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Mixed Agenda for Council

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council began its Tuesday night meeting by recognizing the work of the nation's public safety telecommunicators including the heroes who staff the Verdugo Fire Communications Center, which serves 13 local agencies.

"You are expected to multitask under emergency conditions with compassion, accuracy and professionalism – thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance," Mayor Ardy Kassakhian read from the proclamation.

Councilmember Vrej Agarianian then discussed a contract amendment that requests an additional \$100,000 be added for work on the city's West Glendale Sustainable Transportation and Land Use Study with the Crandall Arambula firm for special scrutiny.

"I'm just having a problem with this – there's always a contract and then there's an amendment to it. There's this contract for \$500,000 and then we add \$100,000 to it," he said, clarifying that his concern was not with this particular contract. "This is a general concern that I'm raising for the record."

Councilmember Paula Devine recognized the city's libraries as one of only 15 finalists for the prestigious 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, "the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities," according to

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Clark Magnet High School Robots FIRST Regional Champions

By Mary O'KEEFE

Despite a rocky start, local robotics team wins regional title.

The Circuit Breakers 696 robotics team from Clark Magnet High School is heading to Houston as regional champions.

"We went undefeated," said Jeffrey Lewis, a senior at Clark. The team competed in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) in Ventura and the Los Angeles regional competitions.

"We broke a lot of stuff at our first competition," said teacher and robotics mentor Bryan Ghoslin of their time before and during the Ventura competition. "But no one backed away. We knew we had to address the [problems]."

And they did. They even broke things on the robot two days before the Los Angeles regional. Ghoslin knew the team was strong but to go undefeated in the LA Regional was a surprise.

At the beginning of each year, FIRST shares the details of a game for that year's season. High school robotic teams then work for six weeks to create their robot that will play that game. This year the theme was transportation and the game was a variation of basketball. To earn points team members and robots needed to get "cargo" balls into the hub that is in the middle of the field. Cargo balls can be thrown into the highest hub or pushed into a lower hub. In addition, at the end of the match,

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Photo by Molly SHELTON
The champion robot that earned team 696 a trip to Houston.

GUSD to Raise Awareness at Armenian Genocide Commemoration

By Bethany BROWN

Glendale Unified School District will hold its 21st Annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration on Thursday, April 21. The event – presented by GUSD Armenian Clubs from Clark Magnet, Crescenta Valley, Glendale and Hoover high schools – will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be broadcast live on television and online.

For those who have Spectrum as a cable provider, it can be accessed by tuning into Channel 15; for those with AT&T U-verse, it can be watched on Channel 99. The link to watch online is <http://spectrumstream.com/streaming/gusd/live.cfm>.

The Armenian Genocide began in the Ottoman Empire during World War I when the Young Turk regime rounded up hundreds of Armenians and hanged many of them in the streets of Istanbul before beginning the genocidal deportation to the desert of most of the Armenian population, according to a Yale case study. From 1915, inspired by rabid nationalism and secret government orders, Turks drove the Armenians from their homes and massacred them in such numbers that witnesses at the time described what was happening as "a massacre like none other," or

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File photo
At the 2017 GUSD commemoration, students from RD White Elementary School performed. This year's 21st Annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration will take place on Thursday, April 21, and broadcast live on television and online.

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Unmasked and Unworried: Time to Get Outside Part 2

Last week I shared with you the many activities, mainly fundraisers (or should I say fundraisers) that are currently taking place. I attended the Glendale Education Foundation Stars Over Glendale on Friday night, and the 4th Annual Spring Wine Walk in Montrose on Saturday night.

Between the warm temperatures, great food and drink and seeing many friends I've missed over the last two years, it was wonderful attending these events and I look forward to more coming down the pike.

In addition to those written about last week – the CV Chamber of Commerce Hometown Country Fair at CV Park, an art fair hosted by the Friends of Rockhaven being held at St. Luke's of the Mountains and the annual Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash at "Lake Verdugo" (adopt ducks at www.duckrace.com/Glendale) (all happening on April 30) – the big one for me is the Prom Plus Taste of Montrose taking place on Sunday, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Like many organizations, Prom Plus hasn't held a fundraiser in two years. We're currently signing up restaurants, giving them a chance to offer a taste of their fare at the May 1 event. Tickets will be \$25 with all proceeds benefitting Prom Plus (www.promplus.org). They'll be available starting Monday at the CV Chamber of Commerce, Merle Norman Cosmetics -Montrose, the American Legion Hall, the La Crescenta Woman's Club and at the office of CV Weekly. Of course, we'll also be selling them the day of the event.

Are you the owner of a restaurant, bar, deli, etc. who would like to promote your fare while confirming why Montrose is a "dining destination?" If so, email me at robin@cvweekly.com or call the office at (818) 248-2740 and sign up to be part of this tasty fundraiser.

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Weather in the Foothills

"A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew, a cloud, and a rainbow's warning. Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue – an April day in the morning."

~ Harriet Elizabeth Prescott Spofford

(April 3, 1835 – Aug. 14, 1921), American writer of novels, poems

Yes! Spring arrived ... a time of resurrection, hope and rebirth. During this time the weather begins to shift from winter. Our thoughts turn not only to spring, but also to Passover and Easter.

I have come across this old proverb in my research time and time again ... and I remember Grandma saying the same: "If Easter is late, spring will be late, too."

Each year, not long after the new calendar was hung on the wall, we would catch Grandma flipping ahead to March and April, on the hunt to find out when Easter would be. She would not wait to hear what the groundhog had to say, but would give us her forecast right then, with her hand still pressed up against the calendar.

When I was a kid, I didn't understand why Easter moved around like it did; Christmas, after all, was always on Dec. 25.

Blame it on the moon!

Since time began, people have been curious about the moon. Calendars were designed around it, holidays and observances set according to it. Easter is a good example of that!

Easter is always the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring or vernal equinox. Always is.

According to the Bible, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox.

One symbol recognized as part of the celebration of spring, Easter and Passover is the egg. As our little ones go out looking for colored eggs, what about the weather?

Breezy northwest winds will continue through this evening in the mountains and valleys. Temperatures will be near to slightly below average through tomorrow. A warming trend is expected to get underway Easter Sunday and last through mid-week. And then ...? Well, let's just say Happy Easter and Chag Sameach.

Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.

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IN BRIEF

EARLY DAY FOR CV WEEKLY

The offices of CV Weekly will close at noon on Friday, April 15. They will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 18.

MEDITATION & RESTORATION AT ROSEMONT PRESERVE

All are invited on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to noon to join LA Nature for All Stewards and AFC for a mindfulness-focused service event at the Rosemont Preserve. After an opening meditation, participants will practice mindful connection to the Earth by weeding invasive plants and taking care of the Preserve's existing native plants.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3JGYOft>.

Rain cancels event. Sorry, no pets, please.

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 requiring a closer parking spot can contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at rosemontfriends@gmail.com. Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

MOVIE NIGHT IN CV PARK

La Crescenta non-profit The Balcony of LA will be hosting a family-friendly movie night in CV Park directly after the Spring Jubilee on April 15. Screening begins around 7:30 p.m. and ends around 9 p.m. Bring your own blanket, chairs, pillows or a picnic dinner. The Balcony will supply some premium food truck options. The award-winning "Pixar Shorts Collection" will be shown.

Admission to the public is free.

CV Park is located at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

RUMMAGE SALE AT CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING

The Center for Spiritual Living La Crescenta is having a rummage sale on Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center. Items will be sold on a donation basis. No fee to attend.

Center for Spiritual Living La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave., at the corner of Santa Carlotta, in La Crescenta.

CANDIDATE FORUM PLANNED FOR GUSD

A candidate forum for candidates for the Board of Education Areas B & C will be held on Wednesday, May 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

To register for the virtual webinar, visit www.gusd.net/May18.

This event is co-hosted by the Glendale Council PTA and the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles. The public is invited to submit questions for consideration at tinyurl.com/y3eh2bx5 no later than May 1.

GPD Brings 'Perfect Day' to Horace Mann Elementary School



By Bethany BROWN

Glendale Police Dept. hosted its first "Big Saturday" – a day filled with mural-painting and conversation – at Horace Mann Elementary School on Saturday, April 2. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., officers worked alongside 50 selected fourth and fifth grade student leaders to paint a total of eight murals throughout the campus.

Each mural is visually unique in appearance but collectively promote words of encouragement, leadership and inspiration. Amy Tate, GPD police service officer (PSO), said the goal of the event was to foster connection between students and officers, inspire creativity and remind the students that they're never alone.

The idea stemmed from GPD's existing community outreach program called Big Sunday when different events are coordinated to give police the opportunity to engage with residents in the community. Previous events have included mowing lawns of elderly residents who may be unable to do so, graffiti removal and food drives, among others.

"It's all about giving back to the community," Tate said. "Our goal is to beautify the city where we can and ultimately promote community engagement. A lot of times people don't see our officers as people ... they're just police officers. So when there's an officer lying down on the ground painting or playing basketball with the kids, it shows that they're a person just like everybody else."

"My personal goal is to just humanize the officers with the public and continue to do great things within the city."

A scheduled lunchtime and recess provided additional opportunity for the students to sit with and interact with the officers. Some played basketball, volleyball, cornhole and handball while others danced to music and explored the playground. Tate said because of the COVID-19 pandemic, over the last two years police haven't been able to do much within the outreach program, so she was eager to get back to it.

Horace Mann Principal Rosa Alonso first approached Tate with the idea of the murals because she wanted to create something visual on schoolgrounds that aligns with the school's "Leader in Me" program that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive. The program teaches foundational principles and skills that are widely accepted as essential to personal leadership such as responsibility, time management, communication, collaboration, relationship building and wellness, to serve all students in all communities.

"Honestly, we were all a little nervous because none of us had done murals before, and there's only one officer in my bureau who is an artist," Tate said. "But we leaned upon each other and met with the school to get an idea of what they were thinking."

Students were recruited from Glendale Community College Scholars Program to help in the process. On Friday, April 1, about 20 volunteer scholars came to the school and put all the mural outlines up on the walls in preparation for the event the next day. Many returned on Saturday to help paint, setup, clean up and engage with the kids.

Tate said the event was overall a huge success, and that it warmed the GPD team's heart to see the students engaged and happy. Several of the students even claimed it was the "best day of [their] life."

Alonso echoed this sentiment and said she couldn't have asked for anything better.

"I can't thank enough the GPD and all who participated in this wonderful event; they made it so easy and really brought our vision to life," Alonso said. "The kids had a blast and were so excited to be able to interact with the officers and the scholars. It was truly the perfect day."



Photos by Diane Felix and GPD

TOP LEFT: GPD Officer Lee works on sidewalk art with students at Horace Mann Elementary School.

ABOVE: Members of Glendale Community College's Scholars Program worked on a rainbow mural at the school.

BELOW: Volunteers paint a colorful, positive message for Horace Mann students.



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NGHA Forum Offers Insight on Candidate Views

By Julie BUTCHER

On Thursday night, the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association (NGHA) hosted the first candidate forum of the 2022 election season, hearing from all eight candidates running for three available seats on the Glendale City Council.

A group of around 40 spread out in the chapel of the First Church of Christ, Scientist on Brand Boulevard, joined by those watching via Zoom, and politely listened to two hours of questions answered by the candidates, ending with a two-minute closing statement from each.

Three of those running are incumbents: Dan Brotman, Ara Najarian and Vrej Agajanian. They are joined on the June 7 ballot by Isabel Valencia-Tevanyan, Karen Kwak, Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian, Elen Asatryan and Jordan Henry.

NGHA president Peter Fuad welcomed the crowd, explained the format of the forum, and urged everyone to join the organization (<https://www.nwglendaleha.org/>).

Candidates introduced themselves through their answers to specific local policy questions. The first question asked the participants about work of which they are proud.

Dan Brotman, who said he came to Glendale in 2015, organized what became the Glendale Environmental Coalition saying he pushed the GWP to shelve plans for massive gas at the Grayson Power Plant.

“We’ve shown that a few motivated people can create substantive change; the entire paradigm has shifted, and sustainability is now a top priority of the council,” he said.

Vrej Agajanian told the group that he’s been a member of NGHA for 22 years.

“The first thing I did on the council was to get GWP to reduce the amount of gas it was planning from 262 megawatts down to

93. I steered \$4 million to small businesses. I run two TV stations and purchase advertising for them; that’s why I helped businesses,” he said.

Elen Asatryan said she has been an advocate since she was 15 years old.

“I attended my first council meeting at 16,” she said. “I’ve participated in local youth programs, organized Glendale’s Domestic Violence Taskforce, and worked to expand green space across the city.” She is a first-time candidate.

The third incumbent, Ara Najarian, detailed the work he is proudest of: “Keeping Glendale one of the safest cities [with] the fastest fire response. I’m on the Metro board and will chair the board next year. We’ve built thousands of affordable units of housing.”

Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian has lived in Glendale for 30 years. She said she is the oldest of 10, then followed up on the work she has done in business and in the community. She said she is best suited to take on Glendale’s crime spike, to work to keep the “charm of our single-family neighborhoods” in light of SB 9 and 10, and to fight for 100% renewable energy by 2035. Quiñonez Gabrielian said she will “fully fund the police.”

Karen Kwak is the only renter running for council, she said, in a city where 67% of people rent and 57% are rent-burdened; that is, paying more than 30% of their income in rent. Kwak called herself the candidate for housing and the “candidate of change.” Among other ideas, Kwak wants to explore potential cooperative arrangements so tenants can build economic equity in the places they rent.

Isabel Valencia-Tevanyan is most concerned about the city’s lack of responsiveness. She hears complaints from voters she speaks with.

“Go online,” they say. But not everyone has a computer,” she

said. She believes the city should hire some staff back to address complaints about code violations.

Jordan Henry lives in La Crescenta and is focused on “quality of life” issues including speeding, trash hauling (“rates went up 500% through privatization”), and fighting against SB 9 and 10, which he views as the state overreaching into local governance.

“There’s a web of integrated issues that we need to deal with as a community,” he said.

Responding to questions about the city’s recent change in commercial and multifamily trash collection, Brotman explained, “The decision happened before my time, but I don’t fault it. It’s a new program and it’s not really working out all that well. I’d suggested a centralized call center.”

“I had concerns – I’ve dealt with trash haulers in the past – I wanted two in each district. But the rates had not increased in 12 years,” Agajanian responded.

Most of the candidates also listed affordable housing as a critical issue.

Brotman explained that the city can “force” developers to build affordable housing by requiring (now) 15% of projects to be affordable [and by] encouraging the building of affordable housing units by incentivizing various aspects of developments, or subsidizing the building of affordable housing. “We’re doing all three.”

“No city has done what we’re doing,” Agajanian said. “We’ve built 307 new affordable units.”

“It’s a crisis because government didn’t plan ahead,” Valencia-Tevanyan replied.

“I participated in this year’s homeless count,” Kwak answered one of several questions about homelessness, “and the city does a pretty good job. But while we’ve got 207 homeless people in Glendale, in Los Angeles County there are 227 newly homeless

every day. I’m interested in sound housing policy that can prevent homelessness.”

“It is not by a stroke of luck,” Najarian declared of the number of homeless in Glendale. “It’s because of the hard work of city leadership and law enforcement. We don’t turn our backs on the homeless. We come back day after day, offering services and checking in. We will not turn into Los Angeles, not while I’m on the council.”

Henry explained why he moved

to Glendale from Highland Park to raise his young family “in a place with a set of values and priorities.”

Quiñonez Gabrielian added that the community organizations that provide services to the homeless depend on a “continuum of care – it takes 14 or 15 contacts to bring someone home.”

Elen Asatryan has served on the city’s parks and recreation commission and believes the city needs more green space, especially

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Photo by Julie BUTCHER

At the forum for Glendale City Council candidates Vrej Agajanian (left) shares some thoughts with fellow candidate Jordan Henry.

Correction

In the April 7 issue, the correct day of the story “Rocks Key to Successful Rescue” was Sunday.

Advocates and Mourners Gather in Sunland for Memorial Installation

By Justin HAGER

Dozens of cyclists, neighbors, community members and civic leaders gathered in Sunland on Saturday to remember the life of Jeff Knopp as part of the first Yellow Bike Project Memorial installation. It was more than five years ago when Knopp, a husband, father and Marine Corps veteran, was riding his bicycle as part of his daily fitness routine when he was hit from behind and killed on a narrow stretch of Foothill Boulevard near his home that didn't have a bike lane.

Fighting back tears, Knopp's widow Jennifer said she was honored that her husband was the first person to be remembered with a Yellow Bike Project Memorial but that the

memorial was about more than just her husband or her family.

"This is about everyone who has lost a loved one to street violence," she said.

Jeff was one of more than 300 pedestrians and cyclists killed on the streets of LA County in 2016, according to the California Integrated Traffic Records System. He was also one of three killed in recent years on that specific stretch of Foothill Boulevard. In the years since, bicycle and pedestrian injuries and deaths have continued to climb in Los Angeles County, with even pandemic-dominated 2020 seeing no statistically significant decline in deaths despite significantly fewer cars being on the road.

For her part, Jennifer has become a fierce advocate, using her painful story of tragedy and loss to create notable change. Shortly after her husband's death, she teamed up with street safety advocates like Damian Kevitt of Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) and local elected officials like LA City Councilmember Monica Rodriguez and LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds to make safety improvements along the stretch of Foothill Boulevard where Jeff was hit. Bike lanes were installed on the 0.7-mile stretch of Foothill in 2017 and this past Saturday the large, visible, permanent memorial



Photo courtesy of SAFE
A memorial to Jeff Knopp, a Marine Corps Veteran killed while riding his bicycle in 2016, was dedicated on Foothill Boulevard in Sunland on Saturday.

was installed at the location where Jeff was killed.

The memorial, a full-scale yellow-colored steel bicycle sculpture mounted atop a 16' pole, was created by experimental artist Scott Froschauer in collaboration with SAFE. Beneath the bicycle sculpture, which is the official yellow color of remembrance for those lost to traffic collisions, is a sign with Knopp's name, the date of the collision that killed him, and the hashtag #SafetyMatters.

According to Kevitt, who lost his leg in a horrific collision in which he was dragged more than a quarter-mile down the I 5 Freeway by a hit-and-run driver in 2013, Knopp's Yellow Bike memorial was inspired by the

Ghost Bike Movement, in which a bicycle is painted white and chained to a location near where a bicycle fatality has occurred. But, he explained, unlike Ghost Bikes, which are often removed shortly after their installation because they lack government approval, Froschauer and SAFE's Yellow Bike Project seeks to create permanent memorials that remind vehicles to slow down and be more aware of their surroundings.

"It feels like nothing changes until after someone dies," said Jennifer as she gazed up at her husband's memorial. "It shouldn't be that way. People shouldn't have to die in order to take basic steps towards creating safer streets."

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“a massacre that changes the meaning of massacre.” Although there is a lack of reliable figures on the death toll, many historians accept that between 800,000 and one million people were killed, often in unspeakably cruel ways, or marched to their deaths in the deserts to the south.

The theme of the April 21 event is “Bringing Awareness Together” by encouraging conversation surrounding the atrocities inflicted upon the Armenian community and remembering the number of people who lost their lives 107 years ago. Additionally, it will serve as a celebration of the community’s resiliency and the rich culture that was held onto over the decades, despite the Turks’ attempt at diminishing it.

Prenie Ohanian, president of the CVHS Armenian Club, said the event will provide a platform for Armenian students to raise awareness and educate the public, as well as emphasize how proud they are of their culture and people. She said there will be a multitude of guest performances that include traditional dance, music and poetry, among others.

“Knowing that Glendale has a very large Armenian population, I think it’s important to not only discuss what happened to our ancestors but to also recognize the immensely beautiful aspects of our culture too – such as the food and music, strength and unwavering community. We want to spread a positive message in these times of remembrance.”

The GUSD Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution last week that officially recognized the entire month of April as Armenian American Heritage Month. It will be highlighted on April 24 with Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. Ohanian said that she was one of the students who spoke at the board meeting in support of the potential resolution before it was officially added, and she now feels overjoyed with the outcome.

“Dedicating the entire month to Armenian culture will help educate all of our students collectively, and help Armenian students feel more included, welcome and understood,” she said. “I’d say my main goal in my position is to help all the Armenian students around me feel proud of their culture, proud of their ancestors and everything they’ve been through and just to be able to talk proudly about their culture to others.”

CVHS Armenian Club has plans to hold Armenian dance lessons at a club meeting later this month when they welcome all students to attend – they do not have to be club members. Ohanian believes it will be a great opportunity for her peers to experience the culture in a more tangible way and ultimately foster connection by bringing everybody together.

ROBOTS from Cover

the robot climbs onto bars, raising itself off the floor. There are four levels of bars.

“Each match begins with a 15-second autonomous period, during which time alliance robots operate only on pre-programmed instructions to score points by taxiing from their tarmac and retrieving and scoring their assigned cargo hub,” according to FIRST.

During the remaining minutes two and 15 seconds of the match the robot continues to score points by using the cargo balls and then hanging on the bars.

“We averaged the highest out of all the teams [at LA Regional] with the number of cargo balls we scored,” Lewis said. It wasn’t just accuracy but also speed that made the 696 robot team undefeatable.

But the road was not easy to come out on top of this competition.

“We broke our entire climbing mechanism at [Ventura],” Lewis said. “In Ventura we placed eighth.”

But the team fared much better in LA when, after 11 qualifying matches, it earned first seat for the alliance, which allowed the team to choose two other teams to be part of its alliance. They chose a team from Irvine and the other from Granada Hills.

This is the third year that Lewis has been on the Clark robotics team. He is the head of manufacturing.

“We have industry standard machines [at Clark],” he said. “Very few schools in the country have them.”

This is Ghoslin’s first year as robotics teacher at Clark but not the first time he’s been affiliated with a FIRST team. He graduated

from Crescenta Valley High School in 2013 and was part of the school’s Falcon 589 team all four years. He then served as a mentor for another eight years.

“I knew I wanted to get into a lead mentorship position but never thought I would be at 696,” he said.

He added he saw the strength of team 696 from the minute the school year began. Robotics is a class at Clark for students from sophomore to senior years. It has an after-school robotics program, too, that freshmen can join.

At the beginning of the school year, the robotics team students told Ghoslin they wanted to win the regional competition. According to Ghoslin, they were very focused and never gave up while continuing to improve their robot.

Not only did team 696 win the LA Regional, due to its total offensive scoring capability it ranked within the top 10 of all the 8,000 robots that have competed in FIRST.

Team 696 heads off to the FIRST Championship Competition in Houston on April 20.

“It feels amazing to see all of the hard work of the students to pay off,” Ghoslin said.

The competition and the trip to Houston is expensive and the team could use some financial support. The team is still working on a donation prompt on their website; however, those who would like to help the team can do so by writing a check, made payable to Glendale Unified School District, and in the memo section write Clark Robotics, then mail to Clark Magnet High School, 4747 New York Ave., Glendale, California 91214.

NGHA from Cover

in south Glendale. She wants to make neighborhoods more walkable as well.

Henry believes traffic enforcement must aim at “outsmarting young men driving very fast cars. That’s really all you have to do: I don’t think it’s that complicated an issue.”

All of the candidates expressed their enthusiasm for traffic circles. Most spoke in favor of additional bike lanes and of the rapid bus (BRT) expected to run from North Hollywood to Pasadena.

“I’m in favor of increasing rapid and public transit,” Quiñonez Gabrielian shared.

“I took the Beeline here,” Kwak said, “but we need more service. I don’t know how I’m going to get home. Dedicated bus lanes speed up your travel time. And I love protected bike lanes.”

“It’s my project [the BRT],” Najarian reported. “It’s been our goal to bring high-quality transit to Glendale. These will be electric buses, connecting with other transit opportunities. Those bike lanes will transform this city and help get people out of their cars.”

In making their final statements, the candidates expressed their priorities.

Henry envisions practical sustainability, safe neighborhoods and quality of life. He said he is the only “non-incumbent endorsed by the police union” and pledges to “fight SB 9 and 10.”

Quiñonez Gabrielian “chose Glendale” to raise her family in the Verdugo Woodlands neighborhood. She wants walkable streets and safe neighborhoods, clean water and air, vibrant shops and entertainment. She said her experience as a retired executive coupled with her years of community-based organizing and three terms on the Glendale Community College board of trustees uniquely qualify her to be elected to the council.

Kwak emphasized the significance of electing someone who needs to “find a way to pay rent or become homeless in a city where 67% are renters.”

Asatryan hopes to “chart a new course.” “I love Glendale but it needs a culture change,” she said. “We need to be proactive, not reactive. COVID showed us that our outreach and communications left out the most vulnerable.”

Valencia-Tevanyan said she stands for working

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

In Glendale, Street Racing Duesenbergs Dominate

Today, the street racers of Glendale are seen in hot BMWs, Bentleys and Corvettes. But in 1915, Duesenberg was the fastest car on the streets of Glendale. We're talking about the big 1915 Glendale road race, the first and only official professional road race ever held in downtown Glendale.

I wrote about this famous race last week. The course started on Brand Boulevard and ran counterclockwise from Colorado Boulevard to Glendale Avenue then along California Avenue to Brand. Fifty-three laps totaling 100 miles. The race was scheduled for Jan. 30, and a practice was set for the 27th, with 12 cars running the course.

Tom Alley in one of the Duesenbergs was a crowd favorite, both for holding the world record for 100 mile courses and for his "fair and square manner." An Alco turned in the two fastest practice laps, hitting 70 mph on Brand Boulevard and Glendale

Avenue straightaways. There was one Glendale-based car, a 90hp Isotta Fraschini entered by the Ruswender Brothers Garage. The course was rough on the Glendale Avenue straightaway because of the recent work on the Glendale and Montrose Railway tracks, which ran down the street's center.

But as I wrote last week, it poured rain on the night of the 29th, and the race was delayed until Feb. 3. That was a weekday, so only 5,000 spectators showed up, a fifth of what was hoped for.

Eleven racers showed up at the starting line in front of grandstands on Brand near Colorado. Famed racecar driver Barney Oldfield flagged the start of the race. The cars were started in pairs, 10 seconds apart.

Two Duesenbergs started the pack and never gave up the one and two spots. Crowd favorite Tom Alley in a third Duesenberg bent an axle almost immediately after crossing the starting line.

Huntly Gordon (grandfather of NASCAR racer Robbie Gordon), in his custom Gordon Special, was especially aggressive, passing on the outside in some turns. He paid for his greater speed though by overrunning the corners several times, and having to hit his brakes hard. The result was that, by the 17th lap, he lost his brakes entirely and retired. The Glendale entry, the Isotta Fraschini driven by Harry Reynolds, had suspension problems. He was forced to stop five times to "apply a crowbar" to his leaf springs, but to no avail. He lost control on the 12th lap and spun out into the hay bales. He tried to continue but was called off the course after one lap by officials who deemed him a danger to the other drivers.

Gaston Morris in a Renault had numerous problems. He was running third after the two Duesenbergs but on the 16th lap he overshot a turn and scattered a crowd of spectators.

The announcer shouted, "Man overboard!" Amazingly no one was injured. On the 27th lap, the Renault blew a tire, and Morris' crew set a new record for a tire change at a race, a blistering 10 minutes. On the 47th lap, a wire holding a banner across the course blew down and the wire caught Morris in the face, cutting his cheek open. Despite all this he did finish the race.

An Alco car also blew a tire but managed to finish the race. A Marmon car had been in third behind the Duesenbergs but blew a water pump on the 48th lap. A Ford left the race after only 10 laps as being just too slow to compete.

The race was won by the Duesenberg driven by Eddie O'Donnell. His total time for the 100-mile course was 2 hours and 7 minutes for an average speed around the course of 48 mph. (That speed today with Glendale traffic would be impossible!)

Just like the Indycar race circuit

today, these racers continued to race at various tracks around the country in 1915. The next race was at Ascot in East LA, followed by San Francisco, Venice, Tucson and on across the country. But for unknown reasons, professional racing never returned to Glendale. Glendale street racing became the realm of just amateur racers, as it remains today.



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NEWS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » HARRY LEON

The Many Sides of April

April is already upon us and the super bloom is resplendent (as are allergies).

April is Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month. Why April? Many of the genocides in past centuries began in April – Armenia, Germany (the Holocaust), Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, Sudan. As many of you know, April 24 is Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

The Ottoman Empire initiated an eight-year program of terror and mass execution beginning in 1915 that resulted in the deaths of more than 1.5 million men, women and children of Armenian heritage. This year marks the 104th anniversary of that genocide. Meanwhile, April 17 is the 43rd anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide, which resulted in 1.7 million deaths. As has been the case in previous years, the Crescenta Valley Town Council will issue a proclamation on Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day at its general meeting on April 21 at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 5 during the meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced two motions that prioritized mental health. One supports a bill that

eliminates the mandatory spending categories counties currently have to follow through the Mental Health Services Act. This change will allow us to be more flexible with funding streams so we can ensure our mental health care budget goes where it's needed most. We also supported the 9-8-8 Implementation Act, which will launch the suicide prevention emergency lifeline to complement 9-1-1. The bill provides guidance to states and sends federal funding to help with local operational costs of the new system. A call to 9-8-8, once fully operational, will dispatch unarmed mental health professionals instead of sworn law enforcement officers to assist people in crisis and provide them with a safe place to get the care they need. LA County is working to establish the infrastructure and staffing to ensure we're ready to implement this life-saving tool when it rolls out.

Also Supervisor Barger was proud to support a motion to declare April as Arts Month. Through the motion, the board of supervisors also voted to double the amount of funding currently available through the Organizational Grant Program, which equips arts nonprofits with

the funding they need to provide communities with programming, performances, productions, exhibits and arts education. They also declared April as Donate Life Month and Armenian History Month, which you can read more about below. These are just a handful of the motions the supervisor introduced and supported. You can look at more motions on the website bos.lacounty.gov and check out Board Meeting Highlights. I encourage you to stay engaged with the board meetings, which are every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Head to bos.lacounty.gov to see what's on the upcoming agenda and to participate or listen in on a meeting. Thank you for engaging

with causes you care about!

It's officially spring! LA County Parks spring classes for all ages are happening now; there's still time to register. Time to get outdoors, connect with loved ones and learn something new. What better place to discover your talents than a beautiful Los Angeles County Park near you? Each season they team up with independent instructors all over the County to offer a variety of classes, ranging from arts and recreation to fitness, health and wellness. Whether you're looking to learn a skill or language, take up a new hobby or be more active, there are classes for everyone. You can even join a virtual class with your

family or friends from the comfort of your home to create special moments by partaking in a new activity together online! Follow LA County Parks on social media: Facebook @parks.lacounty.gov and Twitter/Instagram/TikTok @lacountyparks. Share your experience using #LearnSomethingNew at #LACountyParks.

For more information, contact contractclasses@parks.lacounty.gov.

Councilmember Dede Mueller and I had the honor of presenting a certificate of recognition to Scout troop leader Hovig Arissian (of Troop 306) for completing his Eagle Scout Project.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debunks the 'Mystery'

Justin Hager attempted to explain California's gasoline prices in part by quoting Severin Borenstein's "Mystery Gasoline Surcharge" ("Understanding California Gas Prices," April 7).

Of course, there is no mystery as to the high price of gasoline here in California and for the rest of the country for that matter. The simple explanation is that when demand exceeds supply the cost increases. During the last administration

we were able to produce more energy than we used, eliminating our need to import energy and gasoline prices were much lower than at present. Hager would have us believe that Congress and the President have no control over the price of gasoline. I for one believe the current administration is responsible for the high cost and not because of the war in Ukraine.

Richard Jover
La Crescenta

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 Chef Helena Cray serves her specialty, the Indian dish khao swei, to 35 hungry guests. The chicken dish is served over noodles in a spicy broth.

On Saturday, a “pop-up” event, sponsored by DishDivvy that featured local chefs, raised funds for the church youth of The La Crescenta Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Chef Helena Cray served one of her specialties, the Indian dish khao swei, to guests who gathered at the home of her daughter Melina Armen. The La Crescenta Stake Center parking lot at 4550 Raymond Ave. was filled with classic cars as part of a youth fundraiser.

And after enjoying the delicious food, visitors had the chance to end their day with something sweet at the bake sale.

Local Students Win Reflections Art Contest

California State PTA 2021-2022 Reflections Art Program named this year’s award recipients. This year’s theme was “I Will Change The World By...” Local students who won in their category were fifth-grader Brandon Lee from La Cañada Elementary School, who won in visual arts, and second-grader Valentina Scotti from Lincoln Elementary School who won for music composition.

Wilson Middle School Gets an Innovative Helping Hand

By Mary O’KEEFE

Recently Glendale Unified School District teachers and administrators gathered at Wilson Middle School to launch Verizon Innovative Learning Lab. The Verizon Innovative Learning Lab was made possible through a partnership with Verizon, Heart of America and the J. Orin Edson Entrepreneurship + Innovation Institute at Arizona State University.

Verizon Innovative Learning Lab will give students and teachers access to emerging technology such as augmented and virtual reality, coding and 3D printing and artificial intelligence, according to a statement from GUSD.

Working through its nonprofit partners, it will provide free technology, free Internet access and hands-on learning experiences to help under-resourced students receive the education they deserve and help prepare them for today’s digital economy, according to the statement.

“The Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program and this new Verizon Innovative Learning Lab give our students the capacity to expand their digital literacy while empowering teachers to guide them along the way,” said Glendale Unified Board of Education President Shant Sahakian. “We are very excited to partner with Verizon, Heart of America and Arizona State University to provide this opportunity for our students and teachers.”

“Through this incredible partnership with Verizon, Heart of America and Arizona State University, we are closing the digital divide for thousands of students and preparing our future leaders for the careers of tomorrow,” said Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian.

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 BELOW: Superintendent Vivian Ekchian looks on as a student demonstrates the new technology that is part of the Verizon Innovative Learning Lab.



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Celebrating Easter and Passover in the Foothills

The History of Easter

By Charly SHELTON

If any person on the street, be they Christian or otherwise, was asked what the biggest Christian holiday is, most likely the answer given would be “Christmas.” It gets the biggest promotion, the largest celebration and the longest vacation from work.

But Christmas was a lesser feast day during most of the last 2,000 years – it was not even an established holiday until the 4th century and wasn’t widely accepted and celebrated until the end of the 8th century. Even then it was not defined like it is as today’s Christmas. It wasn’t until the 1840s that Christmas really came into its own.

For the first 800 years, it was all about Easter and commemorating Jesus Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection, which led to the founding of the faith. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox, and this year it lands on Sunday, April 17. Because Easter was such a big occasion in the early years of the church, it was expanded into a whole week of celebration and commemoration called Greater Week, or Holy Week. Although Holy Week doesn’t officially include Easter Sunday, it leads up to it and many churches combine the celebrations.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, the Sunday prior to Easter Sunday. This was the day of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Jesus rode into town on a donkey, the gathered masses laid down palm fronds and cloaks ahead of Him as a sign of respect, and He was named King of the Jews. The Passover feast for which He came was the Last Supper.

Not a whole lot is done on the prior Monday through Wednesday in the western tradition. Some churches may have other teachings and readings about Jesus or The Passion, which didn’t actually happen on these days.

Maundy Thursday commemorates that Passover feast – the Last Supper. Maundy is foot washing, which was a common practice for important people. Jesus, as King of the Jews, had His feet washed and anointed with expensive oil. He then turned around and washed other people’s feet. A king shouldn’t wash other people’s feet, but Jesus did.

The word Maundy comes from the Middle English and Old French mandé, from the Latin mandatum, the first word of the phrase “Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos.” This is the teaching, in Latin translation, that Jesus gave to his disciples, explaining why He washed everyone’s feet (John 13:34): “A new Commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Christians, either on their own or in church, have dinner to commemorate the Last Supper and in many churches there is foot washing of the congregation members in attendance.

Good Friday commemorates when Jesus was crucified. Judas Iscariot sold Him out for a bag of silver and He was arrested, interrogated and tortured before being crucified with two criminals. He was nailed to wood with iron spikes through his forearms and ankles, and set standing about six feet off the ground on a T-shaped cross, which was later canonized as a Christian cross shape with the top extending beyond the intersection. He languished on the cross for six hours before He died and, when He finally did, it was with a scream that caused earthquakes and broke

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In many respects, Passover is the most central holiday in Judaism. Passover celebrates the close to 3,400-year-old story of the Jewish people's exodus from slavery in Egypt. It was at this moment that the Jewish people became a nation – paving the way to receiving the Torah and entering the land of Israel.

Thousands of years later, millions of Jews around the world celebrate Passover by joining together with their family and Jewish friends, and making a Passover Seder.

While there is so much meaning and there are so many lessons taught about the central Passover traditions – the Matzah, the maror (bitter herbs), the story of our exodus, etc., – there is one component of the Seder that sometimes gets overlooked: the karpas (or in Hebrew: כרפס).

Karpas is the part of the Seder when it is customary to take a product of the ground (traditionally an onion, potato or some parsley), dip it in salt water and eat it.

The simple explanation for the custom is that it serves as a reminder of all the Jewish sweat and tears shed throughout their slavery – the salt water serving as the reminder. However, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of blessed memory, explained how the ritual of the karpas actually carries a much deeper meaning and can serve as a life lesson to us all.

For all of the Wordle fans (still) out there: the Hebrew word for dipping is טיבול (pronounced "tibbul"). The Hebrew word for humility, or the act of putting one's own ego to the side in the pursuit of accomplishing something for the greater good, is the word ביטול (pronounced "bittul"). These two words are composed of the same exact letters, just written in a different order.

The relationship between these two words is no coincidence: when a person dips a food into something, consciously or not, he is sacrificing some of the taste of the item for the taste of the dip. While the taste of each individual item is stronger when eaten alone, the act of dipping is in the hopes that together, when the item and the dip are working in perfect harmony, they create a taste that supersedes their own individualism. This is an act of טיבול – humility.

The message of Passover is all about humility – the realization that while we can be proud of our own achievements and accomplishments, ultimately, G-d was always by our side, leading us from our own personal exile into exodus. Whether professionally or in our personal lives, there was always someone else looking out for us. It is for this reason that on Passover we eat matzah – a flat cracker-like bread that is dubbed "poor man's bread" – humility – as opposed to eating leavened bread – ego.

Passover is a time when we count our blessings and thank G-d for all He has done for us in our lives. It is a time of reflection, introspection, humility and a reaffirming of our commitment to a higher purpose.

Much like the act of dipping (tibbul) gives way for a more pleasurable taste, so too when a person lives with a sense of humility and a commitment to a higher cause (bittul) he lives a happier life – a life of gratitude, purpose and meaning. Ironically it is when we think less of ourselves that our inner joy and sense of fulfillment flourish.

Happy Passover!
Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum
Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum is rabbi and co-director of Chabad of the Crescenta Valley, located in La Cañada Flintridge. To reach Rabbi Grossbaum, please email rabbi@cvcchabad.org.



Passover Seder Plate

Each participant in the Seder drinks four cups of wine throughout the evening, at fixed points, for the four promises of redemption associated with the exodus story.

Fundamental to the Seder table is the Seder plate, which has on it the following items:

ZEROAH, a lamb's shankbone symbolizing the ancient Passover sacrifice

BEITZAH, a roasted egg symbolizing the temple sacrifice and the continuing cycle of life

HAROSET, a paste of fruit and nuts symbolizing the mortar used to build the pyramid of the pharaohs

MAR'OR, a bitter herb (like horseradish) to represent the bitterness of slavery

KARPAS, a green vegetable (usually parsley) representing spring

A BOWL OF SALT WATER to dip the karpas symbolizing the slaves' tears

Some traditions also include chazeret, a second bitter herb, usually the roots of romaine lettuce. Also necessary are three matzos (unleavened bread, symbolizing the haste of the flight from Egypt – there was no time for the bread to rise) either wrapped in cloth or covered, and broken and eaten at set points throughout the evening.

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The History of Easter *(continued)*

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Holy Saturday commemorates Jesus being laid in the tomb and, in some churches, the Harrowing of Hell. This story is fully told in a Gnostic Gospel, the Gospel of Nicodemus, one that the church officially rejected and is excluded from the Bible, yet some of the canonical gospels make reference to it.

The Harrowing of Hell is when Jesus is dead and goes to the underworld/hell/Hades and redeems all those good souls who had died before His time, making his salvation retroactive. And when He gets to Hell, Satan tries to bar his entry but Jesus brushes past him. He stares Satan down and doesn't flinch. Holy Saturday is very limited on church activities and is more for quiet reflection and remembrance of His death.

Easter Sunday is a celebration of Jesus rising again.

He comes and visits His disciples to say that all will be well and that He is going to heaven. In the church, this is a huge party. Everything is big and over the top, everyone is happy that Jesus came back and the congregation says, "Alleluia," or "Hallelujah." During Lent, prayers do not include "alleluia" because this is a term of happiness and praise, from the Hebrew halelluya, meaning literally "praise ye Yah," short for Yahweh. Easter is the first service when congregants can use alleluia again.

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APRIL 15
Good Friday (No Masses)
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Scripture, Veneration & Eucharist)

EASTER

APRIL 16
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
7:00 PM Easter Vigil (no morning Mass)

APRIL 17
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Celebrate Homecoming at UUVerdugo, three days of fun community events this Easter weekend.

It's Easter weekend at UU-Verdugo, but what does that mean for a non-denominational, progressive, inclusive and community-based congregational fellowship?

In our case, it means movies, music and comedy on Friday and Saturday nights and UUVerdugo's first in-person service – after 25 months of Zoom – on Easter Sunday, April 17.

Friday night, April 15, we begin our weekend with a screening of the excellent "Jesus Christ Superstar," Norman Jewison's 1973 adaptation of the groundbreaking rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Beer, cider, snacks and, of course, water and wine will be available during the movie. A \$5 donation is requested.

Join us on Saturday for the famous Verdugo HUUT, our monthly "hootenanny in the hills" featuring LA's best musicians and comedians, as well as games and prizes. The theme for this month's HUUT is "Tender Folk Songs for Sensitive People" and features singer/songwriters Rospin Stewart, David Kaufman and Bob Cummings as well as the fabulous comedian Jackie Primrose Monahan. More information and tickets are available at www.verdugohuut.com.

And on Easter Sunday we gather for the first time at 10:30 am since March 2020 in UUVerdugo's beautiful sanctuary for Rev. KC Slack's service, "Come On, Baby, Cry," dealing with grief, recovery and renewal. Not only that, but attendees are invited to stay for UUVerdugo's industrial-strength coffee after the service.

"As Unitarian Universalists, there are so many ways we can approach the Easter holiday," said Rev. Slack, UUVerdugo's minister since 2018. "This year's focus on the transformative possibilities of grief really responds to the moment we are in as a community and as a society at large."

"We're delighted to welcome our friends and neighbors back to UUVerdugo," says Outreach Director Marty Barrett. "There's something for everyone here – community, thoughtful discussion, inclusion, entertainment – and if those don't grab you, there's coffee."




Fun community events this Easter weekend.

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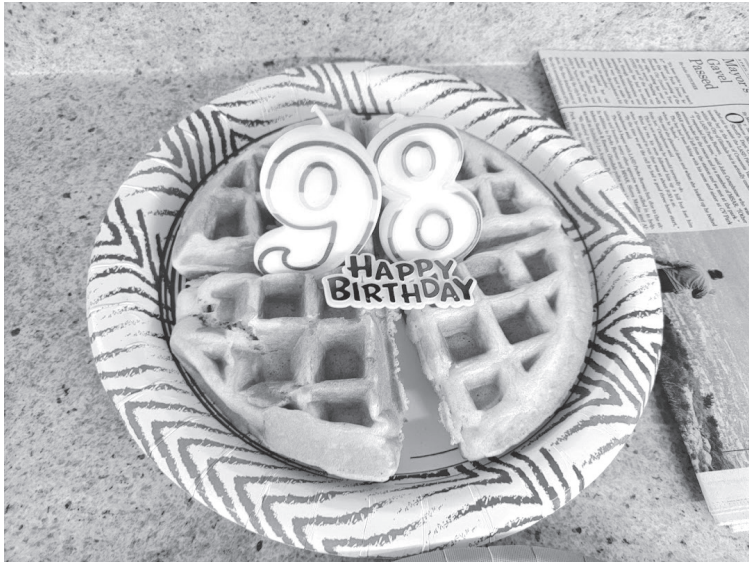
By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday morning, the veterans who belong to American Legion Post 288 celebrated the Post's 98th birthday. Cake was added to their monthly breakfast and many surprise guests stopped by to share their birthday wishes.

Several Glendale police officers and Glendale firefighters stopped by, not only with a birthday wish but also to thank the veterans for their ongoing support. The vets had recently dropped off hundreds of gift bags through the Operation Gratitude program to first responders. GPD Chief Carl Povilaitis also stopped by on his way to the Baker to Vegas law enforcement relay race.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council was represented by its treasurer, Donna Libra. Members of the CV Chamber of Commerce and Scouts from Troop 288, both the girls and boys troop, Crew 288 and Pack 360, made sure to offer congratulations.

Veterans from American Legion Post 288, along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614, volunteer and support local organizations throughout the area, and veteran-specific organizations throughout the country. Veterans who are interested in joining Post 288 can do so by calling (818) 541-1336.



Photos by Charly SHELTON

TOP: American Legion Post 288 celebrated its 98th birthday on Saturday during its monthly breakfast.

ABOVE: Lynn McGinnis talks with members of the Glendale fire and police departments.

'Laugh It Off' Held at Forest Lawn



Photo by Ruth SOWBY

Dozens of supporters "laughed it off" at Forest Lawn - Glendale. Glendale Arts' "Laugh It Off," held Friday, April 1, was a night of stand-up comedy presented in partnership with Forest Lawn and Comic Cure.

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Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Should I Go To Open Houses Without My Agent?

Dear Phyllis,

I have been searching for a home in the Foothills since the beginning of the year. As many of the new listings are open on the weekend, my agent has been directing me to just go to the open house. She does show me the listings when there is not an open house. If there is a guest registry, I do sign-in noting that I am working with my agent.

Should I go to open houses without my agent? I have noticed that often other agents are there with their clients. We have made offers on two homes without success. By her not coming, is that impacting my chances of getting my offer accepted?

Darlene

Dear Darlene,

As you know it's an extremely competitive real estate market in the Foothills. There are simply not enough listings to meet buyer demand. I believe if your Realtor cannot accompany you to the open house, she should at least view the home at some point before you write an offer. If your

Realtor hasn't taken the time to view the home, how can she advise you of the pros and cons. How will you decide how much to offer?

Yes, you can go to open houses without your agent. But if you are serious about buying that home, it will impact your chances if your agent has not seen the home. Likely you are competing with many other buyers. When your agent accompanies you to the open house it makes a statement: that they value you as a serious buyer. It indicates to the listing (seller's) agent that they feel that their time is well spent with you.

A while back I listed a Highland Park fixer. I had over 20 offers. The highest priced offer was from a buyer whose agent had not seen the home. I phoned the buyer's agent and informed him he had to personally view the home before we would accept his client's offer. After he viewed the home, his client withdrew their offer. After that experience, it is particularly important to me when representing the seller that an offer is not accepted without the buyer's agent visiting the home.

Best of luck to you on your home buying journey.

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Four Foothill Area Students Receive Awards from DAR



Four foothill area students recently received a Good Citizen Award from Don Jose Verdugo Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American

Revolution at a luncheon held at Oakmont Country Club in Glendale.

Students honored included Nicholas Cabalo, who attends Crescenta Valley High School;

Aline Krikor representing Anderson W. Clark Magnet School; Sereen Armenian, who attends Flintridge Preparatory High School; and Hillary Raulli, a student at La Cañada High School.

The students were chosen due to their participation in school activities, contributions to family and community, preparation for the future through academic studies and volunteerism and adherence to the qualities of dependability, service and patriotism.

Presenting their awards were Jeanette Stirdivant, regent of the local chapter, and Lynne Thompson, chairperson of the Good Citizen Awards.

Accompanying the students at the celebratory luncheon were their parents and representatives of their schools.

Submitted by Jane Napier NEELY

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ABOVE: From left, Jeanette Stirdivant, regent of Don Jose Verdugo Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR); Nicholas Cabalo, Crescenta Valley High School; Aline Krikor, Anderson W. Clark Magnet School; Sereen Armenian, Flintridge Preparatory High School; Hillary Raulli, La Cañada High School; Lynne Thompson, Good Citizen Awards chairperson for the local DAR.

Correction:
In the story "Glendale's Local Thrift Shop Has Gone Online" in the April 7 issue, the woman identified as Jeri Anderson was Marilyn Greborunis.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Calico Winds Featured at Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, April 20 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed.

Calico Winds will perform quintets by Gwyneth Walker, Ihor Shamo, David Baker, William Grant Still, and Valerie Coleman on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

More info about the program and artists, and the link to the stream, can be found at

<http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Calico Winds is composed of Eileen Holt, flute, Marissa Honda, oboe, Kathryn Nevin, clarinet, Theresa Treuenfels, bassoon, and Rachel Berry, horn. Among the pieces the group will perform are Gwyneth Walker's "Nearer My God To Thee" from Braintree Quintet (1988), Ihor Shamo's "Moldavian Dance" arranged by M. Zakopets, David Baker's "Woodwind Quintet" from "The Black Frontier," and William Grant Still's "Miniatures" arranged by A. Lesnick.

With style and grace, Calico Winds is taking wind music to the forefront of the chamber music world by artfully reinventing the conventional wind quintet. The members chose the name "Calico" to reflect the many colors and textures offered by the instruments of their ensemble. The group blends top-notch

From left are Eileen Holt – flute, Marissa Honda – oboe (guest artist), Kathryn Nevin – clarinet, Rachel Berry – horn, and Theresa Treuenfels – bassoon.



playing, great music and an appealing atmosphere, their repertoire incorporating a wide variety of classical music.

Calico Winds has delighted audiences across the country, touring to more than half of the 50 states, including numerous cities throughout their home state of California. They are currently ensemble-in-residence at Glendale Noon Concerts.

In 2009, Calico Winds was concerto soloists with Frank Fetta conducting the Culver City Symphony, premiering Sinfonia Concertante for wind quintet and orchestra, a work it commissioned from Los Angeles composer Damian Montano. The ensemble performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall both as part of the "Classical Connections" Young Performers Career Advancement program sponsored by the Association of Performing

Arts Presenters and in recital with pianist Vivian Liu in a performance of Ludwig Thuille's Romantic Sextet.

In 1998 Calico Winds released its first CD, "All in One" [Bach, Nielsen, E. Carter, L. Schifrin, Zappa] to critical acclaim. Its second CD, released on Albany Records (2004), "Vintage America: A Musical Meritage," featured a diverse collection of original and arranged works reflecting the music and life of early Americans.

Calico Winds has held residencies at La Sierra University, the Idyllwild Arts Academy and with the Claremont Youth Symphony Music Retreat in California as well as at the Birch Creek Music Festival in Door County, Wisconsin. It has been the featured ensemble for the Coleman Chamber Music Association's "Meet the Musicians"

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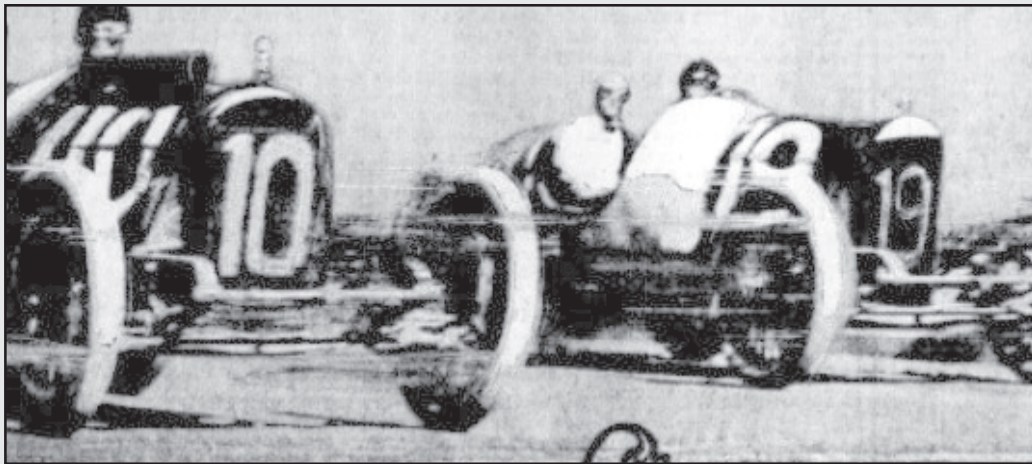
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THEN & NOW

Glendale Street Race Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » This poor newspaper photo shows two Duesenberg racecars head-to-head practicing for the Glendale road race held in 1915. A few days later these two cars finished in first and second place. They were racing on the streets of downtown Glendale on a closed course, and were driven by professional drivers.



Now » This random photo from the Internet shows two high-powered cars, a Porche Boxster and a Maserati Granturismo, driving on surface streets in Glendale. Driving too fast on the streets of Glendale today has become a serious problem as some cars, often driven by inexperienced drivers, engage in illegal street racing.

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The Balcony will also supply some premium food truck options so be sure to come out with a hungry tummy and get some grub prior to the screening. We'll be viewing the award-winning "Pixar Shorts Collection."

Admission to the public is free. CV Park is located at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

'MAPPING THE SUBLIME' AT BRAND LIBRARY & ART CENTER

"Mapping the Sublime: Reframing Landscape in the 21st Century" is at the Brand Library & Art Center through June 11.

Los Angeles-based artists Lawrence Gipe and Beth Davila Waldman organized this survey of a diverse group of 19 artists that challenge the culture's conceptions regarding landscape, re-examining the genre as a mediated view of nature and a construction of centuries of aesthetic processing, demarcation and colonial expansion. The works persuade the viewer to consider the landscape genre anew, with traditional

notions of the Sublime reevaluated to reflect contemporary issues of climate change and the Anthropocene.

A free, public reception will be held on Saturday, April 23 with an artist's panel discussion moderated by Shana Nys Dambrot.

Brand Library & Art Center, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale

RUMMAGE SALE AT CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING

The Center for Spiritual Living La Crescenta is having a rummage sale on Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center. Items will be sold on a donation basis - no need for haggling! No fee to attend.

Center for Spiritual Living La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave., at the corner of Santa Carlotta, in La Crescenta.

THE VERDUGO HUUT (HOOTENANY)

"Tender Folk Songs for Sensitive People" arrives at the sanctuary at UUV on April 16. This funny, irreverent, virtuosi, and inclusive show is for audiences age 13 and up. It will take place in person from 7-9p.m. It features Rospin Stuwart, Jackie Monahan, Don Cummings and host Marty Barrett.

Tickets are \$12.50 and available at tinyurl.com/9xttm9f4. The sanctuary at UU Verdugo is located at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

All profits benefit the Bailey Food Center.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY NEXT MEETING

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning April 21 at 10 a.m. The location is The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

Club President Chris Hedberg will be presenting the program: "Grooming Your African Violet for Show." The members and guests are being asked to bring to the club meeting their African violets that need the most grooming. This will be a hands-on workshop getting participants' hands dirty while learning some techniques in grooming African violets.

There are raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. For more information please telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website www.burbankafrikanviolet.com.

THE STORY OF THE VERDUGO HILLS CEMETERY

Little Landers Historical Society invites visitors to view a recently installed temporary exhibit at Bolton Hall Museum featuring the local pioneer cemetery, now in its 100th year. The first burial was that of beloved local preacher Pastor Wornum on April 22, 1922. The Hills of Peace, as it was known early on, became the final resting place of many local

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

April 11, 2022 - April 17, 2022

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Some hyper planetary energy may make it more difficult to get a good night's sleep, especially at those times when you may be feeling stressed. As an antidote, meditation may help you tremendously. It will give you an opportunity to sink into deeper levels of awareness, which will have a healing effect on your whole body.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

This planetary currents may bring certain health symptoms into the light of day, but you'll be in the mood to tackle them head on. Whatever the problem, be sure to see your health professional for a speedy resolution. Don't ignore it in your desire to get on with your daily tasks and chores. Be kind to yourself.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Issues that have been buried in your subconscious may be affecting your health without you even realizing it. Over this week you may begin to get an inkling as to what these could be. There's going to be a powerful stirring up of your psyche, which will bring them out into the open.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your health will improve this week as issues associated with your career are resolved. You've had to put up with bouts of frustration and stress, which may have caused tension headaches and muscle stiffness. Things will get a lot easier from Wednesday onward. One way to head off the symptoms of stress is to exercise daily.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

A powerful cosmic energy this week may have an effect on your overall health. If you notice that you're feeling more tense than usual, try to lighten your schedule. If you can detach from overwhelming emotions, this may also help you relax and feel a lot happier about life.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may be prone to catching colds or other infections over the course of this week. Take extra care when socializing, and take zinc, vitamin C, or other supplements to help boost your immune system. Another possible problem may be allergies. If you break out in a rash or experience any strange symptoms, it may help to get tested for an allergic reaction.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Some troublesome planetary energy this swirling around your chart this week may bring all kinds of symptoms to the surface. They won't be too serious, but may be due to stress. It's time to relax and slow down. Take your health and your life more seriously.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The stars are highlighting a new desire to reach the peak of fitness. If you have a particular health problem, you'll be keen to find resources that can help you overcome it. This might include books, seminars, or local groups. By connecting with others who share your same issues, you'll feel an uplifting sense of support.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

There is a lot happening in your health zone right now. You should find yourself with a new determination to glow with good health. This may be a good time to try a detox for a day or two. Eat fruit and vegetables and stay off fatty or greasy food. Remember to drink plenty of fresh water and try to avoid caffeine.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Don't let stress get to you this week, especially on Tuesday. If you start to feel tired or notice other symptoms, then try to lighten your schedule. While Pluto is still in your health zone, it acts as a reminder to continue to eat good, healthy food.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Try not to let bad habits derail your attempts to stay well and healthy. You can go two ways: You can either make a determined effort to develop a healthy routine or you can lapse into bouts of overeating and bingeing at inappropriate times. Discipline is the key to creating total wellness.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This may be a good week to give your head and brain a complete rest. It looks as though you've been doing a lot of mental work lately. Too much of this can cause a tightening of the muscles in the neck and shoulders. You can counteract this by relaxing deeply every day and paying particular attention to those knotty places. Other than this, give yourself frequent breaks if you're using a computer on a daily basis.

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I never ordered these products from Rodan + Fields. How do I get a refund?

Wendy Schlessinger received skincare products from Rodan + Fields that she didn't order. Should she dispute the charges on her charge card? Or is there a better way to get her money back?

Q Rodan + Fields, a skincare company, recently shipped me a product I did not order. I disputed the charge on my Discover card, and I immediately received a credit for the order. But after investigating my claim, Discover reinstated the charge.

I returned the merchandise and have confirmation of a return. I also requested a full refund. I didn't receive one, so I filed another chargeback with Discover. Again, I received a credit which was later reversed.

I called Rodan + Fields, inquiring about the status of the refund. I received a letter via email stating the company was processing a return. It's been six months since the initial shipment. I have still not received a refund. Can you help me get my \$461 back?

~ Wendy Schlessinger, Eagleville, Pennsylvania

A: You should get a quick refund from Rodan + Fields, but there's a reason for the delay — all those charge card disputes!

You filed two separate disputes while you tried to return the product. I've always referred to credit card disputes as the "nuclear" option. Why? Because once you start one, your options for an appeal are limited. You can go to court, file a complaint with law enforcement — or you can contact a consumer advocate.

You chose door number three. If you'd simply returned the merchandise without filing a dispute, you would probably have your money by now. But Rodan + Fields checked its records and found that you still had the product and reported that to Discover. And Discover sided with Rodan + Fields.

Then, after you sent the product back, you filed another dispute. That just confused the company further and it fought the chargeback and won.

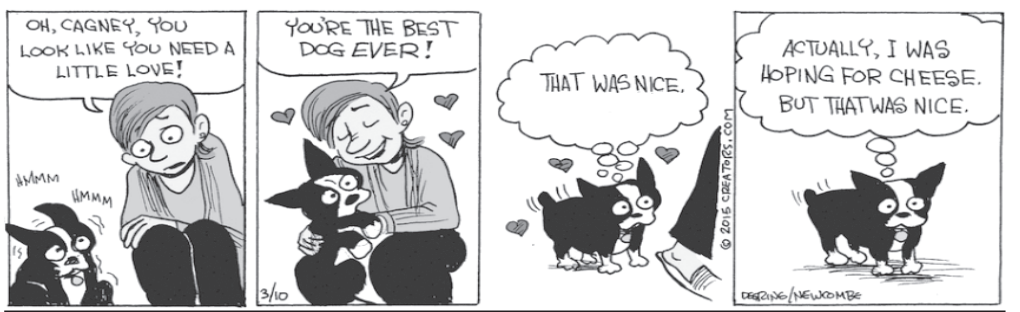
I would not dispute a credit card charge until you've given the company every opportunity to resolve the issue. A chargeback should be your last option, not your first response.

One other tip: Rodan + Fields had your credit card number and believed that you wanted its product. Be extra careful about subscriptions you have with a company, because they might send you products that you don't want.

I contacted Rodan + Fields on your behalf and sent the evidence that you had returned the product. The company issued a full refund.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>. © 2022 Christopher Elliott

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community pioneers with burials continuing through the late 1970s.

The exhibit traces the history of the cemetery through good times and not so good times up to today's restoration conducted by the Friends of the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

Exhibit viewing hours through June 2022 are Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

For additional information or to schedule a group visit, see BoltonHall.org or call (818) 352-3420 or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

EARLY ARMENIAN IMMIGRATION ON TGHS ROSTER

The community is invited to hear The Glendale Historical Society board member Ani Mnatsakanyan on April 28 at 7 p.m. as she shares stories of resilience and strength in the Armenian American community. She'll recount how Armenians reconstruct their lives in a foreign land while attempting to preserve their identity and memories of the homeland they were forced to leave behind.

This online event is free and open to all; however, advance reservations are required. To register, visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/yettem>.

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY

Independent Bookstore Day is Saturday, April 30. The date coincides with Flintridge Bookstore's 15th anniversary, and it is celebrating with giveaways, a drawing for various genres of books, a store scavenger hunt and more. Activities are outside, inside and in

back of the store.

Flintridge Bookstore has invited local authors for meet and greets and signings. The designers of Little Muse Jewelry and Purses by Lucia are also coming, and there is an afternoon reading by two poets.

More than ever, local bookstores need the support of their communities. Independent Bookstore Day is a way to show appreciation for the contributions made by these small businesses. It also provides an opportunity for bookstores to say thank you to their neighbors and all their customers with special programs for all ages.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge at the intersection of Beulah Drive. There is street parking as well as a lot in the rear of the store off of Beulah Drive.

To learn more, visit <https://www.flintridgebooks.com>.

ART ON THE ROCK ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Friends of Rockhaven is hosting Art on the Rock, an arts & crafts fair that focuses on women's art. It is being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. It's free to attend.

TACOS, TEQUILA AND PAINT

The USC Verdugo Hills Women's Council is hosting a paint night to raise funds for the IRA Cath Lab scheduled to open this month.

This added service will provide the community with a fast response in identifying life threatening heart issues.

Tacos, Tequila and Paint is on May 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the patio of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Tickets are \$50. RSVP to Barbara Jordan at Barbara.Jordan@med.usc.edu or call (818) 952-2226.

RELIGION

Q Our cat Josie, which we've had for 17 years, crossed "The Rainbow Bridge" last week. I was a stay-at-home mom, so Josie and I had a heart bond that's difficult to describe. I loved her so much and every time I think of her I cry. My kids and my husband tell me I'm being too sentimental and want to take me to an animal shelter to get another cat. I'm not ready for that.

Two questions: Will we see our pets after we die? How can I get my kids and husband to stop asking me to get another cat?

~Missing Josie

comfort in knowing that the love we give and receive will also be there for us in that time beyond.



Rev. Kyle Sears
kylesears@lacadachurch.org

Dear Missing Josie,
I think a lot of people don't realize that animals are very intuitive and psychic while offering a special unconditional love bond with us. Josie was as much a part of your family as your kids and husband, and we feel that deep, inconsolable grief for our furry family members as well.

Don't think of it as replacing Josie; you can never do that. All you can do is to help another homeless cat or kitten by giving them a loving home and establishing a bit different kind of bond. I believe that, when you are ready, it is possible to attract a new pet that has Josie's spirit within. You'll know and feel it when you see him or her.

Meanwhile Josie may visit you in your dreams and there are times when you can look out of the side of your eye and see her. She is on another plane of existence that makes it difficult for you to see her but she will always be with you – in spirit and in your heart – and may even want you to help another fur baby.

I think it also may help to talk to Josie; pets who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge may be able to hear and understand words, and especially thoughts, even much better than when they were on earth.

Josie is pain-free and happy; I know Josie wouldn't want to see you crying over her, so keep talking to her and cherishing that special bond you had with her. Share your happy memories together with

Dear Missing Josie,

You are right; we form a bond with our pets that is meaningful and irreplaceable. The grief that comes in losing them is genuine and often deeply felt.

To answer your second question, I would simply communicate with your kids and husband that you still feel the loss as an irreplaceable one. In time, I am sure you will find your heart drawn toward getting another pet. But the timing and process of grief can be different for each person; we should do our best to honor one another and seek better ways to give them comfort. I am certain that your family only means to give you comfort in their suggestions – take their words as expressing their care for you.

Regarding your first question – my short answer is that I hope so. Throughout Scripture, the imagination of the prophets and writers turns toward a recovery of creation (often called "new creation" or "new heavens and new earth"). Some imagine a time after time when the lion will lay down with the lamb. It seems the hope is that creation as we know it will be remade while retaining its familiarity. And that includes the created flora and fauna that bring us joy and companionship.

So my hope is that, indeed, the love we share with our pets (and certainly with one another) will be sustained into the life that extends beyond us. And that we can find

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her – animals understand images better than words. All you have to do is picture her, as if she was really there physically, and send your thoughts and images to her. Then close your eyes and see if you can see her answer back to you.

Your family is feeling a need to help you through your tears and may be unable to understand the depth of your grief. By suggesting you get another cat immediately they are trying to take away your pain and get you to focus on another animal. The happiness you feel in communicating with Josie will relieve your human family's pain and allow you the time you need to be ready in your heart to rescue another furry soul.



Katie O'Brien
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Q Both of my parents have doctorates – my dad in biology and my mom in education. Both of them are college professors. They want me to go to college but I'd rather get a vocational education in food preparation. Since I was very young, I helped my parents prepare meals.

When I was 15 (I'm now 17), I took over all of the meal planning and meal preparation, including grocery shopping for our family, because my parents were very busy with their jobs, and I love to cook! At some point, I'd also like to open an upscale restaurant serving only quality foods.

I've researched cooking schools and found several good schools. We're not arguing about what I'd like to do but they're constantly reminding me that they'd like me to begin looking at colleges. I'm getting very close to decision-making time with one more year in high school. Please help me find a way to let them know their support means everything to me. ~Future Chef

Dear Future Chef,
I have no doubt, based on your focus, vision and passion, that you will one day realize and accomplish your dream to become a renowned chef with your own acclaimed restaurant. How you may get there, is not always as clear-cut as we may imagine at the time we set our goals.

While all of our lives are an adventure, every life is made up of many mini-adventures. Some are positive, some less so. But each of these mini-adventures, positive or negative, good or bad, happy or sad, contribute to our growth, awareness and understanding of what it is to live and be a human being. Likewise, these mini-adventures can take us down paths we might never have considered

or been aware of, altering the course of what we expected or imagined our life is or would be in ways that can be life-changing either through enriching and fulfilling us, disappointing us or somewhere in the middle.

In many ways, you are fortunate. You are on the cusp of what I consider the Age of Exploration with your life, with all its potentialities and possibilities before you. I can appreciate your eagerness to get started; and after years of academics, you are probably anxious for your life to finally begin by doing something you find creative and enjoyable. With continued faith in your vision and perseverance in the face of challenges or disappointments, you will get there. You can be assured of that.

As for convincing your parents to underwrite a culinary school over college, take it as but one exercise in the continuing and ongoing needed life skill of negotiation. The good news is that, no matter how it turns out, you will get better at it. Even if they say no, you are still free to reorient your approach to your goal. In this, I would encourage you in going forward to refuse to fall prey to either imagined fears or imagined limitations either created by yourself or imposed by others.

However, I should like to put something on the table for your consideration that I hope you will find of value. It is regrettable that getting a higher education today has become nothing more than a form of vocational training or a search for status, often not affordable and sadly unattainable for many. As human beings, we are all born into ignorance. Indeed, this is the true original sin of mankind. All of the evils in this world – the prejudices, the fears, the hatred, the deceptions and the manipulations by others and every act of sin – is all the result of ignorance. The only cure for ignorance is education. The true purpose of a higher education (beyond the "three Rs") is to open us into becoming fulfilled and fully functional human beings, able to think and reason critically and to open us to new

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LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to events marking the most sacred week of the liturgical year. Tonight (Thursday's) special Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. with Pastor Chuck Bunnell commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with the Apostles. Good Friday services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. Easter worship begins at 10 a.m. Sunday.

All services are held in person but can also be viewed live on the church's YouTube channel or anytime on LCIF's website. In addition to worship services, the church has planned a morning of fun activities on Easter. From 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. children can enjoy a bunny petting zoo, egg hunt, crafts and games. Brunch will be served. All are welcome.

LCIF also welcomes the public to place flowers in the Easter cross located in front of the church. Flowers can be placed on the cross at any time. Many have placed flowers in remembrance of a loved one, others to remember the victims in Ukraine. The cross is always there, being replenished with flowers and serving as a reminder of everlasting life.

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

Celebrate Holy Week at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to celebrate Holy Week at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

Today, Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m., a candlelit service will include Communion and sacred music by the LCPC Cathedral Choir. Come at 6 p.m. for a free sacrificial meal of soup and oranges served by the LCPC deacons.

On Good Friday, April 15, a 7 p.m. worship service focusing on the power and meaning of the cross will be followed by a campfire vigil with song and prayer in front of the church beginning at 8 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church offers two 10 a.m. services with an inspiring message by Pastor Lee Cook. In the sanctuary, join its contemporary worship service featuring music by The Blessed praise band. In the chapel, the Cathedral Choir leads classic worship.

For those who prefer to worship from home, the Easter service will be available at lcpc.net.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

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experiences we might never have known or thought possible through a guided exposure to art, literature and science. An education not only helps to protect us from our own stupidity and that of others, but opens us to compassion for others by recognizing in them our very selves, and the limitations and unrealized potentials we all share. A good higher education frees us from the inherit tyranny and mental incarceration of ignorance.

An ignorant man (no matter what degree of ignorance) is not a free man. He is the ready prey of the deceptions imposed by others that seek to control him and manipulate his actions for money and/or power. I once told my sainted Irish grandmother I was not planning to go to college. She looked at me and said you come from a people who were denied an education in Ireland by the English just because they were Irish. An education is the one thing no one can ever take from you. They can take away your land, your good name and even your physical freedom. But the one thing they can never take from you is your education. An education is the gift you give yourself. It uplifts not only you but also the world, and that will become your gift to humanity.

She then said, "You are going to college." I did and, to this day, I value it as one of

the most priceless, ongoing gifts I ever received. Don't cheat yourself. Personally, I find philosophy is the perfect accompaniment to any fine meal.



Anthony Kelson, RScP
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Dear Future Chef,

I can appreciate your desire to follow your heart and do what you love to do, which is preparing meals and cooking. Many people go through life either not knowing what they genuinely love to do or believing that doing what they love could never bring them the contentment and financial security they would need, so they bypass it altogether. Does your decision to pursue a career as a chef have to be mutually exclusive? There is a point where you can strike a balance between pursuing your dream and being practical.

Henry David Thoreau said it best: "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the

foundations under them."

Along with loving to cook, you said that you would want to open an upscale restaurant. Establishing a successful business takes a keen understanding of many industry aspects. Not only is cooking and menu development crucial, but so are also developing a business plan, targeting your market, management and advertising, along with securing the finances to support your business, either by your own means or arranging for investors.

My first suggestion would be to take your idea of being a chef to the next level and make it more tangible. First, I would recommend getting a job in a restaurant. Explore firsthand what it is like to be involved in the food industry on a day-to-day basis to really see if it's something you would like to be involved with. Preparing meals at home for your family is one thing; working during rush hour mealtime or when business is slow is a whole different scenario.

Additionally, if you want the best advice, ask the one that's doing it. Seek out a couple of restaurants that you admire and speak with the chefs and restaurant owners. Ask them what they had to do to create their business and what their key to success has been. Don't forget to inquire about the pitfalls they suggest

avoiding.

Finally, your parents are offering you a wonderful opportunity to go to college and it should not be dismissed. Along with exploring the various chef schools, research the colleges that provide curriculums that will support your chef aspirations and business designs. You just may find one that attracts your interest.

It has been said that when we desire something, it is not having that "something" we truly want but instead the feeling "that something" brings us. It sounds as though preparing meals brings you joy and fulfillment. Use your imagination to paint the picture of the life that you want. The key is to clearly know and state what you want to create for yourself. The great principle of life will respond.

Pray on that and your best decisions will become evident.



In Light,
Rev. Mary Morgan
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From St. Luke's Of The Mountains Episcopal Church

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families and her work as a steward in her union is the kind of organizing that needs to be done to improve the city.

"Glendale is a premier city," said Najarian. "Compare us to any other city. I am part of that. If you want to know where I'm going, I ask you

to look at where I've been. I started my law practice in Glendale 40 years ago. I've served four terms as mayor, hold an elected position

on the Metro board, and chair the Metrolink board. I will never let Glendale turn into LA." The election is on Tuesday, June

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the organization.

“Whether you win in July or not, this is the nation’s highest award and we are very proud of this distinction,” Devine noted.

Mayor Kassakhian added, “Libraries are the tip of the spear in the fight against ignorance and bigotry. This is an important recognition.”

Devine continued, thanking Congressman Adam Schiff for helping to secure \$700,000 in funding for the city’s crime lab to expand forensic testing and speed up DNA testing.

Councilmember Devine also applauded the work of the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) and the La Crescenta Women’s Club for Saturday’s “ever-popular Wine Walk.”

“It was a beautiful evening; the event was completely sold out; restaurants were crowded, and people were walking around, reconnecting and shopping,” she said. “It’s a good sign of the rebound here in our city.”

Finally, at the request of residents of the Riverside Rancho neighborhood, Devine asked staff to look into sending the horse manure gathered in the neighborhood to be composted in Griffith Park rather than going to the landfill, as is currently done.

Mayor Kassakhian urged residents to find information on the upcoming June 7th election on the city’s “Glendale Votes” website:

<https://www.glendalevotes.org/> and invited all to participate in the city’s upcoming commemoration of the Armenian Genocide event at the Alex Theatre on Sunday, April 24 (for information visit <https://www.itsmyseat.com/events/809470.html>).

Last, the council heard an update on organics recycling. At the state level, SB 1383 aims to keep organic waste out of landfills by requiring cities and counties to implement and enforce organics

recycling; requires outreach and education about organics recycling; and requires large food waste generators to donate leftover edible food. The city is distributing lists of the things that can be recycled in green bins currently designated for yard trimmings. New green bins and small kitchen-top compost bins will be distributed to Glendale residents over the next several years. City staff shared this video to help explain the new program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXF8H42NzUQ> and can answer questions emailed to recycle@GlendaleCA.gov. Here is the city’s list of what can be recycled in the green container: <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/public-works/organics>.

“What do we do with pizza boxes?” Mayor Kassakhian asked.

The box part can go in with normal recycling, Public Works Director Yazdan Emrani detailed, and the greasy paper part can be folded up and recycled as organic waste in the green bin. Apartments that currently do not have green bins will need to sign up to receive them, he told the council.

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concerts. As winners of the 1998 National Flute Association (NFA) Chamber Music Competition the ensemble was featured in recital at the NFA convention in Phoenix, Arizona. It has received a grant from the City of Pasadena for The Weekend Muse Inter-Generational Concerts, a series it self-produced in Los Angeles and Pasadena.

The members of Calico Winds think of themselves as a team whose sum is greater than its parts. Despite resisting the publishing of individual bios, presenters and audience members continue to be interested in each person on stage. To satisfy this curiosity, they have developed “Calico Stats” (vital statistics of each member), which can be viewed on the website calicowinds.com.

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CVTC Streets and Roads Committee is addressing the issue of cars traveling with high speed throughout our community (Glenwood, La Crescenta, Ramsdell, Briggs and Orange avenues) with Public Works, CHP and the local CV Sheriff’s Station.

On Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Ralph’s Marketplace, come and meet CVTC members for “Coffee with the Council.” This will be a casual discussion with your CVTC members where residents can learn about current topics and proposed projects being addressed, ask questions, give input, get involved and get informed.

On Saturday, May 14 the CVTC Prayer Breakfast will be held at the VFW Hall in La Crescenta. The keynote speaker is Vince Iuculano of the YMCA. Doors open at 7 a.m.

Finally, we are going to have an in-person meeting. The CVTC general meeting will take place on April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd.) where my fellow Councilmembers and I look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Harry Leon, President
 Crescenta Valley Town Council

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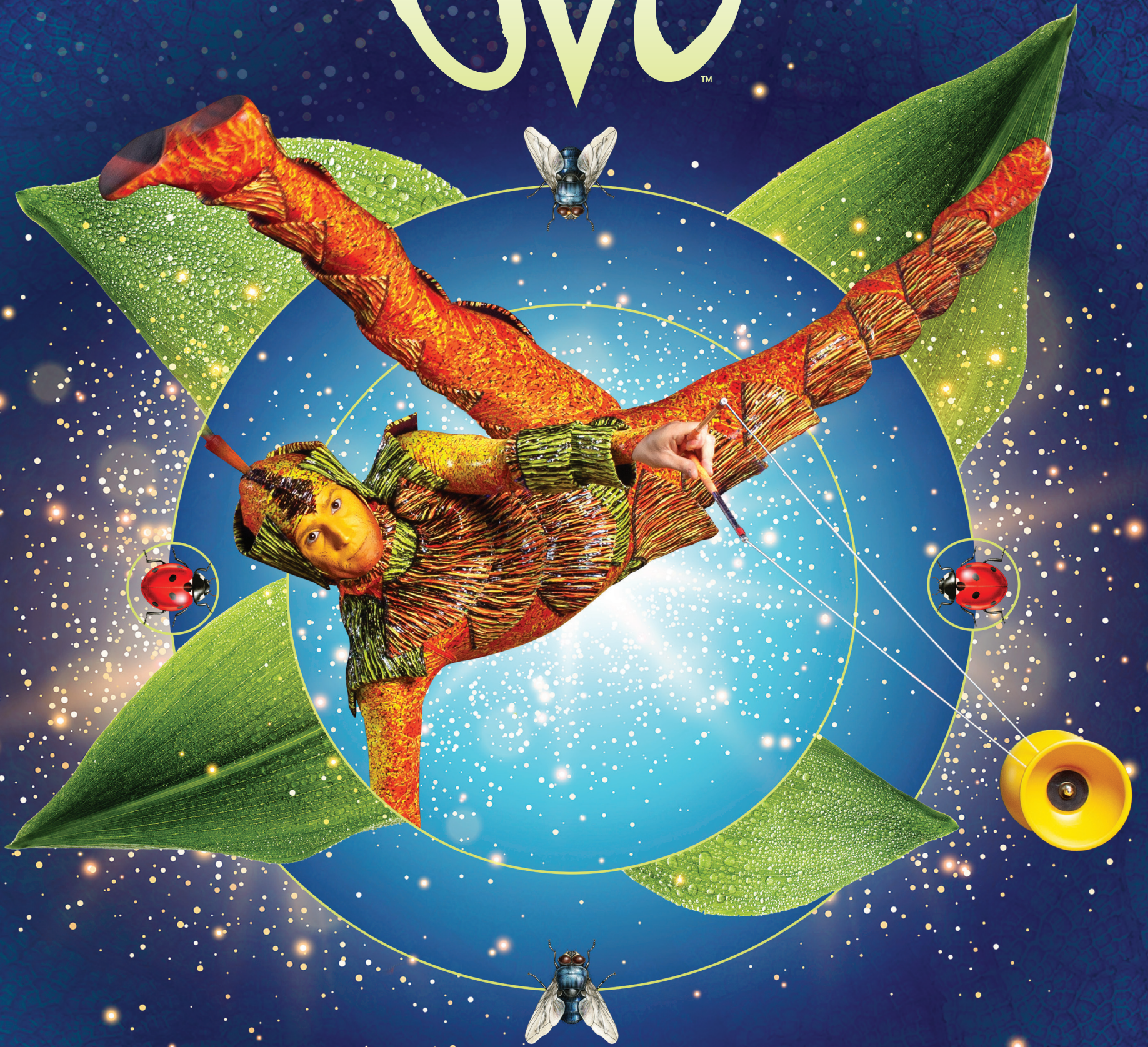


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