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Council Approves Construction of Central Park Project

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council had a busy Tuesday, meeting for its regular meeting in the evening and a special daytime meeting.

At the Tuesday night meeting, the Council approved a competitively bid construction contract with ARC Construction Inc. of \$12,680,138 for the construction of the new Central Park project, planned in conjunction with the new Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center. It includes a 15% construction reserve and a professional services agreement with Maestro Development LLC for \$750,000 for project management work, construction inspecting, quality assurance and control, and materials testing.

The project includes the creation of a central lawn connecting the new museum and the library, an outdoor amphitheater for live performances, a children's park with playgrounds and splash pads and outdoor recreation amenities for the community.

The Council also heard an update on plans for the closure of the Scholl Canyon Landfill and approved plans to reduce tipping fees (according to the internet, this is a charge levied by a landfill, transfer station or recycling facility per unit of waste – usually by weight, like a ton, or volume – to accept waste material) and to consider amending plans for materials used to cover the closed landfill.

Due to a decline in the incoming tonnage and an increase in the operating costs anticipated post-closure, staff conducted a study evaluating the feasibility of opening the watershed. Senior civil engineer Luke Chen reported that the current annual tonnage of 239,065 tons resulted this year in a loss of \$2,302,692.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

Bingo Night Benefitting Prom Plus

By Mary O'KEEFE

On March 21 Prom Plus will be hosting its first ever bingo night.

“Our current board wanted to try something new that could bring the community together while raising funds for our after-prom event,” said Prom Plus President Asia Bribiesca-Hedin. “This is our first time hosting a bingo night, and we’re excited about it because it’s such a simple way for the community to come together. You might win a round of bingo, you might see neighbors you haven’t seen in a while and at the end of the night every dollar helps us create a safe and memorable after-prom event for CVHS [Crescenta Valley High School] students.”

For over three decades, Prom Plus has been providing CVHS seniors and their guests a safe and fun place to go after prom. The event has been held for decades at the YMCA of the

Foothills in La Cañada Flintridge and the event is supported by funds raised throughout the year by event organizers.

“We were looking for a fundraiser that felt fun, simple and welcoming for the whole community. Bingo is something people of all ages enjoy and it creates a relaxed night where neighbors can come together, have fun and support a meaningful cause at the same time,” Bribiesca-Hedin said.

At the event there will be an opportunity drawing with prizes donated by local businesses and community supporters; however, the organization is always looking for more support for the post-prom event.

The bingo night will be held at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. with the partnering support of the American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614.

“They have many years of experience running bingo events and are generously guiding us through the process. Our goal is to create a friendly community night where people can enjoy bingo while sup-

Photo provided by Prom Plus
Prom Plus hosts an annual after-prom event at the YMCA of the Foothills that includes a variety of activities that have included a casino.



porting Prom Plus,” she added.

Bingo night will offer pizza and light snacks that will be available for purchase, along with bever-

ages. “The idea is to keep things simple so people can relax, see PROM PLUS on page 8

Supervisor Barger Addresses City Council

By Julie BUTCHER

“We appreciate you and you are often the singular voice of reason on the board,” Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian said in welcoming Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger to a meeting with the Glendale City Council on Monday, March 2 in the Glendale Police Dept.’s Community Room. “And we know you’re proud representing the City of Glendale.”

Supervisor Barger thanked the Council and commended the showing of law enforcement, recognized the close coordination between her staff and city staff, and acknowledged her pride in representing Glendale – “the work you do every day, the largest center of the Armenian Diaspora” she said. Barger’s chief of staff, Anna Mouradian, lives in Glendale, she shared.

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Photo by Julie BUTCHER
City of Glendale Councilmember Elen Asatryan and Mayor Ara Najarian listen as Supervisor Kathryn Barger addresses the Council.



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A Tough Week

Last Friday I took off for my favorite place: Cambria (or as I like to call it Cambriahhhhh). It truly is my happy place and features good wine, good food and I brought a good friend with me – so a trifecta of happy!

When I got back into town on Sunday I learned that community activist Charlie Beatty had died. He was 84.

I've known Charlie for decades. He and the Goldsworthys were pretty close. In fact, one of the fondest memories I have of him is coming to visit my father-in-law when Dad was sick and dying. I know that probably wasn't easy for him to do.

I've also known his daughter Alli for decades. Her son and my son were friends growing up in school!

Charlie was a fixture at the local Ralph's market. His daughter said that he was a "people person" and loved visiting with local folks.

I know the loss was tremendous for the family and my heart goes out to them.

Then on Monday afternoon Jerry Burnham died. He was 80.

"Dr." Jerry Burnham was a sound engineer with the Rick Dees radio show. I know that he and his family traveled the world with Dees and his crew and often went on Dees' show; Dees would introduce him as Dr. Jerry Burnham, hence the "doctor" before his name.

Jerry was the very first subscriber to

the Crescenta Valley Weekly. He walked across the street to give me a check, showing his support for this fledgling newspaper. I have never forgotten his generosity.

When we were new to the neighborhood, his wife Mary threw me a baby shower not long after we moved into our home and I was pregnant with our third. These days Mary is grappling with her own health issues.

Jerry was active in the VFW/American Legion. In fact, at several bingos I've been involved with he was a fixture and his help was invaluable in making sure our events were successful.

He was also a valued member of the CV Group of the Sierra Club. He was a longtime treasurer of the CV Group of the Sierra Club and management committee member for over 30 years, according to fellow member Pat Kramer. For the past five years Jerry would contribute to the monthly tree care events in Sunland-Tujunga. He also watered the trees up at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, every month, for the past 10 years.

Jerry was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in Vietnam on board the USS Truxtun (a nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser) as a lieutenant junior grade.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

winter and summer.

The first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere – this year is on March 20 at 7:46 a.m. That is actually the spring equinox, or vernal equinox, and is when the Sun is exactly above the equator, when day and night are of equal length.

In the Northern Hemisphere the vernal equinox is when the Sun crosses the celestial equator heading north. In the Southern Hemisphere the equinox occurs on Sept. 22 or Sept. 23 when the Sun moves south across the celestial equator. According to the astronomical definition of the seasons, the vernal equinox also marks the beginning of spring, which lasts until the summer solstice (which occurs on June 20 or June 21 in the Northern Hemisphere, on Dec. 21 or Dec. 22 in the Southern Hemisphere), according to Britannica.

But wait – nothing can be easy and simple; to just say, "Okay, March 20 it is." The meteorological spring actually arrives on March 1. So we are in spring/not spring.

"The reason why we have seasons in the first place is because of the tilt of the Earth. It causes the sun's angle in the sky to change throughout the year, which leads to different amounts of sunlight throughout the year," stated Rob Shackelford, meteorologist and climate scientist for weather.com in an article "Meteorologists Say Spring Starts Sunday, And Yes We Know That is Before The Equinox."

Why do meteorologists go with March 1? "One word: temperature," he stated.

The coldest three months in the Northern Hemisphere are usually December through February; the warmest are normally June to August. These are known as meteorological

"But meteorological seasons don't line up exactly with astronomical seasons. Astronomical winter, for example, is late December through late March. And astronomical summer is late June through late September," Shackelford stated. "By grouping the seasons by temperature, you're also grouping the seasons more by common weather patterns. People often think of December as winter even though, technically, most of the month is fall."

Spring will give us more sunlight; in fact in higher elevations almost 30 to 45 more minutes throughout the month.

This is science and it's cool that we know so much about so much but spring has always brought with it the poetry of an artistic soul.

Greeks turned tragedy on its head with the story of Persephone, the goddess queen of the underworld and the wife of Hades. Hades, the god of the underworld, desired to possess Persephone and to make her his wife. He knew her mother, Demeter, would not agree to this so one day while Persephone was gathering flowers, Hades rode from the underworld on his black chariot and abducted her. Demeter, by the way, was the goddess of agriculture, harvest and fertility.

There are frightening images of Persephone's abduction – as she was reaching for her freedom she is drawn down into the underworld. Demeter searched for her daughter in vain until she was told by Hecate, a Greek goddess of magic and witchcraft, that her daughter had been taken away – but she did not know by whom.

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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.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, March 7. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Maps of the Preserve will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages; no reservations required. Rain cancels. Sorry, no pets please.

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

LEARN ABOUT BETTE DAVIS PARK

Did you know that Bette Davis Park in Glendale is part of Griffith Park? On Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Friends of Griffith Park will hold a celebration to acquaint the community with this quiet area where the famous actress once lived. There will be tours of the Miyawaki Micro Forest, birdwatching with the Feminist Bird Club of Los Angeles, equestrian demonstrations from the Griffith Park Equestrians and several historians will answer questions about the park and Glendale.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic basket and make a day of it exploring the LA River and the surrounding area. The free event will be at 1850 Riverside Drive in Glendale at the intersection of Victory Boulevard, Riverside Drive and Sonora Avenue.

For information, contact friendsogriffithpart.org.

GWP LAUNCHING REBATE PROGRAM

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) is launching a Commercial Energy and Water Saving Rebate Program for local businesses that install high-efficiency energy and water-saving equipment.

The program enables Glendale businesses to reduce energy and water consumption, lower monthly operating costs, and contribute to the City of Glendale’s sustainability goals. By offsetting the initial cost of high-efficiency upgrades, GWP is making it easier for businesses to transition to modern, eco-friendly equipment.

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.

New Tile Artwork ‘Belonging’ Unveiled in Fremont Park

The City of Glendale’s Library, Arts & Culture Dept. officially celebrated the unveiling of “Belonging,” a vibrant new column tile artwork designed by artist Cara Lynch, at a dedication ceremony held on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Fremont Park.

Commissioned as part of the Fremont Park Renovation Project, this permanent installation brings an artistic element to the newly reimagined space. Inspired by native wildflower fields, “Belonging” celebrates the local landscape and community through a rich vocabulary of pattern, color and form. The design draws on California’s diverse flora and incorporates nods to quilting and decorative traditions to invoke themes of home and family.

“The installation of ‘Belonging’ serves as the perfect artistic capstone to the recent revitalization of Fremont Park,” said director of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Lessa Pelayo-Lozada. “By weaving together California’s native floral beauty with traditional textile motifs, Cara Lynch has created a piece that not only honors our local landscape but also mirrors the vibrant, layered identity of the Glendale community. This permanent artwork beautifully complements the park’s renewal, transforming this space into a true landmark that invites residents to feel a sense of home, family and connection.”

This project is the latest addition to the City’s ongoing Cultural Landmarks initiative, sponsored by the Glendale Arts & Culture Commission, through funding from the Urban Art Fund. Fremont Park itself reopened in October 2025 following extensive renovation that introduced modern amenities to the area.

For more information about the Glendale Library, Arts & Culture’s public art programs, visit GlendaleArtsandCulture.org/CulturalLandmarks.

Founded in 1907, the Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Dept. includes eight neighborhood libraries including the Brand Library & Art Center, a regional visual arts and music library and



Images courtesy of the City of Glendale Fremont Park tile artwork dedication with artist Cara Lynch.

performance venue housed in the historic 1904 mansion of Glendale pioneer Leslie C. Brand, and the Central Library, a 93,000 square foot center for individuals and groups to convene, collaborate and create. The department also serves as the chief liaison to the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, which works to continually transform Glendale into an ever-evolving arts destination. Glendale Library Arts & Culture is supported in part through the efforts of the Glendale Library Arts & Culture Trust (GLACT). For more information visit GlendaleLAC.org, or contact Library, Arts & Culture at (818) 548-2021 or via email at LibraryInfo@glendaleca.gov.

Known as the Jewel City, Glendale is the fourth largest city of Los Angeles County. With a population of almost 200,000, Glendale is a cosmopolitan city that is rich in history, culturally diverse and offers nearly 50 public parks and facilities, with easy access to a municipal airport. It is the home to a vibrant business community, with major companies in healthcare, entertainment, manufacturing, retail and banking. Visit GlendaleCA.gov for more information and follow us on social media @MyGlendale.

The mission of the Glendale Arts & Culture Commission is to enrich the human experience, reinforce Glendale’s

identity and civic pride through arts and culture, and to recognize the importance of arts to the local quality of life and to the local economy. This is accomplished by consciously integrating arts and culture into the daily life of the people of Glendale through urban design, planning, economic development and education. For more information about the Glendale Arts & Culture Commission see the website GlendaleArtsAndCulture.org.

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Community Turns Out for ‘Dirty Drugs’ Screening

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) and City of Glendale held a screening of “Dirty Drugs: An Overdose Crisis by Design” on Feb. 26 at the Look Cinemas. The GPD-sponsored film follows the impact of fentanyl on three Glendale families over several years, some of which were also in attendance and spoke on a panel after the film. The panel of experts and Glendale community

members with lived experience highlighted how important it is to educate students and families about the effects and warning signs of drug and alcohol addiction, and to reduce the stigma surrounding drug use. Volunteers and experts from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) attended the event to provide resources to families, further emphasizing the need to provide information to those who need it.

this effort to raise awareness of the effects of fentanyl and the urgency of the problem, where “one time can be the last time,” intoned the officer.

“This film does not sensationalize. It humanizes. It shows the ripple effect of how one life lost leaves a lasting impact on mothers and fathers, siblings, friends, classmates and first responders,” he said.

The film discussed how the GPD’s efforts have revealed a steadily worsening overdose problem for the Jewel City. Prevention efforts have become even more critical, said Chief William in an interview with the CV Weekly, as overdose calls climbed from 2022 to 2025.

William thanked audience members for their interest in the film.

“We hope this film starts conversations in homes, in schools and among friends, because behind every statistic that you hear tonight is a name. Behind every name is a family, and behind every family is a community that feels that love. If tonight’s conversation reaches even one person before a choice is made, before a life is lost, then this film will have done exactly what [it] was meant to do,” said William.

The panel offered everything from advice for parents who are navigating recovery and treatment programs to ideas on how to share information about drug use and safety with kids.

When asked what his advice

Mayor Ara Najarian said the film “shines a light on a crisis that is happening everywhere” – including in Glendale.

“Addiction does not discriminate. It impacts people of all ages, backgrounds and neighborhoods,” he said in his opening remarks of the night.

Interim Glendale Police Chief Robert William created the Substance Abuse and Wellness Resource Program three years ago when he and his officers began to notice an uptick in emergency calls involving overdoses or drugs laced with fentanyl. William brought together officers with experience in mental health and addiction crises, including health care workers, to create a force that would change the way GPD responded to the opioid crisis in the city, “treat[ing] the whole individual” rather than penalizing them for drug use, as one GPD officer said in the film. “Dirty Drugs” was part of

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would be for parents and to the community that can help prevent an addiction or an overdose, parent Marco Khan, whose child overdosed on fentanyl, said that honest conversations and being present for your child go a long way in helping to recognize signs for concern and preventing overdose.

“When you have problems, talk to people, seek help,” said Khan, whose son is recovering from addiction.

Panelist Elena Hunanyan, a board-certified psychiatrist, said that often resistance to treatment comes from stigma and a lack of support or conversation.

She suggested motivational interviewing, a technique designed to create a partnership in care rather than penalizing the person for unawareness of their condition, to help families and loved ones get the care they need.

Azad Abed-Stephen, a therapist with 12 years of sobriety and lived experience overcoming heroin and meth addiction, agreed.

“If you come not from a shaming place, you leave a place for [your loved one] to be honest and you cultivate that safety for them to feel they can be honest with you,” Abed-Stephen said.

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Fourth Alleged Victim Identified in Criminal Investigation

From Dr. Darneika Watson, GUSD superintendent:

“As part of our continued commitment to transparency, I am writing to inform you that the Glendale Police Dept. has identified a fourth alleged victim in the ongoing criminal investigation into former agency-contracted assistant Joseph Vladimir Sanchez. The most recent allegation involves a student at College View.

“We understand the continued emotional toll that

this news may have on families and staff. GUSD has connected with the family of the student to provide support and will offer specialized support to the College View community as we process this latest update. We have begun hosting group meetings with parents at our school sites to hear concerns and will be holding a session for College View parents and guardians next week. Families at our remaining schools directly affected by the allegations will receive information about their

meeting dates in the coming days. These sessions serve the very important purpose of allowing families to ask questions and share their perspectives and concerns, which are helping to inform our actions moving forward. Our board of education and leadership team are committed to understanding where systemic improvements are needed and to strengthening safeguards for every student at our schools, including our most vulnerable.

“We continue to strongly

encourage any families with information that may assist the criminal investigation of Joseph Vladimir Sanchez to reach out to the GPD Assaults Bureau at (818) 548-3106. Simultaneously, anyone with information about sexual abuse by Joseph Vladimir Sanchez on District school sites or as noted in the recent court decision regarding the Early Bird Program should reach out to the specially trained investigators at Epstein, Becker & Green by emailing GUSDInvestigation@ebglaw.com.

We recognize how difficult it can be for survivors and families to come forward. Please know that all communication with the investigators will be treated with the utmost sensitivity, and individual names and other identifying details will not be shared or made public without your authorization or except as required by law.

“Support services remain available to all members of our community. We will continue to provide updates as we are able.”

Update on Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard – Abode Communities Project

By Mary O'KEEFE

The development project that has been proposed for the northwest corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard has caused community members to raise their voices in concern about the size of the project as well as the transitional-aged youth (TAY) aspect of the residents at the complex.

The project's developer, Abode, is currently working to schedule a date to present an update to the Crescenta Valley Town Council. The status of

the project remains the same as when it was presented to the community during a November meeting; no permits have been issued by the County. There are applications pending with two public agencies (LACDA and LACAHS) for consideration for public funding assistance. The developer has not submitted a building permit application, according to LA County.

The proposal is for a five-story, 80-unit building of affordable rental housing to be built on the site. Of these apartments, 25 will be set aside for transitional-aged

youth 18 to 24 years old who must have a juvenile living with them – either their own child or a child for whom they are caring. There will be one apartment set aside for a manager. The development will have 80 parking spaces.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council Land Use Committee held a meeting in November 2025 which had in attendance those involved in the development including the project's architect, LA County Regional Planning, LA County Public Works, Abode Communities (the developer and owner of the property) and

Upward Bound, the organization working with TAY.

The standing room only audience voiced a variety of concerns regarding the proposed project including fire evacuation, parking and water infrastructure and wanted more explanation as to what would be done in support of the TAY population. But the universal concern was the size of the complex.

“This property was originally [intended] for an 80-unit multifamily development. When Abode Communities

assumed site control, we performed a feasibility analysis to confirm that 80 units is the most appropriate density for this location,” said Maegan Pearson from Abode in an earlier interview.

Since that meeting the concerns have continued, including a rumor that “the project is absolutely going to be completed.”

“Under SB 35, authored by State Senator Scott Wiener, the state created a streamlined path

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Remembering Charlie Beatty

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley is a unique community, not only because of its location – snuggled between the Angeles National Forest and Verdugo Mountains – but because of the community itself.

It is pretty well known as a place where residents take a stand whenever they feel there is something threatening their community – from drugs to traffic. The reason the community has continued to hold onto its hometown feeling is because of the leaders who have passed through its history. These leaders may not even be known by the majority of residents but the effects of their efforts – including welcome signs, beautification projects and continuing support of CV youth – are felt every day.

One of those leaders, Charles Beatty, passed away on March 1; he was 84 years old and for many

years had been battling a series of health issues.

His passing was a shock to his family, including his daughter Alli Traber, and many of his friends.

Charlie was a fixture in the Crescenta Valley for many years. He was active in Crescenta Cañada Real Estate as president emeritus, the Santa Monica [Mountains] Conservancy, was part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Advisory Council and served for a time on the Crescenta Valley Water District board. He owned Beatty Realty and co-owned Village Travel with his wife Andrea.

But many more knew him as a member of the Crescenta Valley Town Council. It was rare that he missed even one meeting. He could be argumentative but was often the voice of history of the area and the voice of reason.

He had a master's degree in history and economics and shared his experience and knowledge from the CVTC dais.



"He loved being able to talk to community members and get their voices out," Traber said.

He worked for years at Ralphs/Kroger market and was a union steward for decades with Local 770.

"He liked seeing the people [but] most of all he had the flexibility of time with me and my mom," Traber said of why her dad liked working at Ralphs.

Danette Erickson served on the CVTC with Charlie when he was president. She later followed him in that leadership role and the Council made him president emeritus to forever remember his dedication.

"Charlie was well-known and loved, from his lifelong time at Ralphs express lane as checkout clerk, which he could handle and keep his Beatty Realty on Foothill as well. His realty office was the headquarters for the [CV] Town Council in the beginning. He was the most friendly [person] talking to all who entered his lane. He went to local schools and always had the community in mind. He was instrumental in undergrounding the utility poles on Foothill. He got the traffic signal installed on Foothill Boulevard outside of Ralphs due to hearing [about]

so many accidents or close calls at that corner," Erickson said. "Charlie was part of starting the Historical Society [of Crescenta Valley] when he was president of the CV Town Council. He was part of the forming of the town council and the welcoming of the Briggs' sheriff station when Carol Painter was the [captain]. Charlie was always involved in his La Crescenta community, helping in every way he could. He helped get our Community Standard District for Foothill Boulevard. Friends were all helped in some way by good old Charlie."

Charly Shelton [CVW reporter] also served with Charlie on the CVTC.

"Charlie Beatty and I served on the town council together and I always knew him to be a stand-up guy. He cared about his community. On town council, after several hours of meetings, presentations, debates and everything else that goes on in the council meetings, long after I had checked [out] and started checking my phone, Charlie was still there engaged in the debate because every issue, big or small, was another way to help the community," Shelton said. "He had a very concise viewpoint on a lot of things and was always happy to explain it or debate it at length. I know that the community has lost one of its champions."

Charlie was most proud of his family.

He is survived by his daughter Allister, son-in-law Kevin Traber and their sons Alec, Gavin and Andrew and their wives; and his "tiny treasures" – his grandchildren 6-year-old Tatum, 3-year-old Treyton, and 1½-year-old Amelia.

Information regarding a future celebration of life will be forthcoming.

Obituary

Robert "Bob" Bruce Cornelius

The son of an Irishwoman from Chicago and a Swedish railroad man, he was one of 11 children and – after considerable Depression-era migration – grew up mostly in Highland Park near Los Angeles. He served a two-year stint in the U.S. Navy between World War II and Korea. He was a printer's mate because he knew from the age of 12 that he wanted to be a printer. That became his career, which started as a Linotype operator and ended in sales.

He married Shirley Mae Ginter (Sterling) and adopted her 3-year-old daughter Cynthia, who never thought of him as anything other than her daddy. Son John was born in 1954 and, after an 11 ½ year gap, son James came along followed by sister Cathleen Ann. Cathie had severe cerebral palsy and Bob would spend the next 36 years as a caregiver – a role he stepped up to with love and fortitude.

Despite the demands of his work and of caring for a handicapped child, Bob was exceptionally supportive of his other children, enthusiastically encouraging their passions and endeavors.

Bob lived for most of his adult life in La Crescenta. He coached several youth baseball teams and early on was active in YMCA programs. One of the qualities that carried Bob through the challenges of life was a bullet-proof optimism. He believed that people and life were good and getting better, and he believed in the best of America. He was a patriot in the most straightforward way, and as an old(er) man you could count on him to dress in red-white-and-blue for almost any occasion.

After Sterling and Cathie died five weeks apart in 2005, Bob bought a red convertible and began to travel, reconnecting with his brothers and spending summers in Sisters, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by nine siblings; his wife Shirley Mae; daughters Cathie and Cynthia; and grandson Kenneth. He is survived by sister Mabel; son John Cornelius (Roxane); son Jim Cornelius (Marilyn); grandchildren Victoria, Christina, Tiana, Marissa and Ceili.

Bob's last years were challenging as his health failed, but he received loving care from John Cornelius and his family and ultimately passed quietly and peacefully, knowing that he was well-loved.

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There will be a celebration of Bob's life on March 21 from 1-3 p.m. at Montrose Church, 2409 Florencita Dr. in Montrose.

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CRIME BLOTTER

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700 block of Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a woman and her husband parked their vehicle in the lower parking lot at Switzer Falls. They locked their vehicle and went for a hike with their family. When they returned they found their vehicle was unlocked. The woman opened the trunk of the car and discovered several items were missing including credit cards. She reached out to the card companies and found that someone had used one of her credit cards at a Sinclair Gas Station in Sun Valley. She canceled her credit cards.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

4200 Chula Senda Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, while a resident was asleep in his home he woke up to the sound of someone going through the drawers in his kitchen. He thought it was a family member and went back to sleep. Minutes later he woke up to see a person, dressed in all black wearing a black beanie, standing at his opened bedroom

door. The person had a flashlight turned on and pointed toward the resident. The suspect made a "startled noise" and ran out of the bedroom. The resident got out of his bed and chased the suspect out of his home through the back door. The suspect ran to the front of the property and entered the front passenger side of a black Volvo vehicle that was parked in front of the residence's driveway. The driver of the vehicle then drove away from the area. An investigation found the window open to the left of the kitchen door and the window screen was off and placed on the ground. The secondary bedroom had multiple drawers opened but were not ransacked. It appeared nothing was stolen.

The burglary occurred at 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 26

700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to the activation of a burglary alarm.

The City of Glendale Announces Departure of Community Development Director Bradley Calvert

The City of Glendale announced that Bradley Calvert, director of the Community Development Dept., will be departing the City to pursue a new leadership opportunity.

Calvert joined the City in 2018 as the assistant director of Community Development. He was appointed as director of Community Development in September 2022. The Community Development Dept. is made up of: Housing & Homeless Services, Development Services, Neighborhood Services and Long Range Planning.

He has played a role in guiding strategic planning and community-focused initiatives that shaped Glendale's growth and quality of life. Under his leadership, the Community Development Dept. advanced projects and programs, including the ongoing update to Glendale's General Plan.

Some recent accomplishments in the Community Development Dept. include the Housing Division earning its 23rd consecutive "high performer" designation from HUD while opening two new affordable

housing developments: Harrower Village and Citrus Crossing. The department also underwent structural changes, integrating Homeless Services with Housing, establishing Long Range Planning as an independent division, and merging Building & Safety with Planning to create a new Development Services division focused on streamlined customer service.

In the interim, the Community Development Dept. will be overseen by City Manager Roubik Golanian who will work closely with department staff to ensure

uninterrupted service delivery. The department remains actively engaged in several significant projects that require executive oversight, and maintaining operational stability during this transition will be a priority.

The process to identify and recruit a permanent director of Community Development will begin immediately to ensure strong and sustained leadership moving forward.

"Bradley has made lasting contributions to Glendale's strategic goals," said City Manager Roubik Golanian. "We

thank him for his commitment to our community and wish him continued success in his future endeavors."

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DIRTY DRUGS from page 4

Representatives from NAMI, Glendale YWCA, the Impact Foundation and CV Cares Coalition, GPD, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and County of Los Angeles Public Health showed attendees the targeted resources available to individuals and families who want to know more about substance use disorders or who are facing a recovery journey. USC Verdugo Hills walked participants through the common misconceptions about alcohol and drug addiction and what addiction does to the body. Glendale Unified School District offered information about its wellness programs and the Youth Empowerment Initiative to help at-risk youth.

To people working in these spaces, it means everything to be able to share their expertise with families, said a volunteer from Los Angeles Public Health who was handing out boxes of Naloxone nasal spray and Narcan (naloxone HCl) – substances which

help to revive people who are having an opioid overdose.

“We get to meet other community members but on top of that we always seem to talk to people who are having an issue. I spoke to a gentleman ... for about 20 minutes about our sons, and we had such a personal connection because both our sons had substance abuse issues. You always find someone to talk to [about this] and it helps us just as much,” he said.

Glendale Unified School District’s Student Wellness Interim Director Dr. Narineh Khemichian said the focus for her office is treating students holistically. The Youth Empowerment Initiative, which was developed for GUSD students in grades 8-12 facing challenges with school success and their families, creates a support system where children learn effective communication and coping strategies, and parents learn how to support their children.

“We invite our families to come in These are students who have had some sort of obstacle to their learning. It could be attendance issues, it could be substance abuse issues. We embed that information in these sessions. It’s our belief that if we don’t provide resources for these students they will not be able to access education the way they need to,” said Khemichian. She said there are already plans to show the film in all GUSD schools.

“I was very anxious to share this film. The idea is to spread awareness,” said “Dirty Drugs” director and producer Peter Bahlawanian. He described one of the most impactful interviews in the film is with an addict who is being drug tested at the GPD station.

“He wanted to be part of the solution, not the problem,” said Bahlawanian.

For information about recovery from substance use disorder, contact the Glendale Police Dept. Substance Abuse and Wellness Recovery Program.

PROM PLUS from Cover

enjoy the games and spend time with friends and neighbors,” she said. “Every dollar raised supports the Prom Plus after-prom event for Crescenta Valley High School seniors. Prom Plus provides a safe, supervised celebration after prom with food, a number of different activities, entertainment and prizes so students have a fun place to continue celebrating safely with their classmates.”

Prom Plus is a grassroots effort that began after the 1991 murder of Berlyn Cosman, a 17-year-old CVHS senior who was killed at an unsupervised after-prom party in a hotel room in Anaheim. It is not known how many lives Prom Plus has saved over its three decades. The organization has played an important role in the community and continues through its board of parents and community members.

“Prom Plus exists because this community cares deeply about the safety of our kids,” Briebesca-Hedin said. “The after-prom event gives students a fun place to celebrate together after prom night and it’s entirely funded by the community. Events like this bingo night help make that possible. Prom Plus seems to bring out the best in our community and we really hope that our Prom Plus Bingo Night is an extension of that.”

Prom Plus costs continue to rise and the organization is reaching out to the community for support through its recent Prom Plus pancake breakfast and its upcoming bingo night.

Prom Plus thanks its sponsors including Harry Leon, La Crescenta Hankook Market, Chris Kilpatrick, Andy’s Transfer and Storage, Arktos Wealth Management, Bob Smith Toyota, VFW/AFL and Patrick Murphy.

Bingo is on March 21, doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the first game will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance at www.promplus.org. Tickets will also be available at the CVW office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. Ste 206 and at the door of the Memorial Hall on the day of the event, while space allows.

ROBIN from page 2

Jerry was a member of American Legion Post 288 and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #1614 for the past 11 years. He most recently served as the quartermaster for the VFW and the finance officer for both the Legion and VFW.

His contributions were many and he will be missed.

WEATHER from page 2

The two goddesses went to Apollo who, being the god of the Sun, saw everything. He knew what had happened. Apollo defended Hades but Demeter did not see how Hades, who abducted her daughter, could possibly be a good guy and knew he certainly was not a good husband.

Demeter was also the goddess of seasons and the loss of her daughter was so great that, as she roamed the Earth, she refused to allow the trees to bear fruit and the Earth to nurture vegetables and herbs. We know this as fall and winter when the leaves begin to fall. Demeter threatened to keep the earth barren forever – which would not be good for humankind. Zeus, king of the gods, knew this was a bad thing and he feared he would be blamed for the barren earth, so he sent a messenger to demand Persephone be returned to her mother.

It looked like the daughter would be returned to her mother and all would be as it was with a bountiful garden all year round; however, Hades, the one that Apollo thought would be a good husband, had one more trick up his sleeve.

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VIEWPOINTS

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Fire, Water & Steam on the America 250

We're on our way into Sunland on the America 250 Trail, a tour of 25 places of historical significance in and around these parts.

Coming to 4947 Foothill Blvd., we've arrived at the former hot spot where the forge of the local blacksmith burned and he practiced his important trade. It's No. 6 on the Trail.

There are no photographs of the blacksmith shop, which operated here shortly after the turn of the century. We only have the memories of the men who created this tour in 1975. They expressed their feelings then by stating, "Nothing can ever replace the old-time blacksmith shop." They also shared the following:

"Anyone who has not, as a child, had the job of turning the hand crank on the bellows of a blacksmith's forge and watching a piece of iron turn cherry red has missed a great thrill. In the early years here, a constant supply of boys from Sunland and Tujunga was available to the 'smith' or 'smithy' as we sometimes called him. He was always more than happy to take advantage of their youthful energy. Relieved of the prosaic work of turning the blower, he could then devote his

full attention to horseshoeing, repairing intricate machinery, sharpening plows and repairing farm wagons."

A few things we might imagine. The smell would have hit you before the sounds – coal smoke, hot iron, leather and sweat. The structure would most likely have had a large door or doors to release the smoke and heat. A horseshoe may have been hung, open side up – a symbol for both the trade and good luck. You might see a wagon wheel or two leaning against the wall, a barrel of water nearby, and a hitching post where the farmers could tie their horses.

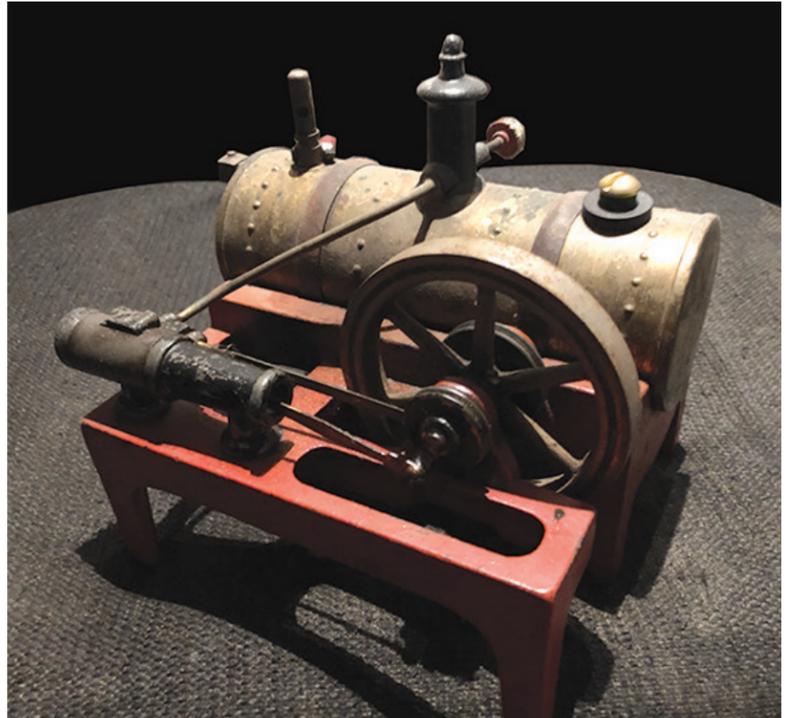
Inside was the incessant clang, clang, clang of hammer striking iron. The forge dominated the room. This waist-high brick structure was where the coal burned intensely. The hand-cranked bellows forced air into the coals, turning them from dull red to near blinding white. An anvil was there, mounted solidly on a stump of hardwood, and the walls would have been lined with special tools. Here was both a workshop and a social hub.

Next up, and only a short distance away at the southeast corner of Woodward Avenue and

Fenwick Street, is No. 7 on our tour – the Haines Canyon Water Company's old well and pumping station. Now fully developed in the early 1900s, this was where a well was dug by the company responsible for providing water for the local population. From here, it was transported to a reservoir that appears as location No. 22 on this tour. We'll get there.

Make your way back to the north side of Foothill Boulevard between McVine and Nassau avenues. This block housed Sunland's short-lived steam laundry operation in the late 1920s. The historians in 1975 noted that remnants of the pipes and cement foundations from that old business were still there. Today, it's the location of Burns Manor Apartments, a community for seniors. Nothing of the steam works remains at present.

Steam laundries were once common. Coal-fired boilers generated steam and steam engines powered rotating shafts connected by belts to run the washing machines and presses.



Electric washing machines became accessible to American households in the 1920s and '30s and most likely put an end to this Sunland steam enterprise.

The Verdugo Hills Cemetery will host Steam Day on March 28 from 10 a.m. – noon. Currently we have two small steam engines to fire up, but we're asking anyone who has one to join us to share

your water-fueled contraptions. Here's a shout-out to Jay Leno!

Please join us and bring your steam car to the party! Bring the kids to 7000 Parsons Trail in Tujunga.

Craig W. Durst, AKA The History Hunter, is a historian of the Tujunga Rancho and President of the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. He can be reached at craig@thehistoryhunter.com.

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Why We Tell Our Stories

When a parent like me tells the story of how their child was lost to a drug overdose it is common to hear these words: "I can't even imagine..." And the truth is, it is unfathomable. Unless you have been through it, it is hard to comprehend something so heartbreaking as losing someone to tragedy and how the family left behind can ever recover from it. But for those of us who have lived through the daily struggle of someone with addiction that is all we do ... imagine. Every waking (and sometimes sleeping) moment is filled with the hope that our loved one will be able to stay sober and go on to live a full and productive life. And every day we ask ourselves, "Is today the day he won't come home or can't wake up?" That day came for me after a long, painful journey right before the COVID lockdowns.

I wear a silver charm around my neck as a daily reminder. It says, "Stronger than yesterday." The message takes me back to those difficult times when I wasn't sure I could keep going. But I did. With each day that passed I grew a little stronger through the love and support of family and friends that allowed me to redirect my grief and tell my story. I channeled that energy into a commitment to help other families so they wouldn't have to go through everything we did.

A year and a half later, I met Victoria Malone. We were

introduced through a mutual community friend who knew we had something in common – both of our sons had died from an accidental overdose from fentanyl. We quickly found that not only were our sons the same age and graduates of Crescenta Valley High School, but they were also friends. We became connected in a deep way and lifted up each other.

Victoria and her son's closest friends started a foundation in his honor and called it the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation LA, with the hope of raising awareness in the community and providing resources to struggling families. I am proud to have joined the efforts of the IFLA, working in the parent sector of CV Cares, the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. The organization brings local partners together to support individuals, reaches out to families by providing resources and letting them know they are not alone, and coordinates student engagement through the Youth Ambassador program at CVHS.

Victoria's powerful story was one of several themes recently featured in the film titled "Dirty Drugs," a documentary by producer and filmmaker Peter Bahlawanian and commissioned by the Glendale Police Dept. The film was shown last week at the LOOK Cinema followed by a panel discussion of individuals and families affected by substance misuse

and professionals working in the field. Support organizations including IFLA were on hand to answer questions from attendees and provide information. The event was well-organized and well-attended and I was glad to be a part of it.

Glendale Police Dept.'s Substance Abuse and Wellness Resource Program is a great benefit to the community. Glendale PD has been at the forefront of issues related to homelessness, mental health and substance misuse for many years. From outreach events like "Dirty Drugs," public service videos and Narcan® distribution to Red Ribbon education in the schools and the compassionate way officers address persons in need on the street, I believe their proactive approach saves lives.

At a time when law enforcement around the country is often criticized and departments are facing budget cuts, I am pleased to fully support the Glendale Police Dept. Its team, along with the Glendale Fire Dept., was there for our family when we needed help the most and I will never forget the care they gave us on our worst day.

For those who would like more information about the Impact Foundation LA and CV Cares, check out the website at <https://theimpactfoundationla.org/>. We are here to help.

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Soroptimists' Bras For A Cause Provides 'Uplifting' Evening

By Ruth SOWBY

For 23 years Soroptimist International of Glendale has presented its signature event of the year, Bras For A Cause. This year's celebration was themed An Evening of Remarkable Women. Honored were community activist Miryam Orellana Finkelberg and Ascencia Executive Director Laura Duncan.

Some 250 members and guests filled the ballroom of the Oakmont Country Club on Feb. 21. Many guests had already stepped out to view the more than 20 decorated bras on display in a nearby anteroom. La Crescenta resident Suzette Van Sleeuwen's eye caught a light pink bra studded with pearls and rose buds. It was created by Glendale resident Catherine Yesayan, who was present at the event. A bra covered in succulents, As the Garden Grows, was "living art," according to Los Angeles resident Cecelia Walker. All the bras were up for silent auction. Scattered among them were other silent auction items, such as theatre tickets. A favorite was the musical "Spamalot" at the Pantages in



Hollywood.

The program's welcome was given by event chairs Carol Ann Burton and Debbie Hess-Wakeland. Greetings were offered by Soroptimist Glendale president Desiree Portillo-Rabinov followed with emcee duties by Portillo-Rabinov's daughter Paloma Esparza Rabinov.

Among the VIPs present were former Glendale mayor and Soroptimist past president Paula Devine. Additional

former Glendale mayors on hand were Elen Asatryan and Dan Brotman. The highlight of the program was the honoree awards presented to Finkelberg and Duncan. Both were given standing ovations.

Awards were then given in four categories for the decorated bras. Most beautiful was Under the C; most humorous was Cancer Sucks; most unique was As the Garden Grows. The Making Dreams Come True bra nabbed best Depiction of



Theme. The bra cups were covered with head shots of the mothers of Soroptimist members. All contributions were considered "remarkable."

Funds raised by Bras For A Cause were dedicated to raising awareness of breast cancer.

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Bras for a Cause concept creator Kathy Lefkovits shows off an award winning bra, Making Dreams Come True, covered with photos of mothers of Soroptimist members.

MIDDLE: La Crescenta resident Suzette Van Sleeuwen prefers a simple, Catherine Yesayan created bra.

RIGHT: Bras for a Cause "Remarkable Women" honorees are community activist Miryam Finkelberg and Ascencia's Laura Duncan.

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7 REASONS WHY SUMMER CAMP IS IMPORTANT

Summer camp is like no other place. It offers endless fun, new adventures and a constructive break while school's out – but these only scratch the surface of why summer camp is important.

Summer camp offers enriching experiences that build on what kids learn during the school year – like meeting new friends, developing life skills and exploring ideas in fresh, hands-on ways. Social interaction helps boost their confidence, speaking skills and emotional intelligence – plus physical games keep them active until gym class starts up again in September.

Summer days away from home also allow children to become more independent, think for themselves and develop positive habits that will stick with them for the rest of their lives. Dive deeper into these benefits as seven key reasons are explored on why summer camp is important for children's holistic, healthy development.

#1. Encourages Social Growth and Friendship

Getting to know new peers and making new friends are key parts of their emotional and social development. One of the best ways to help kids come out of their shell and socialize is by making interactions with their peers easier.

But with school off the table, summer offers minimal opportunities for social interaction. Enter summer camp: the perfect place for them to meet one another, learn and play together and form bonds that last well past the final day of their summer program.

During a summer of discovery, fun and exploration, kids bond through:

- **Teamwork** – Camp encourages kids to work together to overcome challenges and achieve common goals. Whether it's playing on the same squad during a team sport, working side-by-side on a group project or even simple tasks like cleaning up together after a messy activity, collaboration builds camaraderie, closeness and character.

- **Group activities** – No matter a child's age, summer camp offers lots of engaging group activities that not only build intelligence, but social skills as well. Kindergartners and elementary school age campers can enjoy interactive games and group art projects. Older campers may collaborate across more in-depth activities like robot-building, dramatic performances and team-building exercises.

- **Shared experiences** – Camp marks several firsts for many kids. It could be their first day spent away from home, their first time not knowing anyone in a place or their first time meeting kids from other communities. Campers go through these firsts together. These shared moments bring children together and build lasting friendships.

As children form connections with their peers, they build key social skills – like communication, problem-solving and empathy – that come in handy as they mature. And all the while, they'll be having the time of their lives!

#2. Promotes Independence and Responsibility

For many campers, day camp is a first step toward independence – offering time away from parents or guardians in a safe, supportive environment. This gives kids the opportunity to make decisions all on their own – often for the first time in their lives.

Every day, camp gives kids seemingly simple yet crucial choices that build their decision-making skills and boost

their self-sufficiency, such as:

- Which project to work on
- What to eat
- How to strategize during team games

Choice-making power like this not only boosts kids' decision-making skills, but also their confidence. When kids think for themselves, they feel accomplished, brave and capable – which are all key to developing their character as they grow.

Camp isn't all unchecked freedom, however. It's loaded with routine, support and structure. This kind of guided environment helps campers make good choices, teaches them responsibility and helps them develop other life skills.

#3. Supports Physical Activity and Outdoor Exploration

Up to 80% of adolescents don't get enough physical activity. This rings true for every time of year– summer included. But summer camp flips that script.

Activities like team sports and relay races keep children active and engaged all summer long. In a modern era where American youth spend four to nine hours a day in front of screens, physical activity offers a necessary breather from constant digital stimulation.

Spending time outdoors, especially surrounded by nature, improves kids':

- **Physical health** – Spending time outside can improve sleep, lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of disease.
- **Stress levels** – Outdoor time can help relieve feelings of stress or uneasiness – which can be a bonus for kids who are a little nervous about camp.

- **Creativity** – Green space can lower feelings of anxiousness and spark positive thinking – laying the groundwork for creative ideas to flourish.

#4. Develops Problem-Solving and Leadership Skills

Camp provides children with a safe, supportive space to learn and grow. Many campers are new to fields like science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) and haven't played the types of games that require a large camp collective.

These new experiences present obstacles that campers learn to overcome, whether they're:

- Finding their role within a team or group
- Discovering how to complete a project
- Learning the strategy to a new game or activity

These challenges help develop critical thinking skills and, in turn, the ability to solve problems.

As campers grow, they develop the initiative to address their own issues without external guidance. Eventually, they become the guides themselves as they master leadership skills and guide others.

None of this is possible, however, without the self-sufficiency and determination camp instills in its attendees. Obstacles make con-

fidant campers and, in turn, confident campers go on to become competent leaders.

#5. Provides a Break from Screens and Technology

As mentioned above, the average American child spends anywhere from four to nine hours a day in front of screens. Summer camp offers a fun alternative to screen time that's more constructive, healthy and valuable.

Whether it's chats with friends, group games or hands-on projects, there's always an interesting activity going on at summer camp. With so much to enjoy and no screens to distract them, kids can genuinely appreciate their experience as they take in the world around them.

Reducing screen time isn't just about experiencing the real world, however – it's key for developing kids':

- **Creativity** – On a phone or a tablet, the content is created for them. Away from the screen and guided at camp, the possibilities are endless: from simple machines and popsicle-stick structures to boxcars and robots.

- **Focus** – It can be hard for kids to focus on life outside the screen with multiple videos, games and tabs open at once. At a screen-free summer camp, they are free to focus on the world around them – and all the learning in store.

- **Well-being** – Cutting down on screen time can help kids regulate their moods independently, succeed in school, build stronger language skills and develop strong brains.

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- July 6-10: Sports Camp, JCs, Baseball (PM)
- July 13-17: Sports Camp, JCs, Baseball (PM)
- July 20-24: Sports Camp, JCs
- July 27-31: Specialty Week*

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#6. Sparks Innovation and New Interests

Exposure to creativity and innovation can improve emotional development, social engagement and overall academic performance. When a kid learns how to transform their vision into reality, it unlocks a lifelong love of learning and creating.

Camps specialize in imagination-sparking activities like:

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Arts

For many campers, summertime might be the only part of the year when they have consistent, reliable access to these areas of study. In turn, many burgeoning innovators or artists may not even know about their passions until they jump into a hands-on activity that encourages them.

Learning about STEAM and other new subjects at summer camp can ignite lifelong passions that steer entire futures. Camp creates a safe space for kids to try new things – and see what sticks! The confidence they gain encourages further exploration after the camp closing ceremony and for years to come.

#7. Builds Lifelong Memories and Positive Experiences

Day camp offers something refreshingly different from kids' regular routines. Outside of home, school and year-round activities, camp introduces children to new environments, challenges and perspectives – all in a short, joy-filled span of time. These fresh experiences often stand out as core childhood memories that campers carry with them for years to come.

Because many campers return summer after summer, camp also becomes a place to reconnect – not just with familiar faces but with a growing circle of friends outside of school. These bonds, formed through shared discovery and creativity, help kids expand their social world and gain confidence in new settings.

At summer camps, every activity is designed to support a child's emotional, social and intellectual growth – laying the foundation for memories that last far beyond the summer.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ALF SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 9!

Action League of the Foothills will be offering its annual Summer School program at Palm Crest Elementary School from June 15 through July 10, 2026. Children entering kindergarten through 6th grade may enroll in enrichment classes covering a wide range of interesting topics such as "Journey to Outer Space," "Band for Beginners," "Intro to Robotics" and "Backyard Science." Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The ALF Summer School program has been administered by its volunteer members for over 45 years with classes always taught at one of the La Cañada Unified schools. Students from the foothill communities will have an opportunity to explore subjects that are challenging and exciting -- all for the joy of learning and without any homework!

Summer School Co-Chairs Becky Gelhaar and Kim Westhoff are excited to welcome this year's group of children for the four-week session of fun.

Online registration for ALF Summer School opens at noon on Monday, March 9. For more information about this lively and engaging program, be sure to check out our website at ALFoothills.org or call (818) 790-2211.



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.



Don't Miss Next Week!

Look out for another CV Weekly Summer Camp Issue publishing next Thursday, March 12. It's not too late to get your announcement placed! Call Rachele at (818) 248-2740 for rates and more information.

SUMMER FUN AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

CAMP RUNAMUK

If you have a child between ages 5 and 10 who is full of energy and loves to run, learn and play, then Camp Runamuk is the place for you! A beloved local institution, Camp Runamuk provides a safe and action-packed summer camp environment with plenty of physical activity and creativity through arts and crafts, cooking, fun-in-the-sun water activities, science projects and more! Your child can look forward to making new friends and having a great time in a safe and supervised environment. Camp Runamuk offers 10 weeks of fun from June 8 through Aug. 14. Sign up for one week or all 10 – or any number in between!



WHAT'S NEW FOR SUMMER 2026?

- New check-in system based on groups for a faster and smoother check-in process
- Each week of camp features an exciting theme with activities related to the theme, making each week unique from the next
- Campers will be assigned to color groups led by a "Color Leader" who will be their key point person throughout the week
- Specialty activities including arts, STEM, cooking, dancing, outdoor fun and more!

SCHEDULE

Camp Runamuk runs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for 10 weeks from June 8 - Aug. 14. For those seeking extended care, the Community Center will offer several after-camp options from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

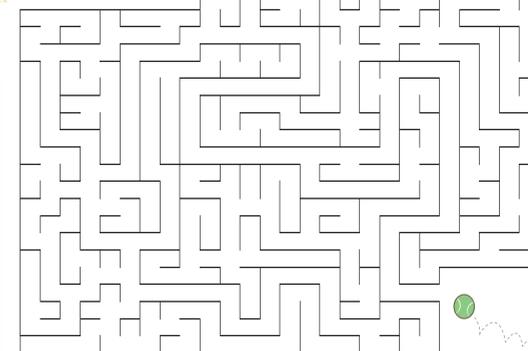
Each week of Camp Runamuk features:

- "Tie-Dye Tuesdays" where campers can wear the camp T-shirt they tie-dye themselves
- "Wacky Wednesdays" have a different dress-up theme each week
- "Water Day" Thursdays feature water activities
- "Fun Fridays" feature an extra-special event or activity

MORE SUMMER CAMPS

In addition to Camp Runamuk, the Community Center offers a variety of summer camp options including Coach Andy's Sports Camps, Professor Egghead STEM camp, cooking camp, Skyhawks Sports Camps, ceramics camps and more! Visit cclcf.org for the latest information.

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Why did the whale cross the ocean?
To get to the other tide!
What's a shark's favorite sandwich?
Peanut butter and jellyfish!
Why don't oysters share their pearls?
Because they're a bit shellfish!
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To get a little brighter!
How do you catch a squirrel at the beach?
Act like a nut!
What's brown, hairy, and wears sunglasses?
A coconut on vacation!
What kind of tree fits in your hand?
A palm tree!
What did the pig say on a hot summer day?
I'm bacon!
What can cause dry skin after swimming?
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Class of 2026 Ticktockers Presented by NCL, Inc., Glendale Chapter

Twenty-three young women from La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Glendale, Los Feliz and the surrounding areas will be honored by the Glendale Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. at the 75th annual Senior Presentation Ball to be held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel on March 7.

The Senior Presentation is a tradition for the Glendale Chapter, highlighting and thanking the Class of 2026 for its 5,939 hours of community service. The young women, or Ticktockers as they are known, began their NCL journey in seventh grade, working with their mothers, called patronesses, to support the chapter's philanthropic partners. Over the years, the class volunteered at American Red Cross, Arroyos and Foothills, Ascencia, Door of Hope, La Cañada Tournament of Roses, Operation Gratitude, Pasadena Humane Society, Twelve Oaks Senior Living, Union Station, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, YWCA of Glendale, the Chapter's annual rummage sale and more.

"The Senior Presentation Ball celebrates the culmination of each Ticktocker's six

years of community service, leadership development and cultural experiences, which are the pillars of our program. Family and friends will gather with chapter members to recognize the Ticktockers' accomplishments, volunteer service and the mother-daughter bond that is the cornerstone of NCL. They have truly embraced the spirit of NCL and we look forward to their exciting and successful futures," said Chapter President Keisha Wilcox.

The Ball will include a welcome from Ticktocker Samantha Drobis, president of the Class of 2026, and from Grade Level Advisors Jill Longo and Vero Shamo-Garcia. The Class has chosen the theme Once Upon a Time, and an accompanying theme song "Vienna" by Billy Joel. The evening will include the presentation of each Ticktocker, the father-daughter waltz, the senior service awards and a farewell toast. The chairs of the Presentation Ball are Tiffany Morgan along with the class committee chairs Tricia Riesberg and Stacy

Lee. The mistress of ceremonies for the Ball will be Laura Baker.



The Glendale Chapter of NCL, Inc., was first organized in 1942 and became a chartered chapter of National Charity League, Inc. in 1958. It works with over 20 local philanthropies, supporting them with hands-on services. Through the mother-

daughter relationship, National Charity League, Inc. develops strong women leaders serving and impacting communities today and for generations to come.

Learn more at www.nationalcharityleague.org/chapter/glendale/

Collins, Kennedy Volleyball Leaders at FSHA

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy (FSHA) in La Cañada announced that Heather Collins is the new head varsity volleyball coach and Ruki Kennedy is the new assistant varsity volleyball coach. Collins is credited with bringing over 30 years of coaching experience, NCAA Division I playing credentials and a proven record of developing high-performing student-athletes.

Kennedy is credited with having championship experience at both the collegiate and club levels. In addition to leading the varsity squad, Kennedy will also coach the freshman-sophomore team, bringing her expertise and winning mindset to players across all levels.

Following her playing career, Collins spent nearly three decades coaching at the

collegiate and youth levels. She served as assistant coach at Loyola Marymount University from 1997-2010 and head coach of the volleyball program at Occidental College from 2011-2024. Her experience also includes leadership roles with elite club programs and international coaching work in Italy, the Dominican Republic, Australia, and Costa Rica.

Kennedy brings a strong competitive background, having competed as a student-athlete in two NCAA Division II national championship tournaments and two CCCAA championship tournaments. She later achieved national success as a USA volleyball national champion coach with San Gabriel Elite Volleyball Club, where she helped guide teams at the highest levels

of club competition.

Kennedy is currently a master's candidate in sports management at California State University, Long Beach (Class of 2026) where her coursework includes sport finance, law, and the history of sport and leisure. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Cal Poly Pomona.

Community Center Preschool of La Cañada Flintridge to Host 32nd Annual Western Round-Up

Howdy, folks! On Saturday, March 7, the Community Center preschool will host its annual Western Round-Up. For over 30 years, the Western Round-Up has brought together preschool families and the community at large for a one-of-a-kind, western-themed carnival that is the preschool's largest fundraiser of the year. To celebrate 32 years, the preschool set a goal to raise \$32,000. Proceeds from the Round-Up fund preschool enrichment programs, classroom and playground enhancements

and tuition scholarships.

The Round-Up boasts carnival rides, pony rides, game booths, a petting zoo, face painting, balloon animals and sweet treats. It also features a silent auction that is not to be missed. This year's highlights include a wine tasting for two at the stunning Castello Di Amorosa, Los Angeles Rams tickets, a three-night/four-day staycation in a beautiful Big Bear cabin, a luxury hair package, private sports training, a premium facial acupuncture session,

tickets to the Sloomoo Institute, health and wellness packages and so much more!

If that is not enough incentive, Carey Haynes of Haynes Group

Real Estate is generously donating a \$500 Apple Gift Card, which will be raffled off on the day of the event. Guests

who are feeling lucky can purchase their raffle tickets at the preschool's office or at the Round-Up for \$1 per ticket.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA - March 2026

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

If you survived the torrential rainstorms we recently had and now you're wondering how to beat the unusually hot weather we have now, why not take some time to cool off while enjoying one of these fantastic productions playing currently in our local theaters?

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

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

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



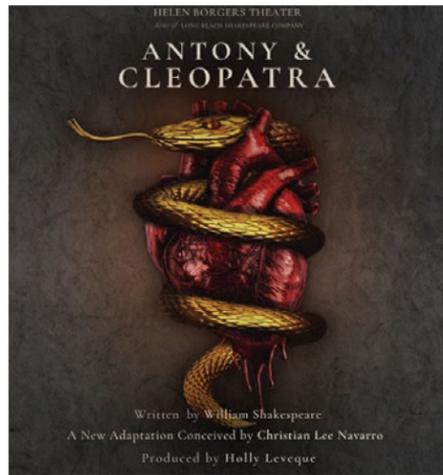
"Dragon Mama" Broadway star Sara Porkalob returns to Geffen Playhouse for the second installment of *"The Dragon Cycle."* In this next chapter, Maria Porkalob Jr. dreams of a bigger, gayer life beyond Bremerton, Washington. But when an unexpected chance to escape arises she faces an impossible choice – stay with her struggling family or chase freedom in the wilds of Alaska. Packed with ghosts, Filipino gangsters and a killer '90s R&B soundtrack, this award-winning, high-octane solo show is a raw, hilarious and deeply moving story of resilience, queer love and what it takes to break free and find home.

Written by Sara Porkalob and directed by Andrew Russell, it runs through April 12 at the Audrey Skirball Kenis Theater at Geffen Playhouse in Westwood. For tickets, call (310) 208-2028 or visit www.geffenplayhouse.org.

"Antony and Cleopatra" This bold reimagining of William Shakespeare's tragedy strips away spectacle to reveal the raw human core beneath the legend. Rome and Egypt do not merely clash

as superpowers – they fracture the hearts of two rulers trying to be everything at once: warrior and lover, sovereign and soul. The political machine surrounding them is equally formidable. Justin Valine embodies the calculating precision of Octavius Caesar. Julianne Holmquist portrays Octavia, whose quiet strength underscores the personal cost of political alliance. Connor Bowen appears as Domitius Enobarbus, Antony's loyal confidant and moral compass, whose choices echo with devastating consequence. At its heart, *"Antony and Cleopatra"* is an exploration of love and duty – and how devotion to one demands the sacrifice of the other. The greatest soldier of the ancient world and its most powerful queen bind their empires – and their fates – chasing a fleeting sense of eternity found only in the quiet of midnight.

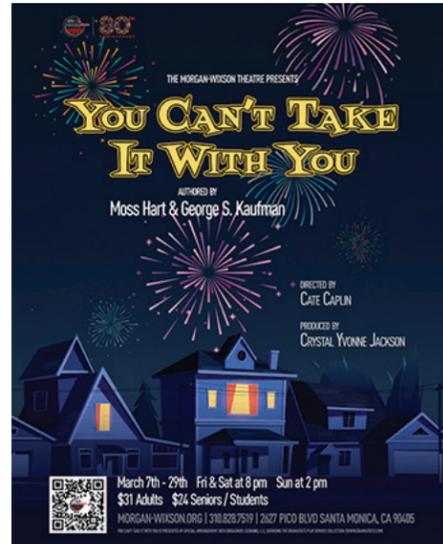
Written by William Shakespeare, adapted by Christian Lee Navarro, and directed by Christian Lee Navarro, it runs March 7 through March 22 at the Helen Bergers Theatre in Long Beach. For tickets, visit www.LBShakespeare.org.



"You Can't Take It with You" This classic American comedy celebrates individuality, love and the joy of living life on your own terms. Set in 1930s New York, the play follows the eccentric Sycamore family whose quirky hobbies and free-spirited lifestyle stand in sharp contrast to societal norms. Chaos and hilarity ensue when their daughter Alice brings her straight-laced fiancé and his conservative parents home for dinner. The play is a timeless reminder that happiness isn't found in wealth or status. With sharp wit and heartwarming moments, it highlights the beauty of embracing one's passions and differences. As the two families clash and connect, the story unfolds with charm, laughter and unexpected wisdom. *"You Can't Take It with You"* remains a beloved theatrical gem that inspires audiences to live fully and authentically.

Written by George S. Kaufman and Moss

Hart, and directed by Cate Caplin, it runs March 7 through March 29 at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre in Santa Monica. For tickets, call (310) 828-7519 or visit www.morgan-wixson.org.



"The Shark Is Broken" The first summer blockbuster movie is being filmed – but no one working on the film would know it. Dive deep into the tumultuous, murky waters of the making of a major motion picture with testy, feuding co-stars, unpredictable weather and a shark prop whose constant breakdowns are looking like an omen for the future of the movie. In this comedy co-written by Ian Shaw and Joseph Nixon, the short tempers of *"Jaws"* stars Robert Shaw (father of co-writer Ian Shaw), Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider take center stage as they bond, argue, drink, gamble and pray for an end to the shoot ... not knowing it will change their lives forever.

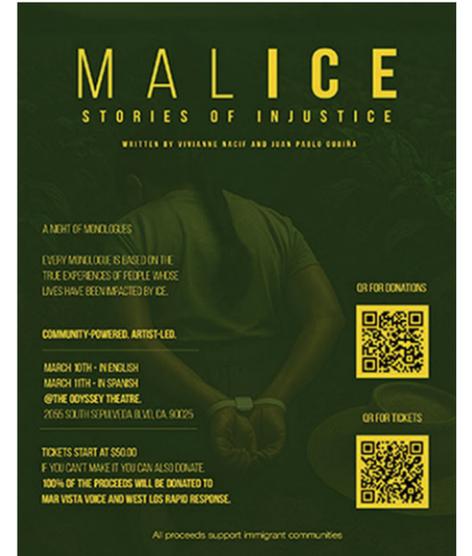
Written by Ian Shaw and Joseph Nixon, it runs March 8 through March 22 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787.



"MALICE: Stories of Injustice" is a series of monologues inspired by true stories of families and communities affected by ICE. Tuesday night will be performed in English, Wednesday night will be performed in Spanish.

Written by Vivianne Nacif and Juan Pablo Oubina, and directed by Vivianne Nacif, it runs March 10 and March 11 at the Odyssey Theatre

in West Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055 Ext. 2 or visit OdysseyTheatre.com.



"The Color Purple" tells the powerful story of Celie, a young Black woman in rural Georgia who endures immense abuse from men in her life but finds her voice, strength and self-love over 40 years (1909–1949). She discovers hope and healing through deep friendships with courageous women as she navigates heartbreak and betrayal and eventually finds independence – all set to a vibrant score of gospel, blues, jazz and ragtime. The show opened on Broadway in 2005 and received 10 Tony Award nominations. It was revived in 2015, winning the Tony for Best Revival of a Musical.

Written by Marsha Norman, with music by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray, and directed by Elijah Green, it runs March 13 through March 29 at the Zephyr Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit www.chrtheatre.com.



"Jesus Christ Superstar" This retelling of the last week of Jesus' life is from the perspective of Judas Iscariot, focusing on the political and personal struggles between Jesus, Judas and Mary Magdalene. Initially released as a successful concept album in 1970, its popularity led to a Broadway debut in 1971, becoming a global phenomenon known for its rock score and anachronistic, modern sensibility.

Written by Tim Rice, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, and directed by Justin Meyer, it runs March 13 through April 26 at the Nocturne Theatre in Glendale. For tickets, visit thenocturnetheatre.com/box-office.

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THEN & NOW



Then: George Wadey opened this service station in the late teens on the southeast corner of Honolulu and Verdugo. The first gas pumps in Montrose had been across the street in front of Potts grocery store but when they closed the pumps went here. Wadey's moved to another location in the mid '20s, but the service station remained. Down through the years there pretty much has always been a service station on this corner.

Wadey's Service Station Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: Montrose Auto provides the same type of service in the same location but with the addition of one of the features of modern automotive service: a smog test station.

CASA 0101 Theater Presents Josefina Lopez’s “Real Women Have Curves” in English and Spanish

CASA 0101 Theater will present a new production of Josefina López’s signature award-winning play “Real Women Have Curves,” directed by Corky Dominguez starring Stefany Arroyo, Yasha Alaniz, Bianca Araceli, Amy Melendrez and Laura Vega. Performances will be given for six weeks in both English and Spanish at CASA 0101 Theater in the Gloria Molina Auditorium, 2102 E. First St. (at St. Louis Street), Los Angeles from March 27 – May 3. Learn more at www.casa0101.org.

“Real Women Have Curves” is the story of five curvy Latina women working in a tiny sewing factory in East Los Angeles in 1987 who are trying to meet an impossible production deadline while hiding from immigration. Their determination, courage and juicy chisme (gossip) help them form a bond and discover their power.

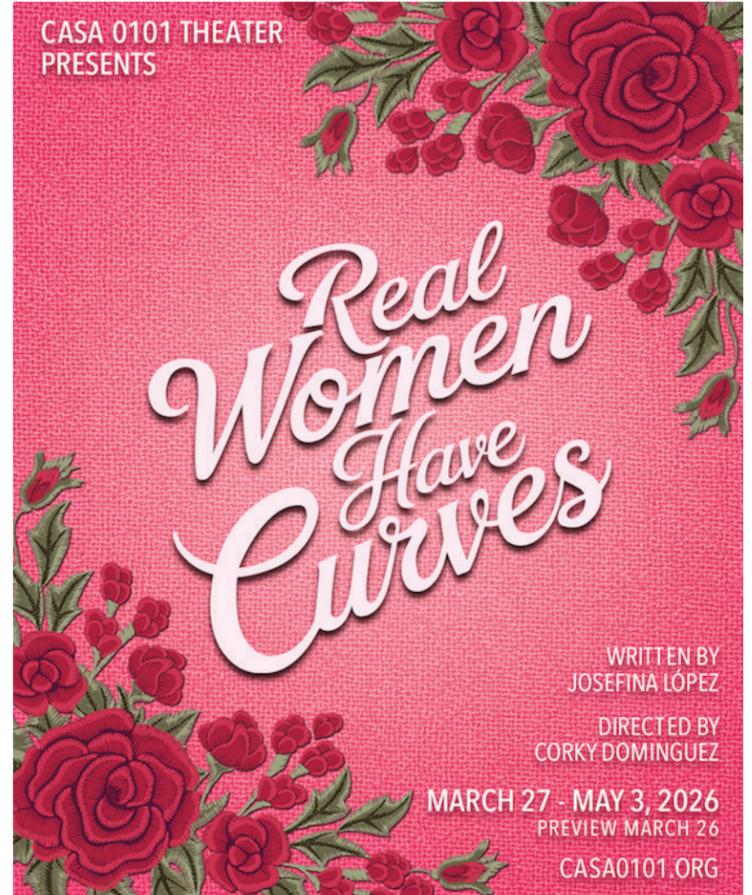
“Real Women Have Curves” will be presented in English for six weeks on Fridays and Saturdays at

8 p.m. from March 27 – May 3; Sundays at 2 p.m. on March 29 and April 5; and Sundays at 7 p.m. on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

Performances of the show in Spanish will be given on Sundays at 2 p.m. on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3. Additional information will soon be announced.

Tickets for the six-week run of “Real Women Have Curves” are \$25 per person for general admission; \$22 per person for students and seniors 60-plus and \$20 per person for Boyle Heights residents, Spanish language performances and groups of 10 or more.

“Real Women Have Curves” is recommended for all audiences and children ages 13 and above. Children 3 years of age and under are not permitted. For tickets, please call the CASA 0101 Theater box office at (323) 263-7684, email tickets@casa0101.org or buy online at www.casa0101.org.



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“The Play That Goes Wrong” What could possibly go wrong? Absolutely everything – in the most hilarious way imaginable! “The Play That Goes Wrong” is a sidesplitting farce where a cast of earnest actors struggle to keep their disaster of a murder mystery on track. Expect collapsing sets, missed cues and nonstop laughter from start to finish.

Written by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields, and directed by Larry Raben, it runs March 13 through March 29 at the Scherr Forum Theatre at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center in Thousand Oaks. For tickets, call (805) 449-2787 or visit www.5startheatricals.com.

“Fairview” At the Frasier household, preparations for Grandma’s birthday party are underway. Beverly is holding onto her sanity by a thread to make sure this party is perfect but her sister can’t be bothered to help, her husband doesn’t seem to listen, her brother is MIA, her daughter is a teenager and maybe nothing is what it seems in the first place.

Written by Jackie Sibblies Drury and directed by Oz Scott, it runs March 14 through April 19 at the Rogue Machine at the Matrix Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (855) 585-5185 or visit www.roguemachinetheatre.org.

“The Unexpected Guest” Lost in the fog, a stranger seeks refuge in a nearby house only

to find a man shot dead and his wife standing over him with a smoking gun. But the woman’s dazed confession is anything but convincing and the unexpected guest decides to help. Remarkably, the police clues point to a man who dies two years previously but as the ghosts of a past wrong begin to emerge, a tangled web of lies reveals family secrets and chilling motives where the real murderer turns out to be the greatest mystery of all.

Written by Agatha Christie and directed by Warren Davis, it runs March 19 through April 19 at the Theatre Forty, in the Mary Levin Cutler Theatre in Beverly Hills.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

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Don’t let water run while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing your face. Limit yourself to just a five-minute shower and only run full loads in the dish and clothes washers.
- Fix the drip**
Check all the faucets, fixtures, toilets, and taps in your home for leaks and fix them right away.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

February 23, 2026 - March 1, 2026

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Financial issues could bring some stress your way. That coupled with the current aspects could mean that you use up more of your energy reserves than usual. Thankfully, you have the stamina to face any challenge and handle any crisis. Whether you have to confront major or minor problems, you have what it takes to get through.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You need to be especially careful where your health is concerned. If you discover unusual symptoms, get them checked right away. Alternatively, your partner could become ill. Put your mind at ease by making sure he or she sees a health professional as quickly as possible. The biggest problem could be stress. If you can manage that, you'll feel much better.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Health issues may come to the fore now. This may not be the first time you've had to deal with this particular health problem. This is your chance to get it sorted out for the last time. Find out whether it's the result of a lifestyle issue or bad habit and take action.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

This could be one of those tricky periods when you need to tread carefully. The current aspects could cause nervous tension, especially if you're already worried about something. It won't help to push yourself if you're tired. Take sensible steps to cut back your schedule, relax, and perhaps work out gently.

LEO July 23 - August 22

This isn't one of your more relaxed times. It could be filled with inopportune challenges or issues. The cosmos can skew your perspective, too. As far as your health is concerned, pace yourself. Keep up your workouts, but don't overdo it, especially if you feel too tired. Take it easy and you'll be back in the groove in no time.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Locate the potential trouble spots and you'll feel better than ever. Do you drink too much coffee or reach for pastries or candy bars when you're hungry? It all adds up and can increase your calorie and fat intake by a significant amount even when you think you're being careful. Make sure to get plenty of healthy oils rather than the unhealthy fats. This can also make a big difference to the way you feel. Check for food intolerances, too.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Any health issues that may have been problems seem to be easing off now, but that doesn't mean you can let down your guard. Just because you don't notice a symptom doesn't mean you can go back to doing things the old way. You might need to make some changes. Aspects now could indicate back problems. Find out where you're unsupported in life and that could be the cause.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Feeling your feisty freedom and engaging your will are necessary for you. You know you can't afford to give up now. It's essential to keep exercising, eating the right foods, and following your unique life path no matter what others try to tell you. Right now you'll feel great if you exercise your will as well as your body!

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Take special care of your health now, because a rather stressful aspect suggests that you could be more susceptible to issues than usual. Symptoms could appear unexpectedly or be a recurrence of an issue you suffered recently. This is the time to sort it all out for good. Don't delay. Get any problems checked out for your own peace of mind. You won't regret it!

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Whatever you do, don't let stress take a toll on your health. Make sure to eat well and get plenty of sleep. Take some time to relax, too. Working out will help clear your head. Walking in nature will soothe your soul. If you're in good shape, you can do a better job helping others.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The cosmos could bring a lot of emotion to the surface now. Although you aren't usually the kind of person who overeats when you're stressed, you could succumb now, especially if you feel vulnerable. Try to get to the heart of the issue before you reach for the chips. A detached perspective and an easier schedule might help you feel better physically and mentally.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This could be a more stressful period than you've experienced in a while. The cosmos indicates that you could be under a lot of mental pressure, which could cause you to burn out. The aspects may intensify whatever emotions you're feeling. Relax, get a massage, lighten up your schedule, and enjoy a nice bath to help you sleep better.

PET OF THE WEEK



CV Weekly sales representative Lisa Stanners rescued siblings Mookie and Max this past spring. They are all looking forward to the Dodgers Opening Day!

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!

ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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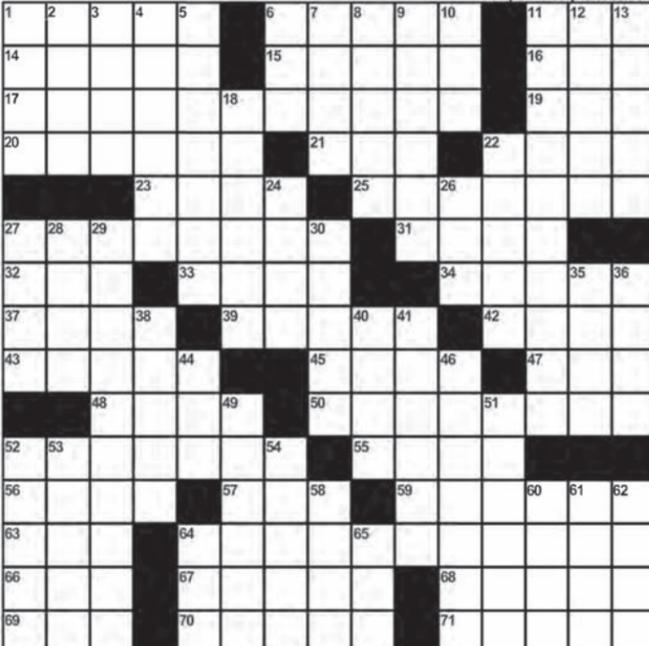
- 1) Looked at lustfully
- 6) Giraffe's striped kin
- 11) "... fish ___ fowl!"
- 14) Hotelier Helmsley
- 15) More abundant
- 16) "___ got an idea ..."
- 17) Trellis feature
- 19) Operatives' org.
- 20) Melodious composition
- 21) Charged particle
- 22) Transmit
- 23) Vast amount of money
- 25) Hit the horn
- 27) Born prematurely?
- 31) "It's now or never" time
- 32) This puzzle's hidden theme
- 33) "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
- 34) Give a large donation
- 37) Bottleneck blocker
- 39) Chops finely, as potatoes
- 42) Spanish lady's title
- 43) Blacksmith's block
- 45) Colorful aquarium fish
- 47) Filbert, for one
- 48) Dating duo
- 50) Most dependable
- 52) Nonfictional
- 55) Fill to the max
- 56) Follow orders
- 57) Grazing locale
- 59) Evil intent
- 63) CD's end
- 64) Quest for a shopper
- 66) Org. quoted on toothpaste tubes
- 67) Herb for flavoring
- 68) Sesame-seed-and-honey confection
- 69) Japanese currency
- 70) Assailed on all sides
- 71) Ran in neutral

DOWN

- 1) Wide-mouthed earthenware jar
- 2) Transmission unit
- 3) "An Iceland Fisherman" author Pierre
- 4) Bury in a pyramid
- 5) Yellow-disked flowers
- 6) Assay specimen
- 7) New Zealand bird
- 8) In progress, to Sherlock
- 9) Licorice-flavored liqueur
- 10) Annoy
- 11) "Good job!"
- 12) Like bighorns
- 13) Check, as a bill
- 18) Large eel
- 22) Rise to one's feet
- 24) Topics in topology
- 26) "___ to a Nightingale"
- 27) Thinly layered mineral
- 28) Computer image
- 29) Male in the armed forces
- 30) Burger alternatives
- 35) Burden or responsibility
- 36) Bulb measure
- 38) Poker pot
- 40) Collection of poetry
- 41) Deli meat
- 44) Romanian currency
- 46) Sony rival
- 49) Sam in "Cheers"
- 51) Remove a metal from
- 52) Sudden invasion
- 53) Home sweet home
- 54) "The Bellboy" star Jerry
- 58) It's behind the altar
- 60) "___ do" (faint praise)
- 61) Spelunker's milieu
- 62) "Land sakes!"
- 64) Chemist's workplace
- 65) No longer in the USAF

FREEZE!

By Corey Bowers



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

H&R Block Made a Mistake On My Taxes. Why Won't It Help Me?

When Lance Croft gets hit with \$14,000 in IRS penalties, he discovers that his H&R Block tax preparer missed a page on his return. After two claim denials and six months of back-and-forth, can he get H&R to honor its 100% Accuracy Guarantee guarantee?

Question: H&R Block missed an entire page of my retirement income on my tax return. The IRS slapped me with a \$14,000 deficiency notice.

H&R Block admits the error but keeps rejecting my claim under its 100% Accuracy Guarantee. How do I get it to honor the guarantee?

—Lance Croft, Vero Beach, Florida

Answer: H&R Block's 100% Accuracy Guarantee promises to reimburse you for any tax preparation errors made by the company. It also covers any penalties and interest if H&R Block made a mistake. If H&R admits to making a mistake, this should be a slam-dunk.

You created a paper trail that made your case much easier to resolve. You saved every email, forwarded the IRS notice the moment it arrived and kept the preparer's own mea culpa.

Papertrails are always a good idea but especially when you're dealing with a government agency, and especially the IRS. So, for example, if the tax preparer had verbally told you that she'd made an error, then you would want to also get that in writing — which, fortunately, you did.

You could have also taken this directly to a manager at H&R Block. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the relevant executives on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

In H&R's defense, the U.S. tax

code is highly complex and often illogical. It's easy to make a mistake. I have, and I've gotten audited. It was no fun; we had to file an appeal and it took almost four years to resolve. But in the end, I didn't have to pay any penalties.

What puzzles me about your case is that H&R Block admitted that it goofed but still wouldn't help you. To me, that suggests there's a bureaucracy at H&R Block that rivals the federal government.

I asked the company what went wrong.

"We can confirm that the client has connected with their tax pro who guided them through the process of contacting the IRS," a representative told me. "The client's claim was denied as they failed to provide all

necessary documentation at the time of filing."

That wasn't correct. The tax advisor missed an entire page of a document, which caused the error, and you furnished H&R Block with written proof. Apparently, H&R Block had missed another page in the file — the one where its tax professional admitted to her error.

I asked H&R Block to check again. This time, it had the correct answer.

"We can confirm that Lance will receive the maximum refund amount under H&R Block's Peace of Mind guarantee for additional tax owed," a company representative told me.

The lesson for everyone else is clear as tax time nears: Keep every scrap of paper. Demand written

confirmation of errors. And don't take the first "no" for an answer. Death and taxes may be inevitable, but a tax penalty isn't.

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/>.

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CALENDAR this

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On March 6, director and actor Carter Thomas 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:

- Registration for CCLCF Spring I Session is open! New classes and returning favorites will run through May 2. Learn more at cclcf.org.
- Community Center Preschool is hosting its 32nd Annual Western Round Up on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the CCLCF parking lot. Pony rides, face painting, carnival games, train rides, a silent auction, sweet treats and more. Don't miss out on the family fun! Learn more/get tickets at fundraiser.bid/WRU2026.
- Senior Speaker Series - Planning for the Years Ahead: Join Senior Placement Advisor with Gently Guided Jenna Pacini and Move Manager and Professional Organizer with The Kind Organizer Lucy De Teresa for a free one-hour workshop on March 25 that will focus on planning for the years ahead. Sign up today at cclcf.org.
- Spring Break Camps: Options include Coach Andy's Sports Blitz (ages 5-12), Make It! Bake It! (ages 7-12), Skyhawks Sports (ages 6-13), Theatre/Improv (ages 8-15), World Dance (ages 6-14).

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS

KIWANIS INCREDIBLE DUCK SPLASH! Banner Order Form



The Glendale Kiwanis Foundation provides financial and volunteer support throughout our community to improve the quality of life, especially for our children and youth. The Duck Splash is our largest and silliest fundraiser, now celebrating its 21st year! Over \$1,500,000 has been given back to the community!

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Race Day, Saturday, May 2, 2026
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For more information on Glendale Kiwanis and the Duck Splash! log on to our webbed sites
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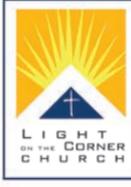
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NOTES & NODS

LCIF WELCOMES HOVING HOUSE CHOIR

In a departure from the traditional Sunday sermon, on March 1 the sanctuary of Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) was filled with songs of redemption and personal accounts of recovery as the choir from Hoving Home took center stage. The women of the Pasadena-based nonprofit shared their testimonies and musical talents in lieu of a standard sermon, providing the congregation with a firsthand look at the impact of the church's charitable support. Hoving Home, a faith-based rehabilitation program founded in 1967, serves women seeking to overcome drug and alcohol addiction. The Pasadena campus, which opened its doors in 1984, has become a primary focus of the church's community outreach efforts.

LCIF has supported the facility through grants from its endowment fund. Church members also recently demonstrated their commitment to the cause by attending the Hoving Home silent auction fundraiser during the 2024 Christmas season.

The Hoving Home choir utilized the service to showcase the "holistic" approach of its recovery model, which focuses on spiritual growth and community reintegration. The program is designed to provide women with the tools necessary to rebuild their lives after

the devastation of substance abuse.

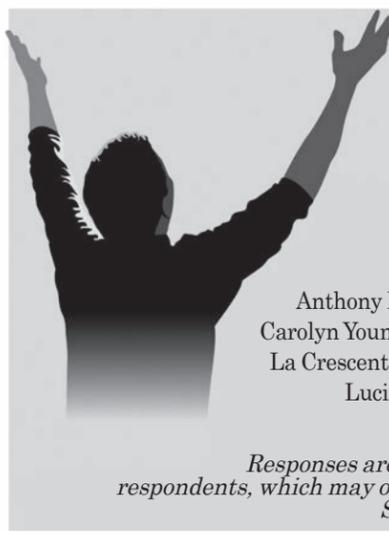
For many in the pews, the service served as a tangible result of the church's financial stewardship.

LCIF continues to welcome the community to attend its Wednesday evening soup suppers, offering a midweek opportunity for food and reflection during this season of Lent. The next supper will be held Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall, followed by a 7 p.m. service. Sunday worship continues to be held at 10 a.m.

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



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church;
Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries;
Anthony Kelson RScP and Laney Clevenger-White, RScP; Rabbi Janet Bieber, Carolyn Young, Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan, Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta Rev. Dabney Beck, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Lucinda Guarino, Rev. Karin Ellis, La Cañada United Methodist Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman, Upland Christian Church;

Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: *So much in the world is awful but God must have some kind of plan, right? He can't just be making stuff up as he goes along. So if God already knows everything, if the future is settled, predetermined, why pray at all?*

Answer: I've never stood beside a hospital bed and heard a patient say, "Let's pray because we're supposed to."

None says, "Let's pray so we can deepen our spiritual awareness."

When life is hanging in the balance, when test results haven't come back, when the phone rings in the middle of the night, people pray because it might work! People treat prayer like it matters. But when you ask people of prayer today, "If God already knows everything, why pray?" you'll often hear answers like:

- We pray because we're told to
- We pray to follow Jesus' example
- We pray because it comforts us

None of these are false, they're just too small. When you open your Bible, you see that's not how prayer is portrayed. Scripture speaks of prayer as something that intervenes, that pleads, that stands in the gap, that changes outcomes. Prayer changes things!

The truth is, all of life is not predetermined. In fact, the Bible says that lots of what we experience in life is not on the basis of some divine decree. This notion, called "determinism," reduces prayer to theater.

Whatever God knew and decided in eternity, he knew and decided in consideration of what people actually did. In other words, God's eternal knowledge is not detached from what happens in history. God

takes our prayers into account. God doesn't merely know outcomes - he knows real participation, real interaction. Because he is outside of time and space, he is able to include our prayers into his plan.

For example, when the Israelites had waited at the bottom of Mt. Sinai for a long time, they decided they needed a new god. Nothing makes God madder faster than idolatry.

"So he [God] declared he would destroy them. But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people. He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them." Psalm 106:23

There are many examples of prayer changing things. So pray and don't give up! God hears you!

*Pastor Jon Karn
Light on the Corner Church
<https://www.lightonthecorner.org/>*

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 Wednesday evening March 11. Soup & Cinema evenings will be held in St. Bede's new state-of-the-art parish hall.

The 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 11 there is a screening of "Triumph of the Heart."

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 service is held at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday and all are welcome. Mount Olive is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. Those who have questions can call the office at (818) 248-4253 or visit MOLC.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN LA CRESCENTA

The community is invited to give the life-saving gift of blood at a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The blood drive will be held at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. Visit lepc.net/giveblood to sign up.

Blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries. Those who have been looking for a local venue to donate, are encouraged to sign up and attend!

For more information, contact La Crescenta Presbyterian at (818) 249-6137.

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@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.

BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER» ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY

In Like a Lion

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is picking up steam as we head into March.

Like the weather proverb “In like a lion, out like a lamb” the Chamber is dynamic in growing its membership, welcoming new businesses and planning for the future.

For example, on March 13 the Chamber will be part of the Smart-A-Thon benefitting the Mary Pinola Education Fund (pinolafund.org)! A friendly competition between the CV and Montrose-Verdugo City chambers of commerce and the Montrose Shopping Park will certainly make things more interesting ... and it’ll answer the ultimate question of just

who is the smartest among us. Hopefully the Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge chambers will also take part, making things that much more interesting!

On March 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the community is invited to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the Ralphs Marketplace, 2675 Foothill Blvd. where the Chamber is hosting a classic car show.

Then on Thursday, March 19 members of the boards of the CV Chamber and Glendale Chamber will join the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber in welcoming new business ADHC (Adult Day Healthcare Center) at 2925 Honolulu Ave. Beginning at 2 p.m., this event will include

a ribbon cutting, celebrating a business focused on senior citizens.

According to its website, “We help individuals achieve and maintain their optimal health ... helping individuals achieve independent living or preventing premature placement in long-term care. Family benefits include relief from round-the-clock caregiving duties, access to high-quality medical care for participants, opportunities for socialization and therapeutic activities, continuous medical and psychological evaluations, and counseling on caregiving, family matters, and other related concerns.”

On the last Wednesday of the

month – March 25 – members of the CV Chamber will head to our social hour, this month at Town Kitchen & Grill, 2276 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose at 6 p.m. The CV Chamber family is invited! On Feb. 25, we headed over to Gus & Andy’s where we enjoyed a drink and each other’s company. It was good to see Leslie Lesh and her friend Joe there.

Finally, we want to take a minute to welcome some of our newest members – some brand new to the Chamber and some are returning.

7 Seas Collective – A non-profit dedicated to stewardship of marine ecosystems. <http://7seascollective.org/>

American Softub Co. – For the past 30 years selling and servicing the Softub brand of hot tubs. <http://www.americansoftb.com/>

Andea Insurance Services – Serving the Foothill Communities since 2009. <http://andeainsuranceservices.com/>

Special thanks are extended to Steve Pierce, a hardworking board member of the CV Chamber, for his dedication to grow our membership.

Visit www.crescentavalleychamber.org and click on Business Directory to see more.

Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER» MOLLY BURKE

New Beginnings and Beloved Traditions

March is in full swing and we’re feeling energized after a fantastic All Members

Chamber Night at Montrose Bowl. Thank you to everyone who joined us for an evening of conversation, collaboration and connection. It was wonderful to see both familiar faces and new ones coming together to strengthen our local business community.

This month, we invite you to join us in celebrating two exciting grand openings in our community. On Thursday, March 12 at 12:30 p.m., we’ll gather to welcome Crescenta Cañada Cat Clinic, followed by the grand opening of Montrose ADHC on Thursday, March 19 at 2 p.m. Ribbon cuttings are always a special moment for local businesses and there’s nothing better than showing up to support and celebrate their next chapter.

Spring also means two of our most anticipated events are just around the corner. Our 6th Annual MVCC Easter Bunny Yard Drop event, proudly supported by the YMCA of the Foothills, is returning soon. Whether you want to wake up to Easter magic, surprise someone or donate eggs to help fill baskets delivered by the Glendale Police Dept. to deserving children in our community, this is a wonderful way to spread joy throughout our community. Be sure to place your orders online at bit.ly/mvceaster26 by April 1!

And then it’s time for one of Montrose’s favorite traditions, the 11th Annual Montrose Craft Beer Fest, proudly supported by Environmental 911, taking place on Sunday, April 12. Get ready for Brews & Beats on Honolulu Avenue where great brews, delicious local food, live music and plenty of fun come together for an unforgettable afternoon. Grab your presale

tickets now at bit.ly/CBF2026 (case-sensitive) and save because prices go up the day of the event.

There’s so much to celebrate this season and we hope you’ll join us!

Celebrating Our New MVCC Members:

- * *LOATA Baked Goods* – Find their freshly baked sourdough cinnamon rolls, sourdough loaves, blueberry scones, chocolate chunk banana bread and more every Sunday at the Montrose Harvest Market. instagram.com/loatabakedgoods
- * *Andea Insurance Services Inc.* – Offers a suite of services to help you get the health coverage you need. andeainsuranceservices.com
- * *Rose Acupuncture* – Offers specialized orthopedic and sports acupuncture to manage acute or chronic pain. roseacupuncture.com

Celebrating Our Returning MVCC Members:

- * *Giuseppe’s Pizzeria* – Serving up authentic, handcrafted pizzas and Italian food made with love and the freshest ingredients. 2428 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose
- * *Ritual House Acupuncture & Apothecary* – Reconnect with your body, balance your hormones and feel radiantly zen from the inside out. ritualhouse.com
- * *Team Cook Real Estate* – “From first search to final signature, I’d be honored to help you navigate your real estate journey.” (818) 644-0485
- * *Arktos Wealth Management* – “As a trusted certified financial planner™, we deliver personalized, unbiased guidance to help you take control of your financial future.” (818) 249-4984

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: BETTINA WEY. Case number 26NNCP00106. Superior Court of California, Los Angeles Superior Court, Northeast District - Alhambra Courthouse, 150 West Commonwealth Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91801. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner BETTINA WEY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: BETTINA WEY to Proposed Name: BETTINA ROBINETTE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: APRIL 24, 2026 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: X Room: N/A. b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2026.

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A big thank you to Carey Haynes who has been a proud sponsor of the Western Round-Up for more than 15 years.

Families can also grab lunch from the Los Gringos Locos Taco Cart (a neighborhood favorite) and then visit the Round-Up's General Store for a sweet treat.

Bring the whole family between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to experience a rootin' tootin' good time!

Buy discounted advance tickets and bid online for the silent auction at fundraiser. bid/WRU2026. Bidding begins online on March 5th, 9:00 am, and lasts through Saturday, March 7th, 2:00 pm. Be sure not to miss this singular event, 32 years in the making! Come join us at the Community Center Preschool at 4469 Chevy Chase Dr, La Cañada, CA.

Free Admission. Street parking available.

MVCC from page 21

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On Sunday, April 12 - 11th Annual Montrose Craft Beer Fest from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. in the 2200 block of Honolulu Avenue in Montrose. Find more info at bit.ly/montrosecbf

Remember to shop local!
 Molly Burke
 MVCC President/CEO

SALES TAX from Cover

The supervisor addressed a long list of issues of mutual concern. First, the supervisor expressed her adamant opposition to a measure to increase the county's sales tax. The City of Glendale has also voted to oppose putting the tax increase on the ballot.

"Glendale's sales tax would be 11%. This is not good public policy," Supervisor Barger said. "It's bad for small businesses. Backfilling the loss of federal funds by increasing local taxes is a bad idea. Cities in the Antelope Valley would have the highest sales tax in the country. Of the 20 cities I represent, not one of them supports this."

Los Angeles County voters will decide in June 2026 on a proposed temporary 0.5% (half-cent) sales tax

increase, aimed at offsetting a \$2.4 billion loss in federal health care funding. If approved, this could push the total sales tax rate to 10.25% in many areas and as high as 11.75% in cities such as Lancaster and Palmdale.

On the topic of mental health and homeless services, Glendale City Manager Roubik Golanian recognized the county's leadership. Glendale's interim police chief Robert William reported that the police department fields a group of four police officers and two mental health clinicians as a regular homeless team but that federal funds have helped support overtime work to provide additional coverage.

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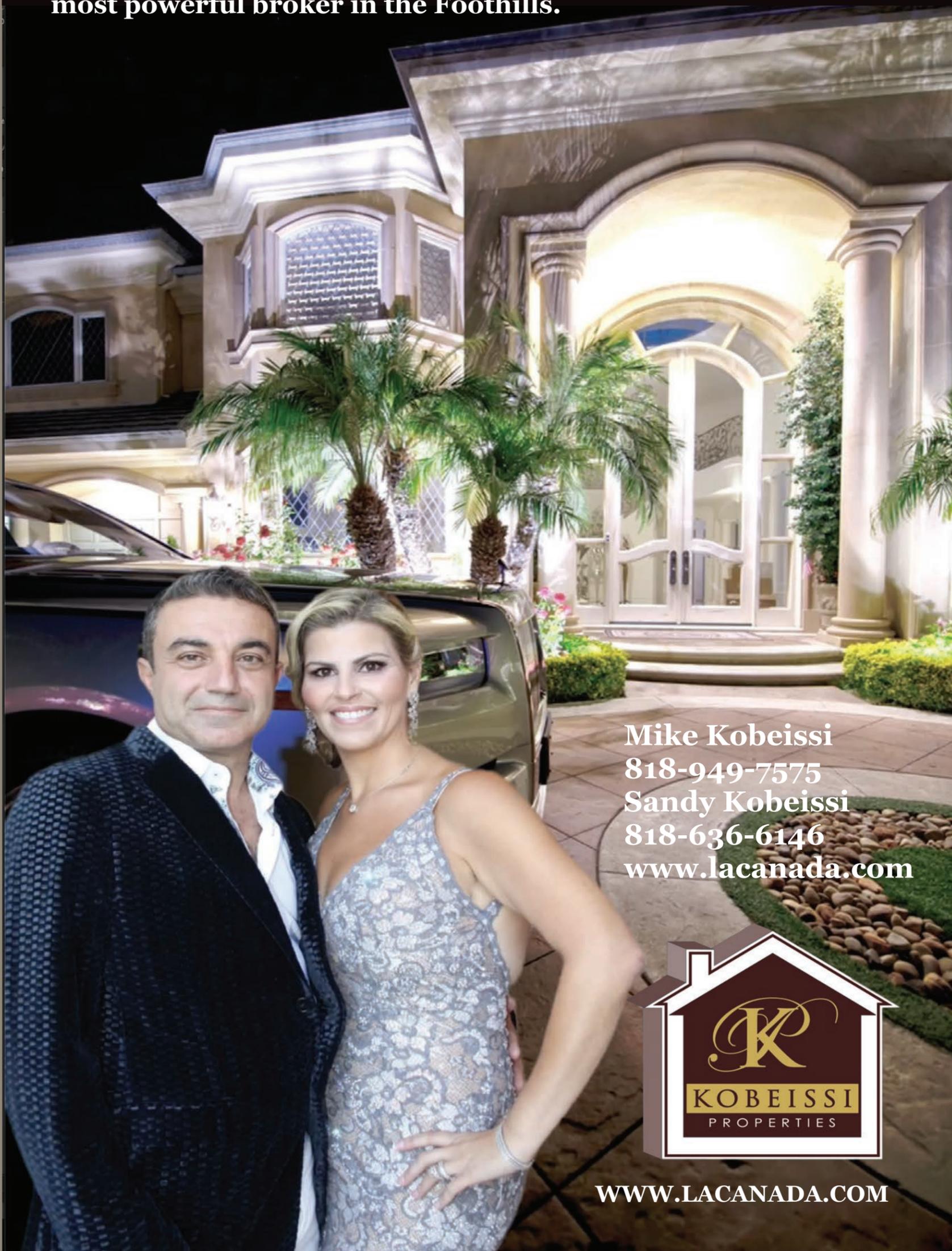
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