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**COBBLESTONE CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE
FEATURES ISSUE ON ARMENIAN AMERICANS
IN MAY 2000 EDITION**

Peterborough, N.H. – COBBLESTONE: Discover American History, an award-winning children's periodical, has produced a special full-color, 48-page issue on Armenian Americans in their May 2000 issue. Distributed to schools and libraries in the public and private sectors, COBBLESTONE magazine is customized for readers ages 8-14 (grades 4-9), and its publishing arm is a division of the Carus Publishing Company—creators of CALLIOPE, CRICKET, FACES, FOOTSTEPS, ODYSSEY and other high-quality, non-fiction material for young readers.

The May 2000 issue introduces readers to the Armenians—one of America's many immigrant groups, and discusses their struggles and achievements in the United States. The editorial line-up of the Armenian Americans issue includes articles about: Armenian history and the American immigration process; Armenian American communities; April 24th as a day of remembrance; famous Armenian Americans; a day at an Armenian American school, and the Armenian Library and Museum of America. The special issue also features a geographical map of Armenia and Armenian settlements in the United States; an interview with a second-generation Armenian American; guidelines for making choereg and playing backgammon, and an Armenian resource section for further exploring.

Cobblestone Publishing's mission is to produce publications that provide fascinating pleasure reading as well as substantive supplemental educational resources for the study of history, world cultures, and the social sciences. To ensure that their magazines consistently reach this goal, editors work hand-in-hand with consulting archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, children's writers, and museum personnel who have first-hand, expert knowledge in their respective fields. First-person accounts and interviews are utilized to bring topics to life. The publications are non advertiser-supported, which means that young readers are exposed to only accurate non-fiction about their world, without commercialization.

The consulting editors for this issue are Lucine Kasbarian, author of *ARMENIA: A Rugged Land, an Enduring People*, and Gary Lind-Sinianian, curator of the Armenian Library and Museum of America (ALMA) in Watertown, Mass. The Armenian Americans issue will feature articles written by the consulting editors as well as writers often seen in the Armenian American press such as Tom Vartabedian, C.K. Garabed,

Christian Garbis, and Nicole Vartanian. Also appearing will be photos culled from the archives of Project SAVE, AIM, and of several freelance photographers.

In September 1999, FACES magazine (COBBLESTONE's sister publication—also targeted to readers ages 8-14) produced an edition on Armenia. That issue presents pieces on Armenian geography, language, cuisine, music and dance. It also includes an Armenian genocide survivor's tale, as well as feature articles on Mt. Ararat, endangered eagles in Armenia, and a retelling of the folk tale Nazar the Brave. The consulting editor for FACES' Armenia issue is ALMA's curator, Gary Lind-Sinianian, and the edition features several articles by Dr. Nicole Vartanian, who currently works for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

"I am gratified to see the production of magazines such as these special editions of FACES and COBBLESTONE," says Gilda Kupelian, Armenian Studies Coordinator at the Armenian Diocese of North America, Eastern Region. "These publications answer a long-felt need for texts that deal with Armenian subject matter in a way that is instructional and entertaining for young readers from all backgrounds."

To order COBBLESTONE's May 2000 issue about Armenian Americans (ISBN 0382445104), or the September 1999 issue of FACES about Armenia (ISBN 0382445228), contact Carus Publishing's Customer Service Department by phone at 1 (800) 821-0115; by email at: customerservice@caruspub.com; by post at Cobblestone Publishing, 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458 USA; or by visiting their website at: www.cobblestonepub.com. There, teachers can also find teaching guides, free articles and activities, classroom assignment ideas, links to education sites, contest announcements and e-newsletters. Individual copies of COBBLESTONE and FACES are \$6.95 USD each. Classroom sets of 20 copies or more are available at discounted rates. Shipping and handling is additional. A one-year, 9-issue subscription to either magazine is \$33.95 USD.

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