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## RIVALS PROTEST ARMENIAN PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

BY: UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL



YEREVAN, Armenia, Feb. 20 (UPI) – The opposition party leader in Armenia called for mass protests in the capital city Wednesday citing irregularities in the presidential elections.

Levon Ter-Petrossian, the first president of Armenia following its independ-

ence from the Soviet Union, prepared allegations the presidential elections were rigged, Euronews.net said. The current prime minister, Serzh Sargsyan, won nearly 53 percent of the vote.

Supporters of Ter-Petrossian insist he won the election and point to a government-backed voter-intimidation campaign as an indication the allegations the vote was unfair.

Outgoing Armenian President Robert Kocharian, who has been president since 1998, is expected to become the next prime minister. He couldn't run for a third term.



## VANDAL SPRAY-PAINTS TURKISH FLAG ON ARMENIAN CHURCH WALL

BY: WWW.DAILYNEWS.COM

GLENDALE - Glendale police are asking for the public's help to find whoever is responsible for spray-painting a Turkish flag on the wall of an Armenian church.

The incident was reported at 1:30 p.m. Monday at St. Peter's Arme-

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### ASA Events

- **Genocide Vigil:** April (date to be determined) CSUN bookstore lawn.

- **Harout Banquet:** May 23rd

Brandview Collection  
109 East Harvard Street  
Glendale, CA 91205

Reserve: Angela (323)282-5736  
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- **All ASA Games:** May 24-26th, UCSB campus.

- **Woodbury ASA Culture Fair:** Sunday April 6th, Woodbury University Campus.

nian Church, 632 W. Stocker St.

Once there, police spotted a star and a crescent moon - symbols on the Turkish flag - painted in red on the west block wall of the church near a sidewalk.

Turkey is the target of anger among many Armenians who are fighting to get that country to officially recognize the killings during World War I of as many as one-and-a-half million Armenians as a genocide.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Glendale Police Department at 818-548-4840 or Crime Stoppers at 818-507-STOP.

## QUOTES:

"Love is blind as far as the eye can see"

"When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other. "

"Heroing is one of the shortest-lived professions there is. "

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

"Examinations are formidable even to the best prepared, for the greatest fool may ask more than the wisest man can answer. "

"Honesty may be the best policy, but it's important to remember that apparently, by elimination, dishonesty is the second-best policy. "

"The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it."

"A compromise is the art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes he has the biggest piece. "

Www.quotationspage.com

This Issue's Sudoku Cheat-Sheet

2	8	7	4	5	3	1	9	6
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## WHAT'S SO CONFUSING ABOUT JAZZ?

BY: NAIRI ZOGRABYAN

To most musicians, jazz is a sort of a conundrum. It's the music that can not be taught because it doesn't follow any rules. Unlike classical music which has set rhythm and metered time, jazz has a very dynamic rhythm as well as tonality; one minute it's in a minor with a 6/8th meter, then next minute it jumps to F Major under a 4/4 meter. My favorite explanation of jazz is by a very unlikely source. Yogi Berra, a baseball player in the 1950s was interviewed about his favorite type of music;

**Interviewer:** "Can you explain jazz?"

**Yogi:** "I can't, but I will. 90% of all jazz is half improvisation. The other half is the part people play while others are playing something they never played with anyone who played that part. So if you play the wrong part, it's right. If you play the right part, it might be right if you play it wrong enough. But if you play it too right, it's wrong."

**Interviewer:** "I don't understand."

**Yogi:** "Anyone who understands jazz knows that you can't understand it. It's too complicated. That's what's so simple about it."

**Interviewer:** "Do you understand it?"

**Yogi:** "No. That's why I can explain it. If I understood it, I wouldn't know anything about it."

**Interviewer:** "Are there any great jazz players alive today?"

**Yogi:** "No. All the great jazz players alive today are dead. Except for the ones that are still alive. But so many of them are dead, that the ones that are still alive are dying to be like the ones that are dead. Some would kill for it."

**Interviewer:** "What is syncopation?"

**Yogi:** "That's when the note that you should hear now happens either before or after you hear it. In jazz, you don't hear notes when they happen because that would be some other type of music. Other types of music can be jazz, but only if they're the same as something different from those other kinds."

**Interviewer:** "Now I really don't understand."

**Yogi:** "I haven't taught you enough for you to not understand jazz that well."



## TURKISH PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED SERZH SARGSYAN ON VICTORY IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

BY: WWW.PANARMENIAN.NET

Turkey's president said on Thursday he hoped the victory of Serzh Sargsyan in Armenia's presidential election would lead to a normalization of relations between their estranged countries.

"I hope your new position ... will permit the creation of the necessary environment for normalizing relations between the Turkish and Armenian peoples, who have proven over centuries they can live together in peace and concord," President Abdullah Gul said in a message of congratulations to Sargsyan.

"I sincerely wish that ... an atmosphere based on reciprocal trust and cooperation can be established that will contribute to regional peace and prosperity," Gul said, Reuters reports.

Turkey has no diplomatic relations with Armenia and keeps their land border closed since 1993. It denies that the mass killings of ethnic Armenians by Ottoman Turks in 1915-16 amounted to a Genocide and also insists on



## ARMENIAN GDP GROWS 10 PER CENT IN JANUARY

BY: ARMENPRESS.COM

YEREVAN, FEBRUARY 21, ARMENPRESS: Armenia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rose 9.9 per cent in January 2008 amounting to 101.3 billion Drams at market prices, according to early numbers released by the National Statistical Service (Armstat).

In 2007 Armenia's overall GDP amounted to 3.1 trillion Drams, registering nearly a 14 percent growth over the previous year.

Armstat said industrial output in January, energy production included, rose 9.9 percent to almost 52 billion Drams. Last year's overall industrial output was 716.5 billion Drams, 2.6 percent higher than in 2006. But diamond cutting not counted the industrial growth this January was only 1.9 percent. Armenian power generating facilities produced 664 million kilowatt/hour electricity in January, almost 8 percent more than in 2007 January. Last year's aggregate power production amounted to 5.9 billion kilowatt/hour. Agricultural GDP rose 0.2 percent to 13.7 billion Drams. In 2007 agricultural GDP made 644 billion Drams, 9.6 percent more against 2006.

In January 2008 investments in construction sector, the driving force behind double-digit continued growth, made 7.3 billion Drams, almost 80 percent more than in 2007 January. Last year investments in this booming sector rose to almost 670 billion Drams, marking a 20 percent growth over 2006.

Retail trade this January was 58 billion Drams, growing 10 percent over the 2007 January. Last year it made almost 935 billion Drams. In January there were 72,300 officially registered jobless people, down from 75,100 in January of 2007.

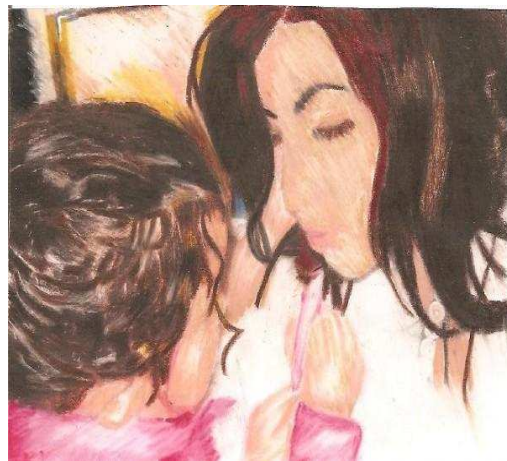
Armenia's foreign trade in 2008 January grew 30 percent to \$3337 million.



ARTWORK BY: MARINE PILIPOSYAN

ARTICLE BY: NAIRI ZOGRABYAN

Marine received her artistic inspiration in her teenage years when she was in high school. During her art class she was frustrated with using charcoal and pastels to create art because she always wanted to do photography. She hated the class so much that she wanted to drop it, but her teacher Ms. Heart from Birmingham High School knew about her potential and did not let it go to waste. She gave Marine the idea to mix photography and art, which was something that caught Marine's attention. And that's how Marine recreated her favorite photos of her and her little cousin, in colored pastels .



Are you interested in writing for the newsletter? Submit your written material and ideas at [Nairi@csunasa.org](mailto:Nairi@csunasa.org)

## SINGLES SECTION

### Adrine Kirakosyan



**Favorite Quotes:** “honey-bunny”, “booger-butt”, “mother-booger”

**Major:** Liberal Studies (2nd grade teacher)

**Interests/Hobbies:** Eating...ALOT!!!! Volleyball, going to the beach, shopping, partying with friends, boys (silly boys), lazy Fridays, MYSPACE, cute little Lunchable’s dinners, ditching class, TXTing.

**What she looks for in guys:** TALL, pretty eyes, masculine but not too big just well built, must smell good, gentleman, must have nice firm buttocks, must have smaller boobs than me, must be able to dance, must be in control yet reserved all at the same time, non-smoker...basically if you are not perfect, then you don’t have a chance.

#### Waiting List

Angela Amirkhanian



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## PARSKAHYE RECIPE

### Ghormeh Sabzi



#### DIRECTIONS:

- Wash the meat and let it drain.
- Cut off the heads of the leeks and scallions and put the stems along with the rest of vegetables in a kitchen stringer, thoroughly wash and drain them.
- Using a cutting board, while repeatedly bunching up all vegetables together, finely chop the vegetables. The smaller the pieces the better. If you have a food processor, you could use it in place of the manual labor :-)
- Place the chopped vegetables in a pot, with heat setting on high and frequently stir the vegetables until all their excess water has evaporated.
- Add two table spoons of cooking oil and continually stir fry the vegetables until they turn a brownish color. This process should take about 15 minutes. Take the pot off and put it aside. During the stir fry process, you may add a bit more oil if needed. When finished, the vegetables resemble dried ones with no water remaining in the pot.
- In another pot, add about one table spoon of cooking oil and the chopped onions and stir fry until they turn a golden brown color. Add the meat, stir fry for a few minutes, add salt, pepper and turmeric and let the meat fry with the onions for a few minutes. If you are using dried beans, at this point drain them and add them to the mixture. Turn the heat setting to medium.
- Next poke a hole in each of the dried lemons and add them to the mixture (or add the powdered kind). Add about two cups (16 oz) of water, place the lid on the pot and let it boil for another 15 minutes.
- Add the fried vegetables into the mixture, turn the heat setting to medium-low and let it cook. The cooking time required from this point on is about an hour. Half way through this period, if you are using canned beans, add them into the mixture. Once the meat is separated when poked by a fork, the stew is ready. This stew is served over white rice.

#### INDGREDIENTS:

Equal parts of Fresh spinach, dill, parsley, cilantro, leek, chives, fenugreek  
1 pound stew meat cubed.  
4 dried lemons  
1 table spoon dried lemon powder  
1 medium onion, finely diced.  
1/2 teaspoon turmeric  
3 tablespoons cooking oil.  
1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional).  
1 cup of pre-soaked dried beans, or substitute 1 can.

## SUDOKU

**Instructions:** Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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