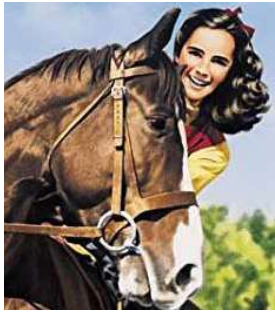


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## News in Brief

### Dababneh Sues Accuser:

#### Says "I Was Forced to Resign!"

Former Assemblyman Matt Dababneh, who resigned in January of this year due to allegations of sexual impropriety, is suing his accuser. Dababneh says lobbyist Pamela Lopez defamed him. He says he does not drink but she had several drinks prior to when she says the assault occurred.

Lopez's lawyer said his suit is an act of retaliation and an attempt to silence women. Dababneh claims he was denied "due process" because the Assembly will not give him copies of the report that found her story most likely to be true. He is seeking unspecified damages for defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress, saying he has suffered depression and anxiety as a result of Lopez's allegations.



### School Evacuated Due to Bomb Threat

Louisville High School was evacuated Wednesday afternoon after a bomb threat was called in to the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station. Students were moved to the Gelson's parking lot for parent pick up. A command station was set up at the corner of Mulholland and Mulholland Highway while LAPD Topanga Station officers searched the 11-acre campus. It was determined that there was no credible threat and students returned to campus this morning.

### Malibu Canyon and Creek Safety Meeting

State Senator Henry Stern will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 19 from 11 am to 1 pm about keeping the Malibu Canyon and Creek community safe. Representatives from CHP, Lost Hills Sheriff's Station and California State Parks will be in attendance. The meeting will be held at King Gillette Ranch, main auditorium, 26800 Mulholland Highway in Calabasas. RSVP to <http://bit.ly/MalibuCreek>.

## "Beat It" After Last Concert of the Season



The last concert of Valley Cultural Center's summer "Concerts on the Green" this Sunday will feature "Who's Bad" - the ultimate Michael Jackson homage.

Whether you idolized the Jackson 5, fell in love to Human Nature or learned to moonwalk to "Billie Jean" this band of professionals elevates the legacy of the pop music king. As the longest-running Michael Jackson tribute band, and the only one to predate his untimely passing, Who's Bad has sold out nearly 50 venues in the United Kingdom.

The concert will take place at Warner Park, Topanga Canyon and Victory Boulevard, beginning at 6 pm. An emerging artist, Aviva, will open the concert at 5:30 pm. There will be food trucks in the park for picnicking.

For more information visit [www.valleycultural.org](http://www.valleycultural.org).

## L.A. Gangs Dumping Bodies in Malibu Canyon

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has announced that Malibu Canyon is a new favorite "dumping ground" for L.A. street gangs wanting to dispose of dead bodies.

Most recently the body of 19-year-old Roger Chavez-Bahona was discovered next to Piuma Road on July 27. Cause of death was multiple gun-shot wounds. The May 16 discovery of the body of Francisco Cruz on Las Virgenes Road is also thought to be gang-related. He died from blunt force trauma.

Sheriff's Homicide Bureau spokesman Karen Shonka said, "It appears as though that's a new location for body dumps. It happens quite a bit in the Angeles National Forest, but for some reason it appears as though (this gang) has changed

locations as far as a dumping ground (is concerned)," Shonka said. "We don't know if (their deaths) are related."

Shonka said that those deaths were unrelated to the shooting death of Tristan Beaudette in Malibu Creek State Park.



### New Calabasas City Manager Sworn In

The new City Manager for the City of Calabasas, Gary Lysik, above right, was sworn in at last week's City Council meeting by Mayor Pro Tem David Shapiro, at left. Lysik previously held the job of Chief Financial Officer for the city for 15 years.

**Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost. - Thomas Jefferson**



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### Local Songwriter Wins Award

Samantha Elin, left, a singer/songwriter/book editor from Tarzana, has won First Place in the *American Songwriter Magazine's* September-October issue for her lyrics for "If I Were a Bottle," winning a special guitar and a microphone, as well as publication in the Nashville-based magazine with worldwide distribution.

"Since I was a kid, I've always loved music and writing, but it was years before I thought of combining the two," Elin said. She started with lyrics that piled up in a dusty folder, until she ventured to try guitar lessons and began composing. "Once I learned some chords, I started coming up with melodies and voila! I fell in love with songwriting," she said. She has since released a couple of CDs with songs ranging from folk, alternative pop, country to old-timey and styles in between. Future plans? To keep writing, networking with other writers, recording, finding film/TV placement opportunities, and she'd be thrilled to hand off songs to other performers. Check out Samantha Elin's music at [www.samanthaelin.com](http://www.samanthaelin.com).



### Find Family Happy Hour at Barone's

Barone's in Westlake Village is offering a "Family Hour" from 3 to 6 pm Tuesday through Saturday - and all day Sunday and Monday!

The second outpost of the familiar pizzeria is offering an experience for the whole gang. Dine in on a small 10" cheese pizza for only \$5 - or add your favorites toppings for just \$1.25. Mozzarella sticks and fried ravioli are just \$5.99 for eight pieces, and wings are just 50¢.

It's happy hour, so 805 draft beer is \$4 a glass or \$13 a pitcher, Bud Light is \$3 and house wine is \$4 a glass.

Barone's Pizzeria Westlake is located at 30990 Russell Ranch Road, #A. Call 889-1474.

Barone's Woodland Hills offers their famous square pizza - they "never cut corners" - dine-in and delivery. The Woodland Hills restaurant is located at 22435-D Ventura Blvd., just west of Shoup. Call 703-1700.

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### "Christopher Robin" is Forever Charming

By Theda Kleinhans Reichman

Readers of A.A. Milne's classic Winnie the Pooh stories know that Christopher Robin, Milne's son, is the little boy who once played with Winnie the Pooh and all their friends in the Hundred Acre Wood. In the totally fictional, but charming Disney film "Christopher Robin," we meet the adult Christopher,

own with a briefcase filled with papers and notes.

At the same time Pooh (voiced by Jim Cummings) can not locate any of his friends from Tigger to Eeyore (Brad Garrett). So Pooh sets off to find Christopher Robin for help. But in the end it's the lovable, honey eating little bear who rescues Robin, showing him the value of family as well as old childhood friends from



The writer at El Capitan.

played by Ewan McGregor. He is now a husband with a 12 year-old daughter, Madeline (Bronte Carmichael). Sadly his job at a London luggage firm comes with a lot of 'baggage.' He is overworked, overwhelmed and stressed-out, with little time to enjoy his family.

He has planned a weekend away at their family cottage but at the last minute his boss tells him he must create a cost cutting plan for the firm by Monday or many employees will be fired. As a result wife and daughter go without him and he is left on his

the Hundred Acre Wood. Directed by Marc Forster, with a script by Oscar winner Tom McCarthy ("Spotlight"), "Christopher Robin" is well worth seeing. Rated PG for some action.

If you see "Christopher Robin" at the El Capitan in Hollywood you will be able to take a photograph with Pooh and also enjoy an exhibit of the clever little stuffed figures of Pooh and friends used in the film.

For tickets there go to [www.elcapitantickets.com](http://www.elcapitantickets.com) or call 1-800-DISNEY6.

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