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## Groundbreaking for BRT

By Julie BUTCHER

"Sometimes the decision to improve the quality of life for a community is unpopular," Glendale Councilmember Ara Najarian reminded those assembled last Wednesday in Glendale's Perkins Plaza at city hall to celebrate the groundbreaking of Metro's North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

"Leadership means pushing forward against naysayers, NIMBYs, and ignorant city officials – both in our city and next door," Councilmember Najarian continued, noting that the public vote was overwhelming for the half cent sales tax: Measure R passed in 2008 by 67.93% and in 2016 Measure M passed by 71%. "This is what the voters of LA County asked for and Metro respects those votes, those wishes and desires and financial sacrifices that the people of LA County demanded. Metro will not shirk or ignore that responsibility."

The goal of the North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT project is to connect North Hollywood, Burbank, Glendale, Eagle Rock and Pasadena with faster, more reliable bus service. Zero-emission electric buses will operate in dedicated lanes, offer all-door boarding and serve passengers at enhanced stations while improving travel times, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and expanding regional transit access. The project offers a sustainable east-west connection to jobs, schools and services across both valleys, according to Metro's description of the BRT.

"Nineteen miles, 22 stations, the missing link connecting east and west – we can't build a subway everywhere," Councilmember Najarian described the effort to "connect the furthest reaches of the San Fernando Valley all the way to Pomona."

"This BRT will be completed before the start of the 2028 Olympics, a short two years from now, and we will not be deterred by the shrill tantrums of elected officials or obstructionists ...

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## LASD/CV Station to Host Community Academy

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Those eager to learn more about local law enforcement are invited to attend the Community Academy.*

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. (LASD)/Crescenta Valley Station is inviting the community to learn more about what deputies do and how the station works by hosting the CV Sheriff's Community Academy.

The six-week free program will provide residents with an "inside look at the LASD and the daily operations of CV Station," according to the LASD website.

"The program will help our community understand why we do what we do," said Sgt. John Gilbert of the CV Sheriff's Station. "We will talk about different laws and policies."

It will be an overview of what deputies face on a daily basis, including what happens when a patrol deputy conducts a traffic stop, what is required for a search of a vehicle and/or property location and how reading the Miranda rights is done.

The Miranda rights was established on June 13, 1966 following a U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*. The Court found that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights before interrogation.



File photo  
 Sgt. John Gilbert of the LASD/CV Sheriff's Station stands in the entrance of the station's mobile command post.

Gilbert added that community members will take a tour of the CV Station including the custody facility. It is hoped that a tour of one of the LASD jail facilities will be available. A tour is also planned of the LASD communications department.

In addition, members will learn about the station's crime prevention office, community policing and public safety.

Members will also be able to participate in a patrol ride-along. Montrose Search and Rescue team members will be part of the academy, too, and will demonstrate how they work with the CV Station when a call is received. MSAR will share stories of past rescues as well.

"We've have gotten quite a bit of interest from the community," Gilbert said of the Community Academy.

There are spots available. Anyone interested should contact the community deputies by calling

the CV Sheriff Station at (818) 248-3464. Community deputies include: Deputy Aram Aleksanyan, Deputy Chris Fort and Deputy Maryann Martin.

For additional information, contact the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station Community Relations and Crime Prevention Office at CVS-REL@LASD.ORG.

The LASD/CV Community Academy will take place on Mondays from June 8 to July 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Classes are located at the CV Station at 4554 Briggs Ave.

## The Primary Election is Over – But the Counting Continues

By Mary O'KEEFE

The primary election is over but not all the ballots have been counted. The next update of counted votes released by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's (RR/CC) office will be late on Wednesday, after press time for CV Weekly. Below are the results that have been released as of Wednesday morning from LA County RR/CC and the State of California.

Below are the very preliminary results from LA County RR/CC:

The top three vote getters/candidates for governor of California include Xavier Becerra with 28.89%, Steve Hilton with 23.21% and Tom Steyer with 22.29% of the ballots cast.

Top three Lt. governor vote getters/candidates are Gloria Romero with 17.89%, Fiona Ma with 17.66% and Michael Tubbs with 15.70% of the ballots cast.

In the race for secretary of state, the two top are Shirley Weber with 60.93% and Donald Wagner with 33.56% of the ballots cast.

In the race for attorney general, Rob Bonta captured 59.67% and Michael Gates received 34.88% of the ballots cast.

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
 The La Crescenta Library was one of several polling places open in the area.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Birthday Happiness

My birthday was on Saturday, May 30 (no, I'm not going to tell you how old I am). First off, I want to say thank you to those who expressed birthday wishes; they're very much appreciated.

Birthday presents arrived early. Here at the office on Thursday, Mary and Rachelle presented me with flowers and a wonderful gift.

I found a birthday treat on the bench outside my house on Friday evening (courtesy of one of my sons and his family) and on Saturday I enjoyed a visit by my granddaughter and daughter-in-law – yummy birthday treats and flowers in hand.

My day was spent going over my ballot – not an easy task given how many options voters had for candidates. But I slogged my way through, looking forward to the end of the day when I joined Lisa Stanners at Total Wine & More for a wine tasting before heading to Town Kitchen & Grill for dinner.

The wine tasting was especially fun. "Summer Sips" (as it was called) focused on those wines that pair nicely with food commonly served during summer and even offered recipes on how to pre-mix some of those blends.

Of course, dinner at Town was fabulous. Sitting adjacent to our table was my friend Amy and my son and his wife. In addition, a surprise visit from CV Weekly office manager Rachelle Miller (See's candy in hand) topped off the evening.

It was a wonderful evening for which I am grateful.

On Friday evening, Steve and I joined our friends, the Espinozas,

at the YWCA Gala that was held at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club.

This was the first time I had been to the YWCA Gala and I didn't know what to expect. But I saw many familiar faces celebrating "a century of care and courage" – words that can be found on the YWCA's website (<https://ywcagp.org/>).

As you probably remember, back in 2021 the YWCA Glendale and YWCA Pasadena merged to form one dynamic organization whose goals include creating girls' empowerment programs, eliminating racism and providing supportive services to victims of domestic violence.

The speakers touched on these programs, highlighting the successes of each and encouraging attendees to make a donation. Many also reminded the audience of its upcoming annual Women for Racial Justice Breakfast on Oct. 22.

The local YWCA has a rich history. It was founded in 1926 by 15 Glendale women who wanted full access to a recreational facility (according to the YWCA's history page). Just in 1933 it served over 400 meals and provided 81 beds to women and girls (according to its records). Its domestic violence programming began in 1979 and in 2020 its shelter was expanded to 16 beds.

The YWCA's dedication to the community is evident and I'm glad I was part of its centennial celebration.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

"The road to hell is paved with good intentions." This is a proverb that can trace its origins to the 12th century. I think it means that intentions are great but do not lead to good results if there is no thought behind them.

I feel we see this all the time with the environment, like the La Crescenta Avenue Project now under construction. So, if you look at it purely as a way to get people out of their cars and onto bikes, I am not sure it actually meets all the criteria. The bike path created, after all, is short compared to the city roadways. I am not sure this will be the impetus that will get people out of their autos; however, making the city safer for those who do ride their bikes, or e-bikes, like kids going to school – that's great. But one of the reasons to get people out of their cars is to lower the carbon footprint, right? So if the City of Glendale is spending so much money on this project, including black topping everything and painting some areas green, why are it not going that step further to help the environment?

Lighter colors are more reflective and stay cooler than darker ones. That's just a fact that has been studied by several researchers. The included the City of Phoenix, which asked a team from Arizona State University (ASU) to research this phenomenon to see if roadways would be affected.

"A yearlong joint study by the city and ASU applied a reflective gray treatment called CoolSeal to 36 miles of neighborhood roads and a parking lot. After months of measurements, sometimes on days as hot as 116 F, the team has some answers," according to ASU.

What it found was at all times of the day surface temperatures of the roads

with the reflective CoolSeal layer stayed cooler than non-treated streets, as much as 10 to 12 degrees cooler at noon and almost two and a half degrees cooler at sunrise.

Regular black asphalt can be a foot thick and absorb up to 90% of the sun's energy that shines on it creating a heat sink; however, a light-colored coating only 100 microns thick can reflect as much as 40% of that energy so that it isn't absorbed in the first place, according to Greg Spotts, the chief sustainability officer for Los Angeles' Bureau of Street Services in an article in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"All of our hardscape, our transportation infrastructure, is radiating heat into our neighborhoods even at 4 in the morning," Spotts said. "In the summer, it's detectable from space."

Thermal imaging taken from satellites confirms this phenomenon. This issue is one that is expected to get worse when considering the current trends in climate change, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers.

According to research out of UCLA, the average annual number of days that will exceed 95 degrees in downtown Los Angeles is expected to triple in the next 20 years, said Spotts.

However, cooling temperatures result in fewer people using air conditioning, which also reduces our bills.

So if you are going to raise the ecological flag for bike lanes, see it through to help neighbors and reduce electric costs and keep it cooler.

Then there is SB79, which focuses on housing needs. No one disputes the fact that California and much of the nation is in a bit of a housing drought and we all need affordable housing ... but once again good intentions ...

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE – CANCELLED

Due to cuts in the budget for the City of Los Angeles, the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary Club will not be able to bring the 4th of July Parade to the community this year.

Representatives with the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary Club have been communicating with various staff in the City of Los Angeles about the situation. Cuts in the city's budget from the mayor's office meant that city services are no longer provided free of charge for First Amendment events, such as the parade, and sponsoring organizations need to pay for city services that ensure a safe event.

In the case of the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary Club, the initial estimate from the Dept. of Transportation came to \$14,000 and the second estimate, including barricades, signage and other items needed for this specific event, came to almost \$20,000. This is over four times what is normally budgeted for the entire parade. Representatives with the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary Club will continue to work with the City of Los Angeles to be able to host the parade in the future.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The final drill for Crescenta Valley CERT is on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to play victims and as general participants. By participating a full drill experience will be provided for all of those taking class this week.

To take part in the drill, show up at 8:30 a.m. on June 6 at the CV Sheriff's Station, 4554 Briggs Ave. Participants should bring their PPEs, CERT backpack and CERT shirt to distinguish themselves from those taking the class.

For more information and to RSVP, contact CV CERT coordinators Paul and Lisa Dutton at (818)378-5440 or (818) 249-8378. crescentavalleycert@gmail.com

### PET PHOTO CONTEST

Pasadena Humane Society is having a calendar photo contest that gives contestants a chance to win prizes – including the chance to have their pet featured on a full month spread of its 2027 calendar, a custom pet portrait, a special photo shoot and more! In addition, this year pets have a chance to be the Pasadena Humane Society "cover animal."

The top two vote-getters will be featured as the front and back cover images of the 2027 calendar.

Also, on June 6 it's free adoption day. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., adoption fees will be waived for all available dogs, cats and "critters." Adoptions include spay or neuter, age-appropriate vaccines and a microchip. Regular adoption processes apply. Licensing fee may apply.

To learn more, visit [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org).

### KGI AND GCC ESTABLISH PHARM D PATHWAY AGREEMENT

Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) and Glendale Community College (GCC) have announced a new partnership designed to expand access to pharmacy education through KGI's CC to PharmD pathway. The agreement creates a route for GCC students to transition into KGI's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program beginning this fall, helping students save money and time on their way to their career as a pharmacist.

Through this pathway, GCC students gain access to a range of admissions and financial benefits. Eligible students who meet KGI's requirements and achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 will receive a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) to the PharmD program. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher may also qualify for a TAG scholarship of up to \$20,000. Additional benefits include an application fee waiver, see IN BRIEFS on page 9

# Memorial Day Remembered in the Foothills



By Mary O'KEEFE

The Memorial Day commemoration held at the Vietnam Memorial at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue was led by former U.S. Navy Lieutenant Steve Pierce. The event honored all fallen military soldiers and special acknowledgement was paid to the local fallen.

The event began with music from bagpiper Bobby Kilgore who solemnly played "Amazing Grace" as he walked in the crosswalk at Honolulu toward the Vietnam Memorial.

"It is my privilege to be here today to honor our local fallen. The Vietnam Memorial is one of the first of its kind [in the U.S.] and is a part of Montrose," said GiGi Garcia, president of Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA).

She then thanked all of those who helped with organizing the event including Molly Burke, CEO/President Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce, Dale Dawson, MSPA event coordinator, and Pierce. She also thanked veterans Chuck Hughes, Lynn McGinnis and Pierce for their care of the Montrose Vietnam Memorial.

The Montrose Vietnam Memorial is recognized as the first memorial in the U.S. that honored local soldiers who died in the Vietnam War. It was dedicated on June 14, 1968. Veterans and community members have continued to care for the memorial. There are 24 names on the war memorial.

"Wegather in the shadow of these names," said Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian, one of the speakers at the event. "Names etched in stone, but more importantly, names etched into the story of our city and our nation."

Kassakhian spoke of those who the wall honors and remembers, and also that it is a place of reflection by those who "answered the call of duty." He spoke of the diversity of those who chose, and continue to choose, to join the military to defend their country. He spoke of the Black servicemen and women who served the nation with courage, even while facing segregation and discrimination at home. He added that Japanese Americans volunteered and fought

with "extraordinary valor, while some of their own families lived behind barbed wire in internment camps" during WWII.

"Memorial Day reminds us that service has never belonged only to citizens or to those who were born here. It is a responsibility carried by many, those in uniforms and those at home supporting them," he said.

Assemblymember Nick Schultz was also a speaker at the event. He thanked all of the first responders who were on hand at the event, including law enforcement from Glendale, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. and California Highway Patrol, and those from fire departments in Glendale and LA County.

He spoke of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

"We're nearly 250 years into this grand experiment, something unlike anything that the globe has ever seen," he said.

He spoke of the price that was paid from the beginning of the Republic.

"When I look at the names etched in stone in front of us, each of these people paid the ultimate price, leaving the only home they'd ever known, often dying on foreign shores, for people they would never meet," he said.

He thanked those who brought young children to the commemoration to show them the day was not about barbecues and having a day off but "it's about coming together, recognizing how great this country is, and paying tribute to those who gave everything."

"Our union isn't perfect," he said. "We disagree from time to time, and that is exactly the point – we can do that in a democratic way, in a peaceful way."

Schultz said a way to honor those fallen soldiers, those names on the wall, was to leave a better world for our children ... a world of peace where one day war and conflict will be a relic.

"The other thing is we can't let [youth] forget," he said. "So the one thing I ask of all of you ... especially those with our kids ... come forward before you leave

LEFT: Among those saluting the flag at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Vietnam War Memorial were (from left) Donny Shelton, and veterans Steve Pierce and Allen Brandstater. RIGHT: CV Town Council and CV Chamber of Commerce board member Donna Libra with veterans at the Two Strike Memorial Day ceremony.

and pick any name off the stone here ... and learn about them. Go to your library, take to the internet but learn their story, who they were, where they came from and what they sacrificed. In that small way, if we all do that in our own hearts, we can take their story with us and ensure that they are never forgotten."

A service was also held at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta. The JR ROTC of Crescenta Valley High School, Unit 882, presented the colors and performed the moving POW/MIA table ceremony.

The national anthem was performed by the group Monday@JoJo's, who also performed patriotic music during the event.

Particularly moving was the playing of "Amazing Grace" and "Taps" by bugler Col. Larry Icenoglo, retired U.S. Army. The crowd of about 100 people was also moved when hearing the poem "More Than A Name on a Wall," read by Annie Babson.

Veteran Ron Millman also read every name on the wall. Three of those who died in service were also

highlighted: the stories of Stephen A. Golsh, William A. Pedersen and Gregory P. Kelly were shared, reminding those present that these were local men who had dreams and aspirations.

Recognized for being Purple Heart recipients were veterans Bob Keiter, U.S. Marine Corps – Korea, Dave Kinney, U.S. Marine Corps – Vietnam, Paul Walker, U.S. Army – Vietnam and Andre Prado, U.S. Army – Global War on Terrorism.

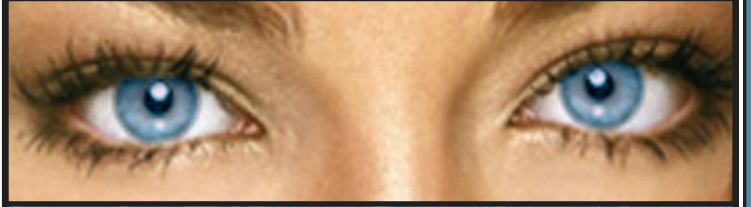
Members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were present at the ceremony. In addition to serving coffee and doughnuts, the group presented a wreath as did veterans from American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614.

The morning closed with remarks from veterans Lynn McGinnis and Victor Bustillos.

Robin Goldsworthy contributed to this story.

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# NOTES & NODS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY

Local history buffs, travel enthusiasts and residents looking to explore the roots of early Christianity are invited to step back in time this month for a special visual journey through the ancient world. Pastor Tim Singleton of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in La Crescenta will host a slideshow presentation on Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF). The event showcases the joint journey undertaken last year by members of both local congregations. The tour, billed as both "In the Footsteps of Paul" and a "Pilgrimage to Greece," allowed participants to retrace the historic

and spiritual routes of the Apostle Paul. The slide show presentation will cover the key aspects of Paul's biblical pilgrimage, while sharing the personal memories made by church members on the trip.

In addition, LCIF will hold its next "Women Gather" Bible study on Tuesday, June 9 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's conference room. The Bible study group meets twice a month, offering local women a consistent place to reflect and connect. All are welcome to attend, and no RSVP is required.

LCIF invites local bookworms to attend its next book club meeting on Monday, June 15 at 1 p.m. in the church's conference room. The June selection is "A Guardian and a Thief" by Megha Majumdar.

Additionally, LCIF will hold its next Surviving Widows group on Tuesday, June 16 at a private residence. Please contact the church office for the location and to RSVP for the event. Widowers are also welcome to attend this monthly support group.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for all event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951.

The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

## 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](mailto:icf374@outlook.com).

## P3 THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS: 'DAY AFTER DAY' AT MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN

On Saturday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church (3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta) will host a one-time performance of "Day after Day" (The Life and Music of Doris Day) by Tony Santamauro. This musical explores the dramatic personal life of Doris Day through her iconic hits, including "Sentimental Journey," "Secret Love" and "Que Sera Sera."

Tickets are available at [www.P3Theatre.biz](http://www.P3Theatre.biz). For questions, call (818) 388-4672.

The church potluck and congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, June 7 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. All members are welcome; please bring a dish to share.

## 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.

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

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# A Talk with Assemblymember Nick Schultz

By Mary O'KEEFE

Assemblymember Nick Schultz spoke to an audience of constituents on Saturday, May 30 at St. Luke's of the Mountains. Among the topics discussed were some of the legislation he is working on. He left time for questions.

"I'm actually going to start with the state budget," Schultz said as he started the morning talk. "In the state of California we have the world's fourth largest economy, and one of the largest budgets in the world."

The governor sends out a budget in January, then it is negotiated and a May revise is then released. In the next four weeks the California State Assembly and Senate Budget committees will be negotiating directly with Governor Gavin Newsom to establish a final budget proposal.

"We are going to have to find a balance. We can't run a reported deficit the way the Congress has," he said. "The impacts of House Resolution 1, HR1, that was passed by the Congress last year are just beginning to really be felt in California. We are seeing the ripping away of federal funding across multiple sectors."

HR1, also known euphemistically as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, was signed by President Donald Trump in July 2025. It includes numerous changes to Medi-Cal and CalFresh, including funding restrictions for the programs – and less money. The changes are phased over time, with some already in effect. The Legislative Analyst's

Office estimates that, with the new requirements, several hundred thousand people will no longer qualify for CalFresh. It is also estimated that between one and two million Californians could lose their health care.

"Cuts are going to be part of [California's] budget," Schultz said.

He shared what he felt were cuts in the budget that were "on the table." He added that the state will have to find ways to generate revenue as well.

"The governor has been very consistent and I believe him and take him at his word that there [will] be no new tax increases imposed as part of his proposal or what is negotiated between the legislature and the governor's office," he said.

Schultz said he does believe there will be areas of tax loopholes being closed and "maybe" a reduction in some of the benefits that taxpayers are given.

"But I will tell you that there probably isn't enough of that in this budget to avoid some of the cuts," Schultz said.

He added that he thinks the vast majority of the budget cuts will come from health care, human services and education.

"Public safety, which [is a committee I] sit on, including the subcommittee, is very important to the state of California, and [is] only 12% of the state's overall budget," he said.

As far as education, the governor has talked about holding back some of the "constitutionally guaranteed Prop 98 funding from our public

schools," Schultz said. "That's not something I support but it is something that has been done historically."

There will need to be some difficult decisions made in the effort to balance the state's budget. Schultz asked those in the audience to share with his office some of the things/programs that are working well in the area – perhaps the Meals on Wheels program – and share what is not working. He can then bring these comments when working on the budget.

He asked if those present feared the loss of a program due to budget cuts, including from HR1, and Schultz said he wanted to hear from constituents about those concerns.

He did not ask anyone what they thought should be cut. Instead, he asked what were their positive experiences regarding certain programs and why those programs should be saved.

Schultz said this year California has seen higher than expected revenue but it won't be a constant.

"We have a projected deficit of nearly \$10 billion," he said.

Schultz is about to end his first term in the State Assembly representing District 44. He said what he found was legislators prior to his being elected spent more money than was taken in. This spending was affected by COVID.

"When we reopened our economy, people were buying with unprecedented wealth," he said.

The Dept. of Finance projected that those spending habits would continue to double – but that is not what happened.

After being voted on by the Assembly and Senate the budget will be sent to the governor on June 15.

Schultz also highlighted several bills he has been working on, including AB1603.

"It was a bill that we introduced this year, working with the Environmental Working Group and other stakeholders. This is really addressing an issue of public health," he said. The bill deals with PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) – pesticides that are widely used across California's farmland.

The state has moved forward with removing PFAS and other "forever chemicals" from cosmetics but has not focused on the agricultural sector, which has more than 84 pesticides registered for use in California.

"Their use can contaminate produce, affect soil and drinking water and expose millions to hazardous chemicals that never break down. AB1603 will help put an end to the use of these forever chemicals on crops by requiring pesticides containing PFAS to be clearly identified and prohibiting state approval of new pesticides containing PFAS," according to a statement by Schultz.

He highlighted other bills, including AB2319 that would give tax incentives to film post-production – similar to those that productions that shoot in California are able to apply for.

This would benefit productions that may film outside the state to bring their post-production work back to California.

Schultz said many had reached out to him concerning the plight of Hollywood and film production leaving the state.

Next week we will continue with the talk with Assemblymember Schultz including him taking questions from the audience.



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Assemblymember Nick Schultz spoke to constituents on May 30 in Sadler Hall on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains in La Crescenta.

## E-Motos Bill Passes State Senate

By Mary O'KEEFE

In the Crescenta Valley, as well as across the nation, electric bikes and electric motos are getting a lot of attention due to the number of accidents and, many times, the irresponsible driving by those who ride the micro-mobility devices. However, many times e-bike drivers are blamed for what drivers of e-motos have done.

Recent news has seen a spike in reports of injuries or fatalities caused by "e-bikes," such as those suffered by 13-year-old Benson Nguyen. What is often missed is that most, if not all, of the vehicles being ridden are not legal e-bikes but are called (more correctly)

e-motos (sometimes incorrectly called e-motorcycles).

"E-motos are high-powered, two-wheeled electric devices that look similar to e-bikes or more like a cross between an e-bike and a motorcycle," according to a statement from Streets are For Everyone (SAFE).

Benson Nguyen died after he crashed his e-moto in Garden Grove. It was believed he was traveling at speeds of about 35 mph when he lost control and collided with a center median, according to reports.

And then there was a 14-year-old boy who, while riding an e-moto in Orange County, struck and killed an 81-year-old pedestrian. His mother,

who had allegedly been warned by officials of the danger of this particular e-moto, is being charged in the death of the pedestrian as well as with child endangerment.

In a recent discussion on e-bikes and e-motos that was hosted by Crescenta Valley Town Council, law enforcement shared concerns about e-bikes and especially of e-motos. They spoke about the micro-mobility devices becoming so popular so fast that legislation to regulate them is far behind the curve.

SB1167, authored by Senator Catherine Blakespear of Encinitas, is trying to catch up with this new trend of transportation.

see E-MOTOS on page 19



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# GUSD to Offer Summer Meals

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) is offering its annual free summer meal program to help ensure that children have access to nutritional meals when school is not in session. The program will provide free summer meals to GUSD students at the following school sites and at two park sites.

Breakfast and lunch meals will be offered at no charge to students participating in GUSD Summer School and Summer Child Development & Child Care (CDCC) programs. Community meal times are available at Pacific Park for children age 18 and under

or individuals with disabilities in the GUSD community who are not participating in the GUSD summer school or summer CDCC programs.

The summer meal program is an important resource for families who depend on school meals for access to healthy food

From June 16 to July 17, meal will be located at Fremont and R.D. White Elementary Schools.

From June 15 to Aug. 7, lunch will be served at Balboa and Edison Elementary Schools & Pacific and Maple Parks from 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

From June 15 to Aug. 14, meals

will be provided at Cloud, Jefferson, Mann, Muir, Marshall, Monte Vista elementary schools and Pacific Preschool.

From June 15 to July 21, meals will be served at Roosevelt, Rosemont, Toll & Wilson middle schools and Crescenta Valley, Daily, Glendale & Hoover high schools, and College View School.

There will be no meal service at any of the summer meal locations on June 19 and July 3 holidays.

For additional information contact the GUSD Nutrition Services Dept. at (818) 552-2677.

## CRIME BLOTTER

MAY 31

2400 block of Janet Lee Drive in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle. Surveillance video revealed a white, newer model Mercedes Benz GLE-class SUV drive

up to the location and stop next to the victim's vehicle. An unknown person, Suspect No. 1, exited the vehicle from the passenger side and the driver, Suspect No. 2, remained seated in the car. Suspect No. 1 stood by the rear of

the vehicle for about a minute and then got back into the vehicle. The vehicle drove away. Deputies feel another person, Suspect No. 3, may have been under the victim's vehicle but out of sight of the security camera.

The theft of the catalytic converter occurred at 3:32 a.m.

3100 block of Orange Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident noticed that the house's mailbox was open and no mail was inside. Video footage revealed a white four door sedan parked in front of the location. A male was seen opening the mailbox, removing items from inside the box and then driving away at 3:03 a.m.

MAY 30

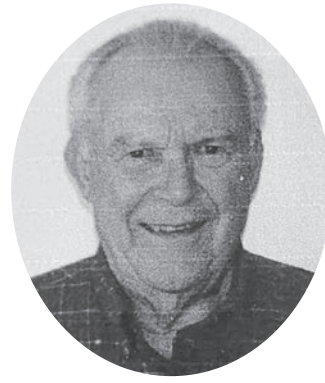
Big Tujunga Canyon Road at mile marker 9.2 in Angeles National Forest, a driver parked her vehicle, secured the vehicle and along with a friend went on a hike. When they returned they noticed the rear left passenger window had been shattered and several items were stolen from inside the vehicle. The vehicle burglary occurred between noon and 4 p.m.

800 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a burglary alarm. Upon arrival they noticed a glass window had been shattered. All doors were still secured. Security footage revealed two suspects approaching the location from the west side of Foothill Boulevard. They were seen laying down and crawling toward the west side entrance. After spending a few minutes laying on the floor, Suspect No. 1 crawled to the lower window and used an unknown tool to smash the window. Suspect No. 2 laid outside for a few minutes acting as an apparent look-out while Suspect No. 1 attempted to make entry. Suspect No. 1 gained entry inside the business; Suspect No. 2 followed. While inside both suspects crawled to the register where the security monitor was activated. Once activated both suspects ran out of the business.

Suspect No. 1 was wearing a black sweatshirt and dark pants. Suspect No. 2 was wearing an orange blanket, dark sweatshirt and dark pants.

The burglary occurred at 4:30 a.m.

### Obituary Roger Young



June 14, 1939 - April 4, 2026

Roger Young passed away on April 4. He graduated from Burroughs High School (1957) and from Occidental College (1961) where he was a member of the fraternity Sigma Alpha Edison.

He married fellow Oxy grad Carol Espy and they moved to New York City where Roger started his career in advertising at J. Walter Thompson. While living in New York, they enjoyed many weekends at their cabin in the Berkshires where Roger joined the ski patrol.

In 1970, The Youngs moved back to California where Roger worked at Yamaha as a sporting goods manager. He used his entrepreneurial, creative and inventive nature in the bicycle and satellite businesses.

Roger was also very community-minded. He realized that technology education was needed so he started a Cans for Computers recycling plan at Monte Vista Elementary School, where his wife taught. Each week the students would bring cans and plastic bottles to the recycling truck. This plan earned the money to provide 36 computers for a computer room and one computer, TV and VCR for every classroom.

His community service didn't stop there. Roger started the La Crescenta Fire Safe Council (LCFSC) and organized an expo at Two Strike Park to educate the residents on how to prepare for fires. This was right before the Station Fire in 2009. The LCFSC continued its fire prevention work in Briggs Terrace.

Roger is survived by his wife Carol, sons Eric and Corey, grandson Chris, brother Bob (wife Judy), a multitude of nieces and nephews, and the many friends and community members whose lives he touched.

MAY 28

4900 block of Crown Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

MAY 27

500 block of Meadow Grove Street in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that when he returned home he found his gate open and a long chain had been cut. The chain was connected to the wall and ran through the openings of the front gate.

The vandalism occurred between May 27 at 9:30 p.m. and May 28 at 4:25 p.m.

### Obituary Charles Edward Mayhew



Jan. 4, 1943 - May 7, 2026

Charles Edward Mayhew, lovingly known to family and friends as Ed, passed away peacefully on May 7 at the age of 83 following a brief illness.

Born on Jan. 4, 1943 in San Francisco, California, Ed spent his early years on a farm where he developed the strong work ethic, resilience and integrity that guided him throughout his life. Although his legal name was Charles Edward Mayhew, he was known simply as Ed by virtually everyone who knew him. He attended St. Catherine's Military Academy in Anaheim where he developed the discipline, leadership and character that became hallmarks of his life.

Ed built a successful career in the insurance industry, beginning with Kemper Insurance, while pursuing studies in mechanical engineering. Through hard work and dedication, he advanced into leadership roles, managing large departments and working with organizations around the world. He earned the respect of colleagues for his professionalism, fairness and commitment to excellence.

In his later years, Ed found the love of his life Sandra. Together they enjoyed retirement, traveling, remodeling their home and creating cherished memories. Their relationship was built on friendship, devotion and enduring love, and they shared 27 wonderful years together.

Ed was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather and loyal friend. He was known as a man of honesty and integrity whose word could always be trusted. His kindness, generosity and warm sense of humor left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

He is survived by his daughter Cynthia Louise Mayhew-Stillwell; his granddaughter Alyssa; and his great-grandson Leon Lopez-Mayhew, along with many extended family members and dear friends who will continue to cherish his memory.

A celebration of life was held at Forest Lawn on May 22 where family and friends gathered to honor Ed and celebrate a life filled with love, accomplishment and meaningful relationships.

Ed's legacy of hard work, loyalty, compassion and dedication to family will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Always true to his word, loyal in friendship and devoted to those he loved.

## Notice of Public Hearing



This is a notice that the District will consider the continuation of the capital charge on the county tax roll approved in 2023. A report containing a description of each parcel receiving water service and the amount of the charge for each parcel for the fiscal year 2026-27 is available for inspection at the District office and on the District's website at [www.cvwd.com/property-tax-roll-information](http://www.cvwd.com/property-tax-roll-information).

If you would like to transfer the capital charge to your utility bill, please contact us or visit our website to complete the required form. Forms must be submitted by June 18, 2026. If a form was submitted last year, it will remain in effect.

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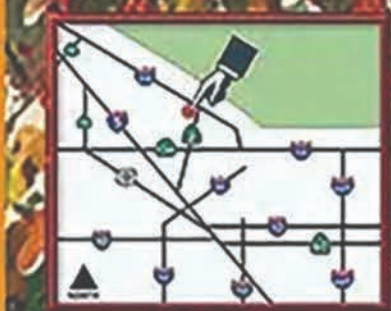
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# GUSD and GTA Reach Tentative Agreement

The bargaining teams of the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) and Glendale Teachers Association (GTA) reached a tentative agreement on wages for the 2026-27 school year. The agreement includes an ongoing 2% wage increase effective July 1, 2026, and a 1% one-time payment in November 2026. This is the second consecutive year that the parties have concluded negotiations ahead of the school year.

The agreement also includes a broad range of updates focused on employee support, instructional practices, early learning, workplace safety and student opportunity. In addition to compensation, GUSD and GTA reached agreement on the following contract items:

- Adjustments to compensation for child development and child care (CDCC) teachers to provide a universal increase in place of a cost-of-living adjustment, funded through the California Dept. of Education Expanded Learning Opportunities Program.
- New language addressing employee-created instructional materials and the use of artificial intelligence in schools, protecting educator intellectual property rights, ensuring AI systems cannot replace bargaining unit work

without agreement and establishing clear guidelines for training, privacy, oversight and instructional use of AI technologies.

- A clearer set of advancement opportunities for CDCC teachers and head teachers, including new protections for employees who transition into classroom teaching positions.
- An increase in annual sick leave from 10 to 11 days for counselors.
- An updated workplace safety agreement affirming the District's commitment to promptly investigate and address reported unsafe conditions while strengthening employee supports related to workplace violence, including paid leave protections following traumatic incidents, documentation procedures and access to legal, mental health and other support resources for affected employees.
- Revised class size procedures that strengthen collaboration and transparency between site administrators and GTA representatives through regular joint meetings focused on class size, staffing allocations, teacher workload, course preparations and student enrollment data to support equitable classroom

distribution and staffing practices.

- A memorandum of understanding reaffirming the District's commitment to supporting students and employees impacted by immigration-related matters, including clear protocols for immigration enforcement requests on campuses, employee protections, leave provisions related to immigration and citizenship matters and reinstatement protections for employees whose work authorization is temporarily impacted by changes in federal immigration policy.
- Expanded dual and concurrent enrollment provisions to strengthen collaboration between high schools and post-secondary partners, increase access and support for GUSD teachers interested in dual enrollment opportunities, improve student support and oversight within college courses offered on high school campuses and enhance transparency, communication and planning related to concurrent and dual enrollment programs.

As a next step, the GTA membership will vote on ratifying the tentative agreement, after which the GUSD Board of Education will vote on the final approval of the contract.

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# Erewhon Opens In Glendale

By Ruth SOWBY

Continuing its expansion across Los Angeles County, Erewhon opened its Glendale store at 520 N. Glendale Ave. on Wednesday, May 20. The upscale grocery store opened at the site formerly occupied by Virgil's Hardware Home Center.

At exactly 9 a.m., Erewhon team members and invited guests lined up to cut the ribbon at the entrance to the store. Among those joining Glendale Mayor Pro Tem Vartan Gharapetian was Glendale City Manager Roubik Golanian and Erewhon representatives Tony Antoci, CEO and owner of Erewhon, and Jason Widener, chief operating officer.

Local animal rights activists from the grassroots network Direct Action Everywhere protested outside the official opening of the grocery's new location.

The action was part of an ongoing campaign against Meyenberg Goat Milk, the country's largest goat



dairy company. Erewhon stores carry this animal product on their shelves.

"I came today for the voiceless," said Jennifer Martinez of Los Angeles. "I wanted to push my limits. It's my first time, and I want to do everything I can to spread awareness."

Several minutes into the disruption, the activists were escorted away by security; police arrived and spoke with the group's police liaison.

After the store's ribbon-cutting, hundreds of customers entered the store.

They were on the lookout for the complimentary gift bags and flowers. Regular in-store shopping included the debut of Glendale-exclusive offerings such as the Glendale Bird Cake Smoothie made with organic ingredients. Its sale will benefit the Garden School Foundation; a portion of proceeds from every smoothie sold will be donated.

Customer and Burbank resident Cecelia Walker said, "I came here for the bag. We don't have Erewhon in Burbank."

Founded in 1968, Erewhon operates 14 locations in LA County.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY  
LEFT: Tony Antoci, Erewhon CEO and owner, is ready for customers and looky-loos at the store's Glendale opening on Wednesday, May 20.

RIGHT: VIPs at the Erewhon's Glendale opening include, from left, Jason Widener, Erewhon COO; Roubik Golanian, Glendale city manager; and Vartan Gharapetian, Glendale mayor pro tem.

BOTTOM: Tony Antoci, CEO and owner of Erewhon, cuts the ribbon as part of the store's opening ceremonies in Glendale. Joining him are Glendale Mayor Pro Tem Vartan Gharapetian (with tie) and Glendale City Manager Roubik Golanian (between Gharapetian and Antoci).

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SB79 is in the middle of the lawsuit saga between the City of Burbank and LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro).

Metro filed a lawsuit against the City of Burbank because the city refused to issue construction permits for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project. City staff shared concerns about how a new state housing law – SB79 – could affect the zoning around the newly planned bus stops along Olive Avenue.

So here is a situation where we

really need mass transit in Los Angeles County – another way to get people out of their cars. Though a wonderful intention it will no doubt trigger another effect. SB79 forces development regardless of neighborhood concerns.

This is building for building's sake without concerns for a number of issues, including the rapid disappearance of local neighborhoods. Those who are in favor of SB79 often sight those who are against it as NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard). I do take offense at this simplistic explanation of why people want to protect their neighborhoods; however, that rant will be for another day.

The real issues for many who do not like the overreaching, paint-all-with-one brush attitude of SB79 include evacuations

resulting from wildfires, lack of infrastructure to fight the fires including water flow, and traffic. Metro's proposal to create one lane dedicated only for buses will take that lane away from the flow of traffic. Now, I am sure that lane will be opened if evacuations are ordered; however, that's not a given. So we have a law to promote affordable housing resulting in a backlash against supporting mass transit. Like I said – good intentions.

June Gloom will be with us for awhile. Our temperatures will be in the mid to high 80s today but the marine layer will be deep and will continue into next week, which will cool us down a little – to the upper to mid 70s. The gloomy clouds will be higher in the next few days, which means the sun will not break through until later in the mornings.

BRT from Cover

this is a project that I am very proud of and worked for over a decade to see it get to this milestone moment.”

Glendale Community College (GCC) board member Desirée Portillo Rabinov worked on planning the early stages of the BRT at Metro. She described the intersection of her work there and the support for public transit at GCC. When Metro introduced the GoPass for local students, GCC's enrollment numbers crashed the system, she shared. Glendale Community College students top the participation charts in their utilization of public transportation.

Ernesto Medrano, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Orange County Building Trades Council, expressed labor's support for the BRT, which will

“all be built with union hands.” These good union jobs will come from local hiring and union apprenticeship programs, essential to “sustaining middle class jobs.”

“We're ready to move some dirt,” Medrano told the crowd.

“Every project needs a political champion in order to succeed,” said Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins, highlighting the work done by Ara Najarian over many years to bring this project to breaking ground.

The event speakers and local dignitaries donned Metro hard hats and picked up symbolic gold-plated shovels and the groundbreaking was completed.

Complete project details can be found at <https://www.metro.net/projects/noho-pasadena-corridor/>.

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expedited application review, and access to select KGI summer programs.

Students can learn more about the pathway and available opportunities by visiting KGI's CC to PharmD webpage.

**THE CIRCLE, BURBANK CELEBRATES ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

The Circle Burbank, a private women's membership community dedicated to connection, wellness and belonging, is celebrating its one-year anniversary with a community block party on Saturday, June 13 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at its location at 1122 W. Burbank Blvd. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

**STUDENT COMMISSIONER APPS ACCEPTED**

The City of Glendale Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission is accepting applications for student commissioners to serve a one-year term from October 2026 to October 2027. The deadline to apply is June 12.

Ex officio student commissioners are active, non-voting members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission. It is an opportunity for students to share their experience and expertise in recreation programs, human services, workforce programs and the development and maintenance of public parks, recreational facilities and open space. Input on the Commission will help ensure the continuation of Glendale's high-caliber parks, recreation programs and services.

Qualifications:

- Must be a student
- Must reside in the City of Glendale
- Must be 25 years of age or younger and
- Must be available to meet in person on the third Monday of every month at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and to apply, visit [GlendaleCA.gov/ParksStudentCommissioners](http://GlendaleCA.gov/ParksStudentCommissioners).

**Correction**

In the May 28 issue of the CV Weekly newspaper, the name was misspelled of one of the candidates in the story “The Candidates Respond: Glendale Unified School District – Board of Education.” Her proper name is Aileen Dinkjian.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Are Our Local Bears True Natives?

Well, yes and no. It's complicated! Here's the very unusual story of the history of bears in our area.

Going back to pre-history, we locally had the short-faced bear. It was a real monster, weighing a ton, as tall as a man while on all fours and up to 12 feet tall when standing. These bears could run 40 miles per hour. They ate the usual bear stuff – berries, etc. – but had a preference for meat. They're considered the largest mammal carnivore ever, bigger than modern grizzlies. They fortunately disappeared 11,000 years ago with the end of the Ice Age and the arrival of man, who hunted them and competed for the same prey. (Imagine the early North Americans taking down those huge, fearsome bears with wooden spears!) The short-faced bear is one of the species we find bones of in the La Brea Tar Pits.

The short-faced bears were

replaced locally by the grizzly bear and the black bear, which coexisted in our mountains and valleys. They loom large in the culture of our local Native Americans. With the arrival of the Spanish that changed drastically.

In the 1700s, the big Spanish ranchos of Southern California raised tens of thousands of cattle – big slow meaty animals – and the more carnivorous grizzly bears feasted on them. As a result, the grizzly population exploded to the point where the more docile native black bears were pushed out, though they continued to thrive in Northern California.

The Spanish vaqueros hunted the fierce grizzly bears, even capturing them alive for the famous bear and bull fights in Los Angeles. The Arroyo Seco was a favored spot for capturing grizzlies. When the Americans took over with better firearms, the grizzly population decreased.

By 1900, grizzlies were pretty much gone from Southern California, which left our San Gabriel Mountains bearless.

Meanwhile, up north in Yosemite the black bears were doing great, and were proving to be a major tourist attraction. In the 1920s and '30s, "bear pits" were created and each evening hundreds of campers would gather to watch the show. Rangers piled trash in the center of the audience and several bears would show up to eat the trash and entertain the crowd. It was so popular the same thing was started in Yellowstone.

Rangers here in Southern California wanted a piece of that action for their campers as well. In 1933, they contracted to get a few of Yosemite's trash-loving bears for us down here. One Southern California wildlife publication wrote, "If they thrive, they will become a real attraction

to the thousands of visitors who spend summers and weekends in the mountain playgrounds. Their comical, clownish appearance and actions are a never-ending source of amusement to youngsters and adults alike."

A couple of truckloads of Yosemite black bears, 28 in total, were brought down and released at Crystal Lake, Santa Ana Canyon and Big Bear Lake – apparently just for our amusement. And amuse us they did! One of the bears immediately walked into downtown Chino, ate a few chickens and busted open some bee hives! It was probably looking for that free trash handout it was used to in Yosemite. The bear was captured and returned to the mountains.

The bears obviously did well as in less than a hundred years the handful of black bears grew to tens of thousands of black bears in Southern California – some of

which had simply migrated south to fill the bearless void in the southern mountains.

As we encroach on the wilderness, those bears continue to amuse us today. We had "Glen Bearlian" or "Meatball" in the Verdugos, which had a penchant for Costco meatballs taken from people's garage freezers. We had the recent mother and two cubs that caused CV High School to be locked down while they prowled the neighborhood.

And my favorite: a guy in Montrose was surprised by a bear in his apartment complex. (On YouTube, look up "Texting Guy Almost Runs Into A Bear.")

So there you have the bear facts. Our bears are natives, but not really, only kinda. You gotta love weird history like this!

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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## Divided We Fall

On July 2, 2020, the CV Weekly published an article that I had written titled, "United We Stand?" that contained my thoughts about the state of the country as we approached the Independence Day holiday. Earlier that year, I had lost my son from an overdose of fentanyl, we were in the midst of the COVID shutdowns, there was mayhem in the streets across the country and everything in my universe felt dark and hopeless. And yet, somehow, I managed to keep it together and wrote about a future that had all of us coming together and making things better. What a nice dream. You can read it here <https://www.crescentvalleyweekly.com/viewpoints/07/02/2020/views-valley-susan-bolan-16/>.

Since that time, I have worked hard to move past the traumas

of 2020 and have gained an increasing appreciation of what is important in life like family, friends and community. Despite my positive energy, though, I have failed to make any impact in improving the country I love and find myself struggling with the current state of politics. Every day, I am perplexed by the amount of hostility exhibited in the media by our elected leaders, so angry with each other, that the pipe dream of working together has now become a thing of the past. How sad that we have strayed so far from what our ancestors fought so hard to achieve.

This tension in our national leadership has trickled down to the state and local level and we are seeing significant pushback between entities. The unfortunate results of this "us versus them"

mentality are one-size-fits-all mandates, strict regulations, out-of-control tax and spending, increased crime and wasteful fraud. I find myself growing angry too from the housing bills coming from our Sacramento legislators that have activated YIMBY ("yes in my backyard") activists against communities that simply don't want dense development in their suburban neighborhoods when more sensible projects will do. I am also mad that our local leaders don't seem to understand that they work for the people and continue to squander our hard-earned dollars without resolving even the most basic problems we face. I believe there has to be common ground on issues such as these but it seems we have a long way to go.

Although frustrated by things I

cannot control, I remain focused on what I can influence in my sphere. I write, I participate in the process and I vote. I am also learning to let the daily nonsense roll off my back and to greet harsh words with the understanding that not everyone thinks the same as I. It's time to tone it down and just breathe. If we all remember to serve one another and our community the best we can, then maybe the rest of it will fall into place. At least I hope it will before too long.

In writing this, the June 2 election hasn't yet happened and it continues to be contentious out there. This article will drop after most of the ballots are counted and I won't be able to influence your vote one way or another. Nor should I. I will only say that I will be voting for change since

the status quo is not working for me. There are some dynamic candidates out there who I hope will bring new energy, a return to common sense and who will work with their constituents, not at odds against them. Fingers crossed that we will all see improvements soon. We deserve better.

Next month, we will celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America. Let the wisdom of our dedicated forefathers and the master plan they laid out, shine light in each and every one of us on that day as we remember where we came from, embrace our core values and head toward a better life for all. We can do this.

*Susan Bolan  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### It All Started in Montrose!

The Congress of the United States on June 9, 1966 by joint resolution approved H.J. Resolution 763 proclaiming the week in which June 14th occurs as National Flag Week, and the same resolution requested that the President is to issue every year a proclamation and also to call upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during this week.

The origin of Flag Week is very special because it originated back in the '60s in Montrose through the hard work of Bill Bailey, Don Carpenter, Congressman H. Allen Smith, the Crescenta Cañada Rotary Club and my father Vito Cannella.

Nurtured by their love of country and gratitude for those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's symbol, the American flag, this group had a desire to contribute something positive to the fabric of our country during the difficult Vietnam War era. They dreamed of a national movement to

convince Congress and the President to join them in their love for the flag.

From humble origins and the small town efforts of our community, they collected thousands upon thousands of signatures across our state. This dream got the attention of the United States Congress and passed in a joint session and was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966.

So, for the last 59 years we ask the citizens of our nation to give recognition and respect for our flag by asking that we honor our flag for more than just one day on the national calendar (June 14th), and instead put aside a whole week to honor the flag and ask that all citizens fly our flag for that week.

In this milestone year marking America's 250th birthday, Flag Week takes on an even greater meaning. The American flag stands as a powerful symbol of our nation's journey, through challenge and triumph and the values that unite

us. As we celebrate this historic anniversary, Flag Day and Flag Week reminds us to not only honor our past, but renew our commitment to the ideals of liberty and justice that continue to define our country.

This cause was very important to my dad Vito Cannella. Every year since 1967 he would write each President reminding them of their duty to issue the

proclamation and every year he got a response from the White House indicating

that it would. My father passed away in 2017 and one of the things we talked about prior to his death was his wish that the story of Flag Week not be forgotten

as he was the last of the original supporters. I promised him I would carry his

message reminding our community of its history and connection to our hometown.

I wrote that letter to President

Trump and will remind all of you to fly

your flag the week of June 14th. That is the purpose of my letter

today.

God Bless America.

*Grace Chase  
Montrose*

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Free Community Impact Breakfast Hosted By VH Council of Scouting America



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

By Ruth SOWBY

The Verdugo Hills Council of Scouting America hosted its 2026 Community Impact Breakfast on Thursday, May 28 at the Glen Arden Club in Glendale. Emcee David Ono, ABC7 Eyewitness News anchor, opened the program by interviewing 15-year-old Scout Anthony Burke. Anthony, a Burbank resident, is in Troops 201 and 209. His goal is to become an Eagle Scout.

"Then I want to go to the Merchant Marine Academy,"

he said. Looking on were proud mom Diane Burke and granddad Leo Mariani.

Verdugo Hills Council President Craig Harris took to the podium.

"This is the 104th year of the Verdugo Hills Council," said Harris. He added that "83 new Scouts" have joined this year.

"The Verdugo Hills Council is 20th in the country in Girl Scout membership," he said.

After the breakfast buffet, Ono introduced keynote speaker Mike Libeck. Libeck is a National Geographic explorer, filmmaker and conservationist. He has led

over 90 expeditions. During his presentation he showed videos of photos of some of those trips.

"I have a healthy obsession to addiction to adventure," Libeck said.

He's led 14 expeditions to Greenland, a favorite environment of his. Libeck's dramatic photographs of polar bears can often be seen in National Geographic. On a low note he said, "500 to 600 polar bears are shot every year."

Scouting programs help more than 1,300 young people in the Verdugo Hills region. According to Acting Scout Executive Amy

LEFT: From left, Verdugo Hills Council President Craig Harris is joined by ABC7 anchor David Ono and keynote speaker Mike Libeck at the Verdugo Hills Council's Impact Breakfast.

MIDDLE: Scout Anthony Burke, 15, is interviewed by ABC7 anchor David Ono at the Verdugo Hills Council's Community Impact Breakfast.

RIGHT: Attendees to the Verdugo Hills Council of Scouting America, including Glendale Police Dept. members and Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian (with tie), enjoyed a hot breakfast.

Taylor, "This annual breakfast allows attendees to learn more about Scouting's impact and how community support helps expand opportunities for local youth."

## CV Cares Ambassador Program Holds Fundraiser

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition, aka CV Cares, is a grassroots community organization dedicated to youth wellness, mental health awareness and substance misuse prevention and education. It works under the non-profit umbrella of IMPACT

Foundation LA Inc., which is dedicated to the same issues as CV Cares. It was originally founded as the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation; its purpose is to support families and individuals that have been affected by addiction, mental health challenges and emotional isolation.

"We serve our community by

connecting individuals to life-changing resources through an established network of partners. From treatment referrals and therapy to mentorship and sober living, we offer holistic support designed to help people not only survive – but thrive," according to the iMPACT Foundation LA website.

see CV CARES on page 13

### Public Notice



Notice is hereby given that the Crescenta Valley Water District (District), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will consider adoption of its Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget, including the Capital Improvement Program allocation for the FY 2026-27 in-house pipeline replacement work. Because the pipeline replacement work will be authorized through the Budget and will not return to the Board of Directors for separate project approval, the District has evaluated the pipeline replacement work as a project for CEQA purposes.

The project consists of the replacement of approximately 2 miles of existing pipeline facilities to be performed by District staff as part of the District's FY 2026-27 in-house pipeline replacement program. The work will occur within existing rights-of-way, construction and excavation activities will not occur over more than one-half mile at any one time, and affected rights-of-way will be restored to their pre-project condition upon completion.

The work will occur within existing District pipeline alignments and rights-of-way located within the Crescenta Valley Water District service area in Los Angeles County, California.

District staff has determined that the FY 2026-27 In-House Pipeline Replacement Work is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.23 and CEQA Guidelines section 15284.

The District Board of Directors will consider the FY 2026-27 Budget, including the Capital Improvement Program allocation for the FY 2026-27 in-house pipeline replacement work, at a public meeting as follows:

**TUESDAY,  
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# LCWC Installs New Board



Pictured from left are (front row) Corresponding Secretary Shirley Griffith, Newsletter Editor Kathy Dorsey, President Mary Nolte, Co-Public Relations Danette Erickson, Program Pam Mosher, Rental Events Nancy Bland, Rental Treasurer Katie Dickinson, Environment Laura Nomura, Scholarship Debra Landau and Historian Betsy Mortimer. Back row, from left, are: Installing Officer Debra Cant, Co-Public Relations Officer Julia Horwitz-Anderson, 1st VP Alysa Serdengecti, 2nd Co-VPs Dawna Daley-Berger/Carol Stein, 3rd VP Denise Napiwocki, Recording Secretary Emma Lestina, Co-Treasurers Cindy Charles & Bob Mortimer, Co-Philanthropy Officer Jennifer Genens.

Not available for the photo were Building and Grounds Gwen Williams and Co-Philanthropy Pat Word.

The La Crescenta Woman's Club has installed its board for the 2026-27 year. Debbie Cant was the installing officer.

The Club will be overseeing LA county voting; after that is bunco

on Aug. 23. The first meeting of the next fiscal year is on Sept 9. Club members extend an invitation to the community to "stop by" for lunch to learn more about the Club.

Ongoing activity includes weekly Walking at Descanso on Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. followed by coffee at 9!

For details, visit [www.lacrescentawomansclub.org](http://www.lacrescentawomansclub.org).

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On Saturday, June 6, a fundraiser is being held at Panera Bread, 990 Town Center in La Cañada Flintridge, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A percentage of the net sales will be donated to the iMPACT Foundation LA Inc. The funds raised will be earmarked for the CV Cares youth ambassador program for the activities, materials and advocacy work that lie ahead.

According to its website, the CV Cares youth ambassador program trains high school

student leaders to educate their peers, organize awareness campaigns and promote healthy choices through monthly initiatives and community events.

"In May, the youth ambassador team hosted an informational presentation at the CV WellNEST, sharing with students the heart and purpose behind the CV Cares youth ambassador program," states the website. "We are thrilled to announce that from that

presentation, we have identified 16 students as our newest cohort – our largest yet. This is a crossover moment."

The fundraiser recognized dine in, pick-up, or delivery. For those who utilize online, please use promo code FUND4U at checkout at [panerabread.com](http://panerabread.com) or in the Panera app.

For those going into the restaurant show or bring the flyer (available on the CV Weekly website) to ensure each purchase is counted.

# Local NSDAR Members Take Part in Memorial Day Events



Photo provided by Beverly de LUCIA. From left are Beverly de Lucia, Julianne Ellis-Rainey, Lynne Thompson, Becky Gelhaar, Jeanette Sturdivant and Sherry Setoda at the La Cañada Kiwanis French Toast Breakfast.

NSDAR, Don José Verdugo Chapter members honored Memorial Day at local community events.

Chapter members volunteered their time to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Volunteers participated in the La Cañada Memorial Day Parade

with their good citizens, they were seen at the La Crescenta Memorial Service at Two Strike Park with American Legion Post 288 and members were at the La Cañada Kiwanis French Toast Breakfast. American Flags were also collected for retirement.

## USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR AGING

» DR ADRIA NAVARRO, PHD, LCSW

### Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Why June 15 Matters

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

(NCEA) – the federal government's primary resource center on elder mistreatment – is managed by Keck Medicine of USC. The NCEA is funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), part of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and serves as a trusted source of information for professionals, policymakers, caregivers and the general public.

#### What the NCEA Does

The NCEA's work is wide ranging and deeply influential. Its mission includes:

June 15 is recognized around the world as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a moment to shine a bright, unflinching light on a problem that too often remains hidden behind closed doors. For communities across Los Angeles County and the nation, it is a call to action: to protect older adults, to strengthen support systems and to ensure that every person can age with dignity, safety and respect.

Elder abuse is not a rare issue. According to national estimates, 1 in 10 adults over age 60 experience some form of abuse, neglect or exploitation each year. Yet the vast majority of cases go unreported. Many older adults fear retaliation, feel ashamed or simply do not know where to turn. Families may miss the warning signs. Neighbors may hesitate to get involved. And professionals may struggle to navigate complex systems.

That is why June 15 matters. Awareness is the first step toward prevention.

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What many people don't realize is that the nation's central hub for elder abuse research, training and best practices is located right here in Los Angeles. The National Center on Elder Abuse

- Educating the public about the signs of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation
- Supporting Adult Protective Services (APS) and other frontline responders with research based tools
- Advancing national policy discussions on aging, safety and justice
- Conducting and sharing research that helps communities understand risk factors and effective interventions
- Providing resources for families and caregivers, including fact sheets, webinars and guidance on how to report concerns

Because the NCEA is housed at USC, Los Angeles benefits from a concentration of experts who are shaping the national conversation on elder justice. Their work influences everything from state legislation to hospital protocols to community education campaigns.

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

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## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

#### Locking In An Interest Rate On A Probate Sale

Dear Phyllis,

My son recently found a home he loved, but it was a probate sale requiring court confirmation. He had to wait a little over four weeks for the court confirmation hearing, and no one outbid him. He used the lender recommended by his Realtor, and the lender locked his interest rate for 30 days. Unfortunately, the rate expired before closing, and he had to relock at a higher rate.

The lender explained that they couldn't order loan documents until they received the final recorded court order. Since I see you have experience with probate sales, I wanted to ask: what is the typical procedure or best practice for locking in an interest rate on a probate sale?

Thank you for your time and insight.

— Claudia

Dear Claudia,

When a probate sale requires court confirmation, the process doesn't end once the judge approves the sale in court. After

the hearing, the court must issue and record the formal confirmation order—a step that typically takes three to six weeks, with four weeks being the average in Los Angeles County. Only once that recorded court order is received can the title company and lender proceed with final loan documents and closing preparations.

An experienced lender should be familiar with this timeline, as court-confirmed probate sales are common in California. They should delay locking the interest rate until the confirmation order is recorded or choose a longer lock period to accommodate the expected delay. Locking too early—before the confirmation order is received—creates a risk that the lock will expire before the loan can close, resulting in higher rates or additional fees for the buyer.

In this case, the lender should have accounted for the probate timeline and structured the rate lock accordingly to protect the buyer from losing the rate. When choosing a Realtor and a lender in a probate transaction it is critical that both are experienced in probate sales.

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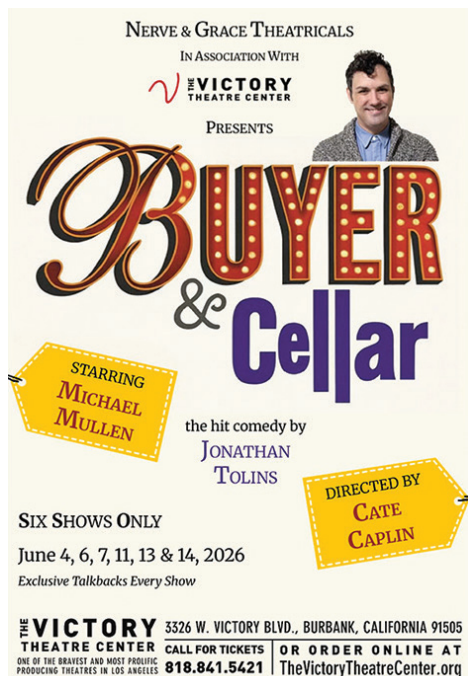
By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

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

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

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

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



**"Buyer & Cellar"** This wickedly funny and surprisingly moving show explores obsession, celebrity and the magical absurdity of what we'll do to feel seen – and to feel close to greatness. What happens when you get a job working in Barbra Streisand's basement mall? A wickedly observed comedy about obsession, celebrity and the price of proximity to someone who has everything.

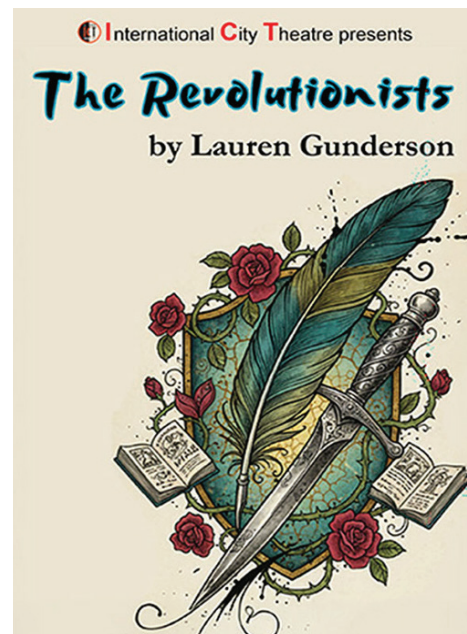
Written by Jonathan Tolins and directed by Cate Caplin, it runs June 4 through June 14 at the Victory Theatre Center in Burbank. For tickets, call (818) 841-5421 or visit [www.thevictorytheatrecenter.org](http://www.thevictorytheatrecenter.org).



**"Anastasia"** Inspired by the beloved 1997 film, "Anastasia" transports the audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love and family. With its opulent settings, dazzling costumes, and a soaring score

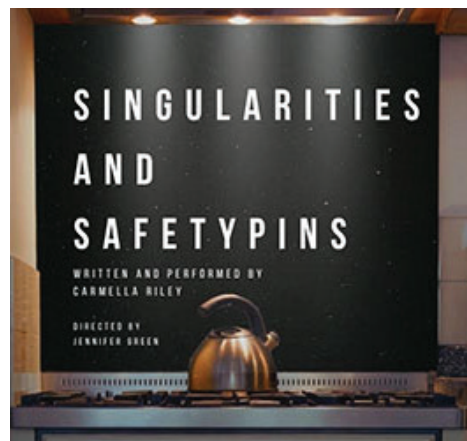
including the song favorites from the hit animated film "Journey to the Past" and "Once Upon a December," "Anastasia" is perfect for the whole family – a spectacular musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be.

Written by Terrence McNally, with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and directed by Parker Esse, it runs June 6 through June 28 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts in La Mirada. For tickets, call (562) 944-9801 or visit [www.LaMiradaTheatre.com](http://www.LaMiradaTheatre.com).



**"The Revolutionists"** Four women to be reckoned with lose their heads (both figuratively and literally) in this irreverent, girl-powered comedy set during the French Revolution's La Terreur. Playwright Olympe de Gouges (played by Amie Farrell), assassin Charlotte Corday (Sarah Pierce), former queen and fan of ribbons Marie Antoinette (Lyndsi LaRose) and Haitian rebel Marianne Angelle (Nondumiso Tembe) hang out, murder Marat and try to beat back the extremist insanity in 1793 Paris. This grand and dream-tweaked comedy is about violence and legacy, art and activism, feminism and terrorism, compatriots and chosen sisters, and how we actually go about changing the world.

Written by Lauren Gunderson and directed by Jamie Torcellini, it runs June 12 through June 28 at the International City Theatre in the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit [InternationalCityTheatre.org](http://InternationalCityTheatre.org).



**"Singularities and Safety Pins"** A woman uses humor and science to help her navigate a look back at her mother's battle with cancer. The show explores themes of grief, loss and the perils of motherhood.

Written by Carmella Riley and directed by Jennifer Green, it runs June 13 through June 20 at the Colony Theatre in Burbank. For tickets, call (310) 954-7079 or visit [sondertheatrecompany.org](http://sondertheatrecompany.org).



**"Angry, Raucous, and Shamelessly Gorgeous"** Anna Campbell is a trailblazing actress flush with accolades but short on cash. After returning to the U.S. to stage a career-defining comeback, she collides with a new generation that challenges her past, her politics and her place in the movement. Award-winning playwright Pearl Cleage teams up with Tony Award nominee LaTanya Richardson Jackson to deliver a sharp-witted and soulful new comedy about art, activism and aging on your own terms.

Written by Pearl Cleage and directed by LaTanya Richardson Jackson, it runs June 18 through July 12 at the Geffen Playhouse Gil Cates Theater in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit [geffenplayhouse.org](http://geffenplayhouse.org).



**"Treasure Island"** The story opens at the Admiral Benbow Inn, run by Jim Hawkins' mother (Willow Geer) where a mysterious former pirate, Billy Bones (Jeff Bergquist), has taken up residence. His uneasy stay is shattered when a fellow pirate, Black Dog (Daniel Kean), arrives seeking a treasure map in Bones' possession. Soon after, the ominous Blind Pew (Ethan Haslam) delivers the "Black Spot," a chilling warning that Bones' time is running out if he refuses to surrender it. Before the threat can be carried out, Bones dies suddenly of a stroke. In the aftermath, Jim discovers the hidden map and brings it to Dr. Livesey (Aaron Hendry) and Squire John Trelawney (Steven C. Fisher). Determined to claim the treasure, they quickly organize an expedition. They set sail aboard the three-masted Hispaniola, led by the capable Captain Smollett (Arthur Hankett) and a hastily assembled crew (Sam Cowan, Jesse Corwin, Tomás François, Tim Halligan, Nik Moradieh Kashani, Christopher Miles, Matthew

Pardue and Andy Stokan). Among them is the charismatic and enigmatic one-legged cook Long John Silver (Gerald C. Rivers), whose true intentions may prove far more dangerous than they first appear.

Written by Robert Louis Stevenson, adapted by Ellen Geer, and directed by Ellen Geer, it runs June 20 through Oct. 3 at the Will Geer Theatrical Botanicum in Topanga. For tickets, call (310) 455-3723 or visit [theatrical.com](http://theatrical.com).



**"Mean Girls"** Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung.

Written by Tina Fey, based on the screenplay by Jeff Richmond, with music by Jeff Richmond, lyrics by Nell Benjamin, it runs June 26 through Aug. 16 at the Wisteria Theater in North Hollywood. For tickets, visit [www.wisteriatheater.com](http://www.wisteriatheater.com).

**"GMCLA Declarations of Independence Pride Concert"** This Pride Month musical tribute will feature some of the most important protest songs and anthems – celebrating nation, community and pride – as the United States marks its 250th anniversary, performed by GMCLA's 200-member chorus. The electrifying evening, conducted by GMCLA artistic director Ernest H. Harrison and choreographed by Ray Leeper (GMCLA regular, Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance," ABC's "Dancing with the Stars"), it will feature special guest artist, Grammy- and Golden Globe Award-nominated producer and songwriter and activist, Justin Tranter (Chappell Roan's "Good Luck, Babe!" And Ariana Grande's "Thank U, Next," among others), who will perform a medley of his hit songs. Additionally, composer Saunder Choi has composed a newly commissioned song "Credo" for this special occasion. The piece explores faith, identity, humanity and hope, with lyrics by Los Angeles poet laureate and author Brian Sonia-Wallace.

Written by Ray Leeper, with music by Saunder Choi, lyrics by Brian Sonia-Wallace, and directed by Ernest H. Harrison, it runs June 27 through June 28 at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills. For tickets, visit [GMCLA.org](http://GMCLA.org).

**"The Great Clown Bank Show"** The gleefully deranged story follows the rise of the Greedy family – a scheming dynasty of powder-faced hustlers who transform their tiny carnival cashbox into the most powerful clown bank in America. Wildly funny, sharply satirical and packed with playful circus acts (a different guest performer every week), "The Great Clown Bank Show" skewers capitalist America with razor-toothed humor, exposing a world where wealth is the greatest magic trick of all – and everyone outside the ring is paying for it.

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

# The Spirit Swings: LCPC Jazz Vespers Brings Dixieland Fire To Pentecost

What do a rushing mighty wind, tongues of fire and a hot Dixieland trumpet have in common? Find out on Sunday, June 14 at 5 p.m. when La Cañada Presbyterian Church throws open its doors for a one-of-a-kind Jazz Vespers celebration of Pentecost – an event that is free and open to all.

The Jack Lantz Dixieland Band will bring the soulful, foot-stomping energy of New Orleans jazz to the sanctuary in an evening that honors the ancient Christian feast of Pentecost – the birthday of the Church – with all of the spontaneous joy that day deserves. Pentecost, after all, was anything but quiet. Flames danced,

languages multiplied and the spirit moved like music through a crowd. This evening promises to recapture that holy exuberance.

“Jazz is the perfect language for Pentecost,” said pianist and bandleader Jack Lantz. “There’s freedom in it, fire in it – the music breathes.”

## The Band

Joining Lantz (on piano) is an all-star lineup of southland jazz musicians:

- Jeff Kaye – trumpet
- Ido Meshulam – trombone
- Geoff Nudell – clarinet
- Lance Rickman – Tenor Saxophone

• Zac Matthews – bass

• Dave Marks – drums

*More Than a Concert*

Jazz Vespers is not a passive listening experience. Worshippers are invited into congregational participation throughout the evening with Pentecost liturgy and prayer woven through the music – a call-and-response between the ancient words of the Church and the living improvisation of the band. Expect moments of reflection, moments of laughter and more than a few moments that make you want to clap along.

The service is open to people of all

backgrounds and traditions – jazz lovers, seekers, longtime churchgoers and the simply curious.

## Event Details

*Date:* Sunday, June 14

*Time:* 5 p.m.

*Location:* La Cañada Presbyterian Church, 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada

*Admission:* Free in-person and live-streamed at [live@lacanadapc.org](mailto:live@lacanadapc.org).

*Parking:* Available on site

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is a welcoming congregation in the foothills of the San Gabriel Valley, committed to worship, community and the creative arts.

# Hollywood Museum Rolls Out the Red Carpet for Marilyn Monroe's 100th Birthday

By Jon K.

The Hollywood Museum, housed in the historic Max Factor Building on Highland Avenue, celebrated the 100th birthday of screen icon Marilyn Monroe on Tuesday, May 26 with an exclusive red carpet event to re-dedicate its ongoing “Blondes Only Room” exhibit. It is the exact space where Max Factor, who created the first cosmetics for the film industry, styled Monroe’s hair and makeup (as well as other screen legends like Jean Harlow) helping to transform her from Norma Jeane into the enigmatic figure she became. On display are many of Monroe’s personal effects such as jewelry, shoes, clothing – including her million-dollar honeymoon dress for her marriage to Joe Dimaggio – private letters and never before published photos.

“We are thrilled to celebrate this milestone of one of Hollywood’s iconic film stars and one of the world’s most iconic film stars to ever grace the screen,” said

Hollywood Museum founder and president Donelle Dadigan.

Speakers included actresses Morgan Fairchild and Ruta Lee, who remembered Monroe’s legacy and noted her lasting appeal, as well as City Councilmember Traci Park, who led a successful effort to save Monroe’s Brentwood home from demolition. Monroe was born Norma Jeane Mortenson in Los Angeles on June 1, 1926.

The exhibit is included in the Museum’s general admission and is part of a collection of 10,000 authentic show business items and memorabilia located on four floors. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors (62-plus), \$12 for students with ID and \$5 for children under 5. Hours are Wednesday - Sunday, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Hollywood Museum is at 1660 N. Highland Ave., near the Hollywood Walk of Fame. More information can be found at [www.TheHollywoodMuseum.com](http://www.TheHollywoodMuseum.com).



Photo by David SCHERER

From left are actress Morgan Fairchild, Hollywood Museum founder and president Donelle Dadigan, and actress Ruta Lee.

## THEN & NOW



**Then:** It's 1954 and little Bruce Valde's family had just sold their dairy farm in Washington. Little Bruce suffered badly from asthma and the doctors had recommended a dryer climate for his health. The family came to La Crescenta – a place famous for its healthful air. They stayed at the old La Crescenta Hotel, located on the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Rosemont Avenue. The hotel had been built as an opulent resort in the late 1800s, but by the 1950s it served as a cheap boarding house.

Here Bruce, wearing his cowboy hat, stands on the front steps of the old hotel. (No clue as to what he's holding in his hand.) But Los Angeles was not a good match for the rural Valde family and after six months they moved to Santa Paula.

## La Crescenta Hotel Steps Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now:** The aging La Crescenta Hotel was finally torn down in 1960, along with the Kimball Sanitarium next door, and a large shopping center was built in its place, fronted by Foster's Donuts. Bruce Valde's son recently moved to La Crescenta from the Bay area, where Bruce now lives. When Bruce found out his son lived near where the old hotel had been he came down for a visit. Bruce reached out to the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley, and we met him at the donut shop.

Here's Bruce Valde standing about where the steps of the old hotel had been, in the same spot he had posed for a photo 72 years ago.

# JUST FOR FUN

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

June 1, 2026 - June 7, 2026

### ARIES March 21 - April 19

The cosmos could prove challenging for you now, which is why you need to look after yourself more carefully. If you feel stressed, comfort food isn't the answer. Neither is alcohol or cigarettes. Try to pay more attention to eating well and exercising so you can release any excess emotion. You'll feel ready for anything if you can do this.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The cosmos could take a toll on your health if you're already feeling under the weather. This is a good time to sort out any ongoing health issues. It would alleviate one worry anyway. If symptoms arise, don't ignore them. Get them checked out. You might also want to look at their underlying cause. It could be very revealing.

### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Although you may not need to diet, this would be a good time to take a different approach to your eating habits. You may be doing a lot more cooking. Avoid making too many pies, cakes, and other treats. They may taste divine, but they won't do much good for your figure. Limit yourself while not entirely going without.

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

The mind and emotions can have a powerful effect on your health. The cosmos could shake you up a bit right now. Whether this is something new or an ongoing issue coming to a head, make sure to deal with it effectively and release any negative emotions. They can be very hard on your health and you don't need them.

### LEO July 23 - August 22

Get ready for a few challenges. You can meet them with ease as long as you're feeling good. If you're in the peak of health, you'll feel confident enough to deal with anything. The cosmos could stir up some powerful emotions that cause additional stress. Lighten your schedule and try to relax. A walk or other light exercise can help you feel much better.

### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

If you're socializing regularly, you may be feeling a little worse for wear. Too much rich food and alcohol and not enough sleep can give you a washed-out, pasty appearance. Remedy this by drinking plenty of water to clear out toxins from your body and rehydrate. Get some regular workouts, which also help flush out your body and give you a rosy glow.

### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This could be one of those difficult times when you're plagued with worry. The cosmos could bring a few challenges your way, too. On the upside it could also encourage you to think more deeply about how to keep fit and well. Are you putting in enough effort? You're the only one who knows. Give yourself a chance by taking responsibility for your health.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The aspects may affect you more deeply than others now. If any symptoms arise, get them checked out right away. Perhaps it's an issue you've had before and you already know what to do. It could coincide with the need to cut out habits that cause you more harm than good. You know what these are.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You might feel like taking your exercise and training to extremes, but it wouldn't be wise right now. The desire to reach a certain weight or achieve athletic excellence may be pushing you to work out for long periods. You'd benefit from getting a second opinion about your current exercise program and reviewing the details. You might find that you can achieve more with less.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your emotions could be flowing freely now. You could feel a powerful urge to indulge in chocolate, pizza, cookies, and a host of other comfort foods. You may not be able to help it. Of course, you can succumb, but you may then suffer some guilt about any weight you gain as a result. If you indulge, enjoy it. Otherwise, don't bother.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The cosmos could bring a lot of emotion to the surface. A good workout might help you feel calmer and more centered, as well as much better all around. If you feel more tired than usual, try to reduce your schedule and pamper yourself a bit. Go for a swim, climb in a sauna, or get a massage. If you can relax, you'll be back in top form in a few days.

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The cosmos could encourage you to indulge now. Once you get into dieting mode, there are few things that can cause you to stray. But some aspects now are all about temptation, especially when it comes to foods that give you a little buzz and extra energy, like sugar. It's OK to give in to a sweet tooth now and then, but don't undo all your hard work.

## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On June 5 sommelier Dylan Sylvester 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 at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

### 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.

### CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La

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

- *Registration continues for Camp Runamuk and summer camps.* Camp Runamuk for ages 5-10 will run weekly from June 8 to Aug. 14 with a different theme each week. Learn more/register at [cclcf.org/register](http://cclcf.org/register).
- *Summer Camps.* Coach Andy's Summer Sports Camps, Skyhawks Sports Summer Camps, Junior & Pre-Teen Ceramics Camps, Musical Theatre Dance Camp, Cooking Camps, Art Camps, Professor Egghead Camps, and a Speech & Debate Camp promises something for everyone! Camp ages range from 4 to 14. Register today at [cclcf.org/register](http://cclcf.org/register)
- *Summer Registration:* Summer registration is open. Summer session runs from June 8 to Aug 1. View currently available classes at [cclcf.org/register](http://cclcf.org/register). New classes will continue to be added as they become available.

- *Foothills Community Choir Spring Concert - "Tell Your Story":* Enjoy an inspiring evening of musical storytelling on Saturday, June 20 at 7 p.m. Tickets available at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/theatreproductions/event/foothillcommunitychoir26/>.
- *CCLCF Open House:* CCLCF will host an open house on Sunday, Aug. 16 to showcase classes and programs. More info coming soon.

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

### ROSES IN JUNE: THE MUSIC OF FRANK LANTERMAN

The community is invited to the Lanterman House ballroom for a special fundraiser performance in partnership with La Cañada Congregational Church to support the restoration of its historic Wurlitzer organ, which was supported by the Lanterman family.

see CALENDAR THIS on next page

## » ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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### ACROSS

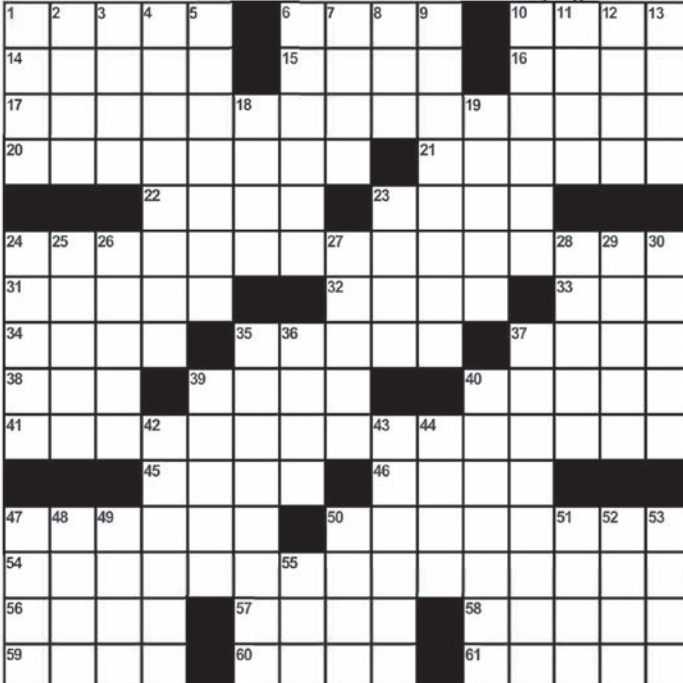
- "A man's house \_\_\_ castle"
- \_\_\_'clock (midmorning)
- Pampering places
- Worst possible turnout
- African antelope
- Travel by foot
- 1998 film about a ball for teachers?
- Be humiliated
- James or Marilyn
- IRA type
- Top-of-the-line
- Bette Midler film about a thorny person?
- Paddled a canoe
- Golden Triangle country
- "Deep Space Nine" shape-shifter
- Walk of Fame figure
- Fresh from the shower
- Boo-boo
- Suffix for "acrobat"
- Hermes' mother
- Hotel offering
- Tom Cruise flick about a bed?
- Gen. Robert \_\_\_
- Homemade knife
- Thing-in-\_\_\_
- Like some bathing suits
- Hitchcock thriller about a balcony seat?
- Make airtight
- Italian pronoun
- Like Erik the Red
- Diarist Frank
- Coup d' \_\_\_
- Slip cover?

### DOWN

- Like JFK and LAX
- Manhattan neighborhood
- Some gardening tools
- One who derives by reasoning
- Type of restaurant
- "Good comeback!"
- Colleague of Agatha and Dashiell
- Big Apple paper's initials
- Pretty ugly, for one
- Foster's river of song
- Wife number VI for Henry VIII
- Sax type
- Kind of terrier
- Rum Tum Tugger's musical
- Mallards' domains
- Honor student's grades?
- "I'll have \_\_\_ this one out"
- Contrive, as a scheme
- Wipe clean
- Flash of light
- "God's honest truth"
- Corrects text
- Boxing-ring features
- Happy-go-lucky
- Citrus fruit
- CBS reality show
- First name in lip-synching?
- Grad student's payment
- Decrepit
- Comparable to a pin?
- He and she
- "\_\_\_ Wonderful Life"
- In those days
- Penn of movies
- Olympus Mountains peak
- Ireland, affectionately
- "Pool" intro
- Mother sheep
- Summer time, but not in Ariz.

### MOVIE EXTRAS

By Agnes Brown



**PET OF THE WEEK**

Hello, I'm Rosie the Maltipoo. I'm celebrating my first birthday, and my humans are welcoming a baby girl this week too! Apologies if I ever barked at you walking on Honolulu in Montrose, I'm still learning!

**CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!**  
**Send a pic and small caption to [steve@cvweekly.com](mailto:steve@cvweekly.com)**  
**to share your lovable pets with the community!**

see ANSWERS on page 19

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# I Returned \$3,990 in Designer Dresses — Then My Refund Vanished

*Debbie Rivet buys two made-to-order evening gowns from London designer Safiyaa, returns them both according to company policy then watches her refund disappear into an eight-month black hole of ignored emails and disconnected phone calls. Can anyone get Safiyaa to answer?*

Question: I placed two orders with Safiyaa, a high-end London designer of evening gowns, earlier this year. I ordered the same dress – the Serendipity Pale Blue Long Dress – in two sizes to see which fit better. Each dress cost \$1,995 for a total of \$3,990.

When the dresses arrived, I realized the fitted style just wasn't right for the occasion. I immediately requested a return authorization by emailing the company at the address listed on the company's website. I got no response. I tried multiple times. I also emailed another address. Nothing.

Finally, out of desperation, I reached out via Instagram. Someone from Safiyaa responded and provided

a return authorization. I shipped both dresses back via FedEx and have the tracking receipts proving delivery.

Then I waited for my refund. And waited.

I sent multiple follow-up emails requesting my refund. No response. I tried calling but the phone line goes straight to voicemail and disconnects before I can leave a message.

I filed a credit card dispute with Capital One. It initially issued a refund but later reversed it, saying too much time had passed. I had been trying to give Safiyaa time to respond and that patience cost me my chargeback rights.

It's been eight months since I returned the dresses. I see Safiyaa

advertisements daily on Facebook and Instagram, and I've noticed other customers commenting about similar customer service problems. I have FedEx receipts, email records, Instagram screenshots — a complete paper trail. But Safiyaa won't respond to any form of contact. Can you help me get my \$3,990 refund? – Debbie Rivet, Rosedale, Louisiana

Answer: Safiyaa should have processed your refund immediately after receiving the returned dresses.

According to the company's own explanation, you purchased the dresses under a return policy that allowed refunds. That policy was in effect when you made your purchase. The company confirmed

both garments were received at its facility. At that point, Safiyaa had a legal and ethical obligation to issue your refund.

Made-to-order luxury goods come with special risks. These aren't items sitting on a shelf. They're custom-crafted for you. That's beautiful from a craftsmanship standpoint, but it often means strict return policies or no returns at all.

Here's what you could have done differently. First, excellent work keeping that paper trail! You documented every email, every Instagram message, every phone call attempt. That's exactly what smart consumers need to do.

However, there's one critical

mistake: You let the window close for your Capital One dispute. Under the Fair Credit Billing Act, you must notify your credit card issuer in writing about a dispute within 60 days. Giving Safiyaa time meant you forfeited your right to a credit card chargeback.

The lesson? When a company is ghosting you and you have a valid chargeback, don't wait. Push it through.

You can also escalate disputes by contacting executive customer service. I publish executive contacts for thousands of companies on my consumer advocacy site at Elliott.org.

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

## CALENDAR THIS from previous page

"Roses In June: The Music Of Frank Lanterman" will be performed on Sunday, June 7 at 1 p.m. It will be presented by Dr. Matt Thomas, CSU Fullerton and features Mallory Haney Loo, pianist and organist at the Congregational church. Also featured are vocalists Brooke Iva Lohman, Theresa Patten-Koeckert, Christina Whitten Thomas, Jacob Christopher Walters and Matthew Ian Welch.

Visit <https://www.lantermanhouse.org/list-of-events> to reserve a ticket.

## AAUW TO HOST LIAN DOLAN

The public is welcome to attend the AAUW branch meeting and luncheon on June 13 at 11 a.m. at The Oakmont Country Club, 3100

Country Club Drive in Glendale. The featured speaker will be nationally famous writer Lian Dolan.

Registration and payment are required by June 10 using Zeffy:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/author-luncheon-lian-dolan>.

Dolan's latest novel, "Abigail and Alexa Save the Wedding," is a USA Today bestseller. She is the author of six bestselling novels including "The Sweeney Sisters," "Helen of Pasadena," "Elizabeth the First Wife" and "Lost and Found in Paris."

For more than two decades, Dolan has hosted and produced Satellite Sisters, a top-rated podcast for women that she created with

her four real sisters. She is a popular speaker with women's organizations, at literary and business events and at book clubs across the country. She graduated from Pomona College with a degree in Classics. She lives in Pasadena with her husband and two adult sons.

## HUGE GUITAR SHOW IN COSTA MESA

On Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the OC Fair and Event Center (Arlington Avenue just off Fairview Street in Costa Mesa) will host the Amigo SoCal World Guitar Show, one of the largest consumer guitar shows on the West

Coast with guitars, amplifiers, effects pedals, drums, audio gear, parts, banjos, mandolins and

other musical items to sell or trade.

Tickets at the door for \$25 cash. Children 11 years of age and younger are admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

Visit [amigoguitarshows.com](http://amigoguitarshows.com). Call Larry Briggs at (918) 288-2222 with questions.

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Those who can, do: Those who can do more, volunteer. Author Unknown

Little Landers Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help support its mission, "To preserve and maintain Bolton Hall Museum and the historical record of Rancho Tujunga."

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

# The Beach Bus is back!

## Hitch a ride from your neighborhood to Santa Monica Beach for just \$3.

Seniors and people with disabilities receive a reduced rate of \$1.50.

June 9 to Sept. 7 • Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Labor Day

➔ Get tickets at [LAGoBus.com](http://LAGoBus.com)

### Bus Stop Schedule

	Boarding the bus	Returning home
Two Strike Park	9:15 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
County Library	9:25 a.m.	4:35 p.m.
Montrose Ave./Ocean View Blvd.	9:35 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Foothill Blvd./La Cañada Blvd.	9:45 a.m.	4:55 p.m.
Santa Monica Beach	Arrival 10:45 a.m.	Departure 3:30 p.m.



*Kathryn*  
**BARGER**  
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# BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY

## Celebrating the Past and Looking to the Future

On May 22, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Shining Star Adult Health Care in Eagle Rock. What a phenomenal event! The chamber board members who attended were treated to a red carpet event – no joke! A red carpet was laid out for us to walk on as we were introduced to the group. We weren't the only "celebrities" either; Baydsar Thomasian, district representative

for Sen. Maria Elena Durazo (28th senate district) was also given celebrity status!

Before we walked the red carpet, we were given a tour of the huge facility. Among the many features it boasts, Shining Star Adult Health Care has important people on-site to serve its guests. For example, there's a registered nurse, social worker and dietician available plus Shining Star Adult Health Care offers physical

therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

Perhaps most deliciously, Shining Star Adult Health Care provides breakfast and lunch (we were treated to lunch – stuffed green peppers) plus there was a cake celebrating the ribbon cutting – which was delicious!

A singer sang some fun songs, too, which encouraged the crowd (including one of our board members) to get up and dance! All in all, a successful ribbon cutting! We're proud to call Shining Star Adult Health Care a member of the CV Chamber of Commerce.

On May 27, the chamber's social hour was held at Joselito's in Montrose. Board member Kira Antuna and I welcomed some community members and we enjoyed

some of Joselito's delicious food. I hope to see some more members at our June social hour at Thee Elbow Room, 2418 Honolulu Ave. We'll be getting together at 6 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month – June 24.

Looking ahead, the Chamber is having a joint ribbon cutting with the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber on June 12 at 3 p.m. celebrating the one-year anniversary of Sabrina's Pizzeria Napoletana at 2200 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. Small bites will be offered, drinks will be available and it's

free to attend!

Then on June 13 at Albertsons, 6240 Foothill Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. classic cars will be on display. Stop by and check them out! It's a good time to sign up as a Chamber member, too!

A special thank you is extended to Steve Pierce, who has been overseeing the increase in the Chamber membership. We welcome:

- *American Softub Co.* For the past 30 years selling and servicing the Softub brand of hot tubs. To learn more, visit <http://www.americansoftub.com/>.
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Visit our website [crescentavalleychamber.org](http://crescentavalleychamber.org) to see the many businesses and residents who are members of the CV Chamber of Commerce!

*Robin Goldsworthy, President  
CV Chamber of Commerce*



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Members of the CV Chamber of Commerce, members of Shining Star Adult Health Care and Baydsar Thomasian, district representative for Sen. Maria Elena Durazo (left, next to Chamber advisor Steve Pierce) celebrated the ribbon cutting for Shining Star Adult Health Care.

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER » MOLLY BURKE

## A Summer of Connection in Montrose

Before we look ahead to June, we want to thank everyone who joined us for our annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Montrose Vietnam War Memorial. It was a meaningful morning as we came together to honor the men and women who served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

June is shaping up to be a busy month filled with opportunities to connect, celebrate local businesses and learn something new. Best of all, all Montrose Chamber events are open to the public!

We'll kick things off with two ribbon cuttings celebrating family-owned businesses in our community. On Friday, June 12 at 3 p.m., we'll celebrate the one-year anniversary of Sabrina's Pizzeria Napoletana, followed by the grand opening of Perla's Ice Cream on Saturday, June 13 at 11:15 a.m. We'd love to see the community come out and help us

celebrate!

Then on Thursday, June 18 from 6 p.m.–8 p.m., join us at The Seasoned Table for our Candlelight & Cabernet Mixer. With wine, live acoustic music, delicious bites and a cozy candlelit atmosphere, it's the perfect opportunity to connect with community members and local business professionals.

We'll wrap up the month with Dinner & Discover on Wednesday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at toasted. Join us for an informative evening featuring Jack Topalian of ADUs By Jack and financing expert Ani Simonian as they explore what it takes to build an ADU. Whether looking to create additional living space or generating rental income, practical insights into planning, construction and financing will be shared.

From celebrating local businesses to making new connections and discovering new opportunities, June

is full of ways to get involved. We hope you'll join us and be part of the excitement!

For event details and registration, visit [montrosecchamberofcommerce.org](http://montrosecchamberofcommerce.org).

*Celebrating Our New MVCC Members!*

\* *Tirus AI* – Focuses on developing and optimizing agentic AI workflows. Their core mission is to boost business productivity by integrating artificial intelligence into routine operations. [tirus.ai](http://tirus.ai)

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*Celebrating Our Returning MVCC Members!*

\* *Grayson's Tune Town* – Southern California's favorite music store since 1953 offering an array of guitars, basses, ukeleles and amps, plus lessons and repairs. [graysonstunetown.com](http://graysonstunetown.com)

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*MVCC Upcoming Events:*

*On Friday, June 12:* Sabrina's Pizzeria Napoletana, 2200 Honolulu Ave., one year anniversary ribbon cutting with the CV Chamber at 3 p.m.

*On Saturday, June 13:* Perla's Ice Cream, 3405 Ocean View Blvd. in Glendale 91208, ribbon cutting at 11:15 a.m.

*On Thursday, June 18:* Candlelight & Cabernet Mixer from 6 p.m.–8 p.m. at The Seasoned Table, 2425 'A' Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. *Pre-register at [bit.ly/montrosecabernet](http://bit.ly/montrosecabernet)*

*On Wednesday, June 24:* Dinner & Discover – Making Your ADU Possible from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at toasted cafe, 2420 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. *Pre-register at [bit.ly/MVCCADU](http://bit.ly/MVCCADU) (case-sensitive)*

*Remember to shop local!*

*Molly Burke, President/CEO  
MVCC*

### ELECTIONS from Cover

For superintendent of public instruction, Sonja Shaw had 21.26% and Richard Barrera received 16.28% of the ballots cast.

In the race for U.S. Representative:

In District 28, Judy Chu received 63.56% and April Verlatto earned 30.80% of the ballots cast.

In District 30, Laura Friedman received 50.09% and Scott Meyers had 20.30% of the ballots cast.

In District 44 Nick Schultz received 65.70% and Carolyn Daniels had 24.41% of the ballots cast.

Regarding County Measure ER, the preliminary results are Yes 46.89% and No 53.11%.

In the race for LA county sheriff, Robert Luna received 44.04% and Alex Villanueva captured 24.43% of

the ballots cast.

In local elections – City of Glendale:

In the race for city clerk, Suzie Abajian received 57.51% and Susan Wolfson captured 42.49% of the ballots cast.

For city treasurer, Rafi Manoukian received 68.0% and David Gevorkyan received 32.0% of the ballots cast.

The top four vote getters for Glendale City Council, which has three seats open, are Dan Brotman with 16.38%, Elen Asatryan with 14.67%, Alek Bartrosouf with 12.34% and Patrick Murphy with 12.03% of the ballots cast.

La Cañada Flintridge City Council:

Top three vote getters for the

single available seat are Kim Bowman with 42.07%, Nerses Aposhian 29.76% and Quemars Ahmed with 28.18% of the ballots cast.

In the race for Los Angeles mayor, the top three vote getters are Karen Bass with 34.78%, Spencer Pratt with 30.44% and Nithya Raman with 22.32% of the ballots cast.

Glendale Community College – Trustee Area 3, Tony Pogosyan captured 52.92% and Manuel Magpajian received 47.08% of the ballots cast.

Glendale Unified School District Board of Education:

Trustee Area B: Greg Krikorian captured 54.72% and Ingrid Gunnell received 45.28% of the ballots cast.

Trustee Area C: Kathleen Cross

received 56.95% and Debbie Blute received 24.74% of the ballots cast.

Trustee Area D: Aileen Dinkjian received 38.35%, Janet Balekian captured 32.15% and Shant Kevorkian received 29.50% of the ballots cast.

The statewide preliminary results reported on June 3 at 4:44 a.m. include:

Governor: Top three candidates are Steve Hilton with 27.8%, Xavier Becerra with 25.4% and Tom Steyer with 19.6%.

Lt. Governor: Top three candidates are Gloria Romero with 19.9%, Fiona Ma with 19.1% and Josh Fryday with 13.5% of the ballots cast.

Secretary of State: Top two candidates are Shirley Webber with

54.2% and Donald Wagner with 41.4% of the ballots cast.

Attorney General: Top two candidates are Rob Bonta with 52.5% and Michael Gates with 42.7% of the ballots cast.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Sonja Shaw with 24.9% and Richard Barrera with 18.9% of the ballots cast.

Official results will be certified on July 10. Updates will take place everyday through June 26 with results released between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

To find the latest results for the State of California results visit: <https://tinyurl.com/smuyvave>.

To find the latest results for the LA County RR/CC visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3eb5j6ky>.

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### E-MOTOS for page 5

"It [the bill] directly addresses the problem of e-motos and other high-powered electric devices being marketed and sold as street-legal 'e-bikes' even when they do not meet California's legal definition of an electric bicycle and are not street-legal. SB1167 would make it clear that these devices cannot

be falsely advertised or sold as e-bikes and can't be ridden on the roads without proper registration, rider training and safety features such as rear taillights, turn signals and [riders wearing] helmets," according to SAFE.

Often when a parent or individual goes into a shop to purchase an e-bike the person who

is selling the device will not be clear on the differences between an e-bike and an e-moto.

"So this bill would make it very clearly a fraudulent business practice in any way if [they mislead] about what is the legal classification of an e-bike," said Damian Kevitt, founder and CEO of SAFE. "What is common right now is that parents are being told 'these are the hottest e-bikes' and 'the kids all love them. These are what the kids are riding.'"

The kids are looking at what their friends are riding.

"And they're going 30/40 miles per hour and all their friends are doing it," Kevitt said. "The [e-motos] are being represented as e-bikes. I mean, they're electric and they're kind of like

a bicycle so therefore they're e-bikes. So parents are like 'Okay, sure.'"

For anywhere from \$700 to \$900, parents buy what they may believe is an e-bike, though there are some distinct differences between e-bikes and e-motos.

Micro-mobility devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are categorized into three levels: Class 1 and Class 2 have speeds that have a maximum of 20 mph, Class 3 e-bikes can reach up to 28 mph. E-scooters are motorized scooters powered by an electric motor and battery.

Regulations in California are as follows: There is no license required to operate an e-bike or e-scooter. A helmet is required for riders under the age of 18

and riders of all Class 3 vehicles with a maximum speed of 28 mph must wear a helmet. E-bike riders must follow the same traffic laws as regular cyclists, including obeying all traffic signals, speed limits and observing the right-of-way. Federal limits for e-bikes is 20 mph under motor power alone; California allows Class 3 e-bikes to reach up to 28 mph when pedal-assisted. Riders must still follow local speed limits. No passengers are allowed on Class 3 e-bikes. E-bikes can be operated in designated bicycle lanes and on roadways where it is legal for a pedal bike but riders must be able to move with the flow of traffic.

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