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Responding to Pending Implementation of SB79

By Julie BUTCHER

Much of Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council centered around how the city can best respond to the pending implementation of state law SB79 on July 1.

Subtitled the "Abundant & Affordable Homes Near Transit Act," the law limits local control over development allowing increased building height, density and floor area ratios based on the type of transit and proximity to transit stops. State law overrides local zoning laws and cities cannot opt out.

The council debated and tentatively approved an ordinance that would delay the implementation of the new law for a small number of properties that are within the highest severity of fire risk and those deemed historic resources. This "delayed effectuation" ordinance would apply to approximately 339 parcels of a potential 8,656 affected properties.

In anticipation of the July implementation, SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) has released the "SB79 maps" that can be reviewed at <https://rdp.scag.ca.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=6a2891fa768646f8a410b1e7d249d8e2>. The SCAG maps are expected to be reviewed by the board on July 2.

Glendale has one transit facility that meets the criteria for Tier 1, heavy rail transit: the Larry Zarian Transportation Center and eight Tier 2 Transit Oriented Districts (TODs) created by the anticipated stops along the BRT route.

Within 200 feet of one of these eight TODs, density would be allowed to increase to 140 units per acre in buildings up to 85 feet – eight stories – with an increased floor area ratio (FAR) of 4.0; within a quarter of a mile of a TOD,

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

Artists & Craftsmen Show Their Wares at Annual Montrose Arts & Crafts Festival

By Ruth SOWBY

Thousands of Montrose Arts & Crafts Festival-goers enjoyed visiting unique stores and restaurants, an international food court and listening to live entertainment on June 6 and June 7. Free admission and parking to the two-day event added to the fun. The 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue showed off an array of handmade crafts, jewelry, fine art, textiles, flowers and more.

According to Dale Dawson, MSPA, business administration & event services, there were familiar vendors and some new offerings as well.

"[We had] about 200 repeaters, 50 or so newbies," he said.

He added that there was a "good crowd" on Saturday and an "immense crowd" on Sunday.

One of the most sparkling booths was that of Montrose resident Carmen Khachaturian and her Mirror Art Design. Front and center at her booth was a mirrored Mona Lisa with a shiny border. But this Mona Lisa was holding a cellphone and wearing headphones.

Carlsbad residents Phyllis and Jennifer Burnett's Handmade Pot-



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
Brightly colored parasols were a popular draw at the Arts & Crafts Festival.

tery booth had customers lined up for most of the fest. This mother and daughter duo work together, often with granddaughter Kate Wygal. Their high-fired, durable pottery is functional, able to be used in the microwave, oven, dishwasher and outdoors in the garden.

"They're fun," said customer Melissa Salmi from Glendora. "Their bright colors make me happy."

The vendors were equally pleased.

"I just wanted to say what a well-run machine you have created... (clap, clap, clap!!)," wrote Dourthe Wilkinson of UpTie Couture. "From the very start my experience was super smooth, easy, pleasant and profitable! My [booth] neighbor Kat was delightful (a new friend), my customers were a delight and the staff was super helpful and friendly. I just wanted to say thank you for including me and my [UpTie Couture]. I hope to

be invited again."

The custom paintings of La Crescenta resident Suzi Reil were eye-catching; subjects ranged from monkeys, cows and dogs to the two-legged kind. Reil's people were portrayed cartoon-like or realistic, depending on what the customer wanted. Reil often shows off her colorful paintings in Montrose. One of her favorite spots is in front of Trader Joe's on Honolulu Avenue.

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Conversation with Outgoing Councilmember Ara Najarian

By Julie BUTCHER

"When I first ran for office, we had to actually discuss issues," Glendale Councilmember Ara Najarian said in a sit-down final interview last week with the Crescenta Valley Weekly. "Now it's all about party. If there's an 'R' after your name, they just automatically push the button – 'Next!' It's such a lazy way of campaigning and it doesn't make anything better."

Councilmember Najarian is not termed out. Nor is he "done." Last year after he announced that he would not be running for reelection, his colleagues selected him to serve

the last year of his term as the city's mayor.

Though Najarian might have won reelection he said he wants to "give someone else a chance."

"I didn't want to overstay my welcome," he said.

He is weighing possible options for future elected office with no plans certain. As expressed in this January interview <https://losangelescounty-politics.com/retiring-gop-glendale-mayor-najarian-ive-hit-californias-glass-ceiling/>, Najarian worries his party affiliation will keep him from being considered viable, that he has hit "California's glass ceiling."

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Photo provided by Julie BUTCHER
CV Weekly recently had the opportunity to sit down with outgoing councilmember Ara Najarian.



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Getting to Know the CV Weekly

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But I thought I would also share where else we can be found in the digital world.

On Instagram, CV Weekly can be found at [cvweekly543](https://www.instagram.com/cvweekly543). I know; it's a weird identifier – but I can explain.

Back in the day, I didn't know if Instagram would take off (which it has). So I wanted to have an Instagram account but the name [cvweekly](https://www.instagram.com/cvweekly) was already taken. So I named the account after our mailbox number at the post office: 543. Hence [cvweekly543](https://www.instagram.com/cvweekly543). Do I kick myself for not coming up with something more clever? Every single day.

On Nextdoor, you can typically find CV Weekly information on my personal page: Robin Goldsworthy.

On Twitter/X, we can be found at C.V. Weekly.

On Facebook, we can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentaValleyWeekly>.

Now let's talk about the hard copy of the paper and the importance of having it delivered every week in your driveway.

Did you know Mike Lawler has a Then & Now entry in Leisure that he populates with the history of the Crescenta Valley?

Did you know there is a crossword puzzle in the newspaper in the Just For Fun section? Also in Just For Fun, we have a comic strip called Zack Hill.

Did you know in the paper there is a

section highlighting the travels our readers take with the paper? It's called CV Weekly on the Move and it has a photo of the reader with a brief caption of where they/we are.

Did you know many weeks we have a Pet of the Week feature?

These are all things that can only be found in the newspaper. Consider signing up today for home delivery. It's only \$72 a year.

I was watching YouTube the other night and came across an interesting story about commercials no longer on the air and products no longer sold. I admit it – I'm a sucker for those teasers typically found on social media ("If you know 10 of these songs you have a great memory") so I eagerly dove into the show.

Of course, I remembered more than half of the ads (the Marlboro man advertising Marlboro cigarettes, for example) and got whimsical seeing so many of those ads that are long gone.

Want to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony? Coke did.

Plop plop, fizz fizz – oh what a relief it is! Alka Seltzer.

Plus many more.

Makes me want to put a fun outgoing message on my answering machine and pop a tape in my VCR...

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Station Papa, Endurance and Pioneer Arrays.

Honestly, I try to see both sides of every decision that is made by politicians but there are times when I just can't wrap my head around some things that are happening.

One of those is the April firing of the National Science Foundation (NSF) governing board. This is the board that oversees the NSF. Removing all members of a board is never a good sign but this definitely seemed like the first shoe to drop. And now the Administration has announced the dismantling of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), which is funded by the NSF.

Our oceans are warming; there is no dispute about that. According to NOAA, "The ocean stores solar radiation, distributing heat and moisture around the globe and driving weather systems."

Monitoring the ocean is important for a variety of reasons, including hurricane prediction and El Niño events – something that is very important to us, especially this summer.

OOI was set up in 2016 and has about 900 instruments in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Those 900 instruments were supposed to operate for three decades, but NSF in May stated it was "descope" the network. This breakdown of monitors will take about 15 months when in-water infrastructure will be removed.

According to a statement from OOI, the removal will be of all in-water infrastructure from the Irminger Sea.

These arrays are in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, North Carolina and Greenland.

"The decision 'aligns with NSF's wider strategy of a nimbler approach to prioritize support for evolving scientific priorities and emerging technologies, as well as smart lifecycle management within its research infrastructure portfolio,'" said Mike England, head of media affairs at NSF, as reported on CNN.

The definition of "nimbler" is an adjective for nimble – meaning more quick, light or agile in movement. What that means as an approach to science I really don't understand. I guess they want science to move faster, but to me it appears this is simply getting rid of science, not making discoveries faster ... or nimbler.

As we approach the country's 250th anniversary we should really look back and celebrate how amazing the U.S. has been with research, development and implementation of science, how our innovations have made life better from the farthest reaches in space to the deepest floor of the oceans. Americans have always prided themselves in thinking outside of the box, moving forward when others paused. We've viewed our role in science and discovery as a positive that set us apart from others. But now some leaders seem to fear what we may be discovering through science.

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CONCERTS, LECTURES AND MORE AT MT. WILSON OBSERVATORY

On Friday, June 12, Mount Wilson Observatory and the Los Angeles Astronomical Society will host a free public star party beneath the dark skies of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the night sky through telescopes provided by LAAS members while enjoying a relaxed evening at the historic Observatory. No reservations are required, and donations collected at the front gate will support the outreach and educational programs of both organizations.

The event takes place in the Observatory's upper parking lot and cafe area from sunset-1 a.m., with light refreshments and merchandise available from the Cosmic Cafe.

More information is available at mtwilson.edu/events/starparty061226.

FIREWORKS TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets to the CV Fireworks display are \$9 (pre-sale) and available at the office of CV Weekly (3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta 91214), J's Maids & Maintenance, (3550 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta 91214), Bob Smith Toyota (3333 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta 91214), CV Insurance (3156 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta 91214) and on June 21 and June 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the information booth at the Sunday Harvest Market.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAYS

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Days happening today, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, June 17 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Volunteers will be maintaining the bioswale, removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

CITY INVITES COMMUNITY TO REVIEW DRAFT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The City of Glendale is inviting residents, businesses and community partners to review and provide feedback on the City's draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), now available online at GlendaleCA.gov/LHMP.

Community members will have 30 days to review the draft plan and submit comments and input. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is a long-term planning document designed to help the City identify potential hazards and reduce risks to people, property, infrastructure and essential services. The plan addresses a wide range of hazards, including earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, extreme heat, severe weather and other emergency events.

Community members are encouraged to:

- Review the draft plan online
- Submit comments and feedback during the 30-day public review period to help shape Glendale's future
- Attend the draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan community pop-up on June 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Glendale Central Library to learn more about the plan and provide feedback.

KGI AND GCC ESTABLISH PHARMD 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, 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.

Shining Star – A Place Where Seniors Thrive



By Mary O'KEEFE

Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

ABOVE: A Shining Star client shares her experience at the facility. BELOW: One of the projects that Shining Star clients work on is on display at the facility.

“The surest sign of age is loneliness.” – American author Annie Dillard

Social isolation and loneliness are serious yet under-appreciated public health concerns for seniors. There is strong evidence that many older adults are socially isolated or lonely in ways that put their health at risk. For example: Social isolation has been associated with a significantly increased risk of premature mortality stemming from all causes. Social isolation has also been associated with about a 50% increased risk of developing dementia. Loneliness among heart failure patients has been associated with a nearly four times increased risk of death, 68% increased risk of hospitalization and 57% increased risk of Emergency Department visits, according to the National Library of Medicine.

However, in Eagle Rock there is a light in the dark at the appropriately named Shining Star.

At its foundation the Shining Star Adult Day Health Care Center offers seniors a place to meet others, to work together on projects, to sing, dance and – most importantly – it is a place to make friends.

When entering Shining Star the first thing one notices is the activity. People are sitting at tables, talking to each other; many of them are working on projects. At first, it seems like everyone knows each other but then one hears introductions being made by seniors introducing their



friends to newcomers. It is a kinder version of the high school cafeteria offering a type of camaraderie that makes everyone beam with school pride.

The adult day health care is owned and operated by Teo and Rola Masri, Armen Basmadzhyan and Souren Basmadjian.

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Moving Toward the Country's 250th Anniversary

By Mary O'KEEFE

We will soon be celebrating the 250th year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. From now until July 4, CVW will be highlighting some stories about this period and how the American Revolution brought forth a nation like none other.

"...And since the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people..." reads a portion of President George Washington's inaugural speech on April 30, 1789.

There is a kind of shorthand when describing what type of government the Founding Fathers set up. Often it is described as a democracy but it has also been argued that it is in fact a republic.

An explanation from historian Ken Burns, whose documentary "The American Revolution" dives into the time before, during and a bit after the Revolutionary War that established the U.S., explained the term "democracy" was an unintended consequence

of the War.

The U.S. is structured as a republic, meaning the power is held by the people and their elected representatives and is not a monarch and does not have a king/queen.

According to Burns, the Founding Fathers were very concerned about a true democracy because in a pure democracy everyone votes, not just representatives. They feared "mob rule." So the Founding Fathers designed a system of checks and balances as guardrails against any tyrant who might want to take over the government.

So a democratic system is used to operate its republic in which the citizens' power comes from their vote to choose their leaders. "Many commentators have made the careful distinction that the United States is a republic, not a democracy," according to a paper by Danielle Allen, co-director of the Harvard Impact Lab.

In her study she found that the question was not so much a republic versus a democracy but for the Founding Fathers "it was, and it still is, how to enact a commitment to a government

where sovereignty resides in the people."

It has been explained that the U.S. is a constitutional republic and a representative democracy.

The fact that there needs to be this much explanation on how the government was formed is an example of how complicated this idea of the United States was in the 1700s. The Revolution began long before July 4, 1776. It took years to move sometimes very reluctant colonists to reject the King of England's rule toward an independent nation. It was not easy. It took a great deal of planning and citizens ultimately had to decide what side they were on: the Patriots [to leave England's rule] or the Loyalists [staying loyal to the Crown].

One of the misconceptions of the Revolutionary War is that everyone wanted an independent country. According to Burns' "The American Revolution," most colonists were happy with England. The colonies were very much tied to England and English traditions; the tipping point was about representation – and the colonists had none.

Next time we'll dive into the importance of newspapers in Colonial times.

» PART 1

Appeal Denied in Foothill Boulevard & New York Avenue Project

By Julie BUTCHER

"I'm not a professional speaker. I'm not a city planner, a civil engineer or a real estate attorney. But I am a resident and a taxpayer, and I feel my voice should be heard," said "Mark" who lives off of New York Avenue and was one of several dozen local residents who lined up to speak at last week's Glendale Planning Commission review. The review was for the controversial housing development proposed for 3411-3427 Foothill Boulevard, on the northwest corner of New York and Foothill.

As previously reported by the Crescenta Valley Weekly following the planning officer hearing held on March 18 (<https://www.crescentavalleweekly.com/news/03/26/2026/complaints-and-support-both-found-at-density-bonus-meeting/>) the development contemplated is an 87-unit rental housing tower, 74 feet at its highest point, comprising 18 three-bedroom apartments, 46 two-bedroom units, 23 one-bedroom units with 151 parking spaces (31 more than are required). Nine of the units would be designated as "affordable to very low income."

Currently the property is occupied by an auto dealer and various other small businesses including a popular taco spot.

After hearing from the public, the appellants and the developer, the project architect and an attorney representing developer Rodney Khan, the planning commission voted unanimously to deny the appeal and uphold the recommendation of the hearing officer and green light the project with certain conditions.

Mark continued his remarks to the commission.

"I was disgusted to hear the developer's lawyer remind you that you need to follow the experts and look into what is completely legal (according to his view)," he said. "This city is for us. One of the commissioners mentioned the intent of the code. A hundred fifty percent over density? And 205% above the maximum height allowed? Is that the intent? Why not just build a 50-story skyscraper? If you're going to just waive the law, how about an AI data center there?"

"There's no picture of the view of this from up the hill. They give you these nice little shots but how many people, how many hundreds of families, are going to have to look at this eyesore in the neighborhood? There's no other building this tall. There are little shops."

Others shared the sentiments Mark expressed.

Senior city planner Roger Kiesel provided the planning commission

with an overview of the proposed 1.3-acre development and the concessions and waivers sought as part of the request for a density bonus: 61% lot coverage (50% is the maximum permitted in the Commercial Hillside zone); a floor area ratio of 2.49, above the 1.2 maximum floor area ratio; two additional stories above the three stories that would be allowed "by right" (without any waivers or concessions); residential parking allowed both subterranean and at-grade; ground floor units allowed without additional planning review; and no additional open space would be provided.

The hearing officer who conducted the March 18 hearing issued her approval of the project with conditions on March 25. Appellants representing the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council and the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association filed an appeal on April 9.

As planner Kiesel explained, the project is covered by AB130's statutory exemption from added environmental review (an EIR) as it meets certain criteria. It can be no more than 20 acres (it is 1.3) and within an incorporated municipality in an urban area (it is in Glendale);

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» PART II

A Talk with Assemblymember Nick Schultz

By Mary O'KEEFE

During a community coffee with constituents of District 44, Assemblymember Nick Schultz took questions from the audience. The first question had to do with housing – a hot topic in the areas of Crescenta Valley and Burbank.

“Can you identify a point at which you would oppose additional housing development in a high-risk fire community,” asked a member of the audience. The audience member referenced the proposed development at Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

Another audience member asked about Schultz’s abstention on SB79, which was signed into law in October 2025.

Schultz delved into his abstention on the vote on SB79, a law that has been controversial since it was first introduced. The bill had numerous amendments prior to being signed by the governor. It allows transit agencies to build on their own property with greater density than local zoning and streamlines the transit-oriented development approval process. It basically automatically up-zones land within a quarter mile of rail stations, major bus stops and ferry terminals. Although SB79 is not directly related to the 66-unit building planned for the Briggs and Foothill area, the idea of side-stepping the community concerns and/or design review boards is very much at the center of SB79 and a concern of residents about the proposed local development.

“I do believe we have a housing crisis, an affordable housing crisis, a homeownership crisis and we need to add more housing. With all due respect to my community [in Burbank], which I love, putting more housing on the site of the old IKEA is one thing but putting housing up here in the foothills where you have a narrow one-way in and one-way out corridor is more of a safety concern,” he said.

He added he was not saying he did not have concerns about what

was happening with building in Burbank but “we have to be smart with Burbank.”

“My concern with this [Briggs and Foothill project] is that when I look at the scale of this project I do question whether we’re going to be able to safely accommodate the ingress and egress of folks,” he said. “So while I’m not the decision-maker on this one, I am encouraging the board of supervisors to make a final decision to carefully weigh the public safety risks.”

Note: Supervisor Kathryn Barger and her fellow supervisors will be the ones who make the decision whether LA County will financially support the project through grants.

The discussion of housing continued with the audience focusing on housing, fire safety and how building affects businesses. The City of Burbank is presently suing Metro regarding a dedicated bus lane on Olive Avenue. Many were concerned that Metro could trigger an SB79 development, which would not take into consideration long-standing design and practices in the City of Burbank.

Circling back to the question of building in high-risk fire areas, like La Crescenta, Schultz referenced the Station Fire of 2009 and the most recent Eaton Fire.

“We live in a constant state of drought and near-drought and the risk of a wildland fire is ever-present, so we can’t be blind to that,” he said. “We have to be thinking about how we’re setting up people to stay safe in this community.”

Other questions included funding for career technical education, like nursing, physical therapy and healthcare, for young people and adults. Schultz stated that supporting those careers means money will have to come through the budget but said he feels that can be accomplished. He added the state is seeing shortages for those who are trained in those types of careers, especially in rural areas.

“I’m all about making these investments. I would just say the issue and the challenge we face this

year is we need to find some way to pay for [them],” he said.

He believes there are ways to support programs that educate by looking at other areas where funding can be adjusted. Schultz chairs the Public Safety Commission. He said one of the areas he feels where the state could find funds is the state prisons and that although the state prison population is in decline the California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has proposed \$400 billion in new spending.

“That doesn’t make sense to me,” he said.

Then local community leader Steve Pierce asked about SB84. Pierce works with the Montrose Shopping Park Association, which this bill would directly affect.

Pierce explained that he has talked to small businesses from Montrose to Sherman Oaks and “everything in between” that have been hit by ADA [Americans With Disabilities Act] lawsuits. There are groups of lawyers that could be described as “predatory” that will bring lawsuits against small, medium and large businesses for construction-related, often minor technical violations, regarding ADA complaints.

One example of a lawsuit against a small business was found in “The Desert Review.” It stated a business owner was sued because her restaurant table was 1/16th of an inch too low. Another business owner said her parking lot sign concerning ADA parking was stolen overnight and she immediately ordered a new sign; however, that did not stop a lawsuit from being filed that day against her.

SB84, authored by State Senator Roger Niello, was created to balance the protection of ADA rights while fighting for the rights of business owners. That would create an opportunity for businesses to respond and correct any accusations of a violation within 120 days.

The bill has passed the Senate and was moved to the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, where it appears presently to be sitting.

“It’s a bill that I support,” Schultz said.

The Assembly has until the end of June to give the bill a hearing.

Schultz invited everyone in the audience to contact his office, as well as their state senator, who is State Senator Sasha Pérez, if they have concerns or support a bill.

He added that people do not have to only write to representatives in their own area but to others like Neillo if they agree or have concerns about his bill SB86.

Assemblymember Nick Schultz’s state capital office number is (916) 319-2044, his Burbank office is (818) 558-3043. His website is <https://schultz.asmdc.org> His contact email address can be found at Assemblymember Schultz’s website.

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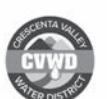


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This is a notice that the District will consider the continuation of the capital charge on the county tax roll approved in 2023. A report containing a description of each parcel receiving water service and the amount of the charge for each parcel for 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.

A public hearing will be held on:

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 23, 2026
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at CVWD Board Room
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Ballot Counting Continues in California

By Mary O'KEEFE

The ballots continue to be counted in California. County election officials must report final official results to the Secretary of State by July 3. The Secretary of State will certify election results on July 10. Updates in LA County will take place everyday from now through June 26 with results released between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Election results below are from June 10 at 11:59 a.m.

City of Glendale

City Clerk:

Suzie Abajian 59.89%

Susan Wolfson 40.11%

City Treasurer:

Rafi Manoukian 69.29%

David Gevorkyan 30.71%

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Alek Bartrosouf 14.45%

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Debbie Blute 23.67%

David Cole 16.44%

Trustee Area D:

Aileen Dinkjian 42.61%

Janet Balekian 29.09%

Shant Kevorkian 28.30%

City of La Cañada Flintridge

City Council:

Kim Bowman 42.52%

Quemars Ahmed 29.67%

Nerses Aposhian 27.81%

La Cañada Unified District

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City of Los Angeles

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Spencer Pratt 25.51%

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LCF Notifies Local of Upcoming Caltrans Parking Lot Temporary Closure

The City of La Cañada Flintridge advises residents and visitors that the Caltrans parking lot located at 1300 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge, near Memorial Park, will be temporarily closed beginning July 1. This property is owned and operated by the State of California – Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans) and the closure is solely a Caltrans

decision.

This state-directed closure will significantly affect parking availability at Memorial Park and for its community events. Visitors should anticipate parking challenges for the upcoming Music in the Park summer concert series, the weekly Farmer's Market and general recreational use of Memorial Park.

The City is currently working with the Farmer's Market organizers to temporarily relocate it for the duration of the Caltrans lot closure. More information will follow once a new location is set.

As the summer season approaches, the City encourages residents and event attendees to plan ahead, carpool or allow for extra time to find alternative

parking when visiting the area. This notice is to ensure the community is aware of the state's decision and has ample time to prepare for the changes before the July 1 closure takes effect.

For more information on City events and alternative parking, visit lcf.ca.gov/.

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Fatality in Officer Involved Shooting

On June 8 at approximately 9:04 p.m., Glendale Police Dept. patrol officers responded to a report of an assault involving a knife that had just occurred in the 3700 block of Honolulu Avenue.

Upon arrival, officers located a victim, age 61, who had sustained injuries consistent with an assault involving a knife. The suspect, age 58, was a neighbor of the victim. He exited a nearby residence armed with a knife. When confronted by officers, the suspect fled on foot. Officers pursued the suspect on foot for a short distance.

During the pursuit, the

suspect turned and advanced toward the pursuing officers while still armed with the knife. An officer-involved shooting subsequently occurred.

The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. No officers were injured during the incident.

The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries that appeared to be non-life-threatening.

The Los Angeles County Medical Examiner's Office was notified and responded to the scene. Detectives from the Glendale Police Dept.'s Robbery-Homicide Unit also

responded and are investigating the incident.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4840.

Submitted by GPD; Mary O'Keefe assisted with this story

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CRIME BLOTTER

JUNE 5

Big Tujunga Canyon Road at mile marker 9.18 in the Angeles National Forest, a deputy was flagged down by a man at the intersection of Angeles Crest Highway and Green Lane in La Cañada Flintridge. The man said a family member's vehicle, which he was driving, had been "broken into." The man said he parked and secured the vehicle on Big Tujunga Canyon Road and went for a hike at Fall Creek Falls. When he returned he discovered the front passenger window had been shattered. There was nothing reported missing. There was however blood smeared on the front passenger seat, suspected to belong to the suspect.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 2:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

JUNE 3

400 block of Big Tujunga Canyon Road in the Angeles National Forest, a resident reported that his mailbox had been broken into but there was no mail inside the box. Security footage revealed a dark colored

four-door sedan stop in front of the residence. A male, wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, stepped out of the vehicle from the driver's side door, approached the mailbox and used a tool to pry the lid off the mailbox. The man then removed the mail from the mailbox.

The theft occurred at 3:34 a.m.

2700 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta, a man parked and locked his white 2013 Nissan GTR at the location and went into his home. At about noon he noticed his car was gone.

Security footage revealed that at 3:18 a.m. a dark colored sedan parked behind his vehicle. At about 3:42 a.m. the dark colored vehicle and his own vehicle were gone.

The theft was reported at 3:42 a.m.

3000 block of Alabama Street in La Crescenta, the front right tire on a woman's vehicle was slashed between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Obituary

Deborah Ann Petersen



June 18, 1954 - May 16, 2026

Deborah Ann Petersen, daughter of Leland and Joan Sealander, passed away peacefully at home on May 16.

Deborah was born on June 18, 1954 in Caribou, Maine. She moved to La Crescenta as a child and graduated from Crescenta Valley High School in 1972. Deborah and her husband Randy raised five children in Tujunga. Their home was always a gathering place for family events – hosting birthdays, baby showers, holidays and weddings. Deborah especially enjoyed camping trips to the beach and to Solvang with family and friends.

Deborah is survived by her loving husband Randy Petersen; her children Jason, Sarah, Mandy, Matthew and Nicholas; eight cherished grandchildren; and four siblings.

Her family finds comfort in knowing she is now with the Lord.

A celebration of Deborah's life will be announced at a later date.

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Revolution Dance Company Wows Seniors With Performance



Photos by Clare BUCHANAN

ABOVE: Revolution Dance Company poses with two paintings gifted by senior residents at Sparr Heights. BELOW: Scarlett, an RDC dancer, performed her tap solo, "24/7."



By Clare BUCHANAN

On May 28, dancers from Revolution Dance Company (RDC) performed sparkling original numbers for residents living at Sparr Heights Estates Senior Living, spurring intergenerational mingling between the two communities.

Thursday evening on Honolulu Avenue, Sparr Heights residents gathered in their banquet hall, awaiting the arrival of the dancers who walked to the estate from their studio in downtown Montrose. Dancers arrived donned in bedazzled tutus, patchwork frocks and tasseled leotards to perform numbers they have been practicing for the past year.

Performances ranged in style from tap to lyrical to modern dance. Dancers varied in age and tone as a younger trio performed a comedic and entertaining piece called "The Witches Are Back," inspired by the film "Hocus Pocus." Other dancers chose to perform more emotional, lyrical solos.

After the performances, RDC dancers

offered drawstring bags to senior residents. Senior residents at Sparr Heights returned the favor by gifting two handmade paintings that are on display at the company's studio on Honolulu Avenue.

Zareh Markarian and his business partner Fred Diaz of RDC noted that this event was the first of its kind for RDC and Sparr Heights Estates Senior Living. Markarian and Diaz said the event was good practice for the dancers' recital in early June. Both instructors picked out a number of dance performances they felt would be well received by senior residents, including a group rendition of "Hard Knock Life" and a tap solo of "Singing In The Rain." Markarian has been teaching dance for 15 years and has owned RDC with Diaz for five years.

Scarlett, a dancer who has been with RDC for 11 years, performed a tap solo for Sparr Heights residents and expressed her excitement at the event.

"Everybody loves dance, no matter the age," Scarlett said.

WEATHER from page 2

They don't see it as a challenge but as a negative that needs to be ignored.

As anyone who has ever watched an episode of "Twilight Zone," "Star Trek" or any futuristic science fiction knows, ignoring science, and specifically scientific warnings, never ever ends well.

We will still be seeing some June Gloom

(which is driven by the Pacific Ocean) in the morning. Our temperatures will be in the mid to low 80s. On Friday there will be some winds beginning in the morning and growing to five to 10 mph throughout the day. The winds are expected to calm on Friday night.

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SHINING STAR from page 3

Program director Silva Keshishyan keeps everyone busy with all kinds of events and projects.

CVW recently toured Shining Star and found it is much more than a day care center.

Seniors have very specific issues, from health care to navigating the process of Social Security and Medicare. Shining Star has people available to help answer the many questions seniors might have concerning any number of issues.

Shining Star has been open for about a year and has been busy since its doors opened.

The reason for starting this program was personal for Teo. His dad is 85 years old (he was at the day care center when CVW was there) and Teo's aunt was also there.

"I come from a community where my parents retired over 20 years ago and they were sitting at home doing absolutely nothing. I [thought], 'there's got to be something for them,'" Teo said.

Teo is an engineer with Boeing, as was his friend and facility co-owner Basmadzhyan. After Boeing's restructuring, Basmadzhyan decided to find something else to do. The pair wanted to help seniors and found there was a real need for this type of business in this area.

"Things worked out for us,"

he said.

Although the focus may be on seniors, the age range for Shining Star starts as early as 18 years old.

"Because there might be people who need [our] services [who] are not necessarily retired," Teo said. "Depression is something that a lot of people battle and that's one of the things we take care of here."

Shining Star is a state program that is supported by Medi-Cal. Anybody with Medi-Cal can go to their doctor to get a referral. They can also come to Shining Star where their representatives can talk to a doctor on-site. A doctor has to approve the individual interested in taking part in the program.

"We also have a doctor on staff to do assessments," Teo said.

Representatives also work with insurance companies to help

individuals.

"All of this is really helping people stay healthy," Teo said of Shining Star's proactive support for seniors.

Mental health support is also offered and help is available to guide seniors who are worried about their Medicare or Medi-Cal insurance.

A 70-year-old woman who has been at Shining Star for quite a while spoke of her experience.

"The first time I stepped inside this adult care center I had a feeling of overwhelming joy," she said. "I have found this adult care center has made my life complete."

She spoke of the relationships she has made – both with the staff and with other seniors.

"It is a joy to be at this center," she added, "because I feel younger than my age."

ARA NAJARIAN from Cover

Proud of all that he has accomplished – the projects and process improvements, sister city relationships, ethics enhancements and budget stabilizing efforts – he is happy to leave the city a better place.

Most of the speakers at last week's groundbreaking ceremony for the North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT – including Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins – commended Najarian's decades-long advocacy for the project and for responsible local transit.

"Every project needs a political champion in order to succeed," Wiggins said.

As reported in the Crescenta Valley Weekly (<https://www.crescentavalleyweekly.com/news/05/21/2026/council-reduces-trash-fees/>) Najarian has been fighting for Glendale's fair share for as long as he has been in

public office. He waxed nostalgic at a recent council meeting; Councilmember Najarian recalled the beginning of his tenure on the Glendale City Council and the work done to make certain the transit needs of Glendale were heard at Metro, particularly in light of the massive county transit agency resources consumed by the City of Los Angeles.

In 2005, the Metro seat held by a councilmember from Lancaster came open. Najarian reported on the campaign he helped organize to secure the spot for 'what was then the third largest city in the county.' Controversially at the time, the Metro board was split on how to fund public transportation. County supervisors Don Knabe, Mike Antonovich and Gloria Molina were adamantly opposed to a transit tax, Najarian recounted.

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ARTS & CRAFTS from Cover

Fine artist Meredith Jacobson was also a popular artistic vender. Her Degas-like ballerinas attracted Glendale resident Kathy Rands. Rands snapped up one of the smaller ones for \$30. She recently moved into a new home and was looking for wall art. She lives with her aunt, Suzette Van Sleuwen, who picked out van Gogh's "The Starry Night" look-alike.

After a busy day of discovering, exploring, and shopping, fest guests headed to the international food court. Popular was Eugene Hong's "Aloha" featuring grilled meat Hawaiian-style. The aroma alone attracted hungry customers. Grilling at the outdoor barbecue was Chef Erik Montano. Peach cobbler for dessert from the Sweet P's Southern Desserts booth satisfied any sweet tooth.

The 42nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival was hosted by the Montrose Shopping Park Association.

"It went very smoothly, both in the setting up and the taking down of 250-plus vendors, as did all of the musical entertainment, pony rides, petting zoo and food courts," said Dawson. "Lord willing, [we'll be doing this again next year] on June 5 & 6, 2027."

Robin Goldsworthy contributed to this article.

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Four More Stops on the America 250

The Sunland-Tujunga Bicentennial Trail, developed in 1976, is now the America 250 Trail. In the past weeks, we've visited 18 of the 25 locations highlighted on this journey into the past. Today I focus on the next four sites on the tour: Bolton Hall at 10110 Commerce Ave., Nicholson's Store at 10227 Commerce Ave., the Tujunga Emergency Hospital, and the Old Reservoir, both near the intersection of Commerce and Apperson Street.

Bolton Hall has had an interesting run. Built in 1913 by the nature builder George Harris it's said that each rock was rolled to find its natural resting state before incorporating it into this beautiful stone building. First, let's review the words of the early historians who originated the trail.

"Bolton Hall was designed to house meetings, community events and social gatherings. Typical New England-type town meetings were held and citizens' complaints, suggestions and opinions were thoroughly aired. The moderator, Mr. Ashby, had his hands full keeping order. For some years, it was the property of American Legion Post 250. When Tujunga incorporated and became a city, Bolton Hall became its city hall,

housing city offices and council meetings. During these years, a jail was added at the rear of the building. Upon annexation of the city of Tujunga to Los Angeles, city offices such as Building and Safety were located in the main hall, while LA policemen Stokes, Buchanan, Stoughton, Cobler and Neal operated in the rear near the jail."

That's how things went at Bolton Hall until more modern city offices were built on Foothill Boulevard in 1959. The employees all moved into their new digs, leaving Bolton Hall empty. Soon, the windows were boarded up and that's how it stayed. Over the next 20 years dust gathered, damage set in, holes appeared in the roof and the plaster walls began to crumble. It came very close to destruction during this time. As repairs grew more costly, many believed a large open park would be a more desirable option. Luckily for all of us, a small band of residents worked tirelessly to save the old meeting hall, allowing it to open as Bolton Hall Museum in early 1981. It's open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

I've made mention of Nicholson's Store in past writings. Here is what was presented from the original trail makers: "Here is a typical example



Bolton Hall was designed to house meetings, like this one shown, as well as other local events.

of a neighborhood store, common in Tujunga during the 1920s. It was one of the first grocery stores started in Tujunga and was operated for many years by Mr. William Nicholson, its builder. Mr. Nicholson was noted for his woodcarving skills and the front windows of his store were always decorated with wooden chains and a myriad of other interesting things, all the product of Mr. Nicholson's artistic hand and a very sharp jack-knife."

A collection of these woodcarvings are on display at Bolton Hall.

The next point of interest is the former site of the Tujunga

Emergency Hospital, which once stood on the southeast corner of Apperson Street and Commerce. Unsurprisingly, it was partly made of stone and it wasn't your average medical establishment. Its supervising physician was Dr. Leonard Bain and his was the only hospital in town. Dr. Bain was both a doctor and a dentist – pulling teeth, bandaging breaks and wounds, and treating the ills of the valley's residents.

Our last stop today is the former location of an early reservoir. It was once found on the north side of Apperson Street, one fourth block

west of Commerce. Following the formation of the Haines Canyon Water Company in pioneer days, this was the first water reservoir built. Heavy pumping was generally done at night in order to make sure that a full supply of water would be available for residents the following day.

Next time we'll stop by for a visit at the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

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

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » KERRI LEWIN BRAUTIGAM

Reflecting on the Previous School Year, Preparing for the New School Year

As the school year winds down and the summer heat rolls into the foothills, the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) has been busy reflecting on a fantastic academic year, advocating for local safety and preparing for a vibrant summer season.

Here is an update on what is happening in our community.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Crossing Guards~

As the final school bells ring, the CVTC recently took a moment to acknowledge a vital group of unsung heroes in our neighborhood: our school crossing guards. Day in and day out, rain or shine, these dedicated individuals serve as shining examples of community service. They do far more than just direct traffic; they are on the front lines ensuring the safety of our students, our four-legged pets and every resident navigating our streets. If you see them on their final shifts of the year, please join us in thanking them for keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Supporting the Next Generation: CVTC Scholarships~

Investing in our youth is a cornerstone of our community's future. The CVTC is incredibly proud to announce that five outstanding high school seniors have been awarded council scholarships to help fuel their upcoming educational journeys.

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Supporting our students demonstrates their immense effort and hard work are recognized not just by their schools, but by the greater community. We are incredibly proud of these seniors and cannot wait to see what they achieve next.

Continuing the Dialogue on Affordable Housing~

The CVTC remains actively engaged in discussions with Los Angeles County and state officials regarding the proposed affordable housing development in unincorporated La Crescenta.

Community concerns remain sharply focused on public safety, specifically regarding emergency evacuation scenarios. In a foothill community susceptible to environmental hazards, ensuring our infrastructure and roadways can handle safe evacuation routes is paramount. We will continue to advocate fiercely for local transparency, rigorous safety studies and ensure the voices of our residents are prioritized by regional decision-makers.

A Reminder to Drivers as Summer Steps In~

With summer about to be in full swing, our local streets

and sidewalks are changing. Longer days mean residents are taking advantage of cooler evening walks, and school breaks mean an increase in outdoor activities like bike riding.

A crucial reminder to all drivers: Please slow down, and walkers and bike riders also, please eliminate distractions and remain highly mindful of your surroundings. Let's work together to ensure this summer is safe and enjoyable for

pedestrians and cyclists alike.

Join Us: Coffee with the Council~

Do you have a question about local developments, a neighborhood concern or just want to say hello? We want to hear from you! Maybe you're even interested in joining the Council?

- Event: Coffee with the Council
- Date: Sunday, June 14
- Time: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Location: The Montrose Harvest Market

Stop by our booth, grab a coffee and let's chat about how we can continue to protect and improve the Crescenta Valley.

Our next general meeting is on Thursday June 18 at 7 p.m. in the La Crescenta Library Community Room. Your attendance is greatly appreciated as we navigate community decisions together.

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Lincoln Scholarships Distributed

The annual Lincoln Scholarship Assembly was held on May 22 in the Lincoln Auditorium. The Assembly recognized graduating 12th graders who, in their early education career, attended Lincoln Elementary School. These senior students returned to the Lincoln stage to talk about their favorite memories of elementary school, reconnect with their kindergarten buddies and share their future college goals with the current Lincoln student body.

The scholarship recipients also participated in the Lincoln 500 parade and then were treated to a luncheon with their parents and former teachers. Kindergarten teacher Angelina Thomas again chaired the Scholarship Committee and organized the event.

This year's recipients were: Adam Hill who received the Mr. Stephen Williams Leadership Scholarship, Kelcie Peterson who received the

Mrs. Kalish Scholarship, Rachel Park, Ryan Krohn, & Ella Ball who received the Korean PC Scholarship, Anna Baghdanian, Ani Hartoonian & Tenni Derian who received the Armenian PC Scholarship; Oliver Gough & Maxwell Carvalho who received the Lincoln Staff Scholarship; Eleny Matevossian & Victoria Miller who received the Mrs. Duncan Scholarship; Sarah Watnick, Nyra Zadourian, Isabella De Soto Carrillo, & Sebastian Kirk who received the PTA Scholarship; Dominic Esquivel, Travis Phillips, Maxwell Starbin & Brooke Weldheim who received the Foundation Scholarship, and Bryce Alonzo & Annabel Dillon who received the Sixth Grade Scholarship. They are joined in the photo with Principal Barbie Fariss, Teacher Angelina Thomas, and GUSD Superintendent Darnika Watson.

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With the recipients were (at left) Principal Barbie Fariss, teacher Angelina Thomas and GUSD Superintendent Darnika Watson.

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GCC Celebrates Two Recipients of Prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Glendale Community College (GCC) recently announced that two of its students, Andre Christopher and Ernesto Lozada Gutierrez, have been named recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, one of the nation's most prestigious and generous awards for community college transfer students.

This marks the second consecutive year that GCC has had two students earn this highly competitive honor, underscoring the college's commitment to academic excellence and student success. Christopher and Lozada Gutierrez, both mechanical engineering students at GCC, were selected from a national pool of more than 1,300 applicants representing community colleges across the country. Only 60 students nationwide received the award this year, chosen from a semifinalist pool of 485, based on academic achievement, perseverance, and leadership.

"We are incredibly proud of Andre and Ernesto and the personal and academic journeys that have brought them to this moment," said GCC Superintendent/President Dr. Ryan Cornner. "Their stories reflect our belief at GCC that with the right support and determination, our students can achieve anything. Having two Jack Kent Cooke Scholars for the second year in a row is a tremendous source of pride for our entire GCC community."

Andre Christopher is a mechanical engineering student who chose GCC as a second chance after academic challenges early in high school left him with limited

college options. What began as a three-hour daily round-trip commute and minimal campus involvement transformed into late nights studying in the Buena Vista science building as Christopher worked, saved and steadily built the academic confidence that now sets him apart. He is deciding between UCLA and UC Berkeley to complete his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, with a potential minor in data science and plans to continue on to a master's degree and possibly a Ph.D. Christopher describes his greatest accomplishment at GCC as the dramatic growth in his mathematical and scientific ability, a night-and-day shift from his high school self that reflects his core philosophy of gradual, consistent self-improvement. Though his ultimate career path remains open, he is certain it will involve continuous learning and helping others. He credits honest feedback from a trusted friend and the guidance of GCC counselors as key to his development, and he encourages fellow students to pursue whatever genuinely interests them inspires their personal growth.

Ernesto Lozada Gutierrez is a mechanical engineering student at GCC who arrived in the United States from Cuba with a determination to continue his education and build a better future. Beginning with ESL classes before transitioning into college-level engineering coursework, Lozada Gutierrez embraced every opportunity GCC offered. He served as both

an ESL student ambassador and an engineering peer mentor, and contributed to engineering projects like "Go Baby Go," where students adapted ride-on cars for children with physical disabilities. He will transfer to California State University, Northridge to complete his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering with plans to pursue a master's degree focused on robotics and automation and, ultimately, a Ph.D. His long-term vision combines engineering expertise with entrepreneurship to develop technologies that improve accessibility and inspire the next generation of STEM students.

Lozada Gutierrez credits his family's sacrifices and the unwavering support of GCC's faculty and staff as the driving forces behind an academic journey that he describes as proof that perseverance and determination can make anything possible.

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship provides last dollar funding after all institutional aid and can provide as much as \$55,000 per year to complete a bachelor's degree at any accredited undergraduate institution. Beyond financial support, scholars receive personalized advising to guide their academic and professional journeys. They also gain access to a nationwide network of more than 3,900 Cooke Scholars and Alumni, along with opportunities for internships, study abroad, and graduate school support, ensuring they have the tools needed to thrive beyond community college.

Provided by Glendale Community College

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Celebrating Glendale's Finest at Annual Glendale Police Awards Luncheon



The Glendale Hilton was the scene of the crime (stoppers) on May 28. Close to 450 of Glendale's finest plus Glendale VIPs, family and friends gathered to honor those contributing to 30 years of "Honor, Friendship, and Community Partnership." The luncheon was hosted by the Glendale Police Foundation.

First at the podium was Interim Chief of Police Robert William. The Chief was appointed in December 2025, having served as deputy chief of police. He introduced VIPs present including LA County Sheriff Robert Luna, Burbank Chief of Police Rafael Quintero and Glendale Fire Chief Jeff

Brooks. Chief William briefly summarized some of the accomplishments of those being honored.

"We will see the honorees this afternoon, but will not see the sacrifices behind the award," said the Chief.

Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian offered greetings from the City.

"Thank you [to] all in this room for keeping us safe ... Glendale is one of the safest cities in the country. Thank you for wearing the badge with pride," he said.

Fresh from emceeding the earlier Scouting America's Community Impact Breakfast, ABC7 anchor David Ono

jumped into emceeding the Police Awards.

"This is my 25th year as emcee," he said. "I look forward to it every year."

Then began the recognition of the awardees. One of several Life Saving Awards went to Officers Chris Shiley, Rodney Saunders and Eduardo Ruiz Jr. The three officers responded to a medical emergency involving a 74-year-old male who was not breathing. Arriving on scene, they immediately initiated CPR and coordinated among them life saving efforts. The victim was successfully resuscitated and ultimately recovered.

Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Tonnie Fong.

According to the luncheon program, "Tonnie has built strong working relationships across department personnel, and his presence is felt in every unit he supports." Fong helps with office duties and represents the department when he's out and about in the community.

Eric Megs was honored as Officer of the Year. Last year, he received recognition for arresting 12 occupied stolen vehicles. He is considered the most productive member of the Special Enforcement Detail.

In total, 33 officer awards were presented. Sona Hovsepiyan was recognized as Civilian of the Year and Ari Simonyan received recognition as Reserve Officer of

the Year. Proceeds from the event will support grants for specialized equipment, training, youth programs, community partnerships and the K9 Unit.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
 LEFT: Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian (on right) is on the dais prepared to extended greetings from the City at the Glendale Police Luncheon on May 28.
 MIDDLE: Interim Glendale Police Chief Robert William speaks at the Glendale Police Awards Luncheon in the Glendale Hilton Ballroom.
 RIGHT: Showing off their Life Saving Awards are, from left, Officer Eduardo Ruiz Jr., Officer Chris Shiley and Officer Rodney Saunders.

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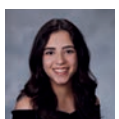
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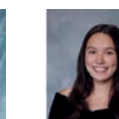
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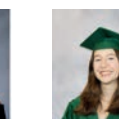
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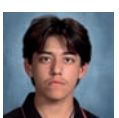
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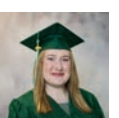
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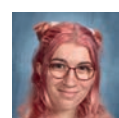
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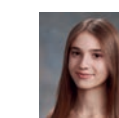
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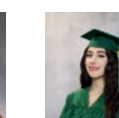
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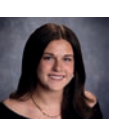
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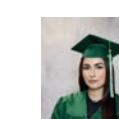
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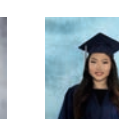
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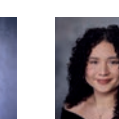
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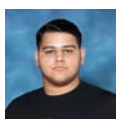
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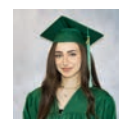
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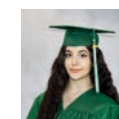
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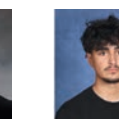
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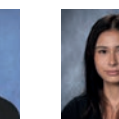
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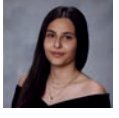
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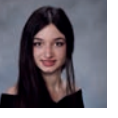
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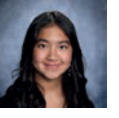
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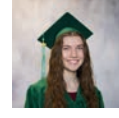
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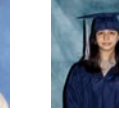
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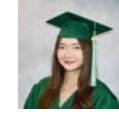
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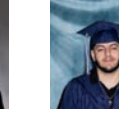
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Dignity Health Empowers Women's Heart Health Through Culturally-Inspired Series

In recognition of June being Women's Health Month, Dignity Health is highlighting *Cocina con Corazón* (Cooking with Heart), a culturally rooted cooking and wellness series that connects everyday nutrition with long-term heart health.

Heart disease remains a leading health concern for women, yet many risk factors are influenced by daily habits – including nutrition. In fact, studies show that following a variety of healthy eating patterns can lower the risk of cardiovascular disease by 14-21%. *Cocina*

con Corazón addresses this through a community-centered approach, using familiar meals and cultural traditions to introduce small, realistic ingredient swaps that support heart-conscious living.

"During Women's Health Month, we're focused on empowering women with knowledge that fits into their everyday lives," said Veronica Carmona, CDCES, RD Diabetes and Nutrition Program coordinator with Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital. "Through *Cocina con Corazón*, we're showing that heart health

doesn't require drastic changes – it can begin with simple, thoughtful choices in the kitchen."

The series features local chef-influencers and Dignity Health registered dietitians who demonstrate how traditional recipes can be prepared with balance in mind – supporting cardiovascular wellness while maintaining the flavors families know and love.

By centering on food, culture and accessibility, the program reinforces that prevention is not limited to clinical settings. Instead, it begins at home

through everyday meals that contribute to long-term well-being.

Community members can access recipes through Dignity Health's website, and downloadable recipes are also available on Dignity Health's Pinterest channel.

To explore recipes and preventive health resources, visit YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DignityHealthSouthernCalifornia>.

To download recipes, visit [Pinterest.com/dignityhealthcalifornia](https://www.pinterest.com/dignityhealthcalifornia).

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Community Comes Together for Third Annual Family Bingo Night

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) hosted a sold-out Family Bingo Night on Saturday, May 23 as part of the Fiesta Days weekend. Families packed the CCLCF main auditorium for an evening of friendly

competition, sweet treats and genuine community connection.

Now in its third year, the event has become a Fiesta Days staple. Guests enjoyed an ice cream sundae bar sponsored by Bruster's Real Ice Cream and Carrie

Grochow of Engel & Völkers, while lucky winners took home prizes from local favorites including the Dish Restaurant, Honeybird, Los Gringos Locos, New Moon and Mission: Renaissance Fine Art.

"Generations coming together for an

evening of fun, laughter and connection – that's what community looks like," said Executive Director Michael Powers.

For information on upcoming CCLCF events, visit cclcf.org.

Submitted by CCLCF

Las Candelas Installs 2026-27 Officers and Board

Oakmont Country Club was the venue on May 28 for the final meeting of the Las Candelas for the 2025-26 year of service. At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, Past President Cathy Keen presided over the installation of the coming year's officers and committee chairs. Glendale resident JC Byer will be repeating as the group's president. Vice-presidents include First

Vice-President Lynne Naeve, Second Vice-President Pauline Beebe, Third Vice-President Margaret Cline, Fourth Vice-President Cathy Keen, Fifth Vice-President Debbie Hinckley and Sixth Vice-President Carol Ann Burton. Other officers and committee chairs include Rosina Maize, Pam Ropfogel, Patti Baker, Ellyn Semler, Nancy Stone, Carolyn Beaton, Monica Sierra



Photo by Oakmont Country Club Staff Members of Las Candelas

and Jeannie Flint. A luncheon celebrating a successful year of service followed the installation in the main dining room at Oakmont.

Las Candelas is a group of community women founded in 1953 whose purpose is to give volunteer service and financial assistance to help improve the

lives of children and youth in vulnerable situations and to support awareness of their mental health needs.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Zoppo, Zusman to Perform for GNC

Adriana Zoppo, leader of Ergo Musica (viola d'amore) and Shanon Zusman (viola da gamba) will be performing for the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts on Wednesday, June 17 from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. The performance will take place at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

The pair will be performing a baroque program of works by John Jenkins (1592 – 1678), Christopher Simpson (ca.1605 – 1669), Attilio Ariosti (1666 – ca.1729) and Johann Schop (1590 – 1667).

In addition to the viola d'amore, Adriana Zoppo performs on violin, viola, baroque violin and baroque viola. Director/curator of the Glendale Noon Concerts' early music sub-series, Zoppo, with Ergo Musica, is heard there frequently.

Previously a member of the Carmel Bach Festival, she plays with the original instrument ensembles Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra, Los Angeles Baroque Players, Bach Collegium San Diego and the Corona del Mar Baroque Festival, where she has appeared as viola d'amore soloist. She has also played regularly with the Santa Barbara, New West, Pacific, Long Beach and Pasadena symphonies, the St. Matthew Chamber Orchestra and other local ensembles.

Zoppo plays for film, TV, solo artist recordings and live shows of all musical styles and genres.

Shanon Zusman is an adjunct professor of viola da gamba and violone at the University of Southern California and Claremont Graduate University. He holds



Adriana Zoppo

a doctorate in musical arts in early music performance from the USC Thornton School of Music, where he studied with James Tyler. Zusman became interested in early music and the history of the double bass in particular while studying with José Vázquez in Vienna, Austria on a Fulbright grant. He has appeared with the Bach Collegium San Diego, Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra, Camerata Pacifica Baroque, Los Angeles Bach Society, Los Angeles Baroque Orchestra and Concordia Clarimontis. Zusman has taught at the national Conclave of the Viola

da Gamba Society of America since 2006 and coaches the Southern California chapter of the society Viols/West. He also teaches courses in music appreciation and music fundamentals at Santa Monica College and College of the Canyons.

GNC is celebrating 18 years of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Brand 54: 54th Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper

Brand Associates, in partnership with Brand Library & Art Center, announced the opening of Brand 54: 54th Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, on view from through Aug. 28 at Brand Library & Art Center. The exhibition will feature artworks chosen by juror Tracy Bartley.

This year, over 1,350 artworks were submitted to Brand Associates through an open call process. Juror Tracy Bartley was tasked with selecting which artworks to feature in the exhibition. The majority of artworks on display in Brand 54 are available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to

support cultural programming at Brand. Art and catalogs will be for sale from the Associates' website: AssociatesOfBrand.org. A digital version of the catalog will also be available on BrandLibrary.org/Gallery for the public to learn more about each artist.

Gallery admission is free and open to the public during library operating hours. On-site, free parking is available; ride-share is encouraged.

Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale. For Brand Library & Art Center hours, view BrandLibrary.org/Visit.

Blinn House Site of Regional Restoration Expo

A free, one-day celebration of historic preservation, craftsmanship and the communities built around both takes place on Saturday, June 13 at Pasadena's historic Blinn House and grounds, 160 Oakland Ave. in Pasadena. This event is presented by Pasadena Heritage, The Glendale Historical Society, Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Historical Society.

Inspired by Antiques Roadshow on PBS, the event will feature "What's It Worth?" when expert appraisers from John Moran Auctioneers offer live verbal valuations of treasured heirlooms, collectibles and discoveries brought to them at the Blinn House. For those who have either inherited a family keepsake, uncovered a flea market find or simply want to learn more about a favorite object, this is their chance to discover its story ...

and its value.

Ticket holders for "What's It Worth?" may bring up to five items for evaluation including:

- Fine Art Paintings, Sculpture, Prints & Multiples, Photography
- Jewelry, Watches, Handbags & Luxury Accessories
- Decorative Arts & Antiques
- Furniture, Silver, Ceramics, Glass, Clocks & Barometers, Objects of Vertu
- Books, Collectibles & Manuscripts
- Asian Works of Art and Other Unique Treasures

Whether inherited, discovered, or long treasured, every object has a story – and possibly surprising value.

Can't bring the item to the event? Photographs or cellphone images may also be evaluated.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

THEN & NOW

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Then: La Crescenta Feed and Fuel was a landmark in CV for almost 50 years. The feed business was started in 1922 by Emil Busch as a way to get feed at wholesale prices for his chicken ranch. The feed business grew faster than his chicken business and he sold it to Tom and Bart Bonetto the next year. They opened the store on the southwest corner of La Crescenta and Montrose avenues and ran it until they retired in 1971.

Now: After the feed business closed in 1971, the land was sold and this apartment building went up, here looking south toward the intersection of La Crescenta and Montrose. The Bonetto home is just around the corner on Manhattan Avenue and is a Glendale Historic Landmark.

La Crescenta Feed and Fuel Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

June 8, 2026 - June 14, 2026

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Nervous tension could be your biggest problem. You could be doing a lot more work with your brain now. At times like this, when you're so intent on achieving your work goals, it's all too easy to forget to take care of your body. Try to take time away from the mental activities in order to exercise and eat well.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

A friend might have some great exercise tips for you. Even better, he or she could ask you to partner on a new health regimen. Teaming up with someone else increases your chances of success. Swap healthy recipes and cooking tips, give each other support and reach your health goals together.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Are you getting the right nutrients? Sometimes adopting a popular diet geared to everyone can omit things you need. There could be any number of reasons why it's unsuited to your body type or metabolism. You're unique, so your formula for optimum energy and wellness is likely to be different from anyone else's. Take the time to discover what works best for you.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Pace yourself. If you feel more tired than usual when doing your normal daily tasks, cut back a bit on the nonessentials. If you don't, you could grow even more stressed. This phase isn't permanent, but it will last a while. Give yourself a chance to thrive by looking after your health more carefully.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Your efforts to stay fit could backfire. Try to create a way of eating that helps you balance the extremes. Combine wonderful food that has some of those elements of comfort foods with a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The cosmos could trigger many emotions now. Beware of resorting to comfort foods in an attempt to stuff your feelings back down again. If you're on a diet, you could easily fall off it. If you give in to temptation once, you might then feel it's pointless to continue. That isn't the case at all. Just acknowledge that you slipped and renew your efforts.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The Universe is encouraging you to enjoy an active romantic life. Also, release

any hidden patterns of bitterness and resentment that may keep you from being as healthy as you can be. Aspects could bring a lot of feelings to the surface. Don't stuff them back down with food. Welcome them and heal.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The Universe is calling you to take action. You may have a burst of energy that helps you excel at your workouts and do more than ever before. You'll also be a lot more competitive, which is going to show up in all kinds of ways. Your perspective on your health is going to change for the better over the months and years ahead.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It's time to release any toxic emotions that may be caused by issues that you haven't put behind you. The more you practice dropping anger, frustration, bitterness, or guilt from your life and allowing inner peace to become your mainstay, the healthier and more relaxed you'll be. The body, mind, and emotions are all intimately intertwined. Each affects the others for good or ill.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You're ready to take the world by storm. There's no stopping you in your quest for good health. You're determined to leave no stone unturned and no remedy untested in your desire to slow the aging process, stay in shape, and keep your looks for as long as possible. The best advice for you is to be realistic. Give yourself a chance to succeed. Don't aim too high and set yourself up for failure.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You might be inspired to try spiritual as well as conventional healing methods in order to effect a cure. A focus on your spiritual zone suggests that having faith in a higher power could catalyze the healing process. This is a good time to initiate a movement toward greater wellness. Begin now and you'll find it easier to summon the discipline to stick with your program.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It could be your love of good food that tips the scales in the diet and weight-loss stakes. You love to indulge, that's a fact. Half the battle of shedding pounds involves finding good reasons to resist temptation. It may be even more difficult over the coming days. Either grit your teeth and resist or allow yourself an occasional fall from grace.

CALENDAR this

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On June 12 member Pat Liddell, CNH Foundation, will be making a presentation to the Club on CNH.

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:

• **Camp Runamuk:** Camp Runamuk (ages 5-10) started this week and will run weekly through Aug. 14 with exciting themes each week. Learn more/register today at 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.

• **Summer Registration:** Summer registration is open! Summer classes just started and it's not too late to join. View summer classes, such as Balance Fit and

Tai Chi, at cclcf.org/register. Some classes may be held off-site to accommodate summer camps.

• **Studio Arts Summer Registration:** Studio Arts (ceramics & glass) summer registration is open. Studio Arts summer session starts June 21 and runs through Aug 15. Learn more at cclcf.org/register

• **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/foothillscommunitychoir26/>.

• **Fall I Registration:** Fall I registration opens July 29 at 9 am. The Fall I session is eight weeks and starts on Aug. 24. View upcoming Fall I class info as it becomes available at cclcf.org/register.

• **Coach Andy's Wiffle Ball Classic:** see CALENDAR THIS on next page

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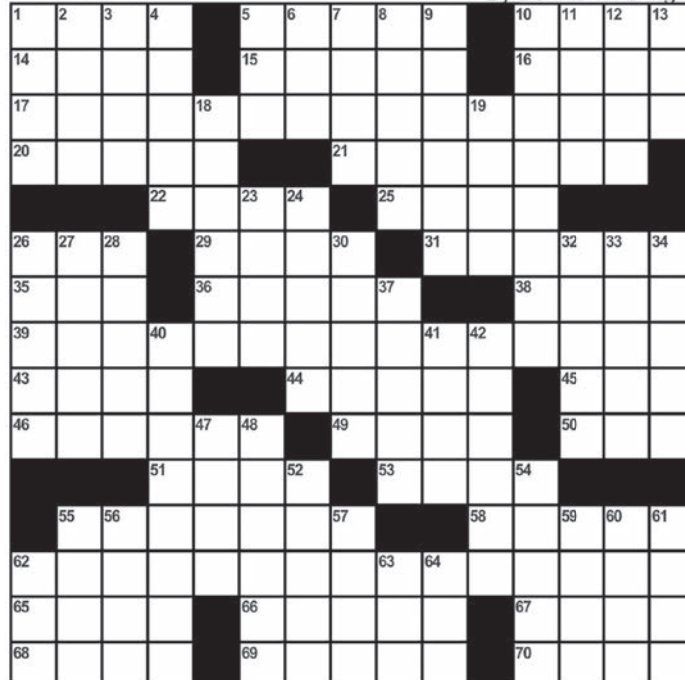
- 1) Word of respect to a lady
- 5) Oozes
- 10) Not ajar
- 14) Kind of clef
- 15) Open air courts
- 16) Decorated cop, for one
- 17) Fear symptom
- 20) Home on the plains, once
- 21) Obedient dogs, at times
- 22) Sodium hydroxide solutions
- 25) Again from the top
- 26) Air-safety grp.
- 29) "Watch your head!"
- 31) Feature of a car front
- 35) "Is that ___?"
- 36) Deck out
- 38) Aspersion
- 39) Be a braggart
- 43) Henry VIII's second or fourth
- 44) Marshy backwater
- 45) "Indeed"
- 46) Smooth, in music
- 49) Conflicted
- 50) Old crop spray
- 51) "I ___ man with seven wives"
- 53) Breakaway group
- 55) Record keeper, of a sort
- 58) Poets' feet
- 62) Spared none
- 65) A.m. word
- 66) Large fishing net
- 67) Type of rock
- 68) Type of entrance
- 69) Jagged, as a leaf's edge
- 70) Bookies know them

DOWN

- 1) Damon of Hollywood
- 2) Fleshy healing plant
- 3) Above
- 4) "Psycho" setting
- 5) Amniotic ___
- 6) Biblical verb suffix
- 7) Parts of history
- 8) Ravens tight end Dennis
- 9) Baht component
- 10) Like the Bard's Kate
- 11) He gets what's coming to him
- 12) Cemetery sights
- 13) ___ out (dress nicely)
- 18) Period of greatest success
- 19) Appraiser
- 23) Continental cash
- 24) Cancel
- 26) Deadly
- 27) Without anyone else
- 28) Beside
- 30) Unit for measuring gold
- 32) Christopher of "Back to the Future"
- 33) Attracted fish
- 34) Artist Max
- 37) Goes up and down
- 40) Lipton, for one
- 41) Modeled
- 42) Papal ambassador
- 47) Beach bird
- 48) Good-for-nothing
- 52) In accordance with
- 54) Argentine dance
- 55) Completed
- 56) Minute bit
- 57) Group of three
- 59) Blend
- 60) Thin nail
- 61) Endings for "national" and "capital"
- 62) Cigarette smoke ingredient
- 63) ___ and outs
- 64) "... was blind but now I ___"

TOO MUCH

By Dennis W. Dwight



see ANSWERS on page 18

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Lucky, my 3-year-old golden retriever who's full of love, energy, and a serious passion for carrots!

Whether he's playing outside or begging for his favorite snack, Lucky always brings a smile to everyone he meets. He's excited to join the CV Weekly Pet of the Week!

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!
Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!

Shein Sent My Package to My Old Address After I Requested A Return. Can I Get A Refund?

Alyssa Klenotich orders clothing but accidentally sends it to her old address. She quickly contacted the shipper, SpeedX, to ask it to return the package to Shein for a refund. SpeedX confirms the request but delivers the package to the wrong address anyway leaving her \$153 poorer.

Question: I'm trying to get a refund for a Shein order but it's been denied twice now. When I initially placed the order, I sent it to the wrong address. I tried to correct it on the Shein website but it was too late for them to do anything.

I connected with SpeedX, the delivery company, to return the package to the sender, which they accepted. However, they still delivered the package to an old address and I never received my items.

SpeedX keeps advising me to talk to Shein. What should I do next? I would like to receive my \$153 back.

—Alyssa Klenotich, Waterville, Ohio

Answer: Shein is ultimately responsible for this delivery – or lack of delivery. It looks like you placed an order directly with Shein through its website, but autofilled your old address. You can avoid that problem by updating all your addresses on your computer so that you don't send packages to an old address.

You quickly contacted the shipping company, SpeedX, and requested a "return to sender" so you could get a refund. SpeedX accepted this request and you have that in writing.

Despite accepting the request, SpeedX failed to process the return. Instead, it delivered the package to

your old address. You assumed the package was taken by someone else at that location.

You repeatedly contacted SpeedX for a refund, arguing that its failure to honor the return request was the direct cause of your loss. SpeedX was unhelpful, sending form responses. It insisted you contact the merchant. SpeedX's direction to you is correct.

When a shipment goes wrong, we nearly always go back to the merchant first. That is the company with which you have a contract and that ultimately hired the shipper. Your goal is the refund and the seller has the authority to issue it, not the shipper.

A quick escalation to a manager at Shein might have helped. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the Shein customer service managers on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

I reached out to Shein on your behalf. A representative responded, initially asking for your specific order numbers to cross-reference with the SpeedX tracking number. Once I provided the Shein order numbers, the company quickly confirmed a resolution.

"At Shein, one of our top priorities is providing a great shopping experience for our customers," a representative told me. "We have

connected with our customer service team, and we have confirmed a refund will be processed to the customer's original form of payment."

You've received your full \$153 refund, closing this frustrating episode.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2026 Christopher Elliott

CALENDAR THIS from previous page

Save the date. Coach Andy is putting together a Wiffle Ball Classic for ages 8-12 on the weekend of Aug 1 and Aug. 2 at CCLCF. More info is coming soon.

• 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.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

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. 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."

Positions on the Bolton Hall 2026 board of directors are open. Other opportunities to volunteer include museum docents, committee members for ongoing projects, special event and exhibit coordinators, administrative, archival or library assistants, facilities maintenance and more.

Potential volunteers are asked to reach out with questions. Email LittleLanders@BoltonHall.org, phone (818) 352-3420 or send a letter so P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, CA 91043.

MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

• The Montrose Library hosts canasta on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• The Back Alley Painters is a vibrant group of adult artists who gather to create, share their work, offer constructive feedback and enjoy each other's company.

Participants are asked to bring their own art supplies – whether watercolor, acrylic, ink or pencil (no oil paints). Meetings are every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

• Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Library.

The Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

NATURE JOURNALING PROGRAM AND GLENDALE OUTDOORS! (GO!) COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AT DEUKMEJIAN

Nature Journaling Program and Glendale Outdoors! (Go!) Community

programs continue at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. To learn more about the Glendale Outdoors! (GO!) Community Program visit <https://tinyurl.com/kjv88w6a>.

To learn more about the Nature Journaling Program visit <https://tinyurl.com/2b5u6p6x>.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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Montrose, CA 91020
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www.lacanadachurch.org

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Sunday Worship Service
(with Sunday School for kids) 9:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 PM

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Pastor Kevin Kang

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NOTES & NODS

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENDS INVITATION TO BOOK CLUB MEETING

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (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 lcfoothills.org for all event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcfoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951.

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

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.

STILLWATER AT UUCVH

Science ambassador JD Stillwater returns to the pulpit at Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills - UUCVH- on June 14 for his sermon "Building A New Way-DIY."

Stillwater is a science ambassador on a mission to promote science as an interfaith source of profound inspiration and cultural shift. After classroom teaching for 25 years, Stillwater shares his awe and wonder of nature with global

audiences and the spiritual depth available from a science-based worldview. On June 14, Stillwater will describe lessons learned from his do-it-yourselfer father and grandfathers, and how those lessons might be applied to building a new way for our increasingly precarious global society. What kind of world do we want for our grandchildren, and for their grandchildren? Are we behaving accordingly? Building is not easy or comfortable - are we willing to do what it takes?

In person is at 10:30 a.m. at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website (<https://www.uuverdugo.org/>) for the Zoom link.

CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

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

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

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

WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/ Glendale at 8 a.m. on June 11, 18 & 25. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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

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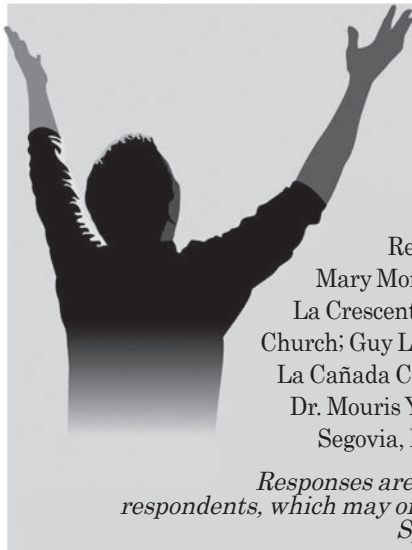
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

I've been a hospital volunteer for a number of years. In addition to finding it personally rewarding, I feel I've made a significant contribution there. I know: organizations, like hospitals, food banks, pet shelters, daycare centers, camps, etc. need more help to fill in for employees during summer vacation. Perhaps some encouraging words about volunteering would be beneficial for those who haven't quite decided what to do with their spare time this summer.

- Feeling Fulfilled

Dear Feeling Fulfilled,

We honor you for providing a needed and valuable service to your neighbors and the hospital where you work (yes, it's "work"). Without volunteers like yourself, hospitals would have to hire additional people or staff would have to take on extra duties. It may seem like a "little thing" to refill water pitchers, work in the gift shop, push a wheelchair, etc. but it produces "big" results and rewards.

Volunteering isn't just for those who are 65-plus who have "spare time" or are "retired." I'm aware of a guy, currently unemployed and continuing his job search, who volunteers at a local food bank. He feels his efforts are helping his outlook on life and making a difference in his community.

Younger people, (teens-40s), can also benefit from volunteering. It can be invaluable to help gain some great skills and training. Volunteering gives them the ability to test out potential career paths. Employers recognize that potential job candidates or even their current employees who volunteer are more desirable. Studies show they

have more initiative, better mental and physical health and a higher level of self-esteem and confidence.

Medical research shows that these benefits are gained by less than 200 hours per year (three-to-four hours per week).

1. Longer life (20% lower death rate)
2. Lower blood pressure and stress levels
3. Less depression
4. Improvement of brain function (really important as we age)
5. 25% better management of chronic illness
6. More physical activity
7. Higher functional abilities
8. Long term friendships that develop with other volunteers
9. A greater sense of belonging and feeling loved
10. A heightened sense of purpose, happiness, and value

You and many others have also discovered the numerous physical, emotional and social health benefits of volunteering. A gentleman who was a hospital volunteer for over 25 years, said, "If I'm feeling unappreciated or deficient in my 'hug quota' for the day, all I have to do is show up at the hospital to know how greatly I'm valued and how much I've made a contribution."

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These ladies provide services and funding to Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services of Glendale including their Our Third Place program, which provides a safe place and mentoring to young adults between the ages of 18 and 25. Las Candelas also provides funding for the art therapy program for children who are residing at Ascencia's Interim Housing Shelter and are regular participants in Ascencia's Guest Chef program. Las Candelas contributes annual support to the YWCA Glendale and Pasadena's Domestic Violence Program and Camp Rosie, a week-long summer day camp for pre-high school girls designed to empower and educate them through STEAM, arts, life skills, healthy relationships and leadership. The organization is also a regular contributor to Hillside's Youth Moving On in Pasadena, a transition age youth program designed to help young people aged 16-25 move toward lasting independence, stability and self-sufficiency.

The group will reconvene in September with a social mixer to kick off the 2026-27 season.

To learn more about Las Candelas, visit the website at www.lascandelas.org.

Submitted by Cathy KEEN

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