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MSPA Comments on Transferring Development Rights

By Julie BUTCHER

At the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council, Mayor Ara Najarian announced several upcoming events.

Today, Thursday, Feb. 26 the Glendale Police Foundation is hosting a fundraiser from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to support the traditional annual law enforcement Baker to Vegas relay run. Today's event will be held in the GPD Community Room at 131 N. Isabel St. and will feature a taco truck for lunchtime enjoyment.

A new exhibit is opening at the Glendale Central Library, 222 E. Harvard St., in the library's ReflectSpace, starting with an opening reception on Saturday night from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Dreams Gather Here <https://www.reflectspace.org/post/dreams-gather-here> is a solo exhibition by Rachel Hakimian Emenaker that explores how the cultural memory of diasporic communities is preserved in the history of material objects. The exhibit runs through April 26.

Mayor Najarian also announced a meeting of the Glendale City Council with Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors representative Kathryn Barger on Monday, March 2 in-person (only) from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the GPD Community Room.

Sadly, the mayor asked that Tuesday's meeting be adjourned in memory of former Glendale mayor Sheldon Baker. A distinguished attorney, civic leader and respected public servant, Baker passed away peacefully at Chester County Hospital in West Chester, Pennsylvania on Feb. 14 at the age of 89, surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Baker served as Glendale mayor from 1996 to 1997.

Filipino American Business Association of Glendale president Edith Fuentes issued an

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High School Mountain Bike Team Teaches Dedication, Commitment

By Dominique ROCHA

From practices to races, members of the CVHS mountain bike team build a community – and self-esteem.

Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) is known for its strong athletics across all seasons. The CVHS mountain bike team is no exception.

While mountain biking may be considered a leisurely sport, the CVHS mountain biking team showcases the sport's competitive side.

Mountain biking as a team sport first began in the 1960s. The first timed and organized downhill race, known as the Repack, took place in 1976. Since then, the sport has only grown.

CVHS' start in the sport began in 2008. The team started as the CV/Clark/Glendale composite team. Today, the team has 78 riders composed of students from all over the

Photo provided by CVHS Mountain Bike Team Riders on the CVHS mountain bike team come from across the Glendale Unified School District and range in grades from six to 12.



district. CVHS' team is the largest in the SoCal League.

"We are pretty well known and we have a ton of kids racing," said assistant coach Tony Haynes. "We have a pretty good showing

at the races."

Being a part of the mountain bike team is no small feat. Team members dedicate at least eight hours a week to training and practice in various locations such

as the trails of the Verdugo Mountains, Cherry Canyon and the San Gabriel Mountains. Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Satur-

see BIKE TEAM on page 3

Catalytic Converter Thefts and Ways to Prevent Them

By Mary O'KEEFE

Throughout the area there has been a rash of catalytic converters thefts from cars. This crime seems to go in waves with criminals targeting certain areas/neighborhoods and then leaving for other areas.

"A catalytic converter is an essential emissions control part and is a key component inspected during a smog check. It contains rare metals responsible for converting smog-causing pollutants that pass through a vehicle's exhaust system into less harmful compounds. Because these metals have a high recycle value, catalytic converter theft has become increasingly common," according to the Bureau of Automotive Repair.

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Photo provided by Adobe Stock The theft of catalytic converters is on the rise in the area.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Being Principal ... for a Day

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Smart. That's the first thing I thought when I met some of the students at Horace Mann Elementary School.

On Tuesday I had the privilege of being principal for a day at Horace Mann – one of several local schools that participate in the annual principal for a day program that the Glendale Educational Foundation organizes.

The program gives those chosen an inside look at the school, the way it runs and the way its (regular) principal interacts with the students. Horace Mann is overseen by principal Shant Der-Megerdician ("Principal D" as he is known to the students). Principal D has been in the Glendale Unified School District for over 20 years, most recently as assistant principal at Toll and Wilson middle schools.

Principal D had reserved his parking spot for me! He was waiting for me in the parking lot. The day then really started: first was the pledge of allegiance, done outside and led by a student. The students filed past me on their way to class; quite a few surprised me with a wave and hello. I immediately felt welcomed.

Principal D then took me to Mr. Tiu's kindergarten class. There I got to read to the littles – what a privilege! Then it was off to a tougher group – Mrs. Nazarian's classroom that had fourth and fifth grade students. She had brought up the CV Weekly "Contact

Us" page from our website and after I explained what I did the students could ask me questions. There were some great questions! One of many that stuck in my mind was about Mary O'Keefe – being the lead reporter for CV Weekly, what would I do if she decided not to work here anymore? Talk about a frightening question! Other questions focused on how we decide what stories to put in the paper, do we report on "big" stories (like the recent wildfires) and what is largest story we've ever put in the paper.

I visited the grounds, and Principal D highlighted the work done by the parents in the garden area. Inside a hallway, I saw a huge tree that one of the parents – Hadia Rammal – made. She typically will install something that reflects the month – for example in February she made a big heart for Valentine's Day.

In the library, I saw artwork that another parent had painted on the walls.

Learning how involved the parents are I was surprised that the school lacks an active PTA – but they're working on it.

Lunch was held at the district headquarters where each of the principals for a day were given certificates of completion – finally, I'm a graduate of GUSD!

Robin Goldsworthy is the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She can be reached at robin@cvweekly.com or by calling (818) 248-2740.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

March is Women's History Month – the month that recognizes women's achievements. It began in 1978 as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women. It was planned and executed as a Women's History Week. From there the movement spread from President Jimmy Carter in 1980 issuing the first Presidential Proclamation for a Women's History Week, to an expansion to a month in 1988.

I can't think of anything better to start off this month than to share this amazing speech written by a woman, who also directed a movie that grossed over \$1.445 billion.

The wisdom from the movie "Barbie," written by Greta Gerwig and Noah Baumbach, with input from actress America Ferrera:

"It is literally impossible to be a woman. You are so beautiful and so smart and it kills me that you don't think you're good enough. Like we have to always be extraordinary, but somehow we're always doing it wrong.

"You have to be thin but not too thin. And you can never say you want to be thin. You have to say you want to be healthy but also you have to be thin. You have to have money but you can't ask for money because that's crass. You have to be a boss but you can't be mean. You have to lead but you can't squash other people's ideas. You're supposed to love being a mother but don't talk about your kids all the damn time. You have to be a career woman but also

always be looking out for other people.

You have to answer for men's bad behavior, which is insane, but if you point that out you're accused of complaining. You're supposed to stay pretty for men but not so pretty that you tempt them too much or that you threaten other women because you're supposed to be a part of the sisterhood.

"But always stand out and always be grateful. But never forget that the system is rigged. So find a way to acknowledge that but also always be grateful.

"You have to never get old, never be rude, never show off, never be selfish, never fall down, never fail, never show fear, never get out of line. It's too hard! It's too contradictory and nobody gives you a medal or says thank you! And it turns out in fact that not only are you doing everything wrong but also everything is your fault.

I'm just so tired of watching myself and every single other woman tie herself into knots so that people will like us."

We are facing some hot weather, well above our average for this time of year, in the upper 60s/low 70s. We will be feeling the temperature climb into the upper 80s/low 90s today and Friday. Then a very slight cooling trend happens over the weekend with temps in the mid-to-upper 80s. Monday will be closer to our normal of low 70s but then back up again to the 80s for Tuesday and Wednesday.

No rain in sight but some slight north/northeast winds today and Friday.

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

CVCA TO MEET TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

On Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m. daylight saving time begins. People should set their clocks ahead one hour in anticipation of the time change.

Many fire departments advise putting new batteries in home smoke alarms at this time.

ASCENCIA ANNUAL GALA

Ascencia is holding its 18th annual gala, named Creating a Lasting Impact!, on Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale. This fundraiser will support Ascencia's essential programs that create a lasting impact on the individuals it serves. Tickets, sponsorship packages and underwriting opportunities are available now. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/dwdxjwpm> to take part in this event.

GLENDALE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GALA

Diamonds Gala 2026, the annual Glendale Educational Foundation gala, takes place on Friday, May 1 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 3067 E. Chevy Chase Drive in Glendale from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

To learn more, visit glened.org.

THURSDAY CLUB HOSTS HUGE COURTYARD SALE

The La Cañada Thursday Club will be hosting its annual courtyard sale on Saturday, March 28 from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Sale items include antiques, art, china, collectibles, crystal, electronics, furniture, garden and outdoor items, holiday décor, housewares, jewelry, linens, pet items, sporting goods, toys and vintage items. Everything is priced to sell!

The historic Thursday Clubhouse is located at 4440 Woodleigh Lane. Admission is free and there is plenty of parking.

The Thursday Club is a social, cultural and philanthropic organization that also supports scholarship, outreach philanthropies and its debutant program. Proceeds from the sale are dedicated to the Thursday Club 501(c)4 and purchases are not considered charitable contributions.

For information on the Thursday Club visit lacadathursdayclub.org. For information regarding the courtyard sale contact Sheri Morton at sherimorton49@gmail.com.

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Local Leaders Take Part in Principal for a Day

By Mary O'KEEFE

From health care to law enforcement, on Tuesday leaders in local industry took the reins of principal at local public schools – if only for a few hours.

Principal for a Day is a program established in Glendale in 1992 by the Glendale Educational Foundation (GEF). The organization invited local leaders in industry to shadow principals at Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) public schools.

"Principal for a Day allows community leaders to gain firsthand insight into the daily operations of a school, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and successes students and staff face. This understanding strengthens the connection between the school and the wider community while potentially leading to increased support and collaboration for the wonderful work done by GUSD teachers and staff," according to the GEF website.

This allows "guest principals" to learn about the school campus and see teachers in action. They also get the opportunity to talk to students; many guest principals read books to the younger elementary students and talk about their career to other upper grade students.

And this year Fremont Elementary School had a very special four-legged guest principal – Brisket from the Glendale Police Dept. Brisket is a facility dog that was trained by Canine Companions. The dog, that is more like a part of the GPD family, provides comfort to victims and witnesses during interviews and court proceedings, helps victims process grief and loss, lowers tension and stresses of community members and staff after traumatic events, works with children to build relationships, conducts senior citizen visits and welfare

checks and engages with the community during public events. Brisket, along with handler [and friend] GPD's Amy Tate, has a very busy schedule but always finds time for outreach events, especially if there are children involved.

At an afternoon lunch hosted by the GEF, Dr. Darneika Watson, GUSD superintendent, Dr. Ingrid Gunnell, GUSD board president and Manuel Magpajian, GEF president addressed the lunch crowd.

School principals and guest principals then had the opportunity to take the mic and briefly talk about their experiences. Most temporary principals spoke about the dedication shown students by principals and teachers at the schools they attended. Most were surprised at how the principals seemed to know the names of all of their students.

Other guest principals included: City Commissioner Alek Bartosouf at Clark Magnet High School, Glendale City Councilmember Dan Brotman and Sona Tatiyants founder, Lynk Law at Hoover High, Rima Cameron, Cameron Foundation, at CV High School, OJ Jaramillo, manager of Friar Tux, at Daily High, Molly Burke, executive director Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce and Ernesto Rafael Jr., sports director of the YMCA of the Foothills at Glendale High, Marineh Tchakerian, ServiceTitan, director of production management, at Roosevelt Middle School,



Photo provided by GEF Robin Goldsworthy, shown here with Principal Shant Der-Megerdichian, was Principal for a Day at Horace Mann Elementary School.

Kris Kohlmeier, retired educator, at Wilson Middle School, Lilit Harutyunyan, board chair of Glendale Arts, at Rosemont Middle School, Adam Franko, VP of operations at YMCA of the Foothills, at Toll Middle School, Jennie Quinones Skinner, GCC Guild, at Balboa Elementary School, Gevorg Grigoryan, NextGen Vision Inc., at Cerritos Elementary, Glendale City Councilmember Elen Asatryan scheduled at Columbus Elementary, Irma Villegas, PAK Realty & Kiwanian, at Dunsmore Elementary, Angie Barajas and Samantha Villanueva of Subaru of Glendale at Edison Elementary, Ramirez Pedro, Comprehensive Community Health director, at Franklin Elementary, Paul Nasi a planning advisor at Forest Lawn, at Glenoaks Elementary, Shant Kevorkian, Dignity Health, at Jefferson Elementary, GPD Capt. Jason Ross at La Crescenta Elementary, Manuel Magpajian, attorney, at Lincoln Elementary, Kristi Cohen, USC VHH human resources, at Marshall Elementary, Betsy Hart, CEO Dignity Health Glendale and CVW's publisher Robin Goldsworthy at Horace Mann Elementary.

BIKE TEAM from cover

days from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Members often choose to organize rides outside of practice times.

Throughout the season, the CVHS mountain bike team competes in races. Team members are split up between nine different groups based on skill level: Alpha, Bravo, Delta, Charlie, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel and India.

"The benefit is that it allows these riders to start with us and ride three years before they're racing at the high school level," said coach Andy Haynes.

The races are often over an hour away, requiring team members and their families to pay for hotel rooms or set up camp. Due to the expenses and undertaking the sport requires, the mountain bike team has built a great community.

Preliminary Hearing Scheduled in Sanchez Case

Joseph B. Sanchez appeared in LA County Superior Court on Wednesday morning before judge Kerry White. The judge granted a request for a preliminary hearing on April 22. According to Jimmy Chu, Sanchez's attorney, Glendale Police Dept. is still investigating and there may be more discovery.

Glendale Police Dept. released a statement on Feb. 5 concerning the arrest of Sanchez, 25, of Glendale for sexual abuse of an "8-year-old special needs student." The assault occurred on school grounds. The incident was reported on Dec. 19, 2025 and Sanchez was arrested on Dec. 20, 2025.

The investigation is ongoing.

By Mary O'KEEFE.

"It's a lot different than other high school sports in that you have to travel to do this," said Tony Haynes. "It is quite a family commitment."

This season, the team looks forward to its upcoming race at Cachuma Lake Campground on March 14 and March 15.

"There is a really great self-esteem aspect to this sport and a great community," said Tony Haynes.

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF HOSTING SOUP SUPPER

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to its

Wednesday evening soup suppers, offering a midweek opportunity for food and reflection during this season of Lent. The next supper will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Attendees can enjoy a hearty bowl of soup, as well as bread and dessert.

Following the meal at 7 p.m. a special Lenten service will be held in the sanctuary, led by Pastor Viv Vega. The Wednesday evenings services provide a quiet space for contemplation and prayer. Lent is the 40-day period during which Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time of reflecting and asking for forgiveness.

Ultimately, it is a preparation to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at the feast of Easter.

LCIF's regular Sunday worship continues to be held at 10 a.m.

The church also welcomes local bookworms to the next meeting of the LCIF Book Club. The group will meet on Monday, March 16 at 1 p.m. in the church conference room for a lively discussion of "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans.

For more information about all activities at LCIF, please visit the church's website lcifoothills.org. Those who need pastoral care can email 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 Thursday.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT SHADOW HILLS CHURCH

Shadow Hills Church celebrates the Blessing of the Animals and Animal Resource Fair on Saturday, March 14 from noon - 3 p.m. Shadow Hills Church has a 75-year history of welcoming God's creatures. Pastor Doug Nason will pray for each animal that is present and a complimentary photo will be taken. There will also be a refreshment stand.

Horses, cats, dogs, llamas, iguanas, fish, hamsters, goats, sheep rabbits, lizards, birds – all furry, feathered, hairy and scaly friends – are welcome.

Shadow Hills Church, 10158 Johanna Ave. (at Sunland Blvd.) in Sunland.

For more information call (818) 353-2500 or email Info@shadowhillschurch.org.

SOUP & CINEMA AT ST. BEDE

St. Bede the Venerable Parish in La Cañada invites the community to its annual Soup & Cinema series, a Lenten offering that brings together fellowship and faith through shared meals, film and discussion. Soup & Cinema will be held on these Wednesday evenings during Lent: March 4 and March 11. All Soup & Cinema evenings will be held in St. Bede's new state-of-the-art parish hall.

Each evening begins with a simple potluck soup supper at 6 p.m., followed by a film screening at 6:30 p.m. and guided discussion. Participants are invited to contribute by signing up for a potluck item through the parish website. This year's films were selected to reflect St. Bede's overall Lenten theme, Sowing the Seeds of Hope, highlighting lives of faith and service that encourage renewal, perseverance and Christian witness. The series is led once again by Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF, who returns after many years of guiding Soup & Cinema at St. Bede. With a professional background in film, Fr. Darrin brings a unique perspective to each evening, helping participants explore both the spiritual themes as well as the artistic elements of each film.

On Wednesday, March 4 there is a screening of "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality."

Soup & Cinema is open to all and is offered as part of St. Bede the Venerable Parish's Lenten programming. No registration required and there is no cost to attend. Free will donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

For more information and to sign up for a potluck item, visit bede.org.

St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church is located at 215 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge.

LENT AT MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mount Olive will be having weekly Wednesday soup suppers followed by Lenten services. Soup supper starts at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Lenten service follows at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join this journey as Pastor Tim Singleton brings a series of meditations on the Stations of the Cross.

The Sunday Lenten worship



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ANXIOUS GENERATION ADDRESSED

The community is invited to La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for a free presentation on The Anxious Generation – Discussing the intersection of technology, mental health and faith. The presentations will be on Wednesday evenings continuing through March 18 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They are given by Dot Kim and Jamie Given in the Fireside Room. Dinner available for purchase. La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

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

The class is at Chaffee Hall in

the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta.

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

WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on March 8, 15, 22 & 29. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

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

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

Celebrating Healthy Hearts at Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital



By Ruth SOWBY

On Feb. 19, health-conscience community members participated in health screenings, doctor lectures, education and information on preventive care at Glendale Memorial. The highlight of the morning's agenda was the celebration of the 28th Annual Kings and Queens of Hearts, each royal having participated in the hospital's heart health management program.

Senior Queen Indira Jethwa, Junior Queen Teresa Fulper, Senior King Victor Adjemian and Junior King Christopher Flowers all went through their own journeys to heart health after having heart attacks. The common denominators among the royals were a having a healthy diet, losing weight and exercising at the hospital's Cardiac Fitness Center. That's where the coronations took place in front of an enthusiastic audience of several dozen.

Before the coronations were a multitude of health screenings and education booths. A popular booth measured cholesterol. Lincoln Heights resident Ambreen Yousuf had her cholesterol tested by hospital clinical lab supervisor Melissa Arevalo. Arevalo said a cholesterol number under 100 is good. Another booth measured the presence or absence of plaque and other blockages of the carotid artery. Endovascular neurologist Dr. Elie Dancour, who had just lectured on strokes, got a clean bill of health after his imaging by Stella Martirosyan, Hospital Radiology Manager.

The CPR booth was standing room only. Burbank resident Nathaniel Ong said he comes every year to Glendale Memorial Hospital for health screenings and lectures. Bryan Lopez, American Heart Assoc. director of Development, advised Ong to begin CPR by checking the victim's responsiveness or lack thereof and then

starting chest compressions (in this case on a dummy) to keep the heart beating. Breathing into the victim's mouth is no longer advised.

Lopez said a goal of the American Heart Assoc. is to teach CPR to one million Angelinos before the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Christopher Flowers joins other just-crowned royals (from left) Victor Adjemian, Indira Jethwa and Teresa Fuller. They received California State Senate certificates. TOP RIGHT: Glendale Memorial Endovascular Neurologist Dr. Elie Dancour undergoes carotid artery screening by Pathology Manager Stella Martirosyan, left, and Lucy Toledo, American Medical Center Sciences College student.

RIGHT: American Heart Assoc. Development Director Bryan Lopez guides visitor Nathaniel Ong through CPR chest compressions on a model at Glendale Memorial Hospital on Feb. 19.



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Update on the La Crescenta Avenue Rehab Project Schedule

Construction Schedule

While most improvements are complete for the La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project, certain key elements – including roadway resurfacing, striping and decorative crosswalks – are scheduled for completion by June 2026, barring any additional unforeseen circumstances.

The revised schedule is due to utility relocation work required by GWP Electric, Charter and AT&T for the Twelve Oaks development site on La Crescenta Avenue and Sycamore Avenue.

The City remains committed to delivering a high-quality project that meets the long-term needs of the community and appreciates the public's continued patience and cooperation throughout the construction process.

Tentative Construction Schedule:

- April 2026: Roadway resurfacing
 - May 2026: Roadway striping and utility adjustments
 - June 2026: Installation of decorative crosswalks and reflective pavement on Paloma Avenue
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CRIME BLOTTER

FEB. 22

700 block of Angeles Crest Highway in Tujunga, a driver said he had parked his vehicle at the Switzer Falls Trail parking lot and went for a hike. When he finished the hike, he drove back down toward the city and regained cell service. He had text messages stating his credit card had been denied at a business in Arcadia, while he was hiking. He checked and discovered his wallet had been stolen from his vehicle's glove box.

The theft occurred between 10:56 a.m. and 2:06 p.m.

FEB. 19

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a victim went into the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station to report a battery incident. She told deputies that she and her husband had parked their vehicle at the location. She observed a black 2024 BMW 14 parked in the parking space to the right of her vehicle. A suspect was described as a Black woman, about 30 years old with blonde braided hair, about 5'7" tall with a medium build and at the time was wearing a black shirt, black leggings and white boots. The suspect opened the BMW's driver's door and bumped into the victim's rear passenger-side door. While the suspect was still in her vehicle she closed her driver's door and reopened it, bumping into the victim's car again. The victim asked the suspect why she continued to hit her vehicle with

her car door; the suspect reportedly told the victim her vehicle was too close. The victim told the suspect she had parked correctly between the two parking lines. The suspect then walked to the driver side rear passenger door of her BMW and opened the door wide enough to hit the rear passenger side wheel well trim of the victim's vehicle. The suspect grabbed a brown box from the rear passenger seat, closed the door and walked into the UPS. The victim helped her husband walk into a nearby business then came back and recorded the suspect's vehicle. The suspect returned to her vehicle, opened her driver door and again hit the passenger side door of the victim's car. The suspect took out her cellphone and began recording the victim and then got into her vehicle. The victim walked between her vehicle and the suspect's vehicle. The suspect opened her door, got out and hit the victim in the right temple about nine times with her fist. The victim dropped her cellphone and glasses onto the ground when the suspect began hitting her. When the victim bent down to retrieve her phone and glasses, the suspect drove away. An individual apparently recorded the incident. Deputies are investigating.

The battery assault occurred at 4:08 p.m.

3900 Alta Vista Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported receiving an alarm notification from his home. He

went to his residence in response to the alarm and found the glass door leading to his bedroom had been smashed. Surveillance footage revealed two male adults wearing dark colored clothing approach the glass door to the bedroom. It did not show the suspects entering the home; apparently they were scared off by the alarm. The interior of the home was not disturbed.

The attempted burglary occurred at 2:14 p.m.

100 block of La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that a suspect, described as a male Hispanic between the ages of 17 and 20, about 5'4" tall with multiple tattoos on his face and wearing a black hooded jacket, black pants, black and white shoes and carrying a dark colored backpack, entered the gas station/store through the sliding glass doors. The suspect grabbed multiple items and walked out of the store without attempting to pay. The suspect entered an older model tan Ford Expedition with a non-operable left brake light at 5:47 a.m.

Editor's note: Details included in the crime reports are taken directly from the reports on file. The Crescenta Valley Weekly is not responsible for the incompleteness or inaccuracies in the original reports.

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Strong Show of Support at Pancake Breakfast

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Prom Plus, the organization that hosts an after-prom event at the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA, held its second annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 21 at Sadler Hall on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains. Coinciding with the pancake breakfast was a food donation project held by the Crescenta-Cañada Lions Club.

A strong showing was seen from the Crescenta Valley Town Council. In addition to Harry Leon, Chris Kilpatrick, Dede Mueller and JoAnne Stupakis were among the people who came for a hot breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Money from the fundraiser is dedicated to providing activities for the post-prom event. Donations are still being accepted; go to www.promplus.org for details.

Harry Leon is one of the supporters who filled his plate with yummy hot cakes.

"I like the idea; it's a good program," he said of Prom Plus. "I want to support it. My kids went to Prom Plus and I hope it's around for their kids."

Prom Plus was started in 1994 after the 1991 murder of a Crescenta Valley High School senior at an unsupervised post-prom hotel party.

"If we learn from the past we can prepare for the future," said Leon.

Prom Plus organizers are next preparing for its inaugural bingo game at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. The cost of admission is \$25 per person, which buys a book of 40 bingo cards (four cards per game) and a dauber. Each game pays \$100 or more.



Chris Kilpatrick flips flapjacks at the Prom Plus pancake breakfast

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Local Golfer Aces 11th Hole

Lifelong Crescenta Valley resident Tim Bosveld recorded a memorable hole-in-one last Saturday at the Scholl Canyon Golf Course during the monthly golf tournament. Playing the par 3, 11th hole, Bosveld used a wedge to deliver a crisp tee shot that landed about 10 feet past the pin before spinning back and dropping into the cup. A dedicated member of the Scholl Canyon Golf Club, he called the ace one of the standout moments in his years of play.

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CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT *from Cover*

Some of the precious metals in a catalytic converter can bring anywhere from to \$32 a gram to \$191 a gram, which can really start adding up when recycled, according to Edmunds, an online platform for automotive information based out of Santa Monica.

According to reports, the Toyota Prius is the most targeted vehicle for catalytic converter thefts.

“Most of the [criminals] use reciprocating saws,” said Sgt. John Gilbert describing a popular method of removing the catalytic converters from vehicles.

There are a variety of tools that can be used, but the reciprocating saw is the one most common because it is a relatively inexpensive tool and it cuts off the catalytic converter from the undercarriage of a vehicle very quickly.

“It can cut the [catalytic converter] off the vehicle in 10 to 20 seconds,” Gilbert said.

In some cases the amount of time it takes for a suspect to go under a car and cut the catalytic converter away from the vehicle then leaving the area can be about a minute.

The good news is that there are some things that car owners can do to protect their catalytic converter, or at the least slow down criminals.

One is etching the converter. This is an engraving process that assigns a number to the catalytic converter that

can be traced back to the owner when, and if, the stolen converter is found. This can be a deterrent for thieves, but also for shops that purchase stolen catalytic converters. If there is a number on the property the responsibility of making certain the seller is the actual owner of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter came falls on the buying business.

Law enforcement, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. – Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station, will sometimes offer etching events that are tremendously popular.

“The tough thing about etching when our department has held the events is we are limited on the [number] of vehicles [we can service],” Gilbert said.

It is limited because it takes a certain amount of time to etch each individual vehicle.

Another form of protection is a cage – covers or guards – that fit over the catalytic converter. This is a metal cage that encircles the catalytic converter. Like etching, it does not stop the thieves from attempting to take the property but it does slow them down.

“Some of the [catalytic converter] guards, [of which there is a wide variety], slow [criminals] down because it takes more time to [cut] through them,” Gilbert said.

He added that if someone is

preparing to steal a catalytic converter and sees there is a car with a cage [around the catalytic converter] and other cars without cages they will choose the easiest option.

Another easy solution that helps deter thefts is to park a car in a garage, if available, or at the very least in the driveway that has security lights and cameras.

“And if you see something, say something,” Gilbert added.

This is probably one of the best deterrents: to call law enforcement when people hear or see something suspicious. Many law enforcement agencies report victims who found their catalytic converters had been stolen once they started their engine. The reports often include a “sound of metal cutting” heard at some point during the night.

“Often we can catch the suspect [with property in hand] when a resident who sees someone suspicious or [even] sees someone walking down the street carrying a [catalytic converter],” he said.

There are two California laws that focus on those who purchase catalytic converters. SB 1087 and AB 1740 increase the penalties for buyers who fail to certify that a catalytic converter wasn’t stolen. Both these laws went into effect in 2023.



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LEARNING WITHOUT BOOKS: SUMMER CAMP

For so many kids, summer camp signifies carefree days of swimming, playing sports, singing songs and reveling in freedom from the demands of the school year. Camp means no homework, no studying and no teachers.

But significant learning is still taking place at summer camp – even if the campers don’t necessarily realize it.

All those classic camp dynamics – being away from home and parents, making new friends, being part of a team, and trying new things – are building blocks to crucial social-emotional skills.

Social-emotional learning (SEL) can encompass a variety of practices, but most experts agree that a child with high SEL skills is successful in five core areas: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. These skills are increasingly understood to be central to success in school and in professional life beyond, but schools don’t always have the time or capacities to teach them explicitly. Obligations to complete curriculum and boost student achievement often make it difficult for teachers to prioritize community building, goal-setting, or problem solving in their classrooms.

Unconnected to the commitments of the school day, summer camps (particularly overnight camps) can dive head-first into social-emotional learning – and many do. These opportunities are especially important for low-income students, many of whom already have fewer opportunities to gain these skills outside of school.

A 2005 study of 80 camps by the American Camp Association (ACA) found significant growth in children’s social-emotional skills after a session of summer camp. Camp staff, parents and children reported increases in children’s self-esteem, independence, leadership, friendship skills, social comfort and values and decision-making skills, from the beginning to the end of a session.

It’s not just the new environment and flexible sched-



ule that builds kids’ social-emotional skills. Many camps have an intentional focus on social-emotional learning. YMCA camps, for instance, explicitly discuss their four values – honest, caring, respect and responsibility – constantly, through songs, skits and rallies. And most camps train staff to coach kids on becoming more independent, socially aware and reflective.

In particular, camps foster relationship skills and social awareness by:

- Introducing children to an entirely new group of peers. Camp may be the first time children have spent substantial time with people whose background – home, race, or religion – is different from their own.
- Setting up opportunities for children to find their own

friends. According to education researcher and longtime camp counselor and director Claire Gogolen, counselors often begin a session by leading icebreakers and regularly sorting a cabin group into different pairs. These activities give campers explicit opportunities to get to know each other, allowing them to figure out who they want to become better friends with.

• Creating a space where silliness is accepted and bullying is not. Without the need to plunge into academic content, camps have time to use the beginning of a session to prioritize group norms, said learning specialist and former camp counselor and director Ari Fleisher. Counselors can make it very clear that bullying and teasing are not acceptable. At the same time, camps can encourage

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songs, jokes and general silliness that allow campers to relax and be themselves.

- Taking a break from technology. Many overnight camps restrict or prohibit phones and computers. For many campers, this means it's the first time they've made friends without the help of Instagram or Snapchat, and they learn how to navigate social cues to build and maintain friendships in "real life."

- Modeling teamwork and sportsmanship. During staff training, many camps stress the importance of adults demonstrating cooperation and friendship to their campers. When campers are surrounded by positive role models – particularly role models closer to their own age than teachers are – they learn how to get along with peers who may be different from them.

Camps also nurture self-awareness, self-management and responsible decision making by:

- Requiring children to solve day-to-day problems on their own. With limited contact with parents, campers have to learn how to manage their own conflicts, whether it's a disagreement with a bunkmate or not getting their first-choice activity.

- Presenting activities that are new to everyone. Counselors often purposefully lead games and activities that none of their campers have tried before, said afterschool specialist and former camp counselor Nicky DeCesare.

Without the fear that some peers will already have a leg-up on lava tag or basket making, children may be more likely to decide to try new things.

- Offering kids the chance to set and accomplish daily goals. The sheer amount of new activities makes it possible for kids to continually set and achieve goals, deepening their understanding of personal limits. One day a camper may be set on reaching the top of the climbing wall and the next she may be determined to collaborate with her group to create a new song.

- Helping children uncover new skills. Kids who are usually immersed in academics may become aware of new skills that they didn't know they had. For children who struggle in school, these opportunities can increase self-confidence.

- Providing time for reflection. Many camps begin or end the day with reflection activities in which campers can think about the challenges they've faced, how they've grown and what they're excited for. These moments, rare in a typical school day, can develop self-awareness and mindfulness for all kids.

Reprinted from Harvard Graduate School of Education Lessons from Camp by Leah Shafer

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- July 6-10: Sports Camp, JCs, Baseball (PM)
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Summer 2026 #1 CV Weekly SCHOOL & CAMPS Special Section

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This summer, the Y is bringing nonstop excitement with camps for every age and interest. From resident and half-day camps to preschool and kinder programs, there's something for every young adventurer. Our day camps feature unforgettable onsite fun – like reptile and puppy shows – along with epic field trips to places such as Universal Studios and Knott's Berry Farm. Campers enjoy weekly swimming, new friendships and action-packed themed activities all summer long.

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Join us on May 19 to meet our new executive director, Arpy Jajah, and assistant director, Shannon Macall, along with members of our amazing Day Camp staff. You'll hear all the details about the Summer Day Camp program and have time for Q&A.

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HOT DOG CAPITAL: Americans eat roughly 7 billion hot dogs between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

WATERMELON IS A VEGETABLE: Watermelons are part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family.

ICE CREAM MONTH: July is National Ice Cream Month in the U.S., with July being the peak month for consumption.

THE "DOG DAYS": The "dog days of summer" refer to the hot, sultry period from July 3rd to August 11th, named after the Sirius (the Dog Star) rising with the sun.

FRISBEES STARTED AS PIE PANS: Before they were plastic, frisbees were empty pie tins from the Frisbie Pie Company, which college students in the 1940s began throwing for fun.

ICE POPS WERE AN ACCIDENT: In 1905, 11-year-old Frank Epperson invented the popsicle when he accidentally left a sugary drink with a stirring stick outside overnight, and it froze.

DIARY of a Summer Camp Kid

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6. Binoculars 7. First-Aid Kit 8. Thermos 9. Map
10. Compass 11. Hat 12. Matches

RHODES SCHOOL OF MUSIC HOSTS FIRST-EVER FREE KIDS DAY EVENT IN LA CAÑADA

Community Celebration on March 8 Features Free Music Lessons, Live Performances and Family Activities.

Rhodes School of Music will host its inaugural Kids Day on Sunday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its La Cañada location. The free, family-friendly celebration is open to the public and designed to introduce children and families to the joy of music education through hands-on activities, live performances and community fun.

"We are excited to open our doors to the community for a day of fun, music and a celebration of this wonderful community," said David Rhodes, founder of Rhodes School of Music.

The four-hour event will feature free introductory music lessons on piano, guitar, drums and other instruments allowing children to experience playing music firsthand. Live performances by Rhodes students and teachers will showcase the talent within the school's community of approximately 900 students.

Additional activities include two bounce houses, an instrument petting zoo where children can touch and explore various musical instruments, face painting and prizes. Free food will be provided, including tacos and treats from Handel's ice cream truck. The school will also give away music lesson packages throughout the day.

Rhodes School of Music has served the Los Angeles area since 2012, growing from a single location to two campuses serving families in Los Angeles and La Cañada. The school offers comprehensive music instruction across piano, guitar, drums, voice, strings, brass, woodwinds and early childhood music programs.

The La Cañada location opened in 2024 and has quickly become a hub for music education in the Foothill communities. Kids Day marks the school's first large-scale community event designed to make music accessible to all families.

Kids Day at Rhodes School of Music is on Sunday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rhodes School of Music is located at 846 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. The cost is free and the event is open to the public.

For more information, call (818) 864-6773 or visit rhodesschoolofmusic.com.

Founded in 2012, Rhodes School of Music operates two locations in Los Angeles County, serving approximately 900 students with a faculty of 60 professional music educators. The school offers private lessons in piano, guitar, drums, voice, strings, brass and woodwinds, as well as mini music classes for kids ages 3-5. Rhodes School of Music focuses on building musical ability, creativity and confidence in students of all ages and skill levels.

DID YOU KNOW? A squirrels front teeth never stop growing.

FUN SUMMER SQUIRREL FACTS In the summer, squirrels are most active two to three hours after sunrise and about two hours before sunset. Squirrels will retire to its nest well before dark and rarely leave the nest in the dark.

DID YOU KNOW? Squirrels zigzag to escape predators.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Head-on Collision on the Glendale and Montrose Railway

The Crescenta Valley had its own electric trolley line, the Glendale and Montrose Railway, which ran from south Glendale all the way up to La Crescenta. The line ran from 1913 to 1930 and was critical to the development of the Crescenta Valley. However, there was a major accident on the line in the mid-'20s.

The Glendale and Montrose (G&M) had just purchased a brand new electric locomotive to pull flatcars of lumber up to Montrose for the building boom then happening. One morning, the new locomotive was parked on a siding in Verdugo Park. In front of it was an empty flatcar, perhaps set to be loaded with lumber from Litchfield Lumber in downtown Glendale, to be hauled up Verdugo

Canyon to the Crescenta Valley.

Someone had not set the brakes properly on the waiting flatcar and it began to roll on the slight downhill toward downtown Glendale. The heavy flatcar quickly picked up speed, rolling off the siding and onto the main line in the center of Verdugo Road and crossing the bridge over the Verdugo Creek, near where Glendale College is today.

Two men working on the locomotive looked up and saw the flatcar quickly disappearing down Verdugo Road. They knew they had to stop it before it rolled out of control through the downtown area. They jumped on the locomotive and hit the power to chase it down. Traveling fast, they began to gain on the

unoccupied flatcar as it barreled down the center of Verdugo passing Glenoaks Boulevard. One of the men stayed on the throttle while the other man climbed onto the very front of the locomotive, intending to jump onto the flatcar and turn the brake wheel.

They were now on Glendale Avenue heading south into downtown. As they passed Monterey Road, then Doran Street, they caught up to the flat car and the man on the front prepared to make the jump. Because the two men were so focused on the flatcar they didn't see a steam locomotive just passing Broadway heading north towards them on the same track. As they passed Lexington Drive, and then California Avenue, their electric locomotive touched the flatcar and the man made the leap and landed on the flatcar. That's when they saw the steam locomotive heading directly toward them.

Both locomotives hit the brakes

and skidded – but it was too late. They were both moving too fast. They hit! The flatcar, and the unfortunate man on it, was sandwiched between the heavy electric locomotive and the even heavier steam locomotive. The flatcar exploded from the impact, crushing the man who had hoped to stop the wreck. Wood and dust from the flatcar flew into the air. The poor man caught between the two locomotives was horribly mangled and survived for a few hours before dying. The flatcar was a total wreck but the sturdy locomotives were relatively unharmed.

Walking on the sidewalk near the crash was a little boy on his way to school. He witnessed this horrific crash and it made a huge impression on the young boy. His name was Ward Kimball. Despite the trauma of seeing the crash, or maybe because of, Kimball grew up to be a huge rail fan. He also became a top animator for the Disney animation studios,

animating such classics as "Cinderella" and "Peter Pan".

Ward probably told the story of the crash a hundred times to his fellow animators. In 1950 the animators at Disney created the cartoon "The Brave Engineer", the true story of Casey Jones in a horrific head-on collision between two locomotives. Of course, they thought of their fellow animator Ward Kimball and his own story of witnessing a head-on collision. The cartoon image of Casey Jones bears a not-coincidental resemblance to a young Ward Kimball and, as the cartoon station master checks his list of train engineers, "W. Kimball" can be seen on the list.

That's just an interesting side note to a sad tragedy that happened a hundred years ago involving our own little Glendale and Montrose Railway.

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

From Start to Finish – Keeping Film and TV Jobs In State

For decades California has been the undisputed global epicenter of film and television production. Over the past several years, the volume of film and television production shooting in California has declined precipitously as rival states and countries lured away work with aggressive tax incentives and rebates.

Last year, however, I was proud to co-author legislation to expand and modernize the state's Film and Television Tax Credit program. The expansion of the program is already producing results but those incentives only scratch the surface for post-production professionals whose work often happens long after cameras wrap.

The shifts toward out-of-state content production have had especially acute effects on post-production workers – editors, visual effects artists, sound designers, and scoring professionals – whose jobs often only materialize if a project remains in-state. California's share of post-production payroll employment dropped by approximately 11.2% between 2010 and 2024.

We need to do more to incentivize the creation and retention of these post-production jobs in California. While our existing program includes incentives for post-production on projects filmed in California, it does not cover post-production when

principal photography takes place elsewhere or the project otherwise did not qualify for the tax credit.

Simply put, we are losing new economic activity, tax dollars, small businesses and world-class talent because competing regions offer post-only incentives. That is why I have introduced Assembly Bill 2319.

Interestingly, studios often shoot in California for creative or logistical reasons but send the work that happens "after the cameras stop rolling" to locations with standalone post-production incentives. Why is that?

Because other jurisdictions already offer generous standalone post-production tax incentives, including New York, Louisiana, New Mexico, New Jersey, Canada, Australia, Spain, France, Qatar and the United Kingdom. California is trailing all of these jurisdictions. Consequently, many lucrative post-production projects have left California for these competing locations. The result?

An erosion of the economic multiplier that once cemented the Golden State's creative economy. California must recognize that without strategic policy to retain and grow its entertainment workforce, another pillar of opportunity – high-skilled middle-class jobs in post-production – is increasingly at risk.

California has long

understood the importance and value of keeping entertainment industry jobs here at home. Now it is time to extend that same vision and commitment to the post-production sector of our creative industry that has sustained so many Californians and given the world its stories.

Our office will continue to fiercely advocate for the future of the entertainment industry in California. We believe that AB 2319 offers the chance to make our state more competitive and retain good quality jobs that benefit our communities. But we welcome your input and feedback!

You can use our website (<https://a44.asmdc.org/contact>) to send me a direct message, including your comments on AB 2319, as well as any other piece of pending legislation.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our district office if you have questions or if we can be of assistance. Our phone number is (818) 558-3043 and email address is Assemblymember.Schultz@Assembly.ca.gov. It remains an honor and privilege to represent you!

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

La Crescenta Woman's Club Hosts Valentine's Day Gala



By Ruth SOWBY

The La Crescenta Woman's Club (LCWC) gals pulled out all the stops for their Valentine's Day celebration – hors d'oeuvres, dessert buffet, silent auction and the dulcet tones of Hot Topic. Eighty members and guests filled the La Crescenta Avenue Clubhouse. At an admission cost of \$35, the evening's ticket price was a steal.

A highlight of the festivities was a presentation by local chocolatier Zaven Mirelli whose parents Jack and Maral Mirelli own Mirelli

Chocolatier in Glendale. A handy hint: chocolate should be kept at 68 degrees to 73 degrees or its oils will rise to the surface creating a "white texture." A small square of Mirelli's chocolate was placed at each table setting.

A majority of the evening's entertainment was provided by Hot Topic Woman's Quartet, an a cappella quartet singing barbershop harmony. Especially popular with the audience was a McGuire Sisters tune, popular during the mid 1950s and 1960s.

LCWC Co-President Carol Stein shared that this was the Club's first-time hosting a

Valentine's evening.

"We want to further the friendship and support of our community," Stein said. "This has been a team effort led by Evening Section director Lisa Malm."

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: Eighty LCWC members and guests line up for a sumptuous buffet at the Valentine's Day celebration.
ABOVE: Club members Lynn Hansen, left, and Vickie Nailing check in guests.
TOP RIGHT: Members, from left, Patty Inboden, Gigi Rothafel and Kathy Cannon cut up a rug at the Club's Valentine's Day gala.
RIGHT: Evening Section Director Lisa Malm introduces chocolatier Zaven Mirelli on Valentine's Day.



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Artemas Ward

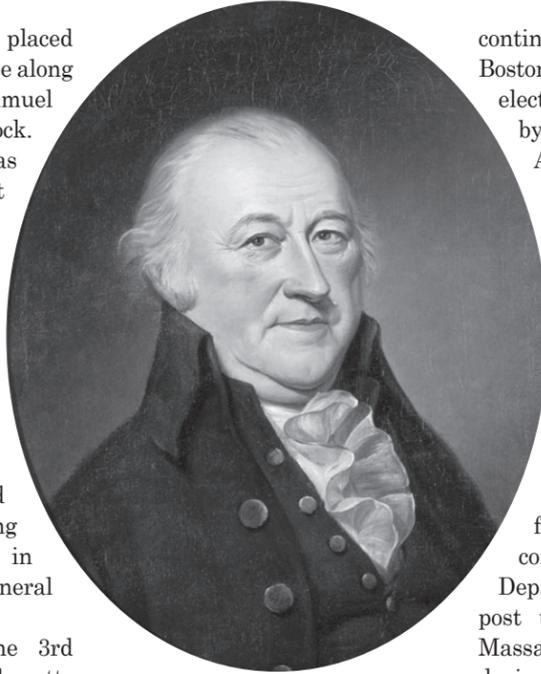
As America prepares for its 250th anniversary, CV Weekly will be working with the Daughters of the American Revolution – Don José Verdugo Chapter to gather information on those recognized by DAR as American patriots.

Artemas Ward was born on Nov. 26, 1727 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard College with two degrees: a B.A. in 1748 and an M.A. in 1751. In 1757, he was elected for the first of many terms as Shrewsbury's representative in the Massachusetts General Assembly. The following year, in 1758, he was commissioned as a major in the provincial army for the French and Indian War and by the end of the conflict had reached the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Upon his return to Shrewsbury at the conclusion of the war he was appointed colonel of his local militia regiment. In 1762, he became a judge of the Court of

Common Pleas and was placed on the Taxation Committee along with lifelong friends Samuel Adams and John Hancock. From the beginning he was very active on the patriot side of the political controversy with England. During this period, he was second only to James Otis in speaking out against the acts of parliament. This caused the Royal Governor to revoke his military commission and to ban him from taking his elected position in the Massachusetts General Assembly.

On Oct. 3, 1774, the 3rd Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia resigned from British service as an act of rebellion. The 3rd Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia marched to Shrewsbury and informed their former colonel that they had unanimously elected him as their



leader. The Provincial Congress of Massachusetts appointed him brigadier general on Oct. 27, 1774 and named him as second general officer to the Massachusetts Militia.

After the events at Lexington and Concord, he took over the role of first general officer to command the militia. He was named commander in chief of the Massachusetts forces on May 19, 1775 and was appointed to first major general by the Continental Congress on June 17, 1775. He was in command of the revolutionary forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill and

continued to lead the Siege of Boston until George Washington's election of commander in chief by the Continental Congress.

Along with Charles Lee, Philip Schuyler and Israel Putnam, Ward was one of the four original major generals in the Continental Army. Being second in seniority only to George Washington, he took command of the right wing division of the army. When Washington left for New York, he took over command of the Eastern Department and held that post until 1777. He was the Massachusetts chief executive during the war from 1777-1779.

Upon stepping down from that appointment due to poor health, he became a member of the Second and Third Continental Congresses in 1780 and 1781, respectively. This was followed by roles in the Massachusetts General Court culminating in the role of speaker of the House in 1786 during the time of Shays' Rebellion. This office and his position as chief justice of the Worcester County Court put him right in the middle of the trouble, facing down the rebels on the courthouse steps. As a Federalist, he was a member of Congress in the House of Representatives for

Massachusetts from 1791 – 1795. In 1797, he officially retired from being a judge in Massachusetts, having simultaneously held this role during his military and legislative careers.

He passed away in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts on Oct. 28, 1800. In 1938, he was honored with a statue at the center of Ward Circle in northwestern Washington DC, which is on the National Historic Register and is overseen by the National Park Service. More recently, he was chosen as one of the 250 patriots for which a tree has been planted at the Colonial National Historical Park - Yorktown Battlefield as part of the DAR Pathway of the Patriots, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

His descendant, Marianne Ward, grew up in the Crescenta Valley attending elementary and junior high school in La Crescenta and high school in La Cañada Flintridge. She is an associate member of the local Don Jose Verdugo Chapter of the DAR of which her mother, Joanne Ward, is chapter treasurer. She is a chapter member and honorary chapter regent of the New York City Chapter, NSDAR, where she served as chapter regent from 2010-2013. To learn more about our local chapter of the DAR, please visit <http://donjoseverdugo.californiadar.org>.



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Ask Phyllis!
Problems With The Sewer Inspections

Dear Phyllis,
We had our home listed for sale and the buyer did numerous inspections including a sewer inspection. The company he hired was unable to complete the inspection through the entire line because of tree roots. The buyer wanted us to hire a company to hydrojet so they could complete their inspection. This doesn't seem like an expense that should be on us. We are at a stalemate, and I was hoping to get your opinion. Who usually pays for this??

— Clogged

for inspection. Instead, their main obligation is to disclose any known issues.

From the buyer's point of view, the inability to inspect the sewer is a red flag. They want a clear understanding of what they're purchasing. Because of that, buyers often ask the seller to pay for—or at least split—the cost of hydrojetting to allow the inspection to happen.

It's simply one more negotiation. In practice, especially in California, sellers often agree to cover the cost if it's the only way to complete the inspection. It's seen as a gesture of good faith. Refusing to do so can raise concerns and potentially push the buyer away. Sometimes the cost is shared, other times the buyer or seller pay, or the buyer pays up front but later asks for the seller to reimburse them at closing.

Now that the inspection report exists, any future buyers must be informed if this escrow cancels. While the seller isn't obligated to pay for the hydrojet, doing so—or offering to split it—is usually the best way to keep moving forward.

Phyllis

Dear Clogged,
When a sewer line is too clogged, filled with roots, or otherwise blocked, a standard camera inspection can't be done. In these cases, a hydrojet or roofer is needed first—just to find out what's happening inside the line.

At this point, it's important to understand the seller's responsibility. Typically, sellers aren't required to pay for hydrojetting. Standard contracts don't demand that they prepare the line

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A Coastal Escape to The Lodge at Torrey Pines in La Jolla



Photos by Greg ARAGON
 LEFT: The Lodge at Torrey Pines boasts sweeping ocean views and memorable sunsets.
 RIGHT: The resort grounds are lined with lush paths and green grass.
 BELOW: The Grill at Torrey Pines offers great breakfast and dinner items with awesome views.

By Greg ARAGON

You don't have to be a golfer to fall in love with one of Southern California's classiest and most iconic resorts. The only thing you need is an appreciation for sweeping ocean views and sunsets that seem to melt into the horizon. Such is life at The Lodge at Torrey Pines where the family and I recently spent three wonderful days and two blissful nights.

Overlooking the world-renowned Torrey Pines Golf Course and the shimmering Pacific Ocean, this AAA Five Diamond resort blends world-class dining, a full-service spa and warm, attentive service into a luxurious and exciting getaway. It is the kind of place that instantly slows your pulse and puts you in vacation mode.

Our family's stay at the resort began in the lobby where grand wooden beams, handcrafted furniture and a massive stone fireplace welcomed us with cozy charm. We then checked into a gorgeous suite, overlooking the ocean.

Spacious and serene, the room featured two large queen beds dressed in Egyptian cotton linens and quilted duvets, a giant TV, mini-fridge, microwave and coffee maker. The granite and marble bathroom – with its oversized bathtub and warm Craftsman accents – felt like a private spa. But the real showstopper was the balcony. Huge, furnished and overlooking the Pacific, it became our

favorite place for morning coffee and sunset wine.

Since we were traveling with our two young kids, the staff surprised us with a small teepee set up right in the middle of the room. This instantly became their hideaway – perfect for watching TV, snacking or just giggling together. It was a thoughtful touch that made the stay more special.

Outside the room we explored the lush and beautiful grounds with winding paths, native plants and glimpses of the ocean peeking through the trees. Tucked in the middle of the property is the pool area, where we spent much of our time. Here the kids made instant friends and spent hours splashing around while we enjoyed a leisurely lunch under the warm sun. It quickly became our daytime home base.

Besides luxurious accommodations, the lodge is also known for exceptional dining. The Grill at Torrey Pines, with panoramic views of the golf course and a custom wood-burning rotisserie, became a go-to spot. For breakfast we savored bacon and eggs along with a big, delicious breakfast burrito with eggs, sausage, potatoes and beans. The kids devoured fluffy buttermilk pancakes, a Belgian waffle with honey pecan butter and more maple syrup than I care to admit.

After breakfast my son and I played a round of golf at the resort and then the whole family drove a couple of miles to La Jolla Shores Beach. This beautiful, sandy beach is approximately one mile long, features a



playground on the sand and it is adjacent to the San Diego La Jolla Underwater Park Ecological Reserve. Many novice scuba classes are held at La Jolla Shores. The previous time we were at the beach we saw scores of harmless leopard sharks swimming through the waves.

After playing at the beach, we headed back to The Lodge at Torrey Pines for a lunch of burgers and fried calamari at The Grill. We then relaxed by the pool until dinner.

For supper we shared seared albacore tuna with asparagus and Meyer lemon relish,

followed by a rich red wine braised lamb shank served with carrot risotto and fresh spring vegetables. The kids stuck to the classics – chicken tenders and a big, juicy hamburger. For dessert, we all split homemade ice cream and warm cookies.

After dinner, we wandered along the resort's lush pathways, watching the sky fade from gold to deep purple and listening to the waves crashing on the rocks below.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

THEN & NOW



Then: Here we see a Glendale and Montrose Railway electric locomotive pulling a flatbed freight car going up the hill and rounding the curve of Montrose Avenue just past Honolulu Avenue in the late 1920s. Although we think of electric trolleys in terms of their passenger carrying operations, a good part of the G&M's business was made up of freight, bringing building supplies to CV and taking produce from the orchards back down the hill.

Locomotive, Glendale & Montrose Railway Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: This locomotive stayed in service in Glendale until 1936 when it was sold to Yakima Valley in Washington to haul apples. It served reliably until 1985 when it was donated to the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California, near Riverside. This is how it looks today wearing the colors of the Yakima Valley Transportation Co. but in just the right light, the faint impressions of the words Glendale & Montrose Railway can still barely be made out under the layers of paint.

Chiu, Hsu Performing for GNC

The free admission Glendale Noon Concerts series from 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. has returned to live performance at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale. <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>

On March 4, the Glendale Noon Concerts will feature violinists Chloe Chiu and Sheng-Ching Hsu performing duos by Jean-Marie Leclair, J.W. Kalliwoda and Kenji Bunch.

A firm believer in the power of music, Hsu created "S-C Sidewalk Performance" where she brought live music to the street corners of West LA during the pandemic. "S-C Sidewalk Performance" brought comfort and hope to many people during the time of isolation and was featured on KTTV Fox 11 Los Angeles and EliteGen Magazine in Toronto, Canada. Her story was also made into a documentary by "Aria's Lens" in China.

A native of Taiwan and currently based in Los Angeles, Hsu is a member of Delirium Musicum, California Symphony and New West Symphony. She serves as concertmaster in Iranshahr Orchestra and guest principal second violin of St. Matthew's Chamber Orchestra. Hsu serves as a faculty member at California

State University - Long Beach as well as Colburn Community School of Performing Arts.

Hsu is also a sought-after music arranger. Her latest commissions include the national anthem for the New York Knicks' Lunar New Year Game in Madison Square Garden.

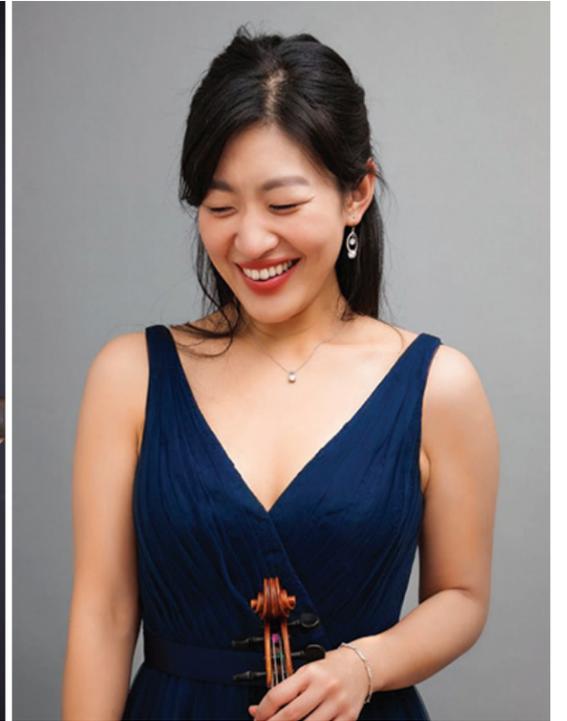
Hsu earned her degrees in Stony Brook University, The Juilliard School and Mannes School of Music. Her major teachers include Catherine Cho, Aaron Rosand, Christina Khimm, and Arnaud Sussmann. Hsu's instruments were generously sponsored by CHIMEI foundation in Taiwan throughout her studies. (www.shengchingshu.com)

Chloe Chiu is an accomplished violinist and dedicated educator. Born in Taiwan, she made her solo concerto debut with an orchestra at the age of 11 and has since made her appearances in recitals, chamber music concerts across North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. Currently she is a member of several symphony orchestras including the Santa Barbara Symphony, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and Long Beach Symphony. She also regularly collaborates with film composers and engages in diverse musical performances.

Chiu received full scholarships to



Chloe Chiu



Sheng-Ching Hsu

prestigious institutions, earning a Master of Music degree from Johns Hopkins University's Peabody Institute and a Bachelor of Music degree from the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory in Singapore. She further refined her artistry through the Graduate Certificate Program at the University of Southern California.

Her teachers include world-renowned violinists Victor

Danchenko, former New York Phil concertmaster Glenn Dicterow, soloist Qian Zhou and LA Philharmonic associate concertmaster Bing Wang. She also received chamber music training with the prestigious Tang quartet in Singapore, Paul Katz and Karen Dreyfus at USC, where her string quartet was invited to perform at the Franco-American Music Festival in Missillac, France.

As a violin instructor, Chiu is passionate about cultivating a supportive, structured and inspiring learning environment. She emphasizes both technical excellence and musical expression, guiding her students to excel in auditions, competitions and performances.

Chiu's instrument is generously sponsored by the Rin Collection in Singapore.

Classic Colonials on GHS Home Tour

The Glendale Historical Society announced its "Classic Colonials" Home Tour taking place on Sunday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Held in conjunction with America's semi-quincentennial and California statehood's 175th anniversary, the tour will feature homes showcasing Colonial Revival and Monterey Colonial Revival architecture, the latter a uniquely Californian style.

This is an opportunity for volunteers to serve as docents, assist with check-

in or help with other event duties. Both full-day and half-day shifts are available with a preference for full-day volunteers.

Lunch and snacks will be provided for those volunteering the full day. Docents will receive scripts and background materials in advance, and a training session will be held the day before the home tour.

Interested? Visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/volunteer-ht> by March 16 to fill out a brief volunteer survey.

For more information call (818) 242-7447 or email events@glendalehistorical.org.

Coleman's Unassisted Residency Begins Third Year at El Portal

Fritz Coleman's show Unassisted Residency has just completed its second year of playing to capacity houses at the intimate Monroe Forum at the historical landmark El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood, itself celebrating its centennial year in 2026.

Unassisted Residency, created and performed by Fritz Coleman, is the longest-running solo show in the history of the El Portal.

The honorary mayor of Toluca Lake, the five-time Emmy® Award winner Fritz Coleman spent 39 years at KNBC Channel 4 where he was the public's go-to person to get the up-to-date information about California's weather. Unassisted Residency returns him to his comedy roots, as he was a comedian before becoming a weatherman and popular local television personality.

The show is a matinee performance.

Coleman said, "The show starts early ... because I'm trying to be sensitive to the needs of my particular demographic ... old people and their parents. I promise to have you home by dark."

Each monthly show will open with a special surprise guest.

The El Portal Theatre is located at 5269 Lankershim Blvd. in North Hollywood. Performances are Sundays at 3 p.m. on March 1, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25 and Nov. 29.

Admission is \$40; cocktail seating is \$50 (must purchase two tickets for cocktail seating). Tickets are available at <https://elportaltheatre.com/fritzcoleman.html>.

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Beware the Vortex! How a \$197 Hair Gadget Sparked a Three-Month Fight with American Express.

Joanne Pantaleo thought her pricey high-frequency wand would grow hair, not headaches. After the gadget died, the merchant vanished and American Express sided with the fraudsters. Is she stuck with a broken gadget?

Question: I bought a Vortex Hair Growth Wand and it quit working. The company's site lists a U.S. address but when I asked to return the broken device they gave me a warehouse in China and told me shipping would cost \$120.

Every time I call, I'm routed to the Philippines and can't reach anyone stateside. I disputed the charge on my American Express card. I sent Amex the BBB warning and a Reddit thread that said Vortex is a scam, yet Amex still closed the

case in the merchant's favor. I just want my money back. Can you help?
— Joanne Pantaleo, Scottsdale, Arizona

Answer: Vortex should have either found a way to repair your wand or offered you a replacement. Asking you to spend \$120—only a few dollars less than the item's cost—was not reasonable.

The Vortex Hair Growth Wand, which claims to promote growth, stop hair loss and protect areas

against future loss, kicks up a lot of warnings when you research it online. I'm no dermatologist but I'm not sure there's a magic wand that can make your hair grow back. Color me "skeptical."

You did almost everything right. You documented the defect, gave the company an opportunity to fix the problem and collected third-party evidence that Vortex was problematic. Then you filed a chargeback under the Fair Credit Billing Act. But Amex still slammed the door—until I knocked.

Here's what should have happened: Once you supplied proof that the merchant misrepresented its location and dangled an impossibly expensive return address, Amex should have reversed the charge on the spot. Under Regulation Z, a card issuer must resolve a billing-error claim within two complete billing cycles. It appears the company also misrepresented its location when you purchased the product.

How could you have prevented this? One word: screenshot. Always grab one of the merchant's

advertised address before you buy. But also a little research before you made a purchasing decision could have prevented this entire mess. Had you known then what you know now you might have escaped the Vortex.

You might have also escalated this to one of the Amex executives I list on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

As to the question of whether the Vortex is legit, I will leave that for readers to decide. But I take a dim view of any company that makes a product return or repair so prohibitively expensive that it is all but impossible.

After you forwarded your paper trail, I sent your file—along with the Reddit exposé—to American Express. Two weeks later, you received a call from Amex. The company had reviewed the evidence, quietly acknowledged that the merchant's paperwork didn't pass the smell test and offered you a \$100 "good-faith" credit. Although this was not the full refund you were hoping for, you accepted the offer.

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

CALENDAR this

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Feb. 27, Cristian Hamilton, VP of Advancement at the Gene Autry Museum, will be making a presentation.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus).

There will be live music from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them:

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invitation to this year's Celebrate You uniqueness. She was flanked by representatives of the organizations sponsoring this year's festival of international food, song, dance, music, arts and crafts, and more that is co-hosted by the City of Glendale, the GUSD, GCC, the YMCA of Glendale and the Foothills, and the area's Armenian, Latino, Korean, and Filipino American communities. The event is on Saturday, March 21 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the YMCA of Glendale, 140 N. Louise St. Visit <https://www.fabagglac.com/event-details/celebrate-you uniqueness-1> or call (818) 240-4130 for more information about the free festival.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian wants the City of Glendale to join the City of Burbank in requesting further environmental review of the North Hollywood

to Pasadena bus rapid transit (BRT) that Metro is working on in light of recent statewide legislation (SB-79) that would allow for increased housing density along transit corridors. Gharpetian also shared a reminder about the outreach meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9 at Fremont Park in the community room at 600 Hahn St. More information about this meeting and the overall project can be found at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/office-of-the-city-manager/fact-page/north-hollywood-to-pasadena-bus-rapid-transit-brt-project>.

Councilmember Dan Brotman commended the Glendale Educational Foundation for its annual Principal for a Day event. Brotman spent the day shadowing Hoover High School principal Jennifer Hogan.

"Glendale Unified gets slammed from time to time, sometimes from this dais, and absolutely there've been some terrible things that have happened that we all know about and the district does need to address them honestly and thoroughly," he said, "but anybody who spends any amount of time in the schools ... sees how amazing that education is and that environment for kids: just the range of choices, the strong academics, the athletics, the arts."

Brotman noted observing a class on entrepreneurship where students were creating companies and working on business plans.

"Seeing just how the staff and faculty, how much they care about the kids - it's really thrilling. We're lucky to have the school system we have," he said. Councilmember Brotman encouraged

everyone to consider signing up for next year's Principal for a Day activities. More information is available at <https://www.glened.org/principalforaday>.

The Council approved a contract for jail medical services, replacing the existing service provider with a new company, Shield Telehealth Medical Services, to conduct medical clearances and perform required blood draws. It is expected to cost \$380,144 in the first year. The goal, interim police Chief Robert William explained, is to minimize the amount of time police officers spend securing medical treatment and services for people incarcerated by the city.

The Council authorized further discussion of a potential program that would transfer development rights for some limited city-owned properties to private de-

velopers. This does not currently apply to the city-owned parking lots at the center of much debate.

Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) president GiGi Garcia spoke in tentative support of the approach.

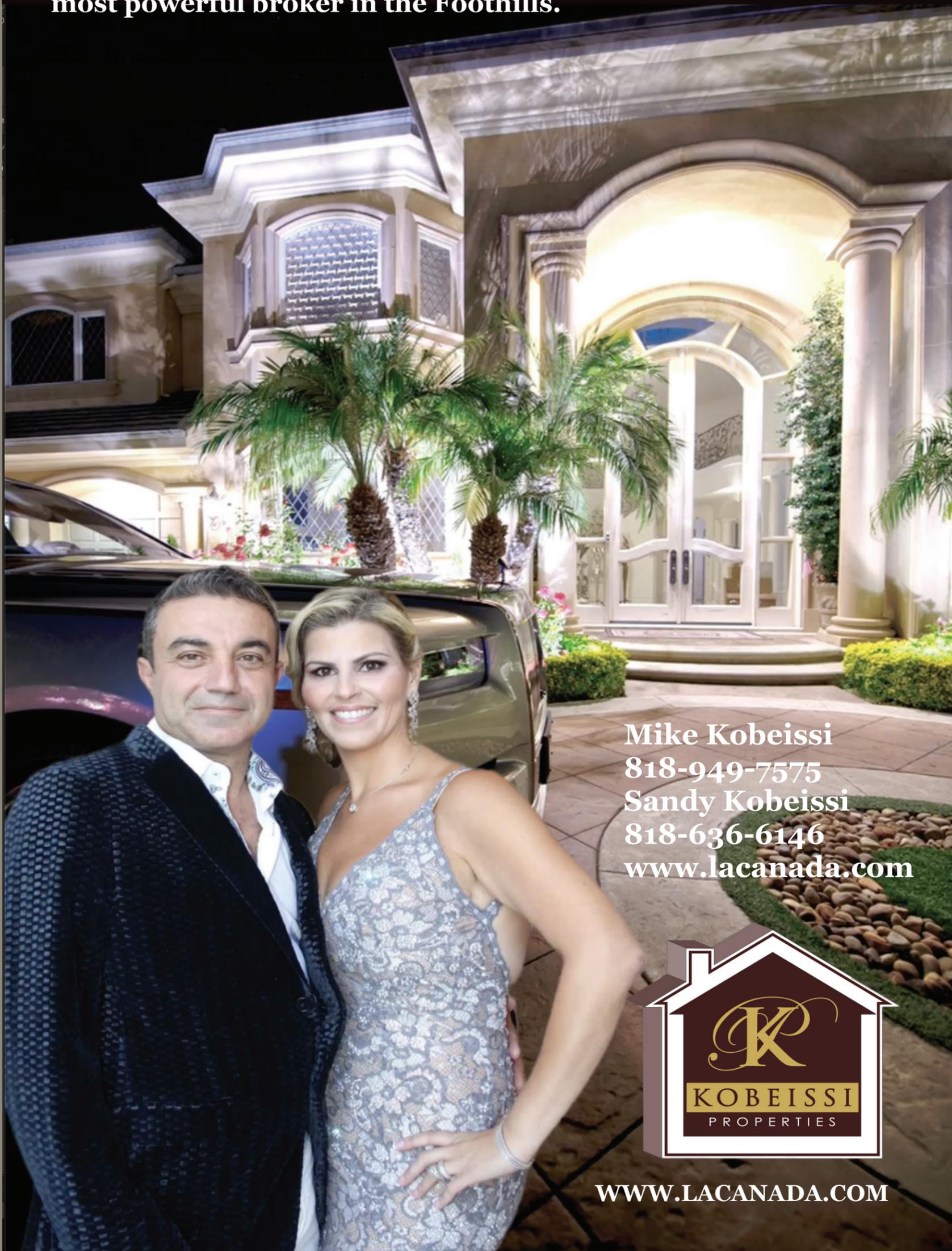
"We support any potential housing units that would be earmarked for the MSPA parking lots to be transferred [for] development to an area that would be more suitable in regard to infrastructure, transportation and that may be outside of a severe fire area," she said. "This would ensure that hundreds of Montrose businesses would not be without parking and that we could continue to bring important tax revenue and filming revenue - the big film trucks park in our lots - to the City."

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