

Unity, Advocacy and Resilience Recognized at Ceremony

By Roman INGUANZO

On Monday, April 24, the Armenian Genocide Committee hosted a community-wide public event outside Glendale City Hall commemorating the 108th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. A large crowd gathered for the remembrance ceremony, demonstrating a strong sense of unity among Glendale's Armenian residents. Congressman Adam Schiff was in attendance, adding another demonstration of his history of being a champion for the Armenian community.

During his speech at the event, Schiff called for an end to the current blockade of the Lachin corridor. The crowd responded to Schiff's call-to-action with resounding applause.

This was not the first time Schiff showed support for the Armenian community. From being the first member of Congress to call for the official recognition of Artsakh's independence to being the lead sponsor of a congressional resolution officially recognizing the Armenian Genocide (<https://tinyurl.com/eumdbkz6>), Rep. Schiff continues to champion the cause of the Armenian community.

The remembrance event highlighted the significance of the Armenian Genocide. Despite overwhelming evidence, the Armenian Genocide is denied by Azerbaijan, Turkey and Pakistan. But Armenians continue their fight for recognition and justice.

Monday's event was sober and reflective. Yet vigor for justice energized the crowd – demonstrating that Armenians remain steadfast in their efforts to achieve it.

Glendale Sunrise Rotary and Forest Lawn Glendale Present Field of Honor

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

According to Glendale Sunrise Rotary, the display is a reminder of "what an amazing country we call home."

In commemoration of Memorial Day, from May 23 through May 29, American flags will be installed at Forest Lawn Glendale to honor veterans, current military personnel, first responders and community leaders.

For the last seven years, Glendale Sunrise Rotary and Forest Lawn Glendale have collaborated to present the Field of Honor, a display of patriotism that features 1,000 U.S. flags flying atop eight-foot poles at the entrance of Forest Lawn Glendale, 1712 S. Glendale Ave.

The community is invited, at no charge, to see the display and also take part in a commemorative program on Monday, May 29 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

According to Glendale Sunrise



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For the seventh year, Forest Lawn Glendale and Glendale Sunrise Rotary present the Field of Honor.

Rotary President Sharon Townsend, at this community program the Glendale Fire Dept. will bring ladder trucks with a garrison flag (an oversized flag) that will stay throughout the morning.

"Singers from Glendale College participate as well as the Glendale Police Dept. color guard," said Townsend. "Speakers in the past have been veteran and retired GCC president and Glendale Sunrise

Rotary member Dr. David Viar, and Retired Major General Mark McCarley. Glendale's police chief and fire chief have participated yearly in the program as well. This see FIELD OF HONOR on page 18

Remembrance of Armenian Genocide Commemorated at Alex Theatre

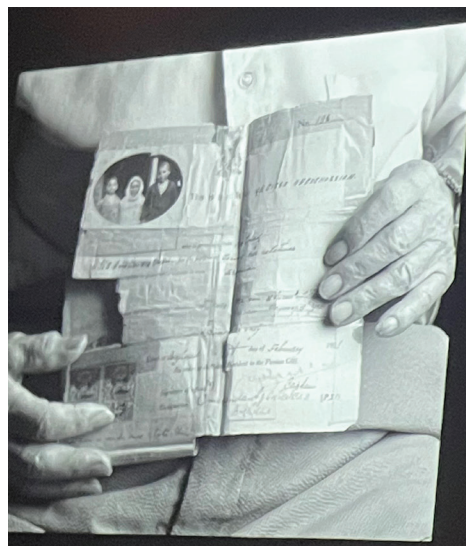
By Mary O'KEEFE

The 22nd Annual Armenian Genocide Commemorative Event was held on Monday, the day of the Armenian Genocide Remembrance.

The Armenian Genocide occurred 108 years ago and for years the nation asked the United States to recognize what happened to its citizens as genocide. President Joe Biden in 2021 was the first President to recognize the atrocities that occurred as genocide.

In 1915, during World War I, leaders of the Turkish government set in motion a plan to expel and murder Armenians. By the early 1920s, when the genocide ended, it is reported 1.5

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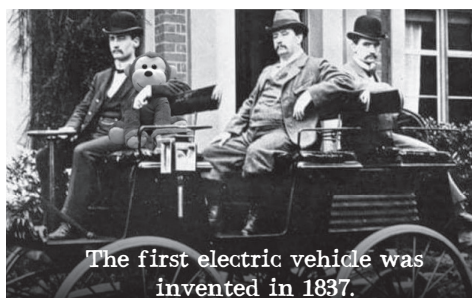


"Suddenly the silence was shattered and a hailstorm of bullets drenched us."

Souren Aprahamian
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Survivors shared their stories of the Armenian Genocide through the iWitness project that began in the 1990s by photographers Ara Oshagan and Levon Parian and activist Garen Yegharian.



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Warmer Temps Means Time to Get Outside – Part 3

I hope, like me, you’ve had a minute to update your calendar to add the many exciting events happening in our valley. As a longtime CV Chamber of Commerce director, I will be spending my Saturday at CV Park (3901 Dunsmore Ave.) as part of the Hometown Country Fair. It’s supposed to be gorgeous outside and I know that fairgoers – and duck splash attendees – will have a great day. The Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash (1621 Cañada Blvd.) is also on Saturday. Duck splash is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the Hometown Country Fair is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – so there’s time to go to both!

And what better way to end a busy day than to share a laugh with friends? On Saturday night, the La Crescenta Woman’s Club (4004 La Crescenta Ave.) is hosting a night of laughs when Fritz Coleman takes the stage! Tickets to this benefit are just \$40; doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. And you get a lot for that \$40: appetizers, desserts, plus one drink (folks can purchase more). Reservations are required and seating is limited. To purchase tickets (which will be held at Will Call) mail a check or purchase online with credit/debit/PayPal:

<https://lacrescentawomansclub.org/comedy-night>.

On Sunday, April 30 it’s the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce’s Craft Beer Fest. From noon to 4 p.m., ticketholders will have the chance to taste a variety of beers along the 2200 block of Honolulu

Avenue. Note that the block will be sectioned off to avoid underage people from entering the area.

To buy tickets and to learn more, visit <https://members.montrosechamber.org/events>.

Then the Montrose Shopping Park is hosting its annual Kids & Kritters Day on May 7. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. visitors to this free event will have a chance to learn about animals, both exotic and domestic, visit the first responders area that showcases local law enforcement and firefighters and have fun in the Kids Fun Zone that has inflatable slides and bungee jump. This is in the 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue and promises to be fun – especially for the kiddos.

Prom Plus is on Saturday, May 13, but I’ll be up north in Cambria. I planned the trip ages ago but not to worry; the new president of Prom Plus – Joy McCreary – has everything under control. With Mary O’Keefe by her side, it promises to be a dynamic night for our CVHS seniors and their guests.

I can’t let the week close without a special shout-out to my husband Steve. On Tuesday, April 25, we celebrated 42 years of blissful (cough, cough) marriage. Hard to believe but so far, so good.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

While my grandson was visiting last week we watched “Reading Rainbow.” I had forgotten how amazing this series was, and how informative. We learned how bowling balls were made; who knew how fascinating that was? The book read by host LeVar Burton was “If You Give A Mouse A Cookie” written by Laura Numeroff and illustrated by Felicia Bond. This book has its critics, as just about every book does, and tells of varied chosen lessons. But for me, and “Reading Rainbow,” the book was a great example of cause and effect, which got me thinking about so many things.

First, it is a great lesson about social media. When one person writes one thing, true or not, that equals cause. Then often an unfortunate spiral of hate-filled misinformation follows, which equals effect. There are times, however, when “cause” is a post of a cute little kitten or puppy and “effect” is a high number of people sharing how their hearts are melting when seeing that cute picture.

I hadn’t realized how thoughtful this little book was and what a great lesson it teaches. And, because my mind often works in a science fiction way, I was reminded about Dr. Who. During the 2005 “The Christmas Invasion” David Tennant was introduced as Dr. Who. He had saved the Earth from the cruel Sycorax, whose purpose was to enslave mankind.

The Doctor outwitted and defeated them, sending them off with a warning that Earth is under The Doctor’s protection. But as the ship of defeated enemies began to leave orbit, Prime Minister of England Harriet Jones gave the word to destroy the ship. To her this was a way of saying, “Don’t mess with the Earth.”

This act infuriated The Doctor who took down Prime Minister Jones with one short

statement said to one of her assistants: “Don’t you think she looks tired?” The “cause” statement grew and grew ending with a final vote of no confidence ousting her from office and opening the door for the evil master to take over the world. This was a huge “effect.”

There are so many examples of cause and effect: industrial revolution chucking gases and pollutants into the air: cause; warmer climate: effect. Warmer climate – melting ice caps: cause. Melting ice caps creating more flooding and stronger storms throughout the planet: effect. Accelerated extinction: cause; biodiversity loss that can increase pathogen transmission across a wide range of infectious disease (according to Scientific American): effect. And this important local lesson: our recent rainfall that was wonderful and increased our beautiful vegetation: cause; and the summer months drying all the vegetation thereby increasing fire dangers that we must be ready for: effect.

Isn’t it amazing the amount of knowledge that is in books? Isn’t it wonderful that we can share these books with our kids and grandkids?

The weather for the next week is a mix of heat, cooling temperatures, winds, fog and rain. From today through Sunday the heat during the day will be in the high 80s to the low 90s (10 to 20 degrees above normal). The peak heat will be on Saturday.

Isolated winds will also be a factor from today through Friday with gusts up to 15 miles per hour followed by winds with a little stronger gusts – about 20 mph – on Sunday and Monday. The nights will be cool reaching high 40s to low 60s. There will be a bit of fog in the mornings and overnights until Monday. There will be less fog then and a high chance of “some rain” Tuesday through Saturday, according to NOAA.

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CRAFT BEER FEST

The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce hosts the Craft Beer Fest on Sunday, April 30. From noon to 4 p.m. in the 2200 block of Honolulu Avenue, ticketholders can taste a variety of craft and artisan brews. In addition, food samples will be available.

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Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

CORRECTION

At the April 11 meeting of the Glendale City Council two density bonus projects were heard and voted on by the Council. A 43-unit project located at 424, 430 and 434 Milford Avenue was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Mayor Dan Brotman recusing himself. It will have eight units reserved for tenants of very low income.

Another density bonus project, located at 1642 S. Central Ave., called for 31 units of which three will be affordable. That project was approved 3-2.

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La Crescenta Musician Finds Local Talent for Her Many Projects



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WORLDS APART

By Lynn SHER

Teri Lynne Madsen, commonly known as Maddie, is a La Crescenta-based musician, music supervisor, composer and producer. She owns Current Music, a boutique music licensing and production house that also scores music for films, television, and marketing campaigns. She founded the company in 2013 and has since amassed numerous credits, having created original music for shows like Chicago Med and programs on CBS, NBC, Netflix and Peacock.

Originally from Salt Lake City, Utah, Madsen began playing the piano at 5 years old at the behest of her mother and penned her first song at 7. Throughout high school and college she focused on playing jazz and classical music, though she’s always loved progressive rock and metal. She was awarded two scholarships to attend Berklee College of Music in Boston from which she graduated in 1989 with a BA in music synthesis. That same year she left Boston for San Francisco to pursue her music career.

Madsen got her start at an audio post-production house answering phones, making coffee and “doing all those kind of things that you do to get your toe in the door,” she said.

It was here she was introduced to music licensing and composing, though at the time she was more interested in playing in bands. In 1995 she moved to Hollywood where she continued her work in music licensing, composing and playing until she literally stumbled into La Crescenta in late 2003.

“Nobody knows about (this town),” she said. “I didn’t know about it. I was working in Pasadena ... and I kind of got lost off the freeway. I ended up having Taco Tuesday at El Charro!”

As fate would have it she was looking to buy a house, so she called her realtor and told her to start looking in the La Crescenta area. She did find a house in the Crescenta Valley and has been a resident since 2004.

Madsen was recently commissioned to produce the theme song package for the NBC News NOW program “Stay Tuned Now with Gadi Schwarz.” She searched locally for musicians to hire and, for this project, she worked with La Crescenta locals Matthew Sikora and Elizabeth Forde. This is the third news package they’ve worked on together.

Current Music has produced over 30 theme song packages that are streaming or airing on television. Each one includes not only a theme song but also all the other music for the program – a “sonic toolkit” to pull from. There are variations of the theme in different moods, styles, tempos and lengths. For “Stay Tuned With Gadi Schwartz,” breaking news is urgent and up tempo whereas pop culture stories are lighter and fun and for solemn stories there is a sad and tragic version. The main theme has strong “house music” vibes, like something heard in a club but

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TOP: The band Worlds Apart, circa 1997. They played the usual metal venues – The Whisky, Roxy, Coconut Teaszer, etc. – as well as places in the South Bay.

ABOVE: Some of the Current Music staff at the 2023 Guild of Music Supervisor Awards. From left are Cam Andrews, music director, Maddie Madsen, and Rob Chitwood, recording engineer, mixer.

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The Rich are Getting Richer ... and the Writers Have Had Enough

By Lynn SHER

It is a new era of entertainment: the streaming era. Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hulu and others provide an inordinate amount of shows from which to choose: award-winning shows, shows with writing so perfect that A-list actors are cast who then turn unknown actors into household names, and shows and movies with production value as good as any summer blockbuster film.

At the root of this entertainment mecca is the writers from whom these worlds materialize. Because of these scripts, directors, actors, set designers, show runners and costume designers are among those hired by entertainment providers. But at the foundation are the scriptwriters—and many don't think they are being paid what they're worth.

Nick Bernardone is a primetime

Emmy Award and Writers Guild of America-nominated writer who won the Producers Guild of America Award for Outstanding Digital Series for "30 Rock: the Webisodes" in 2008.

"I'm very grateful for having worked on two strong series over the past seven years," he said adding that he regretfully feels "the strain of being a free agent for the first time in the current climate" since his last show ended in 2022.

"There are very few jobs. The [writers'] rooms are tiny and [the jobs] are often only a few weeks long," he said. "Landing a job on a show used to mean security – that you could offset some of the bad times with the good. Those days are sadly over in the current model."

Dave Metzger wrote for "The Blacklist" and "CSI: Vegas." He shared his experience via Twitter that he'd get viable work, work

that should have moved him up the employment ladder. Inevitably he'd find himself unemployed, having to take side gigs in retail or food delivery. If work came it would usually be something he was overqualified for. He eventually became inundated with debt and eventually lost his membership in the Guild because he couldn't afford to make the payments. Luckily, work came through for him and he was able to rejoin the WGA. He voted "Yes" for the possible strike.

Contract negotiations for the WGA occur every three years. This is when WGA East and WGA West negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), "the entertainment industry's official collective bargaining representative," according to its website. The WGA's current Minimum Basic Agreement is effective from May 2, 2020 through May 1, 2023. WGA East explained, "The Minimum Basic Agreement (MBA) is the collective bargaining agreement that covers the benefits, rights and protections for most of the work done by WGA members."

The problem, according to the WGA, is "with the rising dominance of streaming – where half of series writers now work – short orders (the shows that have about six-10 episodes a year rather than the traditional 24), the separation of writing and production, and the lack of a season calendar have depressed writer pay."

In the 2013-14 season, 33% of all TV series writers were working at minimum. Today, it's nearly 50% of all writers. The Guild bases the minimum the writer can be paid on the type of production and the size of the budget of the production. Using this calculation pretty much determines the least amount that the writers have to be paid contractually.

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Record Number of Artists’ Booths Offered Something for Everyone at Friends of Rockhaven’s ‘Art on the Rocks’



By Ruth SOWBY

The “ladies” were in charge at the 3rd Annual Women’s Arts and Crafts Fair on April 22. St. Luke’s of the Mountains Episcopal Church was the setting for 30 booths full of crafty merchandise – all made by women. Available for sale in the church courtyard were art pieces such as wall art, prints, jewelry, pottery, tote bags, greeting cards and clothes. In Sadler Hall shoppers found even more booths. Snacks were provided for a small donation. One hundred percent of the proceeds were dedicated to Friends of Rockhaven to maintain and preserve Rockhaven, the historic

woman-owned and -operated sanitarium that was founded 100 years ago. During its years of operation under founder Agnes Richards and granddaughter Patricia Traviss (1923 to 2006) it was known as a place that treated women with respect. The women who were at Rockhaven were never referred to as patients, but as “ladies.” Rockhaven was purchased by the City of Glendale 15 years ago. “Our goal is to open a museum on the 3½ acres [on Rockhaven grounds],” said Friends of Rockhaven President Joanna Linkchorst. *Photos by Mary O’KEEFE and Ruth SOWBY*

ABOVE: Colorful balloons mark the entrance to “Art on the Rocks” at St. Luke’s of the Mountains in La Crescenta.



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MSPA Welcomes Wine Walkers

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

On Saturday night, an estimated 532 people strolled Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard, enjoying warm temperatures, open stores – and pours of some of the best wine around. The occasion was the fifth annual spring Wine Walk presented by the Montrose Shopping Park Association. Ticketholders of the sold-out event were greeted at check-in by La Crescenta Woman’s Club volunteers who handed out goodies enclosed in a Montrose Shopping Park tote bag that included tickets to 15 pours at 30 local shops, \$10 MSP scrip and a commemorative wine glass used for each of the tastings. Also received was the all-important wristband that designated they were over the age of 21. “Our co-sponsors, the La Crescenta Woman’s Club, did a fantastic job prior to the event, preparing the wine glasses and stuffing the tote bags with all the goodies,” said MSPA Business Administrator/Events Coordinator Dale Dawson. “They truly shined at the check-in booth on event night as they moved the

ticketholders through the line with such great efficiency and courtesy! We give them our thanks once again!” Among those pouring was Nune Hakodoyan of Wild Açai. Located at 2275 Honolulu Ave., the recently opened shop offers an assortment of acai bowls, smoothies and empanadas. Hakodoyan poured samples from the Caten Zapata Winery and offered samples of the shop’s empanadas. Once Upon A Time bookstore owner Maureen Palacios was also on hand to greet ticketholders. Palacios chose to be part of Wine Walk rather than take part in an annual book fair that happened to be on the same weekend. “I’m happy to take part in this community event,” she said. Ellen Byron, author of the popular Wined and Died series, was also on-site. She signed copies of her newest book “Wined and Died in New Orleans” and chatted with folks lining up to taste a sample of Mas Picoso, Domaine Du Haut Bourg or Nucli. OUAT “wine ambassador” Brent Beaty enthusiastically see WINE WALK on page 7

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Shooting at Phoenicia Restaurant – Suspects Arrested

On April 22 at approximately 1 a.m., an altercation occurred at the Phoenicia Restaurant, located at 343 N. Central Ave., leading to two individuals sustaining gunshot injuries. Both injured males sought immediate medical care at nearby hospitals and are listed in stable condition.

Detectives from the Glendale Police Dept. immediately responded and actively began investigating the incident. Through various eyewitness accounts, detectives were able to identify and arrest two people involved in the shooting. Detectives identified 43-year-old Emil Ayrapetian of Los Angeles and 40-year-old Vardan Amolikyan of Glendale as the suspects in question. The

preliminary investigation has found this event to be an isolated incident, and there is no ongoing threat to public safety. GPD will keep the public informed as new information becomes available.

The GPD also requests the public's assistance with this ongoing investigation. Anyone who has any information, witnessed the event, or have any relevant footage or photos should contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4840 or submit an anonymous tip through its hotline at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

CRIME BLOTTER

April 28
900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that a man, described as

Black, walked into the alcohol beverage aisle. He allegedly had a shopping bag in his hand and began placing alcoholic beverage bottles inside the bag. He then walked out of the store without attempting to pay for the items at 10:29 a.m.

Obituary George Novinger



He Lived a Wonderful Life!
George Novinger was born in Lewistown, Montana until he moved to Glendale at age 11. He missed Montana and hitchhiked back there at age 14, with his parents' blessings. His life was full of curiosity and courage that he passed on to his family. At age 22, he stole Anne Marie away from Occidental College during his senior finals there, taking her in a WWII jeep to Las Vegas for a church wedding then rushing back the next day for another final exam. At the same time he was creating a boys camp with a buddy up in Big Bear.

He began his career in education that fall soon becoming a math and science teacher at Hoover High School, his alma mater in Glendale. He coached football and swimming for many years then moved to administration. In 1982 he became principal at Tehachapi High School and fully enjoyed his 10 years there before retiring.

George and Anne Marie then created the Apple Shed store and restaurant in Tehachapi. They were devoted to the development of Tehachapi as a unique mountain town. They succeeded with a full menu, a bakery, fresh apples and a varied gift/book shop featuring local gifts.

George enjoyed taking his family on adventures. He visited 39 countries in his life! His favorite activities included serving on the Montrose Mountain Search and Rescue team for 20 years, flying for 50 years and taking guests up in his Cessna 172, mountain climbing, working 20 summers as a ranger/naturalist in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, helping fund our new local hospital, and spending early hours in his hot tub outside.

George developed dementia during his last four years and was lovingly cared for by Anne Marie and several angelic caregivers. He passed away peacefully with family songs and hand-holding. He leaves his wife and children Mary Noble, his late son George "Tom" Novinger, his daughter Barbara Novinger, his five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

April 20
2300 block of Pickens Canyon Road in La Crescenta, a resident reported receiving a message on her Apple laptop that stated it was from "Apple Tech Support." The prompt appeared as she was scrolling through different websites on her computer. The message indicated her laptop was being frozen due to a "Trojan malware attack" and she needed to call "Apple Support" to remove it. The message supplied the Apple support number.

When she called a person answered the phone stating he was with Apple support and that the malware attack that was affecting the victim's computer was from Russia and someone was attempting to get into the victim's bank account. The apparent Apple representative told the victim to download an application called "Any Desk" onto her laptop. She complied.

You can read more at
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Obituary Kenneth M. Fanning



Feb. 28, 2023


Kenneth Fanning, 97, passed away on Feb. 28. He was well-known in the Glendale area as a long-term regional vice president of Bank of America. He was the father of three: Barbara Awalt, who predeceased him, Donald Fannig and Carol Gans; and stepfather to Gary Newton.

His first wife, Darlene, predeceased him by 17 years. He was a member of the Elks and he regularly attended the Light on the Corner Church in Montrose and was a major force behind the acquisition of the iconic cross on the top of the church.

A World War II veteran, he served with the Navy in the South Pacific. He was a longtime member of Oakmont Country Club.

Never too late to find final happiness, he remarried in 2008 at age 82 to Sharon Newton. The two newlyweds traveled extensively, visiting all seven continents and the wonders of the world. Sharon devoted the last several years as his constant caregiver and companion.

Funeral services were held privately in March at Forest Lawn in Glendale, his final resting place.



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with an underlying feeling of urgency.

To get to know Gadi Schwartz and what kind of music he might like for the show, Madsen said she "social media stalked him," finding his show "Stay Tuned" on Snapchat where she was introduced to his on-camera style and music proclivities.

"I have become a fan of Gadi's," she said. "He's a good journalist who is also fun and engages a younger audience. One of the things he wanted incorporated into the theme song was break-beat and a very high-energy, modern, fun vibe – not your usual news theme song."

Current Music is keeping Madsen so busy that she isn't currently in a band though she does try to "jam" with musicians in the area when time allows. She's presently working on hard rock music for Fox Sports where she hired the guitar player from Worlds Apart, a band she played with in her early Hollywood days, and Bally Sports Network has recently hired her to create music in the orchestral and hip hop genres. She's also preparing to work as music supervisor for the feature length documentary about famous photographer Barbara Van Cleve. Local talent Aram Mandossian will be composing music for the film.

PET OF THE WEEK

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poured and gave a little background on the wines.

At the opposite end of the wine tasting event was another first time participant, Bellies, Babies & Bosoms at 2430 Honolulu. Storeowner Laura Agakanian relied on family to help out as well as store manager Yvette Kirkorian.

“It was a fabulous event,” Agakanian said. “We loved it and will definitely do it again. We’re very grateful to our partner Village Liquor who provided the wine we poured.”

“The 2400 block of Honolulu Avenue exploded this time around,” said Dawson “Half of the designated pouring stations were in that one block ... and did they draw a crowd!”

The popular event returns in the fall.

The Montrose Shopping Park is next hosting the 11th Annual Kids & Kritters Day on May 7. From 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. visitors to this free event will have a chance to learn about animals, both exotic and domestic, visit the first responders area that

showcases local law enforcement and firefighters and have fun in the Kids Fun Zone that has inflatable slides and bungee jump.



TOP LEFT: Volunteers from the La Crescenta Woman's Club, including Mary Nolte, kept things flowing at check-in.
TOP RIGHT: Amy Mandel, a repeat customer of the annual Wine Walk, was ready with her tote bag and wine glass.
BOTTOM: Author Ellen Byron, left, with fan Cynthia Ortiz at OUAT.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

By Mary O'KEEFE

There is a new way to pay for parking in the Montrose Shopping Park. Newly installed meters look the same as the old ones and continue to accept change as in the past; however, there is a new option to pay via a parking app.

There is a green and grey banner sticker on top and in front of the parking meters. On them is a “Location” number, a phone number, app and online information. On the online site there are instructions on how to download the app.

Once on the app, drivers will be asked to register their vehicle

with the license plate number, state it is registered in and a brief description of the vehicle, such as its color. Then drivers pay with a credit card or using Apple Pay. There is a charge of 30 cents for using the app. So for those who pay for an hour at \$1.50 they will also be charged that fee of 30 cents, bringing the total cost to \$1.80 for one hour. The charge of 30 cents is per use, not per hour.

The meter does not register the user's time of arrival; that information is displayed on the app. It will notify drivers when their meter time is about to run

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Happy 99th Birthday American Legion Post 288

In 1919, the American Legion was created by American veterans of “The Great War.” As the servicemen returned home they enthusiastically embraced the concept of the American Legion, and American Legion Posts sprang up across the nation.

Here in the Crescenta Valley we had a fair number of WWI veterans. In late 1923, those veterans began plans to start their own post.

La Crescenta veterans of World War 1, living in what was then a sparsely settled Valley, applied for a charter in 1923, just four years after the 1919 Paris meeting that conceived of a veterans’ organization. The Valley was growing fast with new folks arriving every day with a need for a sense of community. The American Legion could provide that.

The Post charter was formally presented in 1924. Community leaders who were veterans immediately stepped up to positions of leadership in the new organization.

The initial meeting was held in the Sparr Heights Community Building. The first of what was to become the annual “Mess Call” dinners was held at the La Crescenta Elementary School that same year. The earliest roll call showed 47 members in the first year.

One of its first goals was to build a hall in La Crescenta, which it achieved in just one year at a cost of only \$3,000, entirely through volunteer labor. Another early goal they achieved was to sponsor Montrose Boy Scout Troop No. 1. That was followed by a second sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop No. 2. That sense of community desired by new residents was growing quickly.

Post 288 in its early days presented many awards of merit to local students. Safety signs for local kids were erected by Post 288 members. Local Legion members were a driving force behind the Crescenta Valley Rose Parade float. Yes, La Crescenta had a float in the Rose Parade back in the ’20s.

Early on, Post 288 was dedicated to an improved environment here in the Valley. In cooperation with the LA County Forestry Dept., thousands of pine tree seedlings were distributed to local school kids and were planted on the slopes of the mountains above us, in vacant lots and on street parkways. Thanks to Post 288, the Valley was transforming from a barren rocky landscape to the tree-covered suburb it is today.

In both the big fire of 1933 and the subsequent flood of New Year’s 1934, Post 288 provided a command center in its Legion Hall and a refuge place for families affected by the disasters. At midnight of New Year’s Eve 1934 the Legion Hall, usually a place of celebration and joy, became the focal point of the Valley’s biggest tragedy. The Legion Hall, filled with refugees and disaster workers, was hit by the flood, killing 12 people inside and washing the rest into the maelstrom. Particularly sad was the death of a Legion auxiliary member, Myrtle Adams, who was coordinating relief efforts there that night.

But Post 288 rallied after the hit the Hall took. Within a year, the Legion members physically picked up the remains of the damaged Hall and moved the building to where it is today, on land donated by Legion Commander Tom Bonetto. It was patched up by Legion members and rededicated as a Memorial Hall in honor of the sacrifice of Legion members and others in the Valley who died that night.

For 99 years, the roll call of Legion Post 288 has been a Who’s Who listing of community leaders in La Crescenta. The Post has served as a disaster headquarters, a sponsor of youth activities, a relief agency and place for good fellowship for veterans. The Hall is rented out for parties, wedding receptions and church services.

The American Legion Memorial Hall on La Crescenta Avenue today remains the home of Post 288. Here the members continue the community service they have performed since the Post’s beginning, almost a century ago, still building that sense of community. The proud legacy of Post 288 has been of those who served their country, and who returned to continue providing that service, but now to their community.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

We Must Act to Stop Azerbaijan’s Assault on Artsakh and Armenia

This week, we marked a solemn anniversary. One hundred and eight years ago, the Ottoman Empire began a systematic effort to destroy the Armenian people. More than 1.5 million men, women and children lost their lives in the first genocide of the 20th century.

Teachers, writers, businessmen and doctors were rounded up and killed, clergy were tortured and burned alive in churches, infants were ripped from their mothers’ arms, sons and daughters witnessed their parents being murdered, and children died gasping for a drop of water. Many Armenians were killed outright and others, including Gomidas Vartabed, considered the father of Armenian music, suffered terrible trauma after witnessing the sheer magnitude of the brutal massacres.

For a long time, the United States government did little to recognize the genocide and refused to acknowledge the facts. For almost 20 years, I led the effort to pass a resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide before my bill finally cleared the U.S. House by a near unanimous and bipartisan margin in 2019. The Senate then also passed a resolution affirming the facts of the Armenian Genocide. And in 2021, President Joe Biden finally cast aside over a century of shameful silence by our nation to become the first sitting U.S. President to officially recognize the Armenian Genocide.

This historic recognition only came to fruition because of the tenacity of the Armenian diaspora. It was a testament to the unwavering efforts of thousands of activists, organizations, communities and church leaders. And it was a victory for human rights, and for the truth itself, and something we achieved together.

The Genocide of over a hundred years ago has a very contemporary significance as once again Armenian lives are being lost. Azerbaijan’s unprovoked attacks on sovereign Armenian territory and the brutal blockade of Artsakh’s Lachin corridor risk another genocide. We have seen this before, and we must not allow it to happen again.

The Armenian people have suffered the trauma of many who died in Artsakh, and thousands more whom were forced to flee from the unprovoked aggression by Azerbaijan and Turkey. Still others remain prisoners of war in violation of international law.

These are the horrific consequences when Azerbaijan’s dictator Ilham Aliyev is allowed to make war on his neighbors with impunity. We cannot allow violence and crimes against humanity to go unanswered, whether they occurred one hundred and eight years ago or as recently as this year or even this month.

As Aliyev continues his unprovoked aggression against Artsakh and Armenia, and the blockade of the Lachin corridor causes a humanitarian crisis by cutting off thousands of Armenians from critical supplies, the U.S. must reaffirm its commitment to protecting democracy and freedom around the world.

That’s why this week I introduced a resolution to recognize the independence of Artsakh and its right of self-determination.

The United States must continue to pressure Aliyev to immediately reopen the Lachin corridor, direct U.S. humanitarian assistance to Artsakh, call for the safe and unconditional release of the remaining Armenian prisoners of war and captured civilians, hold Azerbaijan accountable for the destruction of religious and cultural sites, cut off aid to Azerbaijan and impose sanctions instead, and support democracy in Armenia and a free, independent Artsakh.



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I will continue to call on President Biden and my colleagues in the House and Senate to take these actions urgently, and without delay.

On this solemn anniversary, as we pause to remember the innocent victims of the Armenian Genocide, we also reflect on the resilience of those who survived and the perseverance of their children and grandchildren who built new lives in the United States, speak the beautiful Armenian language and enrich our nation with the Armenian culture and heritage.

Despite the trials the Armenian people have faced and continue to face, it has not broken their faith, determination or their will to survive. They have overcome the greatest of tragedies, and yet, they remain strong and unbowed in Los Angeles, in Yerevan, in Artsakh, and around the world.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Altadena Guild: 72 Years Strong

Founded in 1951, Altadena Guild of Huntington Memorial Hospital, a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, has been actively supporting financially and through volunteerism Huntington Health (HH) and Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI) both located in Pasadena.


Funds are traditionally raised through the popular Altadena Guild Home Tour, which has been held annually with the exception of the years 2020 and 2021, due to the COVID pandemic. However, last year's Guild's Home Tour on May 1 was a huge success, raising a record number of funds to benefit Huntington Health and HMRI.

This year's Guild's 70th Home Tour, themed "Rubio Street!! The Gem of Altadena," is planned for Sunday, May 7 on Rubio Street in Altadena, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Four homes and gardens will be open for viewing. Each features different architectural styles from Craftsman to Colonial Revival to Modern, built from 1909, 1911 to 1951, on a street that was originally named Sans Souci until its name was changed to Rubio Street in 1931!

Live music will be performed indoors and outdoors, talented and skilled vendors and antique cars will be lining up the street while the café, located in a garden draped with deodars and oaks, will provide the necessary repost during the day.

As Altadena Guild of HMH was founded 72 years ago by dedicated women, with the mission to help fund and promote the objectives of the Huntington Health and the Huntington Medical Research Institutes, HMRI, the Guild extends its appreciation and gratitude to both the homeowners who offered their homes to the public



2163 Rubio Street, location of the Tour Café.

for viewing for over 70 years and to the community that has been supporting this mission. Tickets for this walking tour are available at www.altadenaguild.org.

Fritz Coleman Performing at Benefit for La Crescenta Woman's Club

The La Crescenta Woman's Club is laughing it up as they prepare for a night of comedy with Fritz Coleman on Saturday, April 29. Members will be working hard to transform the Clubhouse at 4004 La Crescenta Ave. into a nightclub with ticketholders receiving a drink, appetizers and lots of desserts as part of their \$40 admission price. Fritz Coleman is well known for his years as a TV weatherman and a hilarious comedian.

Many gift donors have provided products for the LCWC silent auction included in the night's activity. Donors include Berolina Bakery, In-N-Out, Fish King, Merle Norman

Montrose, Total Wine & More, Pasadena Playhouse, Green Street Restaurant, Los Gringos Locos, Aquarium of the Pacific, Autry Museum, Steur Salon & Supply, Nothing Bundt Cakes and more.

Tickets may be purchased online at <https://lacscentawomansclub.org/comedy-night/> or mail a check to LCWC, 4004 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214.

For more information, call (818) 957-9806.



Photo provided by LCWC
Seated are Shirley Griffith (left) and Rita Even; standing are Gwen Williams, Carol Stein, Cindy Charles and Vickie Guagliardo.

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Correction



In the April 20 issue, Oakmont League honorees Carolyn Beaton and Patsy Dewey (above) were misidentified. The ladies shown were Lydia Brown-Trout and Kim Klosterman.

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Take a Pause to Consider

Your Stress Level

What is stress? It's hard to define exactly, but we all know it when we feel it – it can be described as tension, pressure or worry about circumstances in our lives. At the most basic level, stress is the body's response to a threat (real or perceived). It is a universal feeling but unique to each person. April has been identified by The National Institute of Health (NIH) as National Stress Awareness Month.

As we age, common stressors include changes in our health, financial constraints living on fixed incomes and the loss of loved ones around us. Family caregiving is also a growing source of stress in America today. According to a recent report issued by AARP, family caregivers provide an average of 18 "care hours" per week. This is like taking on a part-time job for many who are already working full or part-time jobs in addition to raising children and/or other familial responsibilities.

Stress not only affects our mental health but can also affect our physical health. According to the NIH, chronic stress is associated with heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes, as well as depression and anxiety. As we age, these conditions can contribute to other health concerns including a loss of mobility and an overall decrease in the quality of our lives.

Mental Health America is a nonprofit organization that has

developed a stress screening tool that assesses eating and sleep habits, social supports and emotional and physical reactions to stress. The online screening tool can be found at: <https://mhanational.org/get-involved/stress-screener>.

While the bad news is that we cannot avoid stress, the good news is we can learn to manage it. The antidote for stress is resilience. Resilience is the ability to withstand or even overcome the difficulties in our lives that create stress. According to the director of the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, Dr. Janice Clayton, resilience can be learned.

The NIH has developed the following 7 Steps to Manage Stress and Build Resilience: 1. Recognize Signs of Stress; 2. Take Time for Yourself; 3. Try New Routines; 4. Stay Connected; 5. Reframe (see problems through different lenses); 6. Seek Help; 7. Talk to a Health Professional. For more information on these seven steps, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/by7a8had>.

For information and support to aid in managing your stress, please contact the Community Resource Center for Aging, a program of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Our webpage is uscvh.org/aging-resources or feel free to call or email directly (818) 949-4033 and aging-resources@med.usc.edu.

Getting to Know American Legion Post 377

Building began on American Legion Hall at 10039 Pinewood in Tujunga on Memorial Day 1930 under Charter 250. The American Legion previously owned and occupied what is now known as Bolton Hall. In the early '70s the building took on a new charter as Post 377.

Post 377 usually holds its dinners (usually with live entertainment and dancing) on the third Saturday of each month. Learn more by calling (818) 353-9856.

On April 15 there was a brown bag auction and Commander's Dinner with live band music. Dinner started around 6:30 p.m. and included live music. The cost was \$20 per person. The brown bag auction contained items valued at any price, new and used in good condition. Poppies were available at the Post.

The History of the Poppy

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for America in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by veterans while protecting the nation's freedoms and assuring those at home they might continue to live in peace.

Vets in rehabilitation assembled poppies from a huge box filled with bright red crepe paper that had multiple leaf-shape cut outs, sheets of green and black strips with close edge

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Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!
How To Get A Date of Death Valuation

Dear Phyllis,

I am the trustee of my brother's estate. The trust attorney's secretary told me that I need a date of death valuation for his Eagle Rock home for tax purposes. Each time I talk to the attorney, it is \$500, so I hope you can help explain where to get it and the approximate cost.

Lana

Dear Lana,

I am sorry for the loss of your brother. One of your first responsibilities as the trustee will be to provide the court and the IRS with an estimate of the estate's "reasonable worth" at the time of your brother's passing. This is known as a "Date of Death Valuation." It typically involves an inventory and analysis of the possessions and property the decedent – your brother – left behind, including real estate.

When you sell his Eagle Rock home, there is a "step-up-basis" from the time of his death until the time of closing. There will be taxes on the capital gain. The gain is the difference in the value at the time of his passing after considering the net proceeds (brokerage, escrow and title fees, etc.). Some of the costs for improvements may also be deductible. However, check with your accountant to learn which improvement costs will be allowed.

Thus, assume the value at the time of his passing was \$1,000,000; you sold for \$1,200,000, and you had selling costs of \$80,000; the gain would be \$120,000 (minus any deductible improvement costs and or depreciation).

So how do you determine the value of your brother's home on the date of his death? The most acceptable method to determine the basis is to hire an appraiser. This may cost around \$800, and a real estate agent can recommend an appraiser.

If you list his home, an experienced trust real estate agent should be able to prepare a free Date of Death Valuation (aka date of passing evaluation). As a courtesy, I provide these for my trust clients when requested. When you hire experienced trust real estate agents, they will have familiarity in completing this valuation. Check with your attorney because they may believe the Realtor's valuation will not have the same status with the IRS as would a full-blown appraisal. However, it will often suffice.

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Veterans Corner

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Better Aging Through Food

From the American Legion Magazine – April 2023

Provided by Blake HYFIELD

Our nutritional needs, as with many other parts of our lives, change as we get older. The following, courtesy of WebMD, are some foods to seek out and foods to consider.

Fruits, vegetables, oatmeal, nuts, and legumes help lower cholesterol, maintain stable blood sugar and maintain healthy weight. Men older than 51 should eat 30 grams of fiber daily; women older than 51 should consume 21 grams.

One simple approach to getting 25 grams of fiber a day is to eat the following: 100 grams uncooked whole grains, 1 cup of cooked beans, 2-3 servings of fruits, 200 grams broccoli, ½ cup of leafy greens (kale, spinach), 1 tablespoon of flaxseeds.

Whole wheat bread, quinoa, wheat berries and couscous are rich in fiber and B vitamins.

Almonds, walnuts, cashews, pecans and pistachios help prevent heart disease, stroke, Type 2 Diabetes, nerve disease and some cancers.

Eight glasses of water per day cushion joints, regulate body temperature and contribute to better focus.

Salmon, albacore tuna, herring and farmed trout are high in omega-3 fatty acids that promote brain health and can lower cholesterol.

Eggs, lean meat and dairy fight muscle loss.

Calcium-rich dairy foods fight osteoporosis, colon cancer and high blood pressure.

Watermelon, tomatoes and red and orange bell peppers are high in lycopene, which may lower the risk of cancer and protect against strokes.

Think Twice

Grapefruit can affect how several medicines work – including meds for high blood pressure, insomnia and cholesterol. Check with your medical provider and make sure to keep getting vitamin C and potassium from other sources.

Raw vegetables can be a challenge for those with sensitive or missing teeth. Cooking vegetables can soften them.

Alcohol can affect us more adversely and dramatically as we age – especially sleep patterns and blood pressure.

Dairy can contribute to digestive issues.

Caffeine can make some people feel anxious or jittery. It can also increase heart rate and contribute to sleeping problems.

WebMD has a FAQ for those 50 and over at webmd.com/healthy-aging.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Beauty Abounds at Pasadena Showcase House

By Charly SHELTON

The Pasadena Showcase House of Design has been an annual tradition since 1965, featuring some of the most beautifully designed homes in Southern California. This year's showcase house is no exception, highlighting the interior design skills of local designers within a historic estate, located in one of Pasadena's most prestigious neighborhoods.

The Stewart House was originally built in 1933 by famed Pasadena architectural firm Marston & Maybury and has undergone certain design changes since then; however, the airy architecture and sophisticated lifestyle of the home has remained for the last 90 years. Notably, this house was the 19th Pasadena Showcase House of Design in 1983, and many of the spaces within the home were maintained until this year's redesign.

As visitors enter the home, they are immediately greeted by a grand entryway that returns them to the year the house was built, and is complete with custom designed furniture, hand-painted Italian plaster walls, a modern take on a gold leaf chandelier and original hardwood floors. From there, guests can explore the many rooms and spaces that make up this incredible estate across 11,000 square feet of living space and two acres of manicured grounds.

One of the most impressive features of the showcase house comes to the outdoor spaces – the view of the San Gabriel Mountains. Twelve of the 27 designed spaces are either partially or entirely outdoors, making an indoor-outdoor lifestyle easy. From vegetable gardens to the rose patio to the upstairs terrace or the garden retreat guesthouse, the outdoors are the places to be. And equally the indoor spaces seem to call the light in and draw the eye out.



Photos by Charly SHELTON



One indoor space, the Artist's Wunderkammer, was designed by local interior designer Christopher Grant Ward of Rosemary Home Design. Ward based his design aesthetic on Ruth Stewart, the original owner of the house who was a sailor

and artist, and this room is reflective of her. The furnishings are sourced from all woman-owned businesses and artists, with custom made furniture by Ward using sustainably sourced African mahogany. This blend of artist's workshop meets cabinet of curiosities

meets antiquarian traveler den lends itself to spending an afternoon going over maps or sketching exotic flowers. The back door of this room lets out onto the upper terrace, with its Great Gatsby-meets-Caribbean see SHOWCASE on page 13

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Cirque du Soleil Presents ‘Cortéo’

By Charly SHELTON

Since its debut in 2005, Cirque du Soleil “Cortéo” has delighted audiences around the world with its spectacular displays of acrobatics, music and theatrical performances. And now, “Cortéo” has come to the Microsoft Theater in Downtown LA, with a run that ends this weekend.

In typical Cirque du Soleil fashion, “Cortéo” takes the audience on a journey through the extraordinary, with exquisite costumes, amazing stunts and beautiful set pieces. The story of “Cortéo” is easy to understand as many of the spoken lines are in English. The clown Mauro has died in his bed and, as his soul leaves his body, he’s envisioning his funeral and his life flashing before his eyes. But because he is a clown, Mauro envisions his friends and even the angels around him as circus acts, all in Baroque style. Cortéo is an Italian word meaning “cortège” or procession, and the show takes us through the funeral procession, the procession of Mauro’s

Photo by Charly SHELTON
An acrobat gently floats above the “Cortéo” crowd.



life, and his procession into the great beyond.

“Cortéo,” even more so than many of the other Cirque shows, has unique and clever sets. Whereas many other Cirque shows lower some rings on wires or a long silk, “Corteo” weaves these acrobatic apparatuses into set pieces like chandeliers, beds and bikes. One of the standout performances featured multiple acrobats swinging and twirling from beneath chandeliers as they hang over Mauro’s bed. And later in the show, a clown is strapped into a balloon rig that is perfectly balanced for her weight. She hops off the stage and across the audience, floating gently, held up by balloons.

As expected, all of the performers showed tremendous agility, skill and daring throughout the show, accomplishing feats that I could only

be jealous of as I shoved another handful of popcorn into my mouth.

The music of “Cortéo” was also an undeniable highlight of the show, with live renditions of beautifully composed pieces that elevated the performances of the acrobats to another level. The vocals of the performers were perfect and melded with the full band to provide the accompanying soundtrack which was at times haunting and other times joyous, just like at a funeral when the sadness of loss and the happy memories ebb and flow in time.

In comparison to some other Cirque du Soleil shows, this one had fewer genuinely astounding feats and was more about how the acts fit within the story and theme. Even the jugglers tossing bowling pins and rings were the right act for this – it

may not be a huge acrobatic, death-defying feat like some of the other shows pride themselves on, but it’s what Mauro would have known and it fit perfectly in with the story and feel.

Cirque du Soleil “Cortéo” was a fantastic spectacle and one of the most immersive performances to grace the Microsoft Theater. The talented cast, excellent music and stunning sets were nothing short of fantastic. This is a must-see for fans of Cirque du Soleil and the circus in general. Its run at The Microsoft Theater in Downtown LA is coming to an end this Sunday, April 30 so those who want to experience “Cortéo” must act fast to see this show before the procession moves on.

Tickets and more information can be found at CirqueDuSoleil.com/Corteo.

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A celebration of the new edition of Napulitanamente Magazine is being held with an event open to the public to introduce novelties and to promote artists. Napulitanamente celebrates its new edition with Mediterranean Cocktail of Art. The multi-art event will be held at 11405 Chandler Blvd. in North Hollywood on May 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 pm.

The event will open with a multi-art exhibition featuring Flavio Sanguinetti and Glendale resident Karine Armen on photography, Shahin Mastian on painting, Tigran

Martikyan on sculpture, and Daniele De Cario on music with special guest soprano Era Kayln.

There will be the presentation of the latest edition of Napulitanamente Magazine that will be baptized with NA57, a powerful, explosive and wholly Neapolitan drink, which from the capital of Campania launches a lively challenge to champagne.

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aesthetic, and this in turn flows into the African safari-inspired primary suite and bathroom, keeping the world traveler feel consistent across the upper level of the back of the house. As always, the Pasadena Showcase House of Design is more than just an exhibition of great design. The event is also a fundraiser, with proceeds going to support music education programs in Pasadena and the surrounding area. Over the years, the showcase house

has become one of Southern California’s premier charitable events, raising more than \$25 million for this important cause. This year’s showcase house is a must-see for anyone with an appreciation for great design and a passion for supporting a good cause. The estate’s incredible architecture and stunning interior design make it a true highlight of the annual Pasadena Showcase House of Design. Ticketed tours are available now through May 21,

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THEN & NOW

American Legion Hall
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THEN: The American Legion Hall was built in 1925 on the corner of Fairway and Rosemont avenues as the home of Verdugo Hills Post 288 of the American Legion. Less than 10 years later it was struck by a flash flood while serving as a Red Cross evacuation center. Everyone inside the building was swept out, 12 of them dying as a result.

NOW: After the flood the building was patched up and moved to the corner of La Crescenta and Manhattan avenues, where it still remains. It is a vital part of the Crescenta Valley and is used by many community organizations. The American Legion Hall and Post 288 are both coming up on their 100th birthdays.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. Alek Kotolyan is the next speaker. On April 28 he will share information on Artificial Intelligence – AI.

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

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

ONGOING POSTCARD EXHIBIT AT BOLTON HALL

Bolton Hall Museum's new exhibit, Wish You Were Here – Postcards sent from Sunland-Tujunga, showcases a century of correspondence sent from residents and visitors to the area. The exhibit also features a timeline of the postcard's evolution in America, and an homage to Lee Brown, proprietor of Sunland's Adventure in Postcards

shop. The exhibit runs through Sunday, Oct. 8. It may be viewed during the museum's public hours: Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

THE SCULPTURES OF FOREST LAWN

The Glendale Historical Society in partnership with Forest Lawn-Glendale presents on April 27 at 7 p.m. a lecture by Dr. James Fishburne, director of the Museum, about the background and history of the vast collection of statuary on display and in the archives of Forest Lawn. The lecture will be held at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather at Forest Lawn-Glendale.

Then, on April 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., guests will take part in a

private tour of the Great Mausoleum as docents from Forest Lawn and The Glendale Historical Society explore areas of the structure that are no longer open to the general public on a daily basis. Guests will see some of the examples of statuary and experience first-hand the exquisite beauty of this art form. Following the tour there will be a reception with appetizers and wine in the Memorial Court of Honor below the beautiful stained glass replica of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

Free parking is available on the street in front of Wee Kirk o' the Heather and on streets near the entrance to the Great Mausoleum at Forest Lawn Glendale.

Tickets for the event package are \$50 for non-TGHS members, \$40 for TGHS members. To purchase, visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/forest-lawn-2023>.

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» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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ACROSS

- 1) Simple skills

5) On-the-run GI

9) Raced down an icy chute

14) Pile set afire

15) ___ fide

16) Atmosphere protector

17) Footwear item for Inspector Gadget?

19) "Chicago" actor Taye

20) Necessitate

21) Chillax

23) Milne young 'un

24) ___ d'

25) Ernie's roommate, after gaining lots of weight?

27) About to go under the knife

28) Neighbor of a Malaysian

29) K'Nex alternative

30) Altitudes (Abbr.)

31) Rolling rock

33) Chophouse choices

35) Blow up a citadel?
- 37) Caviar fish

40) "I, Claudius" role

41) NYC hub

44) Singer-songwriter Tori

45) Develop

47) Not in the dark

49) Sound from a toddler's toy horn?

51) Actor Brody

52) Highchair wear

53) Put-___ (hoaxes)

54) Twinkling

55) Ferengi, e.g.

57) Stuck-together mass of towel fabric?

60) "Angie" star Davis

61) Latin "Lo!"

62) Classic Welles role

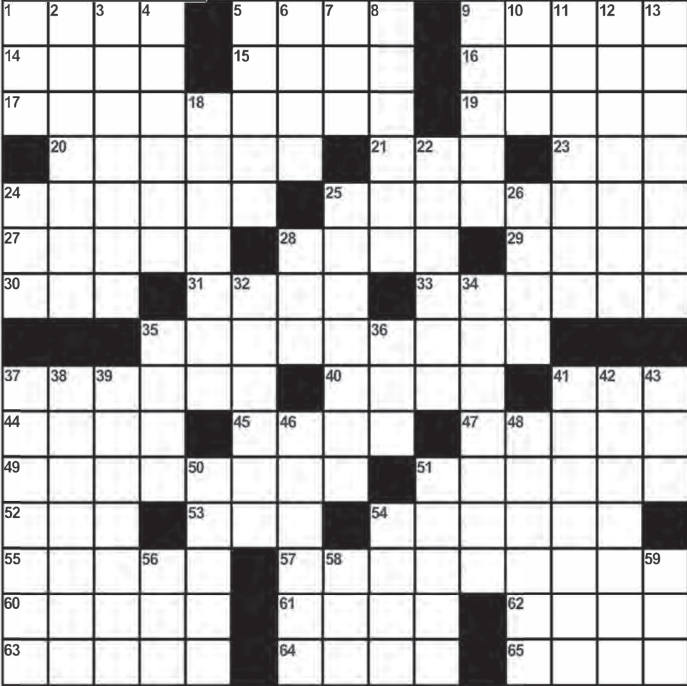
63) Famous car flop

64) Gift for a lover

65) Venue

DOING THE MAT

By Frank Longo



DOWN

- 1) Android extra

2) From memory

3) Chums

4) Posted for

5) Activist Hoffman

6) Sheep's clothing?

7) Singer on "Double Fantasy"

8) Land on the Baltic Sea

9) Rustic retreat

10) Commando gun

11) Begin recycling, say

12) Fill with blood

13) Antique Chrysler makes

18) Noise blocker

22) Periodical figure

24) Speed abbr.

25) Stuff like that

26) Ink spill result

28) LG products

32) Spanish region

34) For the most part

35) Not at all idle

36) Handful

37) Computing pioneer Charles

38) Wrote to, without a writing implement

39) Hotel areas

41) Game with cestas

42) San Francisco Bay area city

43) Mattel man

46) List of players

48) Pileups, e.g.

50) Pitch-related

51) Think similarly

54) Parabola parts

56) Chemical suffix

58) Author Umberto

59) Masters prop

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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April 24, 2023 - April 30, 2023

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may feel particularly passionate now. This can motivate you in positive ways but also trigger a confrontation. Spend more time with co-workers you admire. This is the luckiest time to apply for a new job or hold team meetings. Take a serious and cautious approach to what you do at work. Don't be discouraged by any limitations you encounter. Do your best with a narrower focus.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Jump into any assignment with enthusiasm now. At your best you're open, curious, present, and genuinely interested in others. The energy at this time supports teamwork. Be tolerant of people who are critical. This is the best period if you're looking for a new or better paying job. Network with confidence to improve your situation. These are positive days for research and being very honest with customers or co-workers.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Your ambition is strong now. This period is lucky for a creative or dramatic presentation. Do what you can to improve your skills. If you're in the middle of a big project, take frequent breaks to stay alert. This period can bring you to a crossroads. Make important decisions with confidence. You can make points behind the scenes by helping superiors get their work done. Pay close attention to small details.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

This could be an odd period. It could bring an on-the-job flirtation. People in management positions may make mistakes by being stubborn. It's possible an unhappy situation will become worse. Conflicts can focus too much on people's differences and disappointments. Try to find common ground. Make decisions based on what's best for the business. Be open to talking about all sides of a situation. This period brings the potential for a new start.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Expect a few delays now. The energy could temporarily block some of your dearest hopes. If you're unhappy at work, remember that you can spend more time off the job looking for something better. Being afraid can work against your best interests. People may think you have no backbone. Remember that what you worry about the most isn't likely to happen. The energy now is lucky for a new start.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

This is a powerful time to express yourself. A work-related blog could bring surprising attention. Events encourage having fun on the job by doing the things you enjoy most. Settle down to work on less glamorous tasks. Someone whose talking is becoming an issue may need correction. Be diplomatic but direct about what needs

changing. The energy now is especially strong and fortunate if you're looking for a new or better job.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You would be wise to speak less and listen more now. Expect your work life to be enjoyable. Workmates can be especially helpful during this time. Spend some time getting better organized. These are lucky days to apply for a new or better position. Have the courage to speak with authority. The more confident you feel, the more positive the results. Teamwork brings you the most satisfaction now.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

How do you persuade others to work with and not against you? Accept all forms of criticism and learn to grow from it. Be ready to help superiors look good by backing them up. The energy begins to lighten now, making your friendly nature even more attractive. These are powerful days for interviews and finding a new job. Be conservative in your estimate of how much you can reasonably do.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may feel like mixing work and play now. Find reasons to be grateful no matter what your situation. Demand a careful review of all you do. Check things over until you can't find any problems. If you're looking for work, these are lucky days to apply. You can't improve things if you don't try. Be honest when sharing your opinions at work. Co-workers will want to help you.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

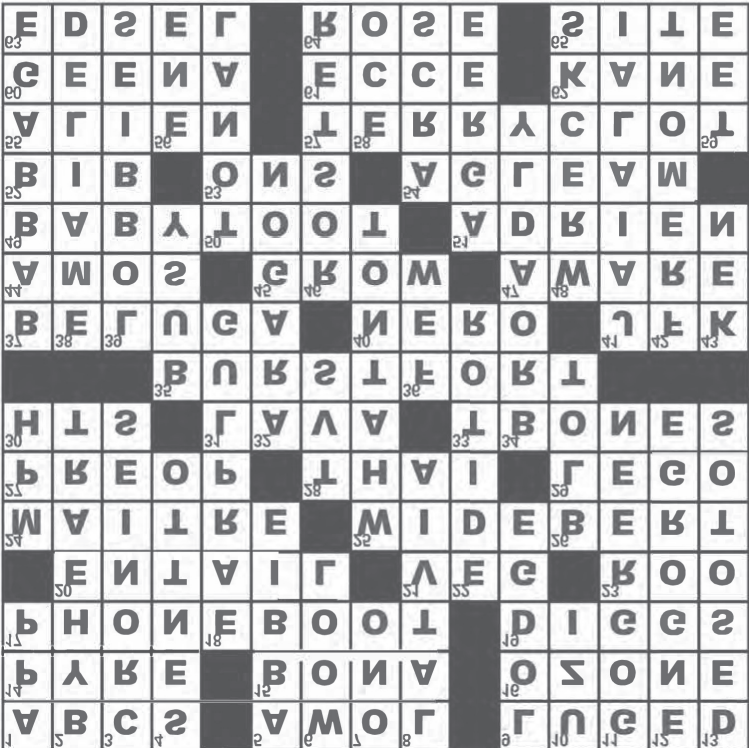
You may be feeling a bit sensitive to criticism now. Share work concerns with someone you trust. Serious feedback can be helpful if you take your ego out of the mix. Work hard and stay focused. These are lucky days to apply for a new or better position. Your naturally warm-hearted manner is very attractive. Events may require extra diplomacy in order to deal with difficult or demanding people.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Accept any help that's offered to you. You may feel more obsessed than usual about a particular idea now. This can be a good thing if it isn't carried to extremes. Don't worry obsessively. These are the best days to apply for a new job. Outline what you want to do before you start. Do your best to set up or enhance plans to recycle and reuse in your workplace.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Careful review and practice of your skills will bring good luck now. Your communication skills and natural diplomacy can help build morale. Expect many pleasant and helpful contacts. If you want a new or better job, this is the most powerful time to make a change. Pay close attention to financial details now. Be clear about any work-related savings or benefit plans.



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Eversource Gas says I have a leak. Do I have to pay this service bill?

Jackie Owens' home has a gas leak, according to Eversource Gas, her energy company. But that's wrong and the error cost her \$222. Can she get her money back?

Q I have a problem with Eversource Gas, our energy company in western Massachusetts. An Eversource Gas company technician came to our door recently, claiming someone passing by our home called them to say they smelled gas and he needed to check our furnaces. After his check, he said we had gas leaks from both of our furnaces and that he had to shut them down. I called a licensed heating contractor who came the next day to check. There were no leaks. A second Eversource technician came out and agreed that we had no leaks. I have filled out a complaint form and called the Eversource claims department several times since then. No one answers. There's only an automated message that asks me to leave a message and that someone will call me back within two business days. It's been more than five weeks. I want Eversource to refund the \$222 I had to pay the licensed heating contractor. Can you help me?

— Jackie Owens, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts

A : The Eversource Gas technician made a mistake when he said you had a gas leak. The company should cover your expenses promptly instead of stringing you along like this. But in Eversource's defense, it is always better to err on the side of caution. A natural gas leak can cause a disastrous fire or gas poisoning. You don't want that to happen to you, so if there's even a chance that it would, it's better to check it out. The Eversource technician who showed up at your home should have known how to spot a leak. Maybe he had just started his job. But if you incurred additional expenses because of the misdiagnosis, it's on Eversource. You did the right thing by filling out the form. The phone call was less helpful. I think the "We'll get back to you in two days" is funny. And not just because Eversource missed it by four months and 28 days, but because it speaks volumes about the company's customer service values. Ironically, Eversource's mission statement is to deliver "reliable energy and superior customer service."

Apparently, this did not happen in your case. Filling out the Eversource form created a paper trail, which shows you tried to resolve this problem through normal customer service channels. The phone call, not so much – unless you recorded it. I reached out to Eversource on your behalf. The company also put me on "hold" for several weeks. I contacted it again and a few days later you received a check for \$222. Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org/>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

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KIWANIS DUCK SPLASH

The Kiwanis Duck Splash, one of the Club's biggest fundraisers, is on Saturday, April 29 at Verdugo Park at 1621 Cañada Blvd. in Glendale from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event features information booths, games and more! Free to attend. Learn more – including how to adopt ducks and increase your chance of winning cash prizes from \$500 to \$10,000 – at www.duckrace.com/Glendale.

HOMETOWN COUNTRY FAIR

The CV Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Hometown Country Fair on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La

Crescenta.

Food trucks, games, pie-eating contest, dog parade, information booths and more! Free to attend.

GUFFAWS A PLENTY

The La Crescenta Woman's Club hosts the Comedy Night with Fritz Coleman at its Clubhouse, 4004 La Crescenta Ave. on Saturday evening, April 29. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; program begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are just \$40 each and include appetizers, desserts and one drink (more are available for purchase) plus a silent auction. Reservations required as seating is limited. Purchase tickets at <https://lacscentawomansclub.org/comedy-night>.

BENITA BIKE'S DANCE ART

Benita Bike's DanceArt, LA's chamber modern dance company, performs at the La Crescenta Library on Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. The La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. This is a free performance and reservations are not required. This performance is supported in part by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Dept. of Arts and Culture. Call (818) 470-5734 for further information. On April 29, Benita Bike's DanceArt will not only perform several beautifully performed dances, but the community will also be invited to ask questions and make

comments about the work seen. The La Crescenta Library show will feature "Schoenfield Dances," "Plugged," and a surprise dance offering. "Schoenfield Dances" melds early 20th century popular dance styles with a classical movement sensibility. "Plugged" explores our relationships to machines and how they affect our sensitivity to nature, quiet, and the earth. Rounding out the program is just a taste of our new dance work.

CRAFT BEER FEST PLANNED IN MONTROSE

The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce hosts the Craft Beer Fest on Sunday, April 30. From noon to 4 p.m. in the

2200 block of Honolulu Avenue, ticketholders can taste a variety of craft and artisan brews. In addition, food samples will be available. Tickets range from \$25 - \$55 per person. To learn more or to purchase, visit <https://tinyurl.com/574ppcbr>.

5K WALK N RUN FOR HOPE

On April 30 Our House Grief Support Center hosts its annual 5K Walk 'N' Run For Hope at Woodley Park (adjacent to Lake Balboa at 6076 Woodley Ave. in Encino) from 7 a.m. to noon. The only event of its kind nationally, the day celebrates and honors the memories of loved ones who have died, bringing You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDAR THIS



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Question: We've been married for six years, love children and would really like to have our own. So far this hasn't happened. We're even thinking about adopting. We mentioned this to our parents, which we wish we hadn't. Three out of four of them made comments like, "You never know what you'll be getting, etc." The adoption agencies we've contacted assured us that we would get a healthy baby and provided us with helpful information that we've passed on to our parents.

We want them to rejoice with us rather than discourage us. Is there something we can tell them so we're all on the same page?

~ Wannabe Parents

Dear Wannabe Parents,

As an adoptive father, I want to encourage you. My wife and I continue to count the blessings of adopting our eldest son. Welcoming a new life into your home, whether by birth or by adoption, is always beautiful, wonderful and life-giving. After speaking of the joys of having children, likening them to arrows in a warrior's hand, the psalmist in the Bible concludes, "Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them!" (Psalm 127:5)

From my own experience, I have found that people closest to us are well meaning but can sometimes speak out of fear and worry. They love us and want to protect us. What parent doesn't want their child to have a perfect and pain-free life? But I hear you. We all need encouraging words in the midst of such important

decisions.

My suggestion is threefold. First, try to gently and individually tell your parents how their discouraging words affected you. Perhaps introduce it by acknowledging that you know they want the best for you. Second, invite them into the process of learning about adoption with you. Maybe even ask them to help you assess your adoption agency options. They aren't all the same. Your parents may be able to help you make a better choice. Third, find a way to share the experiences of adoptive parents. Don't focus on the "newspaper stories." Listen to the lived experience of the many adoptive parents all around you. The overwhelming testimony is one of grateful blessing.

I will pray for God to guide you to the children he has planned for you and for peace, joy and encouragement in the process. God loves adoption! (Ephesians 1:5)

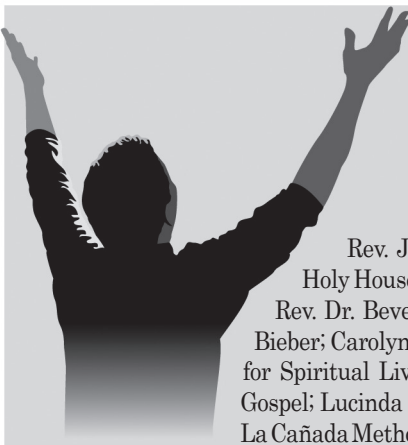
Three arrows in my quiver,



Father Rob Holman
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Dear Wannabe Parents,

It's very kind and generous for you and your husband to consider adoption to start your family. How sad all of your parents aren't



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supportive of your plans.

My first thought regarding the expressed objection is people don't know what they're getting with biological children, either! The March of Dimes non-profit organization notes birth defects occur in about 3% of U.S. births. And most people know families with much disappointment and discord among generations with biological links even when all concerned are in good health.

Pregnancy has risks for the mother, too. Last month CNN reported: "The number of women who died of maternal causes in the United States rose to 1,205 in 2021, according to a report from the National Center for Health Statistics, released Thursday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." That's a sharp increase from years earlier: 658 in 2018, 754 in 2019 and 861 in 2020. That means the U.S. maternal

death rate for 2021 – the year for which the most recent data is available – was 32.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared with rates of 20.1 in 2019 and 23.8 in 2020. Perhaps knowing these risks will make all of your parents more open to having adopted grandchildren.

Maybe sharing information about happy families with adopted members you may know of will change the minds of those who are concerned. Enlist siblings, if either of you have them, and/or other family members to share examples too. I'm fortunate to have grown up with adopted family members so, to me, it's just another way to form a family.

If you haven't done so already, it may help to share your hope with your three non-supportive parents that they will join you in working through the adoption process in the same way they would want to participate in the expectation of a biological child.

Another possibility is fostering children. Many are available for adoption and it's possible your reluctant parents will find one adorable and a perfect match for their expectations of a grandchild.

There is a myth or urban legend that adopting a child will lead to a pregnancy but I wasn't able to find any recent statistics on the percentage of adoptive parents who later have a biological child.

Good luck in your quest to be parents.

My two adult children don't want me to travel. In fact, we've had some serious discussions about this. I don't like to call them arguments. We all go to the same church and I have faith I'll be safe traveling. I even talked to our pastor and he said, "Go for it! We'll pray for your safety."

I don't like to be at odds with my kids. Any suggestions to get their approval is appreciated.

~An Almost World Traveler

Dear Almost World Traveler,

I sent away for my first travel brochure when I was 9 years old. I kept my bedroom clock on Scottish time and I bought a bagpipe record. I was raring to go; however, the Universe had other plans. I was blessed with three wonderful (now grown up) children, and I never travelled outside the U.S. until 2010! Like you, I had a career in healthcare and kept dreaming of traveling. My father passed away in 2009, and my youngest child was old enough to be without me for 10 days. That's when I knew it was time to go.

And it was amazing! Actress, philanthropist and world traveler Angelina Jolie said, "If you don't get out of the box you've been raised in, you won't understand how much bigger the world is."

Our Mother Earth is truly spectacular and mostly because of the beautiful diversity of its people and cultures. As a minister, and part of the Centers for Spiritual Living organization (which is worldwide), I believe that we are all one, and yet each of us shines like a multi-faceted gem, infused with the light of God. Seeing God in everyone, everywhere was something Jesus lived and taught.

Your children obviously love you and want to protect you. But, as I have said in my articles before, it is not their job to protect you from living your life the way you choose to live it. Your job is to live and love in every moment and not allow the fear of others to make your decisions for you. As a nurse, you have cared for others your whole adult life. It is your turn now to explore your heart's desire, which is the voice



Sharon Weisman
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Question: After finally retiring from my job as a nurse, I want to travel. I have travel brochures from all over the world and I'm very excited about relaxing and doing what I want to do.

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of spirit within you, calling you to a greater expression of yourself.

I'm off to Europe again this summer as I have been enjoying traveling since 2010. I suggest that you plan ahead, take precautions, have a cellphone with you, stay in communication with your children and, like your wise pastor said, "Go for it!"



Rev. Karen Mitchell
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Dear World Traveler,

What a wonderful pastor you have! Not everybody is so blessed to have such an insightful and prayerful pastor. Please pass on my

compliments to him.

Your kids on the other hand! It's just terrible and I'll tell you why. They sound just like I did when my mom decided to become a missionary to Japan when she was in her 60s. I remember it like yesterday. What a miserable idea! Becoming a missionary was a great idea for everybody! Except for my mom. Traveling all that way! Being gone for so long! So many things could go wrong! And sure enough—while mom was in Kobe, Osaka there was a 7.3 massive earthquake that killed 6,000 people! Though scared for my mom, I felt vindicated that my caution was indeed warranted.

But enough about me. We're talking about you. (By the way, Mom survived just fine and had lots of stories to tell about God's loving watch care over her. The lesson here was for me: I am not my mother's keeper.)

Here's the point: One day, bit by bit, you had to let go of your kids and let them do more. You let them grow and

experience more and more freedom as they got older. It wasn't easy, but you did it. Personally, I think a retired nurse has seen it all and can do anything! Now it's your kids' turn.

The rest home is a long way off for you! You've got a lot of living yet to do, baby! Bring your kids a souvenir from your travels! Tell them to pray for you! Take pictures! Make new friends! Get your shots. Don't forget to pack your Bible. You'll come home with lots of great stories! And whatever you do, bring something nice home for your thoughtful pastor.



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NOTES & NODS

LCIF NEWS

Donations amounting to more than 200 pounds of food and at least 300 pounds of clothing were received by Lutheran Church in the Foothills since the church put its call out for donations in December. The donations filled a large SUV and were delivered this week to Heart of the Canyons Church in Sunland for distribution to people in need. LCIF will continue to collect food and clothing for another distribution in the future. Canned goods and other non-perishable items are most needed. They can be dropped off during Sunday morning worship or at the church office anytime during the week.

Registration is open for

Vacation Bible School at Lutheran Church in the Foothills. LCIF's weeklong event will be held June 19-June 23. There will be lots of singing, dancing, crafts and games, all centered on learning about God in new ways. Families are encouraged to register online or call the church's office. Those interested in volunteering for VBS should contact LCIF's office as well.

LCIF reminds the community of its weekly Sunday school for children in first through fourth grades. Families should meet in the sanctuary for the 10 a.m. worship service. Following the "children's sermon," the kids will head to the Youth Room for crafts, games and a message from the Bible.

Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues to accept canned goods as well for its ongoing food drive to feed the hungry.

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

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

WALK AND WORD

In April, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on April 30. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

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GENOCIDE from COVER

million Armenians had died, with many more forcibly removed from their country. This slaughter was done by the then-Ottoman Empire.

On Monday, Araksya Karapetyan performed the duties of mistress of ceremonies for the commemorative event held at the Alex Theatre. She is an award-winning anchor

purchase. The cost to sponsor a flag is \$50, which is tax deductible. Sponsored flags can be collected for free at the end of the event.

The funds raised support the community programs that Rotary performs and oversees.

Undertaking a project of this size can be daunting; however, community members help out to ensure a successful event.

with Fox 11, currently anchoring Good Day LA. She said it was important to continue to talk about the genocide, to continue to tell the story to those who may not have heard. Many Armenians have family members who were touched by the genocide, either by surviving it or being murdered by

For example, according to Townsend, members of Glendale Sunrise Rotary set up and tear down the display with help from the police and fire cadets.

"Forest Lawn Glendale does all of the prep work including the grid of the 1,000 flags on the lawn," she said. "Additionally, Glendale Sunrise Rotary must install rebar to which the plastic piping goes over that holds the

the Turks.

Karapetyan said it is important to share these stories with non-Armenians.

"Telling people our stories is a powerful way to do that," she said.

And that was what the evening at the Alex was about – sharing the stories of those who experienced

flags."

The flags are stored throughout the year in space donated at Andy's Transfer in Montrose.

"They have donated this space since we began our program," added Townsend.

To learn more about this event, visit www.glendalefieldofhonor.com; to learn more about Glendale Sunrise Rotary, visit

the Armenian Genocide, sharing family stories and warnings that this Genocide continues in Artsakh.

"I stand here today in solidarity with all of you, with Armenia, with Artsakh and with Armenians all around the world," said Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman

www.glendalesunriserotary.org.

Townsend invites the public to see the display.

"One thousand U.S. flags flying at the entrance of Forest Lawn is an awesome sight," she stated. "We hope it will be a beautiful reminder to some, and a great appreciation to all who attend, of what an amazing country we call home."

He added he had heard Holocaust

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out so more time can be purchased, if needed. This system does stop that “Oh, lucky day” feeling of pulling into a spot and seeing a meter with some time left over from the previous driver; however, it also helps drivers keep track of meter time so they do not return to their vehicle to find a ticket on the windshield.

WRITER'S STRIKE from page 4

And it's not just television writers who are affected. Feature and comedy/variety writers are suffering under the current contract. In the March WGA article “Writers Are Not Keeping Up” (<https://tinyurl.com/5n6ddz9k>) it concludes, “The companies have leveraged the streaming transition to underpay writers, creating more precarious, lower-paid models for writers’ work.”

Because of this, big production companies like Disney and Netflix continue to grow richer, while writers earn less.

Standing firm with the WGA are the Teamsters Local 399, which represents workers in the Motion Picture Industry.

Lindsay Dougherty of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters stated via Twitter, “No one should feel sorry for employers ... We stand with the WGA in pursuit of a strong and fair contract. Should the employers be unable to address the writers concerns, & they do go on strike, Teamsters will continue to be in solidarity.”

Also in support of the potential strike is SAG (Screen Actor’s Guild), the DGA (Director’s Guild of America), Deutscher Drehbuchverband (Screenwriters Guild of Germany) and The Writers Guild of Great Britain (WGGB), which has encouraged its members to join in support by not accepting WGA work if the strike happens.

“In its current form, the days of being rewarded for working on a hit show are behind us,” said Bernardone. “Things need to change and in a big way. I don’t think anybody wants a strike, but with the way the industry has been bracing, we might as well already be in one. It’s time to enact real fundamental change to the industry. And 97.9% of my fellow Guild members appear to agree.”

POST 377 from page 10

cuts resembling flat brooms, pre-cut wires and pages of labels “Made by Veterans.”

The poppy grew wild on the battlefields of Flanders Field in Belgium and flourished among the shelled buildings and bomb-scarred landscape. Its brilliant red bloom, so much like the blood that had been shed, became a sign of hope and renewal for those who survived the battle. For those who would never leave, it was a perpetual memory to their bravery. In the minds of the doughboys of World War I, it became the symbol of the sacrifice they had endured.

American veterans brought home the image of the poppy and planted it with the Auxiliary where it has bloomed every year as a reminder of those who service in the military. The Memorial Poppy contributions are devoted entirely to rehabilitation and assistance for veterans and their families.

For over 70 years, the American Legion Auxiliary has sponsored Poppy Day to remind America that millions have sacrificed their lives and health to keep America strong and free.

Everyone, whether or not they make a contribution, is encouraged to wear the poppy with dignity and pride, especially during the month of May and on Memorial Day. Donations to the American Legion of any amount are welcome.

Vets make the poppies and he or she only earned 10 cents for each poppy assembled. After the Auxiliary gets contributions, 10% from the proceeds are donated. The money that remains after the donation is put into the welfare fund where it is used to benefit other veteran programs.

Poppies are available at various locations as well as at Post 377.

Post 377 Auxiliary has begun to sell poppies with sales culminating in a Memorial Day ceremony at Sunland Park.

Another event to enjoy is Kentucky Derby Day at 2 p.m. on May 6, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 377. It’s a fun horse race game where money can be won!

Another birthday celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 and offers food and live entertainment.

Submitted by Katie O'BRIEN

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stories from his ancestors, but was shocked that he had not heard of the Armenian Genocide until he was in college.

Former mayor and Glendale City Councilman Ardy Kassakhian rhetorically asked why Armenians “dwell” on the past.

“Unfortunately, we are presently bearing witness to the answer to the question of ‘why,’” he said. “Today we see that silence of the world [of the Armenian Genocide] has emboldened the very same countries, the very same nations, that tried to eradicate the Armenian nation to take another attempt at genocide. Thousands of miles away in the mountains of Artsakh, as we speak, families are surrounded by the forces of Azerbaijan and so called ‘environmental protestors’ who are engaged in a modern day siege. Their goal is to either starve or force out the people of Artsakh from the lands they have lived on for thousands of years. Today’s event is as much about the past as it is about the present day.”

The event included a tribute to Artsakh, a preview of the documentary “Aurora’s Sunrise” and a “keynote conversation” with Joe Manganiello.

Next week CVW will share those stories.

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