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Genocide Proclamation Read at Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

"An unrecognized genocide is a genocide repeated, a government-sponsored hate that remains into the 21st century," Mayor Paula Devine read from the city's proclamation commemorating the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide at the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council. "The hurt is deep. We look forward to a time when the tragedy will be universally recognized by consistently remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenian people and by honoring the survivors."

Devine then commended city staff for planning this year's virtual event, the 20th annual event, planned for Saturday, April 24 at 7 p.m. (The event can be viewed on Chanel 6 or 99, depending on cable provider.)

City hall will be lit with the colors of the Armenian flag throughout the week of remembrance.

The council addressed a long list of issues during its Tuesday meeting. Dan Mabe from the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) recognized the city for its participation in transitioning eight "public parks and properties" into "green zones," moving its grounds maintenance from gas-powered to electric and "people-powered" tools.

"I offer these metrics to explain how big this is. By transitioning these eight parks, you're removing 12 tons of CO2, 712 pounds of ozone-forming exhaust, 5,000 pounds of carbon monoxide, 150 pounds of particulate matter from the air, reducing noise by 40%-70% and improving the working conditions of staff and vendors," Mabe said.

He also recognized the contribution of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for its commercial lawn and garden tool

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Over 50 Years Celebrating Earth Day

By Mary O'KEEFE

Today, April 22, is Earth Day. It was in 1970 that Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to highlight environmental awareness. There was no Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), no Clean Air Act and no Clean Water Act.

According to the EPA, back then it was legal to dump tons of toxic waste into streams, and factories had no regulations on how much toxic smoke they could pump into the air.

In December 1970 Congress authorized the creation of the new federal agency to deal with environmental issues, and the EPA was born.

Scientists began to look at how they could collect data on the environment. One of the missions, which opened the eyes of many oceanographers, was the Topographical Explorer (TOPEX)/Poseidon, a joint venture between CNES (France's space agency) and NASA.

TOPEX/Poseidon was launched in 1992. Its mission was to send accurate data of the global measurements of sea levels. It mapped the global ocean topography.

TOPEX/Poseidon followed Seasat,

which was launched in 1978 and was one of the earliest Earth-observing satellites. It was designed to test various oceanographic sensors and learn more about the Earth's oceans. It operated for 105 days, measuring sea-surface winds and temperatures, wave heights, atmospheric liquid water content, sea ice features and ocean topography.

"The results were fantastic. The amount of data was more than we had in the preceding 100 years," said Lee-Lueng Fu, chief scientist for TOPEX/Poseidon and senior research scientist at Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

He added that although Seasat only operated for a short time, the amount of data that was collected opened the eyes of oceanographers to the massive effect the oceans have on the planet. Prior to that mission scientists had only piecemeal information about the seas.

TOPEX/Poseidon was the perfect follow-up to Seasat, and its mission lasted for 13 years.

"[We found] an entirely new concept of the complexity of global oceans," Fu said.

The satellite mission was able to see EARTH DAY on page 14

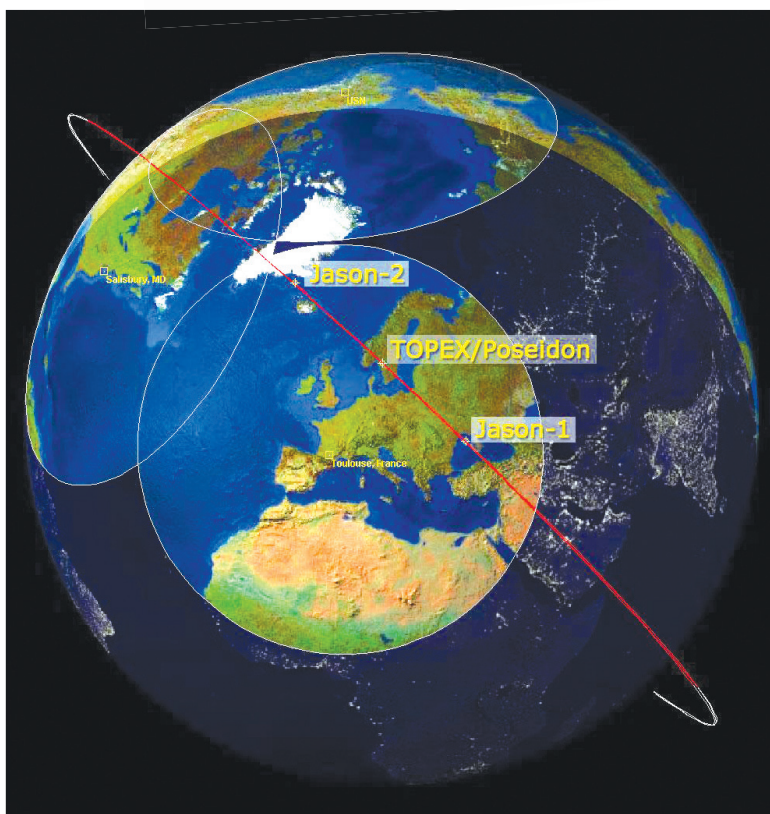


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This image is a "family portrait" of Topex/Poseidon, Jason-1 and Ocean Surface Topography Mission/Jason-2 (OSTM/Jason-2), NASA satellites that have measured global sea surface heights since 1992.

The image shows the position of the three satellites as they descend to the southeast, passing over the satellite ground station just outside of Toulouse, France, on January 28, 2009, at 23:39 UTC. As a result of maneuvers performed on January 26 and 27, Jason-1 has drifted well ahead of OSTM/Jason-2 and Topex/Poseidon. It is on its way to a new operational orbit on the other side of the Earth, 162 degrees ahead of OSTM/Jason-2.

Final Preparations for GUSD's 20th Annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration

By Justin HAGER

2021 marks the 106th year since the Ottoman Empire began its eight-year systemic starvation and massacre of an estimated 1.5 million Armenian people. Although the Genocide required the rest of the world to turn a blind eye for far longer than a single day, April 24 is recognized by Armenia, Artsakh, Canada, France, Argentina, the State of California and 32 national parliaments as Armenian Genocide Memorial Day. The day was selected because it commemorates the deportation of Armenian intellectuals from Constantinople (present day Istanbul).

For local students, parents, and residents in Glendale and the Crescenta Valley, however, 2021's memo-

rial and remembrance events will begin at least two days earlier, on April 22, and hold a special significance as they mark the 20th anniversary of the Glendale Unified School District's Armenian Genocide Commemoration.

GUSD will hold its 20th Annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration event today, Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it will be streamed live online at <http://spectrumstream.com/streaming/gusd/live.cfm> and on Charter Spectrum television channel 15 and U-verse channel 99.

The theme of GUSD's event, "106 Years of Denial: Bringing Awareness Together," represents a continuous counting up of the years since the see GENOCIDE on page 15

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

How Time Flies

I don't know if you're familiar with the 1971 "Wedding Song (There Is Love)" by Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary and, though I might be considered a sentimental sap, I love the simplicity of that song. It is particularly special to me this week as Steve and I celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary.



Goldsworthy wedding day, April 25, 1981

Looking over our journey together, which includes four children, countless dogs, a couple of businesses and dozens of civic projects, I realize how fortunate we are. After all, we beat the odds. We were a young couple who really thought we could do anything and, with the blessing of our families, we pretty much did.

Not everything turned out rosy (to be sure) nor was every moment blissful but looking back on our years together I'm so glad that we were smart to recognize how special the other person was ... and is. Steve supported me when I launched the CV Weekly in 2009 and I stood by his side (with a new baby) when he launched CV Cable in 1982. (For those of you who lived up here back then, we served the unincorporated area south of Foothill Boulevard; Sammons served the areas surrounding us.) Like the CV Weekly, CV Cable was a small mom-and-pop

business that provided cable television to its neighbors; we also lived in the area we served.

My experience with that business began my love for the Crescenta Valley. Steve was a lifelong resident of the Crescenta Valley and he insisted we live up here once we got married. Being from the San Fernando Valley, I wanted to live in Encino. I've often said that if I never listened to the man regarding anything else, I'm glad I listened to him about that.

Forty years – holy moly! I thought only old people were married that long ... but I guess I was wrong.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

~ American writer Lewis Grizzard

Recent warm weather has transformed the foothills' landscape from a season passed to one that is current ... spring. Roses, flowers of all sorts, vegetables and fruit trees are in full bloom. The oaks, pines and other trees dust yellowish pollen over patio furniture, cars and most outside surfaces. Allergy sufferers will attest to its presence in the air, especially when the Santa Anas blow. By May, the winter rains will have come and gone. Normally, over the course of the rainy season, they fall poetically, replenishing the earth; however, in spite of a lower-than-average amount spring arrived! Listen to its soundtrack accompaniment: tweeting, chirping, hooting, squawking and cooing are heard. Birds are the noisiest.

The West Coast is known to be a major migratory path. Flocks of migratory birds are flying overhead to their spring and summer homes. Some are just "the locals" and are permanent residents. Migration is all about survival, i.e., breeding. And yes – weather comes into play.

As you can imagine, wind speeds are an important factor. There's a pretty simple rule here: It's easier for birds to migrate with a tailwind than a headwind. During spring migration, a period of sustained north wind will keep birds on the ground for days or even weeks. (Quick note: I always used to get this confused, but "north wind" means the wind is coming from the north, not blowing northward.) A steady north wind over the Gulf of Mexico will keep birds grounded in Mexico, for example. Another weather variable is precipitation. Birds know when to "come in from the rain" and stay put when it's storming.

Right now, as you're reading this, millions of tiny birds are working their way northward over the open water, past hungry hawks and cats, around tall buildings, dodging aircraft and traveling up the continent toward their nesting grounds. If the timing is right and the weather cooperates, you might have a chance to see them on their way.

Most species – humans included – operate on a seasonal "clock." Changes in activity patterns, the arrival of temporary visitors, and other natural happenings occur on a seasonal basis. Getting the pool ready for summer was underway until I read the following NWS forecast ...

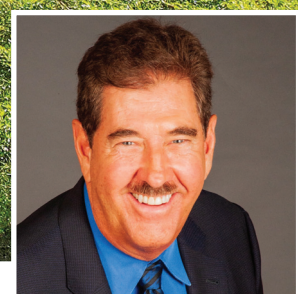
"Drizzle or light rain is possible at times through Thursday (today). High pressure aloft will bring slight warming over the weekend, then a storm system could bring rain and mountain snow later Sunday into Monday."

As previously said, especially about weather conditions, "expect the unexpected!"

Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.



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IN BRIEF

CVCA MEETS TONIGHT, APRIL 22

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, April 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

COVID-19 MASS VACCINATION SITE OPEN

The City of Glendale is partnering with Adventist Hospital Glendale and Glendale Community College to offer the Jewel City Vax Clinic. This is a mass vaccination clinic open in Los Angeles County to everyone 16 and older.

Registration is required at myturn.ca.gov. Please enter zip code 91208 to find the "Jewel City Vax Clinic" or "Adventist Health Glendale Mega Pod" in the list (if spots remain), and those desiring an appointment will then be directed to the Adventist Health Glendale website for registration.

The clinic will run every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Available appointments will be posted on Tuesdays for each week. Residents with disabilities or without computer access can call (818) 540-0473 between 8 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., seven days a week for assistance with appointments or questions. The clinic will offer Moderna and Pfizer vaccines; check appointment for specific vaccines offered each day.

No walk-ins.

COUNCIL STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The next virtual meeting of the CVTC Streets & Transportation Committee is Tuesday, April 27 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Included on the agenda are updates by County DPW staff on plans for local streets and intersections; on the Orange Avenue pedestrian sidewalk survey outreach meeting of May 19; of a Metro Open Streets grant application and more. For the full agenda, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

To join the Zoom meeting, dial (877) 853-5257 or visit Zoom. Meeting ID is 956 9812 8070 and password is 750226.

CERAMICS SALE AT CCLCF

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting its Annual Outdoor Spring Ceramic Sale on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the Community Center's parking lot.

CCLCF is located at 4489 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

GWP LAUNCHES PEAK SAVINGS DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAM

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) has launched its new Peak Savings Program, a demand response program for residential and commercial customers. Through the Peak Savings Program, customers will receive incentives for reducing demand on the electric grid on days when demand is highest (called peak events). The program will be run by Franklin Energy, a leading provider of energy efficiency and grid optimization solutions.

For residential customers, the program will automatically adjust customer smart thermostats by up to three degrees Fahrenheit on peak events. Participating customers receive \$50 for enrolling and \$50 each year on their enrollment anniversary through a prepaid debit card. Customers who do not have a smart thermostat are eligible to receive a \$100 instant rebate when purchasing a smart thermostat through GWP's Energy & Water Efficiency Marketplace that will be launched in the coming weeks.

Commercial customers that participate in the program receive a complimentary site assessment to determine ways to reduce energy during peak events. An energy advisor will provide a customized energy reduction plan that will be implemented on peak events to help reduce peak electric demand. Participating commercial customers can receive up to \$250 per event.

For more information and to enroll in peak savings visit www.GWPPeakSavings.com. The Peak Savings Program is designed to deliver up to 10 MW of controllable demand by 2024.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many aspects of life, including that of business, and although many businesses suffered and had to close there have been some community members who have used this time to focus on how they can share their individual talents.

James and Bo Kim moved to their Crescenta Valley home and were preparing to expand an art program just before the pandemic hit. Art has always been a part of their lives; both are graduates of Art Center College of Design where they met. But for Bo, art is not just an object or an experience – it is a way of life.

Art should be incorporated into daily life, James said of his wife's philosophy.

Bo curtailed her work in the art field when their daughter, Daisy, was born.

"When our daughter got older, her friends' [parents] asked for private art tutoring," James said. "My wife was teaching small groups; she was tutoring my daughter and her friends. [She was] doing this out of our house."

Prior to moving into their Crescenta Valley home, Bo tutored children in art for about two years. The family then moved to their new home in 2019 with the idea of expanding their art classes. They had begun the process of getting the proper permits to expand the art classes – and then COVID-19 hit.

"Due to COVID, everything shut down," James said. "That dream [of new art classes] disintegrated in March 2020."

Safer-At-Home restrictions gave Bo, James and Daisy time to examine their art and realize how much joy it brought them and others. Daisy's friends and their parents continued to request art classes from Bo. The need grew as kids were learning virtually and parents wanted to find projects for their children.

James said his wife's classes taught kids to create pieces of art they could be proud of and were something they would want to display in their homes. The Kims began thinking about how they could share their love of art and continue with Bo's art lessons for Daisy's friends despite COVID restrictions.

"We were looking for different types of art kits that kids can engage with at home," he said. "We found little craft projects but [those] didn't turn into artwork."

They decided to come up with their own art kits.

"We thought, 'Why don't we just come up with some projects?'" James said.

Their inspiration for bojagi came from their Korean culture.

Bojagi is a traditional Korean folk art consisting of patchwork

cloths made from scraps of fabric, like cotton and silk, according to the Association for Asian Studies. These pieces of art can be used in a variety of ways, including as giftwrap or scarves, or placed decoratively on tables.

The kits that Bo created used bojagi woodblock printing. The kids learned about Korean culture and about woodblock printing while creating their own designs.

Daisy was part of the creation of the kits. She shared her ideas, like new names for colors that would be included. She also helped with packing all of the kits. Her input in the creation of the kits proved to be invaluable.

They created 25 kits and test marketed with Daisy's friends and Bo's art students.

"We began to get requests from parents for a second kit they wanted to buy," James said.

The 25 test kits turned into a 125-kit project, which sold out.

"They became very popular with the parents and kids," James said.

They called their business Studio Sparro and designed a website where people can purchase kits. Each kit comes with a QR code that links to the video instructions on how to use the materials in the kits. This give Bo a way to still teach art virtually.

"We were kind of surprised at how much the kids enjoyed the kits. One of the reasons [they like it] is because my wife likes teaching and loves sharing her creativity, and can show [the kids] how they can use art in their daily lives," James said.

That art can be used even when doing simple tasks, like setting the table. The kits come with one type of cloth but James added the art can expand to make backpacks, shirts or any number of objects. The family has watched as students began applying the art to other areas.

He added that because of COVID parents have spent a lot of time with their kids during at-home learning. As a parent he understands why so many parents are looking for projects for their children.

"It's not just spending time [with your child]. As a parent, you are always trying to get your kids engaged in a project," James said. "We are trying to get them a project where they can grow."

James, Bo and Daisy are enjoying this project that has turned into a business. It is not only a way for their family to use their artistic creativity but also helps kids expand their own creative talent.

For more information or to purchase kits, go to studiosparro.com.

The Business of Art



Photos provided by Kim Family

ABOVE: Bo Kim, co-founder of Studio Sparro, works on a project with a student.

BELOW: Daisy works on a Studio Sparro project.



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Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Work to Resume

LA County Public Works will resume sediment removal at Devil's Gate Reservoir as early as May 3 and continue these operations through November.

LA County Public Works, in coordination with the contractor Griffith Company, began preparations on April 19 to resume sediment excavation and removal inside the reservoir and are farther along in excavation and removal quantity from the reservoir than originally predicted. Therefore, the project may very

likely be completed by the end of November 2021.

To date, the project team successfully removed more than 980,000 cubic yards of sediment. Meanwhile, habitat restoration activities continue in the project natural areas. To protect hikers, cyclist and workers during construction, a number of trails within the reservoir, including the tunnel to the Lower Arroyo Seco Trail, will be closed during project work hours, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Rose Bowl Loop

and recreational trails within Hahamongna Park and along the north side of the reservoir will remain open to visitors. Please refer to the trail closure map for details.

For more information on the full range of enhancements at Devil's Gate Reservoir, visit DevilsGateProject.com. The community can also ask questions or share concerns at devilsgateproject@dpw.lacounty.gov or call the Devil's Gate Project Hotline at (626) 458-2507.

NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to "Couch Church" on the church Facebook page and YouTube channel for the continuing celebration of Easter. On Sunday, April 25, the congregation will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Easter at its 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called "Who Are the Sheep Now?" For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The community is also invited to prayer Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Vacation Bible School 2021 will be live and on campus from July 12 to 16, from 9 a.m. to noon! Please register (or volunteer) at www.lcifoohills.org/vbs. Registration is \$20/child and \$15/sibling.

Some in-person gatherings are being planned and the community will be welcome. Check the website for dates and times. RSVPs will be required to ensure proper

preparation; all health and safety protocols will be strictly adhered to.

More details are available on the church website lcifoohills.org.

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office at office@lcifoohills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

Sunday Morning Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services every Sunday at 10 a.m.

The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC courtyard offer live music, Bible readings, prayer time and an inspiring message.

COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed.

For those who prefer to

worship online, services are also available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information about its policies to protect the health and safety of its congregation, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

Church Hosting Blood Drive

Montrose Church 2409 Florencita Dr W, Montrose is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. benefiting the American Red Cross.

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2erdtbsc>.

Walk and Word

Walk and Word on Sunday mornings, a time to discover Scripture while hiking Deukmejian Park, is on hiatus until further notice.

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email jlavieri@earthlink.net.



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Johnson & Johnson Vaccine on Pause

Photo by Charly SHELTON

As of April 16, Los Angeles County has administered a total of 6,319,798 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, which includes Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson until the use of Johnson & Johnson was paused.



By Mary O'KEEFE

The pause of the administration of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine continues as more Southern Californians become eligible to be vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suspended use of the J&J vaccine due to safety concerns.

The decision was made because, according to the CDC, "The safety systems that make sure vaccines are safe received a small number of reports of people who got this vaccine experiencing a rare and severe type of blood clot with low platelets."

The European Medicines Agency [EMA] announced on Tuesday it had found possible risks for rare blood clots but the benefits of the vaccine

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Council Censures Brookbank over Bylaw Violations

By BRANDON HENSLEY

Johnny Brookbank, first alternate member of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, has been given a general censure and will not be on council through June 30.

During the April 15 virtual Crescenta Valley Town Council meeting, member Aram Ordubegian answered the question several people had posed in the public comments section of the night's agenda regarding Brookbank's status.

"Ultimately, the entire council decided against removal and a two-month censure was voted upon up to and including June 30," Ordubegian said.

Council released a statement on April 14 specifying the motion passed, which includes, "An immediate suspension and censure in accordance to the bylaws until June 30th. In the event of a further violation of the issues raised in the Investigative Committee's report, immediate removal will be effectuated and decided by the Executive Committee."

Complaints against Brookbank include a social media post about council posting its general meetings online for the public to see (some members have objected due to concern over privacy), "having detailed interactions with business" without the consent of council, and showing bias for the Eagle Canyon Trail project at Two Strike Park. The report states that, according to council bylaws and policy, "members shall refrain

from expressing bias on issues before the council."

Brookbank, who attended the meeting as a private citizen and did not speak, has been under scrutiny this spring for recent actions on social media and around town that council was made aware of. After an investigation, this week council released a 19-page report on its website detailing its findings.

Council concluded that after an investigation by Chris Kilpatrick, Donna Libra and Jeffrey Rodriguez, which included collecting emails and social media posts, and interviews from witnesses and Brookbank himself, there were "significant violations of the bylaws."

Brookbank's statement from his interviews "appears to mean that [he] feels he can disrupt and violate the rules all he wants, as long as he has determined it to be justified," the report said.

Ultimately Brookbank, who was elected last November, was found to be in violation of all four instances brought up in the report: breach of confidentiality; conducting council business; misrepresenting council positions; showing bias on issues before council.

The report said his violations could have meant the end of his tenure with council, if not for the vote to censure him.

To read the report, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y2w2r3tn>.

In other business, David Gould, engineer for CV Water District, informed council of the district's

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which aims to protect life and property, increase public awareness of the risk of loss of water and/or sewer service and local water supply sources.

The plan is needed in order to obtain federal grant funding that Gould said was approved in April 2020 for \$166,653.

"A lot of our assets are tied back to wildfires. In other words, this is going to have the most effect on our system if we had a wildfire similar to what happened in 2009," Gould said, referring to the Station Fire in Angeles National Forest.

The LHMP calls for four new portable emergency electrical generators to move water to higher elevations, and seismic sensors and valve actuators to close valves and save water.

There are still several steps for the plan to be completed. For more information, visit cvwd.com.

Before Gould spoke, Glendale Unified School District Superintendent Vivian Ekchian said she was happy that, over the past month, students in elementary school had been returned to campus. Transitional kindergarten through second grade was brought back on March 29, and third grade through sixth grade came back April 5.

Ekchian said middle school and high school students can return starting April 26.

The next council meeting is scheduled for May 20 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. For more details, visit thevcouncil.com.

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Obituary

Duane J. Batenhorst



1934 - 2021

Duane John Batenhorst, age 86, passed away peacefully at home after a long struggle with multiple health issues.

Duane was born in West Point, Nebraska on June 25, 1934 to parents Alfred and Helen Batenhorst. He grew up on the family farm in Beemer, Nebraska with three siblings. His work ethic came at a young age from his many chores and responsibilities on the farm.

After graduating from high school and working on the farm for two years, he spent one year at Wayne State College, then joined the U.S. Army. After two years of service for his country, he attended the University of Nebraska where he became a lifelong Cornhusker fan. Duane completed his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1960.

Duane's first professional job was with Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he met the love of his life, Mary Nassif. They were married in Cedar Rapids on March 3, 1962. They welcomed daughter Beth in 1962 and another daughter in 1963.

The family moved to California in 1967 when Duane accepted a job in purchasing at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Duane worked diligently at JPL for 31 years, advancing to the position of division manager of purchasing and contracts, which he held until he retired in 1998. He enjoyed many happy years at JPL and maintained those friendships.

Duane and Mary enjoyed extensive travel, stayed active in the St. Bede's Church community, visited local restaurants and theaters and attended many card games with their lifelong poker group. Upon retirement, Duane spent time volunteering at the local hospital, Descanso Gardens, Kiwanis and Knights of Columbus.

Duane's many hobbies included gardening, playing cards and spending time with family, especially his beloved grandchildren.

Duane will be dearly missed by his family and many friends who will always remember him for his generous heart, joking banter and contagious giggles, devotion to those who meant the most to him, and his ability to converse with anyone. This beloved family man is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary; his daughters Beth Nido (Mike) and Tammy Miller (Scott); beloved grandchildren Megan (Josh), Michelle (Alek), and Cameron; and great-granddaughter Harper.

Memorial gifts can be made to Boys Town, Nebraska or Knights of Columbus Council #3254.

CRIME BLOTTER

April 18

4600 block of Alveo Road in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear window of a home was shattered and rooms had been ransacked. Nothing was reported stolen at the time.

The residential burglary occurred between April 18 at 9:30 a.m. and April 19 at 3:30 p.m.

April 16

Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a man reported he had parked his vehicle in a parking lot in the ANF and left for a hike. He placed his wallet inside the center console of his vehicle, locked the car doors and left for a hike. When he returned he found the lock on his vehicle door had been broken

and his wallet with personal information had been stolen. Once home the man found that his stolen credit cards had been used at a Target Store in North Hollywood. He canceled all of his cards that were in his wallet.

The theft occurred between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

2700 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta, a man reported that he had parked his vehicle on the street at the location. He locked it and returned the next morning to find several scratches on the sunroof and roof. He also found several other scratches on several areas of the body of the vehicle. The damaged occurred overnight.

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outweighed these risks. The EMA's safety committee [PRAC] reviewed the cases and concluded that a warning about the unusual blood clots with low blood platelets should be added to the medication information.

"The guidance follows PRAC review of a small number of cases of a very rare adverse event involving blood clots in combination with low platelet counts that can occur within approximately one to three weeks following injection with the Company's COVID-19 vaccine," stated Johnson and Johnson in a release on Tuesday.

The company will update the vaccine's warning to include "important information of the diagnosis and management of this very rare adverse event. Healthcare professionals will be alerted to the signs and symptoms of thromboembolism with thrombocytopenia, as well as the appropriate course of treatment," the statement continued.

Research found that there were eight reports in the U.S. of serious cases of unusual blood clots; one of those cases was fatal. The eight cases are among 7.4 million people who have received the vaccine as of April 7.

Although the decision to hold off use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has caused concern, Dr. David Tashman, director of the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Emergency Services, points out that the decision to pause is due to the extensive monitoring of the vaccines. It is evident that these vaccines, including Pfizer, Moderna and the AstraZeneca that was being used in Europe and other countries, are all being monitored closely by the CDC, Food and Drug Administration and EMA.

AstraZeneca has also been linked to blood clots and is not used in the U.S.

"[Medical monitors] would rather be safe and pause Johnson & Johnson," Tashman

said. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, convened by the CDC, reviewed the reported cases on April 14 and will reconvene on April 23 for further discussions.

Tashman said there is a slightly higher risk of blood clots happening to women younger than 50 years old, with the main concern centering on blood clots in the brain.

"But what concerns me more is COVID," Tashman said. "It is so much more dangerous and more than one in a million will get complications from COVID."

Tashman added that it is good that the vaccine is being additionally researched and that people who are concerned about getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should call their doctor. Severe headaches can be a sign of a problem and neurological symptoms, including vision issues, can be a symptom of a brain blood clot. The CDC has also included abdominal and leg pain and/or shortness of breath as adverse reactions and advises those experiencing these symptoms to seek medical care right away.

The CDC and FDA are continuing their reviews of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. As of April 16, Los Angeles County has administered a total of 6,319,798 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, which includes Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson until the pause. There have been 2,239,672 second doses administered. These numbers do not include providers in the Cities of Long Beach and Pasadena; both have their own public health departments.

Tashman said he has definitely noticed a difference since mass vaccinations have begun in LA County.

"I have seen a huge drop in the [number of people in the Emergency Department]. I've seen one case of COVID in the last two weeks compared to 80% [of patients] COVID-related in January," he said.

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exchange program.

Councilmember Dan Brotman recalled being in the audience for a presentation of battery-operated leaf blowers from a South Pasadena councilmember and urged their “complete implementation in all parks and city sites” as soon as possible.

“The health benefits are massive to the whole community but especially to groundskeepers and gardeners,” Brotman said noting that there is state legislation pending that would ban the selling of “small off-road engines” by 2024.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian observed that climate change means it will only get warmer and urged city staff to ensure every bus stop offers a “modicum of shade” and a place to sit down. Bus stops “should be inviting and welcoming so that people will be happy to wait there for the bus,” he said.

“Metro Micro is starting in Glendale soon,” Councilmember Ara Najarian explained Metro’s new transit service, piloting in a few cities in the coming months, that attempts to address getting folks the first and last miles of their trips

and commutes. Najarian likened the service to Uber for the cost of a \$1.75 bus trip.

Mayor Devine noted thanks she has been receiving from local grocery workers, grateful for the city’s adoption of additional hourly “heroes pay.”

Further, the mayor shared that city Sustainability Officer David Jones would include information on “Race to Zero” in his update scheduled for April 27. Race to Zero is “a global campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions,

investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth,” according to the organization’s website, <https://tinyurl.com/32s7yp5t>.

Fire Chief Silvio Lanzas reported on the city’s vaccination efforts, announcing that the city has provided more than 60,000 vaccines at its mass vaccination site on the campus of Glendale Community College. Approximately one third of Glendale residents are vaccinated, Lanzas told the council, and appointments are available Thursday to Sunday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are available on all four days by calling (833) 540-0473 or online at the Jewel City Vax site bit.ly/jewelcityvax.

Once again, the council heard comments on a local ban of flavored vaping products. The ban is set for a final vote at the next council meeting.

The council reviewed, debated and ultimately adopted plans to move forward franchising trash collection for commercial and multi-

family residences in four zones, with four trash hauling firms.

The Crescenta Valley portions of Glendale are in Zone B and will be serviced by Athens.

Public Works Director Yazdan Emrani summarized the city’s planning to implement the new franchise system, starting with preliminary approval from the council in January 2020. He explained that the city plans to expand its call center operations to deal with issues as they arise.

City manager Roubik Golanian assured the council, “We’re not going to leave trash out on the street. We have our own crews if need be – we’ll figure out how to charge them back for it after.”

Councilmember Dan Brotman referred to communications received from Los Angeles area apartment and building managers. Callers into the meeting criticized the rollout of a similar program in Los Angeles including cost increases of 400%-600%. One caller recalled the fifth year of Adrián Beltré’s baseball contract.

“There is a legitimate need for see GCC on page 13

Glendale Police Museum Receives Generous Donation

The Glendale Police Museum announced the procurement of a restored Glendale Police Dept. call box made possible by generous donations from Kathleen O’Dea, the Glendale Police Officers Association, and Vital Medical Services.

Manufactured in the mid-to-late 1920s by the Glendale Foundry and Manufacturing Company, it is the first and only style call box used by the department, and would remain in use in some capacity through the late 1960s.

In the early days these call boxes were the means in which officers would receive their calls for service. A light atop a local hill in their district, or atop the box itself, would provide notification to the district officer that a call was pending in their area. The officer would then use their “skeleton key” to open the box and use the phone inside to call a police switchboard operator. This operator would give the officer the needed information or transfer the call to another appropriate location. These call boxes not only allowed officers to communicate with the station before radios were developed, but in later years also allowed conversations of longer duration while not tying up radio traffic. In the late 1950s and 1960s, it was reported that officers would also call into the station to speak with a stenographer who would type their reports for them.



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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Tujunga's Hollywood Bowl

Natural amphitheaters in canyons have long been a place for people to gather and listen to musical performances. The sloping of the hillsides gives everyone a good view, and the addition of a band shell helps to project the sound out to the audience.

Amphitheaters are popular across the world and most big cities have one. Because of their shape, they are often nicknamed "bowls." Of course the most famous is the Hollywood Bowl. It was built in 1922 as a community space, a performance spot for local orchestras but because of its location, it soon became a world-class venue. The closest bowl to us is the Starlight Bowl, built into a canyon in 1950 on the other side of the Verdugo Mountains overlooking Burbank.

But in the late 1940s a massive amphitheater, nearly the size of the Hollywood Bowl, was planned for Tujunga. It was proposed to seat

15,000. For comparison, the modern Hollywood Bowl seats 17,500. A local outdoor amphitheater had long been a dream for poet and playwright John Steven McGroarty, who built his home in Tujunga. And in the 1940s that dream was taken up by the Sunland-Tujunga Bowl Association.

In early 1948 the dream was kicked into high gear when an anonymous donor offered a large piece of land at the north end of McVine Avenue, less than a mile from Foothill Boulevard. The donated land had the natural "bowl" required and there was ample parking on empty land below the proposed amphitheater. Sound engineers proclaimed the site acoustically perfect. A rendering showed the amphitheater wrapped nicely in a fold of the mountains, the audience facing southwest with a bandshell at the bottom. Just behind the audience was a ridgeline and below that Big Tujunga Canyon. It was a visually spectacular location.

Even before the bowl was built, 3,000 people showed up for an Easter sunrise service on the site. It was happening!

While the Bowl Association began to work on building a venue, the community got to work on creating performing groups. A Sunland-Tujunga Symphony Orchestra was formed and performed at Sunland Park and school auditoriums. An operatic group was formed with its first performance to be the opera "Carmen." As the bowl was not built yet, "Carmen" was performed in the Pinewood Elementary auditorium to several sold-out audiences.

Perhaps the most remarkable performing group formed was the Sunland-Tujunga Chorus. It was headed by the famous Italian composer Rico Marcelli. Although Marcelli began as a composer of operas, he found his greatest fame as an orchestral conductor. He was the conductor (and composer) for many

of the great silent movie houses, most famously for arranging and conducting the music for "Salome." He later transitioned to conducting orchestras backing radio shows like Fibber McGee and Molly. He retired to Sunland. The Sunland-Tujunga Chorus debuted on KHJ radio.

Obviously, the bowl never happened. In the fall of 1948, everything suddenly fell apart. The site in a residential neighborhood was not zoned for a big venue like this, so the City of LA initially nixed the concept. Petitions were circulated in the community and hundreds signed. A hearing was set for August to work through the zoning issues. A variance was granted, but with very stringent restrictions. The seating capacity was drastically reduced to 4,000. Fire restrictions, increased water supply and paved roads leading to the bowl were made requirements, ballooning the cost of the bowl.

The Bowl Association grudgingly accepted the conditions, but a few days later the killing blow was struck. During escrow, the anonymous donor suddenly and without warning withdrew his donation offer. This, combined with the zoning restrictions, was the end for the Sunland-Tujunga Bowl Association. The president of the group resigned, and the association disbanded. Apparently all the performing groups that had formed faded away.

The bowl site was graded and developed. It's fun to think about this major concert venue that would have rivaled the Hollywood Bowl. It probably would have changed the fabric of Sunland-Tujunga and made it a magnet for the arts. But it was a momentary flash of a dream that faded quickly.

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Details Concerns Regarding Georgia Voter Restrictions

I disagree with Brandon Hensley's April 8 opinion piece regarding the recently enacted voter restrictions in the state of Georgia. It seemed smugly self-congratulatory to me and clueless about the irony of a sports team named "Braves" talking about an ethical issue. The new law removes the secretary of state from serving as chair of the State Board of Elections, giving the legislature the authority to appoint a majority of the members, and authorizes the state board to suspend local election officials. Potentially the legislature could overturn a valid election they disagreed with, as the former President and his supporters tried to do Jan. 6.

That is the key point Mr. Hensley and his fan Tom Suter seem to have missed. The law was enacted in response to the election of two Democratic senators in an attempt to suppress the will of

the people. The law was justified by the former President's big lie that there was voter fraud and he did not lose his reelection bid in 2020. There have been numerous investigations that found no such massive fraud and many lawsuits filed by the twice impeached former President, all of which failed.

I hope the lawsuits filed by NAACP and other civil rights organizations to overturn this new attempt to continue Jim Crow policies will prevail.

*Sharon Weisman
Glendale*

Rent Relief Available

The California COVID-19 Rent Relief program is designed to help low-income Californians through the payment of unpaid rent to landlords. Funding for this program comes from \$2.6 billion in federal rental assistance.

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- Eligible renters whose landlords choose not to participate in the program may apply on their own and receive 25% of unpaid rent between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. Paying this 25% by June 30, 2021 can help keep renters in their home under the extended eviction protections in SB91.

4. Future Rent:

- Eligible renters can receive future rent assistance equal to 25% of their monthly rent. Combined with

the assistance available for unpaid rent, future assistance will help renters stay housed once the eviction protections in SB91 expire on June 30, 2021.

5. Utility Assistance:

- Eligible renters may also receive assistance for unpaid utilities and future payments. Unpaid utilities accumulated from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 will be compensated at 100% of cost, limited to a total of 12 months.

Applications opened March 15, 2021 but many renters and landlords might not know about this Fund are limited. It's important that renters and landlords submit applications quickly.

For eligibility and how to apply, interested parties may go to: HousingIsKey.com.

*Madeline Dow
Montrose*

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

» ADAM SCHIFF

President Biden: Fulfill Your Promise and Recognize the Armenian Genocide

This year marks the 106th anniversary of the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, the systematic murder of 1.5 million Armenian women, men and children by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923. But even now, more than a century later, America still struggles to recognize this basic truth.

In his first year in the Oval Office, President Biden has an opportunity and responsibility to right that wrong and recognize the Genocide for what it was: one of the gravest violations of human rights the world has ever known. He can do that without passing legislation, but by just using one of the most powerful tools he possesses – his words.

The facts of the Genocide are not in serious dispute. They were recorded in real time by American diplomats who lacked a name for the barbaric and systematic extermination of the Armenian people but knew that it was without precedent in human history. Millions of Armenians were beaten, raped, killed and marched across deserts by the Ottoman Empire.

From the blood and rubble, the Armenian people survived. Tens of thousands of orphaned children owe their lives to the generosity of Americans who created the Near East Relief Foundation. Those children and their descendants crossed the ocean to build lives, in Los Angeles and across the nation.

President Biden knows these facts well and has spoken about them directly, including as a candidate for President. But as President, his words have new power and meaning. He can speak for America, and for the ages.

Armenians across the United States have been disappointed by Presidents of both parties who have pledged to support recognition and then caved in to the demands of the

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YOUTH / SPORTS

Falcons on Fire after Back-to-Back-to-Back 10-Run Wins

By Justin HAGER

The Crescenta Valley High School varsity baseball team jumped 158 spots in the MaxPreps California High School rankings after winning three straight games by 10-runs or more. The Falcons are now tied for first place in the Pacific League, ranked in the top one third of the state, and the top 25 in Division 1 of the highly competitive CIF Southern Section.

CVHS came out swinging in the Falcons' first game against Hoover High on Tuesday, April 13 scoring 17 runs in the first three innings. The third inning featured a rare feat with every person in the Falcons' lineup not only reaching base but also scoring. Final score was 18-0.

The charm of the third inning was repeated on Friday when the Falcons scored seven in the first three, and ended the game 11-0 after the fifth. The outstanding offensive production continued on April 20 with a 12-run first inning and a total of 20 runs scored.

All three wins saw outstanding defense all around the field, consistent base hitting across the entire lineup, and particularly potent offensive performances from the top of the batting lineup. Almost every member of the CV roster crossed home plate during the three-game stretch, and nine of them drove in two or more RBIs.

The anchor of the Falcons' lineup, the team's first four batters – Rowan Respicio, Noah Maddox, Luca Cuneo, and Jameson Ferraro – each scored at least six runs in the three games combined. Ferraro's performance on Friday night was particularly noteworthy, batting 2-for-2 with two doubles, a walk, three runs scored, and three RBIs, including a two-RBI bullet in the bottom of the third.

On Tuesday against Muir, it was Noah Maddox's turn to shine, driving in seven RBIs

from a bases-loaded grand slam home run in the second and a bases-loaded triple in the fifth.

Other accomplishments from the past week include Matt Ruf, who had the rare distinction of earning an RBI by getting hit by a pitch; Evan Aceytuno, whose bases-loaded single against Hoover on Friday capped a six-run third inning; and Jaxon "Ziggy" Zigenfuss whose two-RBI double in the fourth inning sealed the Falcons' victory on Friday night.

The varsity baseball team continues its season on Friday at 7 p.m. against Muir, and then a special non-league rivalry game against a very tough La Cañada Spartans team on Saturday, April 24 at 6 p.m. at Stengel. The Spartans are currently ranked No. 56 in California and No. 21 in the CIF Southern Section.



Photo by Roman INGUANZO Jameson Ferraro, who is also a strong batter, took to the mound.

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A Return to School Plan

By Isabella MEGERDECHIAN, intern

The world is slowly returning to normal and many sectors are beginning to reopen, including high schools. Crescenta Valley High School is starting a phased reopening for some students beginning April 26; however, only an estimated 30% of the students want to return to school on campus. The other 70% wants to continue learning virtually.

Interacting with others is a primary reason why some students want to return to school
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Can A Seller Force You To Use Their Lender?

Dear Phyllis,

We have been looking at homes for several months and have already made three offers. Two of these required us to be preapproved by the seller's lender. As we are already preapproved with a nationwide bank, I really do not see the reason for this. With our offer we submitted proof of funds and a preapproval letter with our FICO score. Identity theft is a concern, and I am not comfortable submitting my personal information and having credit pulled for additional lenders almost every time I make an offer. Can a seller force you to use their lender? **Jim**

Dear Jim,

A seller cannot force you to close with their lender. I understand how stressful the offer process has become. There are often offer deadlines, endless offer instructions and limited showing times.

Keep in mind it is likely the listing agent who is recommending to the seller that this be done. Some listing agents have a set of rules when submitting offers. Since there is a lot of competition for homes, it is recommended that you

cooperate as much as possible. You want to be the buyer with the accepted offer.

There are many critical participants in a real estate transaction and an inexperienced lender can create havoc for both buyer and seller. I have seen instances where the listing agent has advised the seller to insist that the buyer double app (application) with their choice of lender. However, they can't require you to close with their lender. Double apps are sometimes required when the buyer's down payment is low or there is some legitimate concern.

So perhaps instead of each new lender pulling credit, you can show a copy of your credit report to the seller's lender. And rather than providing all your income information, have your lender contact the seller's lender. They can advise them that your income, credit, and down payment information has been reviewed and verified.

Anytime you are emailing confidential information, be sure to x out your social security number and account numbers.

Best of luck to you on your home search!

Spring Home Tours – A 3-Part Series



Photos provided by Pasadena Heritage
Edwin and Nannie Neff House.

Pasadena Heritage presents a new version of its annual Spring Home Tour. Instead of a one-day event, tours of six architectural works of art will be offered as a series. Recordings of two different homes will premiere on the last Sundays of April, May and June and will be available through July 4.

Premiering April 25 are two homes designed by "architect to the stars" Wallace Neff. The Edwin and Nannie Neff House was built for Neff's parents, a very livable California house, combining practicality with romance. Also on tour in April is the Clark Millikan House, designed in 1931 using the natural contours of the landscape to determine the design of the home.

Premiering May 30 is an exploration of Arroyo del Rey, the 1979 custom-

designed Modern home nestled under the freeway bridge and taking full advantage of its site, designed by Buff & Hensman. The second featured home is the Moseley House, designed in 1999 by Don Hensman. The tour will include interviews with the homeowners who will give first-hand accounts of working with Conrad Buff and Don Hensman.

Premiering June 27 is the charming Lansing Beach House, a French Norman-style home built in 1927 by David Witmer and Loyall Watson. The original owners of this house, Lansing and Katherine Beach, met in France during WWI. It is said that they had this home built in this style as a tribute to their courtship. A second house, yet to be determined, will also be featured

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» THE RETURN OF THE THEME PARKS

Visiting Disneyland and Universal Studios Hollywood

By Charly SHELTON

It has been over a year since anyone has been on a ride at a theme park. The COVID-19 shutdown really hit home for many SoCal residents when Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood, Knott's Berry Farm, SeaWorld, LEGOLand and Six Flags Magic Mountain closed due to the virus. Perhaps none more so than Disneyland, a cultural icon that helps set the standard for everything else. But now, after a year without much public fun, the theme parks are reopening. Many of them are already open, as the guidelines allowed theme parks to operate at limited capacity as of April 1. Let's take a quick look at some of the reopenings and what to expect from each park. This week, we start with Disneyland and Universal.

One note for visitors: Masks are still required in all parks at all times, social distancing is still in effect and, at this time, only California residents are allowed into the parks, with proof of residency required. Some parks are allowing out-of-state visitors to come in if they provide a shot record or negative COVID-19 test within the previous 72 hours before the visit, but this varies from park to park. Also, all parks are requiring reservations to visit. For single-day tickets, the reservation is sometimes bundled in. But for annual passes, SoCal bundle deals, non-date-specific passes, previously purchased tickets from before the reopening, or parks (like Disneyland) that separate their ticket and reservation bookings, they must be made separately. Always purchase tickets and make reservations online before the day of your visit and be sure to read each park's specific guidelines.

Disneyland

We start with the big one. Disneyland sets the standard for many other parks and public spaces because of the name recognition over 65 years and the reputation for safety, quality of service, and quality of show. So when Disneyland shut down on March 13, 2020, it was the

final bell for the coronavirus closures that we all thought would last for only two weeks. With reopening possible as of April 1, 2021, it was surprising to see Disneyland wait a full month to welcome guests back on April 30. But seeing last week the debacle that was the theme park ticketing and visit reservation system, it seems like maybe they needed more time to work out the bugs.

Tickets went on sale and reservations could be made beginning April 15 and, after eight hours of waiting in a virtual waiting room, reservations became available to actually book. The strain was so hard on the Disney servers that the crash of the Disneyland website caused malfunctions in the Walt Disney World app. But with the crush of people now abated, the reservation system is now functioning properly.

Reservations to visit only Disneyland are gone for April and May, except for five dates, but park hoppers have a greater availability. Ticket prices have gone up as well, with most days in the coming weeks costing either \$124 or \$154 per day for one park, depending on expected crowd levels of the day, with an upcharge of \$55 for park hopping.

Universal Studios Hollywood

Universal Studios Hollywood opened last weekend to positive reviews. The new Secret Life of Pets ride, which was set to debut in late March 2020, has finally opened to guests – first as an added surprise during the last two weeks of Taste of Universal, and now as a full-fledged ride experience for guests. The studio tour also has some refreshes and updates with improvements coming to King Kong 360 3D, among other elements. A new surprise has also broken loose in Jurassic World: The Ride, with an additional spotting of the Indominus rex. Tickets are \$99-\$129 depending on expected crowd levels, and a park reservation must be made to visit.

Next week, we'll jump into the remaining parks – Knott's Berry Farm, SeaWorld, LEGOLand and Six Flags Magic Mountain.



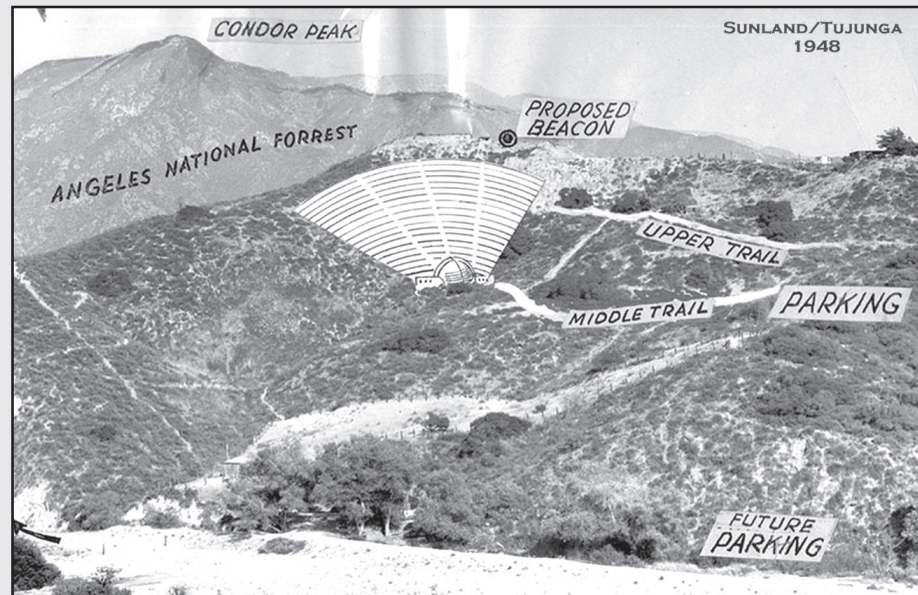
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ABOVE: Disneyland, seen above just a week before the shutdown in March 2020, will be operating with reduced capacity and physical distancing on rides.

BELOW: Among the new offerings for guests at Universal Studios Hollywood is the Minion Café, which opened with a limited menu for A Taste of Universal and is now fully open. The menu features plenty of kid-friendly foods to pair with the kid-favorite characters, the Minions from "Despicable Me."



THEN & NOW I



Then » In 1948 this crude concept drawing was put together to promote the building of a major amphitheater for musical performances. It is described as being on a vacant piece of land at the end of McVine Avenue. It was to be called the Sunland Tujunga Bowl, and was proposed to rival the Hollywood Bowl in size.

The Sunland-Tujunga Bowl Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » Obviously it never happened. The community's ambitious plans fell apart. This is the best guess as to where it was to have been. McVine Avenue dead-ends in the lower right of the photo. As can be seen, much of the property has been developed for housing. The ridgeline that was to be the back of the amphitheater has been graded flat.

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Artists Unite for Passage of SB 805

Artists throughout the State of California are uniting for the passage of Senate Bill 805 (SB 805) titled, "The Performing Arts Relief Act," which the Senate Labor Committee will vote on Wednesday, April 26 in Sacramento. A coalition of 35 small 99-seat non-profit theaters and freelance performers are banding together to make theater accessible to all.

SB 805 is focused on exploring solutions to help create and preserve opportunities for emerging artists, performers and people in the performing arts sector – particularly for workers from marginalized communities. Many small budget, culturally

rooted community performing arts organizations are often the onramp and incubator for new works and opportunities for emerging performers and people entering the creative performing arts industries.

Small performing arts organizations are reducing the number of people they hire and the number of programs they offer. Community-based arts organizations are historically undercapitalized. This is a cause of concern for the survival of this critical aspect of the arts ecosystem that SB 805 is trying to solve. Authored by State Senator Susan Rubio and co-authored by State Senator Bill Allen, SB

805 will support 501(c)(3) non-profits and small performing arts organizations that exist for charitable purposes to bring the arts and educational and cultural activities to the general public at reasonable costs, especially in underserved communities.

On Monday, April 26 SB 805 will go before the Senate Committee on Labor for a vote. Those who want small 99-seat theatres to survive in California can call and email the offices of the senators below prior to April 26 to ask them to pass SB 805. The Senate Labor Committee consists of State Senators Dave Cortese, Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh, Maria Elena Durazo John Laird and Josh Newman.

Art Installation at Glendale's Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station



Photos provided by Glendale Arts and Culture Commission



Artist Kevin Hallagan's installation "Colors" will be on display at the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station from April 12 – May 21. "Colors" is an installation with semi-transparent, colored acrylic planes of various sizes that hangs throughout the space at angles. Visitors will experience the installation through different

lenses as its unique placement and colors alter their view of the outside world at the park. The installation will also be lit up at night so the public can see its glow in the dark.

For more information about the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission visit <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/>.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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April 19, 2021 - April 25, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Quantum healing could give you exactly what you need in order to take that leap of faith. If you've been suffering from symptoms that you can't seem to shake, look at them from a different perspective. Maybe they're trying to impart a message. It's time to pay attention to what your body is saying to you.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You're busy making decisions about your lifestyle, exercise routine, and eating habits. The cosmos is encouraging a clean sweep so you can start fresh. If you need the help of a personal trainer to get started, find one. A different belief system might give you a few new ideas, too. Ancient health-giving secrets could be as relevant to you now as they were in ages past.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The cosmos is encouraging you to improve your appearance. You might want to start by getting into a state of blossoming good health. When you're as healthy as you can be, you're truly beautiful, and it shows in every aspect of your being. Your eyes shine, your skin glows, your body is toned and filled with energy, and you feel fantastic.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

An active social life and busy schedule could mean you need to recharge your batteries. Take the chance to recuperate so you can meet any future challenges. An activity like dancing would enable you to release some of the intense emotion that you've been carrying with you and allow you to feel invigorated and peaceful.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

It's just as important to feed yourself with the right thoughts as it is to eat the right foods. If you have a wonderful diet but engage in too much negative thinking, you negate the benefits of the nutrients. Release those states of mind that cause so much trouble and ill health. Replace them with optimism.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You might notice a few health changes now. If you feel any stiffness in your muscles, locate the cause. If it's due to additional pressure in your life, it might be a good idea to lighten your schedule. Massage would help, as would meditation and other forms of relaxation. Do this regularly and you'll soon feel better.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You naturally gravitate toward beautiful things. Think about enjoying the pleasures of an aromatherapy session. This could be just the thing to soothe the mind, body, and spirit. Anything you can do to feel relaxed and unhurried will keep you from getting unnecessarily tense. Surround yourself with calming influences. If you can take a vacation, do it.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Take care of your stomach. Even though you may feel great, you could eat something that disagrees with you. Pay particular attention when you're dining out, as this is most likely where the problem would occur. Your stomach could be more sensitive than usual, so take it easy with fast foods. Eat the healthy stuff.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't let too much emotion unbalance you. Emotion can be either positive or negative. The cosmos is taking you into some deep waters, and could also stir up bodily symptoms. Rest if you need it, or take a long, relaxing bath. Express your feelings rather than bury them with food or alcohol. An event could encourage you to let go and relax your guard.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Love and relationships affect your body chemistry in good ways. There are some positive influences around that will make you feel loved and appreciated. You may notice that areas of tension dissipate with a gentle massage by a soothing pair of hands. Let your body soak up this energizing attention and bring healing your way.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Redefine your health goals regularly. You may have a tendency start something and then pack it in after a short while. Perhaps you lose focus easily and get bored, letting your attention wander to the next exciting idea. This time, try visualizing yourself looking good and feeling fantastic. It will be easier to keep up your routine.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You've probably made strides in sorting out your health issues. If not, there's still time for a fresh start. See yourself in a new light and in a way that inspires you to carry on and reach your goals. You're going to have to find the means to regularly renew your inspiration. If you can dream it, you can do it.

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another company in the dugout," said the caller.

Councilmember Vrej Agajanian noted that he raised his concerns at the time, that one hauler in one zone is not sufficient and that he is the only member of council who actually dealt with trash haulers.

"This is different," Councilmember Najarian

responded. "This is an all-star team of trash haulers; they've got the proper MRFs to sort trash and handle recycling, to partner with us as we figure out how to collect organics. The LA model was not handled well but we're looking to learn from their experience."

Finally, the council debated a replacement hotel at 120 W.

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BRAS FOR A CAUSE SPONSORSHIP OPPS

Soroptimist International of Glendale's (SIG) 18th Annual Bras for a Cause fundraiser "Wonderful WOMEN" will be held on May 1. Proceeds raised from this year's fundraising will help support local non-profit organizations with financial grants for programs directed towards providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment as well as to its own Soroptimist programs. Also, women are supported through the path to better health, especially those fighting cancer.

Sponsors for this special event are being sought. Go to www.cvweekly.com/JustForFun to see the sponsorship opportunities. Those with questions can contact Laurie at (323) 707-7357 or email lola3058@gmail.com.

FOOD AND BOOK DISTRIBUTION

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale will be holding a food and book distribution event on Saturday, May 1 at the Salvation Army Glendale, 320 W. Windsor Road. Families who are in need of groceries are encouraged to attend this drive-thru event between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In addition to food, every child who visits will receive a new book. The culmination of this event will be the unveiling of a book box, which is being created by Kiwanis partners at the Kiwanis Literacy Club Foundation.

The community is invited to drop off food donations to the Salvation Army

prior to the event.

LCWC OFFERS 'BLOOM INTO SPRING'

The La Crescenta Woman's Club presents "Bloom Into Spring," 2½ gallon geranium planters that will be delivered to local zip codes over Mother's Day weekend (May 7 and May 8).

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Orders may be placed through the LCWC website www.lacrescentawomansclub.org. For more information, call Carol at (818) 636-8854.

To learn more, see that ad on page 15.

SPARKS TO SHARE INFO ON HEALING GARDEN

"The Garden as a Healing Space" will be the topic of the Burbank-Valley Garden Club May speaker, Shelley Sparks. Sparks is a licensed landscape architect. She lectures, teaches, writes and consults throughout the United States. A master in feng shui, she is the author of several award winning books such as "Secrets of the Land," "Designing Harmonious Gardens with Feng Shui" and the e-book, "Keep Plants Healthy, Monthly Actions for Beautiful Gardens." In addition to teaching feng shui principles for UCLA Extension, Learning Tree University and the Learning Annex, she founded and owns Harmony Gardens.

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will hold a Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary.

All are invited for this special educational and inspirational program.

Note: This Zoom program is free and open to everyone, but pre-registration is necessary. Please email Kathy Itomura for registration information and the Zoom link at kkitomura@gmail.com.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

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ACROSS

- 1) Do the party dishes?
- 6) Killer in the high seas
- 10) Partner of circumstance
- 14) Shopping mecca of old
- 15) Grassy pastures
- 16) Field of expertise
- 17) Fantastic notions
- 19) "12 Years a Slave" actor
- 20) Baby bodysuit
- 21) Org. with a crack staff?
- 22) Peacock-feather features
- 23) Out of the ordinary
- 25) Thing that often has branches
- 27) Commercial garbage collector
- 32) Fond du ____, Wisc.
- 33) "Fifteen Miles on the ____ Canal"
- 34) Sign of what's coming
- 36) Basis of the marine food chain
- 40) Certain light source
- 41) It's in the eye of the beholder
- 43) Ninth Greek letter
- 44) First letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 46) Repetitive learning method
- 47) Reasons for doing something
- 48) A wing, for Dumbo
- 50) It crosses the nave
- 52) "Get a move on!"
- 56) Lennon's beloved
- 57) Nuclear-energy source
- 58) Post-wedding title
- 60) Absent without leave
- 65) Fuzz-covered fruit
- 66) Certain recyclables
- 68) Some spirit
- 69) Iris holder
- 70) Sesame seed and honey confection
- 71) Making its way there
- 72) Tailor-made
- 73) Less assertive

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By Rob Lee

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Colorado St. The owners of the existing Vagabond Inn at that address want to build a new six story, 130-room AC Hotel on the site. City staff recommended the approval of the extension, following preliminary approval from council in May 2018. Numerous callers identified themselves as members of UNITE HERE Local 11, the

hotel workers union, and urged the council to oppose the project.

"We don't need more hotels. We need affordable housing," they said.

Councilmember Brotman urged the developer to participate in programs supporting homeless people. The approval of the project was introduced, with a

reduced timeline, pending further deliberation.

Next week, the council will study the budget at a 9 a.m. council session, and at afternoon and evening meetings finalize its ban on flavored tobacco products and review plans for the Crescenta Valley fireworks show set for July 4, 2021.

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In addition, TOPEX/Poseidon mapped sea levels as well as the changing ocean temperatures.

When studying climate change scientists examine the changes surrounding excessive heat over

the past 150 years.

“Scientists attribute the global warming trend observed since the mid-20th century to the human expansion of the ‘greenhouse effect’ – warming that results when the atmosphere traps heat radiating from Earth toward space,” according to NASA Global Climate Change.

“Over 90% of the [excess] heat is absorbed by the oceans,” Fu said. “Hypothetically, if we didn’t have the ocean the planet’s [temperature] would be 67 degrees Celsius [152.6 degrees Fahrenheit] and not habitable.”

Oceans also absorb one quarter of the Earth’s carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is the result of the burning of fossil

fuels that mix with oxygen in the air. Carbon dioxide output increased after the Industrial Revolution.

The information gathered by TOPEX/Poseidon gave scientists enough accurate information to create models to predict how the temperatures in the oceans will continue to rise.

Sea level data is being collected and is a century-long project.

“Now we have more than 30 years of records. We have detected the speed of the level of rise. TOPEX [found] the rise to be three millimeters per year and now [with new technology] that level has risen to five millimeters per year,” Fu said.

The 1970s Earth Day commemoration ushered in whole new interests, methods

and even a sense of urgency in Earth’s studies, and that exploration has continued and expanded.

“After the initial success [of TOPEX] I was able to convince the administration at the time to follow the mission of TOPEX/Poseidon with [another mission],” Fu said.

Those missions were the Jason series.

“Jason 1 was launched in 2001,” he said.

That was five years prior to the end of the TOPEX mission. Jason 1 mapped the sea level, wind speed and wave height for more than 95% of Earth’s ice-free ocean. It provided new information on ocean circulation and rising sea levels and enabled more accurate weather, ocean

and climate forecasts.

Jason 1 was followed by Jason, 2, 3 and Sentinel 6. Each mission provided more accurate data to help scientists create models allowing them to predict the future of the oceans.

Fu added that none of this exploration could be done without the support from space agencies in other countries like France. Today there are many Earth science satellites from countries like India and China. Information is shared throughout space agencies.

The heightened awareness of Earth science that began in 1970 continues today and will continue into the future as scientists pore over new data that can share how the planet is changing.

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Turkish Republic. I hope and pray that President Biden will turn his promise into action and, in so doing, help restore America to its rightful place of leadership in human rights.

The word "genocide" has contemporary significance because it is not a problem of the past. In Xinjiang, Uyghurs face a relentless campaign by the Chinese Communist Party to wipe out their culture. And in Artsakh, where Turkey assisted Azerbaijan in making war on the Armenians again, their actions raise grave threats of another genocide. What a comfort it would be to the perpetrators of crimes against humanity in the present day if the most powerful nation on earth could be cowed into silence about the events of a century ago.

In recognizing the Genocide, President Biden would be joining both the House and the Senate which voted overwhelmingly in 2019 to do so. For decades, those of us who supported recognition of the Genocide faced a ferocious opposition, premised on the harm that such a vote would cause to our relations with Turkey and to our national security.

Yet what happened is precisely what we all predicted. Turkey protested but the relationship between Turkey and the United States did not change — or if it has changed it has done so for reasons having nothing to do with Genocide recognition and everything to do with Turkey's drift towards autocracy. The Turkish government and its well-heeled DC lobby have mobilized as they do every year around this time. They are spinning up fear aimed at keeping the gag order in place.

But we must not resort to euphemisms or half-truths. The murder of 1.5 million Armenians was an atrocity but it was more than that. The act of seeking to destroy a people and a culture is a different kind of evil, and it was not until Raphael Lemkin coined the term "genocide" that we had a word to describe it. Denial of genocide is a profanity and in the words of Elie Wiesel it is a "double killing."

Millions of Armenians, in Yerevan and across the world including tens of thousands of my constituents, anxiously wait to see if America will join France, Germany, the European Union, the Vatican and 49 states in recognizing the Genocide. They must not be disappointed again. It's time to recognize the Armenian Genocide.

GENOCIDE from Cover

tragedy began and the ongoing struggle to educate and raise awareness about events that the U.S. Congress refused to recognize until 2019 and which the executive branch of the United States, and our NATO ally Turkey, have failed to call a "genocide" even to this day. It is also an apt theme given that the event requires students, teachers and staff advisors of the Armenian Clubs at four different high schools – Clark Magnet, Crescenta Valley, Glendale and Hoover – as well as staff and administrators at six elementary and middle schools to come together and work towards the shared goal of raising awareness and memorializing the victims of one of the world's greatest crimes.

To accomplish the task, the event will feature singers, dancers, poets and special performances by elementary and middle school students, plus the Glendale Homenetmen Ararat color guard and students from the Davidian and Mariamian Education Foundation.

Last year's GUSD Armenian Genocide Commemoration event was also forced online by the pandemic but with significantly less planning and preparation time. Despite the short planning period and increased anxiety

of the pandemic, last year's event was a huge success, and included participation from figures such as Congressman Adam Schiff and the famous Armenian singer Harout Pamboukjian.

In addition to the commemoration events, on April 6, the GUSD board of education unanimously passed a resolution "Remembering the Armenian Genocide and Reaffirming a Better World." The resolution recognizes the importance of being reminded "of the consequences of evil and what happens when others fail to prevent it from happening" and "the devotion of those who survived and carried on to teach the world about these atrocities with the hope they will never occur again." The resolution concludes with a reaffirmation of the school district's commitment to "the teaching of tolerance, understanding, the peaceful resolution of problems, and the strength of diversity in our schools and community so that these qualities may help instill in today's young generation the optimism and hope for a better world and strengthen our great nation."

More information on the GUSD Armenian Genocide Commemoration event can be found at www.GUSD.net.

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with some stating that they miss the "normalcy" of being on campus.

But the majority of students are not interested in returning to in-person learning.

Pateel Ohannessian, 16, is one of those students. "I think we shouldn't go to school so late in the semester because we are only going to be at school for a couple of weeks and then summer break," said Ohannessian. "There isn't any time to enjoy what we have missed during the year."

Fear of COVID-19 is another reason that students are reluctant to return to campus.

"I don't want to go back to school this spring semester because of the risk of getting the COVID-19 virus," said Melania Nazaryan, 15. "I think it is safest to stay home for the rest of the school year and return [for the] fall semester next school year."

Other reasons for remaining at home included being in the comfort of their own home and not having to wake up early, get ready and drive to school but instead just wake up and turn on the computer.

However, those students interested in returning to school said they thought the return would help improve their mental and social well-being. They didn't like that they weren't able to fully interact with their classmates and teachers.

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