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## Council Observes Global Genocides at Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

At its last meeting of April on Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council scheduled seven budget study sessions, the first on Tuesday, April 26 at 9 a.m. with the final budget hearing set for Friday, June 17.

April is designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month and on Denim Day (Wednesday, April 27), according to Mayor Ardy Kassakhian, it is expected that millions of people across the world will wear jeans to show solidarity with those who have suffered sexual violence.

“[The purposes are] to support survivors and educate themselves and others about all forms of sexual violence as one in five women and one in 67 men will experience rape or attempted rape and one in four women and one in six men experience sexual assault before the age of 18; it’s obviously a serious issue,” Kassakhian said before presenting a proclamation to a representative of the city’s Commission on the Status of Women.

Additionally, April is designated as Genocide Awareness Month, with many significant dates commemorating historical genocides, including the beginning of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 1915; the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and beginning of the Holocaust on April 19, 1943; the Cambodian Genocide on April 19, 1975; and the Rwandan Genocide against the Tutsi on April 7, 1994, Mayor Kassakhian detailed.

“During this observation and acknowledgement of genocide awareness, we must pause to think of those who are currently under attack and those being persecuted for their identity. Glendale believes cultural diversity is achieved when

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## Glendale Finishes Strong in Baker to Vegas Relay

By Mary O’KEEFE

*After a two-year pause, officers suited up for the grueling 120-mile Baker to Vegas relay race.*

The Baker to Vegas - Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club’s (LAPRAAC) Challenge Cup Relay was held the weekend of April 1-2. The 120-mile relay race has 20 legs that range from a little over six miles to over 10 miles. The race begins near Baker, California and winds its way through Death Valley before ending in Las Vegas.

This year, according to the bakervegas.net website, “over 8,000 runners, guests, family members and support staff participated in the race.”

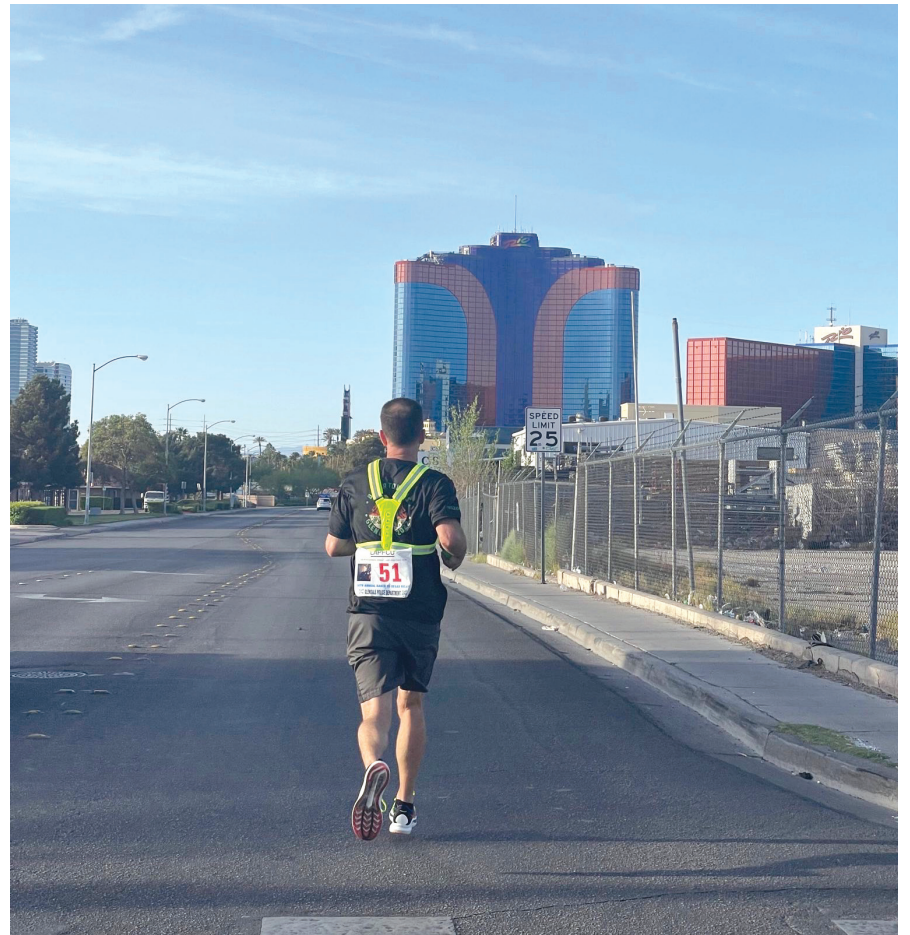
Glendale Police Dept. was one local station that participated in the relay, coming in fourth in the 300 Division. Divisions are based on the number of sworn officers for a specific department; Glendale has fewer than 300 sworn officers but more than 150.

“We had a lot of young officers on the team, a lot of first time runners,” Capt. Robert William said. “I am extremely proud of the team.”

Due to the pandemic, the Baker to Vegas relay was paused for two years.

This race is never easy; in the past runners have faced temperatures exceeding 100 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and

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Courtesy of GPD Deputy Chief Tim Feeley, who ran with the Glendale Police Dept. team, eyes the prize: the end of the race at the Rio Hotel.

## CV Welcomes a New Captain

By Mary O’KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station has a new captain – Robert Hahnlein officially took the lead at the station on April 17 but has been acting captain for several months.

Hahnlein follows Todd Deeds, who was named captain of the CV Sheriff’s Station in 2019 but has since stepped down due to medical issues. The new captain was chosen by a committee that included community members.

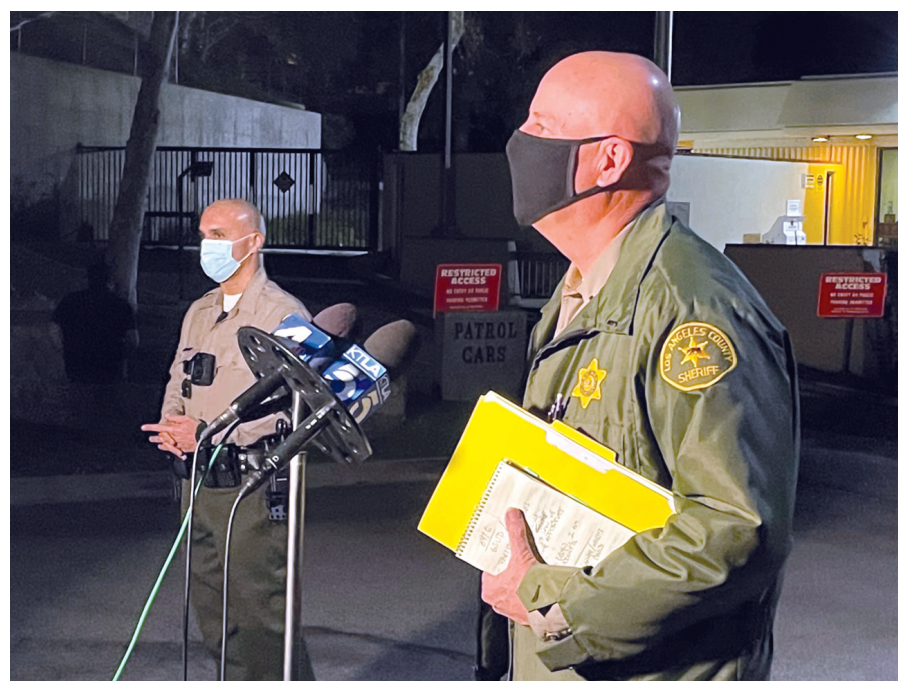
“We worked together as deputies in the past and I am confident in Rob’s leadership in moving the station forward,” Deeds said.

Hahnlein has served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for 32 years and is very familiar with the CV area not only because of his time at the CV Station but CV is his hometown.

“I was born in Glendale and raised in La Crescenta,” he said.

He attended Lincoln Elementary, then Clark Middle School and graduated from Crescenta Valley High School. He lives in Crescenta Valley and his children also went through CV schools. So he knows the area as a community member as well as the newly appointed station captain.

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File photo Robert Hahnlein, seen here addressing cameras and the community after a local disruption, was recently named the new captain of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station.

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# Ah ... or What's in a Name?

I don't know if I'm like anyone else, but I get totally confused when it comes to people's names that can go one of two ways. Examples: Joanne or Joanna; Diane or Diana; Marie or Maria. You get the idea.

I absolutely understand that a person's name is important, especially to that person. I just can't seem to accurately remember if someone is an "a" or just "e." I've been called out on it, too, and that caused me to remember (embarrassingly) the accurate name of that person. Sometimes I'll default to, "So good to see you!" minus the person's name if I'm totally unsure. I don't want to insult someone.

It's interesting (at least to me) that I typically don't foul up Ann – or Anne – with Ana – or Anna. I usually remember my Anns from my Annas but that seems to be the exception to my weirdo rule though I have misspelled them in the past.

I am also challenged by the sounds of the names Craig and Greg. I typically have to picture in my mind the spelling of the person's name in order to commit his correct name to memory.

So if you're a Marie/Maria, Joanne/Joanna or Diane/Diana I apologize in advance for my mispronunciation of your name. If I haven't blown it yet I probably will soon.

the show many of the vendors asked for contact information so they could talk to me at length about their product/s. For those few that I was interested in I gave accurate contact info.

Never again.  
On Monday of this week, I walked into the office and was met with a very frazzled Rachele (our office manager). From 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. she had over 20 calls from people trying to sell me health insurance. I hadn't given my contact information to any vendors of health insurance at the show; however, I have no doubt that they got my information from that home show. I think that my contact information was sold to other companies.

During the week we have fielded an additional 60 or so calls. We've come to recognize the numbers that call in and now I answer the phone with, "Crescenta Valley Weekly. Are you trying to sell me health insurance? If so, I'm not interested." Many times they hang up on me before I have the chance to hang up on them. While it can be entertaining, it is time consuming – and frustrating.

Rachele has threatened to quit if I ever give out my contact info again at a trade show – and I might join her.

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

I just hung up the phone – yet again – on someone who wants to sell me health insurance.

Steve and I attended a home show about a month ago. During

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# Weather in the Foothills

"The sky is the part of creation in which nature has done for the sake of pleasing man."

~ John Ruskin

Last Friday was Good Friday, and an excellent one in many ways. To back up before going forward ...

At the beginning of the COVID outbreak, Doug (the husband), Brighton (the Golden dog) and I were at a loss for some non-germ spreading fun; we not only found some, but it has become a tradition.

For those of you who are frequent readers of the CVW, the answer is known. To those who have recently discovered the paper, on Friday afternoons we escape to the sound of water, wind-driven fresh air and a place of peace; i.e., the beaches of Ventura and Santa Barbara. There we sit through sunset: pondering and observing ... chemtrails, playing dogs and sundogs.

According to the David Keith's Research Group – Harvard University (<https://keith.seas.harvard.edu/chemtrails-conspiracy-theory>) chemtrails refers to the theory that governments or other parties are engaged in a secret program to add toxic chemicals to the atmosphere from aircraft in a way that forms visible plumes in the sky, somewhat similar to contrails.

There's a lack of credible evidence that chemtrails exist. It would seem that if any evidence that governments were endangering their own citizens in the manner alleged in the chemtrails conspiracy, citizens would be eager to expose and stop any such activities.

Another ponderance we found among the clouds was sundogs. Sundogs are colored spots of light that develop due to the refraction of light through ice crystals. They look like a mini rainbow sampling against a blue sky when the sun is low on the horizon. If you missed last week's show, conditions will be present for an encore with a 70% chance of rain tonight!

A significant warming trend is forecast across the area this weekend into early next week. On Monday the Ensemble Prediction Systems and the Numerical Weather-prediction System members suggested daytime temperature will climb toward the lower 90s over the next few days in LA County valleys. Combining both allows us to estimate the most likely outcome.

With arrivals and departures of a storm come sundogs. Today's your lucky day; go outside. Look for a sundog, a chemtrail or maybe just play with a dog (before it starts to rain!).

*Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at [suekilpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:suekilpatrick@gmail.com).*

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### GO BATTY AT THE ROSEMONT PRESERVE

All are invited to a docent-led tour about bats at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Bat enthusiast Steve Gustafson will give an informative talk about local bats, tips on how to observe bats and their importance to Crescenta Valley and beyond. Gustafson has been studying and watching bats for many years.

After the bat event, the Preserve will stay open until 10:45 a.m. so attendees can enjoy the trail.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages, no reservations required. 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](mailto:rosemontfriends@gmail.com). Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

### LA COUNTY PROCLAIMS ARMENIAN GENOCIDE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Kathryn Barger, fifth district supervisor with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, joined the rest of the board in commemorating the 107th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide by proclaiming April 24 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, in recognition of one of the darkest chapters in human history.

Earlier this month, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed April as "Armenian History Month" in Los Angeles County – home to the largest population of Armenians in the United States.

### CVCA TO MEET APRIL 28

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

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# After More Than Seven Decades Faye's Is Closing

By Mary O'KEEFE

By now most have seen the signs "Going Out of Business Sale" on the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. Yes, it is true ... Faye's Intimate Apparel will be closing its doors after 73 years.

"It's time," said owner Linda Hattick, the daughter of Pat Grant, who was Faye's longtime owner until her death recently.

Though it might be "time" it is still sad to see an icon of the Montrose Shopping Park take its last bow.

There is something comforting about the familiar, and Faye's is more than that; it is actually the story of Montrose. It was the original owner Faye Snow who worked alongside Montrose Shopping Park founding families, including the Graysons, Draymans, Gelsingers and Frank Roberts, who really did put their community first and worked to create a shopping area that would stand the test of time.

Grant moved to California from the Midwest when she was 18 years old and moved in with her Aunt Faye. She started working at Faye's immediately. When Snow died, she left the store and properties to her. Grant worked at Faye's for over six decades until she died and ownership transferred to her children.

Hattick has worked at Faye's for 47 years and said she is ready to retire.

"I would like some holidays, and a vacation," she said.

Working retail has never been easy but in the last few years it has been even harder. Faye's took some time off but remained cautiously open throughout the pandemic.

Faye's Intimate Apparel is the last of the stores Snow owned, including a clothing department store in the building where the former Montrose Travel was housed in the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue. There was another store she owned across the street from Faye's where Starbucks is now.

"But mom's aunt said [the apparel store] at this corner was the most successful and should be kept," Hattick said.

The family still owns several properties



north of Faye's extending to the Montrose Barber Shop in the 3800 block of Ocean View Boulevard. The future of the family business properties will be decided by Hattick and her siblings but more than likely they will be sold.

Hattick said she does understand the concerns of the tenants who now occupy those buildings.

"My mom gave the tenants a fair and generous rent," she said.

When there is a sale of a property there is little doubt that rents will rise but Hattick assured that nothing will happen right away.

Faye's continues its going out of business sale, which started this week, with 50% off items. The first day of the sale saw a lot of customers come in to buy their favorite items, and a steady stream of customers continues to enter the store looking for great deals.

The store has a loyal customer base and has many traditional and unique items for all ages. The customers, including Helen Mirren who famously stopped by to purchase some items at Faye's during the filming of "Hitchcock" in the Montrose area, have

praised the selection. The customers' love and praise, however, have been drowned out at times by snarky and negative comments shared online about how dated the items appear to be.

"I won't miss those negative comments," Hattick said.

Staff has heard comments of people walking by the store regarding the mannequins or the nightgowns that are on display. But for those who have gone into the store, or who understand the significance of Faye's ... the mannequins in the window are as much part of Montrose as the Montrose clock, or pony rides for kids on Sunday morning.

It is sad to see this store close but, after so many decades, it is time that the Hattick family gets a well-deserved break.

"I will miss the customers who are so kind and so sweet," Hattick said.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Store owner Faye Snow worked alongside Montrose Shopping Park founding families, including the Graysons, Draymans, Gelsingers and Frank Roberts.



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# NOTES & NODS

## LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is working to help victims of domestic violence and the homeless. LCIF has earmarked money from its endowment fund to support Beacon Housing and Door of Hope, which provides transitional housing for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. LCIF will also support LA Family Housing and San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, which provide services to help people transition out of homelessness. The church invites people affiliated with the housing agencies to attend worship on Sunday, May 1 when each agency will be presented with a check for \$2,000.

Also on May 1, the church will hold a congregational meeting following its 10 a.m. worship service. A Zoom link will be provided on the LCIF website for those unable to attend in person.

The church also thanks the community for its generosity in supporting victims of the war in Ukraine. The LCIF drive to collect new clothing and baby supplies was a success, thanks to the people of the foothill communities. All of the items that were donated were displayed on the Easter service alter and blessed. LCIF has partnered with St. Andrews Orthodox Ukrainian Church in Elysian Park to get the items where they are needed.

LCIF welcomes all to attend its worship services led by

Pastor Chuck Bunnell. They are held in-person on Sundays at 10 a.m. The church continues to livestream the services on its YouTube channel, and they can be viewed at anytime on LCIF's website.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://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](mailto: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.

## Walk and Word

In April, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on April 24. They will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).

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

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# The Candidates Respond

In our ongoing efforts to better acquaint our readers with the candidates they'll be voting on within Glendale, CV Weekly posed questions to each of the candidates. Note that we had to limit some of their responses due to space limitations. Complete responses are available at [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS). To learn more about each candidate consider visiting their website.

*Candidates for Glendale City Council*

The following three questions were posed to the candidates; their responses are below in alphabetical order by first name:

1. Briefly, in what part of Glendale do you reside and what is your family background?
2. What do you think is the most pressing issue facing the City of Glendale over the next two years?
3. If elected (or re-elected) what do you think is the most important thing that you bring to the City Council?

*Anita Quinonez Gabrielian:*

1. I live in the Verdugo Woodlands neighborhood in a beautiful Spanish Colonial house my late husband and I bought and restored over three decades. I am an immigrant from Nicaragua who married an immigrant from Armenia. Our parents made great sacrifices, valued education and hard work. Our story – we met one summer in community college, he served in the U.S. Air Force, we reconnected at USC, we were married and raised three accomplished daughters. All five are proud USC alumni. We're part of the beautiful and diverse fabric that is Glendale.

2. Emerging strongly from the pandemic is our short-term challenge. We should support small businesses, our thriving high-tech industry and enhance our reputation as a safe and attractive destination to live, work and play. In part, we can do this by fully funding police and fire, preserving and modernizing our water & power facilities, more efficiently delivering city services to residents and businesses and supporting arts and culture. We're also faced with the challenge of major employers such as Disney and Dreamworks relocating thousands of jobs out of the city. We must invest, develop and implement a strong economic development plan that weaves in our rich city resources, our attractive geographic location and increase our commitment to investing in infrastructure.

3. I bring policy-making experience, a diverse perspective, a commitment to the environment and a planner's background. This will enrich City Council discussions, consider a long-term perspective, lead to more robust and transparent decision-making and ensure investment in infrastructure and environmental sustainability.

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*Ara Najarian:*

1. I live with my wife Palmira in the Verdugo Woodlands neighborhood. I have been a Glendale resident since 1980 and bought my first home in the Woodlands in 1991. I was born and raised in Ohio. My father is a retired surgeon and my mother is a retired nurse. My two sons attended Glendale schools and have graduated from college and law school. I have three siblings, two of whom live in Glendale and the other in La Cañada.

2. The most pressing issue in Glendale is public safety. Crime is on the increase statewide but Glendale has done a good job of avoiding much of the crime that our other neighboring cities face. I will continue to support our police and fire departments and offer them all the resources that they request from Council.

3. No one brings to the City Council the level of experience that I bring. As a four-term mayor, I know how the city runs and am very familiar with the needs of all areas of Glendale. We face constant challenges at the city including land use, environmental, safety, recreation, infrastructure and social issues. The city needs a steady hand on Council to ensure that all decisions by Council are thoughtful, measured and in the best interests of all the residents and areas of the city.

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*Dan Brotman:*

1. I live in the Verdugo Woodlands.
2. *Housing affordability:* Young people starting

their careers, and the elderly on a fixed income, are increasingly being priced out of the city. We must provide more housing of all types, especially downtown and along our commercial corridors, while balancing that against the need to preserve the quality of our neighborhoods.

*Speeding/reckless driving:* Too many innocent pedestrians and bicyclists are being injured every month. We must increase traffic enforcement while implementing the design changes called for in our Pedestrian Plan.

*Energy:* We must make a final decision on how to replace the aging Grayson Power Plant. I have pushed to reduce or eliminate the need to invest in new fossil fuel power. GWP has done a lot already but can do more.

Longer term, we need to address issues around waste reduction, especially as we close our landfill, and climate adaptation as our region becomes hotter and drier.

3. My background is as an economist, financial professional, professor, community organizer and policy maker. I've lived in many cities and countries so I have a broad perspective on the issues we face. I led a grassroots campaign to push Glendale to be more innovative so I know how to build coalitions and drive change. On Council, I've proven to be someone who challenges business-as-usual approaches. I've also demonstrated that I'm not just about the big policy ideas but also about solving everyday problems. Anyone who has ever emailed me knows that I always respond, promptly and substantively.

*Elen Asatryan:*

1. I currently reside in the Verdugo Viejo neighborhood of Glendale. I've been a proud resident of Glendale for 30 years and grew up in south Glendale. My family moved to Glendale in 1992 searching for the American Dream when I was at the formative age of 10. My mother Stella and father Gagik raised me and my two siblings, Lusine and Eric, to work hard, help our neighbors and give back to our community. I am a proud former student of Columbus Elementary, Toll Middle School, and Hoover High School. The proudest title I hold is being an aunt to my nephews Robert, 12 and David, 10.

2. Pressing issues facing Glendale are as diverse as our communities—some of which include homelessness, housing, sustainability, public and pedestrian safety, as well as difficulties navigating city hall and access to services, particularly for the most vulnerable in our community and our small businesses.

3. I will bring to the Council my deep love for Glendale, my professional background in policy and my proven track record of helping our residents and small businesses cut through the bureaucratic red tape. For the last 20 years, I've taken immense pride in serving as the bridge between residents, small businesses and our city hall and bringing diverse groups together to find common solutions. I know how to get things done. I will bring that same determined and unifying spirit to tackle our most challenging problems.

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*Isabel Valencia Tevanyan*

1. I have resided in North Glendale and my family background is from Peru.

2. Mental health issues and housing. Mental health is a big concern in my opinion because a large amount of our community is relying on substances, whether it's over the counter or not. The outcome of this issue affects all of us in our community and has a long-term effect we need to focus on now. My second main issue would be the way local government has not been ready for the excessive amount of the population increase in comparison to the housing available in the city.

3. I represent the silent people that occupy the city of Glendale. Majority of these people do not have a voice; I am eager to be someone to represent these voices and be a part of our city's decisions.

*Jordan Henry:*

1. My home is in the Crescenta Highlands neighborhood of Glendale. Born in Indiana, I come from a long line of dairy farmers, pastors and educators. My wife Elise and I moved to Los Angeles in 2012, and

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2. As a landscape architect, I'm deeply concerned about the climate, yet Council must pursue environmental sustainability without compromising the health and safety of our most vulnerable citizens.

The repowering project at Grayson Power Plant is a drastic improvement over the first proposal. A Tesla megapack battery would be installed and the five natural gas generators would someday be reconfigured for 100% hydrogen fuel. Council voted unanimously to put the Grayson project on hold until December 2022 – against their own appointed commission's vote in support of the project.

In 2024, under state emission mandates, Glendale will no longer be able to purchase high-efficiency, natural gas generators. If we do not commit to the repowering project now, we will miss this window to expand our grid before we experience rolling brownouts and exorbitant utility rates. Poor, vulnerable people will suffer the most when our strained electrical grid cannot meet demand.

3. As a landscape architect, I know the best community planning is led by the community itself. I will make sure the residents who are most affected by development are the primary stakeholders. I will fight against SB 9 and 10, which will rapidly urbanize single-family neighborhoods in Glendale. Zoning authority must strictly remain at the local level.

Henry4glendale.com

*Karen Kwak:*

1. I live in a one-bedroom apartment in South Glendale with two cats.  
2. Housing affordability – the same issue I've been fighting for the last five years.

3. During the pandemic, we have seen how tenant-landlord issues affect everyone in Glendale, where 67% of residents are renters. I worked with community groups and the City Council to create the new Tenant-Landlord Committee, so we can come together to discuss problems and find common sense solutions.

I have big dreams for our city and specific ideas on how to make them real:

- A new model of affordable housing and the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) to give renters a chance to buy the building they live in
- Right to counsel and anti-harassment laws for fair and safe housing
- Public banking to save money for the city and serve our people
- Council districts so that areas like South Glendale are represented in city hall
- An Ethics Commission to keep our politicians honest
- Healthy trees and clean water for everyone

At a time when it is easy for people to live in bubbles where everyone thinks the same way, I encourage different voices to talk to each other and work for positive change.

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*Vrej Agajanian:*

1. My beginnings were very humble. All seven of my family members and I had to live in a room no larger than 120 square feet. Since the age of 8, I had to work to help support my family. Despite my difficult childhood, I studied diligently in order to attend a top engineering school. Afterwards, I would become an entrepreneur owing two U.S.-based T.V. channels on Charter-Spectrum. I have lived in Glendale for 40 years now and reside in Verdugo Woodlands.

2. The most pressing issues for Glendale are the core issues that cities have always faced. I ran my first campaign on increasing affordable housing and supporting small businesses. Since my inauguration, we have increased affordable housing by 40%, or over 500 units, within a span of only two years. This is a greater year-over-year number than even Los Angeles, which is 20 times our city's population. In fact, it is a record-breaking amount for any city in the United States. As for businesses, we have succeeded in cutting red tape, especially for permit issuance. Unlike other cities in LA, we averted a great number of bankruptcies by providing local pandemic relief aid under my

mayorship.

3. I am the only professional engineer (P.E.) on City Council. There are many decisions that Council has to make in regards to adopting new technologies. My unique background in science has helped me to properly evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of those decisions.

*Candidates for GUSD Board of Education*

The following two questions were posed to the candidates for GUSD Areas B, C & D; their responses are below in alphabetical order by first name:

1. What is the most pressing issue facing GUSD Area B [C, D]?

2. What is the single most important experience you will bring to the GUSD board if elected?

*Candidates for Area B*

*Ingrid Gunnell:*

1. The pressing issues facing our district are teaching truth, improving salaries and working conditions, and mental health supports. We need to ensure that our students are taught accurate information that is inclusive, accurate and reflective of society; ensure that our faculty and staff have wages and health benefits that allow them to live and raise families on wages from one job; workloads that are manageable; and mandates that are funded. Addressing the severe mental health needs of our students and adults by prioritizing the hiring of mental health professionals.

2. I have a breadth and depth of experience as a 24-year teacher and teacher adviser, working with our youngest students, students with special needs, families, and educators. I have advocated for increased revenue, lower class sizes, expanded student opportunities and inclusion of all students. I am community- and solution-oriented and prioritize listening and lifting up issues from school site stakeholders.

Ingridgunnell.com

*Lerna Amiryans:*

1. The pandemic has created many unique and pressing challenges for our students, educators and parents at GUSD. Although we still do not know the extent of this impact, we must proactively work towards improving everyone's access to academic resources and mental health services.

2. Societal norms and culture always start from the top down and, as an elected member, I will bring inclusivity and compassion. As my past public service will show, I will increase engagement with all stakeholders in the district, foster a healthy work environment, always provide avenues for feedback, create safe spaces for courageous and comfortable conversations to take place and connect with the students and teachers. Our schools are a big part of a community, and my plan is to unify GUSD in a polarized time like this.

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*Candidates for Area C*

*Armina Gharpetian:*

1. I am a 34-year resident of Verdugo Woodlands (in Area C), a mother of three children and a healthcare professional. A majority of the issues related to education are not unique to District C. The most pressing issue in the past two years has been the pandemic. I am especially proud of my leadership role as the board president to keep our students and employees safe and healthy during the most challenging times in the history of GUSD. Every important decision made by the Board encompasses all of our 30 schools and 25,000 students.

2. When reelected, my commitment to our entire GUSD community will be to continue fulfilling my responsibility by:

- Being fiscally responsible to maintain District's financial stability
- Increase safety and security of our campuses
- Ensuring health and wellness of our students and staff
- Providing high quality of education and resources to every student

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*Kathleen Cross:*

1. GUSD must retain our students by ensuring our schools have robust programs that are desirable, equitable and supported from TK through high school. Many of these great programs already exist in our elementary schools; yet we lose too many students when they move on to middle and high school. GUSD must address this head-on. While bills like SB 830 offer legislative fixes, focusing on strong enrollment will always be imperative to fiscal solvency. The District should also work with the City of Glendale on solutions to the high cost of living that is forcing teachers and families out of GUSD.

Related to enrollment is the need to hire and retain excellent teachers, principals, and staff for our schools. Our schools are only as strong as the people who run them, and we need to make sure our contracts have compensation and benefits to attract and keep the very best educators in our schools.

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*Candidate for Area D*

*Shant Sahakian:*

1. As a proud lifelong resident, product of our public schools, and GUSD parent, it has been the honor of a lifetime to serve our community as a member of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education representing District D.

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The pandemic has produced and exacerbated unprecedented challenges for our students and school community. Our highest priority must be providing our students with the academic, social, and emotional support they need to recover, accelerate, and prepare for their bright and successful futures.

2. As a school board member, I have provided strong leadership as we collectively navigated through one of the most challenging time

periods in our school district's history and I have worked tirelessly with our students, parents, families, teachers, and staff to address our school community's greatest needs. I look forward to the opportunity to continue my service on behalf of the most valuable assets in our community – our children.

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*Candidates for Glendale City Clerk*

The following two questions were posed to the candidates; their responses are below in alphabetical order by first name:

1. What is the most important role the City Clerk's office plays within the City of Glendale?

2. What is the single most important experience you will bring to the City Clerk's office if elected?

*Greg Krikorian*

1. The most important role of the city clerk is to administer democratic processes such as elections, access to city records, and all legislative actions ensuring transparency to the public.

2. I bring 22 years as an elected member of the Glendale Board of Education, where all five of my children graduated. I built a foundation of trust, integrity and confidence with Glendale's residents, businesses, educational leaders, civic organizations, and elected officials. As an active business and community advocate, I have faithfully served the community in which I live and work.

Earning a master's degree in organizational leadership and bachelor's degree in business

administration equipped me with essential knowledge in effective strategic communications and governance. I have substantial practical experience in connecting and collaborating with the community and its residents as well as local and state public administrators and policy makers to find effective solutions to the issues that affect all of our residents.

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*Suzie Abajian:*

1. The most critical role of the City Clerk is ensuring that city elections, council meetings, and commission meetings take place in a fair and transparent way. Transparency enables public trust and galvanizes civic engagement.

2. When elected, the most important things I will bring to the City are my experience and qualifications. As someone with administrative experience in a public agency, I know how to work with staff, interface with the public and ensure organizational compliance with the law. As a former school board clerk and president, I have a deep understanding of the California Brown Act, the California Public Records Act and fair political practices. My experience as a 24-year educator and professor will be invaluable in launching educational initiatives through which residents can learn about city operations and the electoral process. I will ensure transparency through good information governance and open data initiatives while taking into account cyber security.

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**April 15**  
 4300 block of Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident found the rear glass side door of his home had been shattered, multiple rooms had been ransacked and several items were stolen between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

**April 14**  
 600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, several clothing items were stolen from a store. Video surveillance cameras revealed two men grabbing multiple clothing items from the men's clothing section. An employee attempted to make contact with the suspects; however, they ran toward the rear entrance of the store. The suspects ran outside and entered a blue Hyundai SUV with a female suspect driving and fled the area. The theft occurred at 5:19 p.m.

2300 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, the front passenger window of a vehicle was shattered and personal items were stolen overnight.

**April 12**  
 3000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, two female suspects entered the store with empty bags and filled the bags with items and left without attempting to pay at 9:23 p.m.

**April 10**  
 Angeles Crest Highway, mile marker 30.65 in the Angeles National Forest, two people parked at a parking lot and went for a hike. They stated they had locked their vehicle doors. When they returned they discovered that both of their wallets, which were left in the vehicle, were missing. They discovered that their credit cards that had been in their wallets had been fraudulently used at stores.  
 The theft occurred between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**April 9**  
 Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, the driver's side keyhole was punched in a vehicle and personal items were stolen from the trunk between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.



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our entire community acknowledges that its wholeness is based on the unique strengths of each of its community members and that we can no longer innocently harbor feelings of superiority and separatism in our society," the mayor read from commendations presented to local representatives of the "oldest Armenian community and political organizations still working one hundred years later."

"Glendale is home to one of the largest Armenian American populations per capita in the diaspora and Armenians in Glendale have enriched our city through their leadership and contributions in business, academia, government and the arts," added Kassakhian. "Many have family members who were affected by the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its ongoing denial. Every person should be made aware and educated about the Armenian Genocide and other genocides and crimes against humanity – presented by this grandson of survivors of the Armenian Genocide."

Councilmember Paula Devine added, "I'm of Ukrainian descent and I feel as if there's a genocide right before our very eyes. I have always supported the Armenian community and I will always support you. We shall never forget – a thousand years from now – we shall never forget."

"It is tragic what's going on in Ukraine but there're many ongoing situations of genocide and crimes against humanity that don't get this level of attention including, of course, what's

happening in Artsakh, what's happening in western China with the Uyghurs, what's happening in Myanmar with the Rohingya. It's a tragedy of human history that this seems to just continue," Councilmember Dan Brotman said. "I guess what we can do is call it out, as loudly as possible, and continue to condemn these acts and hold the perpetrators accountable, even if they are long gone in the distance of history."

Councilmember Vrej Agajanian offered a single quote from Adolf Hitler at the conclusion of the Obersalzberg speech in 1939: "Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"

Glendale will commemorate the Armenian Genocide at an event at the Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., on Sunday, April 24 at 7 p.m. The event will feature the music of famed Armenian, Komitas, curated by the Lark Musical Society. Tickets are free and available at <https://www.itsmyseat.com/events/809470.html>.

Next, the council heard an update on spending from Measure R, funding the city gets from Metro to enhance streets and mobility. Glendale expects to spend approximately \$100 million over the next 10 years and has already completed projects costing \$27 million. The next \$12 million is slated to make improvements to the Cañada south fork to Honolulu Avenue in north Glendale, including \$5 million to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; \$4 million in street projects to improve roadway infrastructure in the downtown area; and \$3

million for critical aerial road work in south Glendale, linking the train station to downtown. Adopted in 2021, the city's Pedestrian Master Plan has three phases. In the first five years, 10 of 21 projects (\$3.5 million) have been completed; five are under design (\$4 million). For the next 10 years, 10 of 22 projects are done (\$6 million). And, for the last 10 years, six of 14 projects are complete (\$5.5 million); two are being designed (\$33 million) including \$30 million for a bridge spanning the LA River.

"To put it simply, the question is: Which do we put first – pedestrians or automobiles?" Mayor Kassakhian observed.

In celebration of Earth Day on Friday, April 22, councilmembers shared that all trips on the Beeline and LA Metro are free all day on Friday.

The city is sponsoring an Earth Day Pop-Up on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Artsakh Paseo, Councilmember Devine announced.

Finally, the council unanimously voted to accept \$138,788 in grant funding from Caltrans' Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for electric bus charging infrastructure.

"It's great to bring this to council," said city manager Roubik Golanian, "as it falls in complete alignment with the council's priorities of sustainability and infrastructure improvement."

Public Works director Yazdan Emrani reported on the plan to electrify buses. "We'll be buying three chargers for the five electric buses you approved in January."

CAPTAIN from Cover

"What I am hoping for is for our deputies to have more training so they can be better informed when making decisions in the field," he said of his plans for the future.

He also wants more patrol cars in the field and to have better response times, which leads to better crime deterrents.

The CV area has relatively low crime rates compared to other areas in LA County, in part due to proactive measures by the sheriff's department, and Hahnlein gives a lot of credit to the communities the CV Station serves.

"The community is very proactive," he said. "The community is one of our biggest supporters."

Representatives from the CV Sheriff's Station shared tips on how to avoid crime, often at meetings of the CV Town Council and the La Cañada Flintridge City Council, as well as at local

Neighborhood Watches.

"I just want to make sure that [residents] keep their eyes [open] for their neighbors," he said. "I would like to ramp up our Neighborhood Watch programs."

Having cameras and motion detector lights are helpful in deterring crime and could help deputies locate suspects.

There is not a large homeless population in the CV area and, when deputies do respond to a call concerning a homeless person or someone who appears to suffer from a mental illness, they can call in a mental evaluation team to assist. The team, composed of a nurse and a deputy, will respond to the call.

"We find them medical [support], psychiatric help or housing," Hahnlein said.

Hahnlein said he is excited to begin work as the official captain of his hometown station and looks forward to working with the community.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# The House of Artists, Musicians, Poets and Rock Stars

The United States has been host to many of the finest architects ever known. Frank Lloyd Wright would naturally be at the top of that list, but a close second would be Austrian-born Richard Neutra. Neutra studied under Wright and Rudolph Schindler, and is considered one of the kings of modernist design. We are fortunate to have two Neutra homes here in La Crescenta: the Taylor House in Whiting Woods and the Serulnic House at the top of Lowell Avenue. Although I wrote about the Serulnic House several years ago, it's worth writing about again as the house, with many improvements, is up for sale.

George and Dorothy Serulnic were a young couple of high achievement in 1952. George was a violinist with the LA Philharmonic and Dorothy was a poet, minister and, more importantly, a secretary to Richard Neutra. That gave them

an "in" with the famous architect when they commissioned him to design a hillside home in the upper reaches of La Crescenta on the edge of Tujunga. The builder carved out a platform on six steep acres overlooking both the San Fernando Valley and Downtown LA. Neutra designed a home with huge windows and many futuristic built-in furnishings, including a coffee table that raises to a dining room table and a sofa with a built-in sound system.

The Serulnics lived here happily for many decades. When George died, Dorothy hand picked the next buyers. The property went to Lari Pittman and Roy Dowell. The two buyers were very successful LA artists and both were professors at Pasadena's Art Center. As well, the couple were appreciators of great architecture. They completely restored the aging Neutra-designed home, adding a few complementary

features.

But in 2007 they challenged the "architect to the stars" Michael Maltzan to build a second home on the site that would take cues from the Neutra masterpiece. Maltzan responded with a futuristic seven-sided house on the outer edge of the hillside cut. The new house looks like a pinwheel from above, the interior spaces divided into triangular shapes around an interior courtyard. As well they added a catering kitchen, a lap pool and an outdoor movie pavilion. They turned the original Neutra house into somewhat of a Neutra "shrine" and had it officially listed as a historic structure.

In 2018, the two artists decided to move and listed the home for \$4.25 million. The property was picked up by a rock star, Michael Balzery, better known by his nickname "Flea." (He was named this as a teenager because of his inability to

sit still.) Flea is the bass player for the legendary rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers. Flea added this home to his other two homes in Beverly Hills and Malibu.

We have no idea how often Flea actually lived in this home since he had two other homes, and was in the studio or on the road touring a great deal of the time. I'm reminded of the lyrics of Joe Walsh's song "Life's Been Good" about the life of a rock star: "I have a mansion, forget the price. Ain't never been there, they tell me it's nice." But Flea did make at least one addition to the home while he was there. If one wants to get away from the completely modern architecture, there's now a rustic-yet-modern redwood one-bedroom cabin designed by artist Peter Staley on the property.

And, in a nod to Flea's pedestrian roots, In-N-Out is just down the street for his dining pleasure.

The house is located up a long

sweeping driveway coming off of the intersection of Lowell and Markridge Road, but is best viewed looking up from Day Street. Look for the gigantic dream-catcher that dominates the front edge of the property.

But now Flea is moving on and the house is listed for \$9.8 million. The worth of the home has doubled in just four years? That's one way the rich get richer.



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

## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » LAURA FRIEDMAN

When I was tapped by Speaker Anthony Rendon to lead the Assembly Transportation Committee in 2020, I decided to take a very different approach than my predecessor. As an environmental advocate, my approach has been to focus transportation policy on improving safety, public health and sustainability across the board.

As a state, we've been a global leader in setting ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and toxic smog. The roadmap we set for the transportation sector, the largest contributor to California's greenhouse gas emissions, will be critical in determining whether or not we'll meet those benchmarks.

We're already seeing some progress. The California Air Resources Board recently proposed ending the sale of new gasoline-powered cars in the state by 2035,

and companies such as UPS have introduced vehicles that run on hydrogen fuel. Our commuter system Metrolink has moved to use plant-based renewable fuel, leading the nation in sustainable transportation.

However, even under the most aggressive scenario for zero-emission vehicle adoption and transition to cleaner fuels, we in California cannot meet our climate, public health and equity goals exclusively by relying on a shift in transportation technologies. We have to reduce our dependence on driving in order to meet our climate goals. This is largely the context for my environmental legislation currently in the works.

Along with the transition to zero emission vehicles, we are re-examining our habits and landscapes in service to the health and safety of our communities and our environment. It's why I've introduced

AB 2438, which requires all projects for transportation infrastructure, funded at the state and local level, to adhere to a climate action plan and the California Transportation Plan.

Transportation touches everything. At its best, it is society's circulatory system, connecting people between where they work, where they live and how they go about their daily lives. If we're going to convince Californians to drive less, we need high-quality transit and active transportation options that enable walking and cycling that allow easy mobility throughout the community without forcing residents to spend money on a car.

The impact of a robust transit and active transportation network can be profound. It's about public health, eliminating toxic emissions from our air and soil, and giving people ways to exercise and recreate safely. It's about seeing our neighbors and being able to look each other in the eye while we're between destinations, because these connections also improve public health by helping us build a stronger sense of accountability and togetherness. It's about equity, reducing inequality and increasing job opportunities for our underserved communities. Strengthening our communities through transit strengthens our economy. Public transit is key to opening up housing opportunities. It reduces traffic congestion and answers those concerns when it comes to building more homes. It's why major environmental advocacy groups, such as the Sierra Club, champion housing access for all by calling for growth

that is compact, more walkable and transit-supportive.

Since 2017, I've been working to connect the communities of the 43rd District through active transportation infrastructure. So far, I've been able to secure \$30 million in state funds to complete the Glendale Riverwalk with the Garden River Bridge that will connect Glendale with Griffith Park. I've also advocated for investments along the Verdugo Wash that can safely link our neighborhoods with Glendale Community College and other amenities. This year, I'm leading the way to build connections across the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

Imagine biking from the Sepulveda Dam to Griffith Park, Downtown Los Angeles and then to Long Beach on an uninterrupted bike path, out of the lanes of traffic, completely protected from automobiles with signal prioritization across intersections. I've pulled together a coalition of my colleagues in the San Fernando Valley to support a budget proposal to allocate \$200 million to complete the LA River Bike Path by 2028. The demand for dedicated bike paths is as high among daily commuters as it is among mothers who just want to be able bicycle safely to the grocery store, the park and for leisure with their children.

As more people opt to travel by bike, we need to make sure cyclists have legitimate space and acknowledgement on our roads. AB 1909, our omnibus bill – or we're calling it our "Omnibike" bill – will make it easier, more affordable and safer for all Californians to use bicycles.

Safety is central to facilitating

more active transportation. This was the motivation for AB 43, which was my bill to modernize the way that cities set speed limits. Earlier in March, the City of Los Angeles became one of the first cities to take advantage of this new law by reducing speed limits on 177 miles of city streets, where they've had to raise those speed limits over time, against the wishes of residents and against the needs of safety. And now I'm building on the work of AB 43 with AB 2336, which will authorize a pilot program to use speed cameras to slow down cars, while using fines that are generated to be invested right back into those same streets for traffic-calming measures.

Safety for wildlife is also important when it comes to how we design highways. Land covered by highways brings profound harm to nature. This also leads to major safety concerns. There have been more than 44,000 wildlife/traffic collisions reported on California roads from 2016 to 2020. AB 2344, the Safe Roads and Wildlife Protection Act, would instruct Caltrans and the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to identify areas of high road-kill and wildlife movement. It would establish a wildlife connectivity project list so that we reduce collisions between cars and large migrating animals such as deer and mountain lions. We can and must design our environments to be safer and more harmonious for both humans and wildlife.

We are at a time of great opportunity for transportation infrastructure in this state, and I am proud that California leads the way on so many fronts.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cheers to CVWD

Here's a shout-out to the Crescenta Valley Water District. At 6 p.m. on Friday, April 15 I noticed a small amount of water coming up through the pavement in the middle of Glenwood Avenue

just below Stevens Street. I could hear water bubbling under the asphalt and called the emergency telephone number for the CVWD. Several men and trucks arrived in about 30 minutes and worked until almost 10 p.m.

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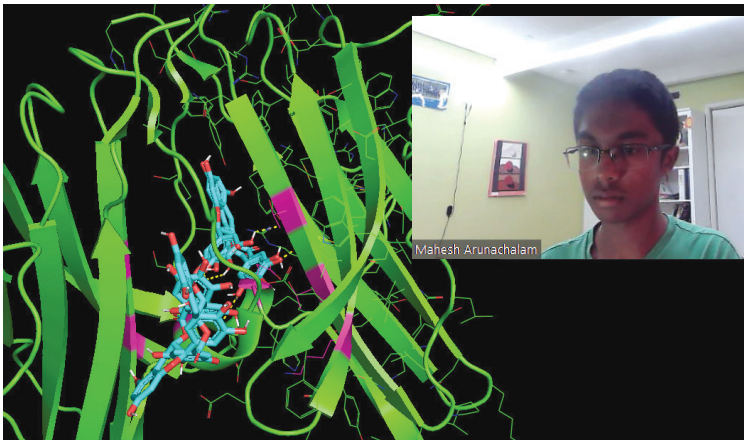
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THE VIEWS EXPRESSED DON'T NECESSARILY REPRESENT THOSE OF CV WEEKLY.



# YOUTH

## Local Students Win Big at Science Fair



By Lori BODNAR

Several students from the community placed highly in their divisions at the 72nd Annual Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair (LACSEF), held virtually in March. Students who won first or second place will move on to compete at the California Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF) on April 12. Due to pandemic concerns, the CSEF will be held virtually. Around 900 students from 400 schools in the state will compete for approximately \$60,000 in awards.

CVHS student Marta Pambukhchyan was selected to represent the United States at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in which around 80 countries participate. This is the sixth time CVHS students will be represented at ISEF. The event will be May 7-13 in Atlanta, Georgia, held as a hybrid format, with both in-person and virtual competitors.

Mountain Avenue Elementary School students Pranav Arunachalam and Ved Kartik participated in LACSEF.

Pranav won first place in the engineering research — junior category and was a sweepstake finalist.

“My project was about extracting text from objects and reading it out loud,” said Pranav. “My project is a prototype that takes a picture and reads any text on it and says it out loud. It is meant to help visually impaired people read text on commonly used objects.”

Mountain Avenue Elementary School Principal Jaelyn Scott had high praise for the students who took part in the science fair.

“I am proud Mountain Avenue participates in this annual event,” she said. “While it is designed for middle and high school students, each year many of our sixth grade students participate. A huge thank you to sixth-grade teachers Kelly Schroeder and Nancy

Dziok for being LACSEF site coordinators. I am so proud of Ved for his participation and Pranav for winning first place. It’s through events like this that our focus on STEAM education is highlighted.”

Fifteen students from Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) participated in LACSEF. All are part of the Academy of Science and Medicine, a career pathway program overseen by Orenda Tuason and Alamelu Arunachalam. The students are also in Tuason’s science research class.

CVHS student Mahesh Arunachalam won first place in the pharmacology category. He is an ISEF alternate and a sweepstake finalist.

“My project aimed to target the treatment and coping stages of cancer diagnosis,” Mahesh explained. “It identified naturally occurring metabolites using known data such as the American Institute of Cancer Research database. I screened these metabolites in biological modeling software to identify hits in the inhibition of various mutated cell receptors. These results were compared to FDA-approved drugs.”

CVHS student Marta Pambukhchyan won first place in environmental management and also won the Stockholm Junior Water Prize. Marta was chosen for the second consecutive year for ISEF competition.

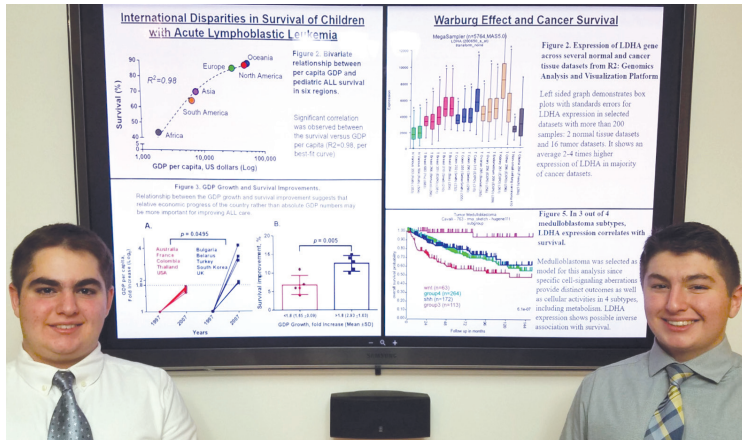
Pambukhchyan said, “My project investigated common water filter powders to see whether they can be applied in landfill liners to filter out contaminants from leachate (produced from rainwater and landfill waste).”

CVHS students William and Daniel Panosyan worked on a project that ended up winning second place in the behavioral and social sciences category. Their project was about global disparities in pediatric cancer survival rates. They found that acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) survival rates increased as GDP grew.

“Our project suggests that improving GDP per capita of less developed nations will drastically increase ALL survival rates and help to alleviate outcome disparities in poorer nations,” said Daniel.

CVHS freshman Easan Hamkins won second place in physics and received a special award of \$100 from the American Vacuum Society.

“I have played trumpet for seven years and am in CVHS symphony orchestra. There have been many COVID-19 precautions



implemented in our instrumental music organization including spreading six feet apart, using masks for our instruments, wearing special musician masks, having air filters, opening doors, and getting tested weekly for coronavirus,” Hamkins said. “It made me wonder how much saliva wind instruments produced. I tried to answer this by using a laser to light up saliva droplets being ejected from instruments, collecting the saliva, and using potassium iodide starch strips to visualize the droplets on paper.”

CVHS student Kelly Fung won third place in plant biology and physiology at LACSEF.

“My project was about the impact of concentrated CO2 on mung bean plants and if it would help their germination and growth,” said Fung.

Many students received special awards and recognition. Rosalia Park received an honorable mention in environmental management, Shauna Hong received an award from NASA, Justin Jeong and Marta Pambukhchyan received a Stockholm Junior Water Prize. Christine Kim and Kalia Manayan received awards from the U.S. Air Force. Additional recognition was given to CVHS students David Ajemyan, Maryam Akelyan, Calliope Araz, Haley Kim, Shauna Hong, Kalia Manayan, Christine Kim, and Justin Jeong.

Many of the CVHS and Mountain Avenue Elementary students enjoyed the LACSEF.

Mountain Avenue sixth grade student Pranav said, “I created a slide deck, a report, a YouTube video and a logbook. I also had an interview with judges who asked me questions about my project. The process was fun because I got to use my creativity to design and make everything. I learned about the eye and software. I liked my first experience at the science fair and I encourage others to participate at LACSEF.”

CVHS Academy of Science and Medicine and science research class helped prepare the students for LACSEF.

Hamkins said, “The Science Research Class gave me a timeline for where I should be in my project and helped me stay motivated. I was surrounded by helpful and experienced upperclassmen shared what to expect for the LACSEF. The CVHS Fair judges gave me advice I needed to take my project to the next level.”

Kelly Fung said, “The CVHS science fair helped so much! I got feedback on what I can do to change

the way I present my information and how I can better collect it. The biggest help was the science research class. From Ms. Tuason and Mrs. Arunachalam giving feedback on my slides to classmates giving their own suggestions, I had a lot to work with.”

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LEFT: Mahesh Arunachalam won first place in the pharmacology category.  
RIGHT: Daniel and William Panosyan with their project.

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### Correction

In the April 14 issue two local stories were unintentionally melded. “Fundraiser Features Food, Cars and Fun” included information on a fundraiser benefitting youth of the La Crescenta Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and an unrelated “pop up” event.

CVW apologizes for the confusion.

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## SPORTS

## No. 1 Falcons Beat Rival Apaches



Photos by Justin HAGER

LEFT: The Falcons celebrate at home plate after a three-run homer by sophomore Kaley Krohn.

ABOVE: Wild base running kept the Falcons from scoring insurance runs but didn't cost them the game.

By Justin HAGER

After a wild week of matchups between the top teams in the Pacific League, the Crescenta Valley High School girls' softball team sits alone

atop the Pacific League standings.

The game started precariously for the Falcons as Arcadia put a run on the board almost instantly in the first inning. But the Falcons responded just as quickly, scoring four in the second inning,

including two runs on a hard-hit second-inning bases loaded single by junior Lily Hinkle.

The Apaches rallied in the third after they prevented the Falcons from scoring despite an early triple from sophomore Anais Ochoaas

and then came out swinging in their half of the inning as the top of their lineup continued this season's unparalleled offensive production. However, the Apaches failed to fully capitalize on their early inning hits, scoring only two

and ending the third still trailing to the Falcons 4-3.

Sensing that Arcadia was not going to relent, the Falcons stepped up in the top of the fourth looking for insurance runs. They had already scored one and put two more on base when sophomore Haley Krohn pelted a ball over the left field wall for a three-run homer and an 8-3 Falcon lead.

Arcadia clawed its way back into the game, scoring three runs in the fifth inning. And the Falcons left the door open for a comeback in the seventh when a questionable call at home plate and a series of running errors prematurely ended their opportunity for some insurance runs.

However, once again Arcadia failed to capitalize and CVHS secured the 8-6 victory and sole possession of first place in the Pacific League.

CVHS' win couldn't have come at a better time. Just 10 days ago, Arcadia was the clear League favorite, having just completed a clean sweep of all three of its closest rivals in the League as the Falcons' licked the wounds from their first match against Arcadia and their first Pacific League loss of the season. But since then, it's been all Crescenta Valley as it made its own sweep of its top League rivals, including a 7-0 shutout of Burbank, a nail-biting last inning comeback against preseason favorite Burroughs, and Tuesday's win over Arcadia.

Those same 10 days were particularly rough on Burroughs and Burbank, both of which are now likely to finish the regular season outside of the top-three as the surging Pasadena Bulldogs, which started the season 0-3 but are now tied with Burbank at 5-5, leapfrog into a top-three finish.

With Burbank and Burroughs in near freefall, the Pacific League championship looks likely to come down to the last game of the season – next Thursday's Senior Day rematch between CVHS and Arcadia, at Crescenta Valley High. With the regular season title on the line, Coach Joel Curtis encouraged fans to come out to the game wearing Falcon blue and celebrate this year's seniors. Game time is set for 3:30 p.m. from CVHS.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Delaney Family and Friends Raising Funds for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

On Sunday, April 10, La Cañada resident Linda Delaney and her mother, La Crescenta resident Virginia Christopher, held a bake sale benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). One hundred percent of the \$1500 raised that day was donated to the Society for research.

Also participating in the bake sale for a cause were Delaney's daughters Kelly and Dana. Kelly, who was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia when she was 3 years old, is a survivor of this life-threatening disease and today works for LLS as a campaign development manager.

"I am eternally grateful for the resources and knowledge of the doctors who saved Kelly's life. It is because of fundraisers like we had that enables her and other patients with leukemia and lymphoma to survive and thrive," Delaney said.

Christopher, Kelly's grandmother added, "I am proud to work with the Delaney family representing the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and my goal is for people to see Kelly as living proof of healing and inspiration."

Delaney also mentioned that donor support makes a real and immediate impact in the lives of blood cancer patients and contributions have already helped the Society develop a children's initiative that will help the LLS get closer to safer, less toxic treatments for children and cures for blood cancers.

For more information about making a donation to the Delaney campaign for LLS call or text her at (818) 253-7195.

Submitted by  
Jane NAPIER NEELY



ABOVE: At the bake sale benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society are bakers (from left) Virginia Christopher, Linda Delaney and Diane Lafyatis who bought their homemade cupcakes.

BELOW: LCF resident Rose Manning (left) stops to buy a pastry at the bake sale benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Helping her make a sweet selection are Kelly and Dana Delaney. Kelly is a leukemia survivor.



## Californians Lead in Motor Oil Recycling

As California continues to be a leader in environmental justice laws and programs, many residents look for personal solutions to help keep California green and clean. One way Californians can make a big impact is by recycling their used motor oil and oil filters when they do oil changes at home. According to the California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), approximately 100 million gallons of used oil are recycled in California each year – and as Los Angeles County residents – we can do even more!

DTSC states that recycling and reusing used motor oil provides environmental benefits because it can be re-refined over and over again into new oil or processed into fuel oils which reduces the need to produce "new" oil. Additionally, used oil filters contain reusable scrap metal, which steel producers



can reuse as scrap feed.

When doing oil changes at home, it is crucial that the used motor oil and oil filters are disposed of correctly and not poured down the drain, in the trash, on the ground or in the storm drain. The Environmental Protection Agency mentions that used motor oil from a single oil change can ruin a million gallons of fresh water – that's a year's supply for 50 people.

For detailed instructions on how to properly store, dispose and recycle both used motor oil and oil filters, visit [CleanLA.com](http://CleanLA.com) or call (888) CLEAN LA.

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## Donation from Home Instead Brings Respite to Caregivers at YMCA of the Foothills

Greg Sanchez from Home Instead presented a check for \$10,000 to Deborah

Weirick, director of Community and Donor Relations for USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, to support the nonprofit's newest senior care monthly event, Caregiver's Night Off on April 7 at the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA.

The funding allowed Caregiver's Night Off to be provided at no cost to attendees through its host organization, the YMCA of the Foothills. Further partnerships with USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Community Resource

Center for Aging and Alzheimer's Los Angeles brought the resources and support needed for those caring for people with early- to mid-stage dementia.

Caregiver's Night Off is held the first Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Crescenta-Cañada

Family YMCA. Space is limited to 12 registrants. Caregivers enjoy the ability to talk with others about their shared experiences, are provided refreshments and receive tips on self-care as well as participate in activities. Their person with dementia is on-site in a separate area participating in a variety of activities such as art, music, Ping-Pong and others with trained staff and volunteers.

The mission of the YMCA of the Foothills is to organize, develop, finance, and conduct programs for an association of persons of all ages that will, by putting Christian principles into practice, enrich the quality of their lives spiritually, mentally, physically and socially. Individuals can support the cause by visiting [ymcafoothills.org](http://ymcafoothills.org)

To learn more about Caregiver's Night Off visit [ymcafoothills.org/community](http://ymcafoothills.org/community).



From left are Denise Traboulsi, Debbie Kyhn, Adria E. Navarro, Deborah Weirick, Greg Sanchez, Susan James Carr, Kelly Iuculano and Vince Iuculano.



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# Assistance League Philanthropies Showcased

Assistance League of Flintridge recently presented a “Phil Faire” where the ALF philanthropies were showcased so members could sign up for their favorite committees. Chairmen had made displays and answered questions posed by new members. ALF Instrumental Music, ALF Drama, ALF Summer School, ALFies in Action, Assisteens and Operation School Bell were featured.

For more information about these philanthropies and about membership, see the website at [ALFlintridge.org](http://ALFlintridge.org) or call (818) 790-1328.

Photos provided by Gale MUSKER  
TOP: Cynthia Ringel and Joyce Goodsell of ALFies in Action.  
BOTTOM: Sue Sheedy and Michele Listo of ALF Summer School.



## People Making News

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Earning placement from La Cañada Flintridge are Rucha Kadam and Caroline Nowak, both from the Class of 2023, and Justin Kouyoumdjian, Class of 2022.

Tufts University is located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions.

Josephine Woodruff of La Crescenta was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2021. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.92 or higher.

Woodruff, the daughter of James B. Woodruff and Maricruz Prado and Finn Carter, is a 2019 graduate of Polytechnic School. She is majoring in psychology at Bates.

Located in Lewiston, Maine, Bates is a leading liberal arts college, attracting 2,000 students from across the U.S. and around the world. Since 1855, Bates has been dedicated to educating the whole person through creative and rigorous scholarship in a collaborative residential community. Bates has always admitted students without regard to gender, race, religion or national origin.

Erica Um of La Crescenta has been named to the dean's list at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis for the fall 2021 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

The University offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Undergraduate degrees prepare students for health professions careers, and serve as the foundation for graduate or professional study, while the University's Doctor of Pharmacy program prepares students to be leaders and innovators in the profession of pharmacy.

Dani Di Paolo of Glendale, who is in the packaging science program, and

Bonnie Kim of La Crescenta, who is in the physician assistant

program, earned places on the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York for the fall 2021 semester.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of “incomplete”, “D” or “F”; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 18,600 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

Nearly 1,800 students were named to the Biola University dean's list in fall 2021. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

The following local residents were named to the dean's list:

From La Cañada, Alexandra Bowers, majoring in liberal studies elementary ed; Molly Mittelberg of La Cañada Flintridge, majoring in nursing; from Sunland Melissa Dunnigan, majoring in English, and Carly Stewart, majoring in public relations; from La Crescenta, Talin Emmerson, majoring in music education;

Pauline Kim, majoring in nursing; from Tujunga, Alique Malakian, majoring in kinesiology.

Biola University is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California. It was recently recognized as one of America's best colleges, earning a spot in the top tier of the “best national universities” category of U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2021 rankings.



# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Gus & Andy's Opens in Montrose



By Charly SHELTON

**R**ocky Cola Café has been closed for what feels like forever. The iconic restaurant sat empty at the entrance of Montrose Shopping Park while refurbishments, reevaluation, refiguring and reconnoitering were carried on for nearly a decade. But finally, passers-by noticed exterior work being done to restore the original entrance façade and the time was nigh. After years of waiting, a new restaurant has moved into the space, bringing with it the same hearty, feel-good atmosphere and food, updated and upscaled, for a modern Montrose.

Gus & Andy's Kitchen & Bar recently opened to serve the community a smattering of burgers, sandwiches, breakfasts and cocktails in a familiar, and thankfully, a thoroughly cleaned-up setting. CVW was invited to come out to the restaurant for a soft opening a few weeks ago and we dove in feet first with some of the offerings on the new menu.

At the entrance of the restaurant, guests are immediately greeted with a view

of the wood fired grill in the large, windowed kitchen as they stand surrounded by wire-sided storage caddies of the locally sourced red oak that is used in the grill. The counter-service style invites guests to order at the counter. After ordering they then move on to self-seating, which is found in front of the kitchen (along Honolulu Avenue) and up the side of the building (along Verdugo Boulevard) as well as outside. Or they can make their way to the upper level where the bar is.

We tried several things off the menu including the tri tip breakfast, the tri tip sandwich, the Montrose Fries (topped with tri tip) and the veggie burger, but the thing that really blew us away was the razorback sandwich.

This beautiful stack of heaven features crispy grilled pork belly slices, chipotle mayo, crunchy slaw and avocado on a brioche bun. And while it did lose structural integrity early on and devolved into a messy pile of meat and slaw eaten by the fistful, it was the tastiest pile we've had in a long time.

So far as cocktails, we had a few more than we probably

should have ... and they were all spectacular. Despite some really interesting and unique offerings, like the Loop de Loop, which consists of rum, Froot Loops milk and honey, we had to start out with the cocktail that had the most iconic name — the Rum & Rocky Cola. An elevated take on the rum & coke, this cocktail features Mexican Coca-Cola (which uses cane sugar instead of high fructose corn syrup) and Kōloa Kauai Cacao Rum, a chocolate-flavored rum from Hawaii. Kōloa rum is one of the finest rums in the world, and it is only now beginning to grow its following here on the mainland so it's nice to see their rums used so prevalently in the cocktails at the bar. With the blending of the Mexican Coke and the Kōloa rum, this is the best version of what should be a simple cocktail, now made more impressive than ever.

That sentiment can be stated for Gus & Andy's as a whole — what one may expect from a simple little lunch counter restaurant is both satisfying and improved upon, becoming something that will impress and delight in unforeseen ways. As a

kid who grew up in Montrose, it's nice to have a go-to spot in that corner building again.

Gus & Andy's Restaurant & Bar is located at 2201 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

Photos by Charly SHELTON

LEFT: After an extended wait, the highly-anticipated Gus & Andy's Kitchen & Bar opened.  
 RIGHT: With a nod to the past, Gus & Andy's offer the Rum & Rocky Cola.  
 BELOW: Diners can fill their stomachs at breakfast, lunch or dinner.



### THEN & NOW



**Then »** This is the house that famed architect Richard Neutra designed for the Serulnic family in 1952. They had purchased six acres of hillside property at the top of Lowell Avenue. They had a large pad for the house carved out overlooking LA and the San Fernando Valley. For many decades the Neutra-designed "glass house" was the only structure on the large lot.

### Serulnic House Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now »** This is an aerial view of that same lot today. The original house has been joined by other architectural wonders under a couple of recent owners. Dominating the lot today is the pinwheel shaped home designed by a famous contemporary architect Michael Maltzan. The original Serulnic house can be seen at the top of the photo. The top of Lowell is to the right.



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# 'Masao and the Bronze Nightingale' at CASA 0101



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Michael Sasaki (Masao Imoto) and Angela Oliver (Charlene Williams) in the world premiere production of "Masao and the Bronze Nightingale."

CASA 0101 Theater, in association with the Japanese American National Museum, will present the world premiere of "Masao and the Bronze Nightingale," written by Dan Kwong and Rubén Funkahuatl Guevara, based on a short story written by Rubén Funkahuatl Guevara, directed by Dan Kwong and starring Michael Sasaki as Masao Imoto and Angela Oliver.

In the aftermath of World War II, formerly incarcerated Japanese Americans are shocked to discover Little Tokyo has become "Bronzeville," an African American community. When a Japanese American jazz musician from Boyle Heights falls for a Bronzeville singer, the ripple effect of their romance causes upheaval in every direction as the Japanese, Black and Mexican American communities react.

The show will be presented at CASA 0101 Theater, 2102 East 1st Street (at St. Louis Street) in Boyle Heights on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. from April 22 through May 15. Opening night is Friday, April 22 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission,

\$25 for students and seniors, \$20 for Boyle Heights residents, \$25 for groups of 10 or more, \$20 for groups of 20 or more. Special guest speakers will be featured after Sunday matinee performances. For tickets and more information, call (323) 263-7684 or visit www.casa0101.org.

Concurrently with the performances of "Masao and the Bronze Nightingale," the Jean Deleage Art Gallery, located in the lobby of CASA 0101 Theater, and co-presenter the Japanese American National Museum, are presenting an art exhibit through May 15 entitled, "Bronzeville: Modernity, Race, and the Search to Belong." The exhibit binds together the multiple contradictions and complexities of identity in a racialized modern society. Five artists share their personal relationship and their connections with the Japanese American experience through the visual language of art.

The exhibit can be viewed prior to performances of the play and during regular gallery hours, which are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## CALENDAR this

### '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

### 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.burbankafrikanviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafrikanviolets.weebly.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 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](http://BoltonHall.org) or call (818) 352-3420 or email [llhs@boltonhall.org](mailto:llhs@boltonhall.org).

### RIGHTS OF CANCER CAREGIVERS

A program for those who give care to cancer patients will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday, April 26 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Shelly Rosenfeld, co-director of the Cancer Legal Resource Center, will discuss the legal rights of caregivers as well as other cancer resources.

Location is the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 76 E. Del Mar

Blvd., Suite 215 in Pasadena. (626) 796-1083 [www.cscpasadena.org](http://www.cscpasadena.org)

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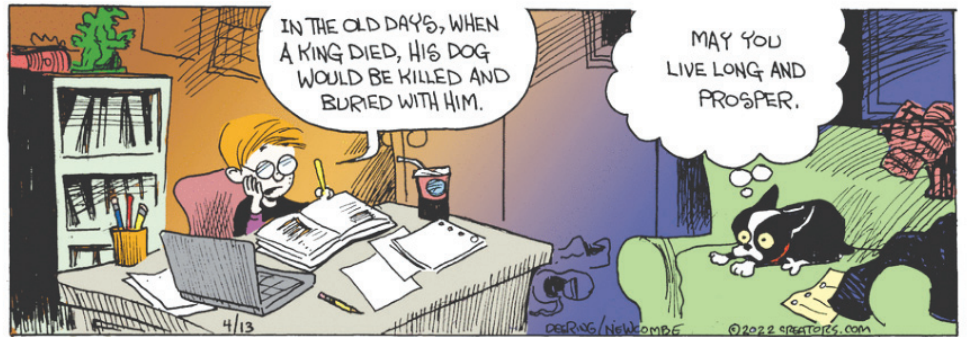
The community is invited to hear

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

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### » ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



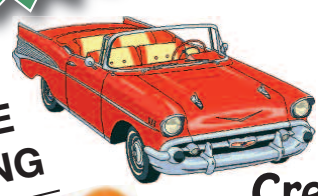
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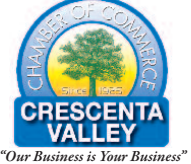
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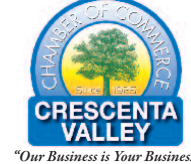
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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Can I get a refund for this rescheduled show from Vivid Seats?

When Douglas Himberger buys tickets on Vivid Seats to a Jerry Seinfeld show, he never imagines that the comedian would reschedule his performance three times because of the pandemic. Can he get a refund?

**Q** I paid \$689 for two seats to a Jerry Seinfeld show in Atlantic City through Vivid Seats in 2020. The show was originally scheduled for April but, because of the pandemic, they rescheduled for August and finally July 2021. That's over 18 months after we bought the tickets!

I had planned to travel to Atlantic City in July 2020 but a couple of days before I learned from the venue that they had canceled the show. The hotel gave me a refund for our room even though it was too close to the show date. But I could not contact anyone at Vivid Seats.

I tried emailing and calling. There was absolutely no way to talk to a human. I couldn't even find out if they offered a credit or refund.

I checked Elliott Advocacy for

executive contacts but couldn't find any. I know my next step wasn't what you advise, but I went to Discover for relief by filing a credit card dispute. After all, VividSeats didn't deliver any product and charged us nearly \$700.

Almost six months later, in December 2021, Discover found that the Vivid Seats charge was valid. The dispute resolution amounted to Discover asking Vivid Seats for details and Vivid Seats sending them a copy of the credit card transaction.

Vivid Seats then sent me an email saying we had a credit (something they had never said in all those months).

While a credit would seem reasonable under normal circumstances, I feel we should receive a refund. It's been two years and it's not clear that we will be able to use the credit in 2022

because of the continuing pandemic. Can you help?

- Douglas Himberger, Palmyra, Virginia

**A** I think Vivid Seats should have offered a full refund after Seinfeld canceled his first show.

But that's not what the terms of your purchase say. To get a refund, your show must be canceled and Vivid Seats gets to determine if something is canceled. If it's just postponed or rescheduled, tickets "will not be refunded or otherwise compensated by Vivid Seats except in jurisdictions where it is required by law." So you have to live in California to get your money back.

By the way, these were the terms of your purchase when you bought

your tickets. Vivid Seats didn't update them to make it harder to get a refund. I've written about some operators who did that during the pandemic, which is the worst kind of customer disservice. Vivid Seats was just following its rules.

I'm unhappy about the way Vivid Seats and other ticket sellers have been handling their pandemic events. I've written several stories about artists who kept postponing their shows, hoping to keep the ticket money. Ticket sellers and venues were often their accomplices. They played word games, saying they were simply "rescheduling" their performances. In fact, they were canceling their shows and then scheduling new ones, but forcing everyone to attend the new show even if it wasn't convenient or they didn't feel safe.

Under these circumstances, I think a credit card dispute is absolutely fine. Vivid Seats sold you a show on a specific day, but Seinfeld postponed the show several times. That's not funny. Discover should have advocated for you instead of rolling over.

I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Vivid Seats executives on my nonprofit consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

I contacted Vivid Seats on your behalf. The company reviewed your repeatedly postponed show and agreed to refund your tickets.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto: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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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>.

### 20TH ANNUAL CALTECH JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Caltech Jazz Band will present its 20th Annual Caltech Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event will take place at Hameetman Patio on the Caltech campus, close to the Red Door Café. It is open to the public and performers will include the Caltech Jazz Band directed by Barb Catlin featuring guest artist Gordon Goodwin, the Iban Lee Quartet and the Caltech Jazz Guitar Ensemble with guest Riner Scivally.

Goodwin is a prominent American pianist, saxophonist, composer, arranger and conductor. He is the leader of Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band. He has won four Grammy Awards, three Daytime Emmy Awards, and has received over 20 Grammy nominations for his compositions and arrangements.

Admission is free. No tickets are required, but limited seating is available. Audience members are welcome to bring food and blankets for a picnic on the lawn. Food and beverages will also be sold at the Brown and Red Door Cafés on campus. For more information, visit [pva.caltech.edu](http://pva.caltech.edu) or call (626) 395-3295.

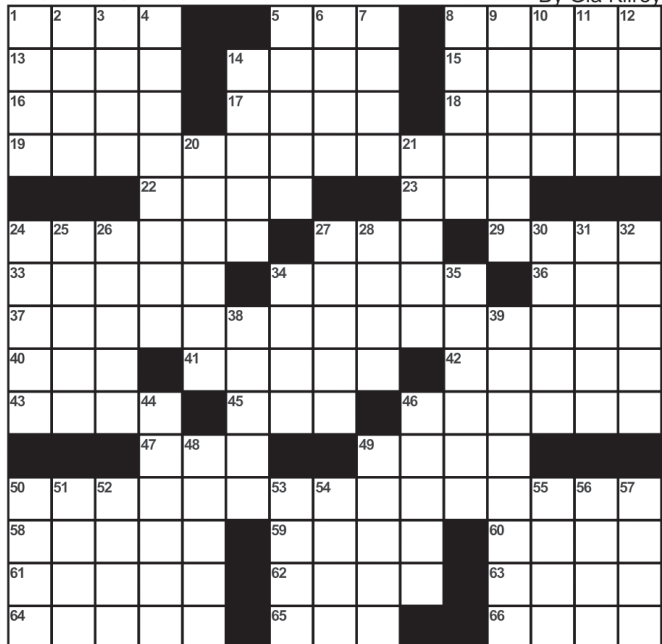
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- 1) Sword handle
- 5) English network
- 8) "Desist" partner
- 13) Almond shade
- 14) Lip balm ingredient
- 15) Equipped like a rowboat
- 16) Emulate Pisa's tower
- 17) Fill, as a dishwasher
- 18) North Carolina fort
- 19) Wannabe wrangler
- 22) Abandon
- 23) "Aladdin" character
- 24) "Jurassic Park" predator, briefly
- 27) Make sense (with "up")
- 29) Jeweler's inventory
- 33) Less hale
- 34) "La Boheme," e.g.
- 36) Extinct flightless bird
- 37) Old Saturday morning cartoon (with "The")
- 40) Fond du \_\_\_\_, Wisc.
- 41) Bypass
- 42) Cunning tricks
- 43) An unfledged hawk
- 45) Do something
- 46) Exclusively
- 47) Builder's acquisition
- 49) Driving-away word?
- 50) Cheerleader, typically
- 58) Raccoon cousin
- 59) Sensory input
- 60) Philandering fellow
- 61) Atlas enlargement
- 62) Captured
- 63) Barley beards
- 64) Accomplishments
- 65) Piz Bernina, e.g.
- 66) Foot pads

### A CHILDISH PUZZLE

By Gia Kilroy



### A CHILDISH PUZZLE

Edited by Timothy Parker

### DOWN

- 1) Grasped
- 2) Computer brand
- 3) Bonn woman
- 4) Atomic no. 74
- 5) Bank deposit?
- 6) Big pig
- 7) Hand over
- 8) Computer-programming language
- 9) Insect with pincers
- 10) Certain Middle-Easterner
- 11) Type of lily
- 12) Tense
- 14) Take in, as trousers
- 20) Some are animated
- 21) Close-knit group
- 24) Certain gun
- 25) Put to rest, as fears
- 26) Skin fold
- 27) To the left, at sea
- 28) Job for a body shop
- 30) "South Pacific" hero
- 31) Work the runway
- 32) Smart-mouthed
- 34) Connected to your ears?
- 35) Feeling lightheaded
- 38) Use Rollerblades
- 39) 2.2 pounds
- 44) Put on the agenda
- 46) Ocean hazard
- 48) Leaves out
- 49) Inside info
- 50) Battery contents
- 51) "The \_\_ Ranger"
- 52) Beam intensely
- 53) Brit's roster
- 54) Questionable thing to worship
- 55) The Hawkeye State
- 56) Litter member
- 57) Amount to make do with, sometimes

## PET OF THE WEEK

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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April 11, 2022 - April 17, 2022

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Envision what you want to achieve in terms of your health and fitness, then decide to take action. First of all, you need to see yourself achieving your goals. You also need to visualize yourself enjoying being in your new body on a daily basis. The more you can do this using all of your senses, the easier it will be to have the body of your dreams.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Your health is in your hands now. It's up to you to take the kind of action that will produce the best results. You may also want to look at why you sabotage your best intentions. This is a common problem and one that doesn't serve your health or overall well-being. When you get it right you'll be invincible. You can be virtually symptom-free.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

It's time to be a little more adventurous concerning your health. There's nothing more boring for you than eating the same food or doing the same exercise day in and day out. It seems to gnaw at your soul. This week, determine to do it differently. Try a new form of exercise and experiment with recipes that make your mouth water. It will be worth the effort and you'll look great.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

This may be a good time to consult with the experts if you need help overcoming certain symptoms or want to reach the peak of fitness. Think about getting in touch with someone who has a lot of experience. This person may save you time and energy by helping you get the results you want far more quickly and efficiently. A health coach may be the answer.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This isn't a good time to have vague health goals. You need to be more precise and detailed if you want to get anywhere. Lack of clarity has been a problem for you for some time, so don't let this issue lead into your health zone. Write down what you want to achieve in terms of losing weight or reaching certain levels of fitness. Knowing what you want means you're almost halfway there.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may be prone to catching colds or other infections over the course of this. This is an excellent week to transform your outlook on your well-being. It's time to break old patterns that are keeping you from achieving as much as you can. You can do so much more - you only need to let go of your doubts and fears. If you can make a firm decision to commit to being

as healthy and well as you can be, this will be a great start.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The temptation may be to give in to those minor aches and pains that occur on a daily basis and gradually become a habitual feature of your body's landscape. As a result, you may decide not to exercise only to find that they never really get better by doing nothing. Try exercising regularly every day - start gently - and you'll become more and more flexible.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're thinking a lot about health and exercise, but that isn't what will help you to reach your fitness goals. This week you need to focus on taking action on a regular basis. That means getting on an exercise bike and not just looking at it. It also means making sure you have the right food in the house so you can begin your new diet.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

There's certainly something stirring in your health zone. Mars in Scorpio means that the cosmos has given you a chance to dig deep and find the reasons for some of your most pressing health issues. This isn't the time to bury your head in the sand. If you're having problems, get them checked out and get something done. Ask yourself why you've avoided looking after your body.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

The temptation to dive into a mountain of ice cream, cake, and chocolate could be too much. What you need to ask yourself is why do you want to eat like this and sabotage your best attempts at staying in great shape? If hidden emotions are causing you problems, it's best to get them out in the open and resolve them.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Use the power of the stars to understand your health issues. The problems you're experiencing with your body may be partly due to issues and patterns of thought that are creating illness. This is a good time to learn the benefits of letting go. By releasing bitterness and resentment, you allow your body to heal much more quickly. If you need the help of a professional to achieve this, then go for it.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Make sure you remain flexible. Though you may not feel like exercising or even going for a walk, it's essential that you do so. It's most important that you enjoy the kind of exercise you do. If it becomes a source of joy and happiness, then you're more likely to devote half an hour a day to remaining in peak condition. Start slowly, but be consistent.



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## LEGALS

**NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: MARY LOU MARTINEZ-MATHEU. Case number 22GDPC00052. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Room 279, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner MARY LOU MARTINEZ-MATHEU, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: MARY LOU MARTINEZ-MATHEU to Proposed Name: MA. DE LA LUZ MARTINEZ RAMOS. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date:** JUNE 8, 2022 **Time:** 8:30 AM **Dept.:** D Room: 279 b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2022.

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have also run through snow in the evening.  
There were a lot of injuries, fatigue and dehydration this year, said William, who ran representing GPD. Helicopters were the best way for the injured and ill to be transported out of the desert to a medical facility.  
"At one point the entire race was stopped for a helicopter [and medics] to respond," William said.

William added that he started running in the race in 2010-11 and said the camaraderie is what he likes most about the race. It allows officers from all ranks and units to work together.  
"At the end of the day as you are running through the desert you are asking, 'Why am I doing this?' [But] you are doing this because you have one common goal," William said.

"There is something to be said about the connection you make with others."  
William said he liked being able to see officers who he rarely sees since he was promoted to captain and also meeting new officers with whom he has never worked.  
There is also a camaraderie of law enforcement from other states and countries, providing an opportunity to network with other agencies and

make connections.  
"This year was particularly special. Deputy Chief Tim Feeley, 28 years on the job, has run Baker to Vegas every year," William said.  
Feeley is retiring this year so this was his last time to run the relay.  
"It was really special. He got to run leg 20; he came through the finish line," William said.  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

- Crescenta Valley Station, Burbank Police Dept. and LA Police Dept. all participated in the relay.  
The relay was started by Chuck Foote and Larry Moore as a way for officers to maintain physical fitness and build camaraderie with fellow officers. When it began about 30 years ago it included two agencies, Los Angeles Police Dept. and LA County Sheriff's Dept.





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