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# Layoffs at JPL

By Mary O'KEEFE

Most employees at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) spent Wednesday working from home and waiting to find out if they would be returning to their jobs or if they would be part of the over 500 who would be laid off.

The local area will feel the shockwave of the layoffs as several who work at JPL live in La Cañada Flintridge, Crescenta Valley and Pasadena. The JPL workforce supports local businesses and volunteers hundreds of hours with local organizations and schools.

"After exhausting all other measures to adjust to a lower budget from NASA, and in the absence of an FY (fiscal year) 24 appropriation from Congress, we have had to make the difficult decision to reduce the JPL workforce through layoffs. JPL staff has been advised that the workforce reduction will affect approximately 530 of our colleagues, an impact of about 8%, plus approximately 40 additional members of our contractor workforce. The impacts will occur across both technical and support areas of the Lab. These are painful but necessary adjustments that will enable us to adhere to our budget allocation while continuing our important work for NASA and our nation," according to a JPL/NASA statement.

JPL director Dr. Laurie Leshin sent an email on Tuesday to employees that announced the layoffs. She stated cuts would also include contractors. JPL works with outside contractors throughout the world on many of its missions. "The workforce reduction will affect approximately 530 of our JPL colleagues, an impact of about 8%, and approximately 40 additional members of our contractor workforce," Leshin wrote.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/NEWS](http://CVWeekly.com/NEWS)

# It's Time for Jazz Night at CVHS

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Residents and students are invited to attend a night of live music and dance.*

During the swing era there were no smartphones, no social media and certainly no music platforms like Apple and Spotify. It just came down to a band playing music that most had never heard before – short rhythmic passes that repeat many times and got people onto the dance floor. It was a type of jazz that took by storm the late 1930s to 1940s. Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington brought their big-band swing music to America and beyond, and there was nothing like it.

Swing dance and swing music may have faded from their heights of popularity in the mid '40s but it is still strong at many local clubs around the country ... and on Friday night at Crescenta Valley High School café.

Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music (CVIM) presents Jazz Night in the CVHS Café on Friday from



File photo

In 2022, the CV jazz band took its magic outside when it played under the stars.

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15, which includes admission, dessert and dance lessons that typically start at 7:30 p.m. For a "more VIP experience," \$75 reserves a table for four. Dressy casual-jazzy attire is encouraged.

Jazz Night at the Café has been a long tradition – over 15 years –

for CVIM and has been a fan favorite. People of all ages can be found on the dance floor, from toddlers to grandparents.

The event was canceled in 2021 due to the pandemic but came back "swinging" in 2022.

"I have a firm belief that in order for students to fully understand

jazz music, they need to study the old swing style," said Mat Schick, CVHS music director, in an earlier interview. "That's because it's a huge part of the foundation of jazz. It was really the first iteration that proved to be widely accepted and successful."

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# NWGHHA Hosts City Council Forum

By Mikaela STONE

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association hosted a City Council Candidates' Forum at the Brand Library with the goal of being a neutral voice to keep voters informed on candidates' stances. The forum posed questions taken from the public. Candidates who attended included former mayor Vrej Agajanian, professional engineer and television station CEO whose priorities include reducing city debt and streamlining the permit process; concerned citizen James Clarke, former Londoner and seven-year resident who is taking a stance against unsustainable spending and ongoing mismanagement; former mayor and real estate CEO Vartan Gharpetian, whose goal is to reduce crime rates, combat anti-police sentiment

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Candidates took the stage at the forum hosted by the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association on Feb. 1.



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The Finest offers our readers the chance to cast their ballots for those businesses, services and people who they feel are the best in their category. Have a favorite Chinese food place? Vote for them! Love your auto mechanic? Make sure to vote for him/her! On page 17 of this week's paper you'll find the ballot for The Finest 2024. You can complete it, tear it out and either mail or walk it in to us here at 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 in La Crescenta (91214) or visit us online at <https://www.crescentavalleweekly.com/finest/>. You can fill out the ballot and submit it online. Among the rules: One ballot per person per IP address. Duplicate ballots will not be accepted. Verified by name and/or email address. Minimum of 10 choices must be made. All ballots must be received in our office by March 7. Businesses/individuals can only win in one category. Voting is by ballot only.

As an aside, the biggest issue we have had in the past are ballots coming in with fewer than 10 choices. If a ballot arrives with fewer than 10 choices it is disqualified, so make sure you submit a minimum of 10. We have had folks who have filled out the entire ballot; that's fine, too. We welcome all choices.

The winners will be announced in June but the ballots are only accepted until March 7. So take the time to look over the ballot and

fill it out with your choices for The Finest!

This election season is already heating up. It was brought up to me that CV Weekly should offer endorsements on the candidates for the various races. In the past I shied away from that; one of the primary reasons is that I, as the publisher, didn't feel I should speak on behalf of my staff. After all, there are diverse opinions on the candidates and I didn't want to speak for everyone here. Also, in this election especially, there are so many people running in so many races. I don't feel I have the knowledge of all the candidates to offer opinions on them all.

However, I do have some opinions that I feel confident in sharing and I will do so in upcoming weeks. I think this column is a perfect forum to do that because it is not a news page; it is a column reflecting my opinions – much like the Viewpoints page of the newspaper.

One final thought: to me there is no excuse for someone going onto another person's property to remove lawn signs they have endorsing one candidate or another. While we may disagree, there is no excuse for this type of theft. Also, it could be considered trespassing to place a lawn sign without permission.

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

This storm that since Sunday moved through the state is a real storm. On social media there is this thing where a recorded voice talks about how bad it is for Californians: "It's raining and the sun isn't shining." The first time I saw this I thought self-deprecation was a little funny... but then not so much. This is a real rain. There is real flooding and all this rain creates a real danger—especially with mudslides.

So yeah, from someone who was not born and raised here, and someone who has lived in other states, California is pretty weather perfect. I mean you can go to the mountains and snowboard or sled, and then, on the same day, go to the beach. And for the most part I agree with Randy Newman (maybe a little tongue in cheek): "It's just another perfect day. I love LA."

The myth that Californians don't know real weather is just not a reality. This rainstorm can rival any rainstorm I have seen in Iowa or Missouri. That being said, California has always had its own way of identifying its natural disasters and/or weather. An earthquake is a "shaker" and the rain system that comes from Hawaii is the "Pineapple Express."

There is some debate on who exactly coined the phrase "Pineapple Express." Meteorologists in Washington State and California have claimed the mantle "first to use" but it was first used in the 1960s and was a way to describe an atmospheric river that originates in the Pacific near Hawaii then travels to California.

"Pineapple Express, so dubbed because of the fruit being a symbol of the U.S. Island chain," according to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com).

But now the term "atmospheric river" is on every weather report. It seems lately we are either expecting one, just missed one or are in the middle of one.

The term atmospheric river was first used in

1994 to describe atmospheric water vapor being transported across the mid-latitudes... although there is still a debate about its exact meaning.

Atmospheric rivers are relatively long, narrow regions in the atmosphere, like rivers in the sky, that transport most of the water vapor outside of the tropics. While atmospheric rivers can vary greatly in size and strength, the average atmospheric river carries an amount of water vapor roughly equivalent to the average flow of water at the mouth of the Mississippi River, according to NOAA.

The Pineapple Express is a strong atmospheric river. From Dec. 10-22, 2010 a series of atmospheric rivers fueled the strong winter storms that battered the U.S. West Coast from western Washington to Southern California. This series of storms produced 11 to 25 inches of rain in certain areas and contributed to the snowpack in the Sierra, which received 75% of its annual snow by Dec. 22, according to NOAA.

"The phenomenon of atmospheric rivers is fed by the El Niño conditions that have taken over the climate of the Americas again since mid-2023. Atmospheric rivers are plumes of moisture that extend from the tropics all the way to more northern reaches and are made possible by El Niño-related changes in the jet stream air currents that circle the globe. Normally, these jet streams travel in a westerly direction but under certain conditions plumes can escape and travel long distances, bringing tropical rains to more moderate locales," according to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com).

Just like in every medium, meteorologists want that phrase that captures the imagination as well as explains conditions. It is the same as when I heard JPL's Marc Raymond mention "ion propulsion" when I attended a seminar. Every Trekkie in the audience sat up when we heard this: most of us civilians didn't exactly know how ion propulsion worked but we knew "Star Trek"

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## IN BRIEF

### Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be working on the trail, weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants that pose a fire danger to the Preserve.

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. and not in front of neighbors' homes. 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.

### City of La Cañada Flintridge's Anticipated Clean Power Alliance Partnership

Last month, the City of La Cañada Flintridge hosted a town hall meeting to discuss its upcoming electricity provider shift from Southern California Edison (SCE) to Clean Power Alliance (CPA). The Clean Power Alliance is an electricity provider that specializes in renewable energy under the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) Community Choice Aggregation program. Switching to CPA allows for residents to choose which electricity provider they want to use: CPA or SCE.

During the meeting, La Cañada Flintridge's Clean Power Alliance representative Dalia Gomez covered Community Choice Aggregation, the difference in rates between SCE and CPA and the anticipated timeline of the switch to CPA. The town hall ended with a Q&A session, during which Dalia touched on procurement and delivery of renewable energy, availability of bill assistance for fixed income residents and the transition's impact on those with rooftop solar panels.

La Cañada Flintridge's transition to Clean Power Alliance is currently pending the California Public Utilities Commission's approval, expected in March 2024. Upon approval, City staff will continue outreach to residents and businesses regarding the transition.

For more information on La Cañada Flintridge's switch to the Clean Power Alliance, visit [CityOfLCF.org/CleanPowerAlliance](http://CityOfLCF.org/CleanPowerAlliance).

### Drones, Helicopters Used in SCE Inspection

As part of its wildfire prevention and mitigation program, over the next few weeks SCE will be conducting inspections in local neighborhood using drones and/or helicopters.

SCE inspectors are using drones and helicopters to inspect equipment from difficult angles and top-down angles for a 360-degree view.

The focus of these operations is to keep communities safe by inspecting electrical equipment on poles and towers and to identify any damage or potential hazard that may need immediate repair.

The amount of time it takes to conduct inspections varies depending on how much equipment is on each pole or tower (approximately 30 to 60 minutes).

### Call to Conserve Water During Major Pipeline Repair

Foothill Municipal Water District, along with its retail agencies including CV Water District, is asking residents and businesses to conserve water from today, Feb. 8, through Feb. 17 as Metropolitan Water District inspects and rehabilitates a critical water delivery pipeline. The major pipeline shutdown will impact water supply for multiple water agencies from La Verne to the Foothill area.

Residents were initially asked to conserve water starting on Feb. 5 but because of the major storms hitting the region this week, the rehabilitation project was delayed three days.

Residents are always encouraged to conserve water by turning off outdoor watering during and after rainfall naturally irrigates outdoor landscapes. The pending shutdown of the water pipeline makes that reduced outdoor water use even more important.

Below are additional tips on how residents and businesses can increase conservation during the shutdown.

- Turn off irrigation controllers and cease all outdoor watering.
- Do not mow lawns. Minimize the use of lawns (i.e., playing on them, leaving vehicles on them, etc.) to reduce stress on the turf.
- Take short five-minute showers. Place a bucket in the shower to collect the water before warming up. Use this water for plants.
- Do not leave water running when washing dishes, brushing your teeth or shaving.

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# Local Woodworker Honored

By Mikaela STONE

The Fine Arts Club of Pasadena is honoring woodworker Christopher Grant Ward with an honorarium for his selection of "biophilic furniture," or furniture inspired by the patterns found in nature, carved from sustainable mahogany. As a Sparr Heights resident, Ward not only carves whimsical furniture, he also restores to their original beauty classic furniture and homes in Glendale, La Crescenta and Pasadena. Ward's business, Rosemary Home Design, provides on-site restoration, refurbishing or replacing of doors, window frames, fireplaces and beams and he even offers interior design. He supports other local businesses by purchasing his glass inlays from R.D. Gibbs in Glendale and his wood materials from Swaner Hardwood in Burbank. Swaner Hardwood ethically sources mahogany from Samartex in Ghana. Samartex Wood Processing prides itself on social responsibility, running a school for 1,315 students up to the junior high level and providing scholarships for high achieving students to attend high school. He also supports a 93-bed hospital facility and maintains road infrastructure.

Ward fell in love with carving furniture during his 10 years flipping houses. Since then, he has spent a year and a half devoted to creating sustainable projects that will last generations. With his fine arts background, Ward uses his pen and ink sketches of patterns in plants and animals that interest him to inspire the designs he carves, translating them into more abstract styles.

"The idea isn't to be super realistic with it, just inspired by," he said.

His dragonfly inspired table keeps the six legs of an insect but merely hints at the curve of the dragonfly's wings and body with its concave sides. Similarly, hooves and horns can be spotted in his etagere



Photo provided by Christopher Grant Ward

The Idyllia door tells the narrative of the passage of time.

and his moon jelly table balances on a squiggly base reminiscent of jellyfish tendrils with Bubinga wood inlays that match the crescents seen on the bells of moon jellies. It is his goal to create timeless pieces and avoid the fast paced production, short-lived pieces, and excessive waste that have become common.

The most elaborate of the pieces shown at an upcoming meeting of the Fine Arts Club of Pasadena will be the Idyllia Door, which tells the narrative of the passage of time. The outside of the door shows a daytime scene with the patterns of sunbeams and insect wings woven together to represent the transition of spring into summer. On the inside, a pair of birds "settle in" for the night, representing the beauty of winter. For the door's hardware, Ward reclaimed metal pieces from the 1910s.

"Whenever we pass through the door we're adding to the narrative of our life going by," he said.

Another unique aspect of Christopher Grant Ward's art is the

inclusion of "imperfect" wood pieces. When wind blows through forests it creates tiny cracks, or "shakes," in the trees as they withstand and adjust to the gusts, which Ward compared to stretch marks on humans. While wind shakes do not undermine the strength of the wood, many carvers find them unsightly. Ward, however, goes out of his way to find pieces of lumber with wind shakes as a reminder that the tree had been alive – the asymmetrical nature of the shakes goes along with his works' theme of natural patterns.

So what's next for Ward? While he has plans to attend art festivals in La Jolla, Carlsbad and Redlands, Ward loves the community and loves working locally. He acknowledged that many local homeowners are not aware of the options available to them for restoration, and he looks forward to working with future clients to create custom options from a variety of eras, bringing function and beauty together – and pieces that tell a story.

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# NOTES & NODS

## Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to attend its Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. Lent is a 40-day period during which Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness. Ultimately, it is a

preparation to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter. This year's Ash Wednesday worship is a joint service between Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in La Crescenta and LCIF in La Cañada. It will take place at the LCIF sanctuary. LCIF will have Lenten worship each Wednesday evening through March 20. With the exception of Ash Wednesday, all Lenten services include a

soup supper at 6 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

And a reminder: this Sunday, Feb. 11 during regular 10 a.m. worship with Pastor Rick Hall, LCIF will hold its yearly tradition, the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Participants are invited to put their money in a soup pot for the team they think will win, and all the money goes to charity. It's a way to celebrate the big game and supporting a favorite team – all while helping to alleviate hunger and poverty in local communities. The money collected will be forwarded to Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.

Children's Church is offered during 10 a.m. worship. Families should meet in the church's sanctuary. After a message for the children from Pastor Hall, the kids head to the Youth Room for games, crafts and study.

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.

### Mt. Olive Offers Community Luncheon, Breakfast Bible Study

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church reminds the public that it hosts a community luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month through May. There is "wonderful food and amazing entertainment." Cost is just \$5. All are invited.

Mt. Olive is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

### Friendship Weekend

Bethel Church in Sun Valley is hosting special events for the whole community the weekend of Feb. 10-11. On Feb. 10, there will be a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. showing of the movie "A Million Miles Away" (rated PG) about the inspiring real-life story of NASA flight engineer José Hernández. It tells the story of Hernández who embarks on a decades-long journey from a rural village in Michoacán, Mexico to become an astronaut in the International Space Station. Activities for younger kids will be provided during the movie. Dessert follows at 8:30 p.m.

Then on Sunday, Feb. 11 Christian worship is at 10 a.m. (Sunday school and nursery care are provided) followed by a light lunch.



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» ELECTIONS 2024

# Introducing the Candidates for Assembly District 52

By Eliza PARTIKA

Each week CV Weekly will examine the candidates running for a variety of offices. This week we present the candidates for Assembly District 52: Ari Ruiz, David Girón and Jessica Caloza.

Assembly District 52 is comprised of South Glendale, East Hollywood, Silverlanke, Los Feliz, Echo Park, Hermon, Glassell Park, Cypress Park, Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Elysian Valley, Montecito Heights, Lincoln Heights, El Sereno, Atwater Village, Monterey Hills, Mt. Washington, Arroyo Seco and unincorporated Los Angeles.

**Ari Ruiz**

The journey for Assembly District 52 hopeful Ari Ruiz began when he walked out of his high school in protest of HR4437, a 2006 law protested at the time throughout California for being anti-immigration. Born in Mexico, Ruiz immigrated with his siblings and mother after his father passed away to Los Angeles at the age of 10. He brings over 15 years of experience working with California legislators, most recently as a deputy district director for Assemblywoman Autumn R. Burke (D - CA, 62nd District) and as a congressional aide for Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D - CA, 43rd District). Ruiz grew up an undocumented student before receiving his U.S. citizenship in 2019. Ruiz told the CV Weekly this experience, among others, drives him to create a constituent-service approach to his campaign.

In his view, the role of an Assembly member is to be in the community and to be available for the community. Ruiz said he will make his cellphone and landline available for people to call him at home as well as at his office.

“As elected officials, all of us need to understand the reason anyone ever calls the office is not because they’re having fun or because they want to talk to you. They’re calling because somewhere along the line, another government agency, failed them and they need your help. It needs to be our job to connect the dots,” he said. “I want to go into my communities, I want to be able to understand what’s happening in my district on the ground.”

**Homelessness and Housing**

“What we’re doing right now is not working. You know, people live in the street – it’s not okay,” he said. “And then we talked about making sure that people are treated with dignity. So I just cannot accept the fact that I get to go home with my mom, sleep in my bed, and still see people on the street.”

Ruiz supports the new Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court, where

Californians who sign up and are eligible for the services receive a court mandated health plan after completing a government hearing.

In the 2023 homeless count, 195 total people were counted as homeless in Glendale, the majority of whom were homeless due to unemployment. Ruiz views unemployment and housing issues as inextricably linked.

Ruiz said he will use the leverage he has with state representatives and Congress people to support and bolster renter protections. He plans to outreach to ensure people know their rights as tenants and understand the new protections afforded to them. He also said he will work with the city council in Glendale to ensure more renters are represented at Council meetings where many decisions are made about housing in the community. On a state level, he plans to push for down payment programs for low-income families and focus on constructing low-income and public housing projects. Overall, he believes the state needs to redefine what affordability means for most working class people.

“Someone who is working paycheck to paycheck can’t afford a \$7 cup of coffee every day, let alone their rent,” Ruiz said.

As a renter himself, Ruiz supports the eviction protections and caps on security deposits enacted by California Governor Gavin Newsom in October 2023.

**Economy “that works for everyone.”**

For Ruiz, funding an economy for working, middle and high income people means providing pathways to jobs currently missing from the workforce, mainly in skilled trades. While he was working in Congress, Ruiz said representatives passed protections to fund trade school programs throughout the country, including in California (AB 290). Ruiz believes that by working with local schools, such as the Glendale High School constriction pathway, he can ensure vacancies in Glendale and elsewhere for skilled trades are filled by funding and promoting skilled trades apprenticeship programs. On this issue, Ruiz says he views trades as an essential skill in a 21st century economy.

Ruiz said he also recognizes that kids face barriers to education and financial stability that affect their employment prospects. Ruiz would work with Assemblymember Autumn Burke, his former boss, to ensure the passage of AB 1520, a bill aimed at allocating state funds to eradicate child poverty. He has experience with passing similar bills under Burke, namely the Young Child Tax Credit, which provides up to

\$1,117 for eligible incomes.

“We need to be able to educate people about the opportunities that are out there,” he said.

**Small Businesses**

One of his goals is to fund a technology center in the district, an estimated cost of \$4 million. If he isn’t able to pass bills with the needed resources for businesses or communities, he can network with other representatives to add those requirements to something called a trailer budget, earmarked for pet projects in each district. Examples of earmarked projects, said Ruiz, include Maxine Waters’ LAWA training program, which gave aviation hopefuls \$1 million for training.

He wants to create programs and presentations so businesses and individuals in the district can make sense of government. For small businesses specifically he wants to emphasize the existence of the state small business office, which assists California small businesses with permits and other regulations. By giving businesses access to the state’s lending programs, he hopes to support businesses in South Glendale and elsewhere in Assembly 52.

**Environment**

Ruiz said he feels South Glendale, the portion of the city within his jurisdiction, is neglected when it comes to housing and green space concerns. He cited the lack of parks in South Glendale.

District-wide, Ruiz plans to hold companies environmentally accountable that contribute lots of pollution to the Los Angeles, especially Exide, the corporation responsible for lead poisoning in East Los Angeles. Ruiz said that along with community cleanup, they will pass laws like AB 2722, which would place regulations on companies like Exide to prevent local residential and industry pollution.

**David Girón**

Girón was raised by his mother, a Salvadoran refugee, who worked three jobs to help them get by. He was born in Boyle Heights and raised in Koreatown and the Pico-Union neighborhoods of Los Angeles. From his mother’s work in the janitorial union he grew up understanding scarcity and the need for representatives who can advocate for community interests. He has years of experience in campaign management and consulting for private companies as well as representatives at city levels of government. Girón credits his deep understanding of Los Angeles legislative needs to his 13-year experience as a legislative deputy, field representative and legislative director for the City of Los Angeles and three members of the city council. He formed

much of his thoughts on Los Angeles’ environmental needs from his work as a climate and environment policy advisor for Los Angeles City Budget chairman Bob Blumenfeld.

For Girón, District 52’s environmental impact, unemployment and housing mobility are tied together, and the responsibility of state and private entities working with cities to get funding that meets their specific needs is dependent on how each city uses its land and what priorities are for community members. That information only comes from being in the community, and thinking about what works for many different Los Angeles neighborhoods – not just the ones in his district. It also requires a desire to be out in the community, asking about community priorities.

“What makes a good Assembly member is not if I can pass a bill, but

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how much time I spend in the community. I'm only as strong as you allow me to be, and that's very important to me," Girón told the CV Weekly of his responsibilities as an Assembly hopeful. Here we list some of Girón's views on policies most considered in this election.

*Economy and Employment*

Girón wants to invest in what he calls the economy of the future – education from CSUs, community colleges and trade schools. According to Girón, local governments should be setting up

job programs that invest in what people will want and need in the future, such as electric vehicles and solar power, to prevent their workforce from getting left behind.

"[State and local governments] should be paying kids to be electricians, to be linemen, and women to be welders because if you talk to the people making things, one of the biggest challenges is the human expertise that we're lacking. We just don't have enough people right now. We need to take schools back to vocational training. We need a reorientation of our

state spending," he said. "There are a lot of competing interests and we need to be hyper-aware."

*Housing*

From his work in city government, Girón said he has seen how local government is the area that most influences housing production. As such, Girón said he believes in incentivizing both the state and local businesses to build affordable housing by making it easy for jurisdictions to create better tools for that incentivize development. He said the specifics of the tools [needed] and [knowing that] what is an incentive for one city can differ from the next are reasons why networking with city and community partners will be so important.

"Knowing who I'm working with, knowing Glendale, knowing the council members, where the focus of the city is, knowing the electorate and the challenges here – not only in my section of Glendale but in Glendale [as a whole]. Also taking that same approach to other parts of my jurisdiction," he said.

Girón told the CV Weekly, the question that needs to be tackled is affordability.

"Is \$22,000 enough to move out? People are a little incredulous, I think, because how could that not be enough? Well, the reason it's not enough is because that money is going to go away really soon. That's how expensive it is to live here. Which, of course, has a lot of reverberating impact," he said.

He supports the eviction protections and rental protections passed by Newsom, and acknowledges some housing laws need to be revisited.

*Small Businesses*

"People want a way of new business. As we plan our budgets, we have to be hyper-aware where people are making their investments," Girón told the CV Weekly. He said he will invest in small, local businesses to make sure they are producing items people will need in the future.

*Environment*

Girón said he would ensure people know about the deals utility companies often have to make [for] services [to be] cheaper, such as incentivizing eco-friendly options.

"A utility has an incentive for you to buy in cash or lightbulbs to get away from incandescent light to get into LEDs. Well, one measure is anyone using this? Are you actually paying people out? And you'd be perhaps surprised as to how many incentive programs we have that don't go anywhere either because we're not advertising them or it's annoying to get in," he said.

In Glendale, Girón said

following this type of incentive would involve working with city council and with Glendale Water and Power to create a plan that could work in the future.

Girón believes that the government has a major role to play in incentivizing private developers and private businesses and companies to do [environmental] work, whether that's a small business not using plastic bags or straws or a big corporation not polluting the air.

He has also worked with local organizations like Walk-Bike Glendale to see what the needs are for biking mobility in Glendale. He also wants to increase dependence on buses.

*Jessica Caloza*

Jessica Caloza began her career as a staffer for the Obama Administration. She oversaw more than 5,000 employees. She was in charge of infrastructure projects as a commissioner of the board of L.A. Dept. of Public Works, and specialized in strategic planning and coordination when she worked for Mayor Eric Garcetti and for the Office of Immigrant Affairs. She was the first Filipino woman to serve on the board for the Dept. of Public Works and will be the first Filipino American woman to hold the office of assemblymember for District 52, if elected.

For Caloza, the job of assemblymember is about being on the ground representing constituents and ensuring relationships to get resources for their district.

"Knowing what's happening in Glendale and LA, East LA, so that I can make sure to represent the values of the district in votes that I take and the policies that I push in the budgets I pass – that's the job, to represent your constituents and to ultimately make sure you fight for resources. So the question is not only who can win, but who actually has the relationships and the votes to actually be effective," she said.

Her focus points as a representative will be on supporting small businesses and staving off unemployment, as well as passing laws protecting the rights of women. She also said reforming the budget and prioritizing the immediate needs of districts will be her goals, if elected.

"By knocking on doors – I mean, literally going door-to-door – talking to voters all across the district, I understand. What are you and your family going through? What are you seeing? What do you want to happen in your neighborhood, whether it's at the local level, the state level, the federal level? What do you care

about? Most people that we talked to [said] it is a question they've never been asked," she said.

*Unemployment*

Caloza said she will make sure to reach out to city councils in each city within District 52 to understand what their unemployment issues are, specifically what the retention rates are. In the City of Los Angeles, one in six jobs are vacant. Caloza said the high vacancy rates cause an increase in the cost of paying someone because overtime is needed because so much staff has been lost. Caloza said she would work with each city to do outreach so people would be encouraged to stay working in the city where they live, rather than commuting out of the district.

"How do we make living and working in the city attractive? How do we make it easier for people to enter city service? You get benefits. They're stable jobs and there are lots of openings, so I think the message for constituents is that California is open for business, Glendale and LA [are] open for business," she said.

*Small Businesses*

Caloza said increasing the viability of small businesses in her district will be about competing for resources. She said that, if elected, she would try to leverage her relationships with the City of Los Angeles to encourage more funding.

"The first challenge is that it's not going to be a battle asking for more, but the battle will be working with what we have. The second challenge will be to do as much outreach as possible in the district to really understand and to prioritize what are the things that our community needs with equity in mind. And that's going to be tough sometimes because it's going to mean; maybe one neighborhood doesn't have as many resources because they already have structure versus another neighborhood [that] needs an infrastructure built up," she said.

*Environment*

Caloza said her experience in implementing pedestrian safety, bike safety and public safety projects for the Dept. of Public Works uniquely prepares her to get funding back for active transportation grants that have been cut by the state. She plans to work with organizations like the California Bicycle Coalition to understand the priorities of each part of her district.

"I'd like to understand what legislation they really plan to push and then coming back to really promote more safety for pedestrians and just really active transportation as a whole," she said.

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# Police Thwart Burglary



A piece of cardboard was apparently placed to block the rear license plate.

A Glendale police officer on patrol early Thursday morning spotted a car in the parking lot of a local pharmacy in the 1400 block of East Colorado Street. The car had tinted windows and a piece of cardboard apparently placed intentionally blocking the rear license plate. Paired

with the knowledge of recent pharmacy burglaries, the officer quickly detained the two men until backup arrived. Patrol officers who searched the vehicle found blades used to defeat security gates, ski masks and gloves. The driver also had a \$20,000 warrant out

of the Los Angeles Police Dept. Officers thwarted the break-in and arrested the men for criminal conspiracy, felony attempted burglary and possession of burglary tools. They were booked at Glendale City jail. Their car was towed as evidence.

# Traffic Issues on Lowell Avenue

By Mary O'Keefe

CVW was contacted by residents and others who travel in the Lowell Avenue area about the continuing traffic issues along this corridor south of Foothill Boulevard.

The issue, according to those who contacted CVW, appears to stem around the drop-off and pickup hours of the school that is in the 4400 block of Lowell Avenue. Northbound traffic on Lowell Avenue oftentimes backs up, snaking its way down the street, often blocking driveways and feeder streets onto Lowell.

Another issue is cars that are turning west into the driveway on Lowell Avenue to access Wells Fargo and Albertsons just south of Foothill Boulevard. Drivers are traveling northbound and attempt to turn left into the parking lot, creating a traffic issue for those attempting to continue northbound to Foothill Boulevard.

Those who contacted CVW

shared incidents of not only blocked driveways but also of drivers who get frustrated with the traffic and speed around cars by driving northbound in the southbound lane.

On some days Glendale police are seen and traffic improves; however, issues reoccur when the officers are gone, according to a resident.

"This is a known issue by the Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) and the GPD Traffic Bureau. To assist, the GPD Traffic Bureau will provide additional attention as staffing permits. We will also request the assistance of patrol units when they are available," stated a GPD spokesperson. "Our traffic lieutenant will be contacting the Glendale Traffic Engineering team to get [its] feedback on addressing the issue. [Team members] have an expertise that may be able to help beyond our additional patrols."

CVW will continue to follow this issue.

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vessels traveled really fast with it. [Of course, I was going to bring “Star Trek” into this.] So having a catch phrase like “atmospheric river” helps non meteorologists get a visual of a huge amount of rain over us, like a river. And polar vortex is a much more creative way of telling us a cold and snowy storm is on the way. It’s better than saying “a large area of low pressure and cold air surrounding both of the Earth’s poles,” according to the National Weather Service.

It’s all in the presentation – atmospheric river/Pineapple Express – whatever you call it, we have had rain, lots of rain, and there have been flooding and traffic collisions in addition to one thing that the Midwest doesn’t have to deal with: high surf.

And just how much rain have we received?

The Pineapple Express/atmospheric river we just faced dropped 5.72 inches of rain recorded at Hanson Dam and 5.84 inches in Burbank.

Downtown Los Angeles registered 8.51 inches of rain, which is the second wettest three-day total since they began recording in 1877, according to Mike Wofford, meteorologist with NOAA.

The rain was expected to linger through late Wednesday night/early Thursday morning but we should see dry skies at least until next Thursday. Temperatures will still be on the cool side with highs in the upper 50s/mid 60s.

This storm has brought much-needed snowfall as well, with Mountain High, Wrightwood receiving 42 inches of snow.

NWGHA from Cover

and secure school yards as parks after hours; licensed engineer and certified construction manager Andre Haghverdian, a 23-year resident who seeks to be the “reasonable voice” by applying what he does for a living, including his current work as project manager at Pierce College, to decrease utility costs, noting that his accolades include his history as project manager to the Brand Library; educator Karen Kwak, who desires to be a voice for historically underrepresented groups such as people of color, renters and South Glendale residents in her quest to make city government “fair and customer friendly;” four-time California Board of Occupational Therapy president Denise Miller, whose political passion is filling Downtown business vacancies, keeping the economy moving, lowering crime and uplifting the arts; and incumbent Ardy Kassakhian, whose laryngitis prevented him from speaking at the panel, but still attended and answered questions via email to the Crescenta Valley Weekly. When asked whether their jobs presented a conflict of interest, most candidates stated that they had none with Denise Miller pledging to give up teaching at La Sierra University if elected. Andre Haghverdian also stated that his job benefited the Council because he worked with LA Unified and similar public agencies to problem solve. While two other candidates questioned Kassakhian’s role of government relations in his consulting firm, Kassakhian noted that he works with a city attorney to ensure no issues arise and he remains transparent in filing information regarding his clients.

When all candidates were asked about the Glendale budget and declining city service levels, Haghverdian attributed the issues to executives rather than the workers, saying that as someone who had worked one-on-one with Glendale tradespeople, the city’s workers were the “best on the west coast.”

The forum then asked Agajanian and Gharpetian their opinions on a potential business registration fee, which both opposed stating it would drive businesses away. Both Haghverdian and Clarke see budget issues as a failing of leadership. Kwak agreed, stating that the Council needed someone who knew how to prioritize costs and make a small budget stretch. When asked about her beliefs regarding the possibility of defunding the police, Kwak responded by saying, “Let us beat swords into plowshares,” a passage from the book of Isaiah that encouraged people to invest in peace.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Memories of Early Montrose/La Crescenta – Part 1

I recently found a wonderful set of memories penned by Bob Potts in 1953. Bob was the son of T.O. Potts who in 1915 opened the very first store in Montrose at the intersection of Honolulu and Verdugo. That's the building that recently housed the closed restaurant Benitoite. The memories have some fascinating details of the beginnings of Montrose and life in early La Crescenta. I'll continue my plagiaristic ways by printing the words Bob wrote, with my notes in [brackets].

"In 1914 a man by the name of Robert Walton decided to be the first big promoter of this section [Montrose]. He conceived the idea of laying the streets out in circles, and to his everlasting credit, he laid them out wide.

"He had visions of a copious park, something like Brookside in Pasadena, that he located in

the wash that lies along the hills east of Verdugo Road and that forms the west boundary of Vali-Hi subdivision. He laid out plans, constructed bridges, seats and tables from oak limbs and other trees.

"The construction camp that laid out the town was situated on the west side of Ocean View, between Del Mar and Montrose Avenue. The men lived in tents and to a great extent were Austrians, Slavs, etc.

"On January 15, 1915, my father, Theodore O. Potts, known as T-O, established the first business in Montrose, excluding of course the real estate office of Fred Anderson. This was a grocery store at 2200 Honolulu Avenue. Besides groceries we also handled all kinds of hardware, stationery, and general items ... cheese, crackers, dried fruits, coffee and almost everything not contained in cans. Kerosene of

course was one of our most popular items. In part of that white brick building was kept hay and grain. On the sidewalk outside was what I believe to be the first gas pump in the valley.

"In the spring of 1915 heavy rains fell, and curbs and sidewalks suffered heavily. No streets, of course, were paved.

"Quite a bit of advertising, for those days, was done for the new town, and Walton had throngs eating sumptuous barbeque feasts almost every Sunday. I might say that at this time there were but five houses in Montrose.

"At this time adversity stepped in, in the form of war, and things went into a tailspin. Whether Walton went broke, or wisely got out I do not know. I do know that he departed our fair valley, and except for the wide, curving and beautiful avenue

called Waltonia, we have nothing to remind us of our town's creator.

"Our one source of pride was the trolley line, affectionately called 'The Dinky,' which some very optimistic souls strung up the valley. It started at the intersection of Verdugo and San Fernando Roads [in Glassell Park], meeting the Yellow Car line from Eagle Rock [in Glendale], came up Glendale Avenue, straight up Canada Boulevard, alongside Verdugo to Montrose, and from there it arbitrarily hogged the center of Montrose Avenue to Los Angeles Street, now known as La Crescenta Avenue. Down around Opechee Way was a side-track that allowed cars to pass. As La Crescenta built up, the line was extended to Pennsylvania Avenue.

"The trolleys were the type with both ends open, and were painted an olive green. Later, in the interest of

economy, the little one-man trolleys were adopted. These were a delight to the high school kids going and coming from Glendale, for with concerted bouncing, they could soon have the car leaping like a hooked tuna. Inevitably the trolley came off the tracks. Then too, the roadbed was about as smooth as a lava bed, and every time a car sped over 25 miles per hour, the trolley came off the tracks anyway. The motorman probably stopped and put the trolley back on the tracks fifty times a day.

"The roundhouse was where Anawalt Lumber Company is today. Also a repair shop was situated on Montrose Avenue just east of where Rosemont is now."

More memories next week.

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

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## Keeping the Crescenta Valley Community Informed

As the president of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, I am privileged to serve and represent the interests of our wonderful community. Also, I would like to congratulate the new vice president of the council Frida Baghdasarian on her new position.

In this article, I aim to provide an overview of the council's role and emphasize the dedication of its members to the well-being of all residents of the Crescenta Valley.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council serves as a vital link between the community and local county government. Our primary responsibility is to act as an advisory body, advocating for the interests and concerns of our residents. We work closely with elected officials, government agencies and community organizations to ensure the voices of Crescenta Valley are heard and considered in decision-making processes.

One of the Crescenta Valley Town Council's greatest strengths is the commitment and passion of its members. Each council member shares a common goal: putting the well-being of all our residents at the forefront of our actions.

Our council members are dedicated individuals and active members of the Crescenta Valley community. Many have been long-time residents, witnessing the growth and changes that

have shaped our area. This deep-rooted connection to our community fuels their drive to impact and foster positively a thriving environment for all.

At the heart of our council's mission is the well-being of every individual who calls Crescenta Valley home. We constantly strive to address issues that matter most to our community, including – but not limited to – public safety, education, infrastructure and environmental concerns.

Through open dialogue, community involvement and collaboration with various stakeholders, the Crescenta Valley Town Council diligently ensures that the interests and concerns of our residents are heard and taken into account. We actively seek feedback, conduct surveys and host public forums to gather insights and opinions from the people we serve.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## The 2024 Pasadena Showcase House of Design

The 2024 Pasadena Showcase House of Design is releasing timed entry tickets for its 59th Pasadena Showcase House public tours taking place April 21-May 19. Tickets, available on a first come, first-served basis starting at \$35 per person, allow guests to select their preferred day and time to tour the home and gardens.

The Pasadena Showcase House is ideal for a girls' day out, inspiration for anyone considering a minor-to-major home renovation or alluring for anyone who enjoys architectural history. For a limited time offer, take \$5 off prime time and regular admissions (excludes the \$35 Happy Hour admission) during the first week that the Showcase House is open to the public (April 21-28). No promo code necessary. Tickets can be purchased online at [pasadenashowcase.org/tickets](http://pasadenashowcase.org/tickets).

"The Potter Daniels Manor is an exceptional piece of Pasadena history," noted Dotty Ewing, benefit chair of the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts, a non-profit organization behind one of the nation's most successful home and

garden tours. "The century-old estate has been a featured Showcase House before, once in 1975 and more recently in 1996. We're extremely excited to unveil this latest incarnation of design nearly three decades later when we open the doors to the public on April 21."

The stately manor, which sits behind a pair of ornate iron gates, was built in 1902 and underwent a major transformation two decades later when the Postle Company of Los Angeles, builders of the iconic Pasadena Playhouse, reimagined the manor from a turn-of-the-century shingle-style abode to a grand English Tudor Revival Style mansion. The home has earned Pasadena City Landmark status and has been the setting for a number of Hollywood blockbusters, including "Foul Play," "Bachelor Party," "Eleanor and Franklin" and "The Christmas Box" with small screen credits that include Falcon's Crest, Remington Steele, Quantum Leap and McCloud.

During the next two and a half months, a selected group of professional interior and exterior designers will combine their talents



and craftsmanship that will transform the manor's 30 indoor and outdoor spaces into jaw-dropping showpieces. More than 25,000 guests are expected to tour the manor and its gardens during the month-long event. Guests enjoy the famous Shops at Showcase that includes a collection of boutique and artisan merchants. There is also a selection of eateries to enjoy from the full-service restaurant, Silver Queen Café to grab-and-go convenience

items. Beer, wine and cocktails are also available on the premises.

Throughout the month, select days will feature local musicians, docent-led garden tours, signature brunches and more.

The Pasadena Showcase House of Design is the primary fundraising benefit for Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization founded in 1948. During the 2022-23 program year, the 75-year-old organization

donated over \$900,000 to 75 nonprofit organizations providing music and arts programs. Since its inception, the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts has contributed more than \$25 million to organizations that align with its mission.

To secure a date and time-preferred entry to the 2024 Pasadena Showcase House of Design, tickets can be purchased online at [pasadenashowcase.org/tickets](http://pasadenashowcase.org/tickets).

## Lifetime Honorary Directorship

On the 25th of January the La Cañada/Flintridge Chamber of Commerce Presented Bent with a Lifetime Honorary Directorship Bent is only the fourth person in the history of the world to receive this honor.

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## Huge Courtyard Sale at the Thursday Club

The La Cañada Thursday Club will be hosting an enormous sale in its courtyard on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sale items include antiques, art, china, collectibles, crystal, electronics, furniture, garden and outdoor items, holiday décor, housewares, jewelry, linens, pet

items, sporting goods, toys and vintage items. Everything is priced to sell!

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

The Thursday Club is a social, cultural and philanthropic

organization that also supports a scholarship and debutante program. For information on the Thursday Club visit [lacanadathursdayclub.org](http://lacanadathursdayclub.org). For information regarding the courtyard sale contact Sheri Morton at [sherimorton49@gmail.com](mailto:sherimorton49@gmail.com).

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# The Two Sides of an Artist

Michael Allen and his wife Geena Marie were recently introduced to La Crescenta when Geena was invited to join the La Crescenta Woman's Club. As a new member, she brought Michael with her to a club meeting giving the members an opportunity to get to know them both.

Professional dancers originally hailing from Chicago, the couple met in the dance company in which they were performing. Trained in multiple dance disciplines, they perform as a duo in contemporary and classic dance forms, and also in other specialties, including one of Michael's favorites, traditional West African Dance. Geena Marie teaches dance and fitness classes as well.

It was the dance genre of the entertainment business that brought them to Los Angeles. Michael also has a long history of being involved in service to the community ... both in Chicago and in California. He

has a heart for those in need and it has led him to become executive director of Healing California, an important charitable non-profit based in the LA area.

Healing California serves veterans and other needy individuals by providing free vision and dental care. Healing California members travel in their Healing California lab-equipped vans to local neighborhood planned service events. Last month Michael gave an inspiring lecture and audio/visual presentation at the La Crescenta Woman's Club, assisted by Geena, which showcased the work of Healing California.

Upcoming will be an Allen Family Showcase, a dance recital planned for Wednesday, Feb. 14. The location will be the La Crescenta Woman's Club event center and stage at 11 a.m. It is open to the public, but seat reservation is recommended.

To reserve seats, call (818) 249-9403.



# LCWC Offering Scholarships

La Crescenta Woman's Club is among several organizations accepting applications from seniors attending GUSD schools or who live in the GUSD area and attend private schools or are homeschooled.

The LCWC Scholarship Committee is at work reviewing applications already received to determine who will receive a \$1,000 or \$500 scholarship in 2024. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Scholarships are awarded in a variety of categories including all around great seniors, good GPAs and for those planning to attend a four-year college.

The Dick Huntwork Memorial Scholarship will be given to a senior majoring in science, math or engineering. The Roberta Kurtz Memorial Scholarship

will be granted to one person majoring in the fine arts, music, art or graphic arts. The Deanna Alfeld Memorial Scholarship will be given to a person majoring in history, English, teaching or accounting. The Donna Dieny Memorial Scholarship will be awarded for someone planning to attend community college or trade school.

Another organization, the Glendale Assistance League, is also awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to one student from each of the GUSD high schools. Applicants should check with their school counselor for more organizations offering scholarships or visit the organizations' websites for more information.



Photo provided by LCWC. Pictured from left are Scholarship Committee members Leah O'Day, Vickie Guagliardo, Debra Landau, Mary Nolte and Gwen Williams.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## A Memorable Holiday in Port Hueneme



Port Hueneme is a hidden gem.

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Port Hueneme is a hidden gem on the California coast. Tucked between a naval base and a large port, the oceanfront town in Ventura County is easy to pass on the freeway but, as I recently learned, it is well worth an overnight visit.

My getaway to Port Hueneme began when the family and I discovered the Holiday Inn Express Port Hueneme (www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels), the perfect hotel for exploring the city. Located a block from the beach, the hotel is modern, clean and efficient. The staff is super friendly and the rooms are spacious and feature a refrigerator, microwaves, HD TVs, high-speed Internet access and comfortable beds.

The hotel also offers free gourmet breakfast to guests, a heated pool and Jacuzzi, a fitness center and bike rentals. Besides being next to the beach, the property is across the street from lots of food options, a few blocks from the new U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, and three miles from the Ventura County Maritime Museum in Oxnard.

Once acquainted with the room, we walked five minutes to Hueneme Beach Park, a 50-acre park on the water with soft white sand, picnic tables, barbecue pits, volleyball courts and a long, beautiful walking/biking path following the sand. The park also features a great seafood joint, Port Hueneme Lighthouse, and the city's historic pier.



The Holiday Inn Express Hotel makes a perfect home base.

Port Hueneme Pier was originally constructed in 1956 when it was 650-ft. long. Today, after a few renovations, the wooden plank pier is 1,250 feet long and is a great spot for fishing, strolling, viewing large container ships coming in and out of the port and watching the sunset behind the nearby Channel Islands.

After visiting the pier we walked down the long, paved beach path towards the port and lighthouse. The path is partially protected by a large wall of rocks to keep high tides at bay. It is great for walking, jogging and running, and takes visitors past the pier, scores of wild cats and ends next to the lighthouse and port.



Port Hueneme is a leading importer / exporter for autos and fresh produce.

Port Hueneme (www.portofhueneme.org/), where the city gets its name, is the only deep-water port between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The port is a leading importer/exporter for autos and fresh produce such as pineapples, bananas, onions, strawberries, flowers and more. The port brings in an estimated \$2.8 billion in economic activity while creating nearly 25,000 trade-related jobs.

Next to the port is Port Hueneme Lighthouse, which is owned by the U.S. Coast Guard and was constructed in 1941. The Art Deco styled lighthouse is currently closed but will soon be open for public tours. On the long rock jetty next to the lighthouse we encountered fishermen, more incredible views of the Channel Islands and a group of cute, wild cats that live among the rocks and abandoned port buildings.



The Art Deco styled Port Hueneme Lighthouse was constructed in 1941.

Near the lighthouse is the Alaska Air Flight 261 Memorial Sundial. The Memorial features a 36-foot diameter concrete plaza with a curving sand wall and seating area and a raised sundial in the center. It commemorates the 88 passengers and crew who lost their lives aboard Alaska Airlines Flight 261 near Anacapa Island on Jan. 31, 2000.

Back at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel: We had the entire heated pool and Jacuzzi to ourselves. For dinner we walked across the street to Pizza Man Dan's (www.pizzamandans.com) for tasty pizza and chicken wings.

The next morning we enjoyed a great complimentary breakfast buffet at the hotel. Sitting next to a big window

looking over the pool we devoured biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fresh pastry, coffee, a variety of cereals and fresh juices.

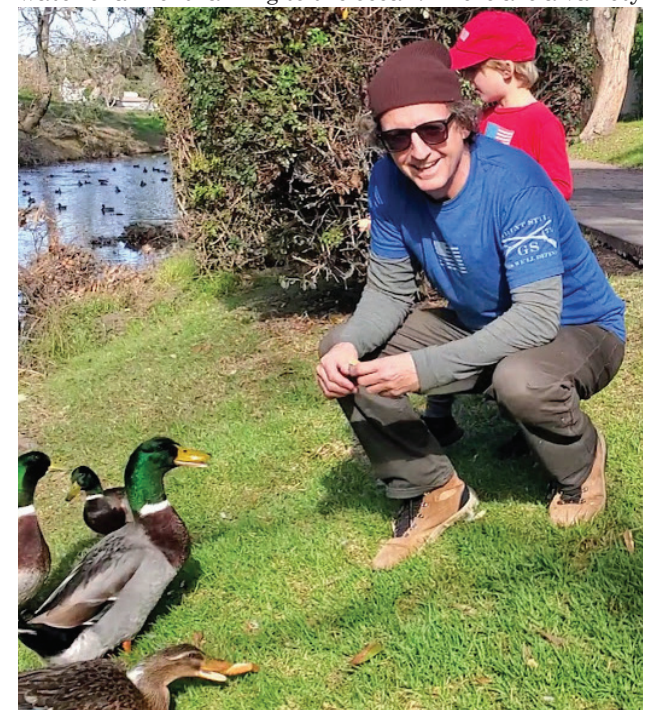


The Art Deco styled Port Hueneme Lighthouse was constructed in 1941.

After breakfast I met hotel manager Ruben Franco who suggested we rent a surrey bike to explore the beach area. He also gave us a loaf of bread to feed the local ducks.

The first highlight of our ride was rolling over the railroad tracks made famous in the movie "Back to the Future III." The tracks, which aren't used much anymore, were the sight of a charging locomotive crashing into Michael J. Fox's time-traveling DeLorean car. From here we pedaled the four-seat surrey bike along the beach and onto the old wooden pier, where we saw a few fishermen and got an incredible view of the Channel Islands about 20 miles offshore.

Our next stop was Bubbling Springs Park, a 21-acre community park with lots of grass, walking paths and canals. The park surrounds a natural, unlined storm water channel draining to the ocean. There are a variety



Feeding ducks is fun for the whole family.

see PORT HUENEME on page 15

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PORT HUENEME from page 14

of animals living around Bubbling Springs, including beautiful bird species, fish, frogs, turtles, crayfish, squirrels, raccoons, lizards and Canada geese. There were also lots of hungry, quacking ducks that instantly surrounded us as soon as we showed them our bread. The animals came right up to us for a bite and the kids loved it.

From the park, we pedaled back to the beach for lunch at Seaside Seafood (www.surfsideph.com/), a popular local spot set right on the sand! Our meal was highlighted by the best fish and chips I've had in a long time. They came with Alaska pollock, coleslaw and fries. We also enjoyed thick and tasty clam chowder, seared ahi tuna, oysters on the half shell

with pico de gallo and ponzu sauce.

Back at the Holiday Inn we returned to the pool and Jacuzzi where we watched the sunset behind the Channel Islands.

Port Hueneme is also home to beach and banana festivals. The Hueneme Beach Festival, held each August, is a two-day event with live music, rides, games, attractions, food and exhibits. The Banana Festival is an annual event with tours of the port, food and entertainment. Attendees spend the day celebrating the over 3.3 billion bananas that each year come through the Port of Hueneme.

The Holiday Inn Express Port Hueneme is located at 350 E. Port Hueneme Road in Port Hueneme. For more information on staying at the hotel, call

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## THEN & NOW

Montrose  
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**THEN »** This is Montrose in the late teens; the photo was taken from where the hospital is today looking west. T.O. Potts has just opened his general store at the corner of Verdugo and Honolulu. The lots are bare dirt and the streets are unpaved. The buildings in the photo from left to right are: the trolley barn, the general store, Fred Anderson real estate and the trolley powerhouse.



**NOW »** The same view today shows a bustling community. Verdugo Boulevard is in the foreground with Honolulu Avenue extending beyond that. Three buildings shown in the "then" photo are still there, over 100 years later. The trolley barn is the Anawalt Lumber barn, the general store is the now closed Benitoite restaurant and the trolley powerhouse is a small office.

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Feb. 8, attendees will discover that love is in the air when Club member Alex Parajon presents "The (Almost) Newlywed Game."

The cost to attend Friday meetings, 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.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Montrose/Verdugo City/Sparr Heights Neighborhood Association invites Glendale voters to attend the candidate forums held by the neighborhood associations.

On Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m., the Rossmoyne Mountain Homeowners Association is hosting a candidate forum at the Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale.

All residents are encouraged to learn about the candidates and vote.

### TERANGA RANCH AT UOVERDUGO: NATIVE WILDLIFE SEMINAR

Teranga Ranch will be presenting a series of educational adventures with bobcats, bears, butterflies, brittle brush, mountain lions, small mammals, birds, reptiles, backyard pet safety and more at UOverdugo, 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in Glendale.

These weekly presentations continue on Wednesday evenings through March 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$30/class. Participants can attend just one class (stand alone) or as many as they'd like. Scholarships are available. These presentations are for those 10 years and above; students under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information, email arpeggiata@yahoo.com.

### JAZZ NIGHT AT THE CAFÉ

Tickets are now available to purchase for the Feb. 9 Jazz Night at the Café featuring the CV jazz band. The dance is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Crescenta Valley High School café at the corner of Glenwood and Prospect avenues. Tickets are \$15, which includes admission and dessert. A dance lesson is provided at 7:30 p.m. Advance purchase available from any CV instrumental music student or via Venmo @CVIM-Foundation. Tickets may also be available at the door.

### EVENING OF SLAVE SONGS AND SPIRITUALS

In celebration of Black History Month, bass-baritone Michal Dawson Connor will be performing his own arrangements of spirituals at Saint Andrews Catholic Church, 311 N. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. These sorrow songs, or slave songs, are a living testament to the grit and determination of the African people - laboring under the yoke of bondage in America. In these musical footprints

they passed down, the slaves sang into existence a new heaven and earth... with their ecstatic, rapturous and mournful prayers for freedom. "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen," "Steal Away To Jesus," "Deep River" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" are a few of the timeless melodies being performed by Connor.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for students and kids 16 and under; children 10 and under are free.

### JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Feb. 10 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.

### FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATED BY P.E.O.

The P.E.O. Glendale Reciprocity Bureau will hold its Founders' Day on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. Members from the 11 chapters in Glendale and three Burbank chapters will be attending. Guests are welcome. To make a reservation, email Pat Steen at patsteen@pacbell.net. Reservation deadline is Feb. 2. Cost is \$45. "Golden Girls," women who have been members for over 50 years, will be honored.

The mission of P.E.O., Philanthropic Educational Organization, is supporting women's educational goals by offering scholarships, grants, awards and loans. For more information about membership and activities, visit <https://www.peocalifornia.org>.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS](http://CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS)

### ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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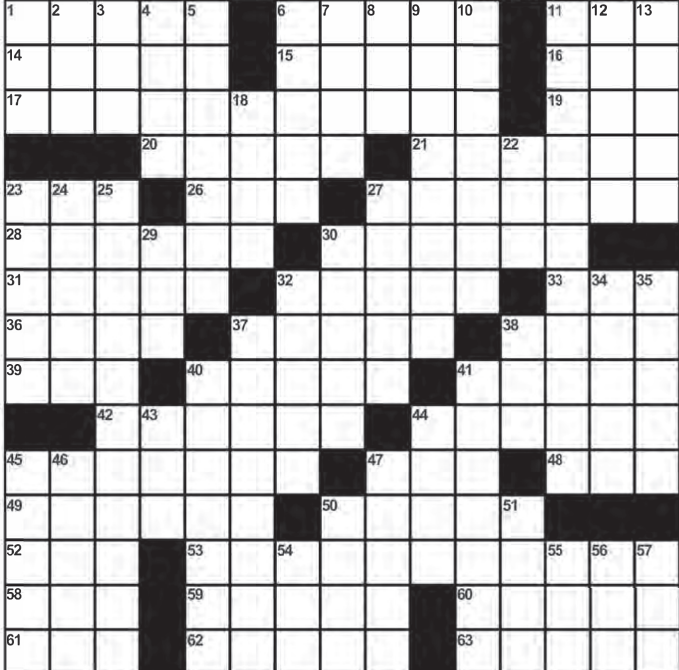
- 1) Pub order
- 6) Certain relative
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- 15) Country bordering Tibet
- 16) Ending for "mod" or "nod"
- 17) Roughhouse
- 19) Auction offering
- 20) Late comic Williams
- 21) Mocha resident
- 23) "What, me worry?" magazine
- 26) Kind of gas (Abbr.)
- 27) Celebratory events
- 28) Chipped away at
- 30) Tattoo place
- 31) Jeans fabric
- 32) "Rawhide" role for Clint
- 33) "This tape will self-destruct ..." org.
- 36) Marker fillers
- 37) Items in a rack
- 38) "\_\_\_ the Rainbow"
- 39) Consumed
- 40) Shocked?
- 41) Summary of beliefs
- 42) Emitted long, loud cries
- 44) Mother-of-pearl sources
- 45) Word before "lies the rub"
- 47) Costa del \_\_\_
- 48) Calendar abbr.
- 49) Reduce the strength of
- 50) Blast from the past
- 52) Anvil's site
- 53) Jumping arachnid
- 58) Adam's mate
- 59) Blue book filler
- 60) Sister of Urania
- 61) Beatty of "Deliverance"
- 62) Rods' partners
- 63) Back-to-health program

### DOWN

- 1) "Stop talking!"
- 2) Confucian "way"
- 3) "Bobby Hockey"
- 4) "Back in the \_\_\_" (Beatles jam)
- 5) Formula to be proven
- 6) Strip of gear, as a ship
- 7) Gas light
- 8) "Brain" of a PC
- 9) Nautical ropes
- 10) Advanced in years
- 11) Some workers over rough terrain
- 12) "Home \_\_\_" (comedy classic)
- 13) Bigfoot relatives
- 18) Under the covers
- 22) Chairman with a "Red Book"
- 23) TV, radio, magazines, etc.
- 24) "\_\_\_ you ashamed of yourself?"
- 25) With a certain equine feature
- 27) Handled roughly
- 29) Prefix with "approve"
- 30) Used the elbow, in a way
- 32) Above the horizon
- 34) Euripides tragedy
- 35) Winter coating
- 37) Certain Indonesians
- 38) Certain whale
- 40) Buy-one-get-one-free item?
- 41) Brake part
- 43) Noah's craft
- 44) Agrees quietly
- 45) 11-year-old, in ad speak
- 46) "Ho!" preceeder
- 47) Kills, as a dragon
- 50) Type of hygiene
- 51) Dublin's isle
- 54) Mad cow disease, for short
- 55) "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-\_\_\_"
- 56) Airport stat.
- 57) Knock off, as a bank

### EQUINE ANTICS

By Perry E. Holcomb



see ANSWERS on page 15

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

February 5, 2024 - February 11, 2024

### ARIES March 21 - April 19

You'd benefit from making your workouts more fun. You may take your health routine so seriously that you no longer enjoy it as much as you once did. Perhaps going to the gym has turned into a chore that you have to endure. If doing one form of exercise has become boring, think about trying something else. There's a huge variety out there, so experiment.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Your health is very good, but you might have a weakness that causes you trouble occasionally. This issue may always be in the back of your mind no matter how well you feel, how much exercise you do, or how much energy you have. Perhaps it's a food allergy or intolerance. In that case, find the help you need. Find reasons to be grateful for the good health you do have.

### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Good cosmic news suggests that you're willing to undergo a major transformation to become as well as you can possibly be. Determine to tap your feel-good factor so you're ready to make any necessary changes and enjoy fantastic health and boundless energy. You might have to give up a few luxuries in the process, though.

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

If you've never been that interested in looking after your health, things are about to change. A positive aspect will encourage you to see the benefits of transforming your lifestyle. You can start by giving up a few of your less healthy habits and progressing from there. You don't have to make every change right away, although you might be inspired to try.

### LEO July 23 - August 22

Be open to ideas that can give you a new lease on life. The cosmos is going to inspire you in a big way. A book or website could give you a whole new slant on healthy living, healthy eating, and how to exercise in order to get the kind of body you've always wanted without hurting yourself. This is your chance to have the energy and fitness level you've always dreamed of.

### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

This is an excellent time to detox in any way that suits you best. You might want to spend a couple days eating only fresh fruits and vegetables, or it might be easier visit a sauna or steam room where the heat can work on your pores. Another way to detox would be to increase the pace of your workouts.

### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The cosmos might cause a surge in powerful feelings now. Don't suppress them. Doing so could bring on the desire to eat comfort foods. This is one time when you're liable to overindulge in order to numb unpalatable issues. Once you're aware of what you're doing, you'll find it easier to resist. It may help to spend time alone to recharge your batteries.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It's time to read about any health issues that concern you. You may need the security of knowledge to ward off feelings of powerlessness and helplessness caused by health, diet, or medical issues that you can't seem to heal or control. You may be able to get all the help you need online. There's a lot of support out there.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It's time to embrace the ultimate fitness challenge and raise your health goals. Why be moderately fit when you can be even better? You might have to try a little bit harder and develop unswerving discipline. If you really want to do it, you'll find a way to tap your inner superhero.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You do best when you stay upbeat and optimistic, but the cosmos may be encouraging you to see your glass as half empty instead of half full. Count your blessings no matter what the status of your health. Be grateful for all you have, but know that you can always improve. It's time to be happy in your own skin.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Right now is a good time to expend energy and step up your workout efforts. The aspects are conducive to working up a sweat and clearing out toxins, giving the body a chance to purify itself. This might be a good time to enjoy a sauna or steam room. If nothing else, have a long soak in the tub.

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The cosmos suggests that you could achieve outstanding results with the support of a personal trainer. You're going to connect with some very powerful people now. You'll soar if you can find someone who is committed to getting you into the best shape possible. You can look fantastic if you get a little help.



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# My steam mop broke! Why won't Amazon clean up this mess?

Roy Gregston's Hoover Complete Steam Mop breaks down only a few months after he buys it from Amazon. Even though he has a three-year extended warranty, no one will cover it. What's going on?

**Q** Last year, I purchased a Hoover Complete Steam Mop from Amazon. On that same order, I bought a three-year extended warranty from Asurion.

The unit failed a few months later.

I first contacted Asurion. A representative informed me that since the steam mop is still covered by the manufacturer's warranty, Asurion could not help.

I then contacted Hoover, which declined to replace the unit because they considered Amazon not to be an "authorized" reseller. I don't understand how anyone selling new products on Amazon could not be "authorized."

I then contacted Amazon, which

said the item was outside of their warranty period.

Amazon contacted the actual seller – a business called the Deal Valley. Amazon finally agreed to a return, with a reduced refund, but they would not pay for shipping of the defective item. The returned item would be worth 50% of the value of the original steam mop, or about \$100. I'm not prepared to accept that. Can you help?

– Roy Gregston, Green Valley, Arizona

**A** : No one wants to take responsibility for your broken steam mop – not Amazon, not Asurion and not Hoover. But you should not have to accept a 50% refund for something that should be fully covered

(and for which you paid for extra insurance).

An authorized seller is a company that has permission from a manufacturer to sell its products. In your case, you were buying the steam mop through Deal Valley, which was selling its products on Amazon. So Amazon was not the authorized reseller – it was just an intermediary for your purchase.

But that doesn't let it off the hook. Amazon still has its A-to-Z Guarantee, which protects you when you buy items sold and fulfilled by a third-party seller. Amazon followed its policy correctly. Your return would have been subject to a restocking fee and you would need to pay for the postage. But Amazon also has an

implied warranty that any product you buy through its site will be covered – and that's especially true for the Asurion add-on, from which Amazon no doubt received a commission.

No question about it – your case was in a no-man's land. So what to do? I think you did the right thing checking with Asurion, then Hoover and finally Amazon. That was the correct sequence. If I had to lean on anyone here, it would be Amazon. Ultimately, Amazon is responsible for the products it sells on its site. And again, not to belabor the point, but it sold you an extended warranty that suggested you would be fully covered for three years – not covered for only 50% after a few months.

You kept a compelling paper trail but the response from all parties was firm. You could have escalated this in writing to one of the Amazon executive contacts I publish on my consumer advocacy site but by the time your case landed on my desk, you had been patient enough.

I contacted Amazon on your behalf. It arranged for you to return your steam mop for a full refund.

*Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems.*

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Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

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Park \_\_\_\_\_

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# LEGALS & CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT HINZE CASE NO. 24STPB00531 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate of both of ROBERT HINZE

A Petition for Probate has been filed by CAROLYN HAMMONDS in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION for Probate requests that CAROLYN HAMMONDS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: March 1, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 67 at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1251. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: SERJIK GHAREH PETIAN SARAYE MALEKI Case number 24GDPC00009, Superior Court of California, Glendale Superior Court, North Central District, 600 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner SERJIK GHAREH PETIAN SARAYE MALEKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: SERJIK GHAREH PETIAN SARAYE MALEKI to Proposed Name: SERJIK KARAPET. 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: MARCH 28, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: E Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

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- For more water-saving tips, visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

**Burrtec Annual Cleanup Event**  
Burrtec is hosting its annual cleanup event on several dates in February depending on regular trash pickup day. During this event, customers can dispose of unlimited items at no additional cost. Place items at the curb by 6 a.m. of the scheduled event date. Household hazardous waste (such as paint, household cleaners, motor oil, etc.) will not be collected.  
Those who have a regular

trash pickup day of Monday or Wednesday should have placed items on the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3; those who have a regular trash pickup day of Tuesday can place items on the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10; those who have a regular trash pickup day of Thursday can place items on the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17; those who have a regular trash pickup day of Friday can place items on the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24.

### JAZZ NIGHT from cover

The evening is a lot of fun, with dancing, good food and good friends; however, the real star of the show is the award-winning CVHS jazz band.  
"We have 24 members in the jazz band," Schick said.  
They will be playing at their first festival of 2024 on Feb. 24 at the Mayfair High School Blue Dragon Jazz Festival.  
Schick added this year they

have focused a lot of attention on bringing back CVHS alum band members.  
And they will also be bringing back to the dessert table the chocolate fountain, another fan fav.  
Tickets can be purchased at the door; this event is a fundraiser for the award-winning CVIM program.

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