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## AN ELECTION LIKE NO OTHER

It's tough to choose the perfect word to describe the election just a few weeks away.

Fragmented? Unconventional? Polarized? Unsettling? Exhilarating? All of the above?

What's the only word you can't use?

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Inside today, look for our special

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In this collection of essays, in-depth reports and analysis, Southern California News Group reporters take a hard, thoughtful look at:

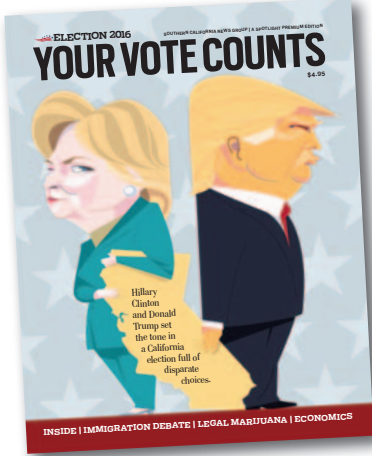
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- Our state at the legal-pot cross-

roads, weighing the financial gold rush vs. worries over abuse and health risks.

- The state's increasingly diverse power base during a year when immigration shapes the national debate.

- And much more. Make sure to read it before you vote. And pass it on.



**"Their main argument against each other is each other."**

— Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State Los Angeles, on the presidential race

BROADCAST LEGEND SIGNING OFF

## Vin Scully: The voice of GENERATIONS



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Vin Scully acknowledges the crowd as a sign reads "I'll Miss You! — Vin" during the seventh-inning stretch on Friday at Dodger Stadium.

**Blue:** He calls his last Dodger Stadium game today after a 67-year career

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The voice is unmistakable — a warm, velvety tenor, so rich in tone, so rhythmic in its pace — like the croon of a classic standard. In Los Angeles, a city of constant reinvention, where transience is a way of life, the voice has endured for nearly seven decades. "The soundtrack of summer," it is so warmly labeled.

But to those who have faithfully tuned in

over the years, the voice transcends the images that title conjures — of sun-drenched afternoons in the shade of palm trees, of Dodger dogs and baseball in Chavez Ravine. To many here, the voice is bigger than the game itself.

Years after the transistor radio became a relic, replaced by MLB TV and live updates on iPhone screens, the voice remains a time machine. Close your eyes, and you'll practically smell the fresh-cut grass in center field,

SCULLY » PAGE 6



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Fan Angel Rodriguez wears body paint to honor Vin Scully on Friday.

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR

## Port rail line hits hard times

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Sluggish trade from Asia through the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach has created financial peril for the once-heralded Alameda Corridor, the 20-mile train expressway designed to speed goods to market.

When it was opened in 2002, the \$2.4 billion route connecting the ports to the national train system in downtown Los Angeles was hailed as a job creator, a promising public and private partnership and a key to future success of the ports.

It came in on time and on budget. But now, 14 years later, the line has run into trouble pay-

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PUBLIC SAFETY

## Missing police guns often end up on street

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Southern California police agencies regularly lose track of all manner of firearms, from high-powered rifles and grenade launchers to standard service handguns, weapons that often wind up on the street.

A Southern California News Group investigation of 134 state and local police agencies from Kern County to the Mexican border found that over the past five years at least 329 firearms were lost by or stolen from law enforcement.

Dozens of these weapons wound up in the hands of criminals, and some were involved in

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MLB

### Dodgers hit grand slam, more against Rockies

Josh Reddick leads barrage of runs against Colorado as Clayton Kershaw throws seven shutout innings. **SPORTS**



WASHINGTON STATE

### Suspect arrested after five shot dead at mall

After a massive manhunt, police said they had a gunman under arrest Saturday after Friday's attack. **PAGE A16**

RICH ARCHBOLD

### Forum will discuss pros, cons of pot legalization

The Southern California News Group and CSULB will present a forum on the state's marijuana legalization efforts. **PAGE A23**

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SEEN AT THE SCENE

# ‘Sunset Sip’ bash at MoLAA is a hit

A “Sunset Sip” brought together 250 people at the Museum of Latin American Art on Sept. 13. Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Guidance Center, more than \$100,000 was raised for the child and family mental health nonprofit agency.



Shirley Wild  
Columnist

The annual event, hosted by Los Angeles Kings alumnus and television color analyst Jim Fox, received support from well-known

sports professionals such as Bob Miller, Kings play-by-play announcer and member of the Hockey Hall of Fame; Luc Robitaille, Kings president of business operations and member of the Hockey Hall of Fame; Derek Armstrong, Kings alumnus; and other Kings alumni attended.

Among the notable city officials were Mayor Robert Garcia, Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna, Councilman Roberto Urrutia and Tonia Reyes-Urrutia, Artesia Mayor Victor Manalo and Connie Szielb representing Supervisor Don Knabe.

During the program, Mayor Garcia commended the Guidance Center for its efforts to help children and families struggling with mental illness over the years, and highlighted the need to address and eliminate the stigma of mental illness as a community.

Other highlights from the program included a screening of a documentary on the Guidance Center, complete with interviews with clients and staff. A previous client was also in attendance and shared her story of treatment and hope.

Throughout the night, guests enjoyed six types of wine, three white and three



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY WILD

Patricia Costales, CEO of The Guidance Center, joins Los Angeles Kings commentator Jim Fox, who hosted the mental health charity’s “Sunset Sip” gala at the Museum of Latin American Art in the East Village Arts District.

red, as a part of the blind wine tasting contest. Ten attendees submitted perfect scorecards, forcing a drawing to select three contest winners. The winners were awarded with taste vins at the end of the night.

“We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of support we received this year,” said Patricia Costales, CEO of the center. “The funds raised at Sunset Sip will allow us to increase our flexibility as an agency and reach the community with much-needed services.”

Seen at the scene: Eric and Caren Adler, Kurt Schneider, Jan and Jerry Maize, Dana Buchanan, Tim Sailor and Kevin Howard, Janet Riedman, Moe and Debbie Shahbahni, and Mary Ebersole.

### Retired teachers

As students return to classrooms every September, the Long Beach Retired Teachers Association distributes scholarship awards

to students planning to become teachers and school nurses through programs at Cal State Long Beach, Long Beach City College and Cerritos College.

This year, \$34,000 was awarded to 25 recipients.

As the members and guests arrived, they were greeted by pianist Connie Lu Berg playing “School Days.” Cynthia Clark’s centerpieces featured yellow ceramic school buses filled with daisies, surrounded by wrapped candies.

President Julie Mendell’s inspirational message was taken from the book “Who Knew.” The quote of a doctor offering peanut butter as a “Cure All” to a disgruntled patient evoked smiles.

After brief officer reports, Nancy Adamson conducted the drawing of names of members who submitted their volunteer hours. Receiving beautiful floral plants were Judy Logue, Marnos Lelesi, Jan-



Courtney Skaggs, left, and Alexis Grizzell were presented with scholarships from the Long Beach Retired Teachers Association to help them become school nurses.

ice Wilcox, Dale Fairbanks, and Felicia Ward.

Scholarship Chair Barbara Ellis introduced the committee members and college representatives, including, from CSULB, Shireen Pavi and Hayley Miller; from LBCC, Elizabeth McCann and Shyra Compton; and from Cerritos College, Veronica Castro.

As the scholarship recipients were introduced, Barbara presented a background bio of each and presented them with a long stemmed rose.

They received enthusiastic and deserved applause from the audience. Scholarship were Aleena Argott, Kirndee Badesha, Elizabeth Bansberg, Erika Bethke, Matthew Botello, Lafleche Boyer Bougeaut, Jonathon Campbell, Sarah Jane Folks, Juliet Anne Formeloza, Jennifer Garrett, Cynthia Herrera, Haley Kahlert, Paola Leguizamo, Felicia Lee, Alexandra Nava, Veronica Prado, Jacqueline Realegeno, Rachel Roberts, Lizette Romero Rodriguez, Kristina Sigala and Jamie Steinman. Brenda Gonzales was the recipient the “Trudy Cares Scholarship,” a new three-year scholarship, donated by retired teacher Trudy Cares.

Courtney Skaggs, and

Alexis Grizzle, nursing students from LBCC, received the scholarships proposed by Barbara Bostwick.

Seen at the scene: Frank and Jean Dayak, Myra Kremen, Rowena Anderson, Jeanne Halliday, Emiko Furita, Kathy King, Helen Hagen, Jan Fairbanks, Carol Zuck, Debra Bragg, Tony Diaz, Ginny Baxter, Bobby Smith, Becky Carroll, Pat Sergeant, Janice Wilcox, Bob Kedges, Shirley McKinney, Toni Tawzer, Karen and Dwayne Larson.

### Arts guild Kick-Off

Dramatic Allied Arts Guild members and guests, elegantly dressed in black and white, met for their 2016-17 Kick-Off Meeting on Sept. 13.

In anticipation of the upcoming annual fundraiser, “A Black and White Affair,” black and white plush animals with red and black plaid bows decorated the red linen-adorned tables.

It was the usual exciting meeting with all the ladies happy to see one another after a fun summer and comparing notes on everyone’s vacation activities and travels.

The group elected to forgo their usual format that includes entertainment and opted for the conversation and catching-up.

The meeting was held at

the Long Beach Yacht Club with Kay Berg in charge of arrangements and Barbara Vaught and Carolee Windsor welcoming all at the registration.

After members introduced their guests, Maggie Van Welleghem introduced this year’s Provisionals – Marisa Autrey, Cathy Crane, Joanne Hermansen, Laurie Markel, Andrea McClintock, Judy Poindexter, and Suzanne Powell.

DAAG’s primary purpose is to promote and advance the study of dramatic and fine arts and allied arts in Long Beach. To accomplish this objective, they provide scholarships to students in these fields at both CSULB and LBCC.

Penny Wilds spoke about the annual event, to be held on Nov. 15, at the Long Beach Marriott Airport Hotel. It will feature boutique shopping and a silent auction followed by a luncheon, fashion show and entertainment. For more information, call 714-960-0218.

Seen at the scene: Second-term President Joyce Kraus, Donna Estrin, Bev Cook, Lynn Danielson, Marlene Temple, Carolyn Powers, Sandra Hollandsworth, Lesley Scheller, Marsha Jeffer, Leslee Martin, Jane Screen, Sharon Civalieri and Nancy Koblenksky.

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James Monge

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3. I honor and thank you for the privilege we enjoy today as a free nation.

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5. We are very proud of you and all the men and women who are fighting for our freedom.

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