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**Recycling, Fiber Optics Expansion and Committee to Review City Charter Discussed at Glendale City Council**

By Julie BUTCHER

Tuesday evening's meeting of the Glendale City Council started with a celebration of the city's linemen who work hard for Glendale Water and Power (GWP) to "keep the lights on," part of an overall recognition of National Lineman Appreciation Day.

Kiwanis volunteers invited everyone to the 19th annual Rubber Duck Race on Saturday, May 4 at Verdugo Park starting at 11:30 a.m. Racing ducks can be adopted for \$5 each; the organization contributes \$1.5 million each year for local services and community support. More info can be found online at <https://www.duckrace.com/glendale> and here <https://youtu.be/o45gug-nsH4>.

The council approved a grant application to the California Air Resources Control Board (CARB) for a pilot green zone construction crew. According to the city's public works vehicle acquisition manager, the demonstration project would serve as a model for other cities, "They can come out and watch a demonstration of these vehicles."

The crew will include a compact excavator, a compact wheel loader, a light-duty pickup, and an electric dump truck and will serve as a complete construction crew emitting zero emissions.

Dr. Jackie Gish called in from the Scholl Canyon neighborhood to question city plans for extending its fiber optics network into the canyon.

GWP representatives responded that the project was expanding the "backbone" of fiber optics to the eastern part of the city, through Scholl Canyon, to all of the facilities there, the ball field and the landfill, and will allow connections into Pasadena. The network currently extends into Burbank and is planned to traverse the entire city, including all of its parks and public

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**L.A. County Fire Awards Firefighter with Medal of Valor**

By Eliza PARTIKA

Los Angeles County fire captain Ryan Kirwan received a Medal of Valor from Los Angeles County Fire (LACoFD) on April 25, for his actions during a July 2023 structure fire at a La Crescenta restaurant, Byblos Mediterranean Bakery, on Foothill Boulevard. Kirwan rescued his partners, firefighters Nathaniel Denver and Brian Carreon, after a ceiling and a heavy refrigerator had collapsed on them.

The Medal of Valor is meant for those who have shown exemplary service and bravery while performing their duties as a firefighter, and is among the most prestigious awards for firefighting in Los Angeles County.

The ceremony opened with a bagpipe serenade and presentation of the colors by LACoFD Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums, followed by short acknowledgements from Fire Captain Vince Roldan and Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone. ABC7's



Eliza PARTIKA  
Ryan Kirwan (one from left) stands with his medal and his family after the awards ceremony.

Marc Brown served as Master of Ceremonies.

Certificates of Valor and awards for Unit Citations, Emergency Medical Services and Exemplary Service were also given during the ceremony

to firefighters and emergency service providers from across Los Angeles County. This year, the Fire Chief's Helmet Award was given to long-time journalist and correspondent covering L.A. County Fire, Steve

Gregory.

"The actions of all of you, the willingness to go above and beyond, the fact that you put your heart and soul into the work, turns many bad days

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**GUSD Cyber Attack Now Affecting Tax Filings**

By Mary O'KEEFE

The scams just keeps coming for Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) staff after a ransomware cyber attack in December 2023 occurred throughout the district.

"Upon becoming aware of the situation we immediately initiated an investigation and have been systematically working to understand the nature and extent of the incident, as well as to restore full system access. We are utilizing a variety of resources, including cybersecurity experts and law enforcement to support us until the incident is resolved," said then-GUSD board president Jennifer Freeman shortly after the attack.

All district issued devices were taken offline, including computers and Chromebooks, as specialists worked to protect the information they could, and get everyone safely back online. The system was back online by mid

December but the problem is once someone's information is out there.... It is out there.

So the latest issue facing employees with GUSD is with their taxes.

"We were told on April 19 that 14,000 folks had their social security numbers compromised," said Glendale Teachers Association president Taline Arsenian.

Then GTA began getting calls from members stating when they went to file their taxes and found that their taxes had already been filed....Fraudulently.

"We were getting phone calls [from members] saying they were not able to file their tax returns. [Some] said someone else had filed in their name," Arsenian said.

GUSD staff were also receiving calls about this issue and in turn contacted the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

"[GUSD] sent a full list of people that may have been impacted to the



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tax board," said Kristine Nam, GUSD spokeswoman.

The FTB flagged those names.

Arsenian said once they began getting calls they sent out a survey to all GTA members who are presently working.

"Our survey, as of [Wednesday], had

237 members tell us that they have been notified their taxes were filed fraudulently," she said.

The survey respondents had a variety of issues from finding that someone else had filed their taxes in another person's name, to not being able to e-file [electric file].

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# Let the Vacation Begin

What better way to start a vacation than with the sounds of Caribbean music, an ice cream cone in hand (followed by a piña colada) and the wind blowing through my hair. This is what I experienced on Tuesday after Steve and I boarded the Emerald Princess for our Caribbean cruise.

We flew out of Burbank on Sunday to Atlanta, Georgia to visit Steve's aunt. Can you believe that despite being married 43 years I had never met this woman? So what a joy it was to meet "Aunt Rosie" and her daughter Cindy Lou (yes - Cindy Lou, like Cindy Lou Who in the Dr. Seuss books) in Georgia.

Leaving Atlanta and coming to Fort Lauderdale, Florida was a bit of a challenge, however. Our flight was delayed by more than four hours. But true to form (and knowing that a Princess cruise waited), Steve and I persevered and made it to Fort Lauderdale.

We are settled in a beautiful stateroom, complete with balcony, gently slicing through the waves on



our way to Princess Cay. I'd write more but dinner awaits.

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

I just have to say I love KPCC now called LAist. It is the National Public Radio station in our area and it has some of the most interesting stories. At least once a week I hear about a subject that makes me want to research and learn more. On Tuesday it was Biochar. To be honest I had heard of this before but maybe because it was discussed as a historical practice it caught my attention.

The title of the radio discussion was "An Ancient Farming Practice is Getting New Life," written by Kate Grumke from Harvest Public Media and the host was Mary Louise Kelly.

"Reducing emissions from farming will be key to meeting this country's climate goals. Agriculture is the fifth largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. One climate-friendly growing technique called biochar involves literally burying carbon in the ground," Kelly's introduction began.

Grumke visited a family farm owned by Nick Chuchetti in Luebbering, Missouri.

Biochar is a stable solid, rich in carbon that is made from organic waste material or biomass that is partially combusted in the presence of limited oxygen. The qualities that make up biochar vary depending on the material it comes from, like from feedstocks—timber slash, corn stalks, manure or more, and the temperature at which combustion occurs, according to the USDA Climate Hub.

So it's like compost that is cooked. Grumke said the biochar was poured into the vegetable beds, "You can hear what makes this substance special. It's extremely hollow and porous."

Chuchetti said that all you have to do is put it in the soil and forget about it.

Biochar has been used by humans in agriculture in the Amazon Basin of South America for over 2,500 years, according to US Biochar Initiative (USBI).

It is found naturally in soils around the world as a result of vegetation fires. Biochar is dark, charcoal-rich soil known as terra preta, or black earth. Terra Preta was first discovered in the 1950s by Dutch soil scientist Wlm Sombroek in the Amazon rainforest. Typically jungle soils are unproductive but after mixing biochar into the topsoil, the soil was able to retain vital organic matter, plant nutrients and moisture essential for plant growth, according to the USBI.

So why haven't farmers been using this method all along? Well, it all comes down to how it was made.

Historically the method of production was to burn and cover wood. This method, although still used in some areas, creates a lot of smoke and releases half the carbon dioxide in the original biomass. So the result, including the smoke caused while producing it, is not exactly healthy for people.

"A new approach—with multiple benefits—the principles of making biochar haven't changed over the centuries but the methods have. Today biochar can be produced in an environmentally friendly way. Pyrolysis, burning with limited oxygen in a closed system, allows material to be burned at high temperatures and have all the emissions captured. That means the CO2 and other greenhouse gases are not released but re-burned in the system or broken down into less harmful elements," according to USBI.

So once again looking to the past can help the future. It seems that as a society of humans, we so often assume that anything other generations did can't be correct because technology is so far advanced now. I love the fact that scientists and engineers are looking at this ancient practice, seeing its value and correcting its flaws.

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# NEWS

## GPD History—The Story of Marshal Charles Whitney Smith

By Mikaela STONE

After giving his life in service to the police department in 1915, Marshal Charles Whitney Smith, the first fallen officer of the Glendale area, lay forgotten by the general public in an unmarked grave for about 110 years. Glendale Police Department's (GPD) Sergeant Teal Metts, GPD historian, knew of Smith from the city's annual fallen officer memorial. Frustrated that no official picture of Charles existed for Charles to be honored, Metts had hoped to showcase a picture of Smith's grave at Forest Lawn, only to find an empty plot. The discovery of how little information existed about his fellow first responder inspired him to spearhead a three and a half month plunge into city archives and a fundraiser for Smith's headstone to ensure the marshal's memory lived on.

Charles moved to the City of Tropic from Riverside with his wife Mae Gibson in 1912, just six years before the 700 person town merged with Glendale. Smith had a long history of community service, volunteering first with the Royal Arcanum, a non profit in his hometown of Malone, New York, then for Tropic Voter's Club. Two years later, Tropic appointed him Marshal and City Building and Plumbing Inspector, which made him the primary, and only, professional member of law enforcement in the city. During the nine months he served, he led a posse of deputized citizens in response to the homicide of Burbank Marshal Luther Colson.

Colson was shot and killed in an ambush while on foot patrol on Nov. 16, 1914. The three suspects were apprehended, according to Officer Down Memorial Page.

Charles patrolled so often his constituents were hard pressed to find him in his office. On the morning of January 9, 1915, the Tropic Board of Trustees asked Charles to resign, frustrated by his absence. Determined to prove himself, Charles patrolled that evening anyway. Tropic citizen Stephen Haviland

soon approached him, having just been robbed at gunpoint by the "Long and Short Holdup Team," a pair of thieves responsible for numerous robberies in the greater Los Angeles area, for three dollars' worth of silver—today's equivalent of \$93. Smith gave chase and apprehended one of the two men. Correct in his hunch that the second planned to flee Tropic, Smith found Gilbert Herringa on a Pacific Electric streetcar and began to question him. Herringa shot Smith point blank three times before jumping out of the moving streetcar. Herringa would be caught and shot by Los Angeles County Sheriff John Casper Cline and his posse the following day.

Smith passed away the evening of January 9, 1915 at the age of 42. His last words, spoken to his wife, were "Maybe I made good tonight."

Finally uncovered, Charles' story and Metts' desire to procure a headstone touched the community. Within six hours, the community raised over three thousand dollars for Charles' grave—including a donor who offered to pay in full. Metts declined that offer in favor of allowing as many well-wishers as possible to contribute. Also inspired, Dennis Vittetow with Forest Lawn contacted Metts with the news that he and his coworkers had searched their archives and found the name of Smith's wife, buried next to him in the same plot, also unmarked—the first mention of Mae Gibson's full name Metts had encountered. After her husband's death, she never remarried, instead choosing to live with her sister until her own death at the age of 76. Forest Lawn paid for Mae's headstone and waived the setting fees for the couple's graves.

As for Charles' beloved Tropic, traces of the city remain if one knows where to look. The infrastructure for the streetcar still remains, another memorial to the place the Marshal was shot. Should one wish to follow the path, the Corralitas Red Car trail follows the concrete remains of the rail line.

The Glendale Police Department plans to hold a ceremony for the setting of the

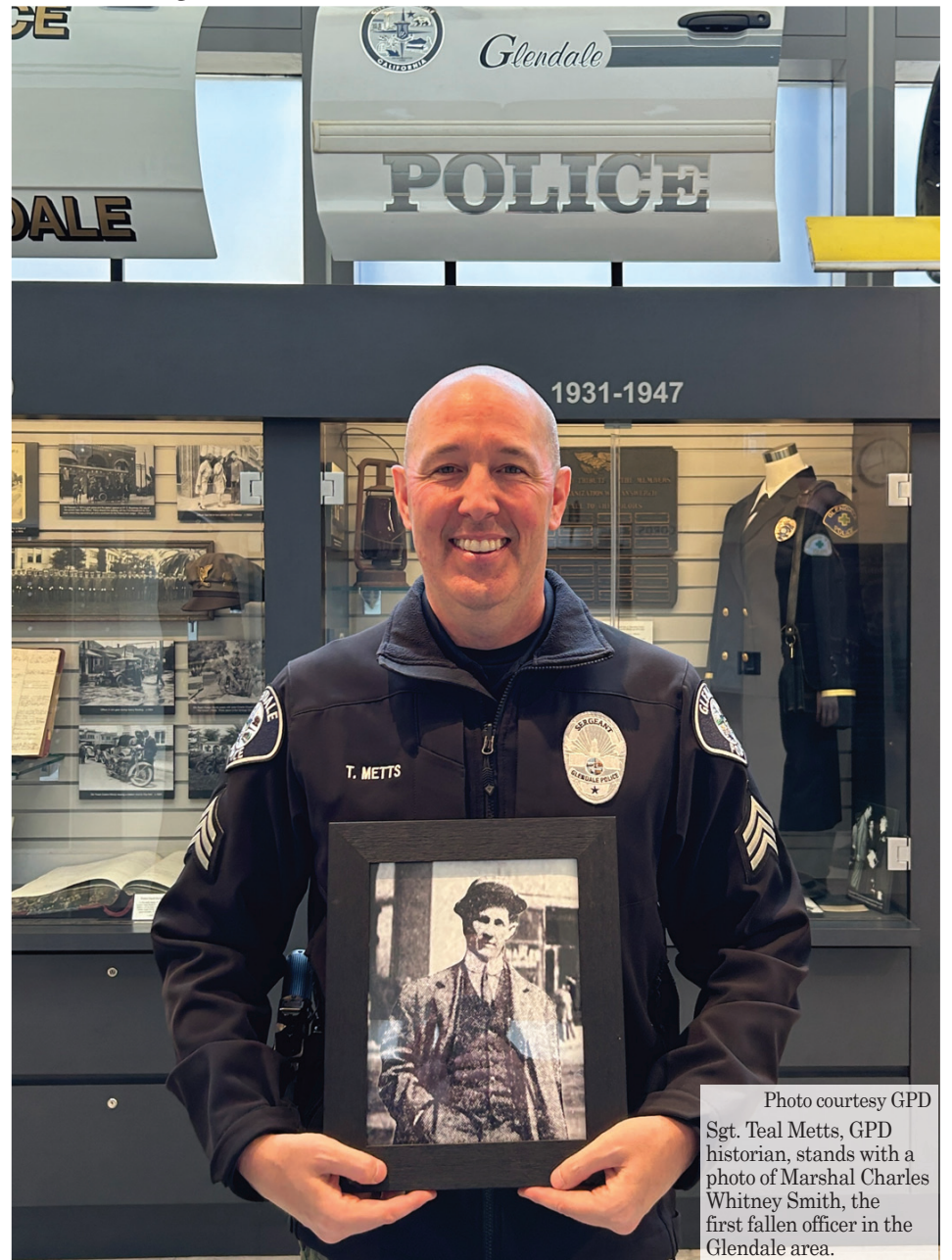


Photo courtesy GPD Sgt. Teal Metts, GPD historian, stands with a photo of Marshal Charles Whitney Smith, the first fallen officer in the Glendale area.

gravestones and to posthumously name Charles a Glendale Police officer; the exact date of that event is yet to be determined. Metts also hopes to name a local park after Smith. "In [my] eyes, [Charles Whitney Smith] is a

hero to the entire area, not just one city," Metts said.

He added it is important that Charles is not forgotten, so that the entire community can honor a man "who made good."

### IN BRIEF

#### CVTC HOSTING TOWN HALL

The Crescenta Valley Town Council is hosting a home break-in prevention and Neighborhood Watch town hall with the LA County Sheriff's Dept.

Tips will be offered on how residents can safeguard their home or business, how to prevent intrusions and deter crime and how to start a Neighborhood Watch.

The town hall is on Wednesday, May 8 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library community room, 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. RSVP to kerri@thecvcouncil.com.

#### TOWN COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP APPS

Applications for Crescenta Valley Town Council scholarships are available to graduating seniors who live in unincorporated Los Angeles County – La Crescenta/Montrose. The applications are on the CVTC website (<https://thecvcouncil.com/>) and have to be returned by May 5.

#### VERDUGO MOUNTAINS 10K

The City of Glendale announced the return of the Verdugo Mountains 10k Trail Run & Hike, this year on May 5 at 8 a.m. The

race proceeds support the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation, a non-profit that supports open space and outdoor programs in Glendale.

The Verdugo Mountains 10k Trail Run & Hike began in 2011 as an annual event to bring runners and hikers together to conquer the Verdugo Mountains. The course starts in Brand Park near the Doctor's House and climbs the Brand Motorway 1,686 feet of elevation to a height of 2,536 feet above sea level. Participants will get breathtaking views of Glendale and the San Fernando Valley from high up on the mountain.

Registration for the event is available at <https://my.racewire.com/event/7969>. Fees are \$40 per runner and include a T-shirt and finisher medal.

#### ROSEMONT PRESERVE

The Rosemont Preserve will host their Open Gate at the Preserve on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Gates are open to wander the trail. Take a tour with our guided map.

#### GIVEN GUIDANCE OPEN HOUSE

Given Guidance Family Counseling will be holding an open

house on May 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more about the services offered, meet the therapists and network. The office is at 2600

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) is encouraging the community to donate blood and help save lives. LCIF will hold a blood drive on Thursday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. This will be the church's 13th blood drive for the American Red Cross. To date, LCIF's blood drives have collected 292 units from more than 300 donors. The need for blood remains urgent.

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds someone in the US needs blood and/or platelets. Supply can't always meet demand because only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Each new donor helps the Red Cross meet patient needs. Those who would like to donate at the blood drive can make an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

LCIF would like to remind the community of activities that are open to all this spring and summer: Bible study groups, knitting, quilting, opportunities

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# New Parenting Classes for Spring and Summer at LCPC



Mary Emily MYERS

LCPC Parent Ed Team at the annual gala celebrating 45 years.

LCPC Parent Education announced new classes for spring and summer. Registration for all classes is open and available on the Parent Education website: [www.lacanadapc.org/parented](http://www.lacanadapc.org/parented).

The Art of Fatherhood is a Parent Express class designed for all fathers with children of all ages facilitated by a group of experienced dads: Ron Chiu, Matt Allen, David Lamb and Robert Cha. This unique class delves into the heart of what it means to be a dad, equipping men with the tools to embrace their true identity and translate it into fearless fatherhood. Classes will meet on Wednesdays, through May 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. with optional dinner offered from 6:15-7 p.m. This will be the final session to meet in Pastor Chuck Osburn's backyard.

Family Summer School is open to parents with children 0-5 years old. This four-week class, led by Nanette Brown, will focus on creating an energetic, fun-filled class environment providing art activities, creative sensory play, and outdoor play. Classes will meet Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. for the morning session and 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. for the afternoon session and will run from May 22 to June 12.

In this class participants will explore the ingredients for raising happy children who thrive with topics including staying connected and bonding, balancing parental needs with child needs, and healthy family choices. Children will separate for discussion time.

Launching your College Freshman is a seminar offered on Thursday, May 9 from 7-9 p.m. and led by Jan Roberts, Sloan Walsh and Tracy Tobias. The seminar is designed for parents who are getting ready to send their children off to college. Please check the website for more details about this one-night only highly anticipated seminar.

Parent Ed's 2024-2025 program year is around the corner. Registration for those classes will open on May 8 for currently enrolled participants, and May 15 to the public. Many classes fill up fast so make sure to register early! Check the website at [www.lacanadapc.org/parented](http://www.lacanadapc.org/parented) for a full schedule of classes.

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

Submitted by Kelsey HENDRIX

# Budget Study Session #1

By Julie BUTCHER

Once again, it is budget season in the city. On Tuesday afternoon, the Glendale City Council held the first of four budget study sessions. The next budget sessions will be held at 2 p.m. on the next three Tuesdays. On May 7, the council will review updates to the city's fee schedule and will discuss potential pension refinancing strategies and the possibility of a bond to finance infrastructure needs. On May 14, the council will review a proposed overall citywide budget. On May 21, councilmembers will address budgetary details in need of follow up, aiming at a final review and adoption of the FY24-25 budget at a regular council meeting on Tuesday, June 4.

The study sessions are informational only and the council plans to take no action on specific items during these meetings.

During the first study session,

the council reviewed a five-year forecast and reports regarding the current fiscal year. The city received "a little more" (\$1.1 million) in property tax than it expected and "a little less" (\$1.9 million) in sales tax than anticipated. The drop in sales tax is attributed to an overall trend and is most acute in decreased tax revenue from auto sales, which accounts for approximately 25% of the city's revenue in this category. Fees from licenses and permits were down slightly while interest income was up due to strong market returns. This year's budget will include the final contribution approved through the voter approved Measure S.

Expenditures are reported to be under budget for FY23-34, primarily due to the city's practice of keeping authorized positions vacant. Of the 942 positions funded by the general fund, 121 are not filled.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

# Clergy Council Needs Members

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Clergy Council is looking for members to continue their mission of helping those who need spiritual support.

The Clergy Council has been on again/off again for many years and has been a volunteer support program for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept./Crescenta Valley Station. The Council had been in place in the past but in the late 1990s had faded away. Then when David Silversparre became the Captain of the Crescenta Valley Station in 2008 he reached out to Reverend Beverly Craig, known as Rev Bev, with the Center for Spiritual Living to head the renewed council.

She reached out to spiritual leaders of all faiths to come together to help residents and those who serve the community.

The Council members would

be called to support personnel at the CV Station, but also to be on hand to help anyone who needed them.

The members spiritually support the community in a variety of ways including support for those who have been in a traffic collision to those who have suffered a violent crime.

But most of their focus is to be available for the Sheriff Station staff.

"We pray for the deputies, we pray for the community, and we're available for one-on-one if any deputy wants to call us or any volunteer wants to call us, we are available to talk and pray with them," Craig said in an earlier CVW interview. "I think [it is important] because I believe everything, everything, can be handled in prayer. I honestly believe that. And we pray daily for our deputies, we pray daily for them — individually and

then when we are in our meeting, we pray for them there. So our Clergy Council, besides doing the spiritual work, we're volunteers."

Craig knows how valuable the program has been and wants to keep it going. Unfortunately she is not able to be as active with the Clergy Council as she once was, and there are only a few members left to do the work.

Craig wants to invite individuals to join whether they are part of an organized religion or not but want to show support through spiritual guidance. Church congregational leaders can volunteer to help as well.

"Basically what we are is spiritual back-up for the deputies," Craig said.

For more information or to join the Clergy Council contact community deputy, Sgt. Armstrong at the Crescenta Valley Station, (818) 248-3464 or email jm1armst@lasd.org

# 3-2-1 Acting Studios Offers Acting Classes for Kids, Teens, and Adults



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Amanda produces the Showcase & Acting Career Program which includes classes with top acting coaches, photoshoot, demo reels, seminars, interview training and audition technique. The program culminates into a showcase day in which agents from all over

LA join to watch new talent and offer representation.

3-2-1 Acting Studios' Showcase Program is exclusive and famous for its success rate. Besides having several agencies as guests, alumni of this program are doing very well on film and television. You can find 3-2-1 alumni in TV shows such as NCIS, Shameless, Big Little Lies, Perry Mason, Swat, Bunked, Jimmy Kimmel and more! 3-2-1 Acting Studios is the number one recommended acting school for kids, by managers, agents, and famous casting platforms such as Backstage.

Besides offering an excellent career program, the school also offers lots of acting classes for fun. Most classes offered at 3-2-1

Acting Studios are tailored to help kids and teens grow more confident and with advanced public speaking skills. It offers an outlet to energetic kids to express themselves and to learn better focus and listening, while also encouraging timid and shy kids to come out of their shells and have fun. The school's mission is to promote communication and life skills in a nurturing environment. Classes are offered in-person and online as drop in.

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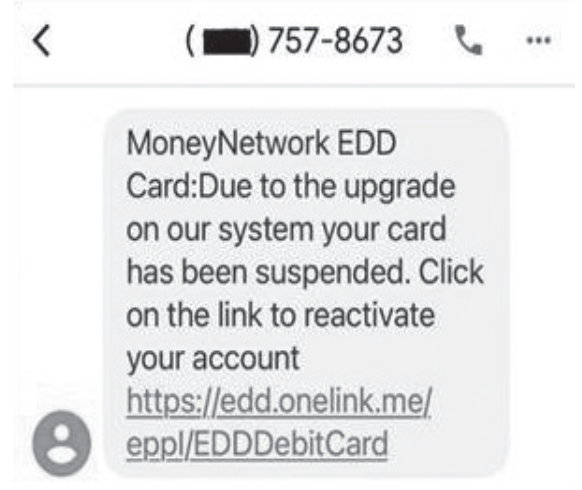
# EDD Reminds Californians to Beware of Scammers

The Employment Development Department (EDD) continues to urge Californians to guard against fraud.

The latest round of text-message schemes called “smishing” tries to trick people into clicking a link in a text to supposedly reactivate their account. The message proclaims such an action is necessary as part of EDD’s transition from Bank of America to Money Network and this is not true.

EDD will never request personal information by text message, email, or on social media. Text messages asking to activate a benefits debit card by selecting a link are scams in attempts to get people to give up their personal identifying information. Real text messages from EDD only link to websites that include edd.ca.gov

The Department encourages customers to remain vigilant and safeguard their financial and personal information. Visit [https://edd.ca.gov/en/about\\_edd/fraud](https://edd.ca.gov/en/about_edd/fraud) for tips on how to avoid scams.



Here is an example of the scam text message

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facilities, including to the biogas power plant at Scholl Canyon. City staff indicated that traffic disruptions would be minimal, if there were disruptions at all. The item passed with a unanimous vote of the council.

The council also approved a contract with a new vendor to operate the city’s four parking garages and approved a contract extension with the Allan Company to operate the city’s recycling center for an additional two years while the city develops a long-term master plan for addressing its recycling and overall trash disposal needs for the next 20 years, particularly in light of the expected closure of the Scholl Canyon landfill in 2027. When it started in 2006, the recycling center received \$26 per ton for recyclables. Since 2021, the city has been paying \$54 per ton to dispose of the material. The new contract increases this amount to \$90 per ton.

Mayor Elen Asatryan shared a resolution urging congressional and presidential action for Armenian Genocide recognition, relief for Artsakh and holding Azerbaijan and Turkey responsible for acts of genocide.

Delaying action until next week, the council discussed the best methods of seating a nine-member committee to review aspects of the city charter. The city called for applications and received 31 before the deadline was set, three additional applications after the deadline.

The committee will review the charter and make recommendations to the council regarding potential council districts, expanding the size of the council, directly electing a mayor, council compensation, and a review of the civil service system. It was anticipated that immediate measures would be put on the November ballot and that the committee could then

explore longer-term studies of the charter for future action.


Councilmember Ara Najarian suggested each councilmember pick two and draw one name randomly to eliminate to make up the nine members.

Asatryan suggested each councilmember bring a list of nine to the next meeting.

“I would’ve liked to be able to reach out,” she said.

The council approved the proposed 2024 weed abatement for the city’s 122 affected vacant properties.

Finally, the council heard extensive testimony regarding the unpermitted demolition of a potentially historic home at 1239 N. Everett Street in the city’s Rossmoyne neighborhood, and ultimately voted to require the owner to rebuild the home to its original height, style and footprint.



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# Arrests at Glendale Galleria

On Friday, Glendale police officers arrested three individuals accused of allegedly being pickpockets. The suspects reportedly stole two iPhones from

shoppers in the Glendale Galleria. Officers worked closely with the store’s loss prevention team and Galleria security to identify and locate the three female suspects.

They were arrested for grand theft person and returned the phones to their owners.

## CRIME BLOTTER

### April 27

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported her purse was stolen from the back of a chair at a business. She stated her bank informed her that her credit cards had been used at stores in the Glendale Galleria. The theft occurred between 12:16 p.m. and 12:40 p.m.


the house but when she entered the bedroom and noticed the shattered glass and ransacked room. It appears the surveillance cameras were offline for an unknown reason. A firearm was reported stolen. The burglary occurred at 12:20 p.m.

### April 24

1000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported putting her purse on the floor of a restaurant during lunch. By the end of the lunch she noticed her wallet was stolen from inside her purse. Her friend who she was having lunch with also discovered that her wallet was stolen from her purse as well. Surveillance footage revealed a male and female walking around the restaurant, but not purchasing anything. At one point the suspects bent down near the victims’ table, apparently took the wallets and then left the locations. The thefts occurred between 12:30 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported while she was shopping a man described as Hispanic, thin build wearing black clothing and a brown hat, approached her. The man/Suspect 1 attempted to engage her in conversation. She was suspicious of this interaction and immediately searched her purse for her wallet, which was still in place. She then left the store. When she arrived home she noticed her phone was missing from her purse. She went back to the store and contacted the loss prevention representative. She was told that while she was approached Suspect 1, another man, Suspect 2, walked behind her, reached into her purse and stole her phone. The second suspect was described as a male Hispanic, thin build wearing dark clothing and a dark hat. The theft occurred at 12:42 p.m.

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# Central Library Temporary Closure During Renovations: Friday, May 24 – Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Central Library, 222 East Harvard Street, will be closing temporarily to the public from Friday, May 24 through Wednesday, June 19, as part of the ongoing Youth Spaces Renovation. During the temporary closure, crucial phases of the project will be finished such as the installation of the Children’s and Teen Space windows that will overlook the main floor.

Library is an iconic example of Brutalist architecture designed by Welton Becket and Associates, which first opened in 1973. A renovation in 2017 created a vibrant public space and addressed critical safety and system upgrades but lacked the funding to remodel spaces for youth. The City of Glendale has worked with architects Johnson Favaro, LLC, to plan and design a remodel of the Children’s Room,

create a dedicated Teen Space, and add second-floor ADA-accessible restrooms. Additional updates will be made to improve the efficiency of building systems, repair the roof, and, in partnership with Glendale Water & Power, install a 400-kilowatt-hour solar panel system. The City of Glendale has worked with architects Johnson Favaro, LLC, to plan and design a remodel of the Children’s Room, create

a dedicated Teen Space, and add second-floor ADA-accessible restrooms. Additional updates will be made to improve the efficiency of building systems, repair the roof, and, in partnership with Glendale Water & Power, install a 400-kilowatt-hour solar panel system. Assemblymember Laura Friedman secured over \$6 million in funding through AB 179, the State Budget Act of 2022, for

Glendale Central Library’s capital outlay and maintenance. During the closure, patrons will still have access to normal operating hours of the City’s seven additional branch libraries, found at [www.EGlendaleLAC.org/hours-of-operation](http://www.EGlendaleLAC.org/hours-of-operation). Central Library staff will be available by phone at (818) 548-2021 during this closure from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays – Fridays.

## Small Earthquake Felt in CV

On May 1, a 4.1 magnitude earthquake occurred at 1:49 p.m. near Corona, California, at a shallow depth of just 1.5

kilometers. This event is a reminder of Southern California’s seismic activity. While there were no immediate reports of damage

or injuries, the event underscores the need for preparedness in earthquake-prone regions. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS),

which monitors earthquake activity, highlighted that such earthquakes are common in the area but usually do not cause

significant damage due to their low magnitude and depth, according to the USGS>

## Village Christian Scores Multiple Jerry Herman Theatre Awards Nominations

The Jerry Herman Awards, a celebration of the achievement and excellence in high school musical theatre in Los Angeles, announced that Village Christian School in Sun Valley has received multiple nominations for its production of “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast,” including Best

Costume Design, Best Musical Direction, Best Production and Best Supporting Actress (Juliette Walz as Babette). The annual awards show will take place at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre on Sunday, May 5 at 6 p.m., when VCS will also be one of four schools to perform on

the mainstage. This year’s show marks the second time VCS Theatre Arts has performed at Pantages Theatre, having also appeared in 2016, when it took home the award for Best Live Performance for its medley from “Mary Poppins.” Morning show hosts Sean Valentine and

Jillian Escoto from 104.3MYfm will serve as co-hosts for the evening. Tickets are on sale now at [www.JerryHermanAwards.com](http://www.JerryHermanAwards.com) or [www.BroadwayInHollywood.com](http://www.BroadwayInHollywood.com). For a full list of competing high schools and breakdown of nominations, visit [www.JerryHermanAwards.com](http://www.JerryHermanAwards.com).

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into a day of triumph,” Roldan said.

A pre-recorded video interviewing Kirwan, Denver, and Carreon recounted

CYBER ATTACK from Cover

Nam said the e-file issue is in addition to others that have reported by respondents who have to go through a more extensive identification process could be due to the “flagged” names.

Arsenian said that, according to the survey, some had issues with state taxes, some with federal and some with both. And a few have reported having problems with their older children filing their own taxes.

Not being able to e-file their taxes means that if there is a tax refund, a refund will be sent via a check mailed to them. This is a delay which Arsenian said is a hardship for some of the GTA members.

The entire ransomware attack affected 14,000 including current and retired members: however, not all of those members have been affected by the tax filing issue.

Nam said the district continues to work with cyber security and letters had been sent out to anyone that has been identified as a potential victim, including retirees. Some, who have filed an extension are finding they have an issue now.

Anyone, current employees or retirees, who are nervous about their information being used, has had an issue or a question can contact the GUSD Human Resource Department at (818) 241-311 ext. 1259.

Arsenian has said members, both current and retirees, can contact email her at talinegta@gmail.com. GTA would like to hear from retirees to include in their survey data.

WEATHER from page 2

Now, according to USBI, biochar has the potential to capture toxins and excess nitrogen protecting waterways and groundwater quality, create an alternative energy source for generating heat and power and valuable by-products of syngas and bio-fuels thereby reducing CO2 emissions. In addition biochar could reduce the need, and use of, fossil-fuels and fossil-fuel based fertilizers and safely sequester CO2 for thousands of years which slows climate change.

Biochar can be expensive but as the practice becomes more popular, and more available, the price should go down. Biochar can be purchased by local gardeners as well at gardening stores, just search biochar online to find more options and prices.

To listen, or read, the LAist article visit <https://tinyurl.com/zz938dxk>

Our weather will be cooler, with some winds and maybe rain.

“There is a chance of rainfall, on the light side, [about] a quarter of inch or less,” said Rose Schoenfeld, NOAA meteorologist.

That rain is expected Saturday afternoon/evening to Sunday morning. There will be some winds, 15 to 20 mph, starting Saturday and into Monday.

We will be on the cooler side with temperatures in the mid-70s, with the warmest temperatures today and the coolest day with on Sunday.

the harrowing rescue for an audience of family, friends, and fellow firefighters.

As the fire burned, a heavy plaster ceiling and an industrial refrigerator fell on Carreon and Denver, the increased load of which made escape nearly impossible. Kirwan was outside the building when he spotted Carreon with his head exposed. Firefighters worked to free Carreon as Kirwan went to find Denver. Kirwan saw the door was blocked by debris, he used a rubbish hook (a tool for breaching sheet rock) to break the window to the left of the door allowing Denver to free himself and crawl backwards towards the window. Other firefighting members of the team grabbed Denver’s legs and pulled him to safety. After multiple attempts to free Carreon failed, Kirwan noticed a wooden beam was preventing the ceiling from moving. He quickly grabbed a chainsaw to dice the wooden members, creating

a space for the ceiling to be lifted off Carreon, at which point he was also pulled to safety.

“It was a sigh of relief. Everyone was around me, and they dragged me off the street. Then I just sat there for a second and thought of my family, of my daughter who was three months at the time, and I thought of my wife,” Carreon remembered in the video.

Denver expressed thanks to Kirwan in the video, for rescuing him and Carreon. “I hope I can repay that someday,” he said.

Kirwan accepted the award from Fire Chief Marrone, to applause from the crowd.

After the event, Kirwan wrote the CVW, expressing his feelings about winning the medal.

“I appreciate being recognized for the work we do day in and day out. But I know myself and anyone else in this career doesn’t do it for awards or recognition. We do it because we genuinely care about

the people we protect and about the work we do,” he stated.

There were other recognitions at the ceremony as well including:


Grand Incident – Swiftwater Rescue: On August 20, 2023, Air Operations personnel quickly responded to a perilous swiftwater rescue, hoisting Fire Fighter Specialist Craig Ross into the raging waters of the San Antonio Wash, heroically rescuing a patient on the verge of passing out and being washed under a nearby tunnel.

Newport Beach Fire Department Structure Fire – Off Duty Rescue: While off duty, Fire Fighter Timothy Ecker came across a mobile home fire in the City of Newport Beach on August 17, 2023. Without hesitation, Fire Fighter Ecker courageously entered the home, risking his own safety, to rescue two elderly women from their burning home.

This article has been updated since publication.



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# VIEWPOINTS

VOICE OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

## An Introduction

My name is Craig Durst, aka the History Hunter. More on that to come. My path to becoming, as Mike Lawler has referred me, "his counterpart to the West," began in 1990 when I moved to Lake View Terrace. I soon learned that the indigenous Tongva Village of Tuhuunga (historical spelling of Tujunga) was near my home.

That property on Orcas Avenue had some dozen or so orange trees. I learned later they were a remnant

of some long-ago citrus ranch. The house was a very long, thin house extending far back into the lot. It consisted of room after room, each with its own door to the exterior. I soon started hearing rumors that the home had once served as a house of ill repute into 1930s. While interesting, I took it as just rumor until a 90-year-old local man was brought as a guest to one of my gatherings and he was taken aback by the memory of being a patron

there many moons ago.

Entering the house, you stepped into a 25' x 25' room with one full wall of stone encapsulating a large fireplace and dozens of windows. It was easy to imagine some major shindigs there in its distant past. I began to think, with all the history in just this house what else would I discover if I looked? I began to look indeed, and I haven't been able to stop since. Decades later, after filling my head with a vast array of local history knowledge, I became the Historian at Bolton Hall Museum and in 2022, the Project Undertaker at the Historic Verdugo Hills Cemetery in Tujunga.

One of my favorite things to do is to learn of some interesting aspect of local history, study it thoroughly, then go out into the field to search for any remnant of that time left behind. In that regard, I've found several wonderful things. This is where the moniker of History Hunter comes from and I'm proud of that designation. I will share the stories of these history hunts in future columns.

Having years of access to the archives at Bolton Hall Museum, I have endless stories to tell, but for the most part the documents stored there are concerned with the communities within the borders of what was the Tujunga Rancho, an 1840 Land Grant of some 6800 plus acres including what is today, a portion of Sun Valley, Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, Sunland and Tujunga. These are the places in which my stories will mostly come from.

I'm quite enamored with the fact that I've made a list of possible topics and I hand wrote the list in what was once the ledger book of George Washington Harris. He was the stone mason extraordinaire who built Bolton Hall itself in 1913. The ledger was recently gifted to me by the museum committee. You'll learn more about Mr. Harris here at another time, but being that he was involved with media in his day I think he would get a kick out of his old ledger book being put to use in such a way.

To get started I'm going to focus on

two things. The first came after much thought about what connects all of us in the Crescenta Valley. The answer is Foothill Boulevard. So, coming ahead, I will begin a series called "Footnotes Along Foothill," sharing the history that transpired on or just off Foothill Boulevard from east to west. In addition to this series, I'll sprinkle in fascinating stories from the past that I've learned along my way. Glad to be here, Mike can relax a bit more, and I hope you'll all join me for some history hunts ahead.



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## Dearly Beloved

I love weddings, don't you? It's touching to witness true love and the promise of a bright future together. I always cry even if I don't know the couple very well. It's magical, or at least it's supposed to be. We have all seen the wedding videos where something goes terrible wrong--

the slip and falls, the family fights, the "had one too manys." After all, weddings are big, gushy family affairs--wonderful, dysfunctional, blended families with members who sometimes focus on the wrong things and forget that they are supposed to celebrate the bride and groom. It should be all about them,

right?

Back when I was a wedding consultant, I told brides to expect that at least one thing will go wrong with their wedding and not to panic when it does. The key to a successful wedding is attention to

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To the editor:

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For the past two election cycles, parents and teachers worked together to protect our community

from extremists and candidates who failed to earn GTA's endorsement. We trust the expertise and extensive candidate vetting of the GTA, whose 1200+ members are the teachers who work with our children every single day.

All five GUSD board members now serving won their elections because they pledged to support

educators with fair contracts. They also pledged to go through budgets carefully to prioritize spending on people and programs that are effective and that will support the long-term success of our district.

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# YOUTH/SPORTS

## Pedals and Dreams: Crescenta Cañada Nursery School's Trike-a-Thon and Flo's Farm Celebration

Crescenta-Cañada Nursery School (CCNS) hosted its annual Trike-a-Thon fundraiser on Saturday, April 20. Children, parents and the community united for a day of pedal-powered fun. Following the event, CCNS commemorated the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the highly anticipated Flo's Farm – a dream realized for one special student, Florence, thanks to the generosity of The Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Florence was successfully treated for cancer during the pandemic and at the height of social unrest," shared her dad Rich. "This wish is extra special because it honors her love for being outdoors, refreshes an outdoor space

at the school she loves and is part of our family's healing journey. We're grateful for the many people who dreamed with us, and that something good could come out of the immense pain we experienced."

Flo's Farm became a labor of love, symbolizing community spirit and collaboration. Inspired by Florence's affection for Muddy Boots Farm at Kidspace Museum in Pasadena, parents, grandparents, friends of the preschool and neighbors banded together to bring her vision to fruition. Florence's dad, an architectural designer, lent his expertise and enlisted the professional services of his construction company ROAM while

Kidspace Museum offered guidance and others contributed with sanding, painting and carpentry. It was a testament to the power of collective effort and the unwavering dedication of the CCNS community.

The combination of the Trike-a-Thon and the ribbon-cutting ceremony created an unforgettable day. From the thrill of racing around the track to the excitement of exploring Flo's Farm, it was a day filled with love, laughter and the boundless possibilities of childhood.

Crescenta-Cañada Cooperative Nursery School (CCNS) is a nonprofit that has served the local community for almost 60 years. For more



Photos provided by Lori SHACKEL. Students from the Darling Ducklings class begin their first laps in race during the Trike-a-Thon.

information visit: [www.ccnsonline.com](http://www.ccnsonline.com) or look for Crescenta-Cañada Cooperative Nursery School on Instagram.

## St. Bede the Venerable School Annual Benefit Supports Academic Curriculum and Enrichment Programs

St. Bede the Venerable School held its annual benefit, BedeFest Derby 2024, on Saturday, April 20 at the University Club of Pasadena. With nearly 300 guests in attendance representing the areas of La Cañada, La Crescenta, Pasadena, Glendale, Eagle Rock among others, the event featured a festive evening of dinner and dancing, plus silent

and live auctions, a lively paddle raise, gaming tables and raffle. One of the highlights of the evening's live auction was of a Yorkshire Terrier puppy that brought lots of smiles and attention as well as raising some significant funds. Proceeds from the night support the school's recent expansions in science, math, language arts and

technology curriculum, as well as its art, Spanish (foreign language) and enrichment programming.

The "paddle raise" portion of the evening raised significant funding specifically to support new athletics equipment including basketball hoops, volleyball nets and a scoreboard, which will be housed in the new middle school

regulation size gymnasium currently in construction as part of the parish's ANEW capital campaign for its new parish hall, which will serve as an extension of the school.

"As chair of this fundraiser, I am inspired by the incredible spirit of giving that our community has shown. Every contribution, big or small, makes a significant impact on

our students and school community," said Event Chair Andrea Moore.

"We are thrilled with the way the evening turned out," added Co-Chair Sarah Coker. "It was such a collaborative effort of our dedicated school families."

St. Bede the Venerable School is a co-educational Catholic learning environment. You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/YOUTH](http://CVWeekly.com/YOUTH)

### CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT STAYING ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY



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#### ROSEMONT PRESERVE

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Family Bingo Night Coming to the Community Center



The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) is hosting a family bingo night as part of the La Cañada Flintridge Fiesta Days on Saturday, May 25 from 6 p.m.

– 9 p.m. Tickets include a trip to the Handel's Ice Cream Sundae Bar, sponsored by Carrie Grochow of Engel & Völkers Real Estate. Local businesses have donated prizes for the game winners.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Seating is limited. For more information and to purchase tickets: [cclcf.org/news](http://cclcf.org/news). CCLCF is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Dr. in La Cañada.

## CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Chris Waldheim took CV Weekly along when he traveled to Nepal. Brrr, Chris!

*CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.*

### THE REAGAN LIBRARY PRESENTS



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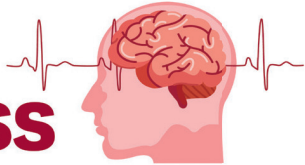
Explore Reagan's Space-Based Missile Technology alongside Original Items from the Star Wars Franchise.

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Visit between May 2 and May 5 in Star Wars costume (no masks or weapons permitted) and receive \$3 off your ticket (\$3 off for each person in costume).

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## Stroke Awareness



Lorena Santana-Standard, BS, RN, SCRNP  
**Thursday, May 16th**  
**12 - 1 pm**

**Crescenta Cañada YMCA**  
1930 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada

**To Register:**

We will have box lunches for takeaway at the end of the talk for our in-person attendees. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the talk will begin promptly at 12 p.m. Reservations for takeaway box lunches are required 48 hours in advance. Please visit [uscvh.org/doc-talks](http://uscvh.org/doc-talks) or call (818) 952-2228 to register.

Lorena Santana-Standard, BS, RN, SCRNP is the Stroke and Sepsis Coordinator at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. A graduate of both UC Irvine and Glendale Community College, she received her certification in stroke care from the American Association of Neuroscience Nursing in 2014. Her focus is in adoption of best practices in stroke care and stroke prevention. She grew up in La Crescenta and has spent her career serving our local community.

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# A Sunny Day in La Cañada Attracts Hundreds of Visitors to Descanso Gardens

By Ruth SOWBY

Gloomy days gave way to a sunny Sunday on April 21. A record number of visitors descended on Descanso Gardens, which was full of blossoms of every color of the rainbow. Blooming lilacs, maple trees, cherry trees and iris, at their spring-time best, attracted local residents and those a little further afield.

Sunland residents and Descanso members Lilit Tekeyan and daughters Katrina and Lana visit the Gardens about twice a month. Sunday's visit didn't disappoint.

Brother and sister Charles and Zoey Ondara had their cameras at the ready to capture the beauty of Cherry Tree blossoms. They agreed it was well worth the drive from Diamond Bar.

Also popular with visitors was the Market Place, open daily with food and drink wagons. Benches, with white umbrellas, were packed. Shade was at a premium.

Descanso Gardens is accredited by the American Association of Museums as a museum of living collections. Descanso Gardens, located at 1418 Descanso Dr. in La Cañada Flintridge, welcomes 250,000 visitors annually.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY  
ABOVE: Lilit Tekeyan and daughters Katrina, 6, (left) and sister Lana, 4, enjoy the bright sun and flowers of Descanso Gardens.  
BELOW: Diamond Bar residents Zoey Ondara, 11, and brother Charles Ondara capture the beauty of Cherry Tree blossoms at Descanso Gardens.



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# A Night of Magic at the La Crescenta Woman's Club



Photos by Ruth SOWBY  
Incoming La Crescenta Woman's Club co-presidents are, from left, Carol Stein and Mary Nolte. Danette Erickson, right, is outgoing president.

By Ruth SOWBY

A simple slight of hand had the 80-plus members of the audience gasping at the La Crescenta Woman's Club as magician Stan Gerson performed his magic.

"I create the illusion and convince you [that] you will see it," Gerson said. Indeed, all were convinced that Gerson held the magic card that matched the one held by a

surprised audience member.

On Saturday, April 20, the Club was decorated with twinkling lights and glowing chandeliers to shine on the magician who is a member of and regularly performs at Hollywood's Magic Castle. Gerson is also a member of the exclusive Magic Circle where England's King Charles is a fellow member.

For \$35 a ticket, attendees were also treated to hors d'oeuvres,

dessert and a silent auction. Among bidders' favorites was a card for Bundt cakes for a year; the card was redeemable at Nothing Bundt Cakes at its Pasadena and Rosemead locations.

An estimated \$3,000 in funds raised will help the Club fulfill community needs through its many philanthropic projects and scholarships.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Scene in LA – May 2024

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Local theaters have lots of new offerings. It's time to treat yourself to the magic of live theater by going to see a show!

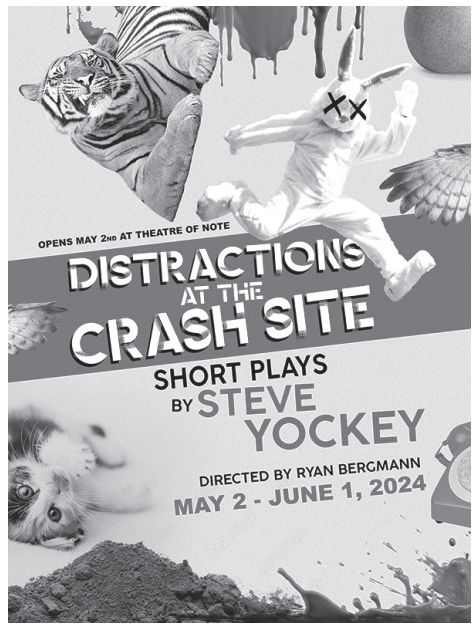
COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue, so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is their current policy.

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

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

**"Distractions at the Crash Site: Short Plays"** Come delve into the wondrous, twisted mind of Steve Yockey in this evening of short works full of intimate little stories told on a very big, very bold scale. Simple, everyday problems collide with the most bizarre spectacle! Whether it's deadly space debris, a blood-spattered chorus or a man literally called to save the world, what constitutes "normal" is forever in question. It's a dark, hilarious, potentially gruesome and beautifully moving ride. We'd hate for you to miss out on all the fun!

Written by Steve Yockey and directed by Ryan Bergmann, it runs through June 1 at the Theatre of NOTE in Hollywood. For tickets, visit [www.theatreofnote.com](http://www.theatreofnote.com).

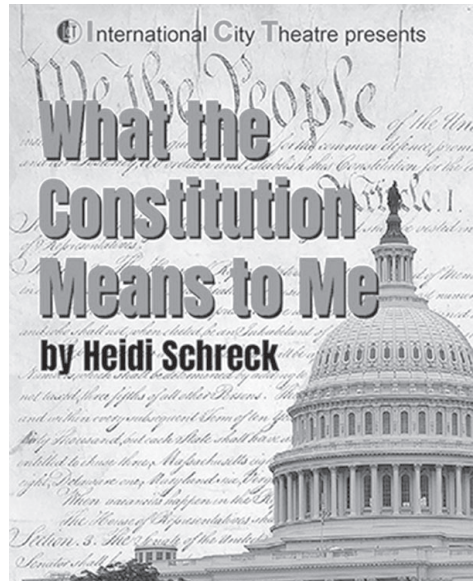


**"The Hope Theory"** As a Portuguese immigrant, storyteller and sleight-of-hand magician, Helder Guimarães arrived in America at age 29. Wide-eyed and full of ideas, he discovers a fascinating puzzle of cultural and professional challenges to solve while he tries to build a home. The Hope Theory offers a unique perspective on America through the eyes of an optimistic outsider.

Written by Helder Guimarães and directed by Frank Marshall, it runs through June 30 at the Audrey Skirball Kenis Theater at Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 208-2028 or visit [www.geffenplayhouse.org](http://www.geffenplayhouse.org).

**"Broadway Bound"** This new jukebox musical features extraordinary musicians with different disabilities. It features songs and scenes from acclaimed musicals that are known and loved. Rex & Friends will take the audience on a sensational journey through the eyes of a young teen who is experiencing the phenomenon of Broadway for the first time. The cast is entirely comprised of actors from Rex & Friends.

Written and directed by Laurie Grant, it runs May 3 through May 18 at the Blue Door in Culver City. For tickets, visit [www.bluedoorculver.com](http://www.bluedoorculver.com).



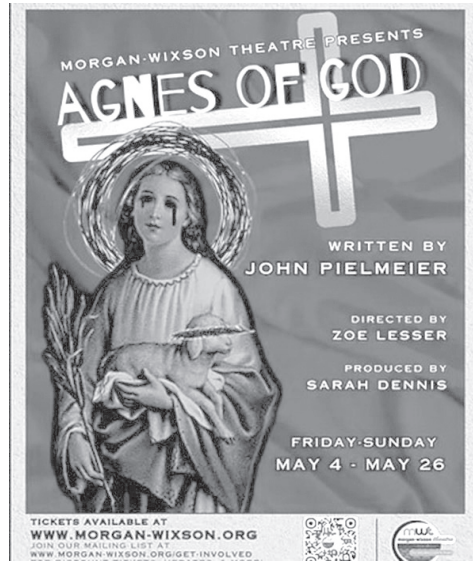
**"What the Constitution Means to Me"** Fifteen-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions across the United States. In this hilarious, hopeful and achingly human play, she resurrects her teenage self in order to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their

lives.

Written by Heidi Schreck and directed by Caryn Desai [sic], it runs May 3 through May 19 at the International City Theatre in the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit [www.InternationalCityTheatre.org](http://www.InternationalCityTheatre.org).

**"Agnes of God"** is a riveting psychological thriller that follows a court psychiatrist assessing a young nun on trial for manslaughter of the baby no one knew she was pregnant with, perhaps not even her. Mystical, harrowing and puzzling, the play is "Rosemary's Baby" meets docu-drama meets "The Exorcist" in its themes of bodily autonomy, religious devotion and supernatural ambiguity.

Written by John Pielmeier and directed by Zoe Lesser, it runs May 4 through May 26 at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre in Santa Monica. For tickets, visit [www.morgan-wixson.com](http://www.morgan-wixson.com).



**"Bob Baker Marionette Theatre – A Morning at the Theater"** This spring, the Bob Baker Marionette Theatre – a Southland treasure long recognized for introducing children to the wonder of puppetry and theater – inspires imagination with two enchanting performances of "A Morning at the Theater" at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Each family show includes an engaging puppetry performance, fun hands-on interactive activities and surprising behind-the-scenes puppetry insights. The Theater has captivated the hearts of children and families for half a century with the legacy of its founder Bob Baker continuing to live on through the hands and hearts of the company's dedicated

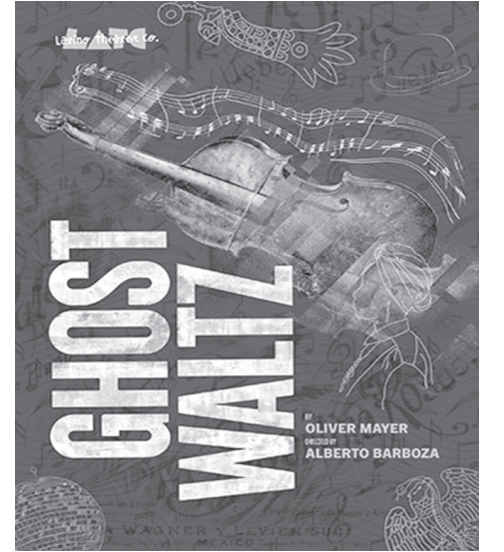
puppeteers.

Written and directed by Bob Baker Marionette Theatre, it runs May 4 through May 11 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse in Sierra Madre. For tickets, call (626) 355-4318 or visit [www.sierramadrepplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadrepplayhouse.org).



**"Ghost Waltz"** is a boldly original recovery of Juventino Rosas, one of Mexico's most significant classical composers – an indigenous musician whose life story has gone untold and whose works have been attributed to Europeans. Following Rosas from his father's early death to his friendship with ragtime genius Scott Joplin, Mayer mixes music, magic, drama, passion, spirituality and dance in a celebration that explores the lives of people of color during the emerging Americas of the late 19th century, and their ghost-like impact on our own lives today.

Written by Oliver Mayer, with music by Alberto López, and directed by Alberto Barboza, it runs May 4 through June 2 at the Los Angeles Theatre Center in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (213) 489-0994 or visit [www.latintheaterco.org](http://www.latintheaterco.org).



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### THEN & NOW



**THEN »** Shown here is the devastated Le Mesnager barn and vineyards in 1934. The fire in November of '33 burned the structure and grapevines, and the flood in January of '34 striped off the topsoil. In the photo you can clearly see the lighter colored path of the flood that came out of Dunsmore Canyon, and swept straight across the valley to the Verdugos. It was this channel of the flood that damaged the back portion of the newly opened Mt. Lukens Sanitarium that sat about where Dunsmore Park is now.

### Deukmajian Park Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



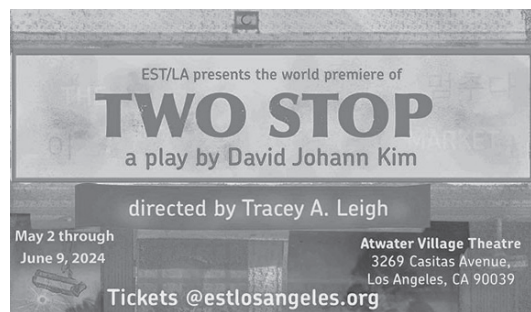
**NOW »** The Deukmajian Wilderness Park opened several years ago, with the Le Mesnager barn still standing proudly. The flood that damaged the land in the '30s inspired the flood control projects seen below the park in this photo. In the '80s this land was slated for development. The barn would have been bulldozed and hundreds of houses would have been built on this land if it were not for the City of Glendale and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, who stepped in to create this truly spectacular park.

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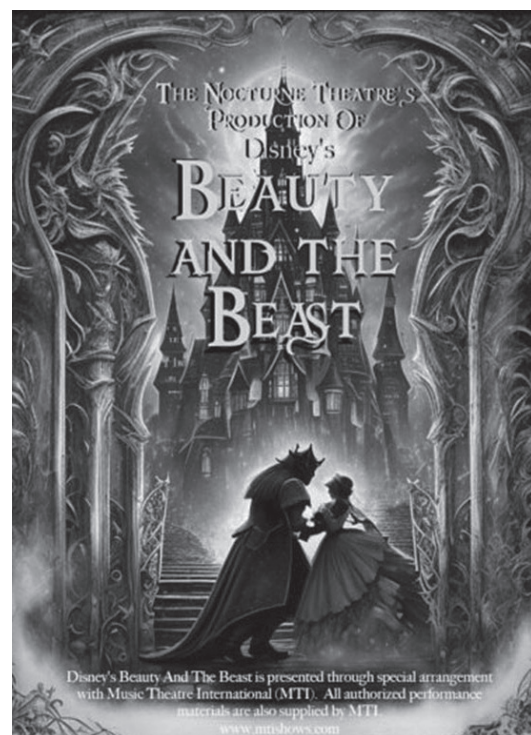
“Two Stop” takes place on the verge of the '92 LA uprising. A Korean market. A murder scene. A storeowner and a neighborhood teenage girl face off. When her wild card mother arrives, secrets from the past explode in this tiny store. History and histories go head-to-head as LA starts to burn. Together they reach back decades and across the globe through war, strife and love, finding connection and even hope.

Written by David Johann Kim and directed by Tracey A. Leigh, it runs May 4 through June 9 at the Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater Village. For tickets, visit [www.estlosangeles.org](http://www.estlosangeles.org).



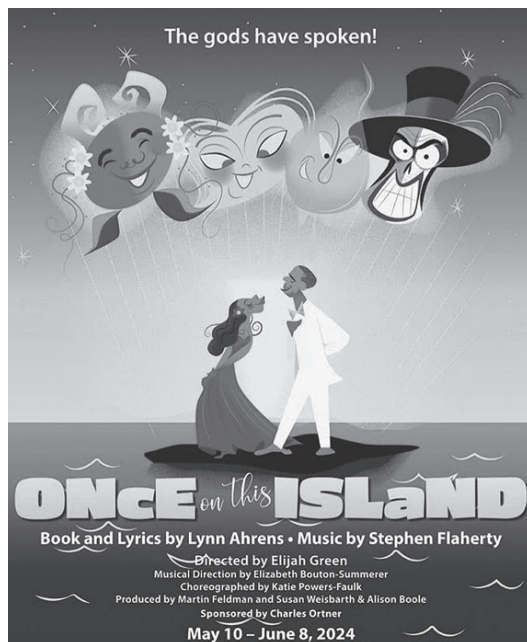
“Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” Join us as we follow the tale of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. The narrative unfolds with the hope that if the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will be broken, and he will be restored to his former self. However, time is of the essence and the looming threat of eternal doom hovers over the Beast and his household.

Music by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, with music by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, it runs May 10 through May 26 at the Nocturne Theatre in Glendale. For tickets, visit [www.thenocturnetheatre.com](http://www.thenocturnetheatre.com).



“Once on This Island” tells the tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl who falls in love with a wealthy boy from the other side of the island. When their divided cultures keep them apart, Ti Moune is guided by the powerful island gods, Erzulie, Asaka, Papa Ge and Agwe on a remarkable quest to reunite with the man who has captured her heart. Bursting with Caribbean colors, rhythms and dance, the story transforms the reality of a tropical village devastated by a storm into a fantastic world alive with hope.

Written by Lynn Ahrens, with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and directed by Elijah Green, it runs May 10 through June 8 at the Westchester Playhouse in Westchester. For tickets, call (310) 645-5156 or visit [www.kentwoodplayers.org](http://www.kentwoodplayers.org).



“American Mariachi” It’s the 1970s and women can’t be mariachis ... or can they? Lucha spends her days caring for her mother and yearning for more. Defying expectations, Lucha and her spunky cousin hunt for bandmates and take up instruments. A loving gesture for a mother becomes much more as the young women dream big and embrace the transcendent power of music.

Written by José Cruz González and directed by Jose Luis Valenzuela, it runs May 11 through June 9 at the Los Angeles Theatre Center in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (213) 489-0994 or visit [www.latintheaterco.org](http://www.latintheaterco.org).

“The Last Five Years” Set against a backdrop of soaring melodies and heartfelt lyrics, the play delves into the highs and lows of love, dreams and the passage of time. Double cast due to the length of the run, the featured actors are Bryan Mittelstadt, Jayde Mitchell, Margaret Berkowitz and Jackie Bonsignore.

Written by Jason Robert Brown, with music by Jason Robert Brown, and directed by Josh Shaw, it runs May 17 through June 16 at the Sierra



Madre Playhouse in Sierra Madre. For tickets, call (626) 355-4318 or visit [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org).

“Misalliance” Eight marriage proposals and a plane crash – all in one afternoon. Much to the delight of bourgeois underwear tycoon John Tarleton and his wife, their sweet, seemingly proper daughter is set to cement the family’s entry into Edwardian aristocracy with her upcoming marriage to the

son of Lord Summerhays. But the unexpected arrival of uninvited guests suddenly changes everything in this wildly subversive comedy.

Written by George Bernard Shaw and directed by Guillermo Cienfuegos, it runs May 18 through June 9 at the A Noise Within in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 356-3100 or visit [www.anoisewithin.org](http://www.anoisewithin.org).

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

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### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

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

### RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE

The original Renaissance Faire returns to Irwindale at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area Saturdays and Sundays now through May 19 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at 15501 E. Arrow Highway in Irwindale. Service animals welcome but no pets allowed. Costume weapons must be sheathed and peace-tied.

More info available at (626) 969-4750.

### CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

On Saturday, May 4 from 1-6 p.m. CCLCF is hosting its first ever cornhole tournament and chili cook-

off. Seeking sponsors for the event. Sponsors receive custom cornhole board sets and a score tower with their logo. To participate, entry costs are \$60 for two people for the cornhole tournament, which includes chili cook-off tasting tickets and prizes for the winning team. The cost to enter the chili cook-off is \$20 per entry with prizes for first, second and third place. Wanted: Chili cook-off entries!

Tasting tickets are: chili - \$5/ ticket and beer - \$20/tickets. Street Taco lunch from Nana's Kitchen and craft beer from Audio Graph Beer Co. Buy tickets at cclcf.org/events or call (818) 790-4353.

Visit [cclcf.org/events/#fundraisers](https://cclcf.org/events/#fundraisers) for ticket information.

For more information on sponsorship tiers and perks, visit or call cclcf.org/events at (818) 790-4353.

On Saturday, May 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. CCLCF is having a family bingo night and ice cream sundae bar (ice cream provided by Handel's)

sponsored by Engel & Völkers/ Carrie Grochow. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

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

### BENITA BIKE'S DANCEART IN LA CRESCENTA

Benita Bike's DanceArt, LA's chamber modern dance company, ends its '23-'24 season of dance with an outreach dance performance at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., on Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. This is a free performance and reservations are not required. This performance is supported in part by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Dept. of Arts and Culture and the Friends of the La Crescenta Library. Call (818) 470-5734 for further information.

[www.danceart.org/performances](https://www.danceart.org/performances)

### FRITZ COLEMAN RETURNS TO SOLO COMEDY

Legendary comic Fritz Coleman is performing a series of shows at the El Portal Theatre from his latest solo comedy show "Unassisted Living," now airing on Tubi.

Coleman will be at the El Portal Theater, 5269 Lankershim Blvd. in North Hollywood, on May 26 at 3 p.m. Additional shows have been added on June 23, July 21 and Aug. 18. Tickets are \$35 and \$45.

<https://www.elportaltheatre.com/fritzcoleman.html>

### CVHS HOLDING 50TH REUNION

The 50-year Crescenta Valley High School class reunion will be celebrated on May 4 with an evening of elegance and enjoyment at the Marriott in Old Town Pasadena. In addition, there is a Friday night get-together, May 3, at Gus & Andy's in Montrose (thanks to Mark Miller).

There is no cost to attend the Friday night get-together at Gus & Andy's, 2201 Honolulu Ave., in Montrose, which will be held in the bar area.

The Saturday night event at the Marriott Old Town Pasadena is a ticketed event. Ticket information and registering for the online classmates' database is through The Reunion Committee website: <http://reunioncommittee.com>.

Hotel information: Courtyard Los Angeles Pasadena/Old Town is located at 180 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in Pasadena. <https://www.marriott.com>

### DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon 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.

### CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta – an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before – don't worry; we will teach you! Come on Tuesday afternoons to play canasta from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

### FREE INTRODUCTORY FIRST AID PRESENTATION

A free two-hour short overview will be presented as a service to the community on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.

Eric Smith, an Emergency Room registered nurse, will go over vital things everyone should know when attempting to save a person's life. This is good information to have in case of a big earthquake or other disaster! (Note this is not a certification class.)

Come to 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (enter at the back of the building, south side, where there is also free parking above Broadview Drive near Ocean View Boulevard). For more information or to reserve a spot, please call (818) 957-1500 or visit their website at [www.scientology-montrose.org](http://www.scientology-montrose.org).

### HOME TOUR BENEFITS ALTADENA GUILD

Gorgeous homes and garden with a variety of architectural styles will be highlighted at the Home & Garden Tour – Poppies on Meadowbrook Road, on Sunday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the homes and gardens, live music, shopping, classic cars and community booths will be featured.

Tickets are \$50 each. For those paying with credit card, visit [www.altadenaguild.org](http://www.altadenaguild.org); otherwise mail a check to The Altadena Guild of Huntington Memorial Hospital, 2271 N. Lake Ave. #6608, Altadena, CA 91001.

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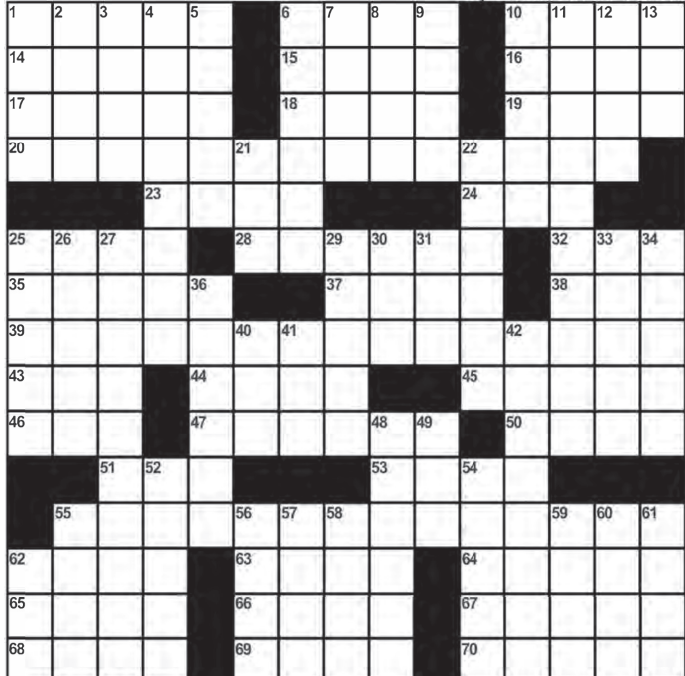
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- 6) Dullsville
- 10) "Aw, heck!"
- 14) Thesaurus name
- 15) Casino city
- 16) iPad symbol
- 17) Ham it up
- 18) Horse chow
- 19) Sports car roof option
- 20) "The Last King of Scotland" star
- 23) Bluesman Redding
- 24) Rude dude
- 25) Febreze target
- 28) Digestion-related
- 32) Time to call, in ads
- 35) "Klepto-" follower
- 37) Fit for duty
- 38) Mauna \_\_
- 39) Lightning producer
- 43) PBS funder
- 44) Private home?
- 45) Burn a bit
- 46) Tax form ID
- 47) Retreat for Gandhi
- 50) Clarinetist's need
- 51) "Spring ahead" hrs.
- 53) Digs of "Private Practice"
- 55) Part of Parliament
- 62) "Help Me" singer Mitchell
- 63) Jazz combo, often
- 64) Scheming group
- 65) Chowderhead
- 66) Till bills
- 67) Sachet's quality
- 68) Eyelid woe
- 69) Helper (Abbr.)
- 70) Shotgun target

### DOWN

- 1) "Mis-" or "dis-" (Abbr.)
- 2) Cowboys quarterback Tony
- 3) Composer Stravinsky
- 4) Rapid, as a rise to fame
- 5) Blast from the past?
- 6) Window-shop
- 7) Actress Remini
- 8) Dead set against
- 9) Fallon or Kimmel
- 10) Bears Hall of Famer Mike
- 11) Had no accomplices
- 12) King Hussein's widow
- 13) Major econ. index
- 21) Bill add-on
- 22) Way in
- 25) Black cat and broken mirror, to some
- 26) Low-lying lands
- 27) True love
- 29) Expectant dad, maybe
- 30) TV schedule abbr.
- 31) Feeling bad
- 33) Smithy's workplace
- 34) Toned down
- 36) Box score stats
- 40) Dorm VIPs
- 41) Language suffix
- 42) Evidence of a skid
- 48) For no profit
- 49) Little Red Book author
- 52) Hotel offering
- 54) Some rec centers
- 55) Show derision
- 56) James who was portrayed by Beyonce
- 57) Tram loads
- 58) 1959 Cadillac features
- 59) Bassoon's kin
- 60) Point a finger at
- 61) Blind part
- 62) Law school grads, briefly

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NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER » OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS

## Mixing It Up at the CV Chamber

On April 16, the chamber helped St. Luke's of the Mountains celebrate its 100th anniversary with a mixer at St. Luke's! Delicious food was prepared by Julie Dowse and chamber board member Mary O'Keefe, there were adult beverages (and non-adult beverages), some great prizes and (of course) great mixing. We had a chance to meet some business professionals in the area and we're glad they marked their calendars to be part of the mixer – and part of the chamber.

We are pleased to welcome some new members: Carrie Grochow of Engel & Voelkers Real Estate and Marcelo Poisl of New York Life Insurance. These folks know the value of belonging to the chamber of commerce, especially to know the pulse of the community. We're glad to be here for them and the rest of our members. The question is: are you a CV Chamber member?

Looking ahead, the CV Chamber

and Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber are joining to host a mixer to celebrate the 55th anniversary of J's Maids & Maintenance. Chris Waldheim at J's for decades has been serving the community in a variety of capacities, whether through his participation in the Montrose Oktoberfest, on the boards of the Mary Pinola Education Fund and CV Fireworks Association, cleaning up during and after Prom Plus or supporting local businesses. We're very lucky to call him a friend and the chambers are excited to have this mixer celebrating this special anniversary. More details will be coming; keep your eyes open.

In addition to having some great mixers and getting to know our members, the CV Chamber is planning our biggest event: the Hometown Country Fair! It takes place on June 22 at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. It promises to be full of all of the fun things our

friends and neighbors have come to expect from the Hometown Country Fair: a variety of vendors, inflatables, food trucks, entertainment, the dog parade and more. This year is a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Ford Mustang with a salute to fin cars from 1956-1962. This free event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is something you won't want to miss so mark your calendars now!

If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business, or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at



www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto, "Our Business is Your Business."

*Robin Goldsworthy, President  
CV Chamber of Commerce*

The Rev. Guy Leemhuis and property manager Stephen Mack enjoy some yummy food at the mixer held at St. Luke's of the Mountains.

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE VERDUGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE»

## April Recap & May Preview: Celebrating Success and Excitement with the Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce!

As April draws to a close, the Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce takes a moment to reflect on the highlights and accomplishments of the past month. From celebrating grand openings to supporting community initiatives, April has been a month filled with excitement, generosity and opportunities to connect with our

amazing community.

First and foremost, we extend our congratulations to NOA Health on the occasion of their grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony. It was a great event as we welcomed this valuable addition to our business community. NOA Health's commitment to providing quality acupuncture services will undoubtedly enrich the lives of

residents in Montrose and beyond. We look forward to supporting their continued success and growth in the years to come.

In the spirit of community involvement, we are thrilled to announce our participation in the Glendale Fire Department Jr Firefighter program's upcoming picnic. Taking place this Friday,

May 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Verdugo Park in Glendale, this event promises to be a fun-filled afternoon of activities and camaraderie. We are honored to lend our support to this important program, which fosters leadership skills and instills a sense of responsibility in our youth.

On the academic front, the deadline for the MVCC scholastic scholarships

has passed, and we are now in the process of selecting three deserving awardees. These scholarships will be presented at our July mixer, which will be held at Jenkins Properties on 7/18/24, stay tuned for more information.

As we look ahead to the remainder

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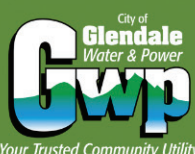
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## LEGALS

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS. Case number 24NNCP00113. Superior Court of California, Glendale Superior Court, North Central District, 600 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS to Proposed Name: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS OGDEN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: MAY 22, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: D Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescena Valley Weekly April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2024.

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