Pasadena Mausoleum in Altadena and organized by the Altadena Sheriff Support Group (SSGA). Before heading into the mausoleum, participants heard from Captain Ethan Marquez. He praised SSGA for its ongoing efforts to help fire victims, including hosting the Altadena Forever Run, which raised over \$140,000 for the Altadena community. Captain Marquez noted the money went straight into the hands of fire victims. He also noted that in October there will be a haunted jail event at the sheriff's station and invited folks to take part in that as well.

The event featured delicious food and wine as well as opportunity drawing prizes. Of course, we were tasked with finding the perpetrators of several crimes that happened inside and outside the mausoleum. (We failed – miserably.)

Steve and I were fortunate in that our table mates were interesting people who had some great stories to share.

At the end of the evening we left



Photo by Steve GOLDSWORTHY

with full stomachs

Craig, the head of the murder mystery, then gave us some general information and introduced the "detective" of the evening: Lt. Detective Scam Likely.

And that's how the evening went. Scam had several people share "clues" that were attained in a variety of ways – all to lead us toward the discovery of the murderer/s. It was a fun night and I'm glad that we were part of it – and helped Altadena.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Harrison Ford and Howard G. Buffett were given honorary doctorates at Arizona State University on May 11. So yes, Dr. Henry (Indiana) Jones is actually now Dr. Ford. The two men both gave speeches, each coming from their perspectives of life, and as I listened to these two men I thought how lucky were these graduating college students to receive their shared wisdom.

In the press and social media, Ford is getting the majority of the attention – as he should – it was an amazing speech; however, so was Buffett's, though in a different way. Buffett, who is the son of legendary investor Warren Buffett, spoke on how to feed one's soul. I must admit this speech rang true to me – maybe because it was said with a midwestern voice reflecting the midwestern values with which I was raised. He spoke of helping others and helping your community. He told the students that when they wake in the morning to think about what they can do that day that they could be proud of, what their neighbors, friends and family would be proud of – if they found out. And then when they go to bed at night to think about someone they had helped or something they had done to make life better for someone besides themselves.

Ford has been an advocate for the environment for years and has been working with Conservation International for over three decades. His speech at ASU was very focused on the environment.

He told the students that passion and purpose are not the same thing.

"Passion brings you joy. Purpose brings

you meaning. Passion gets you out of bed in the morning, but purpose allows you to sleep at night," he said.

He spoke about Conservation International and shared its message, "Nature doesn't need people. People need nature to survive."

"A healthy natural world provides free services to mankind that we cannot provide for ourselves: oxygen in the air we breathe; pollinators for our crops; fresh water and carbon capture from our forest, wetlands and ocean; medicines, present and future, from the rainforest," Harrison said.

He added that humanity has a mandate to protect 30% of the world's land and sea by 2030 to prevent mass extinction, to slow the warming of our planet.

"Still, despite new science, new policies, we are still losing nature to profiteering, corruption, conflict, including land that is already protected on paper," he said.

He told those in the audience that a "cultural change" is what was needed. He also spoke of honoring, protecting and respecting Indigenous peoples.

"These communities have long understood that the trees, the mountain, water, soil are not commodities. They are relatives to be cherished for following generations to embrace and protect. We can all play a role by embracing that wisdom in our day-to-day lives, by loving the planet, by honoring nature's authority, her generosity, the bounty she affords us, the justice of her example, because the world you're stepping into, the world my generation left you, is a real mess," he said.

Then he left the graduates with a positive challenge.

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La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association Goes All-Electric

By Eliza PARTIKA

The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association (LCFTRA) held a ribbon cutting on May 6 to unveil its all-electric float that will be its entry in the 2027 Rose Parade, a first for the Tournament of Roses (TOR).

Ernest Koeppen, who first dreamed of the all-electric float two years ago, said he was excited to see the payoff of hard work and lots of planning.

"It's amazing to be done. Every day was a Rubik's Cube, like solving for X," Koeppen said.

"We're constantly looking back at our history and looking forward to the future," said Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Terry Madigan. "It is amazing to see a self-built float jumping so far into the future. We could not be more excited to see that that really big next step happen."

LCFTRA's 2027 float will champion the important "first" for the TOR and the LCFTRA team. The float, titled "Everyone is E-Vited" invites float participants and audiences to enjoy the float's green update. It will feature electric-powered animals – a sloth, a lemur, a raccoon – who will show off lightning dance moves, becoming more animated the more the crowd "gets loud" for the float.

Pam Wiedenbeck, LCFTRA president, said she crosses her fingers each year as the LCFTRA team jumps milestone after milestone.

"The question is always 'Will it work?'"

But it went really well last year [with a hybrid engine]. So now, we take the big step," she said.

The electric engine sits in the bones of the old chassis the team uses each year. Two main engines run electricity from the battery to the back wheels for steering. The float driver will sit atop the engine and guide the float's direction using the front wheels. There are charging mechanisms built into the float and accessible to the float driver should they encounter the need to charge on the day of the parade, and there are mechanisms to allow the float to roll without the battery, in the event the float needs to be towed, Koeppen said.

Parts began arriving in February and the team has been hard at work gutting the old gas motors to replace them with the new electric hardware. The two electric engines powering the float arrived on the day of the event.

In a speech to the crowd of volunteers, stakeholders and city and Tournament officials, Koeppen acknowledged all the volunteers who come together to make the float possible each year.

"This year is an exploration in ingenuity and creativity. We are exemplifying this year's perfect parade theme of welcome. Our artists, our engineers, our dreamers, our welders, our designers, electricians, craftsmen and programmers are just some of the villagers [who] make up this project because it does take a village to build this," Koeppen said. "It is a community effort and it is unique for our community."



Both the California State Senate and State Assembly recognized the LCFTRA team with awards for this accomplishment. Representative Judy M. Chu spoke at the event, congratulating the team for its accomplishment.

"When I heard about this huge step that you are taking with this particular float, I just had to come and see. I had to come and celebrate," she said. "Of course, the Rose Parade is where millions of eyes go on New Year's Day, and La Cañada Flintridge plays such a huge, important role in making this event possible."

"It's all about that spirit of belonging. I started my journey with the Rose Parade, working with the South Pasadena Rose Float Association, built the float for a



CREDIT: Photos by Eliza PARTIKA
TOP: Ernest Koeppen (holding scissors) cuts the ribbon celebrating the arrival of the all electric engine that will be used on the LCFTRA 2027 entry in the Rose Parade.
ABOVE: The LCFTRA team poses with Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Terry Madigan in front of the chassis.

number of years and drove it for a couple of years," said Madigan. "So I understand the work it takes to get a float like this done. And the self-built floats really are

the heart and soul of who we are. They're some of the longest units we've had in the parade in terms of the years they've been involved. So we're just thrilled."

IN BRIEF

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 tonight, Thursday, 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.

CERT PROGRAM RETURNS TO CV STATION

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station is hosting the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Both new and returning community members are invited to attend the CERT kickoff event on Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, 4554 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta.

The CERT program provides valuable emergency preparedness training designed to help residents better protect themselves, their families and their neighborhoods during disasters and large-scale emergencies. Training topics include:

- Basic disaster medical aid
- Fire suppression and utility control
- Search and rescue techniques
- Disaster preparedness and organization

• Supporting first responder efforts during emergencies

In a major emergency, CERT training provides community members with practical skills and knowledge to assist others safely until help arrives.

For additional information, contact the Community Relations and Crime Prevention Office at CVSREL@LASD.ORG.

CVWD HOSTING COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

The ongoing Community Office Hours for Crescenta Valley Water District will continue on Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave.

Please stop by this open forum to learn more about upcoming pipeline replacement projects, ask questions and share comments. Free to attend.

SCE HOLDING DISCUSSION ON WILDFIRE SAFETY

The community is invited to take part in a virtual discussion on wildfire safety held by SCE on May 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Topics scheduled include: understanding why and when PSPS occurs, how to prepare for outages, available programs and services, getting support during an outage, identifying cost-saving strategies and enhancing emergency preparedness. There will be an opportunity for questions and feedback.

Register at <https://tinyurl>.

[com/3hvzu4d6](https://www.cvweekly.com/3hvzu4d6).

FLAG RETIREMENT COLLECTION EVENTS

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) – Don José Verdugo Chapter will be collecting American flags for retirement during Memorial Day weekend. American flags needing to be retired can be brought to the Kiwanis French toast breakfast at La Cañada Memorial Park on Saturday, May 23 or to Two Strike Park, 5107



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Rosemont Ave. at 8 a.m. where a commemoration ceremony will be held by the American Legion/VFW Post 288 La Crescenta. DAR members will be assisting at this ceremony, serving coffee and donut holes and collecting flags for retirement.

CV SHERIFF'S STATION TO HOST COMMUNITY ACADEMY

For those interested in learning

more about the CV Sheriff's Station, 4454 Briggs Ave., the station will be having a Community Academy from June 8 to July 13 on

Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. This free six-week program provides residents with an inside look at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/LEISURE](https://www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE).

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Supervisor Barger Champions Updates to County Housing Rules

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors considered important updates to the County's housing ordinance aimed at increasing affordable housing opportunities.

The proposed ordinance presented by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Regional Planning applies to unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. It makes several updates to local housing regulations, including strengthening protections for existing affordable housing by requiring "like-for-like" replacement housing when

affordable units are removed or demolished and broadening eligibility of density bonus projects to include shared housing and residential care for the elderly.

The ordinance also creates a new "Acutely Low Income" category to better serve residents with the greatest housing need, defined as households earning less than 15% of the Area Median Income.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced an important amendment to the proposed County ordinance to help preserve the quality of life of residents where new housing will be built.

The amendment reflects the supervisor's determination to retain some of the County's existing density bonus caps—which already exceed the state's minimums in their current form—rather than adopting proposed higher density bonus percentages.

Supervisor Barger's amendment passed 3-2. The board of supervisors then voted unanimously 5-0 on the newly amended ordinance. Next, County counsel will prepare the final ordinance documents for a final vote by the board of supervisors at an upcoming meeting.

Abode Vote Will Return to Supervisors in the Fall

By Mary O'KEEFE

The saga of the Abode Communities 66-unit project at the corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard will be stretched a few months further.

The Los Angeles County board of supervisors on Tuesday of this week was to hear, and make a decision on, the funding for the non-profit Abode Communities project in the unincorporated area of LA County/La Crescenta.

The funding for the project in order to move forward needs approval from three of the five supervisors. Abode, a non-profit organization, is asking for funding from LA County. On May 12, the board was supposed to 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."

However, it was "referred back" and will return to the board of supervisors in the fall.

"That was at my direction," said Emilio Salas, executive director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA).

He decided to refer it back because he had been made aware of another Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). NOFA is a loan program that provides funds for special housing projects, like the Abode Communities is proposing.

"Eligible projects applying for funding under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) must be new construction or acquisition with substantial rehabilitation, providing at least 15 units of permanent rental housing. Affordable rents and income restrictions are required in exchange for favorable loan terms. Eligible applicants include non-profit and for-profit organizations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, public agencies, other local jurisdictions and joint

ventures among any of these entities. Apartment buildings or complexes that receive financing assistance from the LACDA are required to submit annual compliance reports that are monitored by the LACDA staff," according to the LACDA website.

LACDA had recommended the board of supervisors approve funding the Abode Communities project. The new funding available was released in late April.

"I became aware that the developer [Abode] may submit another application for this round of funding as well," he said. "If that was the case, and they were successful, we would have to go back to the board again... I decided to refer the item back."

To get a recommendation from LACDA, the applicants must fit a rubric of specifications... Abode's project fits those specifications. Abode could get additional funding.

The decision to "refer back" had nothing to do with the community's opposition to the project. As of

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Tuesday's meeting there were about 267 comments against the project and seven in favor of it.

"Rather than [Abode] going back multiple times, we wanted to wait for this [round of funding] to actually conclude, and then determine how to best move forward," Salas said.

The comments go before the board of supervisors; it will then determine whether or not to provide funding for the project. It will take three of the five supervisors to vote to approve or not to approve funding for the project.

Salas did point out that Abode had reduced its number of units from 80 to 66, even though that was not required; however, it made the reduction after meeting with the public. It also did not have to be part of a community meeting in order to move forward with the project.

At the May 4 meeting there was a lot of public comment regarding the proposed project. Although there were many issues discussed, the risk of fire was often repeated. The property as proposed is in a

high fire risk area not far from the neighborhood of Briggs Terrace, which has one way in and one way out for residents. This area has always been a concern for residents but even more so after the tragic Eaton Fire.

Among the concerns mentioned was the issue of parking. Abode has proposed building 70 parking spots, although more vehicles are expected than those that accompany the 66 units. Those vehicles will have to be parked on local streets, creating evacuation issues.

Abode will be back on the board of supervisors agenda sometime this fall.

"I will be resubmitting the recommendation again once the current NOFA cycle has concluded," Salas said.

Salas added he will recommend the supervisors approve the project. He has worked with Abode on several other projects and said he found Abode to be a reputable organization.

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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.

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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.

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Suspect Held to Answer and Arraigned For Allegedly Labor Trafficking

A 26-year-old man has been held to answer and arraigned for allegedly labor trafficking a local middle schooler by making him prepare hundreds of items of clothing for online resale after taking the victim's cellphone so he could not be contacted by his family. The defendant, Brandon Holguin, is also accused of furnishing the victim with Adderall and instructing him to use it as he worked.

Holguin allegedly left the child stranded on a Los Angeles freeway in the middle of the night, nearly three days after the teen was reported missing.

"Human labor traffickers frequently target vulnerable children, gaining their trust before isolating them and profiting from the child's forced labor," Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman said. "For three terrifying days, the victim's parents and law enforcement desperately searched for this

missing teen, fearing the worst had happened. Human exploitation is unfortunately still widespread in our county in 2026, and our Labor Justice Unit will ensure that anyone who participates in this criminal activity is held accountable. I urge anyone with information about the defendant to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., as this is an ongoing investigation, and we are concerned there may be additional victims."

Holguin of Thousand Oaks is charged with six felonies: one count each of child stealing; human trafficking; child abuse under circumstances likely to cause great bodily injury or death; furnishing a minor [with] a controlled substance; employing a minor during unauthorized hours; and false personation for a written instrument.

From May 2 to 5, 2025, Holguin allegedly trafficked a

then-14-year-old minor from a location near the victim's home in northern Los Angeles County to multiple county locations. He allegedly targeted the victim at a thrift store four to six months prior.

Holguin allegedly took the victim's cellphone, telling him that it needed to be disposed of so the victim could not be tracked by his mother. Holguin then allegedly sold the phone and used a false ID to pawn the victim's jewelry, which were gifts from the victim's family, obtaining hundreds of dollars in proceeds that he did not provide to the victim.

Holguin allegedly drove the victim to a motel room where the victim was put to work sorting and photographing used clothing items for online resale. Holguin allegedly instructed the victim to ingest a controlled substance containing amphetamine commonly known as Adderall – which made the

victim sick – so the victim could work late into the night to finish the job.

After Holguin's alleged plan fell through to traffic the victim from Los Angeles to northern California, he allegedly abandoned the victim alone on the side of a Los Angeles freeway in the middle of the night on May 5, driving away with the proceeds of the sales of the victim's phone and jewelry. The victim managed to walk off the freeway to a nearby location where staff called 9-1-1. The victim was recovered by Los Angeles Police Dept. officers and reunited with his family that same day.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., out of the Crescenta Valley Station along with Lost Hills Station, arrested Holguin on May 9, 2025.

On Nov. 6, 2025, the defendant was arraigned on the first amended complaint and pleaded not guilty.

On April 22, 2026, following a preliminary hearing, the Court held the defendant to answer on all charges. A pretrial hearing is set for June 3 in Dept. C of the Pasadena Courthouse.

He is being held on \$650,000 bail.

If convicted as charged, Holguin faces up to 14 years in state prison.

Anyone who may have been a victim or has additional information about Brandon Holguin is urged to contact Detective Salvador Ponce at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. at (818) 236-4015. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous can call LA Regional Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (800 222-8477), text the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637) or visit www.lacrimestoppers.org.

Provided by Office of Los Angeles District Attorney

Sanchez Heads Back to Court in June

By Mary O'KEEFE

Joseph Sanchez, 25, will be in court on June 22 and will be facing seven counts

regarding lewd acts with children under the age of 14 and one count of possessing child pornography. The charges were filed by the office of the Los Angeles

County District Attorney.

At the time of his arrest on Dec. 20, 2025 Sanchez was employed by a third party contractor, Covelo, and worked at

several Glendale Unified School District schools as a special education assistant.

Activist Harry Leon Recognized

By Eliza PARTIKA

Former Crescenta Valley Town Council president and local civic activist Harry Leon was presented with the prestigious Burtis E. Taylor Community Award at the Glendale Unified School District board of education meeting and educator

awards ceremony on May 12. Leon was joined by other educators who were honored for their dedication and service to the school district by the board of education.

Leon is known for his service throughout Glendale and La Crescenta, as the former CVTC president and board member

since 2010, and the owner of a local plumbing firm. Leon and his wife have been staples in the community since 2003 when they first moved to La Crescenta.

Board member Kathleen Cross celebrated Leon's history of advocacy and volunteering.

"His advocacy has been focused on youth empowerment and traffic safety around our schools," she said. "Harry is routinely seen volunteering at The Grill, flipping pancakes (which I've seen him do a number of times) or barbecuing to support Crescenta Valley High School's Prom Plus, CV Cares, the Fire House [youth center] and other student-centered causes in the community."

"It's a great honor and pleasure; thank you very much," Leon said when accepting the award. "You guys deserve this more than I do. And the teachers – with you, our kids are doing so good, so much better than we can even imagine. I always say, 'Here comes trouble.' Without trouble, you know what? There is no goodness."

Others honored at the ceremony included classified and certificated staff, retiring teachers and teachers who have served the District for more than 20 years.



Photo by Eliza PARTIKA
Harry Leon, left, with his award standing next to board of education member Kathleen Cross.

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Meeting for Proposed Project at Twelve Oaks Property

By Mary O'KEEFE

A meeting is planned for May 20 when residents and community members can comment on the proposed plans for the Twelve Oaks Assisted Living property at 2820 Sycamore Ave. in La Crescenta-Glendale. The meeting will be at 5 p.m. in the Municipal Services

Building located at the corner of Glendale Avenue and Broadway in Room 105.

The property is a unique oasis in the community, surrounded by trees and pathways. There was an area that held individual rooms and throughout the property were small cabin-type residential buildings.

In 2013, residents and families

at Twelve Oaks were given short notice that the facility was for sale and residents were being evicted. This was difficult news for the elderly residents and their families, but it also appeared that the management company did not have the right to sell the property. Twelve Oaks, at that time, had been operated by the be.group,

formerly Southern California Presbyterian Homes. Rumors quickly spread about the facility being closed and developers coming in to build houses.

Though the be.group was the management company and not the owner of the property, a case was filed by the National Charity League (TOF), which went to court where a decision

was made against the be.group. In 2020, TOF entered into an affiliation with the Episcopal Communities and Services (ECS) and, after evaluating the property, ECS found that it would have to close the assisted living facility and all of the buildings would need to be knocked down and a new facility built.

La Cañada Flintridge Burglary

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.—Crescenta Valley Station are investigating a residential burglary that occurred in the 1200 block of El Vago Drive in La Cañada Flintridge on May 2

at about 7:20 p.m. The resident reported that suspects sprayed her dog with bear spray then entered her house, ransacked it and stole several items. According to reports, security cameras showed three masked suspects

force their way into the house. They were later seen exiting the house with pillowcases stuffed with personal items, including jewelry.

On May 8, a similar burglary occurred when a crew broke into a home in Studio City. A resident realized his neighbor's house was being burglarized and when he confronted the suspects as they left the house they used bear spray on him.

Both the Studio City and La Cañada Flintridge burglary crews entered a white Kia when they left the locations.

Detectives are looking at connections between the two

burglaries as well as others.

The La Cañada Flintridge resident had reported she thought the suspects used a signal jamming device, which affected interior security cameras in her house.

Sgt. John Gilbert said that another tactic used by burglary crews is the use of cameras. Although it is not known if they were used in the La Cañada or Studio City cases, in the past LASD investigators found well hidden cameras placed near a house prior to a burglary. The cameras are a way to surveil residents' movements.

The sheriff's department

reminds residents of the following burglary prevention tips: Lock all doors and windows, even when at home. Keep exterior lights on during nighttime hours. Utilize alarm systems and surveillance cameras if available. Avoid leaving valuables visible from outside the house. Collect mail and packages promptly. Report suspicious persons or vehicles immediately that are seen in the neighborhood.

In addition, Gilbert suggested being aware of any cameras hidden in nearby bushes outside houses and around neighbors' houses.

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Fatal Accident in Sunland

By Mary O'KEEFE

A fatal single vehicle rollover crash occurred on Monday at about 6 p.m. near the 11100 block of North Oro Vista Avenue in Sunland.

The call went out of a car crash with possible death and injuries, according to a spokesman with the Los

Angeles Police Dept..

"The vehicle had [apparently] lost control and crashed into a pole," said the spokesman.

It appeared the vehicle went around a curve and then lost control, according to LAPD.

"Three patients [were] assessed. A female (unknown age) [was] transported to a local hospital in critical

condition. The second patient (unknown age or gender) [was] transported to a local hospital in fair condition. The third male patient (unknown age) [was] determined deceased and beyond medical intervention," according to the LA City Fire Dept.

CRIME BLOTTER

MAY 10

700 block of Angeles Crest Highway, Angeles National Forest a person reported parking near the area of Switzer Falls Trail. He and his friends secured his vehicle and then went for a hike. When they returned they found the passenger side window had been shattered. They noticed a grey towel had been placed over the broken glass. They also discovered several personal items were stolen, including wallets and a cellphone.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to the location concerning a theft. When they arrived an employee told them that three suspects entered the store, picked up several items,

placed them in a black tote bag and left the store without attempting to pay. Suspect No. 1 was known to the employee from a previous theft incident. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, about 18 years old, 5'5" tall and weighing about 130 lbs. Suspect No. 2 was described as a male Hispanic, about 18 years old, 5'6" tall and 120 lbs. Suspect No. 3 was described as a White female, about 18 years old, 5'6" tall and weighing about 120 lbs.

The theft occurred at 6:19 p.m.

MAY 9

Big Tujunga Canyon Road and West Trail Canyon Road in Angeles National Forest, a person reported that he had driven to the location, locked his vehicle and went for a hike. When he returned he noticed the vehicle's driver door locking mechanism had been

damaged. He then discovered his wallet, with personal information and credit cards, was stolen. He checked his online banking and found that a purchase was attempted on one of this credit cards; it was declined.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 3:15 p.m. and 4 p.m.

MAY 8

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee of a store at the location reported that a man, described as a Black adult wearing a blue hoodie and blue shorts, entered the store. The employee reported observing the suspect load a bag full of alcoholic beverages and meat products. He then exited the store without attempting to pay for the items. He fled in a black 2025 Nissan Altima.

The theft occurred at 5:25 p.m.

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Armed Forces Day Celebration in La Cañada Flintridge

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, May 16, it is Armed Forces Day. It will be recognized locally with the America 250 Concert in the Park held in the gazebo at Memorial Park, 1301 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. The free concert is from 4 pm. to 6:30 p.m.

It is presented by the Military Order of the World Wars, Bradley-Hanson Chapter 186. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Concert Band will be performing.

"As Memorial Day honors deceased military veterans and those who died in action, and Veterans Day [honors] living

veterans, Armed Forces Day honors current active-duty service members on the third Saturday of May," according to the American Legion.

President Harry Truman first instituted Armed Forces Day in 1950. When the separate departments for each military service branch were placed under the new Dept. of Defense in the late 1940s, it was decided that there should be one all-inclusive service day to recognize the uniformed branches and those who serve in them. Armed Forces Day was made a national holiday in 1961 by then-President John F. Kennedy.

MEMORIAL DAY from Cover

The Memorial Day program will include bagpiper Bobby Kilgore playing a rendition of "Amazing Grace" followed by the pledge of allegiance given by former U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant Allen Brandstater. Welcoming remarks will be made by Garcia and Burke.

Mayor Kassakhian is expected to speak as will Assemblymember Schultz and then flowers will be presented. Lt. Col. USAF (retired) Raffi Najarian will read the poem "The Wall," followed by Bronwyn Schramm reciting the names listed on the Montrose Vietnam War Memorial Wall. The ceremony will conclude with the playing of "Taps" by trumpeter Jonah Barty.

For years Pierce organized the Memorial Day event, which has a personal meaning for him and other veterans and active duty service members, their families and friends.

"This day is emotional for all of us who served, especially those who served in combat. I remember and honor the sacrifice of those brave men and women who did not return to their families and homes. And I sometimes shake my head wondering why and how I managed to make it back intact while others were not as fortunate," Pierce said. "Memorial Day will never be 'just another day.'

I remember the faces of those who served with me, the friendships, the camaraderie and, ultimately, the loss of connection as years pass by, and then tragically the announcement that a friend and fellow soldier has passed."

If people or organizations wish to donate flower baskets they may contact Molly Burke or Steve Pierce in advance of the ceremony, or bring their basket of flowers to the event and contact Molly or Steve when they arrive. They may present their basket of flowers during the presentation of flowers and wreaths portion of the program as their name/organization is announced.

To contact Molly Burke email mvcc@montrosechamberofcommerce.org or (818) 249-7171 or email Steve Pierce at stevemspa@gmail.com.

Two Strike Park

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta. It is presented by American Legion Post 288, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, Crescenta Valley High School Air Force Junior ROTC and Boy Scout Troop 288.

The ceremony will include the presentation of colors, a Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) table ceremony and music by Monday@JoJo's.

City of Glendale

The City of Glendale will host a ceremony on May 25 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall Veterans Memorial, 613 E. Broadway in Glendale. For anyone with questions regarding the ceremony please contact (818) 548-4844, press option 1.

City of Burbank

The City of Burbank will be hosting a Memorial Day ceremony from 10 a.m. to noon at McCambridge Park War Memorial, located at the corner of San Fernando Road and Amherst Drive in Burbank. A pre-ceremony concert featuring the Burbank Community Band begins at 10:15 a.m.

UAS from Cover

search and rescue, and missing person operations. A "drone-out-of-the-trunk" policy, where drones are kept in the trunks of supervisors' cars until officers sign them out with approval, would be enforced any time an officer needs a drone.

They displayed an example of a drone and demonstrated how it would be operated by sheriff's department personnel. They also touted several examples of successful search and rescue missions involving drones.

"We're hopeful that this type of technology will be able to help us be more effective at finding people more quickly," said Gilbert.

In a search and rescue or missing hiker case, said Sgt. Gilbert, drones would be used to bring radios to people in hard to reach places to facilitate communication or drones would be used to provide food and water to people waiting for rescue. The drones can travel for miles, said Gilbert, as long as the drone pilot maintains a line of sight.

In response to privacy concerns, the department clarified that drones do not record unless they are at the scene for which they are being used, and during flight the camera is always pointed at the horizon, so as not to gather surreptitious data irrelevant to the incident to which the drone is being deployed.

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The Old Well and Barn on America 250

The Sunland-Tujunga Bicentennial Trail, developed in 1976, is now the America 250 Trail. In the past weeks, we've visited 13 of the 25 locations highlighted on this journey into the past. On we go to take in this week's sights of Sister Elsie's Well at 6720 St. Estaban St. and the former Begue Barn location at 9729 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. Both of these sites are associated with the Begue family.

Bertrand Begue was born in France in 1824. At the age of 18, he arrived in New Orleans to begin his life in America. He and his German wife Mary were living near Sacramento in 1867 when their son Phillip was born. Tragically, Mary passed away at the young age of 30 and Bertrand eventually arrived, with his then-17-year-old son, to our valley in 1884. The Begues were among the earliest residents in the area having homesteaded the land on both sides of Tujunga Canyon Boulevard as it descends from Foothill Boulevard down to Fehlhaber-Houk Park.

Mike Lawler has written about Phillip Begue many times over

the years and has described him as a notorious storyteller, so it's difficult to extract the truth from the shadows. One story told is that when Bertrand and Phillip arrived at their new property they found some old, dilapidated cabins alongside an old well. Many stories have been written about Sister Elsie and her well.

According to Phillip, Sister Elsie was a Catholic nun sent by the Sisters of Charity to oversee an Indian orphanage on the site near the well. Legend says that as padres walked to and from the San Fernando and San Gabriel missions they often passed this spot, and Elsie would raise a bucket of cold water from the well to quench their thirst.

She was a beloved figure among the dwindling native population, teaching them skills they would need to survive in the brave new world that they faced. Upon her death, one legend describes the natives carrying her body to the top of Mount Lukens and laying her to rest there. A path can be found today that leads to the top of Mount Lukens with the name

of Sister Elsie's Trail. What is not widely known is that the original name of Mount Lukens was Sister Elsie's Peak.

While many have tried, the story seems impossible to verify. I'm not aware of a single document that has surfaced regarding Sister Elsie's existence – just many stories and local places carrying her name. The old well can still be visited in the courtyard of the Foothill Retirement Home and a plaque there reads, "Dug by neophytes on the Rancho Las Hermanas (Ranch of the Sisters) and used by the padres traveling over the old mission trail during the Spanish regime."

The other location – the Begue Barn – was built by Bertrand and Phillip not long after their arrival.

I have a connection to this barn that is a bit unusual. Sometime around 2010, I set out on a project to take photographs as identical as I could to photos of the area that were taken 100 years prior. I had a picture of the Begue Barn taken about 1900, so I headed over to take the same



photo all those years later. The very next day, I was driving up Tujunga Canyon when I glanced toward the old barn. It was gone! The day after I took that last photograph the barn was torn to the ground, apparently deemed too dangerous to leave standing.

The barn sat along the pathway that heads into the tree line, just beyond the palm tree on the right side

of the drive. I've heard that the old barn was the location of some major parties and celebrations over the past hundred years. Many claimed they were "barn burners."

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

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » KERRI BRAUTIGAM

Council Reflects on Proposed Housing Project

As spring continues, the Crescenta Valley Town Council has spent the past month focused on meaningful engagement, public safety and celebrating the people who make Crescenta Valley such a special place in

which to live. From well-attended public forums to community events and student recognition, here's a look at what we've been up to.

Earlier this month, the Town Council hosted a community

forum that drew over 300 residents to discuss a proposed 66-unit housing development with 70 parking spaces on the corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The strong turnout reflected the seriousness with which our community views this project. Residents shared feedback, both in person and through written comment cards and emails, with the overwhelming majority voicing opposition to the project as proposed.

Much of the concern centered on safety and access. The proposed development sits along a main roadway that serves as the only way in and out for a large population of the Crescenta Valley. The project location itself falls within a high fire hazard zone, prompting many residents to raise alarms about increased traffic, parking spillover onto Briggs Avenue and the absence of current evacuation studies or evacuation plans for the area particularly in light of recent fires such as the

Eaton and Palisades fires. The Town Council appreciated the presence of key stakeholders at the forum, including representatives from the project developer, the CVTC Land Use Committee, Crescenta Valley Town Council members and representatives from the county supervisor's office, the Dept. of Regional Planning, the Dept. of Public Works, and our sheriff's and fire department partners. Their participation allowed for direct dialogue with all present and ensured community concerns were clearly heard by those involved in the review process.

In response to the strong and consistent feedback from residents, the Town Council voted to submit a formal letter of recommendation opposing the project in its current form. The Council argues the Community Standards District, which was thoughtfully planned with LA County Dept. of Planning for the vision of the Foothill corridor creating a design reflecting local zoning and community cohesiveness, is being overridden.

Letters were sent to all Los Angeles County supervisors, urging them not to approve funding for the project until appropriate due diligence is completed. This includes comprehensive traffic, parking, safety and evacuation studies to determine what size and scope of development, if any, is appropriate for this site, with public safety as the guiding priority. This letter was also sent to Assemblymember Nick Schultz and State Senator Sasha Perez so that they could also have eyes

on this project and hopefully give their own feedback to the supervisors.

Appearing at the board of supervisors meeting on May 12 was a strong contingent of representatives of the Crescenta Valley.

Over 500 people voiced opposition to both the use of public funding for the development as well as identifying the parcel as an inappropriate location of high-density housing. The recorded opposition for the project from our residents has been nothing short of enormous. The Council emphasized that this will be an ongoing discussion with

County officials to ensure that local safety is prioritized. The agenda items were ultimately delayed and referred back to the LA County Community Development Authority, which is requesting the funding for the project. We anticipate

the project will come again before the board of supervisors at a later date and will update the community as we receive information.

Beyond land use matters, the Town Council has continued to stay connected with the community. We were delighted to participate in the Hometown Country Fair and truly enjoyed meeting residents, families and local organizations throughout the day.

A reminder that our next regular Town Council meeting is tonight, Thursday, May 14 rather than the usual third Thursday of the month due to our regular location being unavailable. At the meeting, we are proud to award scholarships to five outstanding students from our community. We are constantly amazed at the quality of young adults being raised in our community.

After a week of difficult discussions, celebrating these seniors is a welcome reminder of what we are fighting to protect.

As always, thank you for your engagement and we encourage you to stay

involved as we work together to serve Crescenta Valley.

See you tonight, Thursday May 14 at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library community room, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

Kerri Brautigam, CVTC Corresponding Secretary

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commends the City for Commemoration Event

Thank you to the City [of Glendale] for the 25th annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration Event held on Thursday, April 23 at the Alex Theatre. I've attended this event for many years and found this year's particularly good. From the opening remarks through performances by Sonata School students, Lilia Dance Group, the AGBU choir and Jivan Gasparyan Jr.'s moving performance on the duduk, the evening provided a wealth of information and was truly a pleasure.

Armenia was the first nation to adopt Christianity in 301 AD. Armenians endured centuries of persecution by other nations, oppression in the Ottoman Empire. In the late 19th century as the Ottoman Empire unraveled, an era of vicious pogroms began, culminating in the Genocide from 1915 to 1923. It was the first Genocide of the 20th century. Sadly many countries have failed to recognize it and Turkey continues to deny it.

Everyone should participate in this annual commemoration because if any people can be subjected to such horrors, absolutely no one is safe. I applaud the City's fine work in raising awareness of the Genocide and celebrating the resilience, arts and culture of the Armenian people.

I'll close by simply saying getseh hayastan!

*Susan Wolfson, Candidate for City Clerk
Glendale*

Memories of the Early Train

Trent Sanders' letter brought back some old memories. In the very early 1950s I was in grade school. We lived in the 500 east block of Chestnut

Street. The railroad tracks ran right up the middle of Glendale. On some school holidays I went to work with my dad and it was early enough in the morning that I would see the steam engine with the lumber load slowly go up Glendale Avenue with its bell ringing. I am not sure, but I believe the tracks were removed when the storm drains were put in. The lumber yard was replaced by the large shopping area immediately south of the 134 Freeway.

*Tom Suter
La Crescenta*

Old Bigotries – Alive and Well

One of my first memories of La Crescenta, after buying a house off Briggs Street here in 1984, was witnessing a White teenage girl angrily spewing racial epithets at an older Armenian woman in the parking lot of Ralph's. At her mother's encouragement, the girl was screaming for all to hear that the woman was stupid, didn't belong here, and should go back to where she came from. Not a great first impression for me as a new resident.

Forty plus years later, I like to think our community has moved beyond some of those old hateful bigotries. However, after witnessing the mob scene at [Monday] night's [May 4] CV Town Council meeting, I am not sure we have.

La Crescentans, of all ethnic stripes, were there to spew the same kind of accusatory hate, just this time targeted at the foster youth at the center of the Briggs/Foothill development project.

As for the project itself, the concerns previously raised about it by the community, like the height, number of units, and traffic congestion, were not only heard by the developer (Abode

Communities) but responded to. The modified proposal presented reduces the number of units by almost 20%, eliminates one whole floor and has cars exiting now onto Foothill Boulevard instead of Briggs Avenue. But none of that seemed to be enough for folks as the same complaints persisted. This tells me that all the voiced concern over "safety" is really just a guise for folks' underlying bigotries or biases against the poor or young people, like heard against Armenians in the 1980s.

I personally support the efforts of Abode Communities and the project it has proposed. These new apartments will provide young adults, recently out of the County's foster care system, an opportunity to live and grow their families in a safe, beautiful neighborhood – just like my family was blessed with.

If your faith/values encourage you to treat others like you would like them to treat you, please join me and email Supervisor Barger now (Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov) and ask her to approve this terrific project.

Thanks!

*Frank Colcord
La Crescenta*

'People's Forum' Could've Been Better Attended – By Candidates

On Monday night, May 4, a large group of Glendale residents gathered for the inaugural "People's Forum," a city council candidate event designed to reflect a broad range of community voices. Participating groups each submitted a question rooted in the city's diverse needs and priorities.

The evening was sponsored by glendaleOUT and GUSD Parents. All candidates were invited, but some declined, citing concerns that prior endorsements by GUSD Parents compromised neutrality. As someone

involved with both organizations, that response was disheartening. It reflects a misunderstanding of what forums are meant to do and of the work these groups consistently undertake to expand civic participation.

The forum was created to fill a gap. South Glendale deserves a space where underrepresented questions could be raised. It required meaningful time and financial investment from its sponsors and, like any forum, offered all candidates an opportunity to engage directly with residents, articulate their priorities and make their case. A sponsor's endorsement does not undermine the openness or fairness of candidates addressing the public.

Of the 11 candidates, six initially committed to attend, but only three – Elen Asatryan, Alek Bartrosouf and Dan Brotman – showed up. The community deserved the chance to hear from everyone seeking to represent them, particularly in a setting designed to center local concerns.

Still, the evening was far from diminished. What unfolded was an engaged and substantive conversation, with three qualified candidates speaking candidly about the city's challenges and their visions. Freed from rigid formats and predictable talking points, the discussion covered climate and energy policy, rising utility costs, food insecurity, housing pressures affecting renters and landlords, support for LGBTQ+ residents, the future of public schools and protecting immigrant communities from federal overreach.

Brotman emphasized long-term thinking and grounded his comments in data.

Asatryan drew from personal experience, highlighting her focus

on women, families and immigrant communities. Bartrosouf offered a city planner's perspective, pointing to "low-cost, high-impact" improvements like expanding shade tree coverage.

The event demonstrated what happens when space is made for civic engagement: thoughtful, informed dialogue rooted in real community concerns, with an audience that was attentive, respectful and eager to listen.

*Angela Vroom Givant
La Crescenta*

Abode Project Not A Good Community Fit

As many residents know, developer Abode Communities has proposed the tallest and

largest building ever built in our town at the corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. This [66]-plus unit, three-to-five story low income/transitional youth housing project will be located in the highest fire zone.

Briggs Avenue is the sole emergency evacuation route for Briggs residents north of Foothill Boulevard. During evacuations from the Eaton and Station fires the road was gridlocked.

Abode's proposed giant building will add hundreds of additional residents and a hundred or more vehicles at this crucial intersection, putting both existing residents and new residents of this proposed development at severe risk in case of emergency.

Our town also lacks many of the basic services that proposed low income and transitional youth residents require. Public transportation is minimal, medical facilities

are not close and jobs are scarce. Most employers are mom-and-pop businesses with few workers.

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YOUTH

Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta - AM Awards Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta - AM awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to 14 students during its annual scholarship awards program, recognizing outstanding young leaders for their commitment to community service, leadership and extracurricular involvement.

Scholarships were presented across several categories, including community service, Girl Scout Gold Award, Hillside School and Scouting America Eagle Scout. These honors celebrate students who have made meaningful contributions to their schools and communities while maintaining academic goals.

In addition, the Johnson Trade

School Scholarship, funded through a donation from a longtime Kiwanis Club member, was awarded to a student pursuing career training at an accredited trade school, reinforcing the Club's commitment to supporting diverse educational pathways.

Scholarship recipients attended the annual awards dinner accompanied by their parent(s) and Kiwanis members. During the program, each student shared their college plans and future goals before receiving a certificate and scholarship award.

"We are proud to support these exceptional students as they take the next step toward their futures," said a Kiwanis Club

representative. "Their commitment to service and leadership reflects the values our Club promotes, and we are confident they will continue to make a positive impact in their communities."

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta - AM welcomes guests and prospective members to their weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills (fellowship hall), 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. Enjoy a free cup of coffee and pastries and fellowship with friendly Kiwanians, enjoy guest speakers on a variety of topics and help us with community service projects. www.lcfkiwanisam.org



Photo provided by Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta - AM. Top (from left) are Olivia Jaramillo, Lexi Pang, Daniel Kahdian, Aaron Mendoza, Molly Murphy and Krista Markarian. Bottom (from left) are Hannah Monjaraz, Jake Roepstorff, Vera Garabedian, Angelina Vesselinov, Alexander Garcia and Kevin Bradford.

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Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Supports Spring Home Tour Benefiting Youth



Photo courtesy of Caroline Que ANDERSON. La Cañada Spring Home Tour Co-Chairs Seun Han and Diana Rodriguez receive a donation from Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Vice President Ida Ayvazians and President Alice Perez.

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada recently presented a \$250 donation to La Cañada Spring Home Tour Co-Chairs Seun Han and Diana Rodriguez. Event proceeds support programs at La Cañada High School 7/8 PTA and 9-12

PTA, along with youth-focused initiatives across the community. Set for May 1, this year's home tour will feature four beautifully curated homes, each offering guests a unique glimpse into inspired living, along with

the ever-popular Marketplace featuring boutique items. Forticketsandmoreinformation, visit www.lacanadahometour.com. To learn more about the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, visit www.lacanadakiwanis.org.

Grand Prize Finalists Announced by The Music Center

The Music Center recently announced 14 young performers from across Southern California as the top performers (known as "grand prize finalists") in The Music Center's annual Spotlight arts and scholarship program. Among these teens are two La Cañada students: 11th grade student Ishaan Natarajan, 16, who attends Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, and senior Lev Sakae Taira, 17, who attends Laurel

Springs School. These teens have earned the chance to perform at The Music Center's 38th Annual Spotlight Grand Finale in front of a live audience at The Music Center's Ahmanson Theatre on Saturday, May 16 at 8 p.m. Selected from among more than 1,300 applicants, the 14 teens triumphed in one of the program's seven categories: acting, ballet, dance, classical voice, non-classical voice, classical

instrumental and contemporary instrumental. Each grand prize finalist receives a \$5,000 scholarship. Natarajan was recognized for contemporary instrumental and Taira was recognized for classical voice. To RSVP for free tickets to this year's Spotlight Grand Finale, visit musiccenter.org/spotlightfinale.

Submitted by The Music Center

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Church Youth Fundraiser & Classic Car Show Attracts Record Number of Cars

By Ruth SOWBY

This year, cars outnumbered the food booths at the annual youth fundraiser of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, La Crescenta congregation on Raymond Avenue. On Saturday, May 2 more than a dozen classic cars were on display in the church parking lot. Clancy Troutman showed off his 1967 Sunbeam Alpine known as the "Get Smart" car driven by actor Don Adams in the TV series. Troutman said it took three years to find the car and one year to have it custom-built for his wife Nancy, who had her heart set on a hot rod. The Sunbeam is more than a pretty car – the Troutmans drive it everyday.

Hungry church members headed straight for the food booths. Popular were the sweet tables. Favorite desserts were the chocolate covered strawberries. La Crescenta resident Dave Strong picked the



Photos by Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: La Crescenta residents Leticia and David Strong contributed chocolate dipped strawberries to the youth fundraiser.
RIGHT: Clancy Troutman's 1967 Sunbeam Alpine was on display at the Youth Fundraiser and Classic Car Show at the La Crescenta congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Saturday, May 2.



strawberries from Underwood Farms. Wife Leticia helped him simmer the chocolate, dip the fruit and plate it.

Porter Swenson, 14, was in charge of cooking the funnel cakes. Customers had their choice of jams, butter, maple syrup, powdered sugar and

whipped cream to slather on. Soda from a soda bar helped the funnel cake go down.

Brett Rowley grilled the perfect hot dog for those eschewing sweets. Supervising the action at the grill was Bishop Marc Marriott.

"We want to support the

physical and spiritual health of our youth," said Marriott. "From the fundraiser proceeds, about 20 young men and women will be able to attend youth camps."

Another table held sign-up sheets auctioning off services such as babysitting and yard work to be performed by church

youth. New to this year's fundraiser was a spaghetti dinner for six to be prepared and served by the youth of the congregation. It went at auction for \$75.

A bouncy house kept the little ones busy.

Bob Keiter Celebrates Birthday

Longtime local resident Bob Keiter celebrated his 89th birthday at the monthly breakfast of the American Legion/VFW at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Bob, a Korean War veteran, was joined by several friends and family members including his daughter Linda and her husband Eugene.



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Stressed Out? It Could Lead to a Stroke

April marks Stress Awareness Month, drawing attention to the growing impact of chronic stress on overall health. Increasing evidence shows that stress is not only an emotional challenge but also a significant contributor to serious conditions, including stroke and cardiovascular disease.

At a time when many individuals are feeling heightened stress due to ongoing global and societal challenges, this issue is more relevant than ever. According to the American Psychological Association's Stress in America report, nearly

three in four U.S. adults say stress affects their physical health with symptoms ranging from fatigue and headaches to high blood pressure. About half report feeling stressed on a regular basis, underscoring how widespread the issue has become.

"Chronic and unmanaged stress is not merely a nuisance; it's a profound cardiovascular toxin. It silently inflames our arteries, spikes our blood pressure and accelerates the march toward stroke and heart attack," said Dr. Wled Wazni,

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

New Memories Made: Bluey Arrives at Disneyland

By Charly SHELTON

There are certain moments as a parent when you realize a character has crossed from “TV show” into something much bigger. For a lot of families right now, that character is Bluey.

Disneyland recently introduced a new Bluey-themed show and gathering area, complete with photo ops and games and snacks and (of course) merchandising opportunities. And judging by the reactions around the park, the little blue heeler may currently be more powerful than half of the Disney catalog – combined. Small children were sprinting across pathways like they’d just spotted The Beatles in 1964.

I took my two sons to the park for my younger son’s second birthday – his request was to meet Spidey-Man and Mickey; Bluey was an added bonus – and while I expected him to be excited for Bluey, I underestimated just how strongly he’d react to Bingo.

The moment Bingo appeared, he let out a tiny warrior yell before charging forward through the crowd with complete determination. Not Bluey; Bingo – the little sister.

Being a younger sibling himself, he seemed to deeply understand Bingo’s role in the show: constantly getting swept into big-kid chaos but making the best of it with oblivious optimism that is a bulwark of his personality. Through all the toys and the repeated viewings of the series on Disney Plus, I never put it together that he was more into Bingo or that he would identify with her so strongly. Not until Disneyland.

The Bluey offering itself is fairly simple



Photos by Charly SHELTON
LEFT: The writer’s son celebrates seeing Bingo at Disneyland.
RIGHT: Families watched the show at Disneyland.

– more character interaction and dance-party energy than a full-scale show – but that simplicity is part of why it works. The show understands the audience. Little kids don’t need elaborate storytelling or cutting-edge technology. They just want to dance, wave, yell character names and maybe emotionally process life through animated Australian cattle dogs.

And Disneyland, to its credit, understands that too.

It felt strangely unifying seeing dozens of toddlers simultaneously lose their minds while exhausted parents stood nearby clutching coffee. In a park built around nostalgia, Bluey currently represents something more immediate: a

franchise today’s kids are actively building memories around in real time.

The rest of the Disneyland day unfolded as expected – rides, snacks, crowds, strollers being driven with the tactical aggression of Roman chariots – but the Bluey moment was the thing that stuck with me afterward.

Not because it was elaborate or groundbreaking but just because it was genuine.

Sometimes the magic at Disneyland isn’t the interactive technological elements that you can purchase to enhance your ride experience or the billion-dollar attractions that break down every 20 minutes because

the ride system developed was too complex to be run by theme park employees. For those of us who grew up with Disneyland, the magic memories that we return to come from living your favorite dream in real life – meeting Mickey at his house, flying with Peter Pan, sailing on a jungle adventure or joining a pirate crew. The magic at Disneyland comes from the connection to the characters and the stories that make a difference in your life. And sometimes, the magic is a 2-year-old screaming “BINGO!” with the passion of a medieval battle cry as the torch is passed to a new generation who will make magic memories to keep the spirit of what is Disneyland really: alive.

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» TRAVELS WITH GREG

Bunk Beds and Bliss: A Return Family Vacation to Hyatt Regency Irvine

By Greg ARAGON

If I had to pick a favorite Southern California hotel for family fun and culinary delight, the Hyatt Regency Irvine would be near the top of the list. With a sprawling pool complex featuring two kid-friendly waterslides, a standout signature restaurant and some of the most imaginative family suites in the region, the hotel delivers everything a family needs for a memorable getaway.



Photos by Greg ARAGON
The Hyatt Regency Irvine is the perfect family getaway.

On our recent return visit, we checked into one of the property's luxurious bunk-bed suites — an 850 sq. ft. retreat designed with both kids and parents in mind. The main room features a king bed, a large TV, a stylish bathroom and a full balcony overlooking the resort and cityscape. But the real showstopper is the private kids'

bedroom: a bunk setup with a queen mattress below and a full on top, plus a sleeper sofa, mini-fridge and large TV — all with pool views. The kids loved it so much that we're already planning another stay this summer.

While the kids reveled in their "fortress," the spacious living room became our own sanctuary — a place to catch up on sleep in the plush king bed or unwind on the balcony with views of the Irvine skyline.



Bunk bed suites are designed for kids and their families.

When the kids weren't in their room, they were at their favorite spot: the Pool Oasis. This family-centric area features two waterslides and a massive 20-foot LED video screen. The shallow play zone was perfect for our 3-year-old, giving him a safe space to splash while we



The large pool area features two fun waterslides, cabanas and a food spot.

relaxed nearby.

On our first night, we stumbled into a bit of dive-in movie magic, watching the original "Muppet Movie" — complete with Steve Martin — right from the water. Families laughed, splashed and floated under the glow of the giant screen, creating one of those rare, effortless vacation moments you hope your kids remember.

For dinner, we headed to Warehouse 72, the hotel's signature restaurant. The space itself is an experience, with 80-foot digital art walls displaying rotating scenes from cherry blossoms to Mediterranean coastlines. Executive Chef Jaime Salazar's menu leans modern American with global flair. Our meal included pork belly kimchi fried rice and a 14-ounce Double R Ranch ribeye with bone marrow bordelaise, followed by the restaurant's famous Frozen S'mores — torched tableside for a bit of theatrical fun.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

Pops 2026: Broadway Showstoppers at LCPC

La Cañada Presbyterian Church and the LCPC Orchestra invite the entire community to Pops 2026: Broadway Showstoppers, a dazzling free concert celebrating one hundred years of Broadway's most beloved and electrifying hits. The performance takes place on Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

From the cornfields of Iowa to the cobblestones of Paris, Broadway has given the world some of the most thrilling moments in musical history —

and every song on this program was a genuine showstopper. The LCPC Orchestra brings to life the greatest hits from iconic productions including "The Music Man," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Cats," "Guys & Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hello, Dolly!" and "Les Misérables" — and many more.

Each selection captures the magic of opening night — the soaring melodies, the unforgettable characters and the pure theatrical joy that has kept audiences on their feet for a century.

Pre-Concert Conversation: The Stories Behind the Songs open and the music begins early! Audience members are encouraged to arrive at 1:30 p.m. for an engaging pre-concert talk with music director Jack Lantz, who will share the fascinating backstories behind the musicals and the songs that made Broadway history. From backstage drama to cultural milestones, this insider conversation is a rare opportunity for audience members to deepen their appreciation of these timeless works before the

orchestra takes the stage.

A Celebration of Great Music and Great Performances

"This concert is a love letter to Broadway," said music director Jack Lantz. "Every song on the program stopped a show — these are the moments audiences remember for the rest of their lives. We are thrilled to bring that magic to La Cañada and to share it with our entire community, completely free of charge."

The LCPC Orchestra is celebrated for its artistic excellence, vibrant programming and deep connection to the

La Cañada community. Pops 2026: Broadway Showstoppers promises to be an afternoon of great music, great performances and pure delight for audiences of all ages.

Pops 2026: Broadway Showstoppers features the La Cañada Presbyterian Church & LCPC Orchestra on Sunday, May 17. The pre-concert talk is at 1:30 p.m.; the concert is at 2 p.m.

LCPC is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. Admission is free.

THEN & NOW



Then: In 1923, Swami Paramananda founded the Ananda Ashrama, a religious retreat built at the top of Pennsylvania Avenue. He had come from India in 1906 to promote the teachings of the Vedanta Society, an eclectic religion that uses meditation and yoga to gain enlightenment. These beautiful gates were built at the entryway in the 1920s to welcome visitors to the grounds.

Ananda Ashrama Gates Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: Most residents aren't even aware the Ananda Ashrama still exists. The stone pilasters remain but the arch is gone, burned off in one of the many fires that have swept the upper valley over the decades. This entryway sits today at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Markridge Road. The Ashrama still welcomes visitors to the lush acreage and beautiful structures of the temple. It's a peaceful retreat.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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May 11, 2026 - May 17, 2026

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may be trying to get your food situation sorted out by cooking healthful meals for you and your family. This is certainly something to aim for. It's worth any time spent in planning and preparation. Enlist the help of kids and partner to make the job easier. You'll find that you feel better, have more energy, and enjoy the opportunity to connect with your family at mealtimes.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Stress over career issues seems to prevent you from feeling relaxed and peaceful. This, in turn, could be having a detrimental effect on your body, which will only increase over time. Look after yourself by balancing work and rest, eating well, sleeping properly, and getting some exercise. Daily workouts are excellent for renewing mind, spirit, and body. Don't be a workaholic. Be a "healthaholic" instead.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

If you want a toned body, it looks as though you're more than willing to pay in order to get it. The desire to look good in and out of your clothes is driving you to some more extreme measures. You might decide to buy some special equipment in order to get key areas of your body into shape. The cosmos indicates that you should check out the product reviews before buying anything.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You could be taking two steps forward and one step back where your health is concerned. Perhaps you have an impossible ideal that you're working toward, yet you beat yourself up when you don't reach it. This won't give you the results you seek. Instead of aiming too high, set reachable goals. When you reach those, then gradually raise the bar.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You could be feeling a lot of inner pressure, which can be expressed as physical symptoms. Now might be a good time to let go of any resentment. Find a way to heal the major issues, especially those that have been bugging you for a long time and perhaps eating at your conscience. The sooner you get to work on those, the more peaceful and energized you'll feel.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You could benefit from some hands-on healing or gentle massage. Therapeutic touch would also be good for you. You tend to suffer as a result of the stresses and strains of daily life, but after a healing session you'll feel immediately refreshed and

better all over. Another way you can achieve a similar effect is to take a shower, which helps your spirit as it cleans your body.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Health issues don't seem to be too much of a problem right now, especially if you're willing to pace yourself. Your main problem at the present time may be stress. You're committed to getting ahead in your career. If you feel tense, it might help to create a stress-management plan.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're learning how to deal with stress. You understand how important it is to listen to your body and pay attention to the messages it's trying to send you. You're very practical, so you'll quickly discover that you get rewarded when you look after yourself, and when you don't, well, you know what to expect!

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're learning how to deal with stress. You understand how important it is to listen to your body and pay attention to the messages it's trying to send you. You're very practical, so you'll quickly discover that you get rewarded when you look after yourself, and when you don't, well, you know what to expect!

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your health seems to be clicking along just fine, but with aspects in your partnership zone, you might need to chill out and relax more. The cosmos indicates that you'd benefit from some spiritual or energy healing. You might also find that chakra balancing, acupuncture, cupressure, or other such therapies can help ease emotional issues that could be the cause of physical problems.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

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PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Be realistic when it comes to training, exercising, and dieting. Don't bite off more than you can chew, to coin a phrase. The cosmos suggests that you may be punishing yourself, especially if you've felt guilty in the past about your weight or fitness. Take it slowly or you might give up completely. A personal trainer could provide the encouragement you need.

CALENDAR this

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On May 15, Krissy Harb of Spiritual Heart Yoga 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 Saturday, May 15, the music of Spoken Word will be performed and on Sunday, May 16, Bacorado! will be performing. 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.

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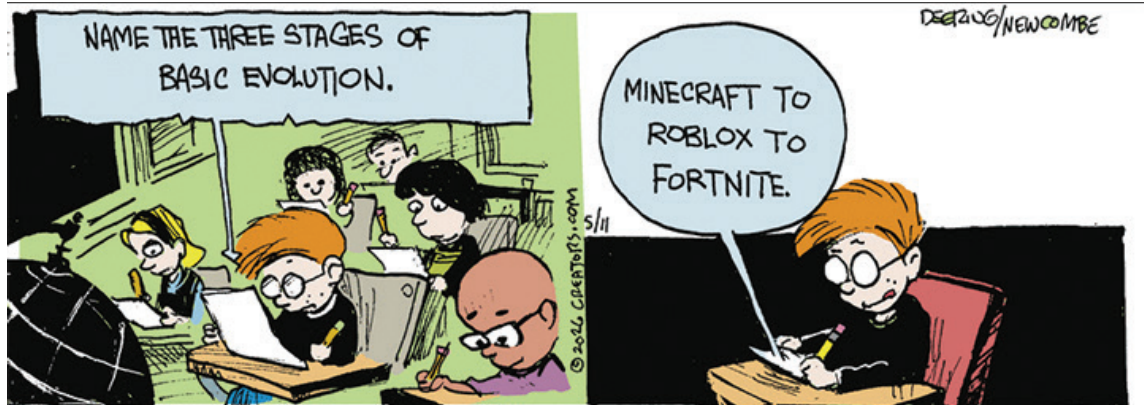
The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them:

•A sound bath meditation takes place on Wednesday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to noon. To register, visit cclcc.org/register.

•Registration continues for Camp Runamuk and summer camps. Camp Runamuk for ages 5-10 will run weekly, June 8 to Aug.

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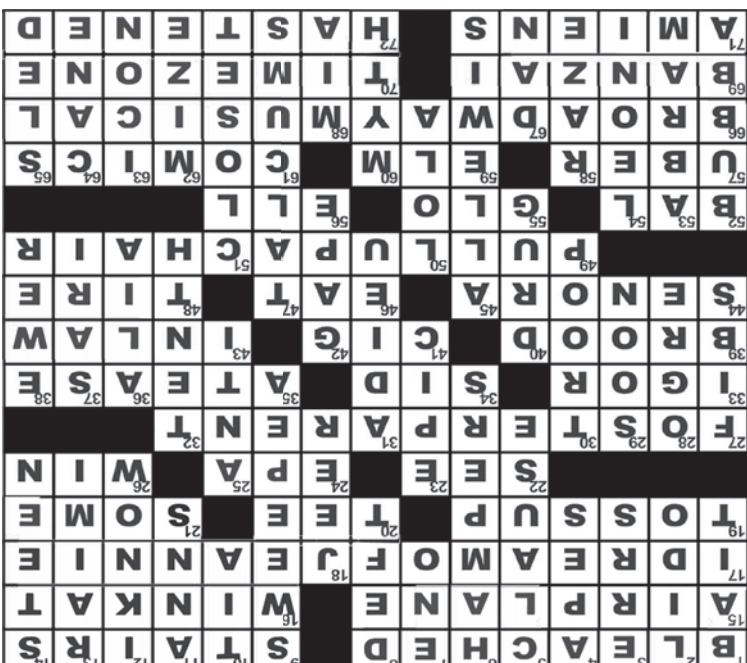
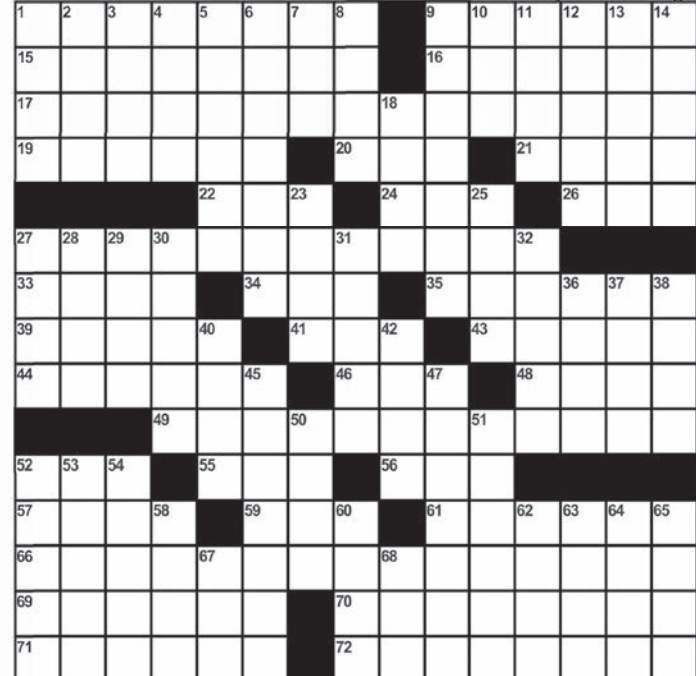
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- 15) It's taken on a flight
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- 17) Sitcom with a magical title character
- 19) 50-50 chance
- 20) Golf bag item
- 21) A few
- 22) Witness
- 24) Toxic spill-fighting gp.
- 26) Take the gold
- 27) Stand-in dad, say
- 33) Helper in horror movies
- 34) TV's "Science Kid"
- 35) Order to relax
- 39) Hatchling group
- 41) One of a pack of 20, for short
- 43) Acquired kin
- 44) Mexican Mrs.
- 46) Chow down
- 48) Run out of steam
- 49) Prepare to join the table
- 52) ___ Harbour, Florida
- 55) Shine, in some product names
- 56) Plumber's bend
- 57) Lyft rival
- 59) Dartboard wood
- 61) Garfield's milieu
- 66) Show hidden at the end of 17-, 27- or 49-Across
- 69) Japanese war cry
- 70) Eastern, Central, Mountain or Pacific
- 71) French city on the Somme
- 72) Hurried up

DOWN

- 1) Angler's supply
- 2) Venetian beach resort
- 3) Slips up
- 4) Kin of Kong
- 5) Contract provision
- 6) Interferes with
- 7) "Neroli" musician Brian
- 8) Highly skilled
- 9) Popeye's kid
- 10) Carrere of Hollywood
- 11) "Raggedy" dolls
- 12) "That's obvious!"
- 13) "Spider-Man" director Sam
- 14) Dutch artist Jan
- 18) Give a raspberry
- 23) Cast-of-thousands film
- 25) Pro's foe
- 27) Bits of fiction
- 28) Barbarous type
- 29) By and by
- 30) March en masse
- 31) "So long!"
- 32) First hole of the back nine
- 36) Et ___ (and others)
- 37) Agra attire
- 38) Fancy jug
- 40) Part of FDA
- 42) Look awed
- 45) He played Grandpa on "The Munsters"
- 47) Perfumed powders
- 50) Kinks hit of 1970
- 51) Place for hangers
- 52) Friend of Forrest Gump
- 53) James ___ Garfield
- 54) Actress Tea
- 58) Tear down
- 60) Stuff of legends
- 62) Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny, "the Big Cat"
- 63) Double-clicked thing
- 64) Walking stick
- 65) Yukon transport
- 67) Dapper fellow?
- 68) ABBA's "Mamma ___!"

SHOW CLOSINGS

By Frank Longo



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Walmart Told Me to Donate My Broken Refrigerator – Then Things Got Strange

When Howard Friedman’s new refrigerator stops cooling, he expects a simple replacement. After all, he had bought it from Walmart, one of the world’s largest retailers. Instead, there’s a confusing chain of calls, emails and return labels – and a surprising suggestion that he should “just donate” the appliance to charity. How can he resolve this mess?

Question: I bought a replacement refrigerator from Walmart a month ago. The first unit didn’t get cold and when I called Walmart, the representative said that others had the same problem and arranged a return. He also suggested I buy a replacement refrigerator from Walmart, which I did.

The second one came from a company called Ca’Lefort. It didn’t work either. When I tried to return it a representative first agreed to take it back and scheduled a FedEx pickup. The item was picked up – and then returned to my porch a few days later.

A different Ca’Lefort representative told me that the first representative had made a mistake and that I couldn’t return the refrigerator because it wasn’t in the original box. She offered me 50% off a

When I called Walmart again, a representative said I’d get a full refund and should donate the fridge to charity. But the refund never showed up.

After several more calls and hours on hold, a Walmart representative apologized for all the “mistakes” and said Walmart couldn’t take the refrigerator back. Then the call dropped. Can you help me get a refund for the refrigerator?

– Howard Friedman, Baltimore, Maryland

Answer: Your story captures one of the biggest problems with big-box stores. You might think you’re buying from Walmart but some of its products come from third-party sellers that operate under their own policies. Those sellers – in this

case, Ca’Lefort – can make or break your customer experience.

When a retailer facilitates the sale it also assumes a degree of responsibility under federal consumer law. The Federal Trade Commission’s Mail, Internet or Telephone Order Merchandise Rule requires sellers to deliver merchandise as promised or issue a prompt refund when a product is defective or undelivered. And under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, sellers who advertise warranties must honor them or provide clear instructions on how consumers can obtain service or a refund. Those protections apply even when the sale involves a third-party vendor, as long as the transaction is processed through the retailer’s platform, which yours was.

Many states have their own consumer protection statutes that

reinforce this duty. For example, Maryland’s Consumer Protection Act prohibits unfair or deceptive trade practices, including failing to honor refund promises or misrepresenting return procedures. In your case, the repeated assurances of a refund and the instruction to donate the defective refrigerator could arguably fall within that definition.

What makes this case maddening is that every system seemed to work halfway. The pickup was scheduled but not processed. Walmart issued a label but for the wrong item. The refund was promised but never delivered. In the end, Walmart’s system wasn’t broken; it was fractured by too many middlemen and too little accountability.

So what happened when I brought this case to Walmart’s attention? Let’s just say the retailer moved faster once I asked. After

a review, Walmart coordinated a proper pickup, issued a full refund and even sent a \$100 gift card to apologize for the trouble.

Remember, if you shop at Walmart.com – or any large marketplace – check the fine print below the product name. If it says “sold and shipped by Walmart,” your rights are clearer and your refund easier to enforce. If it lists a third-party vendor you’re stepping into a gray zone where customer service can quickly turn into a guessing game.

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

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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.org to sign up.

•Summer Registration: Summer registration is open. Summer session runs from June 8 to Aug 1. View currently available classes at cclcf.org/register. New classes will continue to be added as they become available.

•Studio Arts Summer Registration: Studio Arts (ceramics & glass) summer registration opens on Wednesday, June 3, at 9 a.m. Studio Arts summer session runs June 21 to Aug 15. View currently available classes at cclcf.org/register.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada

Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

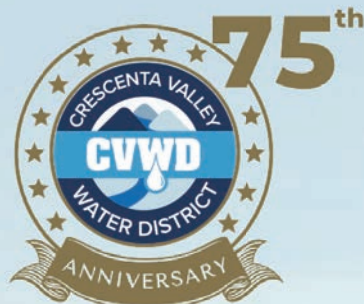
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The Caltech Glee Club and Chamber Singers, directed by Nancy Sulahian, present their spring concerts on May 15 at 8 p.m. and May 16 at 3 p.m.

The Glee Club’s spring concerts

will feature the “Lux Aeterna” by Morten Lauridsen, performed with chamber orchestra and music by American composers Aaron Copland, Randall Thompson, Williametta Spencer, Healey Willan, Frank Ticheli, spirituals arranged by Undine Moore and William Dawson.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS



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NOTES & NODS

BLOOD DRIVE AT LCIF

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 "lcfoothills" when prompted. All donors will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card, courtesy of the Red Cross. Visit lcfoothills.org for event details.

For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcfoothills.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.

ST. BEDE HOLDING OPEN HOUSE, INTRODUCING NEW PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR

St. Bede the Venerable Parish and School announced the appointment of Mercedes Benigno Rosales as the preschool director

for its new St. Bede Preschool, opening in August 2026. The preschool is now enrolling and accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year. A meet & greet open house is scheduled on Sunday, May 17 after all morning Masses.

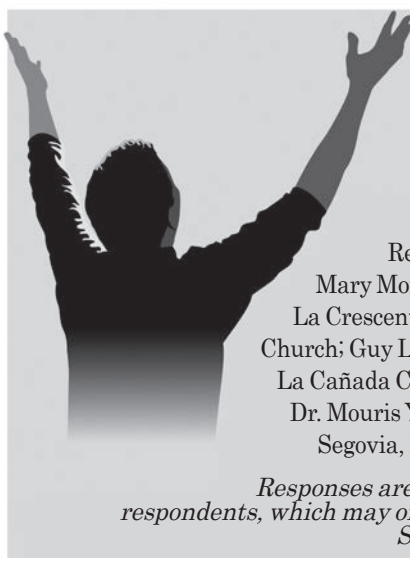
St. Bede Preschool will welcome children who are 3 or 4 years old, with students required to be 3 by Sept. 1, 2026. All students must be fully potty trained.

To accommodate a variety of family needs, the preschool will offer several scheduling options:

- Half-Day Program: Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon
- Full-Day Program (three days): Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Full-Day Program (five days): Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Optional after-school care will be available in the preschool classroom until 6 p.m. for an additional fee.

Class sizes will range from 16 students to a maximum of 20 students, led by a highly qualified



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Rev. Mary Morgan and Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta; Rev. Dabney Beck; Rev. Karin Ellis; La Cañada United Methodist Church; Guy Leemhuis, St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Kyle Sears, La Cañada Congregational Church; Holy Redeemer/St. James the Less churches; Dr. Mouris Yousef, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church; Pastors Andrew & Maria Segovia, Higher Vision Church; Dot Kim, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

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

Question: Given the widespread discontent in everyday life today, attending an organized religious service (church, synagogue, etc.) seems like a waste of time, especially for the younger generation. What do you think people of today can get out of organized religion and attending services? Dealing with Discontent

Answer: Dear Dealing, One thing, perhaps the greatest

thing, a person can get from attending in person services is community. Where can you go to share elevating ideas, smiles, hugs and snacks with those who are in the mood to do the same?

So many places we go have nice people but the encounters are too brief and inconsistent to be as nourishing and healing as a weekly gathering that you know you can come to and be a part of.

At Temple Beth Emet in Burbank, for example, we have so much fun that people of all

ages sit around after the service still enjoying the camaraderie and good feelings. There is interaction across age and gender differences.

Being a part of a community is rare in our time. After COVID, so many opportunities for fellowship went the way of the horse and buggy. The synagogue or church where you feel welcomed can fill the gap to add much needed socialization to our everyday lives!

*Rabbi Janet Bieber
Temple Beth Emet*

lead teacher and supported by one to two instructional assistants at all times, maintaining a low child-to-teacher ratio of 1:12 or less.

For more information, contact Brandon Birr, principal, at (818) 790-7884 or email bbirr@stbedeschool.net.

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.

UUCVH EXTENDS KINDNESS CHALLENGE, HOSTS CESAR CARDONA

The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) has joined the United States of Kindness challenge to participate in 250 acts of kindness, one act for every year of the nation's history. The community is invited to join in this challenge. Acts can be big or small: helping a neighbor, thanking a teacher, mentoring a student or giving back to the local community. People can post acts of kindness on the @UUVerdugo Facebook page and share their story to inspire others.

To learn more about the United States of Kindness by Kindland visit the webpage <https://www.usofkindness.org/>.

UUCVH welcomes back writer and musician Cesar Cardona to the pulpit on May 17 for his talk: "Using Common 'Cents': Weaponizing Your Wallet."

Growth mindfulness guide Cardona will empower everyone with his knowledge. Known as "The Common Cents Guy," he dismantles the myth that people are powerless to big business and replaces that misconception with an undeniable truth: Your Wallet is Your Weapon.

He will be in person at 10:30 a.m. (Pacific time) at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the ZOOM link <https://www.uuverdugo.org/>.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN

The community is invited to take part in the following events at Mount Olive Lutheran Church:

- * Food Donation on Sunday, May 17: Mount Olive is collecting dry goods for the Bailey Center, a community outreach program of Tujunga United Methodist Church. The Bailey Center provides emergency food, clothing and medical/hygiene kits to those in need.
- * Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Group: All are invited to the Wednesday Bible study and prayer group at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Mount Olive. The group is studying the Book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome.
- * Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, May 16: Meet at Panera at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship and study.

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

For more information, call the office at (818) 248-4253 or visit MOLC.org.

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 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 jlavieri@earthlink.net.

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

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BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER » MOLLY BURKE

Celebrations, Scholarships, and Community

April was a busy and memorable month for the Chamber beginning with our annual Easter Bunny Yard Drop event, proudly supported by the YMCA of the Foothills. Thank you to everyone who placed orders and to those who generously donated eggs helping us create baskets for members of the Glendale Police Dept. to deliver to deserving children in our community.

We also had the pleasure of celebrating the grand opening of one of Montrose's newest businesses, Craft & Create, before rolling right into the 11th Annual Montrose Craft Beer Fest, proudly supported by Environmental 911. Even with a rainy start, our vendors and attendees stuck it out and the afternoon turned into a beautiful day filled with live music, delicious local food and incredible craft beer. We're already counting down to next year!

May started on a high note with our annual Cinco de Mayo Mixer and Scholarship Celebration with Jenkins Properties. In partnership with the YMCA of the Foothills, we awarded scholarships to three outstanding local high school seniors. Congratulations to Dahae Seo, our top scholarship recipient, and to Alena Kim and Ella Soh, who received our secondary scholarships. We're proud to support these students and know the future is bright with them leading the way!

Looking ahead, we invite the community to join us for our annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Montrose Vietnam War Memorial in partnership with the Montrose

Shopping Park Association. The ceremony will take place on Monday, May 25 at 8 a.m. on the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard.

As always, thank you for continuing to show up, support local enterprises and make our community such a special place.

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*Molly Burke, President/CEO
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NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY

Welcoming New Members, Big Plans on the Horizon

In April, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted our annual Hometown Country Fair. Organized by vice president Robert Manciero, the Fair had everything promised plus our inaugural 5K Run and Dog Strut! Congratulations to everyone who came out and enjoyed live music, a dance demonstration, Fair food and more! It was super to see representatives from the Crescenta Valley Water District explain how important water is to our community and to present the winners of its art contest.

On April 29, the Chamber held its monthly social hour at Sabrina's Pizzeria in Montrose. It was nice to see Phil Downs, Leslie Lesh and Dr. Mark Anthony take part in this casual event. We hope to see you at our next one on May 27 at 6 p.m. at

Joselito's Mexican Restaurant, 2345 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. Every month the chamber gathers at a local spot to show its support for that business.

In addition to our monthly social hours, we hope you'll stop by Sadler Hall on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. tonight, Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. when we host insurance guru Gregg Inboden, vice president of Momentous Insurance Brokers, which is a business of Marsh McLennan. He will be making a presentation on the importance of businesses having the right insurance. Mark your calendars and plan on coming out tonight at 6 p.m. for the chamber's Speaker Series.

We are excited to highlight some of the many businesses that recognize

the value of being a chamber member:

- ABC Auto Electric Inc., providing top notch maintenance and exceptional service for all types of vehicles. <http://www.abcae.com/>
- ACE Hardware - La Crescenta, offering personal service, quality products and a convenient shopping experience. <http://acehardware.com/>
- Andy's Transfer & Storage, over 100 years of experience and a reputation for reliability and excellence. andysmoving.com

I invite you to visit our website www.crescentavalleychamber.com to see the many businesses that are part of the Crescenta Valley Chamber!

*Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce*

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Notice of Public Hearing For 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Availability of Draft Plans for Review

Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) hereby releases its Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Draft 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) for public review. The UWMP and WSCP will be available through June 1, 2026 at the following locations:

- FMWD District Office (4536 Hampton Rd., La Cañada Flintridge, CA)
- Online: www.fmwd.com/finance-management-reports

A Public Hearing will be held on **June 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM** to consider comments to the Draft UWMP and WSCP and to adopt the UWMP and WSCP. The Public Hearing will be held in person at the District's Office (4536 Hampton Rd., La Cañada Flintridge, CA). A Zoom virtual conference is also available for the public to attend and provide comments.

- Meeting ID: 627 041 3467
- Password: 477598

FMWD encourages the active involvement of its citizens. If you have any questions concerning the 2025 UWMP and 2025 WSCP, please contact: Michael Le, Water Program Technician, (818) 790-4036 or email: mle@fmwd.com.

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Supporters present at the meeting highlighted the benefits for search and rescue, while critics expressed fears of increased surveillance and potential misuse.

Sgt. Gilbert said that while he understood privacy concerns, the policy is written in such a way that there would not be opportunity for the levels of surveillance of which attendees worried. He said some LA County sheriff departments have policies that allow recording from the moment the drone lifts off to when it gets to a scene, and after, but La Crescenta's policy was written differently to reflect concerns and to better use taxpayer funds for expensive data.

"From a taxpayer perspective, you have to remember each one of these things also translates to digital storage costs. So

basically you would be talking about capturing flight data [and recordings] that are not really relevant to the ultimate case at hand, whether criminal or non criminal, or even a bear cruising around," he said of the decision. "You know, at the end of the day you'd be storing a lot of data that really wouldn't have any real interest, other than we captured it."

One attendee asked what would happen if the drone loses signal or a line of sight during a rescue operation in a remote area, such as Mt. Baldy where the Montrose Search and Rescue team frequently aids missing and lost hikers.

"The question would be, 'How do I know I'm going to lose reception before I do?' The device itself actually has a signal strength meter. And once the signal strength starts reducing, it actually turns yellow. It lets [the operator] know

when [there is] a strong signal versus when [there is] a weak signal, and normally there's a little bit of a buffer. When the signal drops low enough, it will return to [the operator]," Sgt. Gilbert said. He also mentioned options for deploying multiple drones in the case when one loses battery so there is never a gap in coverage during a rescue operation.

Captain Vienna said funding is being sought for the drone program but the station is competing with 20 other stations for the resources to start drone programs. Even so, his department hopes to get the program up and running in the next 180 days.

There will be additional opportunities to weigh in for public comment at another community meeting, to be held at the end of May.

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Must have outside accessible clean out access. Area drains excluded.

\$88*

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• Water Quality • Leak Test
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(With any standard Drain cleaning)

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SAVE UP TO \$1000 OFF*

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(Replacement or Upgrade)

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★★★★★

I have never had such a positive experience with a plumbing company. They by far exceeded my expectations. Fast and professional service. - *Katlyn T.*

★★★★★

Papa's Plumbing helped me unearth the hidden mysteries of my 100 year old home's sewers. They did absolutely immaculate work in replacing cracked century old cast iron pipes with brand new PVC and fixed a bunch of other stuff we discovered along the way the way. - *Ralph B.*

★★★★★

Fantastic, above and beyond plumbers. Contacted Papa's after being ghosted by another company to replace my water heater with a tankless unit. Creative, inventive solution that other plumbers said wasn't possible was completed perfectly. Can't say enough about Papa's Plumbing - will always be using them in the future! - *Josh P.*

*With coupons only. Not valid with other offers. One coupon per visit. Coupons valid, Mon-Fri 7am-5pm - Not available after hours, weekends or holidays. Additional charge if accessible clear out on exterior not present. Terms and conditions apply. Coupons valid for residential customers only.

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