

Kassakhian Selected as City Mayor

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council, on a nearly unanimous vote, selected Councilmember Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian as mayor for the coming year.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian abstained, criticizing the mayoral selection process.

"What happened last year and the year before was wrong," he said. "I believe it was disgraceful. I do not wish for that to happen again because our community deserves better."

Gharpetian deemed the process of selecting this year's mayor to be "pre-determined" and he said that he therefore opted not to be considered for the selection.

"It doesn't disturb me because I have such low expectations of you," council critic and council candidate Beth Brooks said, addressing the council's selection of a new mayor.

The mayoral selection process has been controversial for the past few years with the courts ultimately determining that the council can select whomever it likes to serve as mayor.

The new mayor will be seated at the next council meeting.

Mayor Ara Najarian summed up his achievements during the past year and over the years he has served, with a "full heart of deep gratitude," concluding his fifth term as Glendale's mayor and more than two decades of service.

"It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve this extraordinary community, a city not defined by its growth and success but by our character and resilience and by our people," said Mayor Najarian harking back to his first year on the city council in 2005 when "Glendale was already a strong and vibrant city."

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Art Found at St. Luke's of the Mountains

By Mary O'KEEFE

All are invited to the Friends of Rockhaven's Sixth Annual Art on the Rocks event at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For years, the community could easily support the Friends of Rockhaven (FoR) and the historic property in Montrose by attending one of its biggest fundraisers – Art on the Rocks.

"The first [Art on the Rocks] event was in 2018," said Joanna Linkhorst, president of FoR.

The FoR oversees the former site of the former Rockhaven Sanitarium at 2713 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. It was founded in the mid-1920s by Agnes Richards. She had been a nurse and witnessed how abusive sanitariums were, specifically to female patients. She moved



File photo
At the 2022 event, guests to the Art on the Rocks event found vendor booths outside in the courtyard and vendors inside Sadler Hall, the fellowship hall of the church at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

to the local area and began buying property in the 2700 block of Honolulu Avenue. This was before the City of Glendale annexed Montrose.

At Rockhaven she created an oasis for women in need of

mental health support. She held afternoon teas, provided walks to nearby Montrose stores, and oversaw garden and art projects. Above all, women felt safe at Rockhaven.

She operated the facility un-

til her death in 1967 when her granddaughter, Patricia Travis, took the reins and continued to operate Rockhaven until 2001 when it was sold to a large hospital corporation.

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Safe, Free and Confidential: Dispose Unused or Expired Medications at Drug Take-back Day

By Mary O'KEEFE

April 25 is the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. For the area of Crescenta Valley, the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire House youth center at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

The event is hosted by the Glendale Police Dept. with community partners CV Cares, DEA National TakeBack, Dignity Health, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and Phoenix House of California.

Prescription medications, over-the-counter medications and liquid medications, tightly

sealed, will be accepted. Syringes, sharps, needles or illicit substances will not be accepted. The event helps residents easily dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medication so they don't put the items down the drain or in a landfill.

In the April 2025 DEA Drug Take Back Day 4,472 law enforcement agencies participated at 4,590 collection sites. On that single day 620,321 lbs., equalling 310 tons, was collected. The total amount collected over 29 years (2026 is the 30th year) is 9,910 tons.

Disposing of medications the proper way is very important.

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File photo
A booth will be set up outside the Fire House youth center on April 25 for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Celebrating Local Non-Profits

On Friday, I attended the 25th birthday of the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy (AFC). A “party” was held at the local Rosemont Preserve, which was preserved by the AFC in June 2012. Steve and I have been there at least once (that I remember) to take part in a talk-and-walk with Johanna Turner, a nature photographer. She has set up cameras within the Preserve and has captured some great photos of the animals that make their way through the Preserve – either on their way to somewhere else or that live within the 7.75 acres.

On Friday, there was a lot of food and beverages available to guests as well as a giant cake. There was also material on the AFC partnership with the Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) and the recent installation of a stormwater capture system. According to the internet, a stormwater capture system is “the process of collecting and reusing rainwater runoff from impervious surfaces like streets and rooftops to replenish groundwater, boost water supplies and prevent flooding.” As an aside, the CVWD is working hard on educating the community on the various services it performs. Check out www.cvwd.com to learn more – and come to the Hometown Country Fair on April 25. CVWD will be on-site, ready to answer questions regarding all it does.

<https://arroyosfoothills.org>

On Saturday, I was off to the Ascencia gala at the Oakmont Country Club where the theme of the evening was “Create a Lasting Impact.” With a goal of “Lifting people out of homelessness one person, one family at a

time,” it appears that creating a lasting impact is not foreign to this non-profit; just ask any of the people it assists.

It was a beautiful evening with delicious food, wonderful company and fun opportunity drawings, including a live (and lively) auction. I’m so glad I was able to attend.

You can read more about the evening in the Between Friends section of this paper and for more photos, go online to www.cvweekly.com/BETWEENFRIENDS.

<https://www.ascenciaca.org/>

Finally, on Sunday I headed to Montrose where the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber held its annual Craft Brew Fest. Despite the weather, which could be wet, the crowds converged on Honolulu Avenue to taste the offerings of so many different breweries. In addition, there were lots of food vendors, giving me a chance to try samples of many different foods.

There were also a lot of information booths. One – event sponsor Environmental 911 – had erected a biohazard tent near its booth, offering an example of the type of work it does (asbestos and lead removal, according to its website). I’ll tell you – that booth garnered a lot of attention.

By the end of the day, the skies had cleared and I left with a belly full of beer and food and my head full of information.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

I spent my weekend at two beaches. I started in Redondo and ended up in Laguna. I wrote on page 3 about the work my daughter is doing conducting beach surveys but I also wanted to include the emotion that comes from walking along the beach.

My grandsons and I started out in Redondo. We are very familiar with this beach and in fact it was the first beach I went to in Los Angeles County. My husband grew up on this beach and listening to him talk about it really made me want to move to California. The closest thing to the west coast I saw as a kid was watching “Beach Party Bingo” in the Rivola Theater in my midwestern town. My grandma worked the concession counter at the “movie house” and I spent my summers watching the California sun, albeit from afar. To me those films were California.

When I met my husband I told him of my beach references and he said the beaches weren’t anything like that – and then he told me how he grew up. He and his brothers spent most of their time at the beach. His brother surfed and snorkeled and went kayaking and fishing. My husband talked about dumpster diving at the nearby Mattel factory, riding bikes along the beach and being in the water more than on land. To me he lived the life I saw depicted in those beach movies.

Being with my kid at Redondo this weekend was amazing. Seeing her love and respect this environment makes me proud and also gives me hope. On Saturday, we became citizen scientists. We looked for clues of what was happening at the beach. For the first time in the four decades I have

been going to this specific beach, I did not see many birds nor was I bitten by any sand fleas – a small price to pay for being at the beach. Redondo has always had seagulls and shorebirds. We saw five in the four hours we were there.

We normally see a lot of those tiny sand crabs but again – nothing. The only thing we did see were so many dead ladybugs. My grandson found one crawling along the sand and it was bloated. My daughter instructed us to make sure to write all of this down in our notebooks and she would upload the data. I immediately went into a panic that the beach was dying but she, calmly, told me that one day at the beach cannot tell the entire story – but it was something to watch and to continue to study.

I am amazed at how she and Cat, a board member of her non-profit 7 Seas Collective, are creating this army of citizen scientists. When we were done my eldest grandson told her he was now a beach scientist. Her goal is working on changing the mindset of those visiting the beach.

We then went to Laguna Beach, this time without our scientific test kit but just to walk along the beach and climb on the rocks. This brought even more emotion for me. I know those who are from here do appreciate the grace the beach can provide but I think it is different for those of us that immigrated to this area. Don’t get me wrong – there is a magical beauty when a light breeze blows through a corn field – but standing in Laguna and looking out to sea is quite honestly awe inspiring. There are moments when I have to actually pinch myself to make sure I am really here, on the west coast, at the beach.

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NEWS

LA Climate Week – From the Mountains to the Beach

By Mary O'KEEFE

LA Climate Week was from April 8 to April 15 and several events were held across LA County. In Altadena, volunteers were found at Eaton Canyon Natural Area to “carefully remove invasive plants – an important step in the canyon’s recovery,” according to Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

The event at Eaton Canyon was organized by the Governor’s Office of Service and Community Engagement (GO-Serve), LA Climate Week, LA Works and LA Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

Local resident Darin Miller joined the force of volunteers at Eaton Canyon to pull weeds.

“They first explained that we were removing invasive species from the park area,” he said.

Volunteers were separated into six groups and then for about two hours pulled the plants.

“We were also picking up burned wood,” he said – wood that was left from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

Miller said he wanted to volunteer to help those in Altadena.

“I grew up here [in the Crescenta Valley] and I have friends in Altadena. I know people who lost their homes,” he added.

Among the volunteers were people

who had lost their homes in the Eaton Fire.

Miller added it seemed like a small effort but the work done cleared a lot of the area and, in the end, the volunteers could see the native plants that had survived, or recovered, from the fire.

Josh Fryday, GO-Serve director and California chief service officer was on hand to help.

“During LA Climate Week, our California Service Corps members stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Angelenos as we take climate action and support fire recovery. The California Service Corps has become a powerful force for good,” Fryday said. “Our service members are lifting up their communities while gaining experience, skills, connection and purpose. We continue to call on a new generation of Californians to lead, solve problems and launch careers through service.”

On Saturday morning, CV High School and Cal State University – Channel Islands graduate Jessy Shelton hosted another LA Climate Week event through her non-profit 7 Seas Collective by conducting a coastal health survey.

“We are [conducting] surveys to see what is happening at our beaches. We are collecting data to see the trends in different beaches over time,” she said.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
During LA Climate Week, CV High School and Cal State University – Channel Islands graduate Jessy Shelton explains how surveys can benefit beaches.

On Saturday volunteers at Redondo Beach counted birds, critters in the sand (like sand crabs) and “marine wrack” – dried out organic deposits found on the sand like dried kelp, sea grass and other algae.

The data was collected and stored through Field Scope, a public platform where data is available to the public.

7 Seas Collective hosts these type

of beach surveys in LA and Orange counties. It will soon be collecting data at Ventura County beaches as well. Shelton said the data will not only help to identify trends at beaches and their ecosystems, this information will be shared with local county leaders.

“We will use the [results] with the counties to see how we can make changes that will be positive for the beach,” she said.

One of the issues it is working on is how “beach grooming” can actually damage the beach. Beach grooming is a mechanical process of cleaning and raking sand. Intense grooming often removes vital organic material that is needed for a healthy beach.

Shelton said a bulldozer, often used in beach grooming, will till the sand to pick up algae and wrack but as these heavy vehicles travel over the surface they compact the sand,

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IN BRIEF

OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday afternoon, April 19. 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.

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

Volunteers are being sought to host open gate events. Hosts unlock the gate, welcome in visitors and field questions about the Preserve. Be an ambassador for this beautiful community resource. Those who would like to be trained to host an open gate event can reach out

to Kyle Cavazos at kylecavazos@arroyosfoothills.org.

CVCA TO MEET ON APRIL 23

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its next meeting on Thursday, April 23, in the community room at the La Crescenta Library. The meeting will include discussion on the five-story project approved for 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd. and the preschool planned for 4459 Lowell Ave., as well as other topics of concern to the community. The Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome.

POET LAUREATE APPS ACCEPTED

The Library, Arts & Culture Dept. is seeking proposals from poets interested in the role of poet laureate. The selected poet laureate will serve as an ambassador for Glendale’s rich culture and diversity, promoting the art of poetry. Compensation will be \$8,000 for services for one year. The deadline to apply is tomorrow, Friday, April 17 at 5 p.m.

To apply, visit <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/poetlaureateapp>.

DINE OUT BENEFITS CVIM

A dine out benefiting Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music foundation takes place on Tuesday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to

9 p.m. at El Sol Restaurant, 2901½ Honolulu Ave. Mention CVIM when ordering.

CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HOST 2026 STATE OF THE CITY

The City of La Cañada Flintridge and the La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD) announced the 2026 State of the City and District Address, held jointly for the first time on April 21 at 6 p.m. at the

La Cañada Unified School District Board Room, 4490 Cornishon Ave. in La Cañada Flintridge. This year’s event will provide a comprehensive public presentation on the City and school district’s shared future.

Free to attend.

CITY TO HOST 25TH ANNUAL ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION

The City of Glendale will host its annual Armenian Genocide

Commemorative Event on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alex Theatre in Glendale honoring the memory of the 1.5 million lives lost during the Armenian Genocide.

The City will also host a series of events as part of the Week of Remembrance.

Highlights include a lecture and book talk with Peter Balakian on April 30.

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Bringing Hollywood Back to Hollywood Part II: The Merger

By Mary O'KEEFE

During a discussion on the film industry in Los Angeles, and nationwide, hosted by Senator Adam Schiff, the topic was brought up of the merger between Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros.

“Representative Laura Friedman and I both wrote to Paramount and Netflix last month, pressing concrete commitments to California workers. Paramount CEO David Ellison has since responded with a number of pledges, but many of them lack specificity and we intend to examine them carefully because what workers need and what we will continue to push for are enforceable, specific commitments, backed by actions that can be measured and held to account,” Schiff said.

Rep. Friedman, as well as representatives Lou Correa and Sydney Kamlager-Dove, participated on the panel discussion. The invited participants included actor/producer/writer/director Noah Wyle, Matthew Loeb, international president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), Jax Deluca, executive director of Future Film Coalition and research fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School Shorenstein

Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy and Jim Acosta, host of “The Jim Acosta Show” and former CNN anchor and chief White House correspondent.

Last summer, Skydance Media purchased, or merged with, Paramount Global. Skydance Media is a Santa Monica-based media company founded by David Ellison. This merger also makes Skydance the parent company of CBS.

There have been several issues of concern surrounding the merger of Skydance and Paramount Global, including the control of “CBS News” and shows like “60 Minutes.” The merger resulted in several resignations at “CBS News” with many citing concerns over “new directions” the news agency appeared to be taking. Bill Owens, who was executive producer of “60 Minutes” for 26 years, and Anderson Cooper, correspondent for about 20 years, both resigned, saying they were concerned with the “new direction.”

Then, in a very public battle between Netflix and Paramount Skydance, both companies tried to acquire Warner Bros. Discovery. For many months shareholders and leaders of Warner Bros. Discovery voted against the merger with Paramount and instead were in favor of a merger with Netflix; however, in the end

money talked and Paramount Skydance paid over \$110 billion to buy Warner Bros. Discovery. This merger gives Paramount Skydance control over HBO and CNN.

The concerns voiced at the panel discussion were not only that the merger would lessen competition, meaning fewer films would be produced, but also that control of news sources would be by one central company.

This week more than 1,000 actors, writers, directors, producers and other creatives penned an open letter to Paramount Skydance, concerned about the pending acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery.

The letter, which can be found at blockthemerger.com, expressed the group’s “unequivocal opposition to the proposed Paramount-Warner Bros. Discovery merger.”

“This transaction would further consolidate an already concentrated media landscape, reducing competition at a moment when our industries – and the audiences we serve – can least afford it. The result will be fewer opportunities for creators, fewer jobs across the production ecosystem, higher costs and less choice for audiences in the United States and around the world. Alarming, this merger would

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reduce the number of major U.S. film studios to just four,” the letter stated in part.

In addition, the letter stated the film industry is under a severe strain “in large part due to prior waves of consolidation.”

The decline in filming in the U.S. was also attributed to the merger.

Paramount Skydance, in a statement following the release of the letter, stated the company understood the artists’ concerns but added it is creating a company that can green light (give the go ahead to) more projects.

This is something that many in the industry doubt.

Prior to the letter being released this week, the merger was a concern that Schiff’s panel and guest speakers voiced.

Friedman said prior to her entering the political arena she worked behind the camera as an assistant director in the film industry. The industry is what brought her out to California.

“It’s what brought so many people here,” she said. “Those jobs and that economic ecosystem that brought me into this community has been failing for years and this merger is seen by so many people as a harbinger of things to come, of a shrinking of this industry. ...

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Brew, Food and Info Found at Annual Brew Fest



Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
LEFT: Victor Hernandez poured Agency's IPA.
RIGHT: Danny Goldsworthy accepts a pour from Old Stump Brewery.

Rainy weather didn't discourage the 600 people who took part in Sunday's Craft Brew Fest held in Montrose and produced by the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce with main event sponsor 911 Environmental. Ticket holders were greeted by about 35 vendors who were eager to share their wares and information regarding their

company.

This was the first time that the Agency Brewing Co. was pouring its IPA for guests.

"It's a very drinkable IPA," said Victor Hernandez, director of Operations for the downtown LA brewery. "We're also working on a Mexican lager."

Old Stump Brewery, located

in Pomona, served up its Honey Blonde, one of its top sellers.

Steve Almaraz of Mad Whale Beer Co. poured tastes of the distinctive Helles Lager and Whale Islands Wine.

"We're a new company to the U.S.," Almaraz said, detailing the bottling details of the Whale Islands Wine. (The red wine boasts

a combined 75% cabernet and 25% merlot.)

One welcome returnee was Frogtown Brewery, a Los Angeles brewery. Marco Botaroco was seen pouring tastes of the brewery's ware.

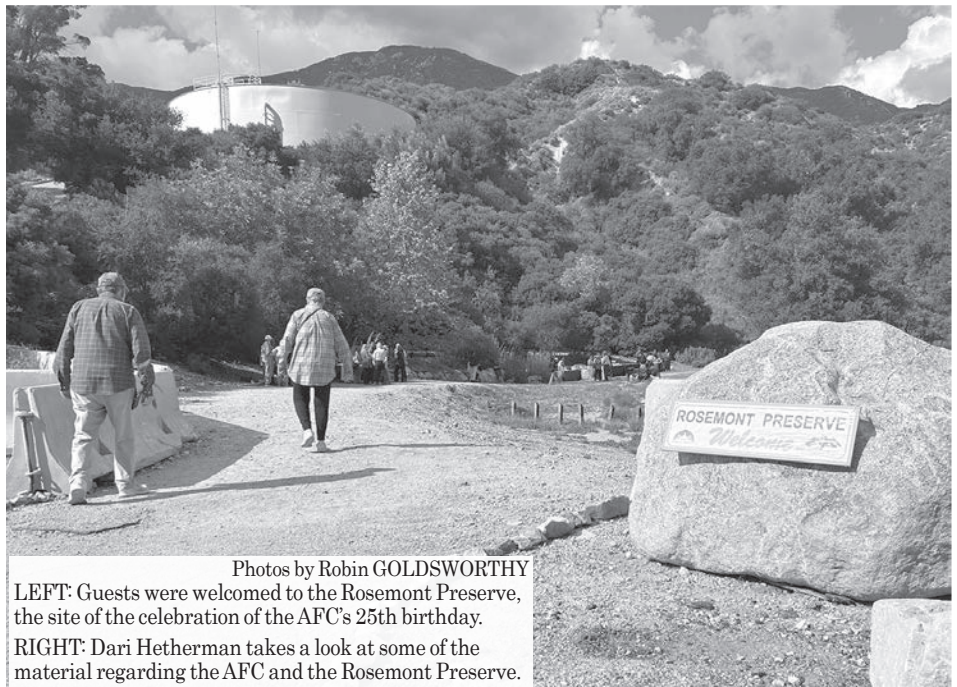
"I came ready to pour today," he said. "This is a good opportunity to introduce people to the brewing industry."

Brendan Morelli was one of the hundreds who braved the cloudy skies to enjoy some of the area's best tastes. He had been to the Craft Brew Fest a few years ago and was happy to see so many vendors on-site.

"The rain certainly didn't scare us away," he said.

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AFC Celebrates 25 Years



Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
LEFT: Guests were welcomed to the Rosemont Preserve, the site of the celebration of the AFC's 25th birthday.
RIGHT: Dari Hetherman takes a look at some of the material regarding the AFC and the Rosemont Preserve.



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The Arroyos Foothills Conservancy – AFC – celebrated 25 years of providing unspoiled, natural acreage to those living near its 19 properties. On Friday, April 10, in the afternoon a celebration was held at the Rosemont Preserve.

About 85 people attended the event, which highlighted the legacy of the organization.

"AFC sees itself as the current caretakers of this land," said program director Kyle Cavazos in his opening remarks.

Frank Colcord, co-chair of the Friends of Rosemont Preserve, welcomed guests and said that the land was like "his backyard."

"We've lived at the end of this street for 40 years," he said. "It's been a treasure, not only for our family but for the Crescenta Valley community ... There is no other open space in the San Gabriels, in La Crescenta, so this is a significant piece of our community."

The Rosemont Preserve is about 7.75 acres and purchased in 2012, he added, saying that funding came from the county supervisor's office and large and small donations from the community.

Colcord went on to say that one of the best things the AFC does is develop relationships.

"We have a field trip program, which Kyle manages, bringing about 3,000 people through here a year," he said adding that working with local scouting troops is another component of the Rosemont Preserve. He added the success of partnering with the Crescenta Valley Water District.

"They own the entrance to the Preserve, so they've given us access," he said. "About a year (or so) ago, we partnered with them to build a stormwater capture."

AFC CEO John Howell noted how critical it is to have open space and to have people who are dedicated to preserving "these natural habitats."

"That's why we're celebrating today," he said.

Among the many things the Preserve is noted for, he went on, is working with legislators "to help with our conservation goals (and) we shape municipal plans."

He went on to share the history of the AFC, how it was the vision of four women who volunteered their time and has since grown to an organization that has nine employees and a board of directors.

David Coher is on the board of

directors of the AFC.

"We wanted to expand some of the pathways [for wildlife]," he said. "The idea is to create pathways, which is a necessity, for wildlife to travel."

"Saving the land from development and turning it into a permanent sanctuary for wildlife effectively doubled the amount of available green space in La Crescenta," states the organization's website. "Since then, volunteers have worked tirelessly at our monthly restoration days and have mostly restored the area to strictly native plants."

The Rosemont Preserve has regular "open gate" and restoration events. According to its website, remote wildlife cameras at Rosemont have captured mountain lion, black bear, coyote, gray fox, bobcat, raccoon, opossum, Audubon's cottontail, brush rabbit, Western gray squirrel, California ground squirrel, California mouse, brush mouse, great horned owl and mule deer. Also, dusky-footed wood rat (dens), and Botta's pocket gopher (burrows) were observed on the property. Since 2015 10 different mountain lions have been documented.

In addition, various birds,

amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates have been recorded on the site.

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Pedestrian Fatality Involving Amtrak Train Under Investigation

At approximately 12:07 p.m. on Monday, Glendale police officers and Glendale Fire Dept. personnel responded to a report of a pedestrian struck by an Amtrak train near the area of Grandview Avenue and San Fernando Road. Upon arrival, responders located the train and its engineer at the scene.

Preliminary investigation indicates the pedestrian was walking in the tracks at the time of the collision. The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene. It appears the pedestrian's actions were intentional. The deceased is believed to be a male approximately 50-60 years of age.

The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office and Amtrak Police responded to the scene, and the incident is under investigation by the Glendale Police Dept. No further information was made available. *Provided by GPD*

Arrest Made in Alleged DUI Traffic Crash in Burbank

A 53-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after crashing his vehicle into a supermarket in Burbank. On April 13 at about 9:45 p.m., Burbank police officers responded to a report of a vehicle that had crashed into a grocery

store in the 10900 block of Sherman Way. Upon arrival, officers discovered that a vehicle had driven through the business' front entrance, causing significant structural damage. The driver exited the vehicle and began acting erratically inside

the store, at one point grabbing items and behaving aggressively toward employees. Officers located the suspect inside the store and issued commands for him to comply. He refused and attempted to flee while holding glass bottles. A brief struggle ensued but

officers were able to take him into custody safely. No officers or bystanders were injured during the incident. The suspect was arrested on multiple charges including driving under the influence of a drug and resisting or obstructing a peace officer. Formal charges

are pending review by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Burbank Police Dept. – Investigations Division at (818) 238-3210.

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In Disgrace Swalwell Drops Out of Governor's Race and Congress

By Mary O'KEEFE

This year's California governor's race had already proven to be different and difficult but now it is facing another issue. Former Representative Eric Swalwell dropped out of the race after accusations were made of alleged sexual misconduct and rape.

Democrat Swalwell on Sunday dropped out of the race for governor and on Monday

resigned from his job as U.S. Congressman of District 14 (East Bay Area of the San Francisco Bay Area). Last week Swalwell led in polls in the governor's race; with him dropping out the multitude of Democrat candidates are now working hard to pick up his supporters.

Swalwell began to face accusations on April 10 when the San Francisco Chronicle reported allegations from a former staffer accusing him of sexual assault in

2019 and 2024. Since then more women have come out to report alleged sexual misconduct. On Tuesday another accuser alleged that in 2018 Swalwell drugged and raped her.

It is too late for Swalwell's name to be taken off the June 2 primary ballot. The concern reported by many sources for Democrats is that people may still vote for him, not aware that he has dropped out of the race.

see SWALWELL on page 8

By Mary O'KEEFE

Around 10 a.m. on Thursday morning, California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to a vehicle traffic collision south of the Ocean View Boulevard on-ramp to the 210 (Foothill) Freeway. They discovered a vehicle had apparently lost control and hit a pole in front of the dentistry office of Mark J. Pak, D.D.S. at 4131 Ocean View Blvd.

The driver fled the area, which makes the accident a hit-and-run. There were no injuries reported.

The vehicle had been involved with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents earlier, according to an ICE agent on-scene. The driver had been stopped by ICE on Foothill Boulevard near Lowell Avenue. The agents went to talk to him, but the driver backed into the ICE vehicle and took off. ICE did not pursue the vehicle.

ICE agents remained in the area and discovered the Ocean View Boulevard accident.

ICE initially conducted the traffic stop of the driver of the vehicle regarding immigration status and the driver allegedly had previous reckless driving convictions.

Collision Involves ICE, CHP



Former President Joe Biden and Jay Leno Visit LC Shop



Mike and Sandy Kobeissi met and welcomed former President Joe Biden and personality Jay Leno on Wednesday, April 8 when the pair stopped by Handel's Homemade Ice Cream in La Cañada.

They had traveled through the Angeles National Forest before stopping by the shop, which is located adjacent to Kobeissi Properties in La Cañada.

Provided by M. KOBEISSI



WEATHER from page 2

The waves crashing against the rocks, the sound of my grandkids laughing and – yes – even making sure my youngest grandkid doesn't eat another mouthful of sand ... it seems like a dream.

As I look out to the horizon I realize how much we can learn from the sea. The entire ecosystem is right before us. From the runoff that travels from the LA Basin to the beaches, the sea takes it all in. I can't imagine anyone who has

spent any time at the beach would not understand that we survive on this planet because of the sea, and why protecting it is not just to maintain its inspiring beauty but to protect our own survival.

Earlier this week and last weekend we did see some rain here and there but the story for the next few days are the Santa Ana winds.

According to NOAA, on Friday into Saturday we will be seeing some Santa Ana conditions

with wind gusts between 25 to 35 mph and higher gusts in the mountains.

Although Santa Ana winds are warm, we will not see high temperatures – mostly from now through next week we will have temperatures in the mid-to-high 70s with a possible increase on Saturday and Sunday in the low 80s.

No rain until possibly Monday or Tuesday of next week but if it does rain it will only probably be about a half inch at the most.

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ART ON THE ROCKS *from Cover*

The hospital shuttered Rockhaven and in 2008 the City of Glendale purchased the property for \$8 million. At the time the plan was to have the Montrose Library move to the Rockhaven property and to also create a park-like area for the community. That was the plan in 2008 – but over the years plans changed. Over the years, the fate of Rockhaven has had its ups and downs – and through it all Friends of Rockhaven has been there as an advocate for Rockhaven and Agnes Richards. FoR, with Linkchorst at the helm, continues to fight to protect this historic Montrose sanitarium for women.

Fundraisers are held throughout the year; Art on the Rocks is a big fundraiser for the organization.

“We have 25 women signed up right now, setting up indoors and outside the beautiful, historical property of St. Luke’s of the Mountains,” Linkchorst said.

Linkchorst said this event is different from boutiques held by other organizations.

“In keeping with the idea of Rockhaven being run by women for women, we only have women artists [at the event],” Linkchorst said.

The money raised at the event is dedicated toward FoR’s efforts to learn, preserve and teach the history of Rockhaven Sanitarium.

“Right now we are working on cataloging, digitizing and properly storing our archives,” she added.

The event on April 25 begins at 10 a.m. at St. Luke’s, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. Parking for St. Luke’s can be accessed one block north of Foothill Boulevard on Rosemont Avenue and east on Cross Street.

“We are immensely grateful for the continued support of Supervisor Barger and the amazing people at CV Weekly,” she added. “And we love that the St. Luke’s community always helps out and also offers coffee and baked goods during the event.”

DRUG TAKE BACK *from Cover*

“The U.S. Geologic [Survey] has reported that [medications], such as steroids, prescription and non-prescription drugs, antibiotics, hormones and fragrances have been detected in water samples collected from streams considered susceptible to contamination from various wastewater sources such as those downstream from intense urbanization or livestock,” according to California’s Dept. of Toxic Substances Control.

Though some of this is from medication passing through the body and ending up in sewers, another source is from people throwing pharmaceuticals down the toilet – directly into the sewer.

Hundreds of human-made chemicals flow into U.S. streams and waterways and all of them are affecting the environment, wildlife and sea life, according to American Veterinary Medical Association.

It is advised that people review the expiration dates of both prescribed and over-the-counter medications then get rid of them safely. By doing this, it prevents mistakes of taking outdated medication, which can be dangerous to one’s health, and by getting them out of the house, especially if there are children in the residence, it prevents them from being taken by someone who they’re not prescribed for.

For those outside of the Crescenta Valley area go to DEATakeBack.com for a nearby collection site.

For information or questions contact SHovsepian@GlendaleCA.gov or CKhachiki@GlendaleCA.gov or call (747) 488-6921. More information can be found at GlendaleCA.gov/SubstanceAbuseResources

BREWFEST *from page 5*

“We were invited by a friend this year and are thoroughly enjoying ourselves.”

Among the vendors that passed out samples of their wares was Katherine “Kat” Orbach and Amanda Murphy of The Cozy Cookie. The pair have extensive experience in the food industry; according to the website thecozycookie.co, Murphy is a trained pastry chef. This was the second year The Cozy Cookie was at the Craft Brew Fest.

Pizza Man also passed out samples of its pizza, which were eagerly gobbled up by Craft Brew Fest attendees.

According to Molly Burke, executive director of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, there were several new vendors at the event as well as familiar faces.

“For food, we welcomed back Giuseppe’s and Big Mama’s & Papa’s Pizza, introduced new vendors Ubatuba Açai and Kneady Bakery LA, and featured familiar faces from the Montrose Harvest Market, including LOATA Baked Goods, The Brutal Baker, and MJM Savories,” she said. “For music, local band Hardcastle performed and did a fantastic job. We also had several

familiar faces from Oktoberfest join us with informational booths, including 3-2-1 Acting Studios, Holy Redeemer/ St. James School, and Forest Lawn. New additions like Level Up Health and Wellness, which provided water for attendees, and Archive Contents Restorations, that supported our brand new Brewmasters Lounge VIP tent, also participated.”

Members of Elks Lodge #1289 were on hand, volunteering to monitor traffic in the crosswalks as it has for the last eight to 10 years it has attended the Fest.

“We also make sure no alcohol leaves the event,” said Joe Allen of the Elks Lodge #1289.

In addition, the Elks Lodge members were pouring tastes of Everywhere beer as members of the Orange brewery were unable to attend Sunday’s event.

Those who missed Sunday’s event can earmark the date next year.

“You’ll definitely see us back next year!” said Burke. “Despite the rain, attendees and vendors shared how much fun they had and we love putting on events for our community.”

SWALWELL *from page 6*

This would divide the Democratic vote even more in the large field of Democratic candidates on the ballot.

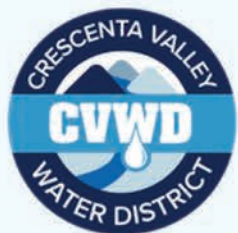
On Tuesday, in addition to Swalwell resigning from Congress, Republican congressman Tony Gonzales (representing Texas) also resigned. Swalwell and Gonzales faced Housing Ethics investigations into alleged sexual misconduct.

Gonzales was elected to Congress in 2020. In September last year there were allegations of sexual misconduct

with one of his staffers, who has since died by suicide. NBC reported it obtained text messages Gonzales in 2024 had sent to the former staffer that were allegedly sexually explicit. Another woman who worked for Gonzales also reported receiving similar text messages.

Swalwell has maintained his innocence in the face of these allegations and plans on fighting the accusations.

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VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Stage Barn & Castle on the America 250

The Sunland-Tujunga Bicentennial Trail, developed in 1976, is now the America 250 Trail. So far, in the past weeks we've visited 10 of the 25 locations highlighted on this journey into the past. Today, the focus will be on two homes with interesting stories. The first is the A. J. Richardson Home and Stage Barn at 7441 Valaho Drive, then the Blarney Castle at 10217 Tujunga Canyon Blvd., both in Tujunga – #11 and #12 on the trail.

Let's begin with the following Stage Barn information left to us by the original trailblazers: "The first bus line (called stage lines in the early days) was operated between Sunland and Roscoe (in Sun Valley), where passengers could flag a train for Los Angeles, San Fernando and points beyond. The 'Stage' consisted of a horse and buggy, its capacity limited to three, or

at most four, persons. In 1910, Marshall Hartranft purchased a Buick pickup, with seats along the sides to serve as the first auto stage. Soon after, Earl Sims bought a Cadillac and established a stage to the Pacific Electric Station at Brand and Broadway in Glendale. In 1917, Sims sold his line to Al Richardson, who then acquired numerous transport vehicles and operated under the name Richardson Transportation Company."

Allen John Richardson was born near Dublin, Ireland in 1880. He arrived in the United States in 1893 and married Tilly Elsner in Los Angeles in 1907. The two found their way to Tujunga shortly before the stage line was purchased in 1917. The house on Valaho Drive was their home, along with a large barn to house many of their vehicles. The business was flourishing

when Tilly passed away in 1926. A. J. continued operating the stage line for another 10 years before relocating to Orange County in the mid-'30s. The line was eventually purchased and operated by the Pacific Electric Company.

Turning the spotlight now to Blarney Castle on Tujunga Canyon Boulevard. Again, here is the description from the past: "Blarney Castle was built in the early days by Dr. Smith, a lady and a physician. Although additions have been made, it is still apparent that Dr. Smith's original design was meant to duplicate Blarney Castle in Ireland. Dr. Smith was well-known in the valley and her ability to drive and maneuver her heavy sedan was a wonder to all who observed."

Virginia Tenney Smith was born in Rutland County, Vermont in 1860. During a time

when few women even dared to dream of becoming a physician, Virginia graduated from Boston University's School of Medicine in 1888. After spending some time in Detroit, Michigan, by 1915 she was practicing medicine in Los Angeles. In the early '20s she began to build a small hospital on the southwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Hillhaven Avenue in Tujunga. In 1921, she purchased Blarney Castle and moved in. Despite the claim from the past, according to Mary Lou Pozzo's book "Founding Sisters: Life Stories of Tujunga's Early Women Pioneers," a businessman built the castle in 1919, two years before, so it was not Virginia who had it constructed and therefore not based on her memories of Ireland but his.

Mary Lou's book also tells the harrowing story that follows. One morning, after living in the

castle for only two years, and all alone, Virginia awoke and staggered out her back door. Unable to steady herself, she fell and struck her head on a rock. She was found by neighbors, bloody and unconscious, and taken to her own hospital. When she awoke, she was unable to speak and the prognosis was poor. It was determined that Virginia had suffered a massive stroke and her chances of survival were questionable. After just six months, though, she had recovered her speech. Soon she moved away, her medical career at an end.

Surprisingly, she lived for another 26 years, dying in Long Beach in 1949.

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GUEST OP-ED » PATRICK ATWATER

The Future of the Foothills: America's 250th

Our family went to the La Cañada Library a few weeks ago to hear Jacob Soboroff speak about his book "Firestorm." The room was packed. It was sobering to hear a journalist lay out the events of Jan. 7, 2025 so succinctly and professionally but also with real personal feeling. His brother's

house in the Palisades was destroyed. He covered the fires live while watching his childhood burn. What stayed with me most was not the account of what happened but his framing of what it means. Soboroff describes the 2025 fires not as an isolated tragedy but as a preview. The fire

of the future, in the words of one emergency management official he interviewed. That phrase has been rattling around in my head ever since.

This July 4 marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. There will be celebrations, fireworks and speeches about the American experiment. All of that is fitting. But I keep finding myself drawn to a different question. Not what the last 250 years have meant but what the next 250 might look like.

Start with the hopeful part. Just down the road at JPL in Pasadena, engineers are operating rovers on Mars and recently completed the first drives on another planet planned by artificial intelligence.

The Perseverance rover is crawling along the rim of Jezero Crater right now, investigating what may be traces of ancient life. SpaceX launches are visible from our local parks. It is not crazy to imagine that within the next 250 years, human beings will have established settlements on Mars and begun the long work of terraforming another world. The seeds of that future are being planted a few miles from where we live.

Now the harder part. Back here on Earth, the climate has shifted in ways that reshape daily life in the foothills. The massive atmospheric circulation patterns, called Hadley cells, are the engines that determine where deserts and

rainfall occur across the globe ... and they are drifting poleward. The dry zones are expanding north. For a city at LA's latitude, that means increasing aridification along with booms of precipitation – like the atmospheric river we had this past December.

Much of March, including many days technically in winter, felt like summer. Sierra snowpack, the source of so much of California's water, is already melting. The Colorado River, which supplies water to our region, has been in crisis for years and for the first time in U.S. history is in the thick of negotiations regarding federally mandated cutbacks. These are not future problems.

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They are present ones accelerating. And then there are the fires. As I write this, communities across Altadena and the Palisades are still rebuilding. Foundations are being poured. Permits are being filed. Families are making hard choices about whether to return. That rebuilding is an act of courage and love. But it is also incomplete if it is only about restoring what was lost. The question is whether we rebuild in a way that prepares for what is coming.

I understand that it is easier to focus on recovery rather than on adaptation. People are exhausted.

The bureaucracy is maddening. Insurance is a nightmare. But the atmospheric conditions that created the Jan. 7 fires are not getting better. They are getting worse. That is just the reality of the world in which we live.

What gives me hope is what I see in this community. The Eaton Fire Collaborative. The LCF Climate Adaptation Committee. JPL scientists sharing climate research at churches here in La Crescenta. (There has been some fascinating coverage of that work in these pages.) Foothill Strong, which brought people together for

mutual aid when the fires were still burning. These are not abstract institutions. They are neighbors doing the practical work of facing reality together.

The Declaration of Independence is often remembered for its soaring language about rights and equality. But it was also, at its core, a document about self-governance, about people in a specific place deciding they had the capacity and the obligation to shape their own future rather than wait for distant powers to shape it for them. That is a small d-democratic impulse and it is alive in the foothills.

I have been thinking about what it would look like to channel that impulse into something more deliberate. What if the foothill communities came together in some kind of forum to envision how we adapt and thrive over the coming decades? Not a government body. Not a task force with an acronym and a sunset date. Something more like a sustained conversation among neighbors about the future we want to build, informed by the best science and the deepest local knowledge we have. A forum for the future of the foothills.

I do not have the answers. Nobody does. But 250 years ago a group of people in Philadelphia decided that the future was worth arguing about together. They did not agree on much but they agreed on that. I think we can do the same.

Happy birthday, America. The next 250 years are ours to shape.

Patrick's a husband, father, son, brother, avid cyclist, fervent reader, enjoyer of adventures, lover of board games and the author of "A New California Dream." He blogs at PioneeringSpirit.xyz and writes for CV Weekly in his personal capacity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dr. Suzie Abajian Seeks Re-election as Glendale City Clerk

It has been a great honor to serve as your elected Glendale City Clerk for the past four years. I am running for re-election to continue the work I have begun in strengthening transparency, accessibility and trust in our local government.

During my first term, I modernized operations, strengthened voter outreach, expanded language access and streamlined public records requests to better serve our community. I also fought for the staffing and resources needed to ensure our office operates effectively and responsibly. In addition, I worked to advance more accurate demographic data collection at the state and federal levels so our city can better understand its residents and make more informed and equitable decisions that serve everyone.

Beyond my core responsibilities, for three years I oversaw the operations of the Commission on the Status of Women in Glendale.

In that role, I led the publishing of a historic report on the status of women in our city — bringing forward critical data and insights to inform policy and community action.

As the only certified municipal clerk in this race, I am committed to the highest professional standards in elections administration, records management and open government. I bring independence, sound judgment, integrity and the courage to hold the line when it matters most. As an immigrant and the mother of a young child, I am deeply invested in ensuring that Glendale remains a safe, inclusive and responsive community for everyone.

I will always stand up for transparency and ensure that our public records and elections are handled professionally, impartially and in the best interest of all residents.

I hold a B.A. in mathematics and an M.A. in mathematics education from Occidental College, a Ph.D. in education from UCLA and a California Administrative

Credential from UCI.

I am proud to be endorsed by U.S. Congresswoman Laura Friedman, State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez, Assemblymembers Nick Schultz, Jessica Caloza and John Harabedian, Glendale Teachers' Association, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Los Angeles County Democratic Party, National Women's Political Caucus and many community leaders.

I respectfully ask for your vote.
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True – No King in America

The day after the No Kings Rally, Donald Trump was still ... President of the Untied States ("No Kings Rally Held at Glendale City Hall," CVW, April 2).

"America is a democracy, not a dictatorship," stated organizers from Indivisible, co-sponsor of the March 28 event. "The country does not belong to kings."

I beg to disagree. America is

a constitutional republic, not a democracy. Our last and only monarch was King George III of England, who was cast off after the American Revolution in 1776.

If 8 million protestors took to American streets, please remember that 80 million voters cast their ballots – "non-violently, powerfully and joyfully" to take a page from the rally –in 2024 for Donald Trump, who won the popular vote and the Electoral College.

Whether you are for or against immigration enforcement, oppose or support the war in Iran, you will still have power and the right to vote for a new President – not a king – in 2028.

Les Hammer
Pasadena

Why the City Clerk Matters More Than You Think

When Glendale voters approved Measure A in 2024, they gave the [Glendale] City Council the power to bypass competitive bidding and select contractors directly. The

measure passed with no official opposition statement on the ballot. That silence was not accidental; it was the result of a choice.

The city clerk, an independently elected official, is the gatekeeper of transparency. The clerk administers the California Public Records Act, oversees election outreach and ensures that voters receive balanced information. Yet in the case of Measure A, the clerk declined to seek out a counter-argument, stating it was "not her role."

This narrow interpretation of duty left voters with only one side of the story. Without an adversarial perspective, citizens were deprived of the chance to weigh risks: favoritism, loss of accountability and erosion of safeguards in public contracting. The council's unanimous support and the mayor's vague assurances were enough to sway the majority but only because no one in an official capacity ensured that dissenting voices were heard.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Annual Gala Creates a Lasting Impact



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Ascencia, which has a mission of “Lifting people out of homelessness one person, one family at a time,” returned to the Oakmont Country Club on Saturday night to celebrate its 18th annual gala, which had a theme of Creating a Lasting Impact.

“It’s the largest fundraiser we have,” said Laura Duncan, executive director of the organization. About 280 people had RSVP’d for the event.

An opportunity drawing was held for prizes featuring wine

baskets, sports memorabilia and more. Tickets for these items were sold at the beginning of the evening with those who secured these items announced later in the night.

In addition to having the opportunity to purchase tickets, guests spent the first hour of the evening mingling and sipping passed wine. Dignitaries included Representative Laura Friedman, Assemblymember Nick Schultz, Glendale city manager Roubik Golanian and his wife Maria, council members Vartan Gharpetian and Elen Asatryan, former Glendale city mayor Paula Devine and fire

chief Jeff Brooks.

At the appointed time, the doors opened to the ballroom where dinner (a choice was offered of vegetarian, beef or fish) was served. Guests walked on a red carpet that was flanked by Ascencia staff that commended and welcomed them. At each table setting, a paddle had been placed so folks could take part in the live auction, which was held later in the evening.

Organizations and individuals were honored at the event. Janice Casazza Piatak and in memory of Robert Piatak were recognized for their

Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
LEFT: Ascencia president Paulette Ramsay Wood and Kiwanis president Albert Hernandez.

RIGHT: Seated are, from left, former Glendale mayors Paula Devine and Laura Friedman, who currently represents the 30th district, Allie Apana Schultz and assemblymember Nick Schultz

ongoing commitment to the mission of Ascencia. The Hope and Compassion Award was given for this commitment.

According to Ascencia, “the Hope and Compassion Award is reserved for the selfless community/business leader, public official, or other inspirational visionary or role model who through exceptional dedication of personal time and resources has made a long-last impact no Ascencia.”

Cathay Bank received the Ambassador of Hope Award, which was accepted by Henry Chang, team leader of the bank. The award, according

to Ascencia, recognizes an organization, volunteer or business which/who has gone above and beyond the call of public service duty in providing support for Ascencia’s mission.

The funds raised at Saturday’s event are earmarked for special projects that Ascencia has, though concerns surround funding for the non-profit.

“Given the forecasted cuts to government funding on the federal, county, state, city levels, private donations are more important than ever,” said Duncan.

The evening ended with music and dancing.

» TASTY TREATS » CHEF RANDY

Focaccia

Ever wondered about the history of focaccia? Here’s what the internet says:

Focaccia bread has its origins in ancient Italy, tracing back to the time of the Etruscans and the Romans. The word “focaccia” is derived from the Latin word “focus,” meaning “hearth” or “fire,” which refers to the traditional method of cooking the bread on a hearthstone or in a wood-fired oven.

That works for me – although I don’t have a hearthstone or a wood-fired oven. I prepare the dough and spread it out on a quarter-sheet baking pan. Then I plunge my fingers into the dough and make indentations that hold olive oil, fresh rosemary and fresh thyme from my herb garden. Bake time is less than 30 minutes.

I like to eat fresh-baked focaccia with a large salad dressed with espresso vinaigrette.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1½ cups warm water
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil (plus extra for topping)
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary (chopped for topping)
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves (chopped for topping)
- Flaky sea salt (for topping)

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- In a large mixing bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warm water and let sit for five minutes



until it becomes frothy.

- Add flour, ¼ cup olive oil and kosher salt to the yeast mixture. Mix to combine. Knead the dough on a floured surface for 10 minutes, or until it is smooth and elastic. Place the dough in an oiled bowl, cover it with a damp cloth, and let it rise in a warm place for one hour.
- Punch the dough down, transfer it to an oiled baking sheet and spread it out. Using your fingers, create dimples in the dough. Drizzle olive oil over the dough and sprinkle with rosemary, thyme and flaky sea salt.
- Cover the dough with a damp cloth and let it rest for 20 minutes. Bake for 25 minutes or until the focaccia is golden brown and crispy around the edges. Remove it from the oven, allow it to cool for 5 minutes, then slice and serve.

Chef Randy Graham, the healthy chef. Providing consistently good vegetarian comfort food recipes. See his cookbooks at Amazon.

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Community Arts Party Features a Sunland Artist, a Fallen Artist and a Free Art Giveaway

The annual Community Art and Chocolate Party celebrating World Art Day will take place on Sunday, April 19 from noon to 6 p.m. in the yard of Randy and Becky Mate at 7862 Apperson St. in Sunland. World Art Day was established in 2012 by the International Association of Art and then formally recognized as a UNESCO international observance in 2019 to promote global awareness of creative activity, artistic freedom and the contribution of artists to society. Rebecca (Becky) Mate's work has appeared in the IAA's past virtual shows and her painting, Artist Day at Rancho Camulos was accepted to this year's online show under the theme of "Confluence, a coming or flowing together."

"I hold this annual party as an example of how one can invite artists and celebrate World Art Day and I've always suggested that everyone 'give the gift of art,'" said Becky Mate. "It is time for me to set an example of art giving with a free art giveaway. Without prompting, other artists have donated works to this effort. My hope is that each attendee leaves with one piece of art that speaks to them ... while the art lasts."

This year's featured artist is Syvie Abrams of Sunland, a member of the Glendale Art Association who paints animals, landscapes and abstracts in oil. She studied painting in Lyons, France where she exhibited some of her works at one of the Hewlett-Packard offices and in the international contemporary art showcasing event Biennale de Lyon. Her virtual art has been projected on buildings in New York and Madrid via Metro Expo. She moved to Sunland in 1995 with her husband Andrew Abrams,

who passed away in 2025. As a tribute to him as an artist, Abrams will bring a "coffee table" book, a collection of her husband's artwork.

"My theme right now is soul-searching, exploring grief and other strong emotions and the connectedness of all people. I work with animals; I'm concerned with the environment. I am excited about this arts event!" Abrams said.

She introduces her animal portraits, especially the primates, by the animal's name; not only does she know them from working with them but it can almost be seen in their eyes that they know her.

Two of Becky Mate's paintings will hide under velvet until the reveal during the arts party. One of the paintings, Rocket Gallery, inspired by Lady Rocket of space assets fame, has a round wire on the back so that it can be hung at any angle (to enhance the weightlessness feel).

Members of California Creative Arts, who regularly exhibit art in venues in Burbank, will show their work, along with art, poetry and song brought by attendees from the community. Children may create at the Kid's Table and hang their art for all to see.

This year's event is sponsored by artistsforabetterworld.art (AFABW), a network of artists who are making a difference through art and social betterment. AFABW has World Art Day events in Florida, Texas, Switzerland, The Gambia and Ghana.

AFABW President and Founder Barbara Oliver said, "These days people are focused on the crisis in the world and people are at odds with one another, but we focus on the positive. Our theme



Photo by Mina PRIETO
Rebecca Mate (left) and Sylvie Abrams.

for this 250th year of our country is 'Celebrate Creative Freedom' where artists have always been free to dream, create the future and give hope. We are doing something about it by encouraging the celebration of creation, instead of dwelling on destruction."

The director of the local chapter of AFABW, Lallah Rowe, plans to attend and speak for a few minutes about reviving Hollywood.

"Movies that promote drugs, immorality and crime have degraded Hollywood, which has the purpose of creating uplifting communications," said Rowe. "During the 1930s, this purpose resulted in movies that made people feel

good and brought them together. It lifted people out of the Depression and helped create the American culture that then changed the whole world. That purpose still exists. It can be re-kindled. We can use our art to uplift the whole world again."

Randy Mate's company New Castle Remodeling plans to provide shaved ice this year along with barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken sandwiches. People often bring a potluck dish.

For more information or to RSVP for the Community Art and Chocolate party, contact artday@earthlink.net or just stop by.

People Making News

Aniee Sarkissian of Tujunga, who attends the University of North Texas, and Joseph Yoon of Glendale who attends California State University, Los Angeles were recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic

disciplines.

They are among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Stephanie Kiang of La Cañada Flintridge has been named to the fall 2025 deans' list at the

University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Students receiving a 3.9 grade point average or higher are placed on the chancellor's list, while those receiving a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.89 are named to the deans' list. The lists recognize students' outstanding academic achievements.

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Grant institution and is the leading doctoral degree-granting institution in the state of Alaska. Since it was founded in 1917, UAF has been internationally recognized for research relating to the Arctic and sub-Arctic in areas such as biology, geophysics, engineering, natural resources and climate.



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

2026 Brand Associates Dance Series

The Brand Associates Dance Series presents four performances this spring at Brand Library & Art Center, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale. This series, curated by acclaimed choreographer, teacher and producer Jamie Nichols, presents top dance companies from Southern California performing site-specific work in non-traditional performance spaces around Brand Library. The Dance Series is sponsored by the Brand Associates. Performances begin at 6 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

- *Bipedal Herd* – Saturday, April 25
- *Celeste Lanuza Dance Theater* – Saturday, May 2
- *Deborah Rosen and Dancers* – Saturday, May 9
- *LA Swing Dance Posse (LASDP)* – Saturday, May 16

Bipedal Herd utilizes contemporary dance and site-specific performance installation, creating startling yet beautiful imagery that evokes other worldliness. In *Temperature Drop*, *Bipedal Herd* will present tightly choreographed vignettes against structured improvisation, mirroring the tension between order and the inevitable unraveling of time. BipedalHerd.com

Celeste Lanuza Dance Theater is an ensemble of dancers, actors and



musicians who bring interdisciplinary work highlighting the Xicane experience through embodied practice, spoken word, original live music, singing and instrumentation. This performance premieres *We'll Rise*, a celebration of diverse works from the company's repertoire. CelesteLanuza.com

Deborah Rosen and Dancers explore personal connection

through contemporary dance, using reflective movement and somatic practices. The company will present their latest dance, *ATZMI* (the essence of myself), which unfolds as a physical meditation on identity, honoring the quiet bravery of claiming one's inner voice and standing fully inside it. The company will also present *GAIA*, an excerpt and solo repertoire of their full-length work, *POLLEN*.

Facebook.com/DeborahandDancers

LA Swing Dance Posse (LADSP) is a non-profit organization with the mission to preserve, promote, perform and teach vernacular jazz dance, such as Savoy Swing, Charleston and Lindy Hop, from the 1800s to the present. *LASDP* will present *History of Swing Dancing*, highlighting jazz dance from the 1920s through the 1950s. Feel the groove, feel the beat,

and most of all, move those feet. LASwingDancePosse.org

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

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

LCPC Honors Staff at Gala

LCPC Parent Education honored the staff at the "Stars for the Show" Gala on Feb. 28 the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank. Guests were treated to an Academy Award themed night replete with red carpet reception and Oscars bestowed to its Parent Ed Team (comprised of 24 paid staff members and six Art of Fatherhood leaders) who inspire families to thrive! See LCPCparented.org.

The evening and its online/live auctions were hosted by board members Jennifer Kohorst, Julie Milbrodt, Ashley Barrett, Natasha Wood, Lauren Gallidoro, Jane Cho, Ellie Richardson, Heather Adamick, Lesley Monro, Susan Rossi and Executive Director Anne Bierling.



Photo by Josh LANGE

Front row from left are Greg Cook, Matt Allen, David Lamb, Chuck Osburn and Ron Chiu. In the back row from left are Betty Bredemann, Sloan Walsh, Jennifer Kliewer, Katy Riddell, Anne Bierling, Teresa Chiu, Tracy Tobias, Paula Giboney, Cathy Lukesh, Jana Van Dyck, Maria Armstrong, Beth Shupper and Jennifer Gordon.

THEN & NOW

Three Oaks Cafe

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: Here is the Three Oaks Cafe owned by Lou Rossi. This classy restaurant and bar was on the south side of Honolulu Avenue, just west of Rosemont Avenue, and took its name obviously from the three big oak trees growing in front of the building. Vito Cannella, a Montrose businessman since the 1950s, said he remembered that the politics of Montrose happened over drinks there in the '50s and '60s, and that many historic deals were struck at the bar of the Three Oaks.



Now: In the 1970s this restaurant became Lady Jane's, a popular watering hole for locals that featured a mural on the east side of the building of a beautiful long-haired woman wearing a wide brimmed hat. For more than a decade, it was The Mix, a classic neighborhood bar. Now it is condos.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com

April 13, 2026 - April 19, 2026

ARIES March 21 - April 19

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

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

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

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

If you've never been that interested in looking after your health, things

are about to change. A positive aspect will encourage you to see the benefits of transforming your lifestyle. You can start by giving up a few of your less healthy habits and progressing from there. You don't have to make every change right away, although you might be inspired to try.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

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

LEO July 23 - August 22

This is an excellent time to detox in any way that suits you best. You might want to spend a couple days eating only fresh fruits and vegetables, or it might be easier

visit a sauna or steam room where the heat can work on your pores. Another way to detox would be to increase the pace of your workouts.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

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

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

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

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

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

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

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

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Right now is a good time to expend energy and step up your workout efforts. The aspects are conducive to working up a sweat and clearing out toxins, giving the

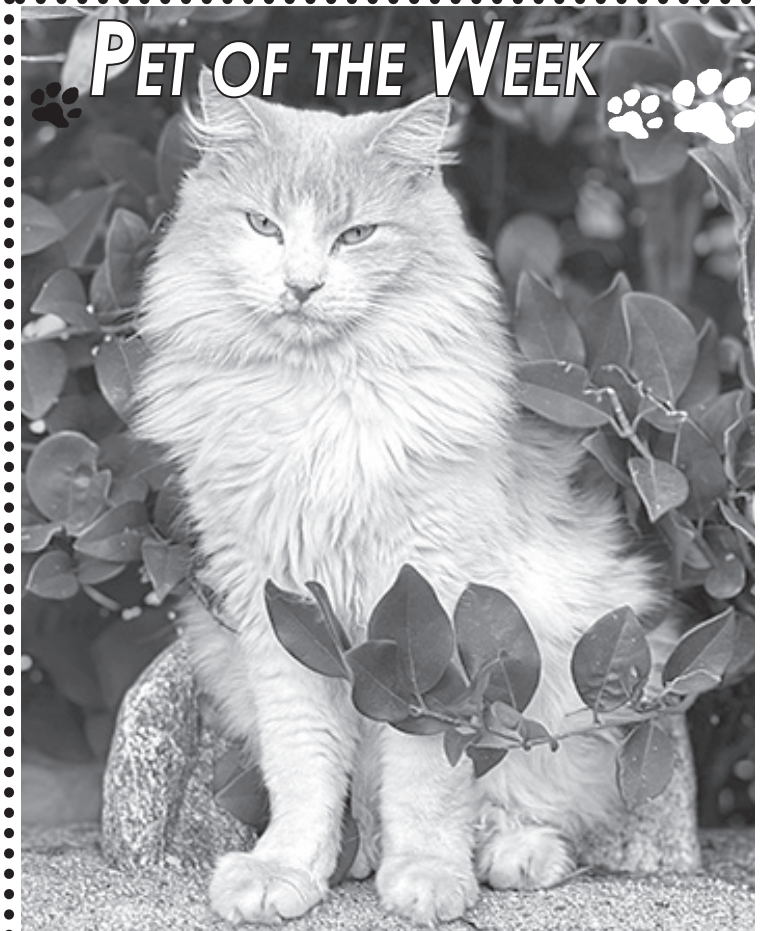
body a chance to purify itself. This might be a good time to enjoy a sauna or steam room. If nothing else, have a long soak in the tub.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

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

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

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

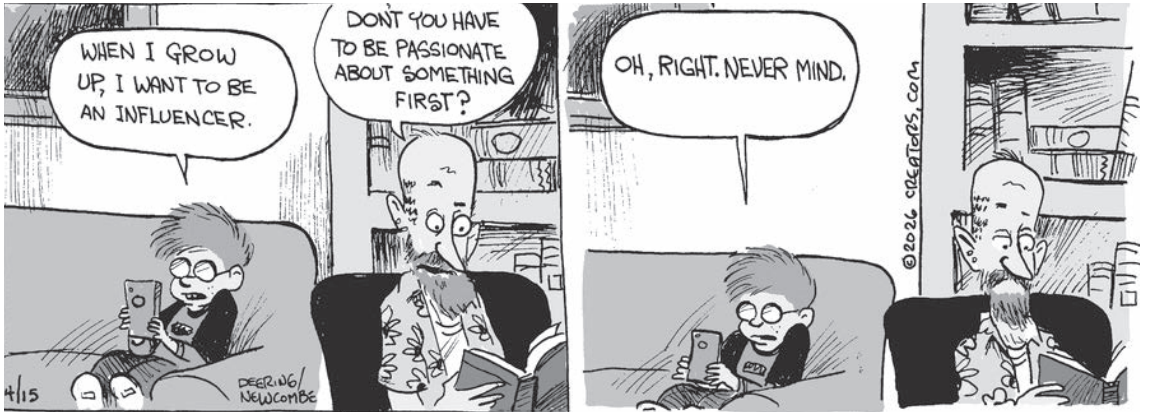


PET OF THE WEEK

This is Ayso, 3 years old indoor/outdoor rescue from the A.Y.S.O. fields in Glendale. Lover of all edible treats like beetles, lizards, bugs!

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!

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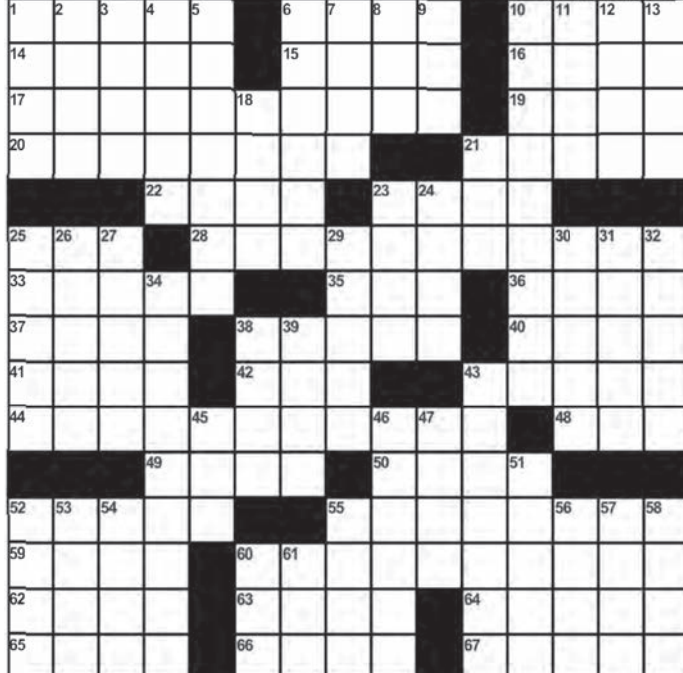
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- 20) Plot giveaways, say
- 21) Bind securely
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- 28) Foul-mouthed sort
- 33) Chews the fat
- 35) Pizzeria creation
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- 37) Hardly gentlemanly
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- 41) Diva's big moment
- 42) Take one's pick
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- 49) Jack of Tom Clancy novels
- 50) Keats works
- 52) Free-for-all
- 55) 212, for much of Manhattan
- 59) Think tank nugget
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- 1) Carpenter's collection
- 2) Where to use a wedge
- 3) "In the ballpark" phrase
- 4) 19-Across's language
- 5) Holes in shoes
- 6) Rival of Athens
- 7) D.C. nine, for short
- 8) Did lunch
- 9) ___ capita income
- 10) Bet the works
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- 12) Old coin of Italy
- 13) Bomb of a show
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- 21) Place for a body wrap
- 23) Punxsutawney critter
- 24) Beehive State athletes
- 25) Rawboned sort
- 26) Shipmate of Spock
- 27) The pits
- 29) Goes for the cuspidor
- 30) DKNY designer Donna
- 31) Atlanta university
- 32) Zellweger of "Chicago"
- 34) Brits' times for "cuppas"
- 38) Garment for 19-Across
- 39) Doing business
- 43) Cuss out
- 45) Sailor's assent
- 46) Unopened, as champagne
- 47) Took too much, briefly
- 51) Cause to panic
- 52) Dust bug
- 53) Blissful spot in Genesis
- 54) Sinker material
- 55) Prefix with "climax"
- 56) Has loans
- 57) Fender ding
- 58) Chunks of history
- 60) Performer's tip collector
- 61) Game with Reverse cards

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By Fred Piscop



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

StubHub Charged Me \$3,300 for Tickets I Never Received — Can I Get My Money Back?

When Paul Avron's daughter buys Coldplay tickets from StubHub, she expects a memorable night out. But as the concert approaches, the tickets still haven't arrived and StubHub's FanProtect guarantee seems to vanish. Can she get her money back?

Question: I'm hoping you can help me. My daughter purchased three tickets for a Coldplay show in Miami through StubHub months in advance for \$1,027. On the day of the concert, the app showed the tickets were "being released." But as showtime approached, nothing arrived. StubHub refunded the tickets.

My daughter called StubHub repeatedly, asking for replacement tickets. The last rep she spoke to refused, saying we'd have to purchase new tickets. He said there were tickets available for just \$1 more than what we paid and sent a link. We clicked it and bought them with my Chase Bonvoy card only to find out that they were \$1,000 each — more than \$3,300 in total. I disputed the purchase with my credit card and we did not see the show.

StubHub has refused to issue a refund. But if StubHub had provided the tickets my daughter purchased or offered real replacements, I wouldn't be in this mess. Can you help me get my \$3,300 back?

— Paul Avron,
Parkland, Florida

Answer: StubHub's FanProtect guarantee is supposed to give customers peace of mind when buying tickets on its resale platform. The company promises "valid tickets or your money back." But as your experience shows, that promise can fall apart when tickets don't show up and there's confusion over pricing.

You did almost everything right. You contacted StubHub multiple times, escalated to executives in writing and even involved your credit card company. Still, the company resisted refunding you despite the fact that you never used the tickets and were clearly overcharged.

I say "almost" because you purchased the non-refundable replacement tickets quickly and apparently without checking the full amount. Always, always double-check the total before pushing that "buy" button. Otherwise you could end up with three overpriced and unwanted concert tickets.

You have some consumer protections that might have applied to your situation. Under the Fair Credit Billing Act, you have the

right to dispute unauthorized or incorrect charges with your credit card company. In cases like yours — where the charge was far higher than you expected — your card issuer is required to investigate and, if the dispute is valid, issue a chargeback. But StubHub did disclose the final amount, which is probably why your credit card company won't help.

StubHub also operates under Florida's ticket resale laws, which require clear disclosure of ticket costs and prohibit deceptive practices. Together, these protections give consumers powerful leverage when companies refuse refunds for undelivered or misrepresented tickets, especially when the company's own policy isn't working.

Sometimes a brief, polite email to one of StubHub's executives (I list their names on Elliott.org, my advocacy site) can help. Unfortunately in your case, it did not.

Your case is a reminder to double-check ticket prices before completing a purchase — especially in high-pressure moments like just before an event. It also shows the limits of "guarantees" from ticket resellers,



Illustration by Dustin ELLIOTT

which can fall short when inventory issues arise. In situations like this, documenting every interaction and escalating early is essential. And if that fails, a consumer advocacy group like ours can help hold companies accountable.

I reached out to StubHub on your behalf, forwarding your timeline, receipts and correspondence. The company reviewed your case and agreed to reverse the charges.

"We're truly sorry this customer missed an event that was so meaningful to them," a representative told me. "When their original tickets were not delivered, we issued a full refund under our

FanProtect Guarantee. We also refunded a second, accidental purchase — even though it didn't qualify under our standard policy — to make things right. We know how important live experiences are and remain committed to supporting fans when things don't go as planned."

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2026 Christopher Elliott

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On April 17, it's Hawaiian Day and Photo Day at the Club! All members are encouraged to wear Hawaiian-themed clothes. Also, Cristian Hamilton of the Autry Museum will be making a presentation.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

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

FREE ART SHOW IN GLENDALE

The Glendale Art Show is a free event serving as a multicultural platform where artists of diverse backgrounds and disciplines come together to present their work to the community. The program features a broad range of artistic practices, including visual arts (painting, drawing, photography and mixed media), sculpture and three-dimensional works, crafts and handmade art, live demonstrations, interactive art experiences, and interdisciplinary performances.

The Glendale Art Show is designed to support both emerging and established local and visiting artists by providing opportunities to exhibit, sell and discuss their work directly with collectors and the public. By fostering artist-audience interaction and cross-cultural exchange, the project strengthens Glendale's creative ecosystem and contributes to the city's cultural vitality and civic life.

The Glendale Art Show is on Sunday, April 19 from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Entertainment provided by

GATA Band Live at 4 p.m.

The Glendale Art Show is in the 200 block of North Orange Street, between California and Wilson, in Glendale.

glendaleartshow.org

RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE

The community is invited to step beyond the noise of the modern world and into a place where time loosens its grip and wonder takes the reins. This spring, the original Renaissance Pleasure Faire invites guests to trade ordinary weekends for an escape into a vibrant 16th century village. Through May 17, laughter, spectacle and a touch of mischief await beneath the banners. Located just 10 minutes east of Pasadena at the Santa Fe Dam

Recreation Area in Irwindale, the Renaissance Pleasure Faire welcomes all.

Tickets for The Renaissance Pleasure Faire are \$53 for adults and \$28 for children aged 5-12.

Children aged 4 and under are admitted at no charge.

Themed events! Season passes available! Visit RenFair.com/SoCal for more information.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus).

There will be live music 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.

CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them:

•Senior Speaker Series - Social Security Reality Check: Join CCLCF for a free educational workshop on Wednesday, April 22 at 11 a.m. Learn about common Social Security mistakes, survivor benefit changes and tax and income surprises faced by retirees and near-retirees. Sign up today at cclcf.org/register

•Registration for CCLCF Spring II Session is open! New classes and returning favorites will run through May 30. Learn more at cclcf.org.

•Spring Ceramic Sale: The spring ceramic sale is on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring ceramics and glass for sale plus studio tours and demos from all of departments.

•Registration continues for Camp Runamuk and summer camps. Camp Runamuk for ages 5-10 will run weekly, June 8 to Aug. 14, with a different theme each week, including a counselor in training program (ages 12-15). Learn more/register at cclcf.org.

•Summer Camps. Check out the junior & pre-teen Ceramics Camps (ages 5-13) and Professor Egghead Camps (ages 5-10). Learn more at cclcf.org.

•Family Bingo Night: Save the date! Family Bingo Night is on Saturday, May 23 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. More info coming soon.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

KIWANIS HOSTING INAUGURAL WINE FEST

The Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos (KCOTV) announced its Verdugo Wine Fest, a premier community event scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held at the Glendale Community College (GCC) J. Walter Smith Student Center & Terrace, 1500 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale. The festival offers guests a curated selection of wines from renowned regions paired with a variety of gourmet appetizers and vegan-friendly options.

Proceeds from the Verdugo Wine Fest will directly benefit the GCC Foster Youth Support Program (FYSP), providing essential resources for students transitioning from the foster care system into higher education.

General admission tickets are \$100; on the day of the event, tickets are \$115 and are subject to availability.

Tickets include wine tasting and food. As this event is expected to sell out, early purchase is recommended.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or to donate, please visit Zeffy.

THE CALTECH JAZZ BAND PRESENTS THE ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Caltech Jazz Band, under the direction of Barb Catlin, presents the Annual Jazz Festival featuring three groups: the Caltech Jazz Band, the Joey Navarro Band and the Chris Wabich Trio. This outdoor concert will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Hameetman Patio. The festival is

outside with limited seating. Please bring a portable chair, blankets and picnic items. Parking is free.

The Caltech Jazz Band will open the festival with music by Thad Jones, Rob McConnell, Bob Mintzer and Caltech alum Dr. Les Deutsch.

Admission is free and no tickets or registration are needed. For more information visit pva.caltech.edu or email hschoe@caltech.edu.

CSC HOLDING ANNUAL ANGEL GALA

Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley (CSC) will host its 36th Annual Angel Gala, themed "Where Hope Blooms," on Saturday, April 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Langham Huntington Pasadena. The annual event brings together community leaders, healthcare partners, and supporters to raise critical funds for free programs serving individuals and families impacted by cancer. Tickets start at \$395. RSVP deadline is April 1.

For tickets and more information visit cancersupport.link/AngelGala2026.

TASTING BEE COMING UP

The Girl Scouts of the Greater Los Angeles area/Crescenta Valley/Glendale Service Units are hosting the 40th annual international tasting bee on World Thinking Day, April 19. The event is being held at the Montrose Program Center, 2732 Montrose Ave. from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Girl Scout admission is \$12; non Scout admission is \$10, which includes 30 "tastes" of the international cuisine.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF OBSERVES HOLY WEEK

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) on Sunday will continue its celebration of the Easter season with a focus on finding hope and meaning in everyday life. All are invited. In the church calendar used by LCIF's governing body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Easter isn't just one day—it's a 50-day season that begins on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost on May 31. This coming Sunday, LCIF's worship will reflect on the Resurrection, and the Bible story of travelers who encounter a stranger along the road who they later realize is the risen Jesus. All are welcome to attend LCIF's weekly Sunday worship with Pastor Viv Vega. Worship begins at 10 a.m. Children's Church is offered at the same time and includes a Bible lesson, crafts, games and snacks.

LCIF also invites local book lovers to its next book club meetup on Monday, April 20 at 1 p.m. in the church's conference room. The discussion will center on the novel, "Violeta" by Isabel Allende. Looking ahead, the club has selected "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood for its May meeting.

For more information about all activities at LCIF, please visit the church's redesigned website: lcifoohills.org. The website includes a link to livestream worship services for those unable to attend in person.

Those in need of pastoral care can email office@lcifoohills.org or call (818) 790-1951.

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

ICF - BRANCH 374 SPONSORS ITALIAN WORKSHOP

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) - Branch 374 is sponsoring workshops on conversational Italian. The workshops are on six Saturdays from May 2 through June 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Bede Catholic Church. The cost for the workshops is \$130 for ICF members, \$150 for non-members.

The workshops will be taught by Laura Godin and Raffaella La Scala, native Italian college professors, at St. Bede, 215 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

For more information call (818) 599-6626 or email icf374@outlook.com.



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Rev. Mary Morgan and Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta; Rev. Dabney Beck; Rev. Karin Ellis; La Cañada United Methodist Church; Guy Leemhuis, St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Kyle Sears, La Cañada Congregational Church; Holy Redeemer/St. James the Less churches; Dr. Mouris Yousef, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church; Pastors Andrew & Maria Segovia, Higher Vision Church; Dot Kim, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: I am feeling very anxious about the conflicts going on in the Middle East. How can I manage my anxiety?

Answer: It is completely natural to feel anxious when global events feel personal and immediate. Finding unity in such trying times often starts with small, intentional actions that bridge divides and protect your own well-being so you can remain a supportive member of your community.

Here are some practical ideas to put into practice to help:

- Building Unity and Social Cohesion**
- Focus on Shared Humanity:** Remember that despite political or religious differences, most people share similar dreams for peace and prosperity. Programs that emphasize shared goals or mutual challenges (like climate change or community safety) help

- rebuild trust.
- Practice Active Listening:** When discussing world events, focus on hearing the life stories behind a person's views rather than just their opinions. This helps explore the "grey areas" and humanizes those with different perspectives.
- Engage in Collective Action:** Participating in community service, volunteering or organized interfaith efforts provides a sense of agency and connects you with others who want to make a positive difference.
- Promote Compassion, Not Stigma:** Challenge discriminatory language or labels when it is safe to do so. Remind others that everyone deserves dignity, regardless of their nationality or background.
- Managing War-Related Anxiety**
- Limit Media Consumption:** Constantly scrolling through graphic images and

headlines can trigger "fight or flight" responses. Set specific times to check the news, such as 15-30 minutes once a day, and avoid it right before bed.

- Stick to Reliable Sources:** Use verified news organizations rather than unpredictable social media feeds, which are often fueled by divisive algorithms.
- Ground Yourself Physically:** When anxiety spikes, use breathing exercises – like inhaling for five seconds and exhaling for five – to signal safety to your brain.

I can also highly recommend prayer for others in the heart of the conflict. Putting energy into prayers for peace is also a powerful way to overcome feelings of helplessness and hope for a better tomorrow for all of us.

Blessings!

*Rev. Guy Leemhuis, Vicar
St. Luke's of the Mountains*

The Bahá'ís of Glendale Respond to Ascencia's Call for Action

In response to a community need, the Bahá'ís of Glendale recently supported Ascencia's call for pantry donations. Guided by the Bahá'í principles of unity and community building, participants contributed essential food items to help sustain Ascencia's kitchen.

Donations included a variety of provisions such as canned goods, pasta, noodles and an abundance of snacks. These contributions play a vital role in supporting Ascencia's clients, many of whom rely on supplemental pantry resources. By helping to keep the pantry well-stocked, donors are offering both practical assistance and a sense of care and stability – supporting individuals as they work toward secure, permanent housing. Ascencia's continued success depends on this kind of collective effort and ongoing

community support.

Everyone is encouraged to continue this spirit of giving. When donating, please ensure that all items are non-perishable, unopened and not expired. Thoughtful contributions help guarantee recipients receive

safe, high-quality food. Contact Ascencia directly to make a donation – every contribution, large or small, makes a meaningful difference.

Contributed by Teri GHAEMMAGHAMI



DISCOVER EVER PRESENT LOVE ACTIVE IN YOUR LIFE

Janet Hagerty, practitioner of Christian Science healing, will speak on April 19 at 2 p.m. at Descanso Gardens, Gathering Rm A. This free talk, open to the community, is co-hosted by First Church of Christ, Scientist in La Cañada Flintridge and First Church of Christ, Scientist in Glendale (Montrose).

"At the heart of everything we deal with, love might be what it is all about," Hagerty said. "A view of Love

as God can bring more thoughtful, tender affection to relationships."

She illustrates how people can prove for themselves the effectiveness of precepts from the Holy Bible and Christ Jesus' life and teachings, sharing modern examples of the connection between spiritual love and physical healing. She will touch on the life of Mary Baker Eddy, author of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, who taught what she felt was original Christian healing.

Hagerty travels from St. Louis,

Missouri and speaks to audiences around the world as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

APRIL 19 AT UUCVH: IN PRAISE OF POETRY

In celebration of National Poetry Month, join The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) as we explore poems that inspire, make us laugh or cry and give us food for thought!

*You can read more at
CVWeekly.com/RELIGION*

IN BRIEFS from Page 3

The Armenian Genocide Commemorative Event is free and open to the public; however, tickets must be reserved. To reserve free tickets and view the full list of Week of Remembrance events taking place, visit: GlendaleCA.gov/AGCE.

TIP A COP AT HILL STREET CAFE

On Friday, April 24 at Hill Street Cafe in La Cañada Flintridge from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. deputies from Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, along with Special Olympics Southern California athletes, will be serving patrons for the day! All tips go directly to support Special Olympics Southern California athletes!

Good food, great cause and a chance to see local deputies in action (don't worry ... no tickets being written at the table).

Hill Street Cafe is located at 1004 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada-Flintridge.

SHREDDING DAY

The Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association (NWGHA) will hold a community Shredding Day on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. A commercial shredding truck, with a video camera, allows participants to watch their confidential financial papers and documents being securely shredded.

The cost is \$8 per box. NWGHA members receive three boxes free of charge.

Residents who join NWGHA that day will receive the member discount.

The location is the parking lot behind Grandview Presbyterian Church, 1130

Ruberta Ave., between Glenoaks and Fifth Street.

For further information contact nwglendale@gmail.com or (818) 754-8274.

HOMETOWN COUNTRY FAIR COMING UP

The Hometown Country Fair, which features a classic car show, 5K run, pie-eating contest, live music, food trunks, vendors and more, takes place – rain or shine – at CV Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

This event is free to attend and is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GLENDALE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GALA

Diamonds Gala 2026, the annual Glendale Educational Foundation gala, takes place on Friday, May 1 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 3067 E. Chevy Chase Drive in Glendale from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

To learn more, visit glened.org.

TOWN HALL WITH ABOVE COMMUNITIES

The CV Town Council is urging residents to attend the Town Hall with Abode Communities on Monday, May 4 to discuss the proposed affordable housing development project at the corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. Because of the intense community feedback and ongoing concerns regarding building height, parking deficit, increased traffic and safety during an emergency, the Council is expecting a significant turnout.

FILM CONFERENCE from Page 4

LA County lost more than 42,000 motion picture jobs from 2022 to 2024, production has declined over 13% – just in one year – and we have seen that year after year. And now Paramount Skydance's \$110 [+] billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery is going to combine two of the five remaining Hollywood major studios. Paramount's projecting \$6 billion in synergies and we know what that word means ... it means cuts, it means layoffs and LA workers are going to feel it first.

"Here's the breaking news: We may not be able to put the pieces back together again until the Paramount Warner Bros. Discovery merger goes through and puts my former home, CNN, under the control of the Ellison family," said Acosta.

One of the concerns regarding the Ellison family is its close ties to the Trump Administration. Having one family controlling so many of the news outlets is what Acosta was most concerned about.

"As a former White House correspondent and anchor for CNN and a former correspondent for 'CBS News,' I can only report to you what I see with my own eyes: an assault on our freedom of speech and the free press in America," he said.

He said what he sees is a path to state dominated, or state controlled, media in the U.S., owned by oligarchs.

"The news does not belong to oligarchs, it belongs

to us," he said.

The merger now needs approval from regulatory authorities in the U.S., the European Union and United Kingdom. Approval may be difficult to attain due to antitrust and competition regulations/laws. Congress may not have the power to stop the merger; however, state attorney generals, or a coalition of attorneys general, could sue to block the deal. That would put the merger in front of a judge.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta is already investigating the issue. In an Instagram post by several of the stars who signed the recent letter, people were asked to contact their local attorneys general and let them know their concerns for the merger and ask for their support to block it.

The website for California Attorney General Rob Bonta is <https://oag.ca.gov>. Regarding the merger, mail the Public Inquiry Unit, P.O. Box 944255, Sacramento, California 94244-2550 or call (916) 210-6276 or toll free (800) 952-5225.

According to the AG's office, "As part of the Attorney General's commitment to enforce antitrust laws, the California Dept. of Justice launched an Antitrust Complaint Form. People can use the form found at <https://oag.ca.gov/contact/antitrust-complaint-form> to report anticompetitive conduct that potentially violates antitrust laws."

LA CLIMATE from Page 3

crushing everything underneath it – including sea life.

The organization hopes to find alternate ways to groom the beaches that are less invasive.

On Saturday the volunteers recorded zero life in the sand, which Shelton said was unusual for this area of Redondo Beach. There were also very few birds, another unusual find for the area. Shelton said there had been a recent "avian die off" that affected Redondo. The California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has been investigating increased reports of debilitated and dead seabirds at California beaches.

"Of the birds examined, nearly all have been younger birds that are emaciated, sometimes with opportunistic fungal respiratory infection and/or heavy parasitism, or with secondary injuries," according to California Fish and Wildlife.

The survey 7 Seas Collective took will continue to record data to help with bird investigations as well.

"These events are for everyone. The point is to learn about the beach and to change the idea of the beach ... It's not just for recreation but is a dynamic eco-system," Shelton said. "The survey gets people connected with the beach and will hopefully help them understand it better."

The beach survey is for all ages and although participants may not begin as scientists they end the day as citizen scientists.

For more information, go to 7seascollective.org.

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LEGALS

etc. received on August 19, 2004. Names of the persons and Lot Numbers of the storage property to be sold:

Names: John Kilfoyle
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NOTICE

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For California voters there will be a lot of names on the ballot for the governor's seat - over 60 in fact, with 24 Democrat candidates, 12 Republicans, one Libertarian, one from the Peace and Freedom party, and 23 with no party affiliations. Of course there will be some candidates who rise to the top in polling and the latest poll finds Democratic candidate Tom Steyer leading with 21% of likely voters and Republican candidate Steve Hilton at 18%. Democratic candidate Katie Porter and Republican Chad Bianco both have tied for third place. However, since Swalwell has dropped out, several billionaires have been throwing their support behind San Jose mayor Matt Mahan. The polls were conducted by Survey USA.

GCC from Cover

His goals for the current term, the mayor recounted, were to "strengthen our neighborhoods; to grow our economy; to improve our infrastructure; and to make sure that Glendale stayed a place where families could thrive and opportunities and business could flourish." This year the city boasts a decline in overall crime by 6% and a reduction in burglaries of 15%; expanded fire safety coverage with the addition of five new ambulances; welcomed more than 600,000 visitors into the city's libraries; held an inaugural Veterans' Day event; gathered the

consuls general of the cities with which Glendale has a Sister City relationship; oversaw a return of the city's annual MLK breakfast; and more. "Glendale is a city of incredible diversity and incredible strength, a place where different cultures and backgrounds and perspectives come together to form one community," Mayor Najarian concluded. "Glendale will always be my home, and I will always be invested in its success." Glendalain Allan Durham thanked Mayor Najarian for his service. "You've done a terrific job,"

said Durham. "We don't always agree, but you run a great council meeting." Once again, the council reviewed recommendations from the Charter Review Committee. The open question of whether the city's clerk and treasurer should be selected and appointed rather than elected was fueled by a dispute over editorial comments posted on the city election website administered by the city clerk regarding upcoming council candidate forums. The current city clerk acknowledged the posting was made in error and was removed but the mistake engendered criticism

and an exchange between the clerk and Councilmember Gharpetian. At the beginning of Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Najarian introduced members of the Gabrielino/Tongva nation whom he had invited to perform the invocation for the meeting. The mayor commented that many cities begin meetings with a statement recognizing the ancestors "upon whose sacred lands we stand," and observed the statements sometimes become routine and perfunctory, sometimes even belittled. CV Weekly readers: You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

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