

## Council Bids Farewell to Devine

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council met on Tuesday night to conduct normal business and later to receive the official results of the most recent election and to swear in two members. Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian was re-elected to his second term on the Council; he was first elected as Glendale's city clerk in 2005 and served in that capacity until his election to the Council in 2020. Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian was previously elected to the Council in 2015 and served one term. He was voted back onto the Council in the March 5 election.

In his comments upon joining the newly configured Council, Gharpetian emphasized his passion for "building ownership housing. We owe it to our younger generation to build housing they can afford that lets them stay in Glendale" and for joint projects between the city and the school district in order to maximize the use of open and green space, especially in south Glendale.

Councilmember Kassakhian thanked everyone involved in his campaign.

"Now that the election is over, I'm hopeful that we can try and work toward what I believe is our common goal: making Glendale safe, prosperous, inviting and a place we can all be proud of." He concluded his remarks with this quote from Maya Angelou: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better."

Earlier in the evening, the Council recognized the importance of emergency dispatchers during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and proclaimed April as Armenian Genocide Commemoration and Armenian Heritage Month. Plans for the week of remembrance are posted on the city's website at [www.glendaleca.gov](http://www.glendaleca.gov).

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## Letting the Rain Run Through Our (Future) Drought Fingers

By Mary O'KEEFE

*With all of the recent rainfall, communities need to find ways to capture water to save it for non rainy days; however, that's easier said than done.*

Capturing rainwater has been a hot topic recently, now that California actually has measurable rainfall to capture, but for the Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) grabbing the rainwater before it goes out to sea has been something it has been planning for years.

This project was started by Dave Gould, former director of engineering and operations for CVWD. Regulatory and Public Affairs Manager Patrick Atwater has taken up that mantle.

The Crescenta Valley County Park Stormwater Recharge Facility Study Project was completed in 2017.

"The Crescenta Valley County Park



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
 Patrick Atwater from the CVWD stands next to the Verdugo Wash as water rushes by on its way to the sea.

Stormwater Recharge Facility Study (Project) is a grant-funded project to evaluate the feasibility of capturing stormwater and infiltrating it into the ground to augment local groundwater supplies. The Project is consistent with CVWD's long-term goal of increasing the recharge of stormwater into the Verdugo Groundwater Basin (Basin), thereby increasing the amount of groundwater available to CVWD's groundwater production

well and City of Glendale's groundwater production wells in the Basin. Recharging more stormwater would see WATER on page 9

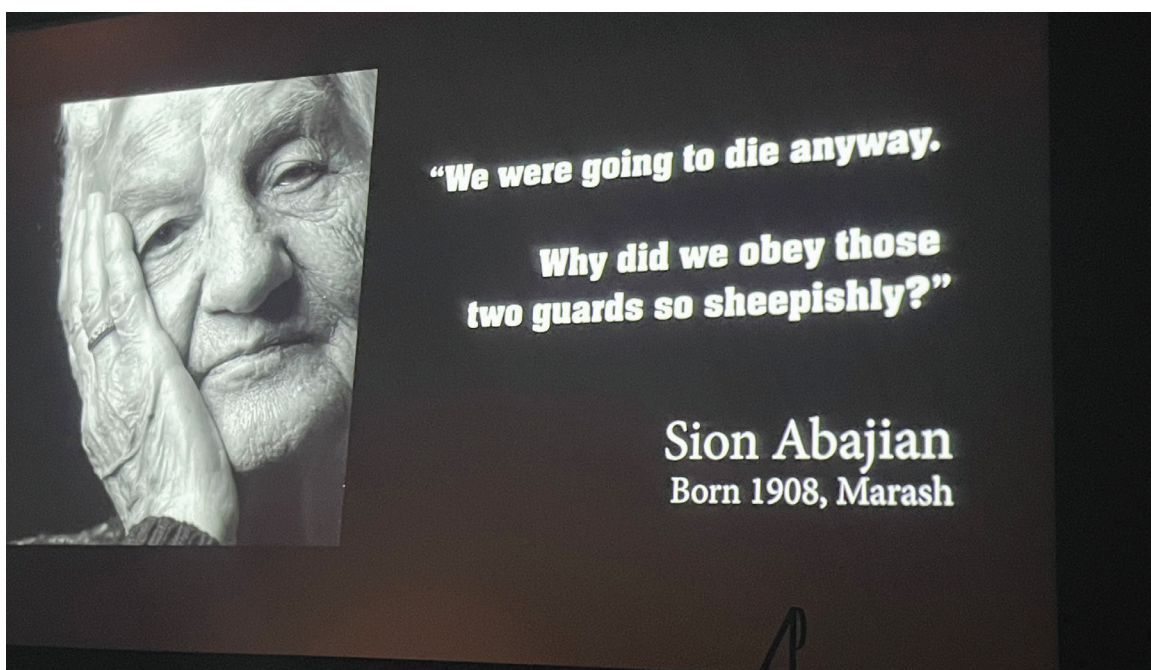
## A Time for Remembrance and to Honor – Armenian Genocide Remembrance Week

By Eliza PARTIKA

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Week will be commemorated in Glendale beginning April 20. This year's theme, "1.5 Million+," pays tribute to the enduring strength of survivors while honoring the memory of the countless victims of the 1915 Genocide.

"The theme this year incorporates both the memory of the lives lost in the 1915 Genocide as well as [acknowledging] the current blockade and unprovoked attacks from Azerbaijan," said City of Glendale Mayor Elen Asatryan, who helped organize this year's events. "We can no longer just commemorate the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 without speaking to the current

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At the 2023 Armenian Genocide Remembrance event held at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, slides were projected of the people who survived and those who perished during the 1915 Genocide. File photo



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Not Only in Arizona

After hearing that in Arizona a 160-year-old law is still on the books that bans abortion in just about every case I started thinking about weird laws that are still on the books in California. As an aside, it was decided that the Arizona abortion law is enforceable and, according to AP, “Arizona’s highest court suggested doctors can be prosecuted under the 1864 law, though the opinion written by the court’s majority didn’t explicitly say that.”

Hmmm.  
Moving along, here are some weird California laws that are still on the books (according to [www.bakersfielddefenseattorney.com](http://www.bakersfielddefenseattorney.com)):

**No Housecoats for Women Drivers** Women who are planning to drive in California should be sure to first change out of their housecoat. According to state law, it is against the law for a woman to drive a vehicle if she is wearing a housecoat. Men, however, can wear whatever the heck they want when behind the wheel.

**No Autonomous Vehicles Over 60 MPH** Anyone who owns a self-driving car in California may want to keep their eyes on their speedometer. A recent law prohibits autonomous vehicles from driving over 60 miles per hour anywhere in the state. This law may seem reasonable for safety reasons, but it also limits the potential benefits of autonomous technology.

**No Kites Higher Than 10 Feet** Those who enjoy flying kites in California may want to keep them low. In Walnut, California, a city law forbids anyone from flying a kite higher than 10 feet off the ground. This law may be intended to prevent kites from interfering with power lines

or airplanes, but it also takes away some of the fun of kite flying.

**No Moth Hunting Under Street Lamps** People looking for a hobby in Los Angeles may want to avoid moth hunting. A city ordinance makes it illegal to hunt moths under street lamps. The reason for this law is unclear, but it may have something to do with protecting the moths or preventing vandalism.

**No Cursing on Mini Golf Courses** Mini golf can be a fun and relaxing activity, but not if you have a foul mouth. In Long Beach, a city law prohibits cursing on mini golf courses. This law may be aimed at maintaining a family-friendly atmosphere, but it also limits the freedom of expression of frustrated golfers.

**No Camels on Palm Canyon Drive** Those who have a pet camel in Palm Springs may want to avoid taking it for a walk on Palm Canyon Drive. A city law bans walking camels on this street between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. This law may have been enacted to prevent traffic jams or accidents caused by camels, but it also discriminates against camel owners.

I could go on but this is a pretty good representation of the cuckoo laws that California (like Arizona) still has on its books.

The question of course is: will they be enforced? If so, I better put away my housecoats if I intend to drive.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

There is something very strange occurring to some sea life in the Florida Keys. Several species of fish have been found in the ocean “spinning,” oftentimes to death.

I first learned about this issue in a report by Bill Weir, CNN’s chief climate correspondent. In his report, Weir interviewed long-time Florida scuba diver Gregg Furstenwerth who last fall began noticing this odd behavior by sea life when he saw stingrays swimming upside down. Then he saw giant groupers flailing on their sides and other species just spinning in the water.

Furstenwerth added he felt like the guy yelling from the ocean, “There is a problem!” and no one was listening; however, plenty of people are listening now as more reports of this strange spinning behavior, included by the sawfish, is reported.

The video, which you can find by searching the internet for spinning fish disease, is not just curious but frightening. We are, unfortunately, used to seeing beached whales but it is just terrifying to see a sawfish spinning around and around, then throwing itself onto the shore while still attempting to spin.

The smalltooth sawfish, by the way, is defined as an endangered species by the Federal Endangered Species Act and is a federally designated endangered species by Florida’s Endangered and Threatened Species Rule.

However, sawfish are dying due to this terrible and mysterious disease; I say disease because no one is exactly sure if it is a disease that is causing this behavior.

Scientists have looked into low oxygen in the water and red tides as possible causes but have pretty much ruled those out.

The images of these struggling fish just wouldn’t leave my mind. As I have stated in the past, I was raised as an empath – someone who always puts themselves in someone else’s shoes – even if they are fins. I just keep thinking of how scared these creatures must be.

At the moment, this is only occurring in the lower Florida Keys but knowing how nature is all connected it does make me wonder if this is a canary in the mine moment.

I reached out to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC).

“It has been in the lower [Florida] Keys and was first detected last year,” said Jonathan Veach, spokesman for FFWCC.

The Commission is working with other agencies including NOAA Fisheries and the University of South Alabama’s School of Marine and Environmental Sciences.

Veach said it is still not known what is causing this tragic behavior and they are still waiting for lab analysis to return.

“The behavior varies,” Veach added. “It doesn’t necessarily mean the spinning [will] always lead to death. It is unusual behavior over such a large area [that is] of concern.”

Unfortunately, most of the fish found suffering from this unusual behavior do die. The sightings were at first reported in the Florida Keys but there have been reports of this behavior all the way to Miami.

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

## The absorption rate is a critical metric in understanding the dynamics of the real estate market

La Crescenta   By The Numbers   YTD 2024							
HarbandCo.com							
Month	# Sold Homes	Avg. Price Per SQ FT	DOM	Avg. Sale Price	SP%LP	Abs. Rate	Median
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February	9	\$856.68	30	\$1,209,111	103.00%	1.78%	\$1,200,000
March	14	\$744.43	29	\$1,340,571	107.00%	1.07%	\$1,325,000

The La Crescenta absorption rate of 1.02% indicates that if no new listings were added, the inventory would be depleted in just over one month.

The 1.07% absorption rate in La Cañada indicates the same.

La Cañada   By The Numbers   YTD 2024							
HarbandCo.com							
Month	# Sold Homes	Avg. Price Per SQ FT	DOM	Avg. Sale Price	SP%LP	Abs. Rate	Median
January	3	\$848.19	19	\$2,756,667	97.80%	7.33%	\$2,400,000
February	8	\$960.57	49	\$3,096,000	99.50%	2.75%	\$3,133,250
March	12	\$994.55	66	\$3,471,833	102.10%	1.42%	\$2,650,000

When the absorption rate is (less than five months), it indicates a seller's market. Sellers have the upper hand as demand exceeds supply, allowing them to potentially command higher prices and receive multiple offers. Buyers, on the other hand, face increased competition and may need to act aggressively to secure a property.

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# New Members Sworn in to GUSD Board of Education



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Serving the school district are (seated from left) board members Ingrid Gunnell, President Shant Sahakian and Kathleen Cross. Standing are (from left) Telly Tse, Superintendent Darneika Watson and Neda Farid.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale Unified School District Board of Education welcomed two newly elected members and said goodbye to two longtime board members Nayiri Nahabedian and Jennifer Freemon.

On the evening of April 4 there was time set aside for those in the district and parents and community members to say goodbye and thank two outgoing GUSD board members who have seen a lot during their tenure on the board of education.

Nayiri Nahabedian has been on the board for about 16 years. As a leader she has guided the district through several storms, like a pandemic, budget cuts and unrest, and has also been personally available to parents and students.

During the goodbye reception, which was held at the district office, two moms were among the many who stood up to thank Nahabedian for her leadership and support.

"We are just two moms," said one of the speakers as a way of introduction.

She then praised Nahabedian for keeping her composure and complimented her on how she "handled [herself] with grace, poise and compassion." She shared how, as students began to return to school after COVID-19, she was very worried about her child, who is autistic. She told the audience that Nahabedian spent time with her and other parents and made sure to answer

"every single concern" and included all parents and students in the conversation regarding returning to local campuses.

The moms also thanked Freemon for her constant support as well and praised her for the way she handled recent volatile issues at GUSD meetings.

Particularly poignant was when Freemon's husband, and Crescenta Valley High School teacher, Allan Freemon said from the podium how his wife always fights for justice. He praised her for standing steadfast and fighting for justice and what was right.

"You are the most honorable person I know," he said.

At the regular GUSD board of education meeting on April 9, two new board members were sworn in to fill the seats vacated by Nahabedian and Freemon and a new president was announced.

Neda Farid won the recent election to represent District Area E and Telly Tse won for District Area A, which encompasses the Crescenta Valley area.

Farid is well known in the district. She has been at the podium several times as the Glendale Council PTA president and board member of the Glendale Educational Foundation and its Character and Ethics Project. She is a founding member of GUSD's Restorative Practices Task Force and a member of the superintendent's Facilities Advisory Committee. She is also a parent of a GUSD graduate.

Tse is a special education teacher in the Beverly Hills Unified School District and a

parent of two kids in GUSD schools. He is also an active volunteer within his community.

All board members work together to benefit the district as a whole; however, they also focus on particular schools within the areas they represent. For Farid that will include Hoover High School, Daily High/Verdugo Academy and Wilson, Balboa, Cerritos, Franklin and Valley View elementary schools.

For Tse that includes Crescenta Valley High School and Daily High/Verdugo Academy, and La Crescenta, Mountain, Edison and Muir elementary schools.

Both Tse and Farid will also cover College View/FACTS/Cloud Preschool.

At the April 9 board meeting it was also time to choose a new president. That position went to Shant Sahakian who was elected to the board in 2017. He is a GUSD alumnus and has two children within the Glendale school district.

"He is an advocate for healthy, safe and inclusive schools for all and is deeply committed to responsible governance, transparency and accountability. In addition to serving locally, Mr. Sahakian represents GUSD and surrounding school districts at the state level as a member of the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly," according to a GUSD statement.

## IN BRIEF

### CVTC GENERAL MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

Among the agenda items are presentations by local civic organizations and the election of a president as the seat is vacant.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday, April 21. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. and not in front of neighbors' homes. Those with

mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

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

### CVCA TO MEET APRIL 25

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

All are welcome.

### RETIRING OLD AMERICAN FLAGS

The community is reminded that a collection container for American flags that are old, tattered and/or need to be retired is located on the front porch of the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. Veterans will retire the flags with respect.

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NOTES & NODS

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

A well-received program is returning to Lutheran Church in the Foothills. “A Christian Conversation on the Issues of Religion and Science” is led by Dr. Henry Fliegel, an astronomer and experienced presenter of biblical issues. The discussion group explores the intersection of faith, science and reason. The group meets every Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the LCIF conference room. No background is needed, just curiosity.

In addition, LCIF will hold an informational meeting for a planned pilgrimage to Greece that includes a Mediterranean cruise. Would-be travelers can learn more on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the LCIF conference room. The trip, coordinated by LCIF Pastor Rick Hall and Pastor Tim Singleton of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church-La Crescenta, will take place May 12-23, 2025 and will retrace the footsteps of the Apostle Paul.

Sunday worship at LCIF with Pastor Hall continues to include programming for young children. Children’s Church is offered during 10 a.m. worship. Families should meet in the church’s sanctuary. After a message for the children, the kids head to the Youth Room for games, crafts and study.

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 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration Open for ‘The Art of Fatherhood’

Registration is open for the “The Art of Fatherhood: Fearless Fatherhood Through Authentic Identity,” offered to dads through La Cañada Presbyterian Church’s Parent Education Program.

The four-week Parent Express class will meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. to May 1 (with an optional dinner served at 6:15 p.m.), and is open to all dads, regardless of their children’s ages.

Inspired by Jamie Winship’s “Living Fearless,” this program is your guide to:

The class will meet in Pastor Chuck Osburn’s backyard in La Cañada with the option to arrive at 6:15 p.m. for social time and dinner. The \$100 registration fee includes four nights of fatherhood support with other dads plus beer, pizza and a free copy of the book “Living Fearless” by former FBI agent Jamie Winship.

To register, visit <https://parented.jumbula.com/Classesfor20232024/TheArtofFatherhoodSpring2024>. For more information, call (818) 790-6708 x 205.

La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

Mt. Olive Offers Community Luncheon, Breakfast Bible Study

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church reminds the public that all are invited to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Dr., Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The Book of Ephesians is currently being studied. The church also hosts a community

luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month through May. There is “wonderful food and amazing entertainment.” Cost is just \$5. All are invited.

All Invited to Support Group

Around the Rainbow, a support group for families of LGBTQIA individuals, meets monthly on the first and third Tuesday nights at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose in room 24: church narthex. Gathering is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, contact Jo Ann Stupakis at [jostupakis@yahoo.com](mailto:jostupakis@yahoo.com).

Walk and Word

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 21 and 28. 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.

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

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



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# Armenian History Celebration Held

By Michelle GANIAN

On April 13, Glendale Library Arts and Culture (GLAC) organized its second annual Armenian History Celebration event as part of Armenian History Month at Pacific Community Center and Park in Glendale. The theme of the event was *armat*, which means “root” in Armenian. As a result, GLAC chose the pomegranate tree as a symbol honoring the shared roots of Armenian heritage in Glendale. A pomegranate “wishing tree” was also displayed where attendees could write out a simple wish on pomegranate cutouts and hang them on the tree.

The venue included tables from many Armenian exhibitors and organizations including the USC Dornsife School of Armenian Studies, the International Armenian Literary Alliance, Armenian Vegans of LA, Abril Bookstore, as well as featuring many talented artists and designers who showcased some of their works. There were also arts and crafts tables to keep kids busy and entertained, and coffee and pastries courtesy of Urartu Coffee.

The event began with children’s Armenian story time then welcome words were said. Glendale Poet Laureate Raffi Joe Wartanian presented his original poetry inspired by the nature and ruins of Western Armenia, now present day Turkey. Chef Ara Zada, who featured his cooking on PBS and Fox Good Day LA, prepared summer dolma, a popular Armenian dish made of beef, rice and herbs cooked inside tomatoes and green and red peppers. He is also the author of Lavash, a staple of Armenian cuisine with a modern twist.

The event concluded with musicians, singers and dancers of Lernazang Ensemble presenting a suite of musical works, songs and dances evoking the memory of the lost homeland of Western Armenia.

Armenian History Month is centered around April 24, Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. The themes of life and rebirth were well represented in Armenian song, dance and music on April 13.

# Fond Farewell for Former Councilmember

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Assemblymember and former councilmember Laura Friedman (left) presents a certificate to outgoing councilmember Paula Devine

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By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

representatives.

Devine has been a resident of Glendale for more than 40 years. She is active in supporting the non-profit sector and can often be found at non-profit events including the Soroptomist Bras for a Cause and donating toys for the annual Montrose Shopping Park tree lighting. She has earned awards as woman of the year from Congressman Adam Schiff and the Glendale Latino Association, volunteer of the year from the Glendale Association of Realtors and the Heart and Excellence Award from the YWCA, among others.

Devine was elected to the Glendale City Council in 2014 and served as mayor in 2016 and 2021. She represented Glendale on the Hollywood Burbank Airport Authority, the Energy and Environment Committee for the Southern California Association of Governments and the Arroyo Verdugo Joint Powers Authority.

A farewell reception was held on the afternoon of April 4 in the community room of the Glendale Police Dept. for outgoing councilmember and former mayor Paula Devine. Devine, who did not seek re-election, was lauded for her years of service to the City of Glendale. Emceeding the event was city manager Roubik Golanian.

Among the dignitaries who attended the event were Vrej Agajanian, who previously shared the council dais with Devine, current councilmember Ara Najarian and immediate past mayor Dan Brotman. In addition, current police chief Manny Cid and previous police chief Carl Povilaitis were on hand as was Assemblymember Laura Friedman, who is also a former City of Glendale councilmember and mayor.

Devine was also presented with various certificates from dignitaries and their



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# Pasadena Police Seek Sexual Assault Suspect

On Saturday, April 13 at approximately 8:40 p.m., Pasadena police received a call of a sexual assault outside a business on Sierra Madre Villa Avenue, north of Foothill Boulevard. The victim was sitting in her vehicle when a male suspect entered her car. The suspect threatened the victim with a knife and forced her to drive to another location where he sexually assaulted her. The victim managed to fend off the suspect and called 9-1-1. The suspect immediately fled the area. The suspect is described as a Black male, approximately 30-40 years old, 6' tall, heavy set, was

wearing a black face-covering, a gray hooded rain jacket, light blue jeans, black shoes and armed with a folding knife. The suspect also has a distinctive raspy voice and is possibly a transient. Anyone with information about this assault is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police Dept. at (626) 744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), via a smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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be taken to applications. The Hometown Country Fair, one of the most popular events hosted by the CV Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. It is free to attend and among the activities are a car show that pays tribute to the 60th

anniversary of the Ford Mustang in addition to saluting fin cars from 1956-1962. There will also be a petting zoo, food trucks, first responders, inflatable jumpers for the kids and more. For questions, contact the CV Chamber of Commerce at (818) 248-4957 or email [info@crescentavalleychamber.org](mailto:info@crescentavalleychamber.org).

## Obituary

### Marilyn Ann Neuharth Cable



June 27, 1931 – April 10, 2024 Marilyn Ann Neuharth Cable of La Crescenta, a vibrant soul who graced this world for 92 years, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 10 in La Crescenta. Born to Phillip and Emma Neuharth on June 27, 1931 on the cold and windy plains of Bismark, North Dakota, she

moved west with her family to the dry heat of Lancaster, California in 1951 where her father Phillip managed the JCPenney store. Marilyn is survived by her husband Bob, with whom she shared 68 years of marriage. Marilyn and Bob met across a chess board at a college chess club. Family lore says she pretended to sprain her ankle allowing Bob to carry her home. They married on May 8, 1955 and settled in La Crescenta. Marilyn and Bob hosted many lively parties and events surrounded by good friends, food and family. Marilyn loved sailing, dancing, drumming, t'ai chi, dogs (small, furry and the louder the better), Greek music (also the louder the better), good parties (loud is good), her volunteer work (not loud but definitely good), a family card game, a fresh cup of coffee and supporting her community. She was a devoted member of The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta AM for

over 30 years. Her colorful wardrobe reflected her lively personality. Marilyn's legacy lies in the simple pleasures she cherished – a life well-lived. Marilyn is survived by her three children: Jane Schmidt (Terry) of Mansfield Texas, Hillarie Dickinson (Ken) of La Crescenta, and Colin Cable of La Crescenta. The laughter and support of her four grandchildren – Cary, Melissa, Kyle and Jay – brought joy to her life. Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents Phillip Neuharth and Emma Lasher Neuharth, and her sister Mavis Neuharth Schmid. Rest in peace, Marilyn. Your spirit lives on in our hearts. A celebration of life is planned for May 5 at the home of her son Colin Cable. Further details will be provided soon. In lieu of flowers, donations to Pasadena Humane would be a fitting tribute to Marilyn's compassionate spirit.

# CRIME BLOTTER

**APRIL 12** 800 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a person/s smashed the driver's window and ransacked the interior of a company vehicle between 9:40 a.m. and 9:50 a.m.

2500 block of Manhattan Avenue in Montrose, a man parked his vehicle at the location and when he returned found the trunk was open and the battery in the trunk was disconnected. He also found the front passenger side window was shattered and items were stolen from the interior of the car. The incident occurred between April 12-14.

**APRIL 11** 5500 block of Vista Canada Place in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported hearing a "bang" sound coming from the bedroom at the rear of the residence. She walked to the bedroom and witnessed two men in front of the patio door. There was a hole in the window; she yelled at the suspects. She heard another bang and saw the two suspects run toward the front of the house. She noticed the patio glass door had been shattered. She then heard a car accelerating. Suspect 1 was described as a male adult about 6' tall with a medium build; he was wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants. Suspect 2 was

described as a male adult, about 5'10" tall with a medium build. At the time he was wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt. The incident occurred at 3:30 p.m. 2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported witnessing two suspects enter the store, walk to the liquor aisle and place bottles of alcohol into their pants. The suspects remained in the store for about 15 to 20 minutes before they exited with the stolen merchandise without attempting to pay for the items. Suspect 1 was described as a Black male in his early 30s, tall and heavy-set who had short black hair. At the time he was wearing a dark colored shirt and grey pants. Suspect 2 was described as a Black male in his 30s, tall with a heavy-set build and had his black hair tied into a ponytail. At the time he was wearing a white T-shirt and ripped blue jeans. The theft occurred at 8:12 p.m. 2200 block of Crescent Avenue in Montrose, after finding his vehicle vandalized, a man viewed surveillance footage of the area and witnessed a male adult wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black shorts who had a black backpack. The suspect was waving something in the air and talking to someone inside what the man believed was a tow

truck. After an investigation by deputies, a witness was found who stated he had received a phone call requesting a tow for a vehicle. The vehicle was described as the victim's car. When the tow truck driver arrived he was met by a man, later identified as Suspect 1, who walked to his truck then sat inside. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic wearing a black Adidas brand baseball hat, sunglasses, a black sweater, black pants, green/white shoes, and wearing a black backpack. The witness stated it appeared the man was under the influence and that he was drinking a beer. The suspect asked the witness to tow the car from its present location to an address in Sunland. The witness asked for identification that this was in fact the suspect's vehicle but the suspect became agitated and exited the truck. The suspect then grabbed a large rock and began hitting the victim's vehicle. He then ripped off the front license plate of the vehicle and kicked the rear driver's side bumper. The witness then saw the suspect walk through several nearby lawns; he recorded the suspect's actions and contacted law enforcement. It is the witness' belief the suspect was at first attempting to steal the victim's vehicle. The incident occurred at 4:15 p.m.



# Hundreds Turn Out for Brew Fest



The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber hit another homerun with the Annual Brew Fest held on April 7 in the 2100-2200 blocks of Honolulu Avenue. Twenty-one vendors – 15 breweries and six restaurants – gave ticketholders the chance to try a variety of food and beverages.

Local booths included Alissa’s Ocean View Bar & Grill, Toasted Café, Wild Acai and Gina Feeds Catering and Market.

An estimated 882 attendees took part in the festivities.

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Rachelle MILLER*

TOP LEFT: Fifteen breweries participated in Sunday’s event.

ABOVE: Steve and Christine Hernandez enjoyed the afternoon.

TOP RIGHT: Over 880 people crowded Honolulu Avenue.

LEFT: The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber hosted the popular event.

RIGHT: CVW advertising diva Lisa Stanners stood next to her company’s banner.

# All Invited to St. Luke’s 100<sup>th</sup> Year Kick Off Celebration



By Mary O’KEEFE

The public is invited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Luke’s of the Mountains Episcopal Church, the stone church, at a kick off event on April 20 at 4 p.m.

The church’s cornerstone was placed on April 20, 1924 after an effort by the community, led by famous artist Seymour Thomas, to bring an Episcopal church to the Crescenta Valley.

For 100 years, the stone church has been the center of La Crescenta where in addition to Episcopal services community meetings are held. Not uncommon are meetings of organizations like the Crescenta Valley Lions Club, CV High School Prom Plus and the CV Chamber of Commerce. The Crescenta Valley Town Council elections are held in the fellowship hall of the church.

All are welcome and invited to join the celebration on Saturday and to take a tour of this historical church.

St. Luke’s of the Mountains Episcopal Church is located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. at the northeast corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The church’s parking lot can be accessed off Cross Street.

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“We couldn’t be prouder to be honored with this designation again,” said Mark Young, general manager of Glendale Water & Power. “This is the culmination of dedicated employees who truly care about the power of our community and remaining reliable. This designation is not a final destination. We are committed to continuously improving our operations and service to our customers.”

# Vets Receive State Resolution



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY  
Commander Robert Wollenweber, left, receives a State Resolution from State Senator Anthony Portantino recognizing 100 years of service by the American Legion.

At the monthly breakfast of the VFW and American Legion held on Saturday, April 13, American Legion Post 288 received a resolution from State Senator Anthony Portantino who was one of several dozen guests who enjoyed breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall.

The breakfasts, which are held monthly on the second Saturday, are free to supporters of the VFW and/or American Legion and active and retired military personnel.

In addition to the resolution,

presented to the Legion in recognition of 100 years of service to the community, several speakers shared stories of their involvement in past wars. One speaker, John Wray, shared the history of his mother, who was a WASP (Women’s Air Force Service Pilots).

“I thought everyone’s mom was a pilot,” Wray shared with the crowd. “It wasn’t until I was much older that I found out that wasn’t the case.”

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

# City of Glendale Hosting Earth Month Events

In April, the City of Glendale and the Office of Sustainability invite the community to celebrate Earth Month through a series of environmentally conscious events and initiatives. Themed “Reconnect with the Earth,” this year’s Earth Month Fest aims to inspire residents to embrace environmental stewardship, deepen their understanding of the planet, and actively participate in sustainable practices.

The cornerstone event, the Earth Day Fair, is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 at Verdugo Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This zero-waste fair promises a fun day for families, kids, teens and adults, featuring a variety of activities including educational activities, interactive games, rock climbing, face painting, carnival games and more.

Attendees will also enjoy performances by “We Tell Stories” and the “SoCal Mobile Zoo,” showcasing cool critters. Over 30 booths from vendors and community groups will be present, alongside food trucks offering delicious eats. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, containers, cutlery, and to come the fair by walking, biking and public transit in honor of Earth Day and to obtain bonus tickets for opportunity draws throughout the day.

The Earth Month Fest doesn’t stop with the Earth Day Fair. Glendale residents have a plethora of opportunities to engage with their environment throughout April and into May. Highlights include:

Friday Night Lecture – Get the Dirt on Dirt: Delve into the fascinating world of soil, one of our most valuable natural resources on Saturday, April 19 at Stone Barn Nature Center from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration required.

Guided Hike Through the Sycamore Canyon Wildlife Corridor: Discover Glendale’s natural beauty and wildlife corridors with a guided hike with the Arroyos Foothill Conservancy on Saturday, May 4 at the Sycamore Canyon Preserve from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration required.

For the full schedule of Earth Month events and activities, including how to register for specific events, visit [GlendaleCA.gov/EarthDay](http://GlendaleCA.gov/EarthDay).

The Office of Sustainability can be contacted through email at [Sustainability@GlendaleCA.gov](mailto:Sustainability@GlendaleCA.gov) or by calling (818) 548-4844, option 2. More information of the Office of Sustainability can be found at [GlendaleCA.gov/Sustainability](http://GlendaleCA.gov/Sustainability).

# Supervisor Barger Responds to Rental Housing Habitability Program

Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger issued the following statement after the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to implement the Rental Housing Habitability Program, a new rental unit inspection program for rental properties in unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County:

“This new program is ultimately about helping renters have a safe, clean space to call home, which I support.

“But we need accountability on all sides and for all parties. As this program is implemented, I will closely track its roll out of timely inspections. Our County will have a duty to deliver rental unit inspections as promised.

I also want a balanced approach to be implemented when solving rental unit deficiencies. Landlords need to be held accountable, but I’ve also heard loud and clear from small mom and pop landlords who are struggling to keep their rental properties afloat. I’m concerned that adding an annual inspection fee is one more financial burden they will need to shoulder. So, as this new program is further designed and rolled out, I will track the resources that are put in place to support landlords – like sliding scales and help for those who can’t afford repairs.

“The last thing I want is for mom and pop landlords to buckle under the added financial obligations of this new program and either take their properties off the rental market or sell to large scale developers. A balanced roll out of this program will help us proactively fend off gentrification and loss of rental units during a housing crisis. We need to get this right.”

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Councilmember Paula Devine made her final comments before leaving the Council, reviewing her 10 years on the Council, the years before and offering her advice to the newly seated Council.

“Think like a teacher,” she said, recalling her years as a teacher before her retirement and focusing on volunteering in the city. Ask what you would want as a constituent and listen to everyone and respond to everyone, she implored her colleagues.

“The role of government is to make the lives of people better,” Devine said before listing some of the accomplishments she is most proud of: battery-operated leaf blowers she first suggested, which led to Glendale being declared the largest green zone in the country; the elimination of single-use plastics; the Grayson Repowering Project and the Scholl Canyon Biogas project, which will bring “clean and reliable energy to our residents for many years to come.”

Devine also thanked city staff. “You’ve been doing more with less for years,” she said.

To the Council, she said, “It’s about our residents and not ourselves – it’s nice to be important but it’s more important to be nice.”

To the public, she urged, “Make your voices heard – you matter and, after all, the Council is here to make decisions that will impact your lives. So show up and fight for what you think is right.”

Devine concluded her comments, emotion choking her voice, then dropped her pen and exited the Council chambers.

Councilmember Ara Najarian announced that Earth Day is Monday, April 22 and that on that day riding on either Metrolink or the Metro bus and rail system would be free.

“You can take transit basically anywhere in the county and save Mother Earth,” said Najarian.

Returning to the debate of April 4 regarding the process of selecting a mayor, Najarian announced that he has officially notified the city that he is claiming “whistleblower status.” A whistleblower, he said, is someone who reports the violation of federal, state or local laws and there are protections that apply and that he is protected from retaliation under California labor law.

Mayor Elen Asatryan announced that she is moving public comments back to the beginning of the council meeting during the community events section of the council agenda for individuals willing to limit their comments to three minutes. She further indicated an ongoing interest in exploring other cities’ best practices for oral communications.

The council approved the purchase of a new helicopter to replace the fleet’s oldest. Glendale and Burbank have operated the Police Joint Air Support Unit in official partnership since 2007, sharing the costs equally. They operate three helicopters on a depreciation schedule of 20 years or 15,000 hours, whichever comes first. The helicopter being replaced is 26 years old. A second is nearing the end of its useful service.

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WATER from Cover

give CVWD access to more lower-cost local groundwater and help reduce the amount of more expensive imported water that CVWD must purchase,” according to the study.

On a recent rainy day, Atwater walked with CVW along the Verdugo Wash near CV Park.

“We would put a pipe here [near the dog park] and another one down the wash,” Atwater said. “The water that would be captured would go into the groundwater.”

For many years the Crescenta Valley had a healthy supply of groundwater, which helped residents because CVWD had to purchase less water from Metropolitan Water, thereby keeping water charges low. The area used to be more water self-reliant but, as the drought continued, the groundwater supply was reduced.

As Atwater walked along the wash, water rushed past – a lot

of water. It would seem natural, especially since earlier this month Gov. Gavin Newsom released the state’s updated Water Plan, to boost the ability to capture and store water for when dry times return. Since the state is flush [no pun intended] with rainwater this capture plan would be welcomed by all ... except this is California where gold fever may have been historically dazzling; however, the real wealth is in water rights.

The water, Atwater explained, that flows down the Verdugo Wash through La Crescenta and Glendale unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County belongs to Los Angeles.

“The [rainwater] goes down the wash to the LA River and then out to the ocean,” Atwater explained.

“We’ve all seen water flowing down the streets when it rains,” said CVWD Board President Sharon Raghavachary.

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GENOCIDE from Cover

genocide that’s taking place and the displacement of Armenians [as] their ancestral lands are blocked off,” she said.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian said though President Biden very recently recognized the 1915 Genocide, the overall silence of the world on the current conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan is a reason to educate the non-Armenian community about the Genocide and the current atrocities.

“It’s a reminder that we’re not that far removed from our past even though it was over 100 years ago. Nor are we safe from it occurring again. So those are issues that I think are prevalent in the minds of a lot of Armenians,” Kassakhian said. “And I think that perhaps this is a good time for a lot of non-Armenians who are unaware of what happened in Artsakh to be reminded – [though] there is a

war happening in Ukraine with civilian populations under threat of murder and and war crimes; there is the war and the attacks on Gaza by the Israeli Defense Forces along with the Oct. 7 attacks on Israeli civilians by Hamas; but in-between all of these events, and actually predating [these events], was what happened in Armenia, in Artsakh.”

In addition, a lack of accountability by the perpetrators of genocide in Armenia perpetuates trauma for many Armenians in the diaspora, said Kassakhian.

“I think there’s also an attempt by many Armenians – not an attempt but a sense – that because the genocide ... issue was never resolved in terms of the perpetrators making amends, apologizing ... that the prospect of another genocide always looms over the Armenian people,” he said.

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# A Walk Through Montrose in 1929 (Part 4)

We continue our trip back in time with a walk through Montrose in 1929. Last week we were in the Montrose Hotel (now Andersen's Pet Shop). We're back on the sidewalk on the south side of Honolulu Avenue in front of the hotel. We stand still and take a look around.

Having just come from Montrose in the present, the most glaring difference we notice is the lack of shade in 1929 Montrose. There are no street trees at all and the bright sun glares down on the stores. Most of the stores have ample canvas awnings over their front façade to provide some shade. Some of the awnings are retractable and in fact we can hear the squeak-squeak sound of one of the stores down the way cranking out his awning for the day.

We notice another thing we don't see in modern Montrose. Looking down at the ground we notice big oil stains where the cars

park. Three distinct stains in each unoccupied parking spot – engine, transmission and rear differential. Those old cars leaked more than cars do today.

The street is wide as there isn't the landscaping we enjoy in the present. And it's all nose-in parking, the cars made up mostly of Ford Model Ts, a few Model As, and a smattering of other brands.

We also notice the streetlights. They look like the same ones we have in modern Montrose! But we remember that the ones we have now are reproductions of the streetlights that Montrose had in the '20s.

Looking up we see a heavy wire strung across the street. It's held up by poles on either side. In the center of the wire over the street is a big wooden sign spelling out Montrose in big white letters. We can see it also has small colored lightbulbs outlining each letter. Around the M-O-N-T are green

lightbulbs, and around the R-O-S-E are red lightbulbs. Below the wooden Montrose sign hangs another sign proclaiming, "The gateway of the Verdugo Hills." The two signs swing in the wind and we think to ourselves that these hanging electric signs couldn't last too long in our strong Santa Ana winds.

We look directly across the street at a big two-story brick building (that's the Black Cow restaurant today). The bottom floor appears to be a car dealership. We see two cars inside the building, both big sedans. It's the Fairbanks and Fee Pontiac dealership. We look at the windows of the second floor (windows are now stuccoed over) and we can see it's an office. Writing on the window tells us it's the office of Dr. Longman, dentist.

We look to the right of the car dealership and there's a single-story store selling radios (now the Star Café). It's distinctive in that

it has a tall radio tower on its roof. We look to the left of the two-story car dealership and there's another single-story store (now Technix Academy and Nix Marie dress shop). One side of the store is a laundry service and the other is a jewelry store.

Next to that (where Lost Books is) is a vacant lot. On one side of the vacant lot is a tiny whitewashed shack with a front door and two small windows. A blade sign over the front door says, Abe's Shoe Shine and hanging below that a key-shaped sign that says Keys. A Black man is out in front of the building sweeping the sidewalk. That's Abe Williams, the owner. (Abe's Shoe Shine became Abe's Lock and Key, still in business today, further down the street. It was remarkable in that it was a Black-owned business in a very White community!)

Sharing the vacant lot (where Lost Books is) is a tiny building

on wooden skids, parked in the dirt of the lot. That's the office of Andy's Transfer (still in business on Verdugo Road). Their office is on skids so they can drag it easily to another vacant lot when the current one is developed.

Next week we'll continue walking west on Honolulu in our time-travel adventure.



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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

# A Novel Idea: Our Food Shouldn't Give Us Cancer or Parkinson's Disease

California's Central Valley is our nation's breadbasket. After all, it's the world's fifth largest supplier of food and agricultural commodities. California is also the nation's top user of paraquat, a weed killer long linked to Parkinson's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and

childhood leukemia. Paraquat is so toxic that more than 60 countries already ban its use. And the United States is fully aware of its adverse health effects on those who come into contact with it. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) bars its use on golf courses so that golfers

can't come into casual contact with the herbicide/weed killer but, paradoxically, permits its spraying on the food crops we all come into contact with on a daily basis.

The Food and Drug Administration may not be ready to ban paraquat but it is time for the use of this toxic weed killer to come to an end.

California has been a trailblazer when it comes to protecting consumers. We've been out front in banning carcinogens, endocrine- and hormone-disrupting chemicals, and other toxic chemicals that work their way up the food chain or into our homes and environment. I've authored many of those bills. And this year I introduced AB 1963 to end the use of paraquat in California.

Paraquat is used mostly as an agricultural herbicide/weed killer, which means its use is concentrated in poor rural communities. Seasonal agricultural workers endure some of the most brutal environmental working conditions in the state; summer temperatures in California's Central Valley can be unrelenting, hanging in the high 90s and low 100s, but can soar above 110 degrees for weeks at a time. This vital workforce is also composed nearly entirely of undocumented

or first-generation Latino immigrants who work for low wages in fields saturated by paraquat, often without access to quality health care. That lack of health care should not be compounded by work-related Parkinson's disease. Due to the nexus of the usage areas of paraquat (agricultural fields where paraquat is sprayed) and the neighboring communities that paraquat drifts toward (largely Latino communities that work the surrounding fields), paraquat's effects are mostly borne by the Latino community.

Parkinson's disease is a progressive brain disorder that slowly worsens over time. Slight tremors in the limbs devolve into immutable shaking and worsening balance eventually impairs a person's ability to move or walk. Weakening muscles steal patients' voices. While we don't have a cure for the disease we can lessen the incidence rate for agricultural workers. And the science is telling us it is no small problem.

Studies have found that workers who handle paraquat are not only more than twice as likely to develop Parkinson's disease than those who apply other pesticides, but also revealed a 64% increase in the risk of Parkinson's disease linked to exposure to paraquat. Quite simply, California cannot

ignore decades of mounting evidence linking paraquat exposure to Parkinson's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and childhood leukemia.

For years, the Swiss-based (now Chinese-owned) chemical giant Syngenta, the primary manufacturer of paraquat, was aware of the health hazards associated with the chemical, including its correlation with Parkinson's disease. Instead of disclosing this crucial information to the public and the EPA, Syngenta, much like Phillip Morris once did with tobacco, spent decades concealing crucial information and undermining independent research, which in Syngenta's case showed a link between exposure to paraquat and Parkinson's.

Knowing all of this and that there are safer pesticides available and widely used in other countries, it is inconceivable that paraquat's use is still permitted here. It is time to join more than 60 other countries and end the sale of paraquat in California by passing AB 1963.

What are your thoughts on AB 1963? As always, I'd like to hear your thoughts on our budget, legislation, or any general comments or concerns. You can reach my District Office at (818) 558-3043, or by email at Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### International Noise Awareness Day

Wednesday, April 24 is International Noise Awareness Day, a global campaign organized by the Center for Hearing and Communication. Unless or until our hearing is impacted or we start to feel the accumulated negative

impacts from a persistent noise source we tend to overlook the discomfort and eventual harm of unwanted noise on people, animals and the ecosystem. The air and soundscape we share as a community does not belong to any one individual or group.

I believe we have a civic and

moral obligation to use the public commons in ways that do not distract or injure others.

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Nalini Lasiewicz  
La Cañada Flintridge



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Wanted: Chili Cookoff Participants

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is seeking the best chili chefs in the Foothills for its 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament and Chili Cookoff Fundraiser on Saturday, May 4. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place. The first place champion will also receive a commemorative apron. Entrants should bring at least two gallons of chili, hot and ready to serve, warming equipment to keep it hot, and a serving spoon. Bring toppings for chili (optional). Pop-up tent, table, chair and electricity provided. Tastings are from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. Entry fee: \$20. For more information visit: [cclcf.org/events](http://cclcf.org/events).

## MONA Launches Community Beacons



The Museum of Neon Art (MONA) announced the launch of Community Beacons, a digital guide that highlights signage in LA County that has been preserved in place. This project is grant funded through The National Trust for Historic Preservation and will be available on the Bloomberg Connects app. MONA will host several in-person events to celebrate this launch, including exclusive access to historic locations, historical talks and meet and greets with business owners and neon preservationists. On April 12 from 6:45-8 p.m., journey on the historic past with “Shining a Light on New Chinatown” with Celeste Hong, Paul Greenstien and Dydia DeLyser. Cost is \$30 per person.

On April 27 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. there is a walking tour with MONA and the Echo Park Historical Society. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information on these,

visit <https://store.neonmona.org/collections/neon-cruises>.

MONA’s Community Beacons digital guide features historic photographs, video and audio to highlight the historical signage that The Museum of Neon Art has helped to preserve or advocate for across LA County. The launch of this guide features five sites.

“It is exciting to use technology to create a guide that expands access to parts of our collective community legacy. When the signs we are featuring were installed they were the height of technology, and one of the most efficient ways to communicate. Now thanks to the work of a community of volunteers, advocates, and preservationists we can find a new way to celebrate these glittering beacons to Los Angeles,” said MONA Executive Director Corrie Siegel.

“Signs in situ teach us about the history of communities and represent

the endurance of cultural history through changing communities. Having signs work, let alone stand, is no small feat. Through these five signs we celebrate collaboration, we celebrate the craft, we celebrate light and life,” said MONA researcher and educator Maya Abee, who managed the Community Beacons project.

MONA has preserved signage from Southern California since 1981. Its collection is on view at its Glendale Museum and Universal City Walk. In addition to preserving signage in its collection, the museum has been actively involved in protecting, advocating for and relighting signs in the Los Angeles County landscape. MONA has worked in collaboration with the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, preservationists, business owners and civic officials to keep historic signage in place. MONA has helped to keep over 500 signs in the LA Landscape illuminated since the 1990s.

## William Archila, Mandy Kahn at Village Poets for National Poetry Month

Village Poets will host poets Mandy Kahn and William Archila for National Poetry Month at Village Poets on Sunday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. These two writers are well known in the Los Angeles area and beyond.

Archila is the winner of the 2023 Philip Levine Prize for Poetry for his collection *S is For*. His book, *The Gravedigger’s Archaeology*, won the Letras Latinas/Red Hen Poetry Prize and *The Art of Exile* won an International Latino Book Award. He was awarded the 2023 Jack Hauser fellowship and the Alan Collins Scholarship at the Bread Loaf Writers Conference. He has been published in *Poetry Magazine*, *The American Poetry Review*, *AGNI*, *Conjunctions*, *Colorado Review*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The Missouri Review*, *Pleiades* and *Prairie Schooner* and the anthologies *The BreakBeat Poets Vol. 4:*

*LatiNext*, *Theatre Under My Skin: Contemporary Salvadoran Poetry*, and *The Wandering Song: Central American Writing in the United States*. He is a PEN Center USA West Emerging Voices fellow. He lives in Los Angeles on Tongva land. He has work forthcoming in *Copper Nickle*, *Southern Indiana Review*, *The Georgia Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Salamander* and *Guesthouse*.

Kahn is the author of three poetry collections: *Holy Doors* (2023), *Glenn Gould’s Chair* (2017) and *Math, Heaven, Time* (2014). Her poems have been included in the *Best American Poetry* anthology series, have been read on BBC Radio, and have been featured in the national newspaper column *American Life in Poetry*. She has given readings at Cambridge University, the Getty Museum, MOCA and the Barrick Museum, has been profiled in the magazines

*Flaunt*, *Issue* and *Malibu*, and has been interviewed by *The Los Angeles Review of Books*. She’s also the subject of Courtney Sell’s feature-length documentary *Peace Piece: The Immersive Poems of Mandy Kahn*. Kahn holds a degree in English from UC Berkeley. She lives in Los Angeles where she serves as writer-in-residence at the Philosophical Research Society.

Two segments of open mic will be available and refreshments will be served. Suggested donation \$5 per person for the cost of refreshments and to donate to the Little Landers Society that manages the Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

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# LCWC Presents Scholarships



The La Crescenta Woman’s Club recently presented 12 scholarships at its April 10 luncheon.

Of 53 applicants, the Scholarship Committee narrowed the applicants down to just 12.

The winners were honored to receive recognition certificates from U.S.

Congress, California Senate, California Assembly, Crescenta Valley Town Council and LA County Supervisor representatives. With

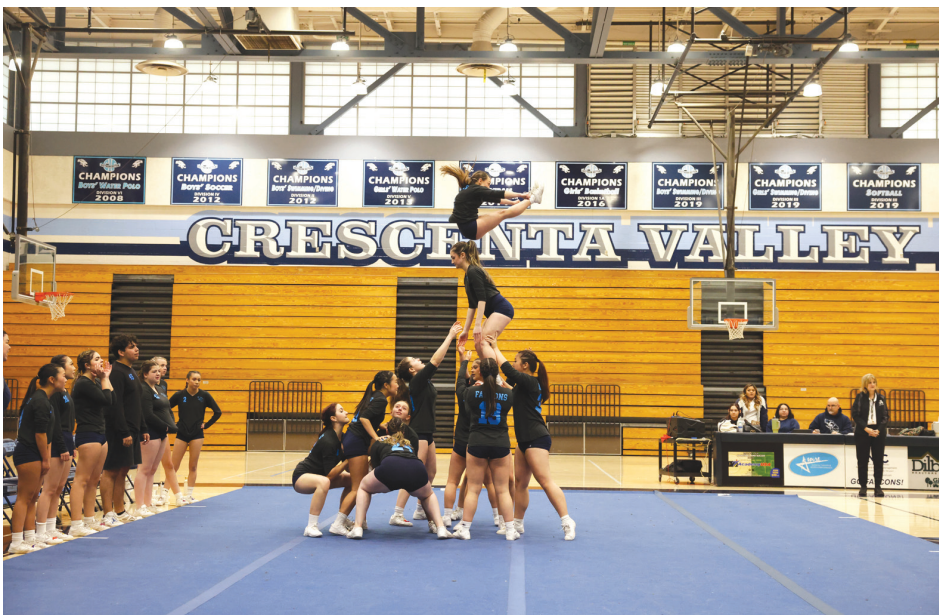
parents and counselors it was a celebration of the class of 2024.

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From left they are, front row: Adriana Morgan, Hoover HS; Violet Bandek, Clark HS; Alexander Awni, CVHS; Belle Miller, CVHS; Christine Chung, CVHS; Cordelia O’Rourke, CVHS.

Back row: Diya Singh, Glendale HS; Angela Chavez, Daily HS; Lucas Chatham, LA County HS of the Arts; Robert Lachlan Blunt, CVHS; Rena Jeoung, CVHS; Kayleen Yang, CVHS.

# STUNT Teams Compete



Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) junior varsity and varsity STUNT teams of all girls gave it their all in the first season of STUNT, a newer CIF sport.

STUNT is a rapidly growing sport in the country, removing the crowd-leading element and focusing on the technical and athletic components of cheer, including partner stunts, pyramids, basket tosses, group jumps and tumbling. These elements are put together in short routines that both teams perform head-to-head on the floor at the same time.

The team that executes the skills best wins the round and the point. With four quarters of play – partner stunts, pyramids & tosses, jumps & tumbling, and team routine – STUNT is an exciting sport to play, coach and watch.

Unlike cheer, STUNT players compete not in shiny uniforms but in volleyball-like jerseys. Also, unlike cheerleaders who are cheering on another sport, STUNT is the sport.

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Sophomore Sadie Paur reaches for the rafters in a basket toss with her STUNT team on Friday night, April 5.

# ALF Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals Offers Scholarships to Local Students

The ALF Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals, known as CAP, is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to high school graduates in the La Cañada Flintridge and La Crescenta areas who are attending a two-year college or accredited occupational program in the fall. Applications are available online at ALFlintridge.org or may be obtained from counselors and/or scholarship staff at the applicant’s school. Further information is available by calling (818) 790-1328. The scholarship application deadline is May 3.

CAP is an auxiliary of Assistance League of Flintridge. Members of CAP participate in several philanthropic programs that are supported by sales from the Bargain Box, the Assistance League’s thrift shop. In addition to the scholarship program, CAP administers Cappy Bears and Cap Care PACs, and works with ALF on Operation School Bell. To learn more about philanthropic programs, social activities and membership, visit ALFlintridge.org or call (818) 790-1328.

Last year’s scholarship recipients were Inesa Wenn, a graduate of La Cañada High School, and Nicholas Kahdian, a graduate of Crescenta Valley High School. Both Wenn, who plans to become a licensed marriage and family therapist, and Kahdian, who is focusing on finance and banking, planned to attend Glendale City College.

# Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus to Lend Voices to Music Scholarship Concert

Members of the Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus will be joining voices from across the state for the California Women’s Chorus 52nd Annual Convention and Concert on April 26-28. The convention will culminate in a benefit concert “Celebrate Broadway!” on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Los Angeles in Monterey Park. The concert will showcase the members of CWC choruses as well as performances by this year’s winners of the CWC vocal music scholarships.

In addition to the Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus, members of the popular local group Monday@JoJo’s will be performing. The ladies of La Crescenta-based Monday@JoJo’s have performed at a variety of events, including worship services, fundraisers, holiday parties and much more. The group joined CWC in 2019 and are making their second appearance at the annual scholarship concert this year. Their mission is to share their love of music in their local community and to support CWC’s dedication to young voices through scholarship fundraising.

The California Women’s Chorus, Inc. is a non-profit organization devoted to the encouragement of choral singing among women throughout the state of California. Under its corporate charter, the philanthropic purpose of this organization is to raise funds for vocal scholarships that are presented at the annual CWC Convention Concert.

The Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus began captivating audiences in the 1950s with PTA Mothersingers and have been making musical magic at local service clubs, church gatherings and retirement homes in La Crescenta and neighboring communities ever since. Under current musical director Ki Park, the third maestro in VHWC’s storied history, the chorus remains committed to fostering choral singing among women and is proud to be an original member of the California Women’s Chorus.

For more information on California Women’s Chorus, visit cwchorus.com or contact Meredith Glaser at meredithchorus@gmail.com.

For more information on

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Step thou across the portal of the Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Irwindale, California and be forthwith borne unto a realm where the annals of history and flights of fancy do weave together. This annual celebration, redolent of the quasi-historical culture of the 16th Century, doth envelop thee in an experience most immersive. On the occasion of my visit during the Pirate Weekend, the heavens themselves did weep, lending yet more to the allure and charm of this festal gathering.

The vendors' stalls, the array of costumes, the divers entertainments – all are just causes to relish the delights of the Faire. Yet, I confess, my affections are ever drawn most earnestly towards the gastronomy of the Faire. CV Weekly was invited to indulge in a banquet of delicacies that whispered of yesteryear. The

Essential Platter, a royal service featuring a duck quarter with wild rice and creamed spinach, did transport my senses as though I dined at the table of a lord and did gratify most abundantly. For those preferring a repast less formal yet no less fulfilling, the Loaded Ribbon Chips bedecked with cheese, bacon, sour cream and onion prove ideal for partaking whilst wandering the Faire's many wonders. Yet, the most splendid culinary revelation arose not from a fanciful dish but from sustenance authentically of the Renaissance.

The most delightful revelation amongst the Faire's offerings was the Chimney Cakes – kürtőskalács – a confection deep-seated in history. Originating in the 15th Century, these spiraled sweet breads were not merely treats but beacons of fortitude in times of siege. The recipe hath endured with scarce alteration through the ages,



blossoming from a Transylvanian tradition into a celebrated facet of broader European cuisine.

I partook of two variations: one sweet, brimming with strawberries, a sugary salute to antiquity; and one savory, stuffed with smoked sausage, which did highlight the pastry's adaptability. On a nippy day, this savory twist proved the apex of my week. The smoked sausage, hearty and satisfying, and its encasement in the spiraled pastry concocted the

most inventive bun ever devised. Verily, it is a dish of unique merit, adaptable to diverse culinary escapades. Let it be said, this was one of my most favored treats ever savored at the Faire.

Beyond the nourishment, the Faire's pageants are such as would grace a king's court. Willy Nilly's (Shelby Bond's) "Dungeons and Shakespeare" did verily captivate the assemblage, marrying the Bard's immortal dramatis personae

with the fantastical beasts and manner of play of Dungeons and Dragons, forging an entertainment experience without equal – the crowning spectacle of the Faire.

The Renaissance Pleasure Faire promiseth more than a mere passage through the corridors of time; it offereth a chance to inhabit them. Whether thou art sampling dishes that would stir envy in the bosom of High Kings or finding mirth beneath

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# A Savory Sojourn to Solvang and The Landsby Hotel



By Greg ARAGON

As the road wound through rolling hills and a ranch full of playful ostriches, we knew something special was waiting. And when we passed a pasture of grazing horses and entered a tiny village of windmills and half-timbered buildings with gabled roofs, our suspicions were confirmed: we were going to have a memorable time in Solvang.

Our getaway to the small Danish-inspired town began at The Landsby Hotel ([www.thelandsby.com](http://www.thelandsby.com)), a contemporary boutique hotel with 51 rooms, all finished with blonde woods, brushed brass accents, unique animal paintings and elegant hand-crafted furnishings. Here we checked into a beautiful suite, overlooking a serene courtyard with trees, benches, firepits and walkways.

Our room at The Landsby came with a comfy, four poster king bed, 47" inch flat-screen TV, mini bar, office desk and an elegant Scandinavian design feel. The room was highlighted by a unique painting of a fluffy alpaca, leather accents on the furniture and lots of windows looking over the courtyard.

Once settled in our room, we explored town. Named by Sunset Magazine as one of the "10 Most Beautiful Small Towns in the Western United States," Solvang's rich history dates back to 1911 when adventurous Danish-Americans traveled across the plains from Iowa to establish a colony and escape harsh Midwestern winters. Since then the city has retained its heritage with numerous Danish-styled structures with windmills and pitched roofs.

One of the great things about Solvang is that it is very walkable. From our room at The Landsby we explored all the sites by strolling up and down Mission Drive, the town's main street.

Our first stop was Ingeborg's Danish Chocolate Factory ([www.ingeborgs.com](http://www.ingeborgs.com)), which was opened in 1961 by Ingeborg Larsen, who prior to moving to Solvang ran her own chocolate shop in Copenhagen, Denmark. When she came to America, she brought with her many original recipes, some of which are now over 70 years old and still popular today.

At Ingeborg's I felt like a kid in a candy store – an actual candy store! I was surrounded by swirls of pure chocolate, chocolate-covered marshmallows, nut & truffle creations, chocolate-covered fruit-filled marzipan, crunchy peppermint, orange sticks and award-winning butterscotch sea salt to name a few. The place also has an old-fashioned malt shop.

After sampling an assortment of hand-made chocolates, we boarded a horse-drawn carriage pulled by two huge Belgian draft horses. As we clip-clopped through town, the driver/guide, who was dressed in traditional Danish garb, gave everyone on board a fun history lesson on Solvang. He also made an exciting U-turn on a small side street, which was quite a feat for a long carriage being pulled by massive horses.

During the ride we waved to tourists as we drove past a copy of the famous Little Mermaid statue from Copenhagen as well as a large bust of Danish fable writer Hans Christian Andersen. We also past the Elverhoj Museum of History and Art, one of the few museums outside of Denmark devoted to Danish culture and the Danish-American experience. Another unique sight during our horse carriage tour was the eMoke car ([www.myevoxperience.com](http://www.myevoxperience.com)), a little open-air electric vehicle that looks like an old Jeep. Made for sight-seeing, these small cars are currently very popular in Solvang.

After the carriage ride, we headed back to The Landsby for dinner at the hotel's signature Mad & Vin restaurant. Specializing in delicious wine country-inspired cuisine, Mad & Vin serves fresh dishes with seasonal ingredients from California's central coast. They also boast traditional and craft cocktails, specialty shrubs, beer, and acclaimed, locally produced wine.

Our dinner at Mad & Vin began with delicious shrimp ceviche, with citrus-cured wild red shrimp, avocado, onions, tomato, cilantro, house-made hot sauce. We followed this with an incredible plate or golden-fried calamari with lemon, peppers, sweet onions and a succulent dipping sauce.

For the main course at Mad & Vin we split a memorable filet mignon that was grilled to perfection and served with gorgonzola, bacon-whipped potatoes, baby arugula and a green peppercorn reduction. For dessert we devoured a tantalizing creme brulee and a heavenly flourless chocolate molten cake with cherry port wine sauce, McConnell's vanilla bean ice cream, fresh berries and whipped cream.

The next morning we drove a couple of miles to Ostrichland USA ([www.ostrichlandusa.com](http://www.ostrichlandusa.com)) to feed the world's largest birds. Located along Highway 246, the 33-acre ranch is home to about one hundred giant ostriches and a few emus, all roaming freely behind fences. The friendly birds are raised onsite and love to be fed by visitors. For \$1, guests can get a bowl full of bird food and walk up to the fence and feed the birds. But as I quickly learned, you must hold the bowls very tight or the ostriches will pull them from your hand with their powerful beaks.

Ostrichland USA is so popular it's been in numerous TV shows, including an episode of The Simpsons entitled, "How Munched is That Birdie in the Window?" For this episode, artists from The Simpsons visited the farm in 2010 to draw inspiration.

Besides ostriches and emus, Ostrichland USA features a unique gift shop with T-shirts, ostrich socks, fresh ostrich eggs and more. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids under 12.

Back at The Landsby Hotel, we had lunch at Mad & Vin Restaurant and sipped local CARR cabernet franc red wine from Santa Ynez Valley. And speaking of wine, Solvang and The Landsby Hotel are located in the heart of beautiful Santa Ynez Valley, one of California's most productive wine regions. From the hotel, guests can catch a shuttle to numerous award-winning wineries, located only a few miles away.

For more information on staying at The Landsby Hotel and visiting Solvang, visit [www.thelandsby.com](http://www.thelandsby.com) or call (805) 688-3121.

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LEFT: The Landsby Hotel boasts boutique luxury with a hint of traditional Scandinavian aesthetic  
RIGHT: Rooms at The Landsby are unique and elegant



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# The L. Ron Hubbard Achievement Awards Gala

The L. Ron Hubbard Achievement Awards Gala takes place on Thursday evening, April 25 at the Taglyan Complex in Hollywood celebrating the 12 winners of the 40th Annual Writers of the Future and the 12 winners of the 35th Annual Illustrators of the Future. The winners are from around the world and recognized for their excellence as writers and illustrators in the genres of science fiction and fantasy.

Winners from this year's competitions hail from the United States, Canada, China, Malaysia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

The black tie invitation only event, with science fiction and fantasy award presenters and celebrities in attendance,

will be held at the Taglyan Complex, 1201 Vine St. in Hollywood.

Members of the general public can watch the awards show streaming live from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at <http://www.writersofthefuture.com>.

Joni Labaqui, director of the Contests for Author Services, Inc. said, "This year marks a historic turning point for both of our contests as we are celebrating two benchmark anniversaries simultaneously: the 40th anniversary of our Writers of the Future Contest and the 35th anniversary of our Illustrators of the Future Contest. The theme for our awards show this year is 'Shaman Dreams,' as depicted on the cover of the Volume 40 anthology created by Illustrators of the Future judge Dan dos Santos, to which Writers of the Future judge S.M. Sterling has crafted a story about a young woman shaman, a Starcatcher, with magical powers."

During the gala, awards will be presented to 24 science fiction and fantasy writers and illustrators of the future that have been chosen as winners of the 2024 contests adjudicated by world renowned science fiction and fantasy writer and illustrator judges. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the London-based band The Jive Aces, performing swing era, rat pack, and classic rock 'n' roll songs.

Illustration by Don dos Santos  
Starcatcher: Key artwork for Writers of the Future, Volume 40.



REN FAIRE from page 14

grey skies at a play of grandeur of epochs past. Thus, illuminate thy present. The Shakespearean jest, the Faire draw up a bench, hoist a goblet Renaissance Pleasure Faire is now open on weekends inviteth thee to revel in the high and let yesteryear's joys

through the 19th of May. Pray, visit RenFaire.com for tidings more. And mark well: for a thorough examination of all the Faire's repasts and diversions that I did relish, seek mine elaborate account on YouTube – search for Charly Shelton/Zipahdeedoodad or employ the QR code affixed to this narrative. Here's to festivity, come rain or shine!

THEN & NOW

Brick Buildings of Montrose  
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

**THEN:** The Reinhard Building on Honolulu Avenue in Montrose, built in the 1920s, was typical of the brick construction used on most business buildings of that era. The business district of Montrose was lined with examples of this geometric art form that made each building unique.

**NOW:** One of the unfortunate aftershocks of the '71 Sylmar Earthquake was the disappearance of the majority of the brick facings on the businesses of Montrose. Faced with expensive seismic retrofitting requirements, most building owners opted to encase their brick façades in stucco. This gave structural stability to the brickwork and lent a modern look to their buildings, before the "retro" look of old brick was fashionable as it is now. The stucco covered Reinhart Building is now home to the successful Black Cow Café, which makes use of the "old" look of their interior as part of their décor.

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, April 19, GPD officer Amy Tate will make a presentation with comfort dog Brisket.

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

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

### RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE

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

More info available at (626) 969-4750.

### DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for

seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

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

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

### CANASTA IS CALLING

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

### CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

On Friday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CCLCF is having bingo & brunch for seniors.

On Thursday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Covenant Cat Rescue will

be hosting a Seniors for Seniors cat adoption day. Low-rate adoption fees.

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

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

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

For more information on sponsorship tiers and perks, visit or call cclcf.org/events at (818) 790-4353.

On Saturday, May 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. CCLCF is having a family bingo night and ice cream sundae bar (ice cream provided by Handel's) sponsored

by Engel & Völkers/Carrie Grochow. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

### ST. LUKE'S HOSTING ANNIVERSARY GALA

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd., is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a fundraising dinner gala on April 20. The festivities begin with a cocktail mixer from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. followed by live music, food and DJ from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Silent auction from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Register at <https://www.stlukeslacrescenta.org>.

### PSA JURIED EXHIBITION AT WHITES GALLERY

The Pasadena Society of Artists' 99th Annual Juried Exhibition takes place at Whites Fine Art Gallery, 2414 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose through Saturday, April 27.

The 99th Annual Juried Exhibition is also available online at ISSUU.com. A full color catalog will be available for purchase at the opening reception.

Kenneth Ronney selected 42 artists and 73 artworks for the 99th Annual Juried Exhibition. Media include collage, oil, acrylic, pen and ink, mixed media, digital images, assemblage, watercolor, etching, photography and ceramics.

### CALTECH JAZZ BAND PRESENTS ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Caltech Jazz Band presents the annual jazz festival featuring three groups: The Caltech Jazz Band, the Kirsten Edkins Group and the Eva Scow Collective. This outdoor concert has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Hameetman Patio. The festival is outside with limited seating. Please bring a folding chair, blankets and picnic items. Parking is free.

The Caltech Jazz Band, directed by Barb Catlin, will open the festival with an array of big band music, including

two new works from Caltech alum Dr. Les Deutsch and Caltech grad student Phil Kocheril.

Free to attend. Hameetman Patio is located at the Winnett Student Center, 1200 E. California Blvd. in Pasadena.

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will have its next club meeting on Thursday morning, April 18 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank. The program will be "African Violet Survey Results – Our Members' Interests, Skills and Collections" led by John Hershey.

The 38th anniversary of the Society will also be celebrated at the meeting. Individual yearly membership dues are \$15, couple's yearly membership dues are \$20.

There is a learning lab, show and tell, questions and answers, raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. For more information call (661) 940-3990 or reference the website.

[www.burbankafricanviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafricanviolets.weebly.com).

### NIGHT OF MAGIC PRESENTED BY LCWC

On Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m., the La Crescenta Woman's Club hosts a night of magic featuring Stan Gerson.

Tickets are \$35, which includes magical fun, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and silent auction! La Crescenta Woman's Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1911. Proceeds help the Club fulfill community needs through its many philanthropic projects and scholarships.

To purchase tickets, visit <https://lacrescentawomansclub.org/events/nightofmagic/or> mail a check payable to La Crescenta Woman's Club to 4004 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214. For questions, contact (818) 957-9806.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/JUST FOR FUN](http://CVWeekly.com/JUST FOR FUN)

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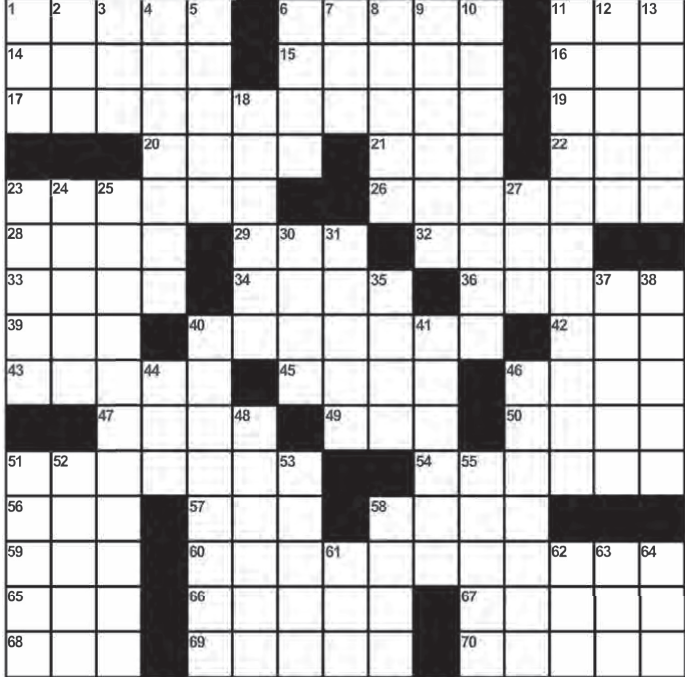
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- "\_\_\_ show time!"
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- "Rumble in the Jungle" champ
- "\_\_\_ voyage!"
- Karim of the Khans, for one
- Soup buys
- Store cremains
- Vast multitude
- \_\_\_ Wednesday
- Florists cut them
- Aviators
- Most crude, humorwise
- Certain expenses
- Basket twig
- John the steel-drivin' man
- One-named Venetian master
- All together
- Definitely no Einstein
- Sparsely populated posts
- Fam. member
- Hilariously funny thing
- It points the way
- Tender to the touch
- Sudden outpouring
- "First lady of the theater" Helen
- Burr role
- Refined and polished
- Australian runner
- Pasta sauce herb
- Type of fishing boat
- Where embryos develop
- Annoy persistently
- Kind of queen
- Bad type of sentence
- Locate
- Sue Grafton's "\_\_\_ for Lawless"
- Dracula, at times
- Fabrication
- Triage sites, briefly

### CLOSE THE DOOR!

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Jiffy Lube ruined my car’s engine. Why won’t it pay for the repairs?

The engine in Ali Cotton’s Nissan Altima is damaged after he brings it to Jiffy Lube for an inspection. Does the company have to pay his \$12,998 repair bill?

**Q** : I went to Jiffy Lube for an inspection. They somehow removed my oil plug and drained all my oil out, which ultimately ruined the engine.

I had my car towed to the dealership, which confirmed that the oil plug was missing and the engine was ruined. The repairs on my 2016 Nissan Altima will cost \$12,998. Can you help me get Jiffy Lube to compensate me for the damage? – Ali Cotton, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**A** : Jiffy Lube should have inspected your car – not drained the oil without replacing it.

You had some compelling evidence that Jiffy was at fault, which you sent to the company in writing.

It looks like you gave Jiffy Lube every chance to respond to your request. You sent an email to the corporate office, which deferred to the franchisee. Then you contacted the franchisee but did not hear back.

This isn’t the first Jiffy Lube case involving a damaged engine. My advocacy team and I resolved a similar problem for one of our readers a few months ago.

Jiffy Lube offers a limited repair warranty that should

cover your damage. It covers “Engine performance, drivability services and repairs” for 12 months or 12,000 miles, so it looks like it would apply to your damaged engine.

One of the problems with making a warranty claim is proving that the damage happened when you had your car serviced by Jiffy Lube. How can you prove that it wasn’t something else? In your case, it appears Jiffy Lube inspected your Nissan Altima and gave it a green light, meaning that your car was in good shape. Immediately after that, your engine light went on and you sustained \$12,998 in damage to your engine.

Jiffy Lube should have responded to your request, but it looks as if it didn’t based on the paper trail you provided. When that happens, you need to escalate your case to a higher level. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the customer service executives at Jiffy Lube on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

You reached out to my advocacy team for help. I contacted Jiffy Lube on your behalf. A manager called you and, after some negotiation,

Jiffy Lube agreed to cover \$9,000 of your repair bill, which you accepted.

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](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>.  
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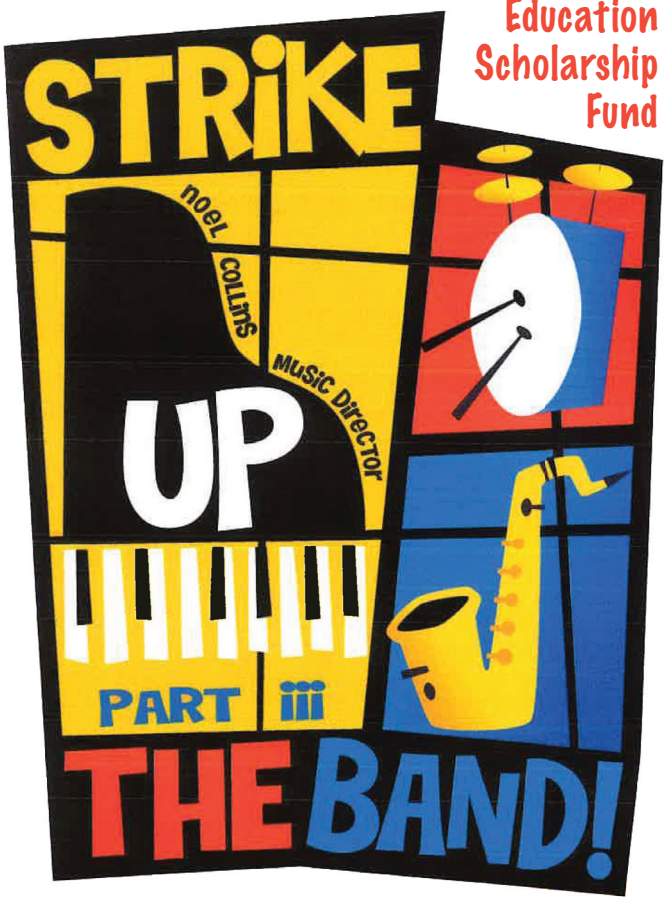
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com April 15, 2024 - April 21, 2024

**♈ ARIES** March 21 - April 19

You may want or need to spend money on your health. If you’re in good shape, then splurging may be a matter of buying some new exercise equipment or investing in a gym membership. If you’re having problems, you may want to investigate a number of avenues. Don’t waste money on a temporary fix if you want lasting results, as they rarely work.

**♉ TAURUS** April 20 - May 20

Make your health a priority and be prepared to do whatever it takes to be really well. If you haven’t allotted a part of your budget to supplements or other measures that will keep you in peak condition, it’s time to do so. Find out what you may be lacking and give yourself a chance to stay in perfect condition from the inside out. The rewards will be great.

**♊ GEMINI** May 21 - June 20

Your dreams can give you advance warning of any health problems. You can take advantage of this if you keep a regular dream diary. You need to allow time to read it over and interpret the symbols. However, you can greatly improve your health through the power of positive thinking and by releasing and healing intense emotions. Practices like meditation will give you further tools to support your path to wellness.

**♋ CANCER** June 21 - July 22

Make use of spiritually oriented techniques to enable you to stay in great shape and enjoy high levels of energy, too. Yoga is a spiritual discipline that can have a profoundly positive effect on your mind, emotions, and, in turn, your body. Similarly, tai chi helps to ward off illness by balancing the subtle energy flow in your body. If you feel drawn to trying something different, go for it.

**♌ LEO** July 23 - August 22

Your overall health may be linked to the stress you’re experiencing in your career. If your responsibilities are proving too much for you, then take positive action. Delegate some of your tasks and give yourself more chances to relax. If you have other problems, then do something to resolve the issues. Either way, you hold the key to your health in your own hand. Take control!

**♍ VIRGO** August 23 - Sept. 22

There’s so much you want to do. You have plans, ideas, and goals; however, your energy may be limited. This week you may notice that you don’t have your usual get up and go. You may need to pace yourself and cut out tasks that aren’t so important. Make sure you eat well and drink plenty of water, too.

**♎ LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

If you have a hectic schedule, take time to relax and de-stress. If you put half an hour aside in which to rest your mind as well as your body, it will help you to be much more efficient overall. However, don’t just go through the motions. If you relax, don’t spend the time worrying about your problems and getting even more worked up. Detach from all of this to get the real benefit.

**♏ SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It’s time to look after your body and make sure that you detox on regular basis. You’ll also learn the link between intense feelings and your state of health. Your health will dramatically improve if you work through difficult issues to bring a sense of closure and resolution. If you can’t let go of bitterness or resentment, you’ll notice that you don’t feel quite the same as usual.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You’re doing all you can to make sure that your health is up to par. You seem keen to exercise and work out on a daily basis and make sure that this is a habit that you can stick with. You’re also determined to root out any obstacles that prevent you from being as fit as you can be. Create a strategy that works for you and keep it up. Go for it!

**♑ CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You seem to be taking your journey to health very seriously. You’re also having a lot of fun. This week don’t be surprised if you meet someone very special while working out at the gym or going for your daily jog. Love is coming your way and the two of you are going to enjoy working out together. Don’t spoil your wonderful weight loss by indulging in rich food.

**♒ AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You tend to be very sensitive to atmosphere and even to other people’s illnesses, and this week is no exception. But you can do something about this. You have the power to improve your health and overall condition by imagining that you’re well and full of energy. The subconscious mind will respond very quickly to your positive thinking. If you can train your brain to think healthy, you’ll be healthy.

**♓ PISCES** Feb. 19 - March 20

You may be about to get a new perspective on your health issues. If your current way of going about things isn’t working, you really need to change your approach. A book or conversation could encourage you to think along new lines. Alternatively, you may find just what you’re looking for while surfing the Internet. If you really want the answers, you’ll get them.



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**NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS. Case number 24NNCP00113. Superior Court of California, Glendale Superior Court, North Central District, 600 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS to Proposed Name: LILLIA MICHELLE VILLEGAS OGDEN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: MAY 22, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: D Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2024.

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