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## Council Reverts to 'Old Way' of Board Selections

By Julie BUTCHER

After lengthy and extensive discussion, the Glendale City Council ended its evening meeting on Tuesday narrowly voting to return to "the old way" of selecting members of the city's boards and commissions by rotation rather than the more recently adopted method of making the appointments by panels of councilmembers.

Councilmembers Dan Brotman and Ardy Kassakhian voted to continue appointing commissioners cooperatively but were outvoted. The matter will be back before the Council for further action in the coming weeks and could require the resignation of all sitting members of the city's 17 bodies to facilitate the change.

The Council authorized a contract to study all aspects of parking in the Montrose Shopping Park "authorizing the city manager or a designee to enter into and execute a PSA [professional services agreement] with Transpo Group, to review, develop and update all aspects of the Montrose Parking Analysis, and provide recommendations for an update of the Employee Parking Program in the Montrose Shopping Park in the amount of \$193,250."

Bradley Calvert, director of the city's Community Development Dept., reported on an upcoming community meeting to review proposed multi-family residential and mixed use development and objective design standards. The meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, May 22 at the Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the presentation will start at 7 p.m. A virtual meeting is also scheduled to elicit feedback on the standards on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. For the link to the online meeting or for more information, contact city

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## Memorial Day Events Around Local Communities

By Mary O'KEEFE

*There are several events locally that folks can attend to honor the nation's fallen heroes.*

Memorial Day, the federal legal holiday, is the last Monday in May; this year it falls on May 27. Locally there are several events that honor the service men and women who died while serving in the military.

This day was originally called Decoration Day and was a time when flags and flowers were laid at the graves of soldiers. It was formalized by a Memorial Day Order on May 5, 1868 issued by Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan. At the time the Grand Army of the Republic was a powerful organization of Union veterans, according to the National Cemetery Administration.

However, in the decades that followed the formalization of the day

was challenged by others who said they were the first to organize the day rather than the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The idea of strewing the Civil War graves of soldiers – Union and Confederate – can be traced to Columbus, Georgia, whose cemetery was in disarray. A Ladies Memorial Association formed to improve it, which included a media campaign. Secretary Mary Ann Williams' letter was published, first in the local newspaper on March 11, advocating 'to set apart a certain day to be observed ... and be handed down through time as a religious custom of the country, to wreath the graves of our martyred dead with flowers.' Their chosen date was April 26, 1866," according to the NCA.

Despite whoever takes the claim of being the "first" to officially recognize the day, at the heart of Memorial Day is the need to honor those who died while serving in the military. That tradition continues this year as communities across the U.S. take time to honor those fallen sailors and soldiers.

Not only is Memorial Day an important time to honor those fallen



Photo by Donna LIBRA  
At the 2023 Memorial Day observance at Two Strike Park, at cadet salutes the POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) table. The ceremony will be held again this year during the event held at Two Strike Park that begins at 8 a.m.

military members and their families but it is also an important time for the veterans who returned home.

"When you are in a war zone, you don't have a chance to grieve when you lose people," veteran Mike Baldwin said in an earlier interview with CVW. "That is the one thing I noticed when I came home. It took a while to talk about it. When you're home, you don't want to think about it."

Baldwin served during Vietnam and is a longtime member of American Legion Post 288.

In La Crescenta, American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1614 will recognize the day at the Memorial Wall at Two Strike Park. This is the 10th year since the completion of the Memorial Wall. It was a community effort that

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## Neighborhood Watch and Burglaries

By Mikaela STONE

In light of recent home burglaries, on May 8 at the La Crescenta Library Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept. Special Assignment Officer Chun of the Crescenta Valley Station offered crime prevention tips and advice on how to start a Neighborhood Watch program.

While individual safety is important, the best way to prevent crime is having neighbors looking out for one another, just as the best way to spread safety information is through word of mouth.

The majority of recent break-ins have involved a burglar entering into a property's backyard, opening or smashing out the glass of the backdoor and reaching through to the latch. Typically, once inside the individual/s will hurry to the master bedroom looking for valuables left in plain view. Because this method relies on working quickly before a neighbor can report the sound of

breaking glass or suspicious movements inside the residence, measures that slow a potential perpetrator are effective in dissuading a thief who is making plans. Removing exposed ladders and securing climbable outside furniture to prevent easy access to the second floor, inserting a bar or rod into the track of a sliding glass door, hanging a "Beware of Dog" sign, regardless of dog ownership, putting valuables in less obvious places and placing security cameras in the rear entrance to the backyard as well as the front yard are all methods of slowing the pace of a burglar.

As most break-ins occur when the residents are not home, Chun recommended several safeguards including having an alarm system hard wired to the internet router, which is more difficult to disable than a system that relies on Wi-Fi. While many security systems store a reserve of power to alert a home-

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Photo by Mikaela STONE

Community members are being warned to be aware of their surroundings to avoid crime. They should not leave their property, like purses, unattended.



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# Never Far from Home

As I mentioned before, I love cruising. Cruising is the epitome of vacation: eating delicious food (that I don't have to plan, prepare or clean up after), visiting new places and meeting new people. Although that's not how it always works out.

For example, Steve and I were kayaking in St. Maarten when we got to talking to some fellow kayakers. Common questions included where people are from.

"We're from California."

"So are we!"

"We live in a little town near Glendale called La Crescenta."

Pause.

"So do we!"

Yes, we met two other couples on our excursion in the Caribbean who were from La Crescenta; they live off Boston Avenue. What are the chances?

Well, that question came up again when Steve and I, after visiting our son and his family in North Carolina and having a layover in Nashville on our way home, ran across some friends of ours. Dave and Kris Silversparre were flying back home to La Crescenta after spending some time in North Carolina then a couple of days in Nashville. What a great surprise! We shared stories of our vacations (they visited the shore in North Carolina while Steve and I were more inland) and how, overall, we were ready to get home.

I want to take a minute to share what

a great time we had in North Carolina. Our son recently bought a house and "Pop Pop" (as Steve is known to the granddaughters) was ready to help with a list of electrical chores. By the time we left, new lights had been installed, an overhead fan removed and the refrigerator no longer dumped water on the kitchen floor. We also had a chance to attend church with them on Mother's Day.

They love their pastor, Grayson Furlough, who is an inspirational speaker. A young man (though let's face it - the older I get the younger everyone else seems), he spoke about the circle of influence we have, whether for those in our family, our workplace or beyond. He talked about the importance of acknowledging that realm and making sure we pay attention to the things we say ... and do ... and how they'll be interpreted by those around us. His sermon definitely gave me some things to think about.

Those things to ponder over will have to wait, however: it's production day at the paper, time to get back to work.

In addition, I have to plan our next vacation. No doubt it will include a cruise and, hopefully, a visit again to North Carolina.

After all, I never know who I'll end up seeing.

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

I am continuing my weather article from last week regarding the approved motion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to explore a declaration of a state of emergency due to the loss of thousands of oak trees due to the goldspotted oak borer.

I wrote about scientists exploring cultural traditions to help with the growing goldspotted problem; once again we look toward indigenous people.

Supported by a grant from CAL FIRE's Forest Health Research Program, Jolene Tamm - a master's student at UC Riverside and Squaxin Island tribal member - partnered with the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians and investigated how indigenous cultural burning practices and traditional ecological knowledge can be used to support management of the invasive goldspotted oak borer/beetle.

"Goldspotted oak borer is so destructive and hard to kill because it spends most of its time living under the tree's bark where larvae feed on the vascular system that moves nutrients between the roots and the leaves," said Tamm in an interview with caclimateinvestments.ca.gov on March 3, 2023. "[Our experiment] seeks to identify a potential heat treatment process that uses lethal temperatures to kill goldspotted oak borer within firewood. If effective, this practice would make it safe to move firewood from infested areas without the risk of introducing live beetles into new areas."

Preliminary results are promising with different heat treatments effectively reducing the number of adult beetles that

emerge from infested oak firewood by 90% to 100%.

Again, we look to the past and to those who are the guardians of nature. I know there were a lot of practices in history that were just so bad for the Earth. Many times society couldn't see past "Hey, let's do this" to "But should we?" I hope by looking toward those whose culture is built on partnering with nature, instead of conquering it, may move us forward in a positive way.

And I know this is random, but I think by now my wanderlust mind knows no bounds. The other day I was sitting at one of our lovely outdoor restaurants. It was a rare quiet time for me. I was thinking about this week's article and how much I truly love writing this weather piece. I love doing the research and learning about those who are doing something to help our planet. I was thinking about the positive signs of what science, and citizen scientists, are doing to help the planet.

Then something disrupted this time of quiet thought. It was a weird rustling sound from above. I looked up and there, on one of the wonderful Montrose tree branches, was a large plastic bag. It was twisted and stuck to the branches; as the wind blew it I was certain that at least part of it would blow away.

No one walking by seemed to notice this large ugly white bag twisting around the tree branches. And I realized that plastic has become such a part of our lives we don't even notice it. I wondered where this trash came from - did someone just let it blow away thinking someone else would take care of it? Did it blow away from a garbage dump or from a car or a backyard? How far

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# NEWS

## Glendale Fire Dept. Hosts Service Day

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, the Glendale Fire Dept. invited the community to celebrate Fire Service Day. The event took place at Glendale Fire Station 21 on Oak Street in downtown Glendale.

Glendale Interim Fire Chief Greg Fish and members of the department were on hand to answer questions and meet with the hundreds of visitors who walked through the station.

There were several things for families to do including climbing onto some of the fire equipment, including a vintage fire engine. The morning began with a pancake breakfast and information by lots of vendors from the City of Glendale including Community Services and Parks, which had a rock climbing wall behind its tent. Also on hand were members of Glendale Police SWAT [Special Weapons And Tactics] and Glendale Community Emergency Response Team. There was also a Verdugo Fire Academy booth for those who may be thinking of a career in firefighting.

A large projection screen showed videos of fires fought and rescues made by the firefighters. Sparky the Dog from GFD and GPD's own Brisket were very popular with visitors. People could take a tour of Station 21 as well.

"The GFD has about 160 sworn firefighters, 50 of whom work daily, assigned to protect the city at each of the nine fire stations. Events like these are essential for improving community safety awareness and for building the mutual trust and cooperation needed to effectively manage emergencies," according to GFD.



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

ABOVE: A future firefighter tried his hand at manning the hose – with help from a current Glendale firefighter.

RIGHT: Climbing walls are not only fun but also a great skill for future firefighters.

LEFT: A surprise visit from Mickey and Minnie had kids, and their parents, lining up for a hug and a photo at GFD's Fire Day.



### IN BRIEF

#### GENERAL MEETING OF CVTC

The general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the community room of the La Crescenta Library.

On the agenda is a presentation by the Dept. of Parks and Recs on Two Strike Park Outdoor Gym Measure A Funds, All are invited.

The Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

#### ARE YOU PREPARED?

All are invited to the disaster preparedness event hosted by the Meher and Satig Der Ohanessian CV Armenian Youth Center. The event is on May 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Center is located at 2633 Honolulu Ave.

Presenters include personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. and members of the Community Emergency Response Team, Montrose Search and Rescue and LA County Fire Dept.

For more information, email [cvacoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:cvacoutreach@gmail.com).

#### THE BALCONY PICNIC EXPERIENCE

The Balcony of LA, a non-profit organization, is hosting a free community picnic at Two Strike Park every Wednesday in the month of May from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

It is free and open to all. The organization's goal is to get folks out of the house, meet new people, get our kids to connect with new kids and make new friends and just build stronger community bonds overall.

There is no financial exchange occurring. It is not a fundraiser; there are no vendors. Bring a blanket. Bring some food. Come hang with locals in the grass while the sun sets.

Two Strike Park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave.

#### CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. This month is an in person meeting in the community room at the La Crescenta Library. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns.

The library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with any questions. All are welcome.

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# NOTES & NODS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) is having a blood drive on Thursday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. To date, LCIF's blood drives have collected 292 units from more than 300 donors.

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and/or platelets and only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood annually. Those who would like to donate at the blood drive can make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.

LCIF also hosts activities that are open to all this spring and summer: Bible study groups, knitting, quilting, opportunities to learn live-streaming media production and more.

Sunday worship service with Pastor Rick Hall is held at 10 a.m. in person and online.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org), or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd, in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## ARMENIAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION AT LCPC

Everyone is welcome at an Armenian Cultural Celebration on Saturday, May 18 at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

Come anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to enjoy Armenian food, desserts, music, dance, games and crafts. The event is free and lunch will be available

for \$10 per person and coffee and desserts for \$1 each.

The celebration will take place in the parking lot of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. Street parking is available on Montrose Avenue.

For more information, visit [lpc.net](http://lpc.net) or call (818) 249-6137.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATES PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) celebrates Pentecost and Confirmation this Sunday, May 19 at 10 a.m. All are welcome. In the church year, the day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. On the 50th day of Easter, Lutheran worship is filled with festivity, color and movement the Easter celebration is concluded and the gift of the Holy Spirit is celebrated.

The church reminds the community that it continues to accept non-perishable food donations to feed the hungry. Details on what items are needed can be found on the church website.

LCIF encourages families with young children to pre register for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held June 17 – 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. It is open to children in grades four through sixth. The cost is \$35 for one child, \$25 each for two or more kids. There will be lots of singing, dancing, crafts and games, all centered on learning about God in new ways. Families are encouraged to register online

through LCIF's website or by calling the church office.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) to register. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org), or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## CELEBRATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF RETIRED BISHOP

All are invited to a service in celebration and thanksgiving for the ministry of retired Bishop Chester Talton. It will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral.

The Program Group on Black Ministries and the H. Belfield Hannibal Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians invite the diocesan community to this event, which will begin with Eucharist and end with a seafood gumbo and peach cobbler dinner reception.

Talton, 82, was consecrated sixth bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Los Angeles in 1991 and served until his retirement in 2010. Prior to his election he was rector of St. Philip's Church in New York City's Harlem. He was the first person of African descent to be elected a bishop in the diocese.

Clergy are invited to wear green and/or afrocentric vestments; all attendees are encouraged to wear Afrocentric attire. St. John's Cathedral is located at 514 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 90007.

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# Boy Scouts Will Soon be Known as Scouting America

The Verdugo Hills Council shared information about the name change for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) which announced that it will be changing its name to Scouting America. This change reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The name change will go into effect on February 8, 2025, the organization's 115th birthday.

This announcement also comes as the organization celebrates the fifth anniversary of welcoming girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA programs. Boy Scouts of America currently serves 176,234 girls and young women across all programs, including more than 6,000 who have earned Eagle Scout status.

"This change ultimately brings us in line with the international

Scouting community and contributes towards our open and welcoming environment where all youth from any background can develop leadership skills and self-reliance in a space where they feel respected and valued," says Laura Clay, Scout Executive/CEO for the Verdugo Hills Council. "We look forward to bringing Scouting's important mission and traditions to future generations under the Scouting America name."

Scouting America builds on the organization's 114 years of helping America's youth. Its ongoing goal is to provide young people with a safe environment where they can learn meaningful life skills and have fun, educational experiences, fostering their growth and future outcomes as leaders, and be prepared for life. At the same time, values instilled

by the Scout Oath and Law help prepare young people for lives of purpose and impact.

Locally, Scouting groups are organized through the Verdugo Hills Council which has been headquartered in Glendale, CA since 1920. In recent years, girls in the program have climbed to 25% of those served. For decades, girls have also participated in the Homenetmen Scouting program serving the Armenian diaspora through Scouting America programming.

"Our national organization's name change aligns with the culture and fabric of the Verdugo Hills Council. We have been trailblazers including all who want to strive toward the ideals of Scouting by living up to our Scout Oath and Law. I'm excited to see all we can accomplish as a

scouting community over the next decade" says Hovik Shahinian, Council President.

More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since its founding in 1910, and currently, more than 1 million youth, including both men and women, are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils throughout the country. To date, more than 2.75 million youth have earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to supporting the nation's youth, Scouting America will continue to be an important asset to strengthen our communities, having provided more than 7 million hours of volunteer services for community improvement and other projects across the country.

To learn more about Scouting

America's mission, visit Scouting.org.

About Verdugo Hills Council (BSA): The Verdugo Hills Council is a 100+ year old institution in the area, serving families across the Glendale, Burbank, Sun Valley, Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, Eagle Rock, and Highland Park communities of Los Angeles County. The Council's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Council offers a variety of programs for youth ages 5-20, such as Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Exploring, as well as camping, training, and service opportunities. For more information, visit www.vhbsa.org.

## LA's Heartfelt Goodbye to Sam Rubin

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles is a big city but there are times when it feels like a small hometown and that was never more apparent than on May 10 when news came that longtime KTLA entertainment reporter Sam Rubin had passed away.

People from around the world responded, however it was the tributes from locals that showed that LA's heart was broken.

"KTLA 5 is profoundly saddened to report the death of Sam Rubin. Sam was a giant in the local news industry and the entertainment world, and a fixture of Los Angeles morning television for decades. His laugh, charm and caring personality touched all who knew him. Sam was a loving husband and father: the roles he cherished the most. Our thoughts are with Sam's family during this difficult time," KTLA release on their website.

The days that followed the KTLA family share tributes that came in locally and from around the world.

Rubin had started at KTLA in 1991, he had published two books, regularly appeared on BBC television and radio in the United Kingdom and was a regular contributor to Triple M radio and Channel 9 television network in Australia, according to ktl.com

He was also a founding member of the Broadcast Film Critics Association, the largest organization of film and television critics in the US.

LA City Councilmember Monica Rodriguez adjourned the LA City Council Tuesday's meeting in Sam's name.

"Today I was honored to adjourn the City Council meeting in memory of Sam Rubin," she posted on Instagram after the Tuesday meeting. "His contributions to entertainment journalism will be remembered and celebrated for years to come..."

"It's been incredibly moving to see the outpouring of love for Sam Rubin over the past few days. Sam was an iconic reporter who delivered

morning news and entertainment highlights to millions of Angelenos. His voice, his warmth and his dedication to sharing the latest with KTLA viewers will be cherished by so many." LA Mayor Karen Bass posted on X on May 13.

"Irreplaceable. Will miss seeing your smiling face on @ktl Morning News," LA Supervisor Kathryn Barger posted on X.

Initial reports had been that Sam had passed away due to a heart attack. He had been at work on May 9 but reportedly called in sick on May 10.

On May 9 he did his final on-air interview with actress Jane Seymour.

"It's hard to believe that just yesterday I was with @samontv. I'm deeply saddened by the news of his passing. He was consistently kind, happy, and always ready to offer assistance with any project I was a part of. You will be missed, Sam," Seymour posted along with a photo of them together.

Sam Rubin was 64 years old.

## GUSD Board Budget Meeting

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) board of education called a special meeting on April 29 to discuss the budget for the upcoming school year. During the closed session, the board discussed labor negotiations with representatives from the Glendale Teachers Association (GTA).

Talin Arsenian, president of the GTA, said the true crisis schools are facing is not a shortage of money, but the hiring crisis that will affect students' educations.

"The 2024-2025 school year will likely begin with some classrooms without assigned certificated teachers, how the number of classrooms without highly qualified teachers are growing, how disruptive it is for students' academic and social development when they do not have access to highly qualified educators,

how without competitive wages these problems cannot be fixed and will only worsen," said Arsenian. "At the April 19 bargaining session GUSD's bargaining team shared with GTA's bargaining team what to expect at today's budget study session. Tonight, you will hear a thorough explanation about how schools are funded in California. The exact same interim report that was presented in January. The exact same doom-and-gloom forecast about future years' funding. But what you need to hear and study tonight is a different doom and gloom story. GUSD's truly dystopian story is how GUSD is currently experiencing a hiring crisis."

Staff covered the 2023-24 budget development process, major budget assumptions, revenue sources, expenditures and reserves that make up the operating budget along with the building blocks for a Multi

Year Projection.

GUSD's budget is revised based on the state's budget, estimated to be in a \$37.9 billion shortfall, according to the district's School Services of California January 2024 workshop presentation. The breakdown of education budgets depends on the district's needs, and the needs of students. Districts with more English language learners, foster youth or low income students are given additional funds, according to the budget presentation given at the meeting.

Ninety-three percent of the state's income comes from personal income tax, sales tax, and corporate tax.

The money districts have received stays the same, there have been no reductions from school district budget so far.

Funds school districts receive are adjusted based on inflation, taxes, see GUSD on page 19

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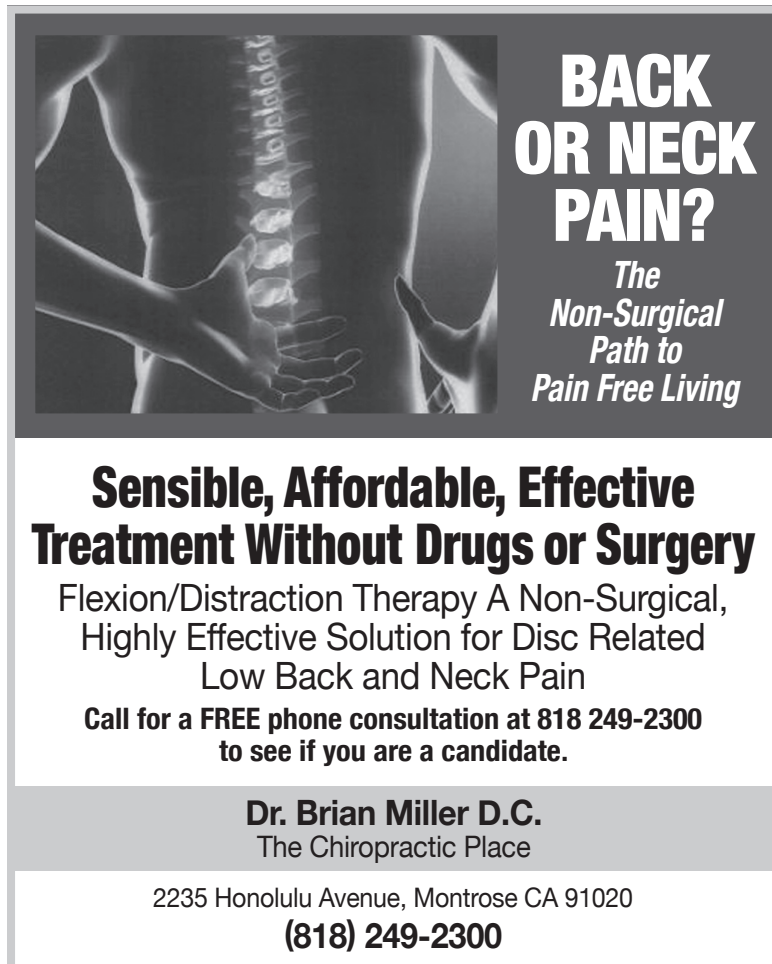


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# Citywide Budget Reviewed by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

The City of Glendale held its third budget study session on Tuesday afternoon and reviewed the entire citywide budget. A final budget session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 2 p.m. and the budget will be adopted by the full Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

The city has 14 departments, city manager Roubik Golanian explained. The largest city departments provide services to the city; these “external services” departments are: Community Development; Community Services & Parks; fire; Glendale Water & Power (GWP); Library, Arts, & Culture; police; and Public Works.

The “internal services” departments support the work of the service-providing departments; they are the: city attorney; city clerk; city treasurer; finance; human relations; information technology (IT); and management services.

For the FY 2022-23 budget, the Council identified four budget priorities: infrastructure, environmental stewardship, housing and mobility/connectivity/safety. For the FY 2023-24 budget, the priorities highlighted were financial stability; economic development; operational efficiency; mobility/traffic and pedestrian safety.

Jason Bradford, who is the city’s director of finance and director of IT, shared an overview of the entire budget proposed for all of the departments and services, regardless of the source of funding, at \$1.25 billion, up \$79.3 million, or 6.8%, from the current fiscal year. Of that, \$325.7 million is in the city’s general fund, \$152.2 million in special (specific, restricted) funds, \$3 million toward debt service, \$33.3 million in non-enterprise capital projects; \$591.9 million in enterprise funds and \$146 million for internal services.

Approximately 65% of the overall city budget goes to public safety, he detailed, with \$209.7 million divided between the police (\$124 million) and fire (\$85.7 million) departments.

Police chief Manny Cid summarized this year’s budget highlights saying the department will complete its updated state-of-the-art Real Time Intelligence Center and will purchase and equip a new Mobile Command Post, replacing an outdated 22-year-old vehicle. The department plans

to continue to focus on traffic enforcement. A second full-time mental health clinician, contracted through the county, will enable the police department to field two full teams up to six days a week to address mental health matters and provide crisis intervention.

“Traffic safety continues to be a high priority and [is] the number one concern of our residents,” Chief Cid noted. He reported on the work of a Residential Burglary Task Force started late in 2023. During the first quarter of 2024, the city has experienced a 20% decline in burglaries.

Cid was candid in responding to questions from Council members about the “right” size for the police department. Currently staffed with 248 sworn positions, the chief opined that 300 might be the correct number, increasing police coverage to 1.5 police officers per 1000 residents, still lower than neighboring cities Burbank and Pasadena, but closer to what he feels is properly policed.

Mayor Elen Asatryan commended the police department’s updated social media and community outreach efforts.

Interim Fire Chief Greg Fish began his portion of the budgetary presentation touting the work of the city’s Verdugo Fire Communications Center, which the city opened in 1979 with Burbank and Pasadena, to coordinate the best response to calls for service. The city of West Covina has joined the operation, now serving nearly a million residents across 134 square miles, from its facilities in Glendale. The addition of West Covina’s calls adds an estimated \$800,000 in revenue for the overall operation of the call center.

Chief Fish reported on plans for filling up to 10 vacancies utilizing a lateral academy, which could train new fire fighters in six rather than 16 weeks. He detailed long-term plans for renovating the city’s fire stations (first replacing Station 29 in Montrose, Station 28 in La Crescenta and Station 26 on North Brand Avenue) over the next 10 years. Two additional ambulances are included in the proposed budget to enhance daily coverage.

Finally, Chief Fish requested funds for annual cancer screenings for workers in the fire service stating, “Even the gear we wear contains carcinogens.”

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian responded that the Council had

heard the department’s master plan on April 2 (see the Crescenta Valley Weekly’s coverage: <https://www.crescentavalleweekly.com/news/04/04/2024/elen-asatryan-controversially-selected-new-mayor-of-glendale/>) and that it was clear and concise.

“It should be our responsibility to ... find resources to upgrade these fire stations – we’ve had conversations about how to fund this, bonds or a new parcel tax, this is the type of thing the community would support – when they know exactly where the funds are going to go and what purpose they’re going to serve, for the greater good and safety of the community,” Kassakhian said. He added, “The cancer screenings are essential. We ask the men and women of the fire service to do a lot and, given the risks of the job, I support this expenditure.”

Councilmember Dan Brotman asked Chief Fish about the Community Emergency Preparedness Training (CERT) program to help neighborhoods best prepare for and respond to emergencies. The chief reported that the department is in the process of securing grant funds aimed at “having as many CERT classes as there are people wanting the training.” He indicated there could be four trainings this year. (Find more information on CERT at <https://cert.glendaleca.gov/>.)

Onnig Bulanikian, director of Community Services & Parks who currently also oversees the Dept. of Library, Arts & Culture, overviewed the proposed budgets of both departments, focusing on projects planned for the coming year. Plans are underway for the renovation of the Doctors House in Brand Park; the renovation of fields #4 and #5 in the Sports Complex; the completion of the update to the Central Library, adding restrooms upstairs, finishing the children’s space, teen center and game room; new public art throughout the city including 20 new columns with tile artwork at Fremont Park; murals on the basketball courts in Palmer Park; art on three circular benches in the area of the Montrose Shopping Park district; an art show planned for late 2024; and the roll-out of an electric bookmobile operational by the end of July, working three to four days a week at multiple locations – parks, senior centers, schools, preschools – to provide library services and Wi-Fi. Lights at Glorietta Field will be

replaced with more focused lighting to avert the light pollution currently experienced by neighbors.

“We need more parks in south Glendale,” Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian stated, questioning the \$4 million set aside for park acquisition. He emphasized the importance of working with the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) to explore opportunities for joint use.

“Opening up those resources to the community when school is out would be life-changing for some neighborhoods,” Councilmember Kassakhian added.

Reporting on the budget focus of the Community Development Department, director Bradley Calvert ran through outstanding projects including improvements to the Alex Theatre; information being distributed explaining the city’s rental rights program; this year’s small business/economic development summit (double the size of last year’s); plans for public engagement and site rehabilitation as plans develop for the museum at Rockhaven; opportunities to offer ground leases of city facilities to generate added revenue; the roll-out of the city’s new business registration program; and continued plans for work proposed in the Verdugo Wash.


“You know how I feel about this project,” said Councilmember Gharpetian of the work proposed in the Verdugo Wash. “People who live there do not want this project. I want to know how much has already been spent, in staff time. We can use that money to buy parks.”

“I don’t agree with my colleague and I know there are a lot of people who are supportive,” Councilmember Brotman responded. “They’re just not as loud and noisy as those [who] oppose it – and it’s not just about the people living along it; it’s about the whole city.”

“Public engagement will be the leading part and there will be several check-in points with Council as we decide whether or not to continue, or even what parts to continue with,” Calvert answered.

Mayor Asatryan mentioned the need for a convention center to hold events for 800-1,000 people “if we really want to be a regional connector city.”

All of the city’s budget documents can be reviewed at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/finance/budget>.



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## CRIME BLOTTER

### MAY 11

Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, after parking his vehicle at the location the driver returned and noticed water bottles that had been inside his vehicle were now outside by the rear tire. He then saw the passenger side door was ajar and the interior of the vehicle had been ransacked. The victim also noticed the driver’s side door keyhole had been punched. Several items, including the victim’s wife’s purse, had been stolen between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### MAY 10

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, an individual reported parking his electric-bike at the bicycle rack near a store. He did not place an extra security system on his bike to

secure it to the rack. He entered the nearby business and when he returned he noticed his bike was not where he had left it. At first, he did not think there was anything suspicious. He asked his friends if they were playing a prank on him by taking his e-bike. He soon realized it was not a prank and that someone had stolen his property between 3:30 p.m. and 3:35 p.m.

2700 Brierhaven Drive in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a call concerning a burglary report. When they responded the resident said he had left his home and then received an alarm notification on his cellphone. He returned home and found rooms had been ransacked and several items were stolen. The rear sliding glass door had been left unlocked. The burglary occurred between 5 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

### MAY 9

4100 block Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a gardener parked in front of the home at the location and began working in the backyard. His vehicle was parked in the driveway of the home and left unlocked. When he returned he found equipment, including his lawnmower, had been stolen. The theft occurred between 3 p.m. and 3:20 p.m.

4000 block of Forest Hill Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the passenger side window had been shattered and items were stolen from a vehicle between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.



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had it traveled?

Because of my research I was certain this plastic bag would end up tearing itself free and find its way to a storm drain, out to the ocean and, if it didn't wrap itself around sea life, it would break up into micro-plastics and be eaten by fish, which we will eat. The circle would be completed as we – and the plastic – became one.

This bag just made me feel defeated and I couldn't let it go. Luckily for me I know Steve Pierce, who works with the Montrose Shopping Park Association. I called him and let him know about the bag. Just hearing him say, "I will go by and look at it" made me feel better. I am comforted because Mr. Pierce is among the guardians of our community.

I know if he sees it he will call the City of Glendale and something will get done. But then I think of the gas it will take for those public workers to get to Montrose and reach the tree for this torn plastic bag – and my anxiety begins to grow again.

Our area is in a "deep marine layer" that will probably continue throughout the weekend and break with some sun on Tuesday. Until then we will be waking up to some drizzle as this May Gray continues.

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# Fiesta Days Honors Memorial Day

By Mary O'KEEFE

Memorial Day weekend means it's time for Fiesta Days in La Cañada Flintridge, where every hour for three days seems to be filled with community events.

The long weekend is organized and sponsored by the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association.

"There is a tremendous focus on Memorial Day and what it means," said Pat Anderson, president and CEO, La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce.

Although there are many events beginning on May 25 through May 27, the real focus will be on the parade on Monday which this year is titled "America the Beautiful Parade."

"Our Grand Marshal is Army Sgt. First Class retired John Bodnar, who is a Purple Heart [recipient]," Anderson said.

The parade will also be honoring Ivan Cregger, a WWII veteran who is 102-years-old.

"And this year we are recognizing our Gold Star families," she added.

A Gold Star family is one that experienced the loss of an immediate family member who died as the result of an active-duty military service, according to American's Gold Star Families.

Anderson said organizers took a lot of time in deciding how to honor these families and their loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. They wanted to make certain the families were respected. There will be banners at Memorial Park with photos of those who lost their lives while in service to their country.

This marks the 51st year of the Memorial Day/Fiesta Day event.

"It is a community effort," Anderson said. "Please come out and join us."



**Saturday  
May 25th**

**Sunday  
May 26th**

**Monday  
May 27th**

<p><b>French Toast Breakfast</b> 8 - 11am Memorial Park - Kiwanis AM Music by Isabella Bazler of Moulin Bleu Adults \$10 Kids 11 &amp; under \$5</p> <p><b>Vintage Car Show</b> 8 - 11am Memorial Park - FREE Admission</p> <p><b>Farmers Market</b> 9am - 1pm Across from Memorial Park 1346 Foothill Blvd.</p> <p><b>Tournament of Roses Assn</b> 10th Annual Open House 2 - 5pm 4524 Hampton Road</p> <p><b>Family Bingo Night &amp; Ice Cream Sundae Bar</b> 6:00pm - 9pm Community Center 4469 Chevy Chase Dr.</p>	<p><b>Lanternman House Summer Picnic &amp; Ukulele Rendezvous</b> noon - 4pm 4420 Encinas Drive - FREE Admission</p> <p><b>Family Dinner &amp; Music LCHS Jazz Band</b> 6pm Dinner 6:30pm Music Memorial Park Adults \$20 Kids 11 &amp; under \$8 BBQ menu by Los Gringos Locos Sponsor - NASA Services, Inc. Concierge Tables Available--Call the Chamber 818-790-4289</p> <p><b>Fireworks Show</b> 8:45 pm Memorial Park FREE Admission Fireworks Sponsor-- Allen Lund Company</p>	<p><b>YMCA of the Foothills Fiesta Days Run</b> <b>**NEW ROUTE FOR 2024**</b> Time - early morning-TBA Foothill's Fastest, Family Run and more 5K Run/Walk Foothill Blvd., Olberz Park</p> <p><b>Memorial Service</b> 9AM Memorial Park</p> <p><b>"America the Beautiful" Parade 10:30am</b> Grand Marshal - Army Sergeant John Bodnar</p> <p><b>Afternoon in the Park</b> noon - 3:30pm Memorial Park Games, food court open until 5pm Music - Soul'd Out</p> <p><b>Music in the Park</b> 4pm Memorial Park Sponsor - City of LCF Music by Captain Cardiac</p>
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Whereas, EVERY tenet in Glendale’s 2023 Pride Proclamation was canceled the same month it was presented when the city chose to accommodate hate and cancel Pride,

Whereas, a year has passed and the City of Glendale never followed up with or undertook a single action to reinstate their commitments listed in that proclamation,

Whereas, LGBTQIA+ students, families, educators, and community allies have been the continual target of hate and harassment in Glendale for more than a year,

Whereas, LGBTQIA+ persons and community allies are being doxed, targeted, threatened, and physically and verbally harassed in their neighborhoods, at their jobs, and at city meetings,

Whereas, your queer community recognizes we’ve been deemed a negotiable commodity while homophobic speech and comments are regularly accepted in chambers, minus council rebuke, pushback or retaliation,

Whereas, the City of Glendale continues to view LGBTQIA+ hate as a permissible allowance of differing opinions,

and Whereas queer and questioning students in our school district are watching,

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Calvert also reported on an additional new element added to the city's general plan. State law now requires cities that have updated a number of elements of their general plans to include a "social justice" element. The city has developed a survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/GlendaleEJ "to ensure there aren't disproportional environmental effects on our community, be they due to demographics, age ranges, income levels, and to ensure there are mitigating measures." The survey seeks input on these topics: access to a range of public facilities and services; the availability of safe and convenient places for recreation; access to healthy food options; housing conditions; pollution exposure and air quality; opportunities to share input on city plans and programs.

Earlier in the meeting, the council issued proclamations recognizing Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month.

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included the work of Lt. Col. Dave Worley, who at the time was a JROTC teacher/mentor at Crescenta Valley High School, the JROTC, Prom Plus Club, American Legion Post 288, VFW Post 1614, CV Chamber of Commerce, Jean Maluccio and many more local supporters who worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Wall.

This year's Memorial Day ceremony will once again be held at the Memorial Wall, presented by American Legion Post 288, VFW Post 1614, LA County Parks Dept., CVHS JROTC and Boy Scout Troop 288. The event will begin at 8 a.m. with the presentation of colors. There will be a POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) table ceremony and the guest speaker is Lt. Col. Andrew Burghdorf, USAF. Two Strike Park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave.

Montrose will also be holding a Memorial Day event sponsored by the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce and the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. The event will be held at the Vietnam War Memorial at the northwest corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. The ceremony will include dignitaries from the state and the City of Glendale. It will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The City of Glendale will also host a ceremony on May 27. The event will be held at the City Hall Veterans Memorial, 613 E. Broadway, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. Glendale Police Deputy Chief Andrew Jenks will be acting as master of ceremonies and there will be the presentation of colors, music and a keynote speaker (yet to be confirmed).

In Burbank, Memorial Day will be recognized at the McCambridge Park War Memorial, at the corner of San Fernando Road and Amherst Drive. A pre-concert, featuring the Burbank Community Band, begins at 10:15 a.m. followed at 11 a.m. with the Ceremony of the Rose - Condor Squadron flyover sponsored by Cusumano Real Estate Group.

LA City 7th District Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez will sponsor an event on May 26 for Memorial Day with a concert in the park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring 1st Marine Division Band at Brand Park located at 15121 S. Brand Blvd. in Mission Hills. The event will include live entertainment and information on veteran resources.

BURGLARIES from Cover

owner of a power shut off, locking the home's breaker box is a way to ensure that the power is not tampered with. Some alarm systems have glass break sensors, which Chun encouraged, because the modus operandi at most recent break-ins have been to break glass panels rather than the doors.

The most important part of investing in these electronics, however, is using them, Chun said.

He said to always turn systems on, even when leaving for a short amount of time. Law enforcement will err on the side of caution and respond to calls unless the alarm is being tripped constantly. Even if an alarm has been falsely triggered 19 times, law enforcement does not want to risk something happening on the 20th time, Chun said.

To prevent trespassers while on vacation, there are appliances

that mimic the TV being on. Leaving the radio on, closing the blinds and asking a neighbor to pick up residents' mail will also buy time - time that a potential burglar must spend trying to ensure that the homeowner is actually absent.

LASD/CV Station and Glendale Police Dept. also offer free vacation checks for homeowners. Volunteers or officers will drive by a home to do a simple check. However, this service is not a substitute for knowing your neighbors, Chun added.

Chun noted that residents will know the "vibe" of their own community and are therefore more likely to notice something amiss, even if it's subtle.

Chun described neighbors as the eyes and ears of residential areas.

"If you do not know your next door neighbor, how would they know when that neighbor might

need them?" Chun asked.

Should one suspect a break-in in their own home or a neighbor's home, law enforcement encourages them not to enter the residence and instead call the CV Sheriff's Station from elsewhere. Entering is not worth the risk of potentially interrupting something occurring within. Chun reminded the audience that 9-1-1 is for emergency calls and non-life threatening questions or suspicions may be directed to (818) 248-3464.

The Neighborhood Watch program is best suited for 10 to 15 neighbors living on the same block. Those interested are encouraged to hold a meeting and invite a member of local law enforcement to attend. That member will be able to guide and answer specific questions concerning the program and the neighborhood.

A block captain, or the

community liaison between neighbors and law enforcement, will collect and distribute information so that each member of the community may get in touch with one another should suspicious behavior be witnessed. Even if residents are not a part of a formal Neighborhood Watch program, being educated on safety tips and surrounding oneself with trustworthy neighbors is an important part of keeping the area crime-free.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » CRAIG W. DURST

## The Mystery of the Sunland Olives

Today's local history story begins on a pleasant day in 1932, more than 2,000 miles away in the Muskoka Lakes region of Ontario, Canada. Some children were playing in a large yard when a big, fancy car turned down the long driveway. They ran to greet the group of young adults that emerged from the shiny new car and were asked if they could lead them to the old Adams' family homestead nearby. After following a path through the woods, they arrived at a small, dilapidated log cabin. The guests talked and laughed as they explored the structure before returning to their car. Once there, the driver reached into his pocket and handed the children a \$5 bill for leading the way, the equivalent of about \$100 today. He then reached into the car and retrieved a half dozen jars and

handed one to each of the children. Many thanks were expressed, and they were on their way.

The kids looked at the jars to see a colorful image of a large orchard backed by beautiful mountains. At the top of the label it read, "Sunland Olives". None of these young ones had ever seen an olive before but one removed a top and popped one in their mouth. Just as quickly it was spit upon the ground. The taste was universally not appreciated it appears but one of their ubiquitous sling shots appeared, and an olive was loaded and slung. Every sling was then retrieved from each child's back pocket and within a short while, all the olives were spent. All that was left was the mystery of these guests, their fancy car and the story behind these jars of olives. Many decades passed and

the mystery of the Sunland Olives would occasionally come up in conversations amongst those who were there that day.

Finally, a call came to the local historical society from an Elizabeth Schell, who was reaching out to learn about her ancestry and what she could gather about her great-grandparents, Thomas and Esther Adams, who had been early settlers there in the late 1870s. She was able to provide all the answers to the long-standing mystery of Muskoka Lakes.

Thomas and Esther had emigrated to Canada from England when they had learned of free lands to be had in this beautiful region, about a hundred miles north of Toronto. Of the couples' many children, several also emigrated. Their son Alfred felt the urge to

travel west and arrived in Sunland, then called Monte Vista, in 1884. His young son, Alfred Jr. took to the land and worked for a time for two brothers, tending their large olive orchard. Still in his teens, Alfred Jr. turned his attention to the process of canning olives and began his operation at the northwest corner of Wentworth Street and Sherman Grove Avenue in the mid 1890s.

In 1898, Alfred Jr. was married to Netta Stancliff here in Sunland and all the town came out to celebrate. The business grew, and numerous buildings were constructed to facilitate the processing of olives. By the early 1920s the Adams' canning factory was Sunland's largest employer with 50 plus workers and 30,000 cans of olives being produced each year. Their product was shipped around the world, clearly

marked as "Sunland Olives".

Elizabeth Schell shared that some of Alfred Jr.'s children and their wives, who would have been in their 20s and 30s, traveled across the country in 1932 to visit their great-grandparents old homestead, and took with them an ample supply of Sunland Olives to give away along their journey.

By the early 1950s development in Sunland and other issues forced the business to move north. In the summer of 1955, the historic cannery was torn down to make way for a 34-home tract and another local landmark passed from the scene.

*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.*

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CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL » LAURA FRIEDMAN

## Wolverines May Be Returning to California's Mountains

California's mountains were once teeming with wolverines, a carnivorous cousin to minks and badgers, but that more closely resembles a long-tailed, diminutive bear. Fur trapping, hunting and poisoning saw their numbers collapse; and they largely disappeared from the state a century ago. Wolverines are still relatively common in the wilder

regions of Canada and Alaska. And they are considered threatened in the Pacific Northwest, Idaho and Montana. Other than an occasional long-distance traveling animal though, their populations have never recovered in California. This year, I introduced Assembly Bill 2722 in the hopes that California's wolverine population might be brought back from the edge.

Knowing their extant status, California has long had protections in place. Wolverines were designated as a fully protected species under the Fish and Game Code in 1970 and listed as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act in 1971. The truth, however, is that these protections

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There has been a lot of misinformation in the news lately about pending changes coming to the real estate industry and what they mean for homebuyers and sellers. As a dedicated Realtor in the Glendale and Crescenta Valley communities, I'd like to clarify any confusion your readers may have.

Because of a recent settlement by real estate brokerages and the National Association of Realtors®,

two things are changing. First, properties listed on the multiple listing service (MLS) will no longer include an offer of compensation to buyer's agents. Second, homebuyers who want to work with an agent will need to sign a written agreement with that agent before touring a home. That means before homebuyers start their home search, they'll need to discuss and agree with their agent what the agent will do on their

behalf, and they'll need to decide how much and how to pay that agent.

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The pending changes will not affect what makes Realtors valuable -- a commitment to work in their clients' best interests. Realtors throughout the state will continue to serve their clients every day and help make homeownership a reality for all Californians who aspire to it.

Sincerely,  
*Sevak Sohrabian*  
President  
Glendale Association of Realtors  
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## Girl Scout Tasting Bee: Cuisine and Culture



By Lori BODNAR

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles hosted its 38th Annual Girl Scout Tasting Bee showcasing countries and culinary tastes from around the world. The Girl Scout Tasting Bee is held to celebrate World Thinking Day and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS). There are about 8.8 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 153 countries.

Girl Scout levels includes Daisies (grades K-1), Brownies (grades 2-3), Juniors (grades 4-5), Cadettes (grades 6-8), Seniors (grades 9-10) and Ambassadors (grades 11-12).

Patti Brundige, a service unit manager (SUM) for the Crescenta Valley Girl Scouts Service Unit (CVGSSU), organized the Girl Scout Tasting Bee.

"I think the benefit to Girl Scouts is learning about the World Centers and the 153 countries that are part

of the World Association," Brundige said. "Juliette Gordon Lowe founded Girl Scouts in the U.S. and promoted girl scouting worldwide. The WAGGS' Edith Macy Center in New York – 400 acres – was donated in 1926 in honor of Edith Macy who was the chair of Girl Scouts. I was invited there for training at Edith Macy."

There are five World Centers in WAGGS, including Our Chalet in Switzerland, Our Cabaña in Mexico, Pax Lodge in the United Kingdom, Sangam in India and Kusafiri in the Africa region. The Kusafiri World Center is not a single facility; Kusafiri events are held in facilities throughout different countries in Africa.

Mary Jane Craig has been to four of the World Centers and has been a Girl Scout for almost 60 years.

"The only World Center I haven't been to is Africa. Going to the World Centers is like a different world; the staff is international, so you never know who is going to be there. I was a member of the Olave Baden-Powell Society, which was started by the queen and princess of Denmark. They have a meeting every year in a different country," said Craig. "I have been a Girl Scout for 57 years. I have been on the Friends of Cabaña committee for 25 years. They give recognition by planting a tree there in your name; I got a lemon tree. I am also part of the Silver Trefoil."

For the Tasting Bee hosting troops represented Portugal, Mexico, France, Japan, Italy and Panama.

"Nina [a Girl Scout member] is actually Portuguese, so she wanted to [demonstrate] her culture and the girls wanted to be supportive. We are serving caldo verde, which is green soup and chorizo, then Portuguese tarts called pastel de nata," said Janet Arbitrario, troop leader, Girl Scout Troop 6311. "Our troop started when [the girls] were in kindergarten. We prepared for the Tasting Bee by learning about Portugal and [the country's] cuisine.

The girls are earning their cuisine badges so the Tasting Bee just worked around the same time."

"We have Portuguese heritage and my daughter Nina was excited to share her culture with everybody. We did a Tasting Bee before as participants and then Nina switched elementary schools. Last year, we did a Thailand booth at the Tasting Bee. Nina is in sixth grade and is going to middle school next year, the other girls in the troop are in middle school now. We are a Dunsmore Elementary and Rosemont Middle School troop. It was fun learning about Girl Scouts with Nina; I feel like Girl Scouts teaches how to be a good person," said Nancy Ventura.

Troop 1051 represented Mexico. There are six girls in the troop and they are Seniors (grades 9-10). They are working on their journey to earn a Girl Scout Gold Award and plan on saving money to visit the Switzerland World Center. Troop 1051 has participated in the Girl Scout Tasting Bee in the past.

"We chose to represent Mexico because we wanted to learn more about the culture and half our troop has Mexican ancestry. We are serving horchata, enchiladas, flan and Mexican wedding cookies," said Maia Vergara. "We were here for the Girl Scout Tasting Bee last year and represented Germany. I like to learn more about different cultures, read the posters at the tables and try the food. We researched beforehand and our troop leader told us about Mexico."

"We chose to represent France because of the mimes," said Cadette Charlotte Giagni of Troop 1255, which represented France. "It is a cool place, [including] the Eiffel Tower. French is a beautiful language and [there are] a lot of choices for food. We are serving madeleines."

Girl Scout Troop 846 showcased Japanese cuisine with matcha and soba noodles. Troop 70411 combined two troops and created an Italian feast including bruschetta.

Italy was also highlighted by Troops 70411 and 02931.

"We chose to represent Italy because we like the food," said Girl Scout Francesca Daza from Troop 70411.

Troop 02931 also showcased Italian cuisine, offering Alfredo pasta, meatballs and pizzelles – a traditional Italian waffle. The six girls in the troop are all Cadettes.

"The troop has done the Girl Scout Tasting Bee since the beginning – for nine years now. I enjoy the food, of course, it is always fun to have the variety, and it is nice to have the troops get together. We prepared for the Tasting Bee by researching Italy, making a poster, and the girls decided what food to serve. They learned about how girls in other countries like Italy do their own version of Girl Scouts and how life is like over there," said troop leader Leah Blackley.

Girl Scout Troop 1611 represented Panama. Most of the troop members are Cadettes and are going to Pax Lodge and Chalet in two years.

SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere) are usually exchanged at large Girl Scout events. At the Tasting Bee, many of the hosting troops had SWAPS related to the country they were representing.

The 38th annual Girl Scout Tasting Bee was held at the Scout House in Montrose and celebrated different countries that are part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The event allowed Girl Scouts and the community to explore other cultures and culinary tastes, while also giving them the opportunity to demonstrate their heritage.

LEFT: Girl Scout Troop 1051 represented Mexico. Shown are Najla Alameddine, Maritza Vogt, Maia Vergara, Naiya Rothurmund, Sasha Tae and Zoe Gibson.

MIDDLE: Girl Scout Troop 1611 represented Panama. Most of the troop members are Cadettes and are going to Pax Lodge and Chalet in two years.

RIGHT: Girl Scout Troop 1255 represented France.

BELOW: Hundreds attended the Tasting Bee in Montrose.



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Passing of the Laurels Celebration

On May 19 Alice Pero will pass her poet laureate crown to Kathleen Travers in a ceremony of music and poetry from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga. Pero, who is the 10th poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga, will be the last so named.

The laureate program has since expanded to include the vast community of creative writers who reside in the foothills and share a collective love of the history, diversity and panoramic beauty of the area we call home. Travers will be inducted as the first poet laureate of the foothills. Apart from her gifts as a profound writer and eloquent speaker, she brings her art history education and numerous community service endeavors to extend the awareness and reach of the poet laureate program. The event will include readings by each poet of their original



Alice Pero wearing her laureate crown.



Kathleen Travers

work and a musical presentation by Pero on flute and guest pianist Daniel West. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Reflecting on her term of service, Pero was honored to

represent the “green hills of Verdugo” at dozens of readings in Los Angeles, New York and Austin since she was elected in 2020. Her official induction occurred in 2022, deferred due

to the pandemic, but that didn’t slow her passion for hosting events online and exploring the grace and charm of the foothills. “I absorbed the spirit of the desert wash, the plants, animals

and birds. They have all become part of my poetry,” said Pero. “A poet feels the pulse of the city, the people and all of nature.”

During her four-year tenure, see LAURELS on page 15

## Youth Fundraiser & Classic Car Show Provide Funds for Camp & High Adventures



By Ruth SOWBY

Under sunny skies in La Crescenta on Saturday, May 11, about a dozen classic cars were

star attractions in the parking lot of the La Crescenta congregation Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A classic black Ford and shiny red Corvette drew the most

admirers. From noon to 2 p.m., several dozen church members and friends headed for the bake sale tables of pies, cakes, cookies and brownies

with suggested donations of \$5 to \$10. Hot funnel cakes proved the most popular, served with a choice of powdered sugar, chocolate sauce, whipped cream or all three.

Two-year-old Baz Calkins wasn’t choosy; he ate his funnel cake straight.

Church youth donated their time in the form of vouchers for services. Three hours of babysitting, for instance, went for \$45. A “Late Night Delivery of Treats” could be had for \$30.

Youth leader Katrinka Blunt estimated that this Third Annual Youth Fundraiser would bring in about \$3,000.

“The fundraiser is at a crossroads between the community and church members,” she said.

The proceeds will help support girls’ camp and boys’ high adventure activities for La Crescenta Ward youth.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Classic cars such as this Corvette stole the show at the Youth Fundraiser at the La Crescenta Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

MIDDLE: Sunny skies shone on this classic Ford in foreground and other classic cars at the Youth Fundraiser & Classic Car Show in the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, La Crescenta Ward.

RIGHT: Church youth showing off their wares at the bake sale table are, from left, Kaitlyn Hughes, Kiana Hughes and Charlotte Gibbs.

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she continued her work with children through the Poetry in Schools program, became the monthly contest chair for the California State Poetry Society and assumed the role of artistic director of the Village Poets booking.

Newly elected laureate Travers is a fourth generation Angeleno and has lived in her 100-year-old historic home in Sunland for more than 20 years. With graduate degrees

in art history, Victorian studies and professional writing, she received fellowships to the Prague Writer's Festival as well as post-graduate study at Cambridge University. As a former high school and university educator, she is a historic restoration expert specializing in architectural ceramic. She is a founding member of ST Forward, an arts, equity and inclusion based non-profit. She volunteers for

several homeless charities and is a current board member of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. Travers was elected poet laureate of the foothills by a nine-member panel composed of artists, writers, musicians and arts administrators.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the laureate program, which was initiated to unify and promote creative writers and the access to workshops to nurture their

development. It also honors the legacy of John Steven McGroarty. He was the third California poet laureate from 1933 to 1944. McGroarty was elected by resolution of the combined legislature of the state of California. Marlene Hitt was elected the first poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga in 1999. She was a regional laureate as opposed to a state laureate.

"It was a thrilling endeavor," said Hitt. "We came together to

raise the impression of poetry and the perception of our area as an artist's enclave."

Hitt's book, "Sunland and Tujunga: From Village To City" is available online.

Passing of the Laurels will be held on May 19 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga.

Attendance to the event is free to the public.

# Glendale Memorial Hospital Designated as Center of Excellence for Joint Replacement

Dignity Health—Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center announced today it is now a Center of Excellence for Joint Replacement following a rigorous inspection and review by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), which confirmed the

hospital has met nationally and internationally recognized standards.

SRC's joint replacement accreditation helps patients identify hospitals that demonstrate an unparalleled commitment and ability to

consistently deliver safe, effective, evidence-based care in addition to long-term, follow-up care. Requirements of accreditation include surgical volumes, facility equipment, clinical pathways and standardized operating procedures, an emphasis on patient education and continuous quality assessment.

Surgery may not always be a quick fix. In some cases, the successful, long-term management of joint replacement surgery depends

on a dedicated, multidisciplinary team working together with the patients and their family. SRC's joint replacement accreditation program reflects the specific needs of patients and the unique roles and responsibilities of those who provide treatment. In fact, the program is structured to help medical teams continuously improve care quality and patient safety.

"Earning SRC's joint replacement accreditation reaffirms Glendale Memorial

Hospital as a leader in joint replacement surgery and demonstrates our deep commitment to providing high quality care to all patients," said Jill Welton, president at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. "Commitment to this process has focused our team on exceeding clinical benchmarks and guidelines. Most importantly, our commitment to excellence will improve the health and well-being of our patients."

## PET OF THE WEEK



Getting ready for Memorial day Spooner relaxes before his hamburgers ready CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Rescued Sea Otter Pup at Aquarium of the Pacific



Photos by Charly SHELTON  
LEFT & BELOW: These otters were rescued but will not be released into the wild.  
ABOVE: Brett Long, senior director of birds and mammals at the Aquarium of the Pacific, welcomed guests.

By Charly SHELTON

The Aquarium of the Pacific (AotP) is excited to introduce a young sea otter, named 968, who is the first releasable rescued sea otter pup to be paired with a surrogate mother. The pup is being raised as part of the AotP's comprehensive sea otter rescue and rehabilitation program. This initiative is a collaborative effort with the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Sea Otter Surrogacy Program, designed to help stranded sea otter pups learn the essential skills needed for survival in the wild.

Megan Smiley, Sea Otter Program Manager at the Aquarium of the Pacific, explains the process of enriching the otters' environment. "Everything we are doing is aimed at helping them gain experience necessary for foraging in the ocean," Smiley said. The team creates simulated natural habitats, such as a mussel pylon filled with mussels and clams, to encourage the otters to forage as they would in their natural habitat.

The program places a strong emphasis on minimal human interaction to ensure the pups do not become accustomed to human presence. Smiley notes, "We wear a welder's mask and a barber's cape to hide our human form as we're throwing food up and over," emphasizing the importance of maintaining the otters' natural wariness of humans.

Brett Long, senior director of birds

and mammals at the Aquarium of the Pacific, highlights the significance of this initiative. "For the first time in the history of the Aquarium of the Pacific, a releasable rescued sea otter pup has been paired with one of our surrogate moms," Long said. The goal is for the pup, rescued just north of Santa Cruz, to learn survival skills from Millie, an experienced surrogate mother. This pairing is vital as it helps the pup learn to groom, forage, and socialize — skills necessary for its eventual release back into the wild.

Since joining the Monterey Bay Aquarium's program in 2020, the Aquarium of the Pacific has expanded its capacity to care for and rehabilitate stranded sea otter pups. This partnership has enabled the facility to house and care for up to four pups per year, effectively doubling the number of otters that can be prepared for release into the wild.

Sea otters play a crucial role in their ecosystems, Long said, acting as "ecosystem engineers" by controlling sea urchin populations and promoting kelp forest health. Their numbers have increased from a critical low of about 50 animals in the 1930s to nearly 3,000 today, but continued conservation efforts are essential for their recovery.

Through these efforts, the Aquarium of the Pacific aims not only to rehabilitate and release sea otters but also to educate the public about the importance of these animals and the challenges they face.



This program is a testament to the commitment of the Aquarium and its partners to marine conservation and the recovery of this iconic species.

Millie and 968 are living happily out of human view at the Aquarium of the Pacific, but members of the media were invited backstage to see a live webcam view of the otters interacting with their environment. Guests at the

Aquarium can learn more about the Sea Otter Surrogacy program at a dedicated informational display toward the back of the outdoor exploration space. And to see both the surrogate otters as well and get up close with the resident otters, check out our video on YouTube by searching Zipahdeedoodad, or by scanning the QR code attached to this story.

### THEN & NOW



**THEN** » This beautiful Shopping Bag Market was the first large supermarket on Foothill. Built around 1950, it served the new tracts that were sprouting like weeds among the sagebrush above Foothill Boulevard in the post war building boom. This Shopping Bag was unique in that it featured a coffee shop and, on a lower level, a department store and garden shop.

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# Let's All Go to the Fair

By Charly SHELTON

The Los Angeles County Fair is here. From now through May 27, 2024, at the Fairplex in Pomona, guests can come and experience all the food, the animals, the dining, the shopping, the cuisine, the rides, and the eats that this year's fair has to offer. This year's theme, "Stars, Stripes & Fun," celebrates the diverse cultures and communities of Los Angeles County, and on any given weekend you're likely to see almost all of LA come out

to experience it. The fair gets very crowded and very lively — it's like a giant party with 100,000 of your closest friends and neighbors in 85° heat!

Tickets are available online for the best prices, with options for single-day and season passes. The fair will be open Thursdays through Sundays and on Memorial Day, and we recommend visiting in the early hours on a weekday to maximize all you can see before the crowds descend over the weekend. For more information, visit [LACountyFair.com](http://LACountyFair.com).



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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.  
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### 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 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.

### 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

### 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.

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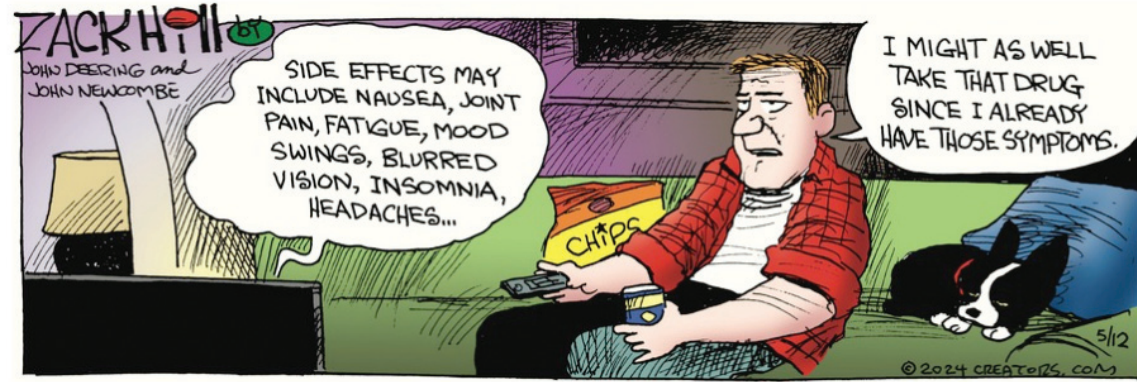
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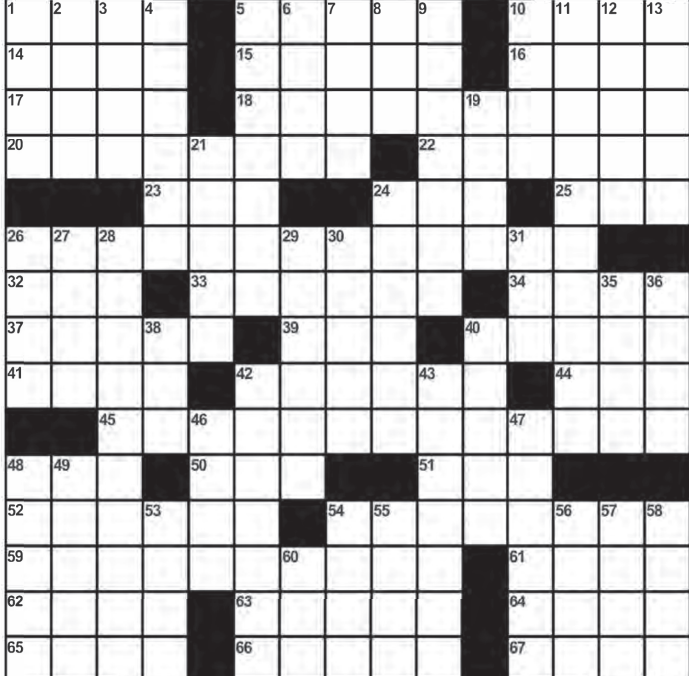
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- Sa-like growth
- Battle the clock
- Freeze over
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- Stone of the screen
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- Comedian Philips
- Lilt syllable
- "Take your pick"
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- Accepted fact
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- Annual Oct. 24 observance
- Take for a ride, so to speak
- Brown ermines
- "\_ & the Women" (Richard Gere movie)
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- Old TV ET
- Out of practice? (Abbr.)
- Page in history
- Home of the NHL's Stars
- Leave the launch pad
- Grammy-winning rapper wearing his Swiss chard costume?
- Put grill lines on
- Baking spot
- Zig and zag
- Hill helper
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- Field of study
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- Not so far
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- Trendy berry
- Foam toy brand
- Frat member, e.g.
- Planet shapes, roughly
- Starbucks tea offering
- "Blah blah blah"
- Dutch painter Jan
- Victoria's Secret garment
- \_ vital (life force)
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- Armada
- Fielder's cry
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- Diesel of Hollywood
- Podcaster Maron
- Computer memory unit
- Outback avian
- Podcast subscribers, say
- Playground features, often
- Where to put on a play
- Uplifting lingerie
- Bigwig with big bucks
- Extra charge
- Pupa-to-be
- See 39-Across
- Really tired
- Impose, as a tax
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By Frank Longo



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## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

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GUSD from page 5  
 government revenue and allocations are determined largely by enrollment numbers and the number of students in daily attendance, said Santhasundari Rajiv, Chief Financial officer during her presentation to the GUSD board. Employee salaries and benefits account for 88% of the district's budget. Payroll for staff added during COVID is now being spent with the general fund, now that COVID funds are no longer

provided. Increased spending on special education, almost 28% more compared to last year's budget, is also pushing costs. Providing employees with the most comprehensive health plan in LA County has the district spending \$51.5 million, a \$30 million increase from similar districts, instead of distributing for salaries. Of every \$100 the district gets, the district sends \$88 to staff health plans, said Rajiv.

In addition to this, the district's funds allocated toward special education have increased each year. Staff said those increases are unusual, and should be addressed. "If you compare salaries, we are not the top, but that is because we chose to give you a better health plan," Rajiv said. Debbie Dill, an outside consultant for budget support, and former interim Chief Budget Officer (CBO) for GUSD, was brought on to assist

with balancing district's budget. In her initial findings, Dill said, inflation as well as restricted funds, cost of living and other uncontrolled costs make it difficult to balance the budget. On the expense side, she discussed how significant decreases in the state's funding were not anticipated, making adjustments for those out of control elements of the budget make it difficult to balance other parts of the funding that is controlled. She recommended

spending restricted funds left over, evaluating vacancies versus positions contracted out and being careful how one-time funds are used. "It's hard to fill some of these positions, so I get it. In order to meet your required obligations, you will have to cover outside services, but how many vacancies do we really have represented in this budget? Budgets are built on assumptions and priorities. Part of that is how you are funded," Dill said.



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