

New Mayor Named

By Roman INGUANZO

The Tuesday night meeting of the Glendale City Council opened to a full house with attention reserved for the newly-named mayor of the City of Glendale Dan Brotman. Outgoing Mayor Ardy Kassakhian led the flag salute followed by a poem by Poet Laureate Raffi Joe Wartanian.

Following the poem, the outgoing mayor made the following comments:

"I have had the privilege of sitting here for a year and using this authority vested in the mayor to be able to speak – sometimes for a lot longer than some people wished – [than] I'm sure even my colleagues wished – so tonight I'm not going to make any long comments other than to say simply: Thank you. Thank you to every single one of you. Thank you to the residents of Glendale, thank you to the staff, thank you to all our board members and commissioners – some of whom are here tonight who work tirelessly without any compensation serving the city. I want to thank my colleagues for making this year as productive as we were able to make it through this collective work. Thank you even to my critics ... you kept me on my toes. What can I say!?"

Newly appointed Mayor Brotman then offered these comments, which were said with a smile sparked by unmistakable joy:

"This is such an honor. I want to first thank the voters of Glendale for believing in me (twice) in 2020 and again in 2022. I want to thank my colleagues here for putting up with me. I also want to quickly acknowledge some dignitaries [who] are with us in the audience – State Senator Anthony Portantino, former Mayor Frank Quintero, our city commissioners, my parents, and my beautiful partner Michelle."

Dan Brotman's mayorship will be defined by various ambitions that include increasing affordable housing development, increasing subsidy funds, incentivizing paths for youth to accumulate wealth, making streets safe for everyone and rapidly developing clean energy

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OUAT Bookstore Celebrates 20 Years Under Palacios Stewardship

For two decades Maureen Palacios has worked to maintain the bookstore as a 'community hub.'

By Lucian KUGLER

Last weekend marked the 20th anniversary of Maureen Palacios' ownership of Once Upon a Time, the oldest children's bookstore in the country. Palacios, who had no previous retail experience before buying the store, has worked tirelessly over the past two decades to keep Once Upon a Time thriving as a community hub.

"They were joyful, stressful and a learning experience," Palacios said of the years of ownership. "Ultimately, it's been so beautiful to see young people, old people, people who have literally grown up around here all come together."

Palacios' commitment to fostering a sense of community around reading is evident in the store's many events and programs. From author readings to writing workshops to book clubs, Once Upon a Time has something for everyone. Palacios said that her favorite events are the readings of children's books to kids from all over the Crescenta Valley community in the store, which always leaves the kids happy and wanting to hear – and read – more.

One of the biggest events that



On April 1 Once Upon a Time bookstore owner Maureen Palacios celebrated 20 years of owning the iconic bookstore.

Photo by Lucian KUGLER

Palacios hosted at Once Upon a Time was with actor and author John Barrowman, which was attended by at least 300 people.

"It was amazing to see people from all over the world who were excited to meet him and talk to him about his books," Palacios said.

When asked about her opinion on book bans in some states, Palacios was firm in her belief that no one should have the authority to ban someone's kids from reading books.

"One kid's parents shouldn't be able to dictate what book is and isn't allowed for another kid," she said. "It's important for kids to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives through books, and it's up to parents to decide what's appropriate for their own children."

Looking to the future, Palacios sees nothing but bright things for Once Upon a Time.

"We look forward to having more events in the future that bring the kids of the community together,

and to continue operating as both a business and a community center," she said. Palacios is proud to have helped keep Once Upon a Time running for 20 years, and she's excited to see what the next 20 years will bring.

For anyone who has visited Once Upon a Time, it's clear that the bookstore is more than just a place to buy books. It's a place where people can come together, share their love of reading and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Brush Clearance Inspections Expanding

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) hosted the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. on Tuesday night at the La Crescenta Library community room to discuss the expanded distribution of the revised annual brush clearance notices.

CVTC President Chris Kilpatrick thanked the nearly full house for attending the event.

"Some communities aren't so lucky to have so many concerned citizens show up," Kilpatrick said.

Kerri Lewin, CVTC member who was in charge of organizing the informational event, said she, too, had received a notice of brush clearance inspection.

"I received the notice but threw it away," she said.

Lewin had not received a brush clearance inspection in the past and thought it was mailed to her by mistake; however, then she realized that many of her neighbors and others in the area had been re-

ceiving the notices.

LACoFD Chief Pat Sprengel, Division Three, Alex Villalta, forestry assistant Brush Clearance Unit, Forestry Prevention Services Bureau and Maria Grycan, Community Service liaison, were at the outreach event to help explain the new guidelines and why more people received notices.

"In the first week of February, many residents received brush clearance notices, and many of [those residents] received them for the first time," he said.

That is because the state mandates that CAL FIRE (California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection) assign fire zones to all locations in the state.

"A majority of La Crescenta is in high or very high fire hazard zones," he added. "State law mandates all single family dwellings within high or very high fire zones must be inspected."

This means that the number of houses in La Crescenta that the

fire department will be inspecting has gone from about 250 in 2021 to 2,700 in 2023.

Another notice was sent out to residents in March with more information on what residents should be aware of concerning the brush interference.

"At the end of the day, [brush clearance] helps us so we can fight fire in your neighborhood," Sprengel said.

He and Villalta explained how fires can move very quickly, especially when wind driven, and how fire embers can travel. They assured that there are simple but



LACoFD Chief Pat Sprengel, center with microphone, finishes the presentation and, with Alex Villalta (left) and Maria Grycan, prepare to answer questions from the audience.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

important actions that residents can take to harden their dwelling against fire. For example, removing limbs that are lying on rooftops and clearing gutters are two actions that are advised by LACoFD. Shrubs and brush are often "ladder fuels" as once fire starts there it can carried onto nearby trees then onto houses.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



Where Do Those Donations Go?

Earlier this week I headed to Bank of America on Honolulu Avenue. I parked in the back off Broadview Drive and noticed two collection bins for clothes, shoes and toys. The bins were in pretty good shape. Both also had phone numbers on them – so I called.

The number on the pink/purple bin was picked up by someone who said, "Hello." I identified myself (not as a reporter) and said I was calling regarding the collection bin. The man recovered and quickly responded, "Oh, yes."

I was just wondering where the clothes go that are collected in this bin," I said to him.

"We support hospitals," he responded.

"So the proceeds benefit hospitals?" I said. "I ask because I'm a reporter and was curious where the collections go."

"Yes, we support hospitals," he said again.

Hmmm. I failed to ask how hospitals are supported, what hospitals are supported, what organization collects the donations, etc.

But at least the phone was answered.

Not so with the number on the red collection bin. I called and it rang off the hook – no answering machine, nothing.

I have a big black bag in my car packed with clothes ready to donate. Rather than pop it into one of those bins, though, I think I'll head over to the Goodwill in Tujunga. They collect donations nearly every day around 10 a.m.

child seat in the cart). I decided to call back after I loaded the bags into my car.

After I got into my car I reached for my phone in my purse but it wasn't there. Did I throw it into one of the grocery bags? I opened the trunk and methodically went through the bags but no phone. I checked the cart corral to make sure that I didn't leave my phone in my cart; nope.

I went back into Vons to see if I left it there. It was not at the checkout stand nor had anyone turned it in at customer service.

I figured it was stolen. But I have an iPhone and was able to track my phone to a residence in Sunland-Tujunga. Steve and I headed over there and waited three hours for the police to show up to escort us to the front door. They eventually called and said they wouldn't be coming after all.

So Steve spoke to one of the residents who said they found the phone in the parking lot at Vons and handed it over. Hurray! One less expense for us and an abundance of gratitude that the phone found its way home.

But from now on, I'm going to be a lot more aware when shopping.

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Sunday was a stressful day for me. I did a late afternoon grocery shopping at Vons in La Crescenta. While I was unloading my groceries onto the conveyor belt to be charged, I saw my phone ringing (I usually have my phone on the

» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Before my grandson goes to bed we have a talk about his day. Now I know part of this is him just trying to stretch out bedtime but, for me, it is one of those moments that you file in your memory bank to treasure. During our recent nighttime conversation he was talking about some of the folklore stories that we all read to him. All of a sudden he sat up in bed and asked me if I knew that "factories and cars throw out gas into the air and that makes the Earth warmer and that is bad." He then added, "And that's the truth."

Granted this 2-year-old has been read books on physics and climate change for babies since he was born but still – to have a real conversation with this little guy made me feel like maybe the Earth has a chance. If we can educate our children early on the science of this accelerated climate change they will grow up not to question the facts but to work toward helping to keep the Earth healthy and safe. And then to have the folklore stories mixed in seems to be a perfect combination of fact and imagination. The folklore, many of which deals with Earth fairies, teaches that nature is a partner to respect, not a backdrop that can be easily ignored.

As I was driving home with the echoes of his little voice in my head I heard on the radio a story about "another house" falling into the sea in the Outer Banks, North Carolina.

As of March 13, four houses located in this community had collapsed into the sea due "to

the most rapid rates of erosion and sea level rise on the East Coast," according to Georgia Coastal Research Council.

According to the National Park Service, which is the agency in charge of the coastal areas, the debris from a house that fell into the ocean on Feb. 9, 2022 spread across many miles of beaches.

"Unfortunately, there may be more houses that collapse onto Seashore beaches in the near future," said David Hallac, superintendent, National Parks of Eastern North Carolina.

These houses that were destroyed are not small buildings but houses with three-to-four bedrooms with many more threatened as officials try to find ways to respond. It is a little too late to be really proactive because climate change is here and its effects accelerated.

I am still hopeful that the next generation will be more aware of the interwoven relationship between humans and nature, and also know, as my grandson says, "It's the truth."

The weather forecast looks pretty sunny for the near future. There may be a potential for rain at the end of the week but that chance is pretty small, said Ryan Kittell, meteorologist NOAA.

Sunday will be in the lower mid-70s with Monday looking like the warmest day with a chance the temperature could get close to 80.

"The core of our rain is December through March," he added. "April into May is our transition."

He said looking through to April 20 there does not seem to be any significant chance of rain.

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be help to repair the trail damage from recent storms and remove invasive plants popping up this spring. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

CVWD CHANGES CONSERVATION STATUS

Due to historic rainfalls, CVWD is shifting from two days of outdoor watering to three-four days of watering (odd or even days, depending on each customer's address). CVWD will move from Stage 4 – Orange Water Conservation Alert – to Stage 2 – Green Water Conservation Alert effective April 3.

To get more information, visit www.cvwd.com for details on the Phase 2 – Green Water Conservation Alert – and available rebate programs.

APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

Glendale Police Dept. will be actively looking for drivers throughout April who are in violation of the state's hands-free cellphone law.

Under current law, drivers are not allowed to hold a phone or electronic communications device while operating a vehicle. This includes talking, texting or using an app.

SCHIFF ANNOUNCES 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR HONOREES

Congressman Adam Schiff announced the names of 16 women from California's 30th district who are being honored as the 2023 Woman of the Year. These women have made significant contributions to their communities through civic engagement, community service, and leadership in their respective fields.

The 2023 honorees are Barbara Monderine-Williams (Atwater Village), Isabel Omero (Burbank), Rhonda Reynolds (Echo Park), Maria Herrera (Elysian Valley), Dr. Christina Ashjian Garabedian (Glendale), Carolyn Ramsay (Hancock Park), Dr. Joanna Chikwe (Hollywood Hills), Alexa Skarpelos (Hollywood), Delores Shine Kerr (Miracle Mile/Mid-Wilshire), Patricia Lombard (Larchmont Village), Barbara Howell (Los Feliz), Chanchanit Martorell (Park La Brea), Dr. Marie Levine (Pasadena), Barbara Kwong (Silver Lake), Evelyn Serrano (Sunland/Tujunga), and Barbara Meltzer (West Hollywood).

Schiff will celebrate the honorees at a private luncheon this summer.

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Montrose Chamber Hosts 3rd Annual Egg My Home

By Lynn SHER

For the third consecutive year the Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce (MVCC) is hosting its Egg My Home event on Easter Sunday (this year on April 9). The YMCA of the Foothills is sponsoring the fundraiser along with help from the one (and only) Montrose Bunny.

Community members can order candy (wrapped candies only)/toy-filled eggs that will be delivered to addresses specified by purchasers. The eggs are scattered (not hidden) on the property making for a fun surprise on Easter morning.

The MVCC has been active in the community since 1923. Its mission is supporting local businesses, providing opportunities to work together toward mutual economic stability and productive relationships within the community.

MVCC executive director Mavil Aghadjanian got the idea for Egg My Home back in 2021 when she connected with another chamber of commerce through social media. Like many businesses, the MVCC was struggling financially due to the COVID epidemic. She hoped the Egg My Home event would bring in some much-needed funds while keeping with the MVCC tradition of supporting local business and bringing the community together.

"[Egg My Home proved to be a] beloved event and another great example of exactly what [the MVCC] stands for – supporting one another with resources and ideas we might not otherwise have been aware of," said Interim Executive Director Molly Burke.

The MVCC offers several options of ordering between 30 and 200 eggs with costs ranging from \$35 to \$150. The eggs will be scattered before 8:30 a.m. on Easter morning.

Residents can also purchase eggs and donate them to local underprivileged families. Those eggs are presented in an Easter basket and delivered by the Glendale Police Dept. Those interested can write "donation" in the address section and event organizers will handle the rest.

Lucky egg hunters should be on the lookout for "Golden Egg" prizes. While it's unknown what the Montrose Bunny has up his sleeve this year, last year's prizes included \$100 gift certificates to local restaurants and other Chamber member establishments.

Folks have until 3 p.m. today, Thursday, April 6 to order their Egg My House eggs. To register for the event and purchase eggs visit www.bit.ly/eggmyhome3.



Photo provided by MVCC
For the third year the Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Egg My Home event.



Photos provided by MVCC
ABOVE: A child picks up eggs scattered by the Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce on the lawn on Easter morning.
BELOW: Residents can also donate eggs for local underprivileged families. Those eggs are presented in an Easter basket and delivered by the Glendale Police Dept.



INSPECTIONS from Cover

Inspection fees have been in place since 1989. But now, due in part to the increase in the number of inspections required, fees will be assessed annually and will show up on homeowners' November property tax bills. There is a one-year delay from the date of the inspection to seeing the assessment on homeowners' property tax. The inspection fee was \$50 for 2022, billed on the 2023 property tax bill; in 2023 the fee will be \$100 and billed in 2024 and in 2024 the fee is \$151 to be billed in 2025.

Inspections will begin for the La Crescenta area on May 1. There are sections within La Crescenta that are not under the mandated inspection; however, it is still advised for those residents to harden their dwellings as well. (To see the fire zone map go to bit.ly/FHSZviewer, click on the binoculars icon and type in your address.)

For those who would like more information on the brush clearance inspections, call (626) 969-2375 or to make an appointment for inspection call the local fire station.

Visit www.cvweekly.com and visit this article online. At the bottom will be Brush Clearance, Frequently Asked Questions.

Additional meeting information will be included in the April 13 edition of the CVW.

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LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites everyone to attend its Holy Week services, including Maundy Thursday worship, tonight, April 6 at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' final celebration of Passover, or the Last Supper, with his disciples. LCIF will offer Good Friday worship at 7 p.m. on April 7 to commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Holy Week ends with the celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 9 at 10 a.m.

"Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is the heart of our faith," said LCIF pastor Chuck Bunnell. He added, "With the resurrection, God is with us and continues to hear and answer our prayers."

LCIF's Easter worship will be preceded by an egg hunt and brunch, beginning at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

The church continues to accept canned goods as well for its ongoing food drive to feed the hungry.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org, or call (818) 790-1951.

The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Family Easter Celebration at La Crescenta Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday: Tonight, Thursday, April 6, a simple meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a

worship service including communion at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: On Friday, April 7, a worship service beginning at 7 p.m. will be followed by a campfire vigil from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., including the rolling of a giant boulder in front of the church, signifying the sealing of the tomb after Jesus' death on the cross.

Easter Sunday: On Sunday, April 9, LCPC will offer two opportunities to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A 9 a.m. service will feature contemporary worship led by our praise band, The Blessed. At 11 a.m., a brass quintet will join our choir, organist and pianist.

All Easter events and services will take place on the La Crescenta Presbyterian campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lpcp.net or call (818) 249-6137.

Easter Celebrations at Bethel Church

At Bethel Church, bethelsunvalley.com, Good Friday communion service is at 8 p.m. on April 7 and on April 9 there is an Easter sunrise service at 7 a.m. with a free fellowship breakfast at 8:45 a.m. There is also a free children's egg hunt at 10 a.m. (Traducción en español disponible.)

Childcare and children's church are provided during the Palm Sunday service. Free transportation can be provided on request. All in the community are welcome.

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Firearms Confiscated on Foothill

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Monday between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. a search warrant was served in the 2700 block of Foothill Boulevard.

"Six adults, both male and female, were detained and seven firearms were recovered," said Officer Lopez, Los Angeles Police Dept.

Westbound lanes of Foothill Boulevard from Raymond to La Crescenta avenues were closed for several hours. The taskforce included LAPD, LA Sheriff's Dept., FBI and Homeland Security.

The investigation is ongoing. CVW will continue to follow this story.



UPDATES

Sexual Assault at Burbank High School

Patrick Nazarian from Glendale was charged on March 8 with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl and attacking another at Burbank High School.

The incidents occurred on March 6 at about 9 a.m. at the high school. The case remains under investigation by the Burbank Police Dept. Nazarian's next court date is on April 13 in Hollywood Superior Court.

For more information visit the CVW article at <https://tinyurl.com/33rr338f>.

Suspect Related to CVHS Lockdown

Brandon Santora has had several court dates scheduled since his arrest; however, he has not been in court for any

of them due to "medical" issues. His next court date will be on April 21 in the Hollywood Superior Court.

For background information visit the CVW article at <https://tinyurl.com/2yw7v5ak>

Resolution Reached in Kobeissi Case

The following statement was released regarding the abuse case dating back to 2016: "The parties have reached a resolution of all legal matters between them resulting in the court vacating judgment and dismissals of all cases pending."

For background information visit CVW <https://tinyurl.com/hzwvcbxt>.

CRIME BLOTTER

March 31

5800 block of Edmund Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident reported that as he was in his home office he observed a White adult male walk toward the rear yard sliding glass door to his home. He noticed that the suspect was holding a screwdriver and watched as he attempted to place the tool in the glass sliding door. The resident yelled at the suspect who immediately ran from the area. The suspect was reportedly seen getting into a black new model truck that was parked north of the residence. The vehicle had tinted windows, a silver ladder on the left side of the truck with orange straps and no license plate.

The attempted burglary occurred at 3:45 p.m.

Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a woman parked her vehicle at the location and went on a hike. When she returned to her vehicle she found the driver's side door had been damaged. Cash had been stolen from vehicle. The vehicle burglary occurred between 2 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a witness reported observing two women, both described as Hispanic, enter the front of the store and walk to the handbag area. They both began placing handbags inside their shopping cart and then placed shoes into the cart along with miscellaneous clothes. A male, described as Hispanic, entered the front of the store. He met with the two female suspects and began to push the shopping cart full of merchandise out of the store and

past the cash register without attempting to pay for the items. The witness attempted to locate the three suspects vehicle but was unable to locate them.

The theft occurred at 7:38 p.m.

March 30

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a store manager reported witnessing three suspects, described as two male Black adults and one female Black adult, enter the store and walk to the alcohol beverage aisle. One male suspect concealed an alcohol beverage in his jacket; when he was confronted he did not respond and exited the alarm sensed door. A witness reported seeing the three suspects get into a white Mercedes Benz convertible and drive away from the location. Surveillance footage reportedly matched the witness' report.

The theft occurred at 10:30 p.m.

March 23

2500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a resident mailed an envelope containing a personal check in a mail receptacle at the intersection of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. A few days later the resident received a call from a bank representative warning of potential fraudulent activity. It was revealed the check that the resident had mailed was deposited and cashed by a bank account holder, not the person to whom the check had been made payable.

The check was mailed at 10 a.m.



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Rock Solid Celebration at LCPC

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY



The red carpet was rolled out in 2019 for Rosemont Middle School students who were greeted by a giant Rosemont Spartan. Photo provided by LCPC

Easter Week is one of the most sacred in Christianity. It begins on Palm Sunday and continues with services on Maundy Thursday, which commemorates the night of the Last Supper of Christ, Good Friday, the commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and culminates with Easter Sunday and the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

Several local churches are holding Maundy Thursday services but only one – La Crescenta Presbyterian Church (LCPC) – will roll a 600-lb. boulder in front of its church doors on Good Friday. The boulder is a reminder of how the tomb of Jesus was sealed following His crucifixion and, on Easter Sunday it will be discovered that the boulder has been rolled away to reveal an empty tomb.

According to Michelle Fernandez, Communications Team moderator at LCPC, the church first had an Easter boulder in the mid-1990s. The current boulder was constructed in 2011 by church member Paul Hofmann, who is currently the head of Digital Support at the church.

“Paul claims he is not an experienced carpenter, but he did a phenomenal job creating this boulder and it has lasted for

the past 12 years with little maintenance,” said Fernandez.

The boulder was constructed out of chicken wire, wood, recycled plastic fencing and old wallpaper. Hofmann had to build it a few times because the first one, made mostly of wood, was too heavy. He consulted a movie set designer who gave him some suggestions, and the final 14 foot, 600-pound stone was created.

The stone is built in two halves that are stored all year in the church’s underground storage garage. The two halves are then rolled up the east driveway, down the sidewalk on Montrose Avenue and up to the front of the church. The halves are bolted together on the afternoon of Maundy Thursday (this year on April 6).

“It takes about seven men to lift the boulder up and place it next to the front entrance,” Fernandez said, adding this is usually done around 4:30 or 5 p.m. when the team can get there after work.

On Good Friday there is an evening church service at 7 p.m. This year’s message will be delivered by Jesiah Bozich, the director of Children’s Ministries.

At the end of the service (around 8 p.m.), the congregation will file out of the front doors and gather in silence in front of the church as the boulder is rolled across the front doors by about five men, symbolizing the sealing of the tomb that occurred after Jesus’ death on the cross. After the boulder is rolled, a Good Friday campfire vigil is held in front of the church from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. that includes worship, prayer, testimonies and Scripture reading. In addition to the Good Friday service, the community is invited to the campfire vigil. Chairs will be provided to sit on and an onsite fire pit will be used for the vigil. Stories will be shared of what Easter means to those gathered.

The boulder then remains blocking the church entrance until it is rolled away early Easter morning before people arrive for the Easter services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

“Our boulder serves as a tangible

reminder to the community that the true reason we celebrate Easter is the empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus, our living savior,” said Fernandez. She added that one reason that the boulder is brought out at Easter every year is to remind the community the holiday is not just about Easter eggs and bunnies.

“There’s a bigger reason behind Easter,” she said. It’s a strong visual reminder of what Easter is all about.

Interim Pastor Dr. Mike Harbert will be preaching at the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, and at both Easter services on Sunday, April 9. LCPC is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

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infrastructure.

Next the council addressed consent items, which centered on a construction contract for the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project, an amendment of funding for Elderly Nutrition Program services, and a contract for the Glendale Transportation Center Renovation Project.

There were two requests by Councilmember

Asatryan to agenda reports and discussions on family leave policies for city employees including adoption, fostering, bonding leave, lactation accommodations and menstrual leave policies. Motions were made to agenda these items for future city council meetings. Following these requests, the Glendale City Council meeting was adjourned.

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Tough Topics at Meeting of City and County

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Tuesday, March 28 members of the Glendale City Council and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger held an in-person joint meeting. The issues that were on the agenda included homelessness, County support for park space in South Glendale, Rockhaven Sanitarium and a request that a checkbox for Armenian be added under the Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) category on the census form.

The meeting focused on homelessness with Barger calling it the number one issue not just in Glendale but throughout the County. Arsine Isayan, Human Resources coordinator at Glendale's Continuum of Care (COC) program, gave a comprehensive overview of the program. She said the program traditionally receives a little over \$2 million annually, but during the pandemic there were opportunities for additional state and emergency grant funding. She thanked the County for Measure H funds but acknowledged the City is restructuring its homeless programs.

"And we would love more support," she said.

The recent homeless count showed the City of Glendale has 103 people who are sheltered – that is in shelters – and 122 who are unsheltered totaling 225 individuals. However these numbers, Isayan said, may not reflect an accurate count.

The homeless count in the City of Glendale occurs once a year. Volunteers go out to count, and interview when possible, unsheltered individuals.

Isayan stressed the homeless count is a "one moment in

time" look at the population.

"The homeless count is not a perfect science," Barger said. "I do believe we are undercounting."

Glendale has expanded its outreach through the Glendale Police Dept., titled the Community Outreach Resources and Engagement Bureau (CORE) of the GPD.

"Now we have our Glendale Police Dept. [involved and it has] proven to be very successful," Isayan said.

CORE assists the homeless population through the Homeless Outreach Program. Officers make contact and build rapport with members of the homeless community with the goal of engaging with and connecting the clients to Glendale COC service providers for wrap-around services and housing placement.

From July 1, 2021 to present, GPD outreach screened, assessed and served 289 persons – 104 of whom identified as having severe mental illness. Thirty-nine of the 104 people, or 38% of clients, were successfully placed in housing programs, and 21 of 39 clients, or 54%, were placed in the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

Glendale City Councilmember Elen Asatryan said that she would like to see more support for those who are escaping domestic violence and more help for those with mental health needs. She added she would like to create partnerships with



Members of the Glendale City Council and Supervisor Kathryn Barger of LA County listen to concerns voiced by residents

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

the County for these different programs.

Councilmember Dan Brotman asked for the County's help with Project Homekey, the California state program that provides motel rooms to those who are unhoused.

As part of the COC program Glendale has some state funding restrictions; however, Onnie Williams III, the principal analyst with the LA County Homeless Initiative, said that this was something that should be revisited.

City of Glendale staff and Council asked the County for more funding to help it expand its COC program, to which Barger was receptive.

"The City pays the County \$10 million in taxes and the City receives \$200,000 from [the County] for these programs," said Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian. He added if the City could receive just a third of that \$10 million it could increase the help for the homeless and near homeless.

Rockhaven was also on the agenda and during public communication three people from the community spoke about this issue.

One of the speakers was from South Glendale. She said that Rockhaven was very important to all of Glendale's residents.

"It's so sad," she said. "I have seen some recent photographs of such profound neglect."

Local resident Donna Libra became emotional as she asked the City to do more to repair Rockhaven. Recent concerns have focused on leaking roofs on several of the buildings at the historic sanitarium. Tarps have not been placed on the roofs allowing the recent rains to do severe damage to the buildings.

"Rockhaven is the greatest example of demolition by neglect that I have ever seen," said activist Susan Bolan. She outlined the history of Rockhaven including Glendale's initial proposal, made 15 years ago, to create a historic park at the location.

City manager Roubik Golanian reviewed the history of Rockhaven, highlighting that the sanitarium was operated by women and was exclusively for women. He asked for financial support for Rockhaven from the County as the City plans for a park and museum. Golanian said in four to six weeks, staff will bring to the City Council options for the future of the Rockhaven property. He also mentioned that State Senator Anthony Portantino secured \$8 million for Rockhaven – but that would not be enough money.

Barger said there are some discretionary funds that may be used and that she was "very familiar" with Rockhaven and its recurring issues. She said there are possible options available for funding and asked for the City to share the Rockhaven plan with the County.

Kassakhian added that he has been open about his support for moving the Montrose Library, currently at 2465 Honolulu Ave., to the Rockhaven site and to expand Fire Station 29, which is presently next to the library's location. He shared his concern that the fire station was not designed to house the necessary equipment that is now needed given the increased threats from wildfires.

The issue of parks in South Glendale was

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Legendary CV High Basketball Coach Ed Goorjian

Recently CVHS grad Mike Schermerhorn (Class of '71) sent me a heartfelt tribute to one of the coaching greats of our local high school who passed away a few months ago. I'll let Mike take the helm of this column by copying extensively from his letter.

Ed Goorjian, whose basketball coaching career spanned over six decades in the ranks of high school and college, passed away at his home in Oceanside on Dec. 9, 2022. He was 96 years old.

Ed's father fled from Armenia to Los Angeles in 1915 after witnessing the massacre of seven

family members in the Armenian Genocide. "My father's first business was as a fruit peddler," Ed said, "and he delivered fruit on the West Side to movie stars like Cary Grant. He took me with him on his routes, but when I watched my high school coaches have so much fun teaching basketball, I decided that's what I want to do!" Thus began a lifelong love affair with the game.

Goorjian was the founding coach of the startup Crescenta Valley High School basketball program in 1960 and, with his trademark dedication, he quickly built the Falcons' program into a respected CIF

powerhouse. He coached numerous all-CIF players and sent dozens of players to Division 1 colleges. Goorjian compiled a record of 328-103 from 1962-1978, including seven league championships. His 1970-71 team accumulated a 29-1 record and is considered the greatest basketball team in the school's history. That team was inducted into the Crescenta Valley Hall of Fame in 2013. Ed Goorjian was inducted into the CVHS Hall of Fame in 2008 and then into the CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame in 2015.

Following his tenure at CV,

Goorjian went on to coach at Glendale Community College (1978) and was the head coach at Loyola Marymount from 1980-85. He went on to hold several assistant coach positions at USC, Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine and UNLV where the Running Rebels of Jerry Tarkanian (his longtime friend) were crowned NCAA champions in 1990.

In his own basketball career, the 5'-10" Goorjian was a decorated third team All-City guard and a standout at LA City College. He played in pickup games against future professionals like Bill Sharman and more than held his own. When asked teasingly, "So were you good?" Goorjian smiled and said, "I wasn't the best – but I could play with the best!"

Goorjian considered the opportunity to coach all three

of his sons to be one of the great blessings of his life. His son Brian led the 1971 Falcons to the CIF finals with a 29-1 record. Brian's own legendary coaching career flourished in Australia, culminating in the country's first ever Olympic medal in basketball in 2021. Brian is widely regarded as the most successful coach in the history of Australian basketball.

Ed coached his son Kevin, who went on to spend 10 years in the NBL as an assistant coach, then as head coach at a decorated Australian high school program.

Youngest son Greg was an electrifying scorer at CV, averaging

see MIKE LAWLER on page 15

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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY • SUSAN BOLAN

So Tired, Tired of Waiting

Rockhaven has been on my mind a lot lately. With all this rain and the knowledge that the historic buildings are compromised, it weighs heavy with each passing rainstorm. Were there teams of people out in the elements protecting the open roofs? Had the tarps done an effective job in keeping the rain out? I had no way of knowing for sure.

I recently wrote about my family's surprise connection to Rockhaven. This historical treasure was purchased in 2008 by the City of Glendale but, at that time, I was only peripherally aware that the old sanitarium existed at all. The story that I heard in 2009 was that Glendale had saved the property from a developer who had plans to knock down the houses and put up modern apartments. The City's vision instead was to use the 3.4 acres at Rockhaven to relocate the Montrose Library and to expand the fire station next door into the library space. The Trader Joe's lease had been in negotiations and it was announced that the rent money could be used to pay for the relocation projects and to add park space at Rockhaven. How wonderful!

A documentary produced by GTV6 Glendale in 2010 confirmed the City's plan to preserve the property as a place of respite for the community. The name of the film was called "Rockhaven: A Sanctuary from Glendale's Past" and it can still be found <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88-u9JENt0>. The Historical Society of Crescenta Valley was delighted that Glendale had made the commitment to save the last sanitarium in La Crescenta and that its history would be shared. But not so fast ...

By 2014, the tone of the discussion had changed. A slow economic recovery since the purchase of the property and the state's redevelopment funds having dried up caused Glendale to change course. In response to inquiries, City officials started using phrases like, "The project is required to have a housing component" and "Any proposal must generate revenue to pay for itself." No other park in Glendale had this requirement, even historical properties like the

Stone Barn at Deukmejian Park. The City was now only interested in business plans that made money to pay for renovations, especially since the Trader Joe's funds had been diverted elsewhere.

Community members were shocked to hear this and were even more disturbed by the business proposals under consideration that removed public access to the site entirely. Still, no actual work had been done besides a new roof on the caretaker's cottage in 2013. All the other houses remained untouched except for the routine cleanings done by Friends of Rockhaven volunteer members, when allowed.

For the next several years, Glendale contracted with a couple of different companies to rehabilitate the Rockhaven site but neither of them worked out due to disagreements with the City. Buildings remained untouched and vacant. In 2021, State Senator Anthony Portantino proposed and secured \$8.25 million to renovate and preserve the historically significant Rockhaven property for the public to enjoy and appreciate, and to create the Rockhaven

Mental Health History Museum. This influx of money was the gift Friends of Rockhaven had been dreaming of and members were excited that at last the work could get started. But that didn't happen either.

As of this writing, no contractors have been hired, no new roofs were installed or structures rehabbed, and no new history museum has come to fruition. The poorly placed roof tarps allowed rainwater to pour in and flood the buildings. Every house has mold growing on walls and floors except the caretaker's cottage. We are heartbroken, frustrated and just plain mad. During the fifteen years since the City of Glendale acquired Rockhaven, leadership certainly has not been focused on preserving the jewel we have – instead only looking toward creating new affordable housing there.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene In LA

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH
April 2023

It's great to see that more of the theatres we feared had been lost during the pandemic closure are opening their doors again with new shows. COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check

with the theatre before attending an event to find out what is their current policy.

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

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

OPENING

"Dark of the Moon: A New Musical" follows John, a witch boy from the Smoky Mountains, who falls in love with Barbara Allen, a beautiful and rebellious mortal girl who longs for more life than she finds in the fictitious Appalachian town of Buck Creek. John is willing to give up anything to be with Barbara Allen and makes a deal

with the conjure people to give up his immortality and become mortal if Barbara and he can stay true to each other for a year. Based on the classic stage play of the same name, this new musical adaptation is the sexy, soulful tale of young lovers torn apart by prejudice and fear – a modern melding of "Twilight" and "Romeo and Juliet" loosely based on a centuries-old ballad. Heart wrenchingly beautiful, and profoundly poetic, "Dark of the Moon" features a dual score by an award-winning songwriting team with a bluegrass/folk sound voiced by the humans juxtaposed with a rock/soul sound from the witches.

Written by Jonathan Prince, with music by Lindy Robbins, Dave Bassett and Steve Robson, and directed by James O'Neil, it runs through April 16 at the Rubicon Theatre Company in Ventura. For tickets, call (805) 667-2900 or visit www.rubicontheatre.org.



"Kiss of the Spider Woman" Set in a South American prison cell in a country under authoritarian rule, two polar opposites discover that love may spring in the most unlikely of places. Poignant,

chilling, funny and sensual, this intimate two-hander is the story of Valentin, a macho political prisoner whose commitment to the Marxist cause takes precedence over everything else, and queer, movie-loving Molina, who escapes the harsh reality of prison life by retelling beloved film noir classics and emulating their glamorous leading ladies. Forced to share a cell in Buenos Aires' notorious Villa Devoto prison during Argentina's "Dirty War," the two forge an unlikely relationship.

Written by Manuel Puig and directed by Michael Michetti, it runs through April 23 at A Noise Within in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 356-3100 or visit www.noisewithin.org.

To see more, visit www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE.



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2nd Annual Brand Classroom Showcase on Display



Brand Library & Art Center held the opening reception of the 2nd Annual Brand Classroom Showcase of Glendale Unified School District, 2022-23, on March 31.

Each year the Annual Brand Classroom Showcase of Glendale Unified School District (ABCS of GUSD) features artwork in a wide range of media by upper level students from the five public high schools in Glendale. Photography, painting, ceramics, sculpture, video and installation art are represented in this exhibition, which provides students with a public platform for their voices and their art.

The ABCS of GUSD is the culminating event in a larger program that provides Glendale high school students the opportunity to learn directly from local art professionals. Students are invited to Brand Library & Art Center each year for a full day of interactive, hands-on learning. The students receive instruction on proper handling and installation of artwork, curation, presentation and marketing. Past guest educators have been from Disney Archives, The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Educators will provide the students with best practices for handling and installing artwork, practical lessons on supporting their art practice while pursuing an arts career, and insights on marketing their artwork and communicating with galleries.

The 2nd Annual Brand Showcase will be on view through April 8. Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

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THEN & NOW CV High School – Then and Now Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: As the population of the valley exploded after WWII, it became evident that CV must have its own high school rather than bussing students to Glendale High. It was decided that Clark Junior High on Community Avenue would expand to become CV High School, and two new junior highs would be built up the hill (Rosemont and Clark). In 1955 this "new" portion of CV High was built facing Ramsdell.



Now: By 1960, Clark Junior High began to transfer to its new site on New York and on Sept. 10, 1960 Crescenta Valley High School opened with a new sophomore class. Bill Thomas was the principal and Ted Andrews and Willa Budd were vice principals. Here's that same portion of CVHS today looking southeast from Ramsdell.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Much to Celebrate at Grand Opening



The grand opening of the Glendale location of Total Wine & More on March 8 was well-attended by many locals eager to see the result of months of work on one of the main buildings of the former Fashion Center at 221 N. Glendale Ave.

The festivities did not disappoint. Store manager Melina Calderon showed off the many unique aspects of the space – including a cigar humidifier room.

Photo by Sonya MARQUEZ
At left guests enjoyed pours of different types of beverages.

Plenty of tastes were available for guests to enjoy, spotlighting the wide selection available at Total Wine & More.

Brothers David and Robert Trone opened the business in 1991. Today, Total Wine & More boasts a reputation of being the nation's leading retailer of wine, spirits and beer. It is also involved with philanthropic outreach; for the March 8 event Glendale Arts was chosen as its official charity partner.

To learn more, visit www.totalwine.com.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

On March 29, 1973 the last American combat soldier left Saigon. On March 28, 2017 President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veteran's Recognition Act of 2017, permanently recognizing March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Pictured is the Vietnam War Memorial in the Montrose Shopping Park located at the northwest corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.



Photo by Sonya MARQUEZ

MIKE LAWLER from page 9

43.4 points per game as a senior. He broke the all-time California scoring record and was selected CIF Southern Section Division 4-A Most Valuable Player in 1978. At Loyola Marymount, Greg got to play again for his dad, and averaged 26 points a game before being drafted by the Golden State Warriors.

Coach Goorjian's demanding practices and passion for excellence built an inner strength, discipline and confidence in every player who passed through his program.

In July 2022, former players, students and fellow coaches gathered at a country club in Seal Beach. Ed heard from all of them how much he had meant to their lives. After an afternoon of laughter, tears and moving tributes, he said, "I look at all of you and to think I had a small part of your life – what you've accomplished. And not only in your jobs, but being real people. You're the best. I want to thank you for today – very much. And I love all of you. I've lived a long life, a great life, and I'm so fortunate. Thank you very, very much."

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I sent a stranger money through Zelle by mistake. How do I undo it?

When Maura Ruzhnikov sends money to a stranger by mistake on Zelle, she tries to undo the transaction. That's easier said than done. Will she ever get her money back?

Q I accidentally transferred \$3,825 to the wrong person through Zelle via First Republic Bank. I entered the wrong email address.

The person who received the deposit was initially going to send it back but his bank advised him against this since he does not know me. He asked me to file a claim with Zelle.

The stranger now claims the money is being "held" by Zelle. He told me to contact them but a Zelle representative told me that is not possible and I must go through their bank partners.

I tried going to a local branch of the recipient's bank, who advised me to file a police report and said they could not help me as I am not the account holder with their bank.

I filed a police report and I have filed two separate claims with my bank explaining all of this and that the person who received the deposit seems willing to return it but at this point I have no idea where the funds are. I communicated with my bank earlier this month and a representative promised an update by the end of the day, but I haven't heard back since. Can you help me get my money back? — Maura Ruzhnikov, Great Falls, Virginia

A: I'm sorry for all the trouble you experienced. But the stranger did the right thing.

The reason? Sending money to someone you don't know is one of the biggest Zelle scams. Here's how it works: A criminal will create a Zelle account and link it to a stolen credit card. Then the scammer uses Zelle to send payments to a stranger. The sender asks for a refund but then swaps out the stolen credit card for a real one and receives your money. The person with the stolen card then disputes the charge — meaning you lose the amount you paid back.

Pretty clever, huh? Zelle is a peer-to-peer payment system so the money is transferred directly from your bank to the recipient's bank. Each participating bank has a dispute process, and I asked about your situation, but your bank would not tell me who had the money and when. In the end, it doesn't really matter — it's your money and you're entitled to it. If necessary, you could have petitioned a small claims court for a refund and you would have received it.

But working your way through the system — however painful it may have been — was the right move. I outline the ways to get

your money back in my guide to getting your money back from a Zelle scam or accidental money transfer. It looks like you followed the steps I recommended but still fell short. I would have leaned on your bank for a resolution since you are using Zelle through the bank.

How do you prevent this? Make sure you always double-check the email address of the recipient before you send. If you send money to someone by mistake, cancel immediately. Your bank may be able to reverse the transaction.

I contacted First Republic Bank on your behalf. A representative contacted you and told you that the money had been moved from the recipient's account to his bank, where it was being "held." A month after your erroneous transaction, you received a full refund.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

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6th April

ACROSS

- 1) Completely wreck
- 6) Hindu melody
- 10) Like khakis
- 14) Walled city of Spain
- 15) Airline with a King David Club
- 16) ___ avis
- 17) "Olympia" painter Edouard
- 18) Pear-shaped instrument
- 19) Has a mortgage, e.g.
- 20) Atlas map data
- 22) Confined, with "up"
- 23) Henhouse raider
- 24) Carmen of jazz
- 25) Called a game
- 29) Golden State region, for short
- 32) Love dearly
- 33) Yellow or orange blooms
- 37) Get pooped out
- 38) Had the blahs
- 39) Short blast
- 40) Jamaican band instrument
- 42) Be rude in line
- 43) Was helpful to
- 44) Treat as a pet
- 45) Play area?
- 48) Stroke's need
- 49) Manner of expression
- 50) Vietnam-era naval vessels
- 57) Father of Thor
- 58) Navel fluff
- 59) Borden "spokescow"
- 60) Far-reaching
- 61) Penny, maybe
- 62) Champion's claim
- 63) Keeps a watch on
- 64) Lowly type
- 65) Foul moods

DOWN

- 1) Pack tightly
- 2) Amphitheater shape
- 3) Fey of "30 Rock"
- 4) Baldwin of "30 Rock"
- 5) Library assessment
- 6) Kick back
- 7) Reunion attendee
- 8) Scandal suffix
- 9) Hoppy brews
- 10) Painters' protective measures
- 11) Less polished
- 12) Fight site
- 13) Keep from drying out
- 21) Gesture of concession
- 24) Kiosk item, for short
- 25) Charlie Brown epithet
- 26) Make cuts, say
- 27) Yell after a slice, perhaps
- 28) Those not under contract
- 29) Toast word
- 30) City near Provo
- 31) Spanish hero El ___
- 33) Mucky stuff
- 34) London lavatories
- 35) Bird on Woodstock posters
- 36) "Leave it," to a proofreader
- 38) Use a postscript
- 41) Doctored account
- 42) Light frozen desserts
- 44) Scratching post user
- 45) Potbelly, for one
- 46) Right now
- 47) Biscotti flavoring
- 48) "Come here ___?"
- 50) High five sound
- 51) Sommelier's suggestion
- 52) Division word
- 53) Lena of "Havana"
- 54) Sparkling wine, informally
- 55) Pinball flub
- 56) Goes out with

KICKSTARTERS

By Fred Piscop

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. This week on April 7 the Club is dark. The next speaker is Stuart Byles from the Stonebarn Conservancy at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. He'll be talking on April 14 about the history of wine making in the area.

The cost to attend, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

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

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, April 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

EASTER WEEKEND FUN

Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills hosts a Saturday afternoon of Easter fun, including live bunnies to hold and pet, crafts, Easter egg hunt, bunny hop dance, refreshments and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny (wear your Easter best!). The event takes place on Saturday, April 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills, 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (entrance and free parking at the back of the building). There is no charge and all are welcome! Please phone (818) 957-1500 or email foothills@scIENTOLOGY.net to let organizers know you are coming.

TUJUNGA ELKS HOLDING FUNDRAISER

All are invited to the Tujunga Elks Purple Pig Fundraiser on April 8 put on by Elks members who are supplying food and raffles.

The Tujunga Elks Lodge is located at 10137 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

AAUW WELCOMES KEVIN McMANUS

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet for breakfast on Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale. Please make a reservation by email by April 5 to Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com.

The cost is \$35 payable at the door by cash or check.

Guest speaker is Kevin McManus, PR and communications manager for the Pasadena Humane Society. He will share information about its services and activities.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities, and meetings, visit <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

'CHIPS' SCENES SHARED

Guests of the 2nd Saturday presentation on April 8 at the Bolton Hall Museum will see TV scenes from the late 1970s program "CHiPS" that were filmed on the not-yet-completed local 2 and 210 Freeways. CHiPS was about the adventures of two California Highway Patrol motorcycle officers and aired on NBC from September 1977 through April 1983.

Presenter for this program is local filmmaker John Newcombe who will be showing his compilations of many scenes from "CHiPS," "Adam-12," "Emergency!" and other programs and movies that were filmed locally.

This event is at 1 p.m., is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

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

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

SQUARE DANCE FUN-RAISER

A fundraising square dance is being held at McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga on April 15 at 7 p.m. This dance continues the "3rd Saturday Square Dance" that took place in Highland Park prior to COVID. The live old time band is Smoke Holler and the caller is Jeremy Horton.

This dance is open to adults and the caller teaches the dances. No prior square dance knowledge is needed (although it helps to have an inkling of it). Suggested donation of \$10 supports the McGroarty Arts Center.

'THE SUNRISE FROM THE MOON' AT TACIT

Theater Arts in Caltech (TACIT), directed by Brian Brophy, presents "The Sunrise from the Moon." There will be four shows: on Thursday, April 13, Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Ramo Auditorium in Caltech campus.

In Hannah Manikowski's play, NASA's first lunar colony suffers a tragic collapse but one human survives: Annaliese, a 25-year-old woman born on the Moon, with 10 of those years spent alone. Following her discovery, Annaliese is rescued and returned to Earth, where – alongside her own pained search for identity – she is caught in the crosshairs of competing agendas between NASA investigators.

Featuring an eclectic cast of characters and satisfying moments of surprise, this sleek drama is also a love story that probes the complexity of the human condition.

Tickets are available at the Caltech Ticket Office (626) 395-4652 for \$25 for general public, \$15 for staffs/JPL/seniors, \$5 for students.

Social distancing and masks are recommended but not mandatory.

For more information visit pva.caltech.edu or call (626) 395-3295.

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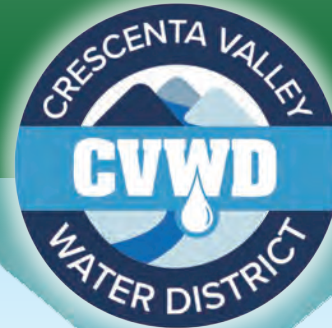
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Answers to crossword on page 16

CVWD IS MOVING TO STAGE GREEN

Due to historic rainfalls, CVWD is going from 2 days of outdoor watering to 3-4 days of watering (odd or even days, depending on your address)



WATER CONSERVATION ALERT: GREEN

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If your address ends in an odd number, you can water on odd-numbered calendar days.

For detailed information, visit <https://www.cvwd.com/ordinances>

CVWD will move from to Stage 4 - Orange Water Conservation Alert to Stage 2 - Green Water Conservation Alert effective April 3, 2023

CVWD customers receive water from local groundwater and imported water purchased from Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) via MWD. Imported water comes from two main sources – the Colorado River and the California State Water Project.

Recent rainfall, which represents among the 10 highest precipitation seasons in recorded history, has significantly replenished local supplies. The Foothills community has not seen this much rain since the 2004/2005 and 1992/1993 rainfall years.

Statewide, the water supply improvements are even more dramatic. Northern Sierra precipitation exceeds the wettest year on record by 25 inches, and snowpack is 30% above average. As a result, imported regional water supplies will be adequate to meet projected demands, and additional water is being stored in regional reservoirs. This includes State Water Project (SWP) supplies, whose allocation was increased on March 24, 2023, to 75% of total water demands.

Though SWP conditions have improved, Southern California's other primary source of imported water – the Colorado River – is still at least several such rainfalls away from recovering to sustainable. More than two decades of drought and severely dry conditions have caused reservoirs to drop to historic low levels, jeopardizing water supply and power generation that the Southwest region relies on. The Colorado River is no longer insurance against shortages in our other water supplies.

Because of the overall improved situation, CVWD will reduce the Water Conservation Alert from Stage 4 – "Orange", to Stage 2 – "Green".

CVWD encourages customers to continue using water wisely, fixing leaks quickly, and reducing outdoor watering.

Check out www.cvwd.com for details on the Phase 2 – "Green" Water Conservation Alert and available rebate programs.



BUSINESS

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New Beginnings at CV Chamber

Welcome spring and all the promise of new beginnings. While it would be okay to just skip April showers and fast-forward to May flowers, we will need the whole month of April to get all the Chamber activities in!

First off, we are excited to revitalize the Chamber business mixers. We are looking to have a monthly mixer either at a member's location where they can host and showcase their businesses or the mixer will be held at the office of the CV Chamber of Commerce. Either way (or where), you can count on a perfect opportunity to get some business networking going and have a good time doing it. Anyone from your business or organization can represent the membership for business networking and the chance to win the \$\$\$ mixer jackpot – but you must be present to win! Of course, if any member would like to sponsor or co-sponsor a mixer at the Chamber office that could be arranged! Mixers will be held on the second Wednesday or Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The first mixer is scheduled for April 13 at the Chamber of Commerce office. During some serious spring cleaning at the office we uncovered some Crescenta Valley memories that we must share. Come to

the mixer to peruse some old Crescenta Valley "The Ledger" newspapers and many editorials and writings by Don Carpenter. We also uncovered hundreds of photos of Chamber activities over the years. We need help identifying all these younger people! It should be memorable.

And the excitement is beginning to grow for the 2023 Hometown Country Fair! Set for April 29 at the Crescenta Valley Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission to the fair is free and guaranteed fun for the whole family. Vendor space and sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Get ready for these and future notices of a bumper crop of Chamber events in '23. Let us help you get the most out of your Chamber membership; we want to help your business succeed and contribute to the strong community spirit we all enjoy living and working here.

For more information, please contact the Chamber office. Tel: (818) 248-4957, email: info@crescentavalleychamber.org and the chamber address is 3131 Foothill Blvd. Suite D in La Crescenta 91214.

*JD Speas, DVM
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MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Hoppin' into April...

April is here and the MVCC could not be more excited for our Egg My Home event this weekend and the Montrose Craft Beer Fest to end the month! We are grateful for all the ways this wonderful community has supported us and our events these past 100 years. Let's keep making memories together.

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APRIL 6

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APRIL 7

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Message by Mike Harbert



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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Montrose located at 3708 Clifton Place Montrose, CA 91022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 4/20/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Alex Sunghoon Chang; Craig Edward Anderson; Terence Alan Glenny; Patricia Rose Wright. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly March 30, April 6, 2023.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: CECILY MONDRAGON, Case number 23GDCP00042. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Room 279, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner CECILY MONDRAGON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: SELENE LUNA VALENZUELA to Proposed Name: LUNA SELENE VALENZUELA. 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: MAY 17, 2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: D Room: 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 March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

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Annual Egg My Home. The MVCC Bunny will be coming to scatter Easter eggs for all who placed orders at bit.ly/eggmyhome3 by 3 p.m. today, April 6!

On Sunday, April 30 from noon to 4 p.m., it's the 8th Annual Montrose Craft Beer Fest. If you are a brewery or a local business interested in participating or sponsoring, reach out to events.mvcc@gmail.com. Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/2023cbf.

On Thursday, May 4 at 6 p.m. there is a mixer at Jenkins Properties, 2626 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. Enjoy taco catering and refresh-

ments while building strong business relationships. Members: \$10, guests: \$15.

Special Thank You to our Egg My Home event sponsor the YMCA of the Foothills, our partner the Glendale Police Dept., and all of our other amazing sponsors who made this event possible: J's Maintenance, @MillennialRealtorLA, CV Weekly, Crescenta Cañada Pet Hospital and Spiritual Heart Yoga Center!

Have a happy Easter and we hope to see you on April 30!

Molly Burke

MVCC Interim Executive Director

IN BRIEFS from page 3

GPD HOSTING CEREAL BOX DRIVE

The Glendale Police Dept. is collecting new unopened boxes of cereal during the months of April and May. The cereal will be donated to local seniors in need, food pantries and the department's Cops for Kids families.

Drop off cereal to the Glendale Police Dept. lobby at 131 N. Isabel St. in Glendale. For more information or to arrange for a cereal box pickup, contact Amy Tate at atate@glendaleca.gov or call (818) 548-4015.

TOUGH TOPICS from page 8

also on the agenda. City officials highlighted the lack of open space and parks in this area of Glendale.

Barger told the Council this was the "best time" to talk about parks since the County is in the process of conducting a countywide parks assessment.

"If you are looking to collaborate with us," she said, "there are opportunities." Another discussion was held regarding the City's request that a checkbox for Armenian be added under the Middle Eastern or North African category on the U.S. Census. At present Armenian Americans are classified as "White" on the U.S. Census form.

According to the presentation, Armenian Americans represent a sizable and important community in the U.S. but are invisible in the collection of federal, state and local data. Armenian Americans are among the top three MENA (Middle Eastern and North African) communities in size. Armenians are

a transnational group in the MENA region. The Armenian American community is made up of immigrants, refugees and English language learners. The Armenian American community overwhelmingly supports census classification.

The City requested a letter in support of the change and for the supervisor to read it into the County record. On Tuesday, the motion was read: "WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to send a five-signature letter to the Office of Management and Budget expressing Los Angeles County's support for the inclusion of an Armenian checkbox under the proposed MENA category in the 2030 Census and explain the importance of this inclusion for the Armenian American community of Los Angeles County and the United States as a whole."

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