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New President Elected onto CVTC Board

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

At Thursday evening's board meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC), the main item on the agenda was the selection of board president after former board president Harry Leon tendered his resignation of the job. Leon cited outside obligations prevented him from giving the job the attention he feels it needs. He is staying on the council as a board member.

Frida Baghdassarian assumed the responsibilities of CVTC president after being unanimously voted into the role. Jeffrey Rodriguez is vice president, Donna Libra is treasurer, Daniel Kim is recording secretary and Kerri Lewin Braütigam is corresponding secretary.

One of the first duties that Baghdassarian performed as president was presenting a proclamation recognizing April 24 as Armenian Genocide Day. Accepting the proclamation was Alice Chalian Manoukian, chair, ANCA Crescenta Valley Chapter.

Community reports were given by members of LASD, Los Angeles County Fire Dept. and CHP. Of note was the fewer number of calls in March for assistance by residents. The LA County Fire Dept. representative reminded residents who received a notification via postcard that in May begins the annual county brush inspections.

Dr. Kelly King of GUSD talked about the recent commemoration of the Armenian Genocide by district students, construction that continues at Crescenta Valley High School though it is expected that graduation will take place on the campus, and the new board of education that has been seated.

Vice president Rodriguez, who is also on the Land Use Committee, informed the audience and his fellow board members that there are open positions on the committee;

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Classics, Jazz and Favorites Found at Strike Up the Band

By Eliza PARTIKA

Benefit concert supports students' costs of pursuing higher education.

Musicians of all ages from around the region will gather on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. for the third annual Strike Up the Band, a benefit concert supporting higher education students of all ages.

The dynamic annual variety show will feature music renditions of popular classical, jazz and folk tunes featuring the band and members of the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church (LCPC) vocal quartet. They will be singing solos and performing group numbers. The night will feature the original Glenn Miller arrangement of "Song of the Volga Boatman" and the original Herb Alpert arrangement of



File photo
During rehearsal for the 2023 performance, Noel Collins (seated, front) conducts band members for the Strike Up the Band concert. This year's concert is on April 28 at 2 p.m. at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

the "Theme from Zorba the Greek." The evening will bring fresh fun with teens from the youth group dancing down the aisle in elephant and lion costumes.

All proceeds from the event will

benefit the Deacon's Higher Education Scholarship Fund, which assists members of the LCPC community with meeting the rising costs of education and job training at trade schools, graduate schools, commu-

nity colleges and four-year universities.

Hilary Norton, co-chair of the La Crescenta Deacon Scholarship Fund, said the main goal of the fund is to see THE BAND on page 9

Traffic Around Schools Still an Issue

By Mary O'KEEFE

CVW went on a ride along with California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Bryan Bay early Friday, April 19, and saw that drivers continue to commit the same traffic violations – primarily illegal U-turns and speeding.

The local CHP office is located in Altadena. The officers patrol about 400 square miles, which include areas of Pasadena, Altadena and La Crescenta/Montrose. This also includes State Routes 134 and 710, along with portions of the 210, Interstate 5, State Routes 118 and 2 and the Angeles National and Angeles Crest highways.

Bay and fellow CHP Officer Keller focus a lot of their attention on school traffic and spend a lot of time patrolling Crescenta Valley schools.

Officers receive many requests from residents to patrol certain areas. They are told where the "worst" traffic issues are located and many



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

see RIDE ALONG on page 8 CHP Officer Bryan Bay explains to a driver the need to slow down and follow the posted speed limit.

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Anchors Away

I've rediscovered what the excitement is all about surrounding vacations.

When Steve and I were first married (43 years ago today – holy cow!) and had started the cable company the only vacation we had was going to see my cousin in Arizona at Thanksgiving. That was pretty much it. We were young, had a young son and had no money – zip. All it cost us to go to Arizona was gasoline for our car. So we'd leave Wednesday night and stay until Sunday.

Since starting the newspaper nearly 15 years ago (another holy cow!) we rarely vacationed – until last year when we cruised to and through the Panama Canal. What an experience.

Well, we've been bit by the vacation bug. On Sunday we leave for 16 days of visiting family and cruising the Caribbean. Thank God for Mary O'Keefe, Rachelle Miller, our proofreader Anne McNeill and the rest of the folks who work at the CV Weekly. I leave with the confidence of knowing that they'll maintain the high standards for which the newspaper is known. I also am comfortable knowing someone is staying at our house, watching the three dogs and making sure all remains well.

Don't worry – I'll send my column from the sunny Caribbean skies.

Try not to be too jealous.

aisle at Vons (maybe at every store) there is a stop sign. The people pulling into the lot are given the right of way to travel down the main lane to find the aisle they want to turn into to park. However, I can't count the number of times that drivers ignore the stop sign and just keep going – right into the lane I'm driving in.

What the heck are they thinking? First, "stop" means "brake" – stop the vehicle. Second, do you not see that I'm driving down the lane?

And this craziness is not limited to the parking lot at the grocery store. I live off a main street. When turning onto the main street, I stop my car to make sure I don't get hit by another car traveling up or down the road. Apparently this action is an aberration because the idea of stopping at a stop sign seems to be a foreign concept. I cannot count how many times cars come from "feeder streets" (streets like those on which I live that feed onto the main road) without stopping, maintaining their speed and launching onto the main road. I'm surprised my brakes haven't given out from all the sudden stops I've had to make in order not to get hit by one of these nutty drivers.

Come on, folks; stop signs are not merely suggestions – they're directions. Follow them.

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I don't know about you but what is it with today's drivers? For example, at the end of each parking

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

"If children don't grow up knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it, and if they don't understand it, they won't protect it ... and if they don't protect it, who will?" – Sir David Attenborough, Learning Through Landscapes, "Conserving Wonder"

Although Earth Day was April 22 it is never too late to celebrate. What better way to celebrate than to teach children about the planet's ecology and the species that roam the Earth?

There are many ways kids can learn about species that include animals, sea life and insects. I don't want to go into a debate over zoos and whether they help or hinder ecology; there are points on both sides of the debate. But I do want to touch on the roles the LA Zoo and San Diego Wild Animal Park played for the California condor.

In the 1970s, biologists found that there were only a few dozen condors remaining in the wild. In 1980 a major conservation project was started in an attempt to keep the birds from becoming extinct. The project members put radio transmitters on the wings of some of the condors and condor wild eggs were collected and hatched at two California zoos. A few birds were taken to the zoos for captive breeding. Unfortunately this aid came too late for the majority of the birds, whose population declined in the wild. In the mid-1980s all of the remaining condors in the wild were captured and taken to zoos. The last wild condor was captured in 1987. Where once the population was in the thousands, at that time it was down to just 27 birds, according to California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

"The first condor chick hatched out in 1988. Within a few years, it was clear that captive breeding was working. The captive condors had produced more than 100 eggs by 1994. Nearly 20 chicks hatch each year at the four captive breeding centers. The total population grew from 27 birds in 1987 to 161 birds by mid 1999. As of 2016, the total population was

446. Captive-bred condors have been released in central California (including release sites in the Big Sur area and Pinnacles National Park), Southern California, Arizona and Baja, Mexico. The Arizona population has expanded into Utah," according to California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

I think the California condor cam is one of the reasons a lot of people know about the plight, and success, of the condor. It's a bird reality show, so-to-speak. That website is <https://tinyurl.com/ye3syvm4>.

Watch this condor cam with your kids or grandkids. See just how majestic these birds are.

Closer to home, take your kids or grandkids on a walk. If you are lucky enough to be able to live near a protected open space, let them explore. Exploration can be done anywhere – from the sidewalk outside an apartment building to a school playground to a park. Let your child or grandchild watch bugs. Use that time to educate. My grandson and I will watch ladybugs forever. A while back my grandson and I were watching bees in the yard. We talked about how important bees are for the environment and what they do. We then went to the library and got books on bees. This small act of observation and education is a simple way for kids to learn about the Earth around them.

We also talk about the wash and how, if garbage is thrown into it, that garbage will flow to the ocean and hurt the sea life. We spend time cleaning the beach to protect the sea life and the creatures that live in the sand.

This is something I did when my kids were younger. Every walk was an adventure full of discoveries; every trip to the beach was an opportunity to learn about ocean life.

Sir David Attenborough is right; we can't expect our children to protect something they know nothing about. It is up to us to teach them. It would be sad if, when our kids or grandkids grow up, they only saw animals in

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Day of Discovery Introduces Local High Schoolers to Health Care Professions

By Eliza PARTIKA

On Friday, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital held its annual Health Care Day of Discovery for 78 students from 11 local high schools, including Burbank High School, La Cañada High School and AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School. The goal of the event is to introduce students to and encourage them to learn more about careers in health care, including and beyond the traditional role of doctor or nurse. Students participated in interactive labs conducted by frontline USC-VHH health care staff, including nurses, physical therapists, cath lab technicians and EMTs. Students listened to panels detailing the day-to-day work requirements for jobs in nutritional services, information technology in health care, emergency services and radiology, among others.

CEO of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital,

Armand H. Dorian, MD, MMM, said this “day of discovery” is meant for students to find their own path as he, and many others in the medical profession, have.

“It’s not a straight line. When I was 16, I didn’t imagine I would be the CEO of a hospital. Your journey is unique, as long as you have an idea of where you want to get to. So it’s trying to impart what you might want your destination to be. Don’t be so stressed about ‘I didn’t do that volunteer work so I can’t be a nurse or [I didn’t take] this class or that class so I can’t be a doctor. If you have a goal, everything is accomplishable,” he advised.

Dorian and the organizers of Health Care Day of Discovery purposefully integrated educating the students about some of USC Verdugo Hills’ new and advanced technologies, such as its new Cardiac Cath Lab and Interventional Radiology suite and its Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation & Fitness Center.

Students were ushered into the fitness center for a demonstration of a Holter monitor, which uses patches that stick to the skin to monitor heart rate for a short period of time. Questions were plentiful from students as they watched their peers’ heart rate blip up and down on a computer screen registering the heart beat.

Dorian told the CV Weekly he sees this introduction and integration of new health care technology as his duty – both as an emergency medicine physician and as hospital CEO. He said providing the newest and best tools, and teaching others to use them, brings higher quality care to patients. He hopes students will



Photos by Eliza PARTIKA

ABOVE: EMTs from Glendale Fire Dept. teach students CPR.

BELOW: A student tries a mobility aid attended by physical therapy technicians from USC Verdugo Hills.



use their unprecedented understanding of technology to better the lives of patients in the future.

“These kids’ lives are almost intertwined with technology; none of them probably have even known about an age without a smartphone. They’re going to be able to use these tools to help save lives. Showing them the opportunity of technology and medicine together – it is going to make a massive difference,” he said.

Several of the students expressed a new desire to go into health care, or learn more about careers in the health care field.

Eleventh grade student Hooy Dorian, Dr. Dorian’s daughter, attends AGBU Manoogian-

Demirdjian School. She has eyed medicine as a potential career and has enjoyed and excelled in biology and even researched dermatology in her own time. Watching her father as the CEO of the hospital has also driven her to explore health care administration and business degrees.

“It’s really hard for some teenagers to have mental health. A lot of people struggle with stuff like that. And it’s something I’ve struggled with, too. And I want to make other people feel beautiful in their own skin. So I feel like if I go into that realm, university and college and study it professionally, I would love it because I

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IN BRIEF

CVCA MEETING TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, April 25, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

IMMERSION IN NATURE AND WATER TOUR OF ROSEMONT PRESERVE

The community is invited to spend mindful, intentional time at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. doing what the Japanese call shinrin-yoku or forest bathing. Elena de la Cruz will be guiding participants through this opportunity to slow down and be with Mother Earth by walking slowly and waking up their senses to the surrounding wonders. Studies have shown forest bathing can promote health and happiness.

Participants should be aware they might be in the sun at some point so bring a hat, water and sunblock.

Sign-ups are limited; visit <https://tinyurl.com/mvknadss>.

Then on Sunday, take part in a unique tour of Rosemont Preserve led by staff at the Crescenta Valley Water District. The tour is planned for April 28 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Attendees will learn about watersheds, where local water comes from, and how water gets stored and delivered to local homes, plus a chance to know the local water district.

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.

TOWN COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP APPS

Applications for Crescenta Valley Town Council scholarships are available to graduating seniors who live in unincorporated Los Angeles County – La Crescenta/Montrose. The applications are on the CVTC website (<https://thevcouncil.com/>) and have to be returned by May 5.

VERDUGO MOUNTAINS 10K

The City of Glendale announced the return of the Verdugo Mountains 10k Trail Run & Hike, this year on May 5 at 8 a.m. The race proceeds support the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation, a non-profit that supports open space and outdoor programs in Glendale.

The Verdugo Mountains 10k Trail Run & Hike began in 2011 as an annual event to bring runners and hikers together to conquer the Verdugo Mountains. The course starts in Brand Park near the Doctor’s House and climbs the Brand Motorway 1,686 feet of elevation to a height of 2,536 feet above sea level. Participants will get breathtaking views of Glendale and the San Fernando Valley from high up on the mountain.

Registration for the event is available at <https://my.racewire.com/event/7969>. Fees are \$40 per runner and include a T-shirt and finisher medal.

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The Outlook of LAWDP Water Rights

By Mary O'KEEFE

In last week's CVW article titled "Letting the Rain Run Through Our (Future) Drought Fingers" we cited the response from Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power (LADWP) in regard to a proposed project for water capturing by Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD).

To recap, for years CVWD has been working on a proposal to capture rainwater that flows down the Verdugo Wash. The Crescenta Valley County Park Stormwater Recharge Facility Project would capture rainwater in two spots along the Verdugo Wash that travels through CV Park. The water captured would be used to replenish groundwater that has been reduced due to years of drought. Presently, rainwater travels down the wash to the LA River and then out to sea. But LA has water rights and, in accordance with its City

Charter, it's their water.

LADWP's email response to questions included the definition of Section 673(a) of the LA City Charter, which states, "The City shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the City's rights in the waters of the Los Angeles River, in whole or in part." Sections 673(c) and 677(b), however, allow the City "[t]o enter into contracts with any public agency for the exchange of water as long as the water exchanged is replaced in full to the City within a reasonable period set by the board."

The email response explained that although LADWP could not allow

CVWD to use the City's water it can "exchange water with Crescenta Valley."

LA Charter Section 677 allows the City to exchange water with other municipalities.

"This means Crescenta Valley would need to replace, in full,

to the City any volume of water that is diverted away from the LA River from another water source. It would be up to Crescenta Valley to evaluate, consider and propose when, where and how to make the City whole in this matter. Some examples could include, but are not limited to, providing an equivalent amount of water using water rights it holds or water from the Metropolitan Water District," according to LADWP email response.

Water rights in California have been at the center of many conflicts since well before statehood, and those rights are protected by those who own the rights.

"After years of litigation, the California Supreme Court determined in the case, captioned *City of Los Angeles v. City of San Fernando*, 14 Cal.3d 199 (1975), that the City of Los Angeles holds prior and paramount pueblo rights to the Los Angeles River," according to LADWP.

LADWP did respond that the department is always open to discussing "opportunities to collaborate and develop local water supplies, provided such projects comply with the City Charter and all other legal requirements," LADWP stated.

LADWP's answers to CVW questions always added the caveat that water rights/City Charter and legal requirements would have to be followed with any partnership.

LA County has recently released its LA County Water Plan.

"Los Angeles County Public Works, together with water management organizations and a diverse array of stakeholders, collaborated to support the Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP), charting a path to achieve our collective vision of equitable and sustainable water resources and a secure water



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future for everyone," according to the LA County Water Plan.

"Yes, [LADWP] was part of the LA County Water Plan development. Water rights were discussed at length due to the fact that each adjudicated groundwater basin has specific rules set forth in their respective court judgments and administered by their respective watermasters," LADWP stated.

There are several mentions of working with other agencies and working together. The "Vision statement" in LA County's Water Plan includes this foundation of working with other agencies.

"The CWP articulates a shared, inclusive, regional path forward to sustainably and equitably achieve safe, clean and reliable water resources for Los Angeles County," according to CWP.

Historically, it does make sense that Los Angeles needs to protect its water rights. A majority of the LA area is within a basin. This means water flows down into the basin. If the water is stopped by mountainous communities then less water reaches LA; however, it may be time to reexamine the water rules, especially considering recent rains.

According to the California Water Watch, as of April 22 precipitation for water year-to-date is 130% of historical average.

Several attempts to speak to LA Mayor Karen Bass have been made by CVW but without success. On March 10, the mayor's office released a press statement on how LADWP had captured over 13.5 billion gallons of stormwater. This amount was up from the capture of 8.4 billion in February 2023.

However, that water in the Verdugo Basin that CVWD wants to capture is not part of LA's reported stormwater capture.

Next week CVW will look at the CWP plan and how the attitude of "working together" may help with the CVWD project.

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Special Olympics Gives Families, Athletes and Volunteers a Place to Call Home

By Eliza PARTIKA

“Let me win, but if I do not win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

The oath of the Special Olympics was put into action on Sunday, April 20 as over 400 athletes competed in basketball, swimming, and track and field at the 2024 Special Olympics Glendale Spring Games.

Family and friends supported the athletes from the stands with some 200 volunteers working food and water booths, guiding athletes to and from the field, and cheering them on.

Kim Villa, Glendale Local Program coordinator said the Special Olympics is an opportunity for the community to see athletes as themselves, as “people who love to participate.”

“People, through the events of the Special Olympics, have begun to see [people with special needs] differently and instead of seeing them as people [who] can’t do something they really see what they’re capable of doing,” Villa said.

At 9 a.m., the Games began with the parade of athletes and speeches from Kelly Pond, president and CEO of Special Olympics California, and an introduction from Glendale Special Olympics basketball player Michael Leon. After speeches and the pledge of allegiance, athletes and families split off to watch and play their respective sports until 3 p.m.

Like many of the athletes, Michael became involved with the Special Olympics in fifth grade playing a variety of sports, including basketball, which he played for five years. Michael provided support and advice to his teammates while off the field and, on the field, was proud to represent the Glendale games as its ambassador. While his team faced difficult challenges in this year’s games, Michael said the most important parts of the games are supporting each other and learning to play as one.

“Basketball is a team sport, all about working together, learning to play some moves more than others. Once you play together, you learn to move together. If you put in the effort to learn how to play together, your team will be good,” he said.

For the Leons, the Special Olympics has always been a family affair.

Michael’s father, basketball Coach Gabbi Leon, worked as a facilities manager for Special Olympics when Michael first began competing and eventually coached basketball. Michael’s entire family is involved with volunteering, coaching and managing. Coach Gabbi said he is proud that Michael has a place where he can play sports with others and learn how to collaborate with a team.

The same core group of basketball players has competed at Glendale’s Special Olympics for the last five years, Coach Gabbi said, with some new additions to the team. The Spring Games was their first competition of this season with at least one more on the horizon.

“When you come into a game situation like today, [the athletes] can see that they’re playing against a team of individuals that [they] haven’t met before. And they’re in a different uniform. And so then they start to understand the concepts of offense and defense in passing and things like that. So it’s a great learning experience,” Coach Gabbi said.

Cathy Leon, Michael’s mother and track coach for the Glendale team, said that while athletes don’t win every year, for her the Special Olympics is about watching athletes improve.

“Athletes get better every year because we don’t look at it as just a season; we look at it as a lifetime thing. It takes some athletes three years to finish the race. And it’s so exciting when they finish that race three years later. We don’t expect that they’re going to win it. Just trying to get better every time

watching the relationships they form with each other, and how they love each other,” she said.

Track athlete Paul “The Flash” Kim, who began running track for Special Olympics in 2009, won gold in the 400 meter. Kim said he’s proud to train by himself, pushing to be stronger each season.

“I feel like I was born to be here. Special Olympics is like my second home where I get to feel free and be with my friends,” Kim said of winning gold. “I’ve been training my whole life.”

Russel Sayre, who is friends with and a teammate of Paul, started sports as a swimmer in New Mexico and started track and soccer when he moved to California in 2014. Sayre said he loves track because of how he is able to be with friends, train with early morning walks, and learn to move quickly.

“I think anything that involves fast moving the feet or legs I just enjoy. I met people who have been good friends of mine ever since I got put on the team. It’s nice to see people like me who have the same capabilities, if not more capabilities than me, who can do this and enjoy it,” Sayre said.

Sayre’s mother, Jayna Sayre, said she loves seeing Russel come out of his shell and use sports as a way to socialize.

“It’s a good opportunity for him to practice that. We’re proud that he works hard at anything he does, whether it’s the Special Olympics or his internship or job, or that whatever he’s doing, he just has full effort and commitment to it. He supports the other athletes, he wanders around and watches the other athletes compete,” she said. “We’re very proud of him for doing these things.”

The impact of Special Olympics extends to volunteers, who come see SPECIAL OLYMPICS on page 9

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Obituary

Madelynne Lee-Ann Broyles



May 28, 2004-April 6, 2024

Madelynne Broyles, 19, was tragically killed in a hit and run on April 6.

Maddie was a sweet, caring, free-spirited young woman

who was taken from us way too young.

She loved all animals big and small, cooking, photography and art – where she was recognized and received an award. She attended schools from kindergarten through high school in the La Cañada School District. She also had just begun courses at Glendale Community College looking forward to becoming an EMT.

She is survived by her mother Christine Broyles; grandmother Gina Broyles; great-grandmother Virginia Sturmer; her uncle Jeremy and his wife Jamie; her aunt Jessica Broyles-Guzman and her husband Ryan; and her three young cousins.

No funeral or services will be held.

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Obituary
Mary "Ellen" Ernestine Romine



June 13, 1930 — April 13, 2024

Mary Romine passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Oakmont of Simi Valley memory care facility. She was 93 years old.

Mary was born in San Francisco and grew up in Eagle Rock. All through her school years she was under the impression her first name was Ellen, so most of the people in her life knew her that way. She was quite surprised

when, after requesting her birth certificate, she discovered her first name was actually Mary.

Mary graduated from St. Andrews Catholic High School for Girls in 1948. After a brief stint as a bookkeeper, she joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC), where she fulfilled her dream of traveling the world. She served in Texas, Virginia and Okinawa (she once flew to Japan [C-47] with a group of women to play softball against a Japanese team and really enjoyed that).

After leaving the WACs, she met and married Herman Romine. They settled in La Crescenta and raised five children as well as caring for other children of friends and family.

Once her own children were grown, Mary became a teacher's aide for the special education class at Dunsmore Elementary School. She enjoyed this work for 10 years before retiring.

Herman and Mary were married 41 years before divorce sent them on their separate

ways. Mary moved to Simi Valley in 1997 to be close to her son and grandchildren. She lived a fun and carefree life in Simi hosting her many family members and friends at her townhouse, from Oscar parties to the epic family Christmas celebration.

Mary is preceded in death by her son Robert William who passed away in 2019. She is survived by her other children: daughter Patricia and son-in-law Chris Fraas; daughter Cheryl; son James; grandchildren Trevor and Hailey. She is also survived by her sisters, Alice Turner and Sister Christina Lee and estranged daughter Kate Romine.

Mary was loved by so many and she has surely earned her place in heaven. We will remember her fondly as Mom, Auntie Ellen, Nana and Mrs. Mary.

Visitation is on Monday, April 29 at 5 p.m. at Reardon Simi Valley Funeral Home, 2636 Sycamore Drive in Simi Valley. Burial is on Tuesday, April 30 at noon at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd., March Air Force Base.

Obituary
Jacqueline Manning Flick



Sept. 29, 1939 – April 18, 2024

Jacqueline Manning Flick died on April 18 at Monte Vista Grove Homes in Pasadena of complications arising from Alzheimer's disease. She was 84. Jackie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2019 but was able to remain comfortably in her home until seven weeks before her death.

children's and religion book buyer for Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena and then opened and managed bookstores in Studio City, Beverly Hills, Glendale and South Pasadena. Later, she managed an office for an aerial photographer, taught ESL, and worked as a teacher's aide for special needs students. She retired in 2007 to be able to help her parents in the years leading up to their deaths.

Besides her husband and children, Jackie is survived by granddaughters Kathryn, Shelly, Amy and grandson Takoda; sisters Joan, Judy, Karin, Loah, Gail; brother Dean; and 21 nieces and nephews along with their children. She was preceded in death by her first husband; sisters Cathleen and Corinne (twins), Janet, Leah; nephew Tom and niece Claire, as well as her parents.

Jackie had a rich and fulfilling life. She climbed Vogelsong Peak in Yosemite when she was seven months pregnant, learned to operate a 1½-inch gauge model train at Los Angeles Live Steamers (the only certified female engineer at the time), and hiked and sledged near the family cabin in Wrightwood. In her later years with Arend in Pasadena, she babysat nieces and grandchildren; enjoyed theater, opera and concerts; cruised to Alaska; and traveled by train throughout the United States, happily tolerating her husband's aviophobia. She especially relished annual car journeys to North Dakota for family reunions where she indulged her passion for photography and the prairie.

Jackie also loved to laugh ... and she laughed a lot. She was empathetic, kind and generous, always more concerned with the happiness of others than her own. She "adopted" reclusive neighbors, taking them to doctors' appointments and grocery stores. She gave thoughtful and generous

Christmas gifts even to her trash collectors. In the care center, days before her death she would reach out to greet and comfort other residents as she passed by them in her wheelchair. She was loved in turn by a wide circle of friends, former work colleagues and neighbors. As one neighbor put it, she radiated light.

Jackie was also remarkable for the pleasure she took in the simplest of activities and experiences. Picking a flower from her garden, walking the streets of her neighborhood, spotting and interacting with a dog or a toddler (or, if none were available, a rock) could give her contentment, even delight. She loved NPR, Haagen-Dazs bars, Gustavo Dudamel and Esa-Pekka Salonen, phone conversations with siblings, toasted raisin cinnamon walnut bread, the Three Stooges, Dolly Parton, the novels of Louise Erdrich and Marilynne Robinson, the Great Plains, a good glass of chardonnay and, most of all, her family whom she loved with a particular fierceness. Early in their relationship, she told Arend that her family was the best gift she could give him. She was wrong. It was the second-best gift.

A celebration of life is planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Heftinger Country Club (built by her parents). It will be live streamed for those unable to attend in person. Donations in her name may be made to the La Crescenta Library, of which she was a long-time member.

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CRIME BLOTTER

April 22

4800 block of Oakwood Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported seeing a flashlight shining through her bedroom window and heard a knock at the window that was located in the back of the residence. She opened the curtains and saw an unknown male standing outside. The resident became frightened and called the CV Sheriff's Station. Surveillance footage revealed two males; Suspect 1 was described as wearing a light-colored jacket, a facemask, gloves, a backpack, dark pants and light-colored shoes. Suspect 2 was described as wearing a light-colored jacket, a facemask, gloves, light colored pants and dark colored shoes. The suspects were seen looking throughout the backyard. Suspect 2 was seen holding a handheld radio as he walked around the yard.

Then both suspects were seen running out of the yard at 10:15 p.m.

April 14

2500 block of Orange Avenue in La Crescenta, a window was shattered and several rooms were ransacked at a home between April 14-21.

April 18

3600 block of Figueroa Street in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident was awakened by the sound of voices and a "popping sound" coming from his backyard. He turned the light on the backyard exterior lights and checked his surveillance footage. He did not see anything suspicious at the time. He then woke at 5:30 a.m. the next morning and found the glass backdoor was shattered. The victim reviewed the surveillance footage again and saw three male suspects, all wearing masks, in his backyard looking through windows. One of the suspects is seen shattering the glass backdoor with an unknown object. When the lights were turned on the suspects fled the area.

The incident occurred at 10:30 p.m.

April 11

4900 block of Cloud Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident received a notification from her bank questioning a check that was from her checking account. She had written two checks to two separate companies earlier and left them in her mailbox. The bank reported one of those checks had been cashed in Sun Valley. The pay-to-the-order section had been altered as had the amount. The banker closed the checking account.

The incident occurred at 2 p.m.

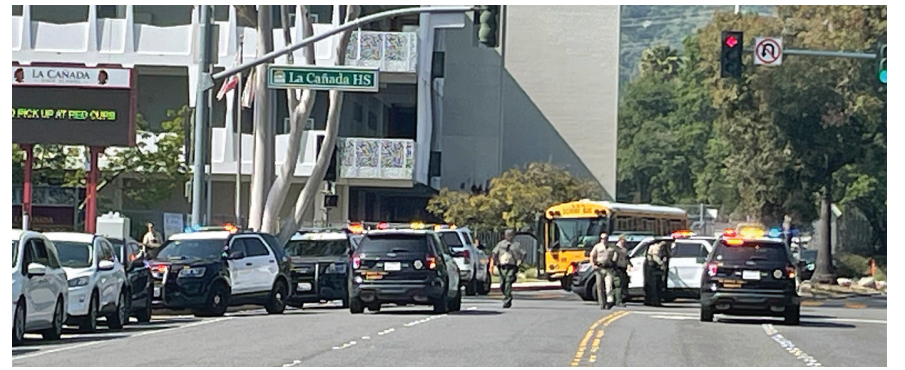
La Cañada High School Locked Down

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Station - Crescenta Valley Station investigators have concluded Monday's threat toward La Cañada High School (LCHS) was not creditable.

A call came into LCHS about 1:25 p.m. The caller stated s/he was reportedly armed and would be on the campus. LCHS, along with nearby schools including St. Francis High School and others, were placed on lockdown.

Personnel from the sheriff stations of Crescenta Valley, Altadena and Temple City, along with California Highway Patrol, all responded. Deputies went



through the school floor by floor to make certain there was no threat while anxious parents waited.

Parents were updated by the La Cañada Flintridge Unified School District

administration throughout the lockdown.

It was determined that the threat was not found credible and students were released beginning about 3:30 p.m.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Reports

On Saturday about 2 a.m., a Glendale police officer was patrolling the area of Community and New York avenues when he noticed a man wearing a pair of gloves and holding a flashlight attempting to hide between vehicles. After contacting the individual and conducting further investigation, the officer conducted a search of the individual's vehicle, which was parked

nearby. The search revealed evidence of narcotics, personal information of numerous victims and a shaved key. The man was ultimately arrested for suspicion of burglary, possession of narcotics and identity theft.

Late Sunday morning, April 21, a Glendale resident returned to his/her home in the 2600 block of Cañada Boulevard to find it

burglarized. At about 11:30 a.m., the resident called Glendale police communications to report the residential burglary. Officers arrived and found that the point of entry was an unlocked rear slider door. The reported loss was a significant amount of cash and jewelry.

The suspect has not yet been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

Drug Arrest

By Mary O'KEEFE

On April 9, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station received a call for service concerning a juvenile who was unconscious due to an apparent overdose of opioids. Deputies and personnel from LA County Fire Dept. Station 63 responded to the home and found the

juvenile. They administered naloxone [Narcan], which can reverse an opioid overdose. The juvenile was transported to a local hospital where treatment continued, according to Sgt. John Gilbert, CV Sheriff's Station.

After an investigation, deputies discovered the opioids were sold to the juvenile by another student at Crescenta

Valley High School.

At 12:20 p.m. on April 10, LASD deputies, with CVHS administrators and the deputy school resource officer, contacted the student. They found the student allegedly had drugs in his/her possession. The student was detained for being in possession of a controlled substance for sale. It appears some of the drugs may have been fentanyl.

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Victim Found in Garbage Bin Identified

By Mary O'KEEFE

Street in Sunland. The garbage bin was reportedly left on the side of the road and the body was inside a plastic bag.

A woman whose body was found in a trash bin in Sunland has been identified by the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office as Heather Haas, 32.

The Coroner's Office has stated the cause of death is deferred as an investigation continues by the Los Angeles Police Dept.

The victim's body was found on the morning of April 16 in the 8500 block of Wentworth

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zoos or in photos and videos – not knowing the sound of the wild parrots squawking to each other or not seeing bunnies peeking out from behind bushes.

It will be nice walking-in-nature weather the remainder of this week with patchy fog at 11 p.m. then burning off by 11 a.m.

Temperatures will have highs in the 60s. On Saturday the fog should lift to clear skies with highs in the 70s; those temperatures and clearing should continue through to Monday, according to NOAA.

An update on the spinning fish issue in Florida that I wrote about last week:

As of April 24, there were 43 sawfish mortalities, fish kill hotline reports 458 dead fish in total. Fish samples collected were 251 and 200 water samples were collected. To continue to follow this story, visit <https://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/health/spinningevent/>.

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times go to those areas.

"But when people see us, everything is [calm]. Then we leave and they behave badly," Bay said.

He equated it to sailing in a sinking boat; people can keep throwing water out to keep afloat but they are still sinking.

One big issue around schools is drivers who make U-turns. While in front of Crescenta Valley High School, a driver made a U-turn after dropping off a student at the front entrance. There are no U-turns allowed in front of the school. Bay turned on the patrol lights and pulled the driver over. The driver said s/he was in a hurry and the passenger in the car was not feeling well. Bay said he understood but it is still a violation.

As he returned to his patrol vehicle to complete the citation, he witnessed another driver making a U-turn in front of the school. There was a line of cars in front of the school, drivers waiting their turn to drop off their students. It took the driver of the U-turn several maneuvers to make the turn, which backed up the line of vehicles even more regardless whether traveling eastbound or westbound on

Community Avenue.

Bay stopped the second vehicle, explained why he had stopped the driver, finished writing the first citation and began on the second.

When asked what the driver's response was to the stop, Bay said, "Everyone else is doing it."

When he returned to the driver, s/he explained that s/he did not make a U-turn but a three-point turn. This is a reason often given by drivers.

"It is a moving violation," he said.

California Vehicle Code 665.5 states a "U-turn is the turning of a vehicle upon a highway so as to proceed in the opposite direction whether accomplished by one continuous movement or not."

Bay explained the term "highway" refers to any public way used for travel, like a road or street.

The busiest times at schools in the morning last only about 30 minutes but within that time period a lot of students are dropped off.

CVW had also received calls from readers who were concerned about drivers speeding on the southbound curve on Pennsylvania Avenue turning into Honolulu Avenue. The downhill speed has worried several people, especially those who live in

Whiting Woods.

Bay parked his vehicle on Honolulu Avenue and immediately witnessed a vehicle speeding around the curve at over 50 mph; the speed limit at that location is 35 mph.

The driver explained s/he was trying to maneuver around other drivers, but that did not appear to be accurate.

During the ride along, Bay was kind and calm to each driver regardless of the driver's reactions.

"I always try to keep the same demeanor," he said.

Bay said officers always have to be aware of their surroundings when approaching a vehicle.

"As we walk up to a car, we don't know if the [driver or passengers] have a gun," he said.

So officers approach the vehicle and evaluate the situation in seconds.

When asked what is needed to be a safe driver he said, "Don't follow too closely and slow down."

CVW will continue to go on ride alongs and report on traffic issues. If readers have specific areas they are concerned about please email mary@cvweekly.com.

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Public Hearing Planned

A notice of public hearing is being held by the City of Glendale regarding Chamlian Armenian School (4444 Lowell Ave.) on May 1 at 5 p.m. at the city's Municipal Service Building, 633 E. Broadway, Room 105 in Glendale. The case planner is Roger Kiesel, rkiesel@glendaleca.gov.

Chamlian Armenian School is requesting approval of a use variance to allow the continued operation of the private school.

No changes to the operation or enrollment of the school are being proposed. It should be noted that the site is zoned R1 (low density residential) and private schools are not a permitted use in this zone.

On April 16, 2014 the planning commission approved a use variance for the operation of Chamlian School. This approval expired on April 16, 2024 thus requiring the present use variance application. The current use variance proposes no expansion

or change to the enrollment or operation of the school because there are no substantial changes to the project or project circumstances and there is no new information that could not have been known at the time.

Neighbors of the school have complained of parking issues, traffic problems and violations of parking signs posted in the area among other things.

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extends to volunteers, who come to support athletes in a variety of ways: providing lunch, water and support on the field.

The Glendale High School honor drumline provided the beat underscoring the parade of athletes. Alyssa Cousac, drumline captain, said she was proud to represent Glendale High School.

"I'm really proud to represent Glendale and to be here helping the community," she said.

A former Special Olympics coach, former football coach, adaptive physical education specialist and AP

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do it on my own time for someone," Hoops said. "I also love to lead, so if I wasn't [involved in] medicine I'd probably want to administer something, maybe [something] to do with dermatology. I'd want to manage, lead and refer."

Leigh Epstein, an 11th grade student from La Cañada High School, grew up with parents in the arts and considers music as her passion. Because of the Day of Discovery, she is thinking about ways her skills in music could transfer into health care while exploring college options.

"There are different career paths that are suited for different types of people. There are so many options and every single panelist that spoke to us, they each had different pathways," said Epstein. "They all seemed very happy and successful in their career choices. It's very helpful when going into college [considering the] stress and anxiety of college. It's reassuring to see because there were a lot of people who took the community college pathway and that was something that I hadn't even considered."

Tarina Kang, chief medical officer USC Verdugo Hills, let students share accomplishments in health-related subjects and otherwise to provide encouragement. After student representatives shared accolades and awards from choir, state debate competitions, health classes and more, Kang expressed her amazement at the students' great successes.

"I heard about all the wonderful things you're doing not just in academics, but in service and athletics. And so I really liked that sort of breadth of excelling, especially in high school," Kang told the students. "I'm also really impressed that you guys chose to come here today [especially] being so talented and all these other areas."

Dr. Dorian hopes that this year's students, like alums of past Discovery Days, will come back to Verdugo Hills as doctors, nurses or other health care workers.

The pandemic scared many people away from health care, Dr. Dorian said, but he hopes giving these kids an idea of the latest technology and expertise used in "the noblest profession" is inspiring for students, past and present.

"What I want is for them to know that their destiny is in their hands, and that they can decide what they want to do. Just know that health care is probably the most noble of professions out there," he said, "and so you should consider it in your journey of your life and say, 'Maybe this is something for me.'"

teacher for 12 years, Dave Beard, who now teaches at Roosevelt Middle School as an inclusion in physical education teacher and volunteers for Special Olympics, said he loves coming to support the athletes after 17 years of watching them grow in their sport and as people.

Old and new athletes approached Beard to say hello and talk as he carted water or sandwiches across the field. Beard paused to watch and cheer on athletes in basketball and track where he knows many of the athletes and has seen them grow up.

"It's great seeing all the families. I'm really excited to see my kids grow. I've known some of them since they were like 4 years old, and [love] to see them now at 21, 22 years old and see how much they've grown and improved – to see how happy their families are. Exercise is so much more than just the simple thing of exercise. It's about feeling better about yourself and then treating other people better," Beard said.

Longtime volunteer Vanessa Blackwood summed up the Games as a place where you come for the sport and leave with so much more.

"That's why we do this because it brings us joy; we're here to help," she said. "You leave here and you leave with a smile, no matter what kind of week you've had, your cup is filled when you're here."

THE BAND from Cover

help students of any age meet the rising costs of college.

"For many of our young people at the church, we're finding the cost of college is getting further and further out of reach. And we really feel like this is a nice opportunity when you think about how much the cost is of tuition, books and room and board," she said.

The Deacon's Higher Education Scholarship Fund was formed in 2000 to provide relief to students and older adults seeking to continue their educational journey. Since 2020, LCPC has supplemented the scholarship with a benefit concert. Biola University and other Christian colleges have agreed to match funds raised by the scholarship fund to the maximum of \$1,000.

The night will include testimonials from past scholarship awardees who will give testimonials on how the scholarship helped them achieve their goals.

Norton said she hopes scholarship students feel the support of the community especially when support is difficult to find at university.

"It's easy to go through a youth group, be an active church member, and then you go off to college. In college, it's not as easy to connect

to a church or to stay connected in faith," said Norton. "It's nice to know that you have a community in La Crescenta praying for you and supporting you."


Collins said he is most looking forward to his favorite part of the annual performance: playing with talented musicians dedicated to the project and, of course, raising money for the Scholarship Fund.

"As a retired music educator, I consider this to be a high priority project in benefit for our youth. Higher education is extremely expensive and it is our obligation to help out as much as we can," he said. "Aside from contributing to the Fund, I hope that our audience enjoys and appreciates the older music 'standards' that I have programmed for the show. This great old music isn't heard much anymore and I want to preserve it through performance any chance I get."

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A Walk Through Montrose in 1929 – Part 5

We continue our trip back in time with a walk through Montrose in 1929. But first I want to talk about a big change in my weekly column. Starting next week, I'll be writing this column only every other week. The reasons I'm cutting down are many, including some elder care my wife and I are involved in. But bottom line, I've been writing this column every week for 16 years. It's time to step back a little.

Taking my place every other week will be Craig Durst. Craig is a local historian in Sunland-Tujunga and will be featuring history tales from that neighborhood. Craig is a local hero in Tujunga for his tireless work on the Verdugo Hills Cemetery. Craig, with the help of community volunteers, has restored and improved that

long abandoned cemetery. He's a dedicated historian, a great guy, a really interesting person and a good friend of mine.

But let's travel back to 1929 Montrose where we are strolling down Honolulu Avenue. Last week we were standing on the sidewalk in front of the Montrose Hotel (now Andersen's Pets). We had looked across the street to the north side and seen the Pontiac car dealership (where the Black Cow is now), along with Abe's Shoe Shine. We turn our attention back to the south side and take a few steps west.

There in front of us is the Montrose Theater! It looks very different than the theater most people remember. (Our beloved Montrose Theater burned down in 1987. It was where the parking lot for Andersen's Pets is today.)

The small theater has a Mission Revival façade, with a tiled partial roof and a faux-Mission front. A large blade sign with electric lights spelled out "Montrose Theater" and there's a small marquee over a wide entryway. On the marquee is Hoot Gibson in "Points West" (a silent western movie). Arched doors and windows on either side of the theater's entry house tiny shops. On one side is Verdugo Photo Studio and the other side is the Montrose Candy Shop.

It's still early and the afternoon shows haven't started but the doors are unlocked. Let's go inside the theater and check it out.

The lobby is small so we proceed to the theater portion. It's gorgeous inside! The walls are intricately painted with elaborate blue and orange designs. The seats are tiny by today's standards. Two aisles lead to the front where an orange curtain covers the movie screen. Below the screen is a small stage and we can see a man rehearsing a juggling act, one of

the vaudeville acts that came with movies back then. In front of the stage is an organ to accompany the silent movies and an organist is placing sheet music on it for the upcoming show.

We turn back and head out to the sidewalk where we see the theater's usher sweeping the sidewalk in front. We stop and ask him how things are going with the theater. He says that they are getting sound equipment soon for the new "talkies" that are just coming out. We then say we noticed there's no snack counter inside. The usher seems confused at that and tells us that if the customers want snacks, they buy them at the candy shop and bring them in with them. (Selling candy and popcorn in theaters didn't become a thing until the 1930s.)

Well, okay. Then let's check out the Montrose Candy Shop and see what's available. We enter the tiny shop attached to the theater and look at the assortment of candy on shelves along the wall. Besides the

bulk candies in glass containers, we see some prepackaged candies that we recognize: Milk Duds, Bit o' Honey, Good n' Plenty, Baby Ruth, Double Bubble Gum, Raisinets, Oh Henry bars. Everything is priced at 5 and 10 cents.

We exit the candy shop, back to the sidewalk to continue our westward stroll down Honolulu Avenue in 1929.



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NEWS FROM CVWD » JAMES LEE

Happy Belated Earth Day!

Last weekend, we celebrated Earth Day at Crescenta Valley Park in conjunction with an event hosted by Los Angeles County. It seemed particularly apropos on the heels of Mary O'Keefe's article in last week's issue about CVWD's ongoing efforts to capture stormwater at CV Park. This has been a project stalled for years due to a water rights issue dating back centuries (centuries!).

Hurdling this issue with LADWP/City of Los Angeles would provide multiple common sense benefits. On one hand, we would augment water supply sustainability for our community as drought cycles intensify while supporting the County's flood control efforts. In addition, we could significantly control costs in the face of ever-rising costs for importing water from northern California and the Colorado River, which themselves are severely impacted. As a point of reference, Metropolitan Water District, the District's upstream source of imported water, recently finalized an 11% and 10% rate increase for this year and next year, respectively. Thankfully, this is less than the increase originally proposed.

There is a trove of smart folks in our community with a broad array of backgrounds and talents; let's utilize that talent for savings at the tap! Tackling this issue with water rights that ultimately results in saving billions of gallons of water wasted at sea is a benefit well beyond our community. It would set a precedent for the broader SoCal region that has struggled for years with the same and similar issues. So, let's make sure this happens!

A few days before our Earth Day event with the County, we hosted our second installment of Office Hours at the La Crescenta Library. As always, it was a great opportunity to learn and share feedback and ideas with our dedicated staff and board members. It was wonderful to meet many new faces! This time around we provided a brief presentation on our "in-house pipeline" initiative.

In-house pipeline is what it sounds like: upgrading our water mains with District staff and resources. This initiative aims to see whether we can replace a lot of our pipelines in the face of skyrocketing contractor costs. For context, the contractor portion of pipeline replacement has more than doubled in cost (more than 100%) over just the last two to three years. Our rates simply cannot keep up. We've issued bonds, which I firmly believe is the right choice because it makes sure we have enough money, it spreads out the cost and it ensures "intergenerational equity" as we're not saddling this generation with last generation's problems and tomorrow's generation's usage of the system.

We now have sufficient money to complete projects for the next three years, but as stewards of public funds the question still needs to be answered: "Are we doing everything we can to stretch the ratepayer's dollar?" This is why we're pursuing what some have called an aggressively ambitious initiative. At this point, I can't make the promise that an in-house program will work. It is difficult, takes particular skill sets and takes

extraordinary organization. But if it does work, we stand to save extraordinary amounts so we find it our obligation to try. The first project breaks ground next Monday. It will be on Fierro Circle (at the top of La Crescenta Avenue). We will keep you updated on how this, and subsequent projects, goes. Please wave a sign of gratitude at our dedicated crews if you happen to drive by.

Thank you for taking the time to read and for continuing the dialogue.

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YOUTH/SPORTS

Students Celebrate Armenian Spirit

By Mikaela STONE

The Glendale Unified School District celebrated the spirit of Armenian resilience with an art and culture display for Armenian American Heritage month at Hoover High School. The event showcased the talents of Armenian students across the school district and provided a platform for community role models.

Both the Clark Magnet and Glendale high school Armenian clubs showed up to fundraise in the auditorium lobby, offering concessions, bookmarks depicting the Armenian alphabet and necklaces. Funds raised by both clubs are dedicated for humanitarian aid in Armenia and to help displaced citizens of Artsakh. Through dance events and the annual Genocide Commemoration event, this year on April 23, the Glendale High club members keep in touch with their culture and spirit of patriotism.

Davit of the Clark Magnet Club defines such patriotic ideologies as “putting the homeland over yourself, not being selfish as much as giving. After you’re gone, that is what is left.”

Also showcased in the lobby were pieces from the Committee for Armenian Students in Public Schools art competition, depicting figures such as the Armenian composer Komitas and symbols such as the tree of life and the pomegranate.

The assembly kicked off with the presentation of the colors by the Glendale chapter of the Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Scouts while GUSD high schoolers Lily Tanossian and Alex Kalantaryan presided as masters of ceremonies. From there, filmmaker and journalist Ani Hovannisian Kevorkian took the stage to discuss her family history and her documentary,

“The Hidden Map,” detailing her quest to find elements of Armenian history in modern day Eastern Turkey to prove that “as much as they try to get rid of us, it doesn’t happen. They cannot hide the truth.”

Hovannisian’s family moved to Ukraine to escape the genocide only to be forced into Nazi work camps during World War II. Ever resilient, the camp members turned their prison into a Little Armenia, working to preserve their culture and make life better for future generations. Hovannisian’s parents displayed this same tenacity in their own lives as hardworking role models for her; Richard Hovannisian preserved Armenian history forgotten within archives and became a teacher and an author while Dr. Vartiter Kotcholosian-Hovannisian was one of two women in her class to become a physician.

Ani Hovannisian’s offered this advice for young Armenian children – the same advice her grandparents gave her: “Live with honor the life they did not have.”

Hovannisian was not the only professional to speak; students Nelin Gharpetian and Andrew Shahvosian interviewed Los Angeles City College Vice President of Student Services Alen Andriassian, Kaiser Permanente Colorectal surgeon and doctor Armen Aboulian, Netflix director of Film Publicity Teni Karapetian, and Balboa Elementary School Principal Dr. Sona Arakelyan.

Aboulian noted that as an Armenian he got used to having to put in extra effort, which created a work ethic that served him well in medical school. Arakelyan concurred, adding, “When everything comes easy it’s not fun ... you fail, you get up.”

When asked how she had contributed to the Armenian



Photos by Mikaela STONE
Students from R.D. White Elementary School’s Armenian Dual Language Immersion program were clad in gold and red, which drew attention to the dance’s graceful hand movements.

community, Karapetian recognized it was a question she had originally struggled with, wondering whether her “Armenian-ness” was enough. However, she recognizes how she has helped her culture on a granular level, by teaching her children her heritage and giving opportunities in the entertainment industry where she had been overlooked. Andriassian believes that how one acts in their life positions reflects on their community.

He added, “If we expect others to believe our genocide and embrace our culture, we need to uplift others.”

Contributing to his own role in society, Andriassian will be defending his dissertation next month. As for advice for present students, each panelist confirmed that the most important thing is to stay true to oneself and one’s goals. Karapetian added that all one has

is their reputation and relationships –and both require cultivation.

While each of the speakers boasted admirable achievements, the

highlight of the GUSD event was the students themselves taking up the

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/YOUTH

Boys’ Lacrosse Celebrates Its Seniors



Photo provided by Jaleen LUNT

Back row of seniors, from left, Josh Kim, Nelson Lunt, Elias Shammaa, Michael Clark, Matthew Kubela, Jason Yee and Quincy Lunt. Front row, from left, Zeth Bello, Xander Trinh, David Ajemyan, Daniel Briones, Jackson Roehr and Trevor Haug. Not pictured is Jake Kim.

The Crescenta Valley High School boys’ lacrosse team celebrated its graduating seniors following a game against La Cañada High School on April 16. The Falcons defeated the Spartans 11-8 at the Glendale Sports Complex, opening the game with a full senior starting lineup.

Fourteen seniors will leave the Falcon squad, many of whom first picked up a lacrosse stick in seventh grade at Rosemont Middle School. When adding up all of the years of experience, these seniors have played lacrosse a combined total of 54 years. During the senior game day

celebration each senior was asked to summarize his lacrosse experience in three words. Nearly every senior included the word “fun” in his word choice.

Win or lose, these athletes have played a fun sport and will leave with fond memories.

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Class of 2025 Ticktockers Annual Fashion Show by NCL, Inc., Glendale Chapter

Twenty-seven young women from La Cañada Flintridge, Glendale and the surrounding area will be on the runway modeling clothing from Macy's at the 72nd annual tea and fashion show on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. by this year's Ticktockers. It is expected that the event at the Hilton in Glendale will be attended by NCL, Inc. members, family and friends. NCL philanthropic partners Ascencia, Door of Hope, Twelve Oaks and Union Station will be honored and provided grants at the event. The young women, or Ticktockers as they are known, began their NCL journey in the seventh grade, working with their mothers, called patronesses, to support the chapter's philanthropic partners. National Charity League provides experience in community service, leadership development and cultural experiences, which are the pillars of the NCL program. As high school juniors the girls participated in the long-standing annual tradition of the fashion show. This event teaches them to hone their presentation and public speaking skills. Most importantly, it builds confidence and celebrates teamwork. In preparation, the girls worked together to determine the theme, took lessons with a professional coach and collaborated on the event planning details. Learn more at www.nclglendale.org.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Why A Home Might Be Sold Off The Market

Dear Phyllis,

I enjoy your real estate advice and want to share my parents' experience with your readers. They live in a two-story home and have dreamed about relocating to a single-story home for years. Their home is a tract home and, over the years, they have learned that the quality of the construction was extremely poor. My parents are the second owners and each time a wall is opened, they find something wrong. Typically it's mold or defective electrical or plumbing. When they remodeled their bathroom, they found out the floor was uneven with portions raised and others sunken. The joists underneath needed to be strengthened. My parents felt it would take \$150,000 to make the home "right."

Their neighbor's single-story home went on the market. My parents went to the open house and thought it could be a great move for them. They contacted the Realtor who sold them their home, and she brought an investor who made a cash offer with a quick close. It seemed the perfect solution for them. I wanted to share this with your readers to explain why a home might be sold off the market.

Susan

Dear Susan,

Thank you for sharing. For various reasons, a home may be sold off market, meaning they don't publicly list it on the Multiple Listing Service

(MLS). Some of these reasons include:

- Privacy: Some homeowners don't want to have neighbors and the community view their home.
- Avoiding Disruption: Selling a home can be a disruptive process, especially if it involves open houses and numerous showings. Off-market sales can be less disruptive to the homeowner's daily life.
- Speed: Off-market sales can often be quicker than traditional listings.
- Exclusive Marketing: In some cases, property may be marketed exclusively to a select group of potential buyers who are part of a specific network. This exclusivity can create a sense of rarity and exclusiveness. Often the buyer feels the need to act quickly and aggressively.
- Special Circumstances: Personal or financial reasons for a discreet sale could exist. For example, a homeowner might be going through a divorce, facing financial challenges or dealing with other issues, such as your parents.

While off-market sales offer advantages, they also come with potential downsides, such as potentially missing out on competitive offers and market exposure. The decision to sell off-market depends on the specific circumstances and preferences of the homeowner.

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FCSF 60th Anniversary Scholarship Award Ceremony



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Reverend Chuck Osburn

On Sunday, April 28, the Foothills Community Scholarship Foundation of LCF, Inc., will celebrate its 60th anniversary at the FCSF Scholarship Awards ceremony at 4:15 p.m. at the Community Center of LCF, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive, LCF. At the event, FCSF will recognize the 2024 Distinguished Person Award recipient, Reverend Chuck Osburn, associate pastor of La Cañada Presbyterian Church.

The ceremony will feature the distribution of a total of 13 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Crescenta Valley High School, Flintridge Preparatory School, Flintridge Sacred Heart, Hillside School & Learning Center, La Cañada High School and St. Francis High School. The program will include the presentation of a commemorative scholarship

named after Reverend Chuck Osburn and a commemorative scholarship named after Sister Carolyn McCormick, president of Flintridge Sacred Heart, in gratitude for their exemplary service.

"We are thrilled with this year's student scholarship winners," said FCSF President Trish McRae. "Their authentic selves shined through their essays showing their dedication to education, community, service and family. We invite [the community] to join us as we honor the students, recognize great community leaders and acknowledge past FCSF supporters with commemorative named scholarships."

The public is invited to attend and requests that RSVPs be emailed to [Trish McRae at TrishMcRae@gmail.com](mailto:TrishMcRae@gmail.com) no later than April 25.

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The Rest of the Amendments

The Bill of Rights was ratified on Dec. 15, 1791, effectively completing the U.S. Constitution. These Amendments limited the power of the federal government to govern "We the People." On May 7, 1992 the 11th Amendment was ratified giving states immunity from lawsuits from out-of-state citizens and foreigners. The 27th and perhaps the most recent Amendment, regulating Congressional salaries, was proposed on Sept. 25, 1789 and ratified 202 years, 7 months and 12 days later on May 7, 1992.

Eight of the last 17 Amendments address voting issues, making voting the most popular topic. Amendments #13, #14 and #15 are commonly referred to as the "slave Amendments," dramatically changing the landscape of

America following the Civil War.

Here's a list of the last 17 Amendments:

- #11 Limits lawsuits against the states
- #12 Separates the Electoral College voting for President and VP
- #13 Abolishes slavery
- #14 Defines citizenship, due process and equal protection
- #15 Prohibits racial discrimination in voting
- #16 Establishes the federal income tax
- #17 Establishes the direct election of senators by popular vote.
- #18 Establishes Prohibition; (#21 repeals Prohibition).
- #19 Women get the right to vote
- #20 Changes the dates on which the terms of the President, vice-president and members of Congress

- begin and end
 - #22 Establishes term limits for a president
 - #23 Adds the District of Columbia to the Electoral College
 - #24 Prohibits poll tax
 - #25 Establishes presidential succession
 - #26 Gives 18-year-olds the right to vote
 - #27 Regulates the effective date of Congressional salary increases.
- In closing, here are a couple of personal observations about our Constitution. The most important vote you will always cast is your choice of representative in Congress and the 17th Amendment significantly weakened our state's sovereignty. But those are discussions for another day.

Comments? Contact the Glendale Moose Lodge 641 at Lodge641@gmail.com.



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Narcan Training/Distribution and Prescription Opioid Take Back Event

Each week 22 teenagers, local resident and pediatric equivalent to one high school classroom, die in the U.S. from drug overdose¹. With most overdoses related to opioids, knowing what to do in the event of an opioid overdose can be lifesaving, especially for teens. In response, local resident and pediatric surgeon Dr. Lorraine Kelley-Quon and her team from Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) and the University of Southern California (USC) are organizing a Narcan Training/Distribution and Prescription Opioid Take Back Event on April 27 at La Cañada High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will provide participants with information about Narcan (Naloxone), an over-the-counter reversal agent for opioid overdose, and training on how to dispense this medication. The first 50 participants will get a free dose of Narcan. Additionally, participants are asked to please bring any leftover prescription opioid medications they may have in their home for safe disposal – no questions asked! This event is open to the public and is supported by grants from the USC Institute for Addiction Science and the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Friedman J, Hadland SE. The Overdose Crisis among U.S. Adolescents. *N Engl J Med.* 2024 Jan. 11; 390(2):97-100.

LCF Gold Star Heroes Banner Program

The City of La Cañada Flintridge announced the launch of its Gold Star Heroes Banner Program. The program, established by the City Council, is designed to honor LCF residents' ultimate sacrifice and acknowledge their families' profound loss and ongoing healing. Throughout the month of May, the City will display banners created for each Gold Star recipient on light poles on Foothill Boulevard near Memorial Park. The banners will feature the service member's full name, rank, photograph and branch of service as a poignant reminder of their dedication and sacrifice. Residents and community members are encouraged to submit applications to have their loved ones featured in the program. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, May 1. All applications must be complete and accompanied by proof of eligibility, which can be submitted online at CityOfLCF.org/Gold-Star-Heroes-Program, in person at City Hall or via email at jburchdorf@lcf.ca.gov. The City of La Cañada Flintridge provides this program free of charge. To be eligible for inclusion in the program, honorees must meet specific criteria:

- Military personnel must be Gold Star recipients, having died as a result of active duty military service, AND
- Military personnel must have either resided in or attended a school in La Cañada Flintridge

OR

- The Gold Star family member (applicant) must be or have been a resident of La Cañada Flintridge.

For more information about the Gold Star Heroes Banner Program, including eligibility criteria and the application process, visit CityOfLCF.org/Gold-Star-Heroes-Program.

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Ageism is defined as discrimination against older (and younger) people because of negative and inaccurate stereotypes. It may be one of the most pervasive prejudices, one that is ingrained in our American culture – especially against older adults. While many organizations and communities are addressing issues such as racism and gender bias, age bias or ageism rarely registers.

There are three types of ageism: Institutional ageism, which occurs when an organization or entity perpetuates ageism through its actions or policies; interpersonal ageism occurs in social interactions with peers, family and even healthcare providers; internalized ageism is when a person holds ageist beliefs and applies them to themselves. Data from the 2020 National Poll on Healthy Aging found that 82% of older Americans reported experiencing ageism regularly.

Some examples of ageism include businesses unwilling to hire people over a certain age, viewing older people as less skilled or out of touch, disregarding someone's concerns or wishes due to their age, or taking advantage of someone's age for personal gain.

Ageism is a stubborn prejudice and people of all ages show bias against older people – including older people themselves. And, of course, as with the beliefs surrounding most biases, they are often based on falsehoods. For example, while the risk of some chronic diseases and dementia increases with age, most older adults maintain relatively good health and cognitive functioning. And while it is true that some cognitive skills such as reaction times tend to slow a bit as we age, there is also evidence that many strengths develop with aging including increased creativity and ability to sustain focused attention, as well as greater happiness and life satisfaction as compared to younger people.

This negative view of aging is not only false – it can be dangerous.

"People who take in more negative age beliefs tend to show worse physical, cognitive and mental health," stated Becca Levy, Ph.D. of Yale's School of Public Health and Psychology.

Nancy Morrow, Ph.D., who is a social policy and gerontology professor at Washington University, added, "The narrative that age is decline, age is burden, hurts everyone. Some older adults need



support, but mostly they're giving it. They make important contributions to the workforce, including paid work as well as volunteering and caregiving. Those contributions to society are a resource, not a luxury."

It's important to challenge ageism and that often starts with awareness and by reimagining healthier relationships with our older/aging selves. Are you ageist? To learn more, visit the World Health Organization webpage at: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/ageism>.

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Before, After: Reflections on the Armenian Genocide Opens at ReflectSpace Gallery



Before, After: Reflections on the Armenian Genocide traces generations of Armenian resiliency through the common thread of loss and survival. The exhibition examines the connections passed down through blood, migration and history; from

genocide to diaspora to belonging. Before, After integrates artifact with abstraction, witness accounts with recreation, old materials repurposed, and new molds made. The Armenian experience (both past and present, before and after) is showcased through a range of

mediums and practices, reflecting the repeating patterns of grief, healing and reflection.

Before, After: Reflections on the Armenian Genocide includes artworks by nine artists: John Avakian, Anush Babajanyan, Silvina Der-Meguerditchian, Diana

Markosian, Jacqueline Kazarian, Talin Megherian, Marsha Nouritza Odabashian, Jessica Sperandio and Scout Tufankjian.

Before, After opened on April 20 and continues through July 7 at ReflectSpace Gallery, inside Glendale Central Library, 222 E.

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performance spaces around Brand Library. The Dance Series is sponsored by the Brand Associates. Performances begin at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, April 27 is DrumatiX, a bi-coastal, creative percussion company founded in 2017 by Noa Barankin. Rhythm Delivered, created by Barankin, is an electrifying, well-crafted, and virtuosic creative percussion

performance that blends tap dance, body percussion, and drumming with found items, invented instruments, large barrels, drums, buckets, technology, clowning, and audience interaction.

The show follows the antics of a group of friends who discover secret items in boxes and turn them into playable instruments until the last box reveals a

surprise. With no shortage of plot twists and humor, the show at Brand will feature historical dance references, world rhythms stemming from Barankin's Middle-Eastern roots and global upbringing, interactive parts that get the audience moving and grooving with the dancers, and the use of technology to create a truly immersive experience. DrumatiXDance.com

The performances are free and open to the public. Seating is limited. An accessible entrance and limited free parking is located on the east side of the building; ride-share is encouraged.

For more information, contact (818) 548-2051 or info@BrandLibrary.org.

Fundraiser Benefiting Project Angel Food: The 26th Anniversary of 'Our Name is Barbra'

On Sunday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Catalina Jazz Club presents a musical celebration of Barbra Streisand's birthday that benefits Project Angel Food, which helps people with life-

threatening illnesses and is one of Streisand's favorite charities. Pianists will include: David Scott Cohen, Michael Collum, David J. Kaminsky, Peter Smith and Gerald Sternbach;

Alexander Frank will be on bass and Tom Bowe will be on drums.

VIP tickets for the show are \$135 each and include premium seating, three-course dinner with salad and dessert

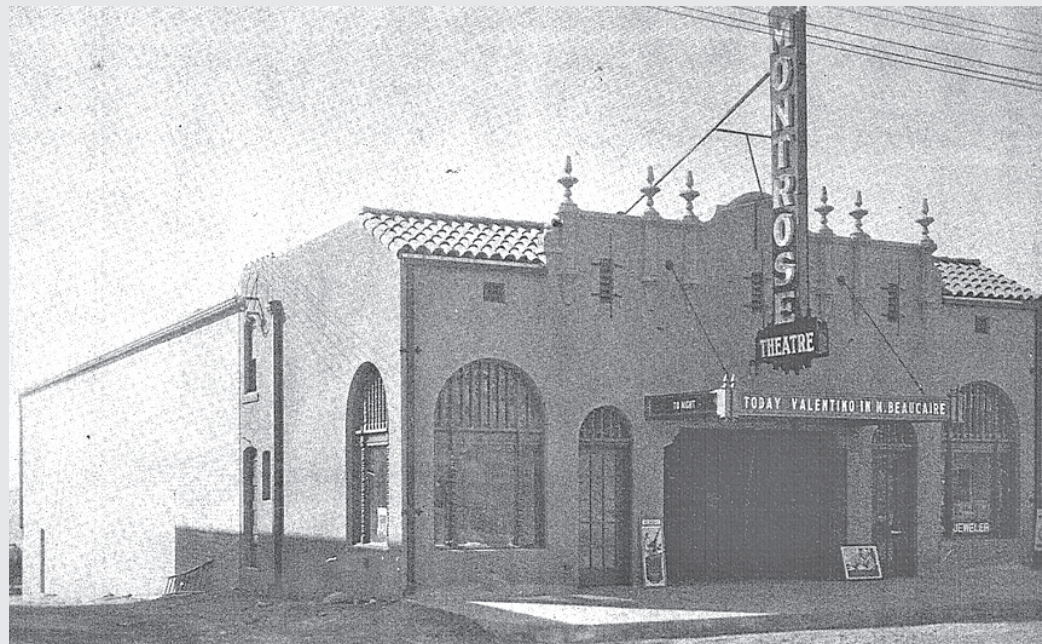
and pre-paid parking. General admission tickets are \$45 each. Dinner or a two-drink minimum is required in addition to tickets to the show, plus a \$0.49 music royalty fee per patron. Doors

will open at 6 p.m.

For tickets and info, visit www.CatalinaJazzClub.com. Catalina Jazz Club is located at 6725 W. Sunset Blvd. (at McCadden Avenue) in Hollywood.

THEN & NOW

Montrose Theater
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN: The Montrose Theater was built in 1924 as a silent film and vaudeville theater. It was located on Honolulu Avenue just a little west of the Glendale and Montrose Trolley stop at Verdugo Road, right next to the Montrose Hotel. In this photo soon after its opening in the fall of that year the headliner is "Monsieur Beaucaire" starring Rudolph Valentino. The tiny theater was the only show in town until 1987 when a fire burned it to the ground.



NOW: The small theater was never rebuilt and remains today a private parking lot, part of the property of Andersen's Pet Store just next door to the east. It's hard to imagine when you stand in the blacktop of Andersen's parking lot that this was enough room for a 600-seat theater with a stage and two small retail spaces next to the lobby!

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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.

RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE

The original Renaissance Faire returns to Irwindale at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area Saturdays and Sundays now through May 19 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at 15501 E. Arrow Highway in Irwindale. Service animals welcome but no pets allowed. Costume weapons must be sheathed and peace-tied.

More info available at (626) 969-4750.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Wednesday

from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta - an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before - don't worry; we will teach you! Come on Tuesday afternoons to play canasta from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

DESCENT INTO HISTORY:

FOREST LAWN'S GREAT MAUSOLEUM LECTURE & TOUR

Today, Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at The Little Church of the Flowers - Forest Lawn Glendale, a behind-the-scenes lecture by Dr. James Fishburne, Forest Lawn Museum director, will be presented. "Back In Time: Origins of Great Mausoleum" will be followed by Q&A. Discover the hidden stories and fascinating history behind this iconic resting place.

Then on Sunday, April 28 at 1 p.m., there will be a walking tour through the original levels of the Great Mausoleum followed by a wine reception with light refreshments.

Knowledgeable guides will take ticketholders on a walking tour descending through the original lower three levels of the mausoleum and on a journey back in time, unveiling the rich history and hidden artworks along the way. Discover sculptures, stained glass windows, and architectural features in areas unseen by most Forest Lawn visitors. There is also a scavenger hunt.

Tickets are \$50, \$40 for The Glendale Historical Society members.

For more information, call (818) 242-7447 or email events.FL@glendalehistorical.org.

Forest Lawn is located on South Glendale Avenue in Glendale.

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

Today, Thursday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Covenant Cat Rescue will be hosting Seniors for Seniors cat adoption day at Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge. Low-rate adoption fees.

The one-hour special, "Art Happens

Here With John Lithgow," premieres on PBS Friday, April 26 from 10 - 11 p.m.

John Lithgow shares his passion for arts education by joining students and teachers at four Los Angeles arts organizations, including the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge. Tune in as he joins local teens ceramics class and has fun learning to make his first ceramic pot.

On Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, CCLCF is having auditions for "Mean Girls - High School Version" directed by Caren Saiset. Auditions are by appointment only. Casting for singers/dancers, 14-18 years old. The performances are June 28 - 30.

To sign up, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/26kmpbx>.

Stagecraft interns are sought for the summer production of "Mean Girls - High School Version." Interns will build sets and props for the show. Two internships are available. Interns will meet on Saturdays from May 11 - June 22. Interns work with professional scenic carpenter Morgan Rusler on

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the LCF Tournament of Roses workshop. To apply, visit cclcf.org/news.

Applications due by April 27; interviews are May 1 - 3.

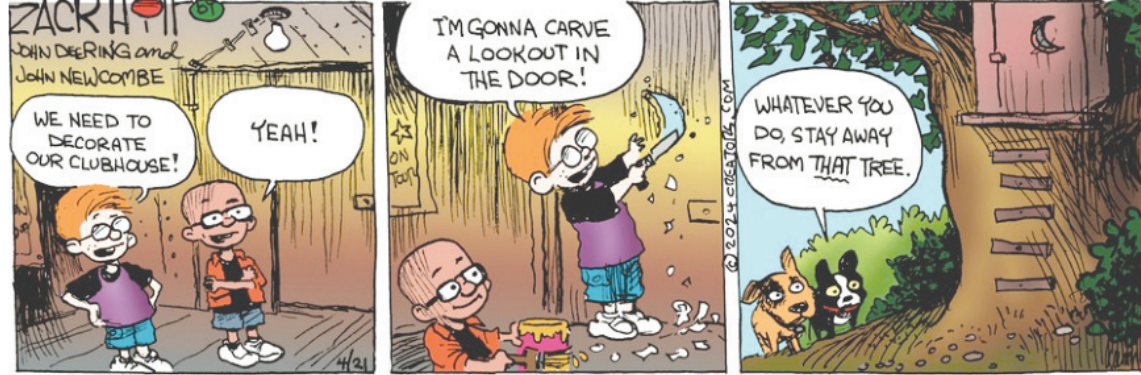
On Saturday, May 4 from 1-6 p.m. CCLCF is hosting its first ever cornhole tournament and chili cook-off. Seeking sponsors for the event. Sponsors receive custom cornhole board sets and a score tower with their logo. To participate, entry costs are \$60 for two people for the cornhole tournament, which includes chili cook-off tasting tickets and prizes for the winning team. The cost to enter the chili cook-off is \$20 per entry with prizes for first, second and third place. Wanted: Chili cook-off entries!

Tasting tickets are: chili - \$5/ticket and beer - \$20/tickets. Street Taco lunch from Nana's Kitchen and craft beer from Audio Graph Beer Co. Buy tickets at cclcf.org/events or call (818) 790-4353.

Visit cclcf.org/events/#fundraisers for ticket information.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/JUST FOR FUN

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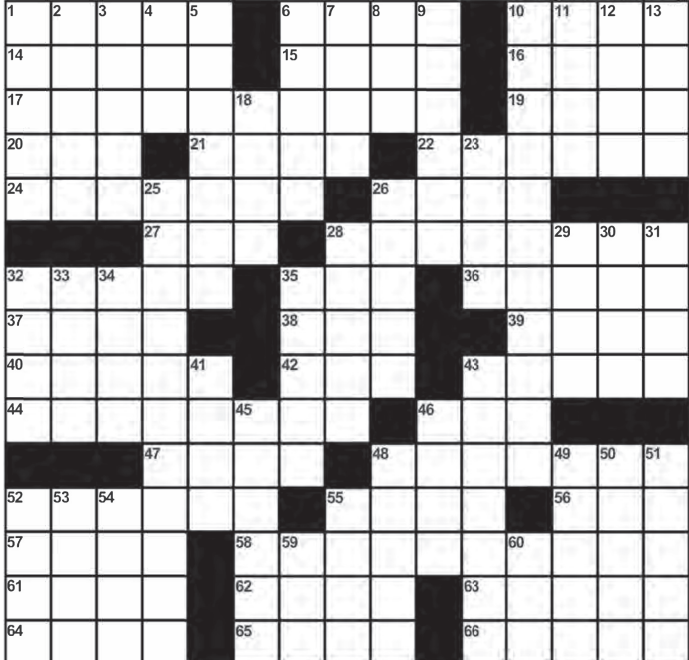
- Tacked on
- Food thickener
- Made the scene
- "Do-re-mi"
- Put together
- River to the Caspian sea
- Politically like-minded auto mechanics?
- Banjoist Fleck
- "Born," in some notices
- Earnhardt Jr. of NASCAR
- Tall Ships gathering, for short
- Regardless of
- "Peter Pan" beast, briefly
- "_ Miz"
- Seaplane attachment
- Fast food chain with "the meats"
- Stick up
- North African capital
- "Va va _!"
- "... _ I saw Elba"
- Starbucks size
- "Miami Vice" star Edward James _
- Happy hour site
- Jobs and Wozniak founded it
- Not very clear
- Not yet scheduled (Abbr.)
- Basis for a civil suit
- Milan opera house
- Tittering sound
- Plumb crazy
- Former Russian orbiter
- "A Jug of Wine ..." poet
- Actor with one overdeveloped chest muscle?
- Ad-skipping device
- "This can't be!"
- Potbelly, e.g.
- "Juice" (Abbr.)
- Acknowledges silently
- Radar gun reading

DOWN

- Add a clause to
- Charity recipient
- Old Venetian officials
- "Boola Boola" collegian
- Fashionable dressers
- Easy gait
- Powerful wind
- "Without further ..."
- Guinness Book listing
- Preteen lobbyists?
- Line of work
- Timbuktu's land
- Tel Aviv airline
- Greasy spoon sign
- After-dinner wine
- Fabulous beast on the Mayflower?
- Prefix with "space" or "cafe"
- Bar mitzvah dances
- "Piece of cake!"
- "_ the ump!"
- Cruise ship's stop
- Door-to-door cosmetics company
- Lincoln, to Day-Lewis
- Box office flop
- Counter, in a debate
- Purplish fruit
- Sops up
- The Beaver State
- Snack in a shell
- Ad emblems
- More than enough
- Feudal lord
- Rainbow-shaped
- Pledge drive gift, maybe
- Jannings of old movies
- Roof overhang
- Provide temporarily
- P in Greece
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By Fred Piscop



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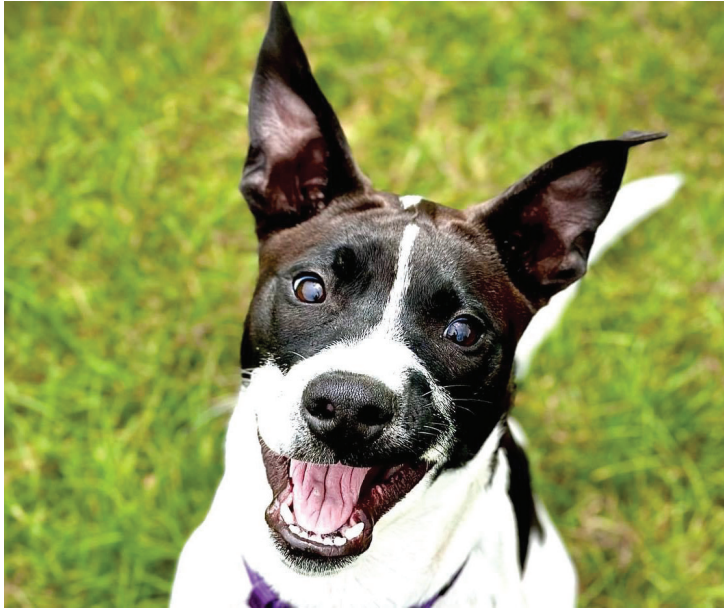
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PET OF THE WEEK



Violet is a 1 year old pit bull mix. She is a rescue dog, she was found in a box in Tijuana with her siblings. Violet's favorite things are playing at the dog park, treats, and swimming.

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com

to share your lovable pets with the community!

Amazon return problem: Why am I being charged again?

After Isabel Barne returns two items to Amazon, the online retailer sends her a refund – and then charges her for one of the items again. Can she get this fixed?

Q: I recently bought scuba equipment from Amazon. The items didn't fit properly, so I returned them a week later.

Amazon instructed me to print return sheets and take both items to a UPS dropoff. UPS accepted the package and gave me a receipt. Amazon promptly issued refunds to my account for both items.

A few weeks later, Amazon charged me again for one of the items. I called Amazon customer service and a representative assured me the issue was resolved and that Amazon would credit my account. It did not.

I placed a stop payment on my credit card and told Amazon why I was doing it. I received a series of odd emails from Amazon. In one, the company claimed I didn't return the item. In another, it said I had returned the item outside the 30-day window for returns. In my last message, Amazon insisted that I had to lift the stop payment but offered no proof that I owed it any money.

I want Amazon to acknowledge

a simple product return was completed, clear my account and stop hounding me to pay again for no valid reason. Can you help me?

~ Isabel Barney, Hollywood, Florida

A: Amazon first acknowledged the return of both items. But then it claimed that a rash guard was not in the box.

That seems a little strange. Either Amazon received your rash guard or it didn't. Amazon can't have it both ways.

Packages sometimes get lost enroute to and from a retailer. There's a standard procedure when that happens. Amazon will replace most lost or stolen packages under its "A-to-Z" Guarantee Protection. But filing a claim can take time and Amazon may not offer a refund if there's a third-party seller involved.

But your case is a little odd. I've never seen Amazon issue a refund for a return, then charge the customer again, and then fight over a stop payment. Knowing what I do about Amazon, I would

say that this wasn't human error. Instead, it was a series of automated emails sent by an AI. A real person shouldn't have made this mistake.

I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Amazon executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. It looks like you tried to reach out to them but they referred you back to their automated system, which just sent you even more nonsense emails.

You contacted my advocacy team. I got in touch with Amazon. The company contacted you and offered you a "sincere" apology for the difficulties you experienced. It offered you a refund of the \$38 it charged your card plus a \$50 Amazon gift card.

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

Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com April 22, 2024 - April 28, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

This week is about someone among your relationships likely leading you astray now or distracting you enough from your working and money goals that it's hard to get back on track. You can't help it that you're irresistible, but you can use the energy from the Universe midweek. Your attention needs to be on clearing up old debts.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Activity in your house of groups and politics urges you to stop hiding behind e-mails and texts to get business done. The phone is fine sometimes, but in order to be remembered, it's best to

press the flesh. Meeting new clients in a social setting can lead to quicker sales, while getting together with existing colleagues can build teamwork. You may feel that you're behind the curve somehow, but you're exactly where you need to be.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You have an interesting situation on your hands this week. You're being asked to pay more attention to how you look, act, and project yourself into the world. This is especially important if you're looking for a new job or just want to change your image with your current employer.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

This week the aspects affect your house of institutions, past lives, and karma. What you put into your work and money is what you get out, says the Universe. If you've been lax about planning for retirement or saving in general, this is the week to listen to your intuition and get cracking.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Aspects currently affect your house of money and values. But the big news is in your house of self-employment and groups. It's time to spread the word about what you do so you can bring in more customers, make more money, and even start that retirement account you've been planning.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The astral activity this week takes place in your house of career and authority. The Universe asks that you place more of your focus on advancement there. It isn't enough to leave your working life to chance. Instead, careful steps toward a concrete career goal will yield the best results and the greatest payoff.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You have activity in your house of employment now, which means that you're being asked to perform a lot of tasks. Since this house also governs your health, try not to overdo it or else your health could be adversely

affected. It's bound to be a tense week. Look to travel and higher learning for new ideas and to blow off steam.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This week could prove a tad stressful for you. Activity in your house of money brings opportunity and sudden change. Save as much as you can, and learn to ride a bucking bronco. A comprehensive plan to alleviate debt must be put in place now. Even small payments each month add up.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your working life may be harder than usual this week, but you're learning important skills that will advance you up the food chain. Meanwhile, your career is going through a lot of changes. Take it one step at a time for greater rewards.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This week has favorable aspects that indicate you're looking for ways to make money that employ your prodigious communication skills and give you more pleasure overall. Your relationships will play an important role this week. Strike up a conversation with a complete stranger and you may find you have more in common than you thought.

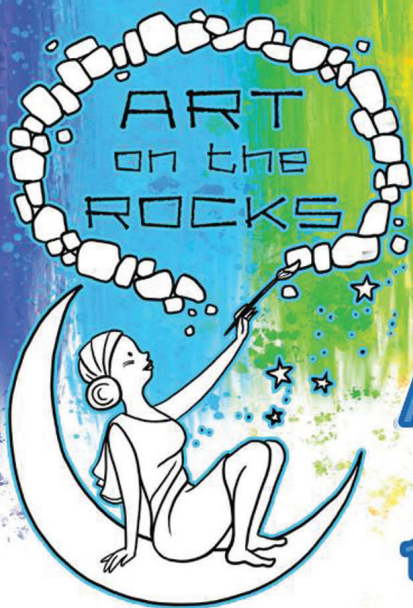
♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The people you know can best serve your house of debt and other people's money. More money comes when you exploit the connections you already have. Your ideas are valid. You just need the help and financing to move forward. Don't sell yourself short. You have everything you need to succeed now.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This week is all about the Universe bringing new offers to the table and more machinations to your investing life. You may worry that you aren't further ahead with your money or higher up the corporate ladder. But your professional relationships in your career sector are poised to make a very big transformation for the better.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS. Case number 24NNCP00113. Superior Court of California, Glendale Superior Court, North Central District, 600 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS OGDEN. 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 22, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: D 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 Crescena Valley Weekly April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2024.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescena Cloud Ave located at 4441 Cloud Ave., La Crescena, CA 91214 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 5/16/2024 at 10:00AM. Derek Warren Thomsen. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Published in the Crescena Valley Weekly April 25, 2024.

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