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## Roof Repair Coming to Rockhaven

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council met Tuesday night and most of Tuesday afternoon in a joint session with the city's Housing Authority to take steps to move forward the development of two senior housing projects on city-owned property.

At the beginning of the evening meeting, Councilmember Dan Brotman raised concerns about a recent hit-and-run accident involving a pedestrian at Wilson and Glendale avenues and requested updated reports from city staff regarding all the various accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists.

"As you know, I ride my bike around the city," Brotman said. "I'm wondering if there's more than I know about."

Brotman also commented on the council's response to callers into last week's meeting on the future of the Grayson Power Plant.

"I didn't say anything at the time but I have to clarify that what Governor Newsom has authorized is not plants but units, for two years, temporarily – 120 megawatts (MW) compared to what we're looking at here, more than 90 MW for a city of 200,000?" he said. "I'm not excited about what the governor wants to do, but the timeline and magnitude are not comparable."

"People do understand that we've done a lot. A 60% reduction in the gas being considered is big," he added. "It would not be the case if not for pressure coming from the community. But we're not doing enough to meet what is really an all-hands-on-deck critical climate emergency. So two things can be true: we can be doing a lot and still not doing enough. I think we can't dismiss them, and I don't believe people of our generation have the moral authority to ask people to be patient."

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## Montrose Search and Rescue: Looking for New Members

By Bethany BROWN

*For the first time in its history, Montrose Search and Rescue is holding a recruiting event.*

The Montrose Search and Rescue team will hold team tryouts for the first time on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road. Applicants will be tested on a timed two-mile uphill hike with the route taking place along the Crescenta View Trail. Check-in is at 7:30 a.m. and the hike will begin at 8 a.m.

Event organizer and the assistant director of LA County Sheriff's Dept. Mike Leum said most of the team's prior recruitment efforts have been done via social media and that by holding an actual tryout they hope to find the candidates with the physical strength and motivation to accomplish the hard work that joining the team entails.

"There's no end to people who want to help people – and that's fantastic – but the reality of what we do is you need to be able to hike in

the middle of a snowstorm carrying a 50-pound pack at 10,000 feet elevation," Leum said. "There's no denying the physicality of search and rescue work ... it's very physical and arduous."

The tryouts will serve as the first filter – physical fitness – in the application process. The team is looking for those who can finish the hike in an hour or less and Leum noted that backpacks do not need to be worn for this event.

Leum emphasized that the application process stretches beyond the tryouts. You must, among other requirements, obtain an EMT license, apply to become a reserve deputy sheriff and successfully pass MSR's mountaineering and rescue training program.

"What we try to remind people is that this isn't just a hobby of the month club," Leum said. "It's a life changing and huge commitment club that will affect not just you, but everybody around you."

Photo provided by LASD Members of the Montrose Search and Rescue team headed to the Chilao area on Sunday to work on guiding lines. The team is holding tryouts for new members on Nov. 13 at Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

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## More than Just an Airshow – American Heroes Returns to Hansen Dam

By Justin HAGER

After a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Heroes Airshow is scheduled to land at the Hansen Dam Sports Complex on Saturday, Nov. 13. The free event features nearly 20 helicopters that are sure to inspire awe and inspiration in aviation enthusiasts as well as demonstrations, display aircraft, first responder personnel and educational history on the development of aircraft technology and why helicopters are often the first tool out of the toolbox in times of natural disasters, search and rescue operations or national security threats.

This year, event exhibitors will include helicopters and crew personnel from police, fire, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States military, including search and rescue Blackhawks. One

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Photo by Tim FELCE  
An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter will be returning to the American Heroes Airshow on Nov. 13. It is just one of many that will be on display.

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# Things are Getting Back to Normal ... or Are Things Getting Back to Normal?

Contrary to last year, this year's Halloween celebration seemed much closer to "normal." Though the Spooktacular event in Montrose was absent, plenty of folks took time to decorate the exterior of their houses, pleasing passersby. Keeping COVID safety in mind, 413 Whiting Woods held a completely outdoor, drive-through event -that, like it did last year, drew screams of delight.

For the second year CV Weekly printed a list of addresses that were decorated for Halloween -over 30! -and many of our readers were happy to use them to create their own frightful tour. (I must apologize for not taking the time to put the list in an easier driving order - an oversight I promise not to repeat.) The list of houses with the best decorations will be in next week's CV Weekly.

With Halloween behind us we can look to Thanksgiving! Unfortunately, in the Goldsworthy household there will be fewer mouths at our table than what we're used to but (hopefully) more than last year. And though I may choose to (again) purchase a prepared meal for our table rather than cook, I don't think I'll have to stand in a line, masked, outside the supermarket waiting to pick up my meal. Last year it was also rainy, adding to a depressing Thanksgiving. I anticipate getting to go inside the store, albeit still masked, this year.

And regarding wearing the mask: I had the opportunity to visit San Diego two weekends ago. Not only did I enjoy the company, the food (and wine) and the weather, but rarely did I have to don a mask. Most of the signs on public businesses read that those who were unvaccinated

had to wear a mask; otherwise, wearing a mask was optional. The only down side to this was when I went to my bank the following Monday. I walked right up to a teller to conduct business and he quickly asked me if I had a mask. Oops! I totally forgot to put one on before I entered the building. Thankfully I had one in my pocket, which I quickly put on.



Smiling Jack: Photo courtesy of Susan BOLAN



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## Weather in the Foothills

By forces seemingly antagonistic and destructive Nature accomplishes her beneficent designs now a flood of fire, now a flood of ice, now a flood of water; and again in the fullness of time an outburst of organic life.  
~ John Muir

The skies are a color of blue that only autumn presents. Daytime temperatures are not too hot nor too cold - perfect! The evening hours have grown dark and not as dog walking-friendly. Wasn't it just about two weeks ago in which 1.50 inches of rain fell over the Crescenta Valley? And parts of northern California flooded?

During mild dry winters, like the ones we've experienced for the past two years, it's easy to forget the Los Angeles basin has also seen its share of extreme flooding. In fact, intense rainfall, flash floods and their associated debris flows are part of the region's normal climatic cycle.

Flooding occurs in Southern California because of an uneven landscape. Within a mere 70-mile distance, the elevation soars from sea level at the beaches to peaks of over 10,000 feet in the San Gabriel Mountains. Water flows downhill fast. Our local historian Mike Lawler often tells of the New Year's Eve flood in 1934. Just four years later, history was to repeat itself ... on a grander scale.

A particularly calamitous example of such flooding took place in late February and early March of 1938. The greater Los Angeles area was hit by two massive storms (totaling 33 inches at a nearby peak). The first storm was a cold one; the second was tropical and warm causing much of the existing snowpack to melt, which added to the floodwaters.

The falling rainwater combined with torrents of water cascading down mountain canyons to overwhelm the Los Angeles, San Gabriel and Santa Ana rivers and numerous smaller rivers and creeks. The resulting floodwaters inundated much of the Southland.

At least 115 people lost their lives. The water's force and resulting mud brought widespread destruction to homes, railroad lines, farms and ranches, bridges, roads and power lines. Several small towns east of Los Angeles were wiped off the map. As a result of the catastrophe, the completion of flood control projects, which began after 1934, was expedited and became a priority. The character and natural landscapes of the Los Angeles basin and surrounding areas was forever changed.

Good news! We'll finish up the week nice and warm. The forecast for next week includes cloudy skies, cool temperatures and possible rain. When and how much are "up in the air!"

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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### Annual Shredding Day

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The shredding truck has a TV camera that allows for observation of the shredding process. This popular yearly event, sponsored by Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association, is open to all Glendale residents. There will be a crew available to help unload boxes.

Members of NWGHA get three boxes free and then \$8 per box thereafter. Non-members pay \$8 per box. (Northwest residents who join on that day get the membership discount.)

For information, please call (818) 754-8274.

### Time to Turn Clocks Back

Daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. Clocks should be turned back one hour.

### Rosemont Preserve Open Gate Morning

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Nov. 6. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

### Free E-Waste Event

Community Life/First Baptist Church at 4441 La Crescenta Ave. is hosting a free E-Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enter the parking lot from Mary Street or from Community Avenue.

The Arion Global Inc. is holding the event. To get a complete list of accepted items, call (323) 418-2266.

The food pantry Sue's Garden will get a financial contribution based on the weight of items collected that have a recycling fee. In 2020, 5,195 pounds of electronics were diverted from the landfill and the food pantry received \$116.51.

The company charges a fee for accepting light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, and alkaline batteries, so please don't bring them to the event. They cannot accept hazardous waste or smoke detectors.

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## Veterans Day Ceremonies Planned in the Area



File photo  
At the 2019 Veterans Day ceremony at Two Strike Park, members of American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 carried flags.

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Nov. 11, 1909, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Armistice Day. Although the official end to "The Great War" – World War I – happened when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919 the fighting had actually ceased seven months earlier on Nov. 11, 1918. This is why Armistice Day was recognized on Nov. 11. On June 4, 1926 the U.S. Congress officially recognized Armistice Day. It was originally designated to recognize veterans of WWI, known as "the war to end all wars;" however, in 1954 after troops fought in WWII and Korea, Congress amended the day, removing the word "armistice" and replacing it with "veterans."

This Veterans Day there are several in-person ceremonies planned throughout the area.

Two Strike Park. American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony at Two Strike Park on Nov. 11 beginning at 8 a.m.

Last year the outdoor event was canceled but veterans supported Operation Gratitude, a national organization that has delivered gift boxes to American soldiers, sailors, Marines and airman who were deployed to conflicts around the world, according to Lynn McGinnis, American Legions Post 288 member.

"Last year, with wars ending, Operation Gratitude starting sending gift boxes to veterans around the country," McGinnis said.

Posts 288 and 1614 delivered 50 gifts last year and will deliver 167 this year, he added.

This year the posts will be commemorating Veterans Day for an entire week. From Saturday, Nov. 6 to Tuesday, Nov. 9 the veterans will deliver Operation Gratitude gift boxes to 167 veterans in the community. On Wednesday, Nov. 1, they will present a Veterans Day program at Lincoln Elementary School leading up to the Nov. 11 ceremony at Two Strike Park at 8 a.m. Then, after that ceremony, at 10 a.m. they will go to Twelve Oaks retirement community and host a Veterans Day program for the residents. On Friday, Nov. 12, they will have a Veterans Day luncheon at Glendale Kiwanis Club then end the week on Saturday, Nov. 13 by hosting their traditional breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall (American Legion Post 288), 4011 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta/Glendale 91214 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"[Veterans Day] is a happy day celebrating our time in service. It's all about the men and women veterans who are still with us serving their various communities," McGinnis said. "[At Two Strike Park] we are celebrating 'Veterans in the Community' with an upbeat ceremony including some new musical additions.]"

Two Strike Park will be an outdoor ceremony with chairs provided for seating at the park near the Memorial Wall. The park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave., La Crescenta.

Vietnam Memorial in Montrose. For the second year, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be placing a wreath at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in

Montrose.

"It seems most fitting since this memorial was built in 1968 and it was the very first memorial in the nation dedicated exclusively to [those serving in the military] that lost their lives in the Vietnam War," stated Jeanette Stirdivant, member of the DAR.

The memorial has names of local service members who died during the Vietnam War. DAR is a patriotic organization that supports the community.

"For us the main thing was to do something for our community," she added.

Stirdivant said Veterans Day is a time to show veterans how much their service is appreciated, which is something that was not often done for those returning from Vietnam.

DAR supports veterans in many ways including having programs for veterans living with disabilities. They work directly with Veterans Village in Glendale, and with the VA Loma Linda Health Center. They also help provide needed items for veterans who are moving into a home for the first time and, in the spring, provide diaper bags for veteran families with

babies and/or are expecting.

The wreath will be laid at the Vietnam Memorial at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue in Montrose at 9:30 a.m.

City of Glendale. For months the City of Glendale has been gathering veteran stories that they have compiled into a video that will pay tribute to Veterans Day. The video can be viewed on GTV6, the city's YouTube Channel (youtube.com/myglendale), and Facebook @MyGlendale.

City of Burbank. The City of Burbank and Burbank Veterans Committee are hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at McCambridge Park War Memorial. The pre-ceremony concert begins at 10:15 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 11 a.m.

The concert will be performed by the Burbank Community Band. The ceremony will include a fly-over by the Condor Squadron.

McCambridge War Memorial is located at the corner of Amherst Drive and San Fernando Road in Burbank. For more information, call (818) 238-5378.

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# School Board All Ears at Special Meeting

By Bethany BROWN

On Oct. 26, the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education held its first Student Voice Panel (SVP) of the 2021 academic year. Student representatives from all five high schools in the district were present to provide feedback to board members on a variety of topics. SVP meetings happen twice within the academic year and serve as a chance for the board to gain insight directly from students regarding their immediate concerns and hearing any suggestions they might have.

“It’s a very special opportunity to hear authentic feedback directly from our student leaders,” Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian said.

Ekchian said she recently had the opportunity to speak with different GUSD alumni who had served in high school on the Student Advisory Council

and as SVP moderators. They emphasized how valuable the experience was for them and how much they felt their voices and opinions were heard by board members and district leadership.

“It made me incredibly happy to hear this directly from our student leaders because we truly do take to heart what you share with us during these panels and use your feedback to improve the educational experience for all of our students,” Ekchian said.

The students on the panel discussed various topics and their relation to the transition to on-campus learning after being remote last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They provided suggestions for the bettering of student engagement, health and wellness, school spirit and sense of belonging. Some ideas included implementing a buddy system or mentorship program, having more on-campus events

to allow for connections to be made with others and the reforming of late-work policies. The students stressed that they are not in normal circumstances, and they needed understanding from teachers and administrators that they’re going through a lot, academically and personally.

“I’m always incredibly impressed by the insightful comments we receive from our students,” Board President Shant Sahakian said. “Tonight was no different.”

Sahakian announced at the close of the meeting that GUSD SVP will now be recognized on a state level by the California School Boards Association. The district will soon receive a CSBA Golden Bell Award, which is given in recognition of outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards in school districts and county offices of education throughout the state.



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## NOTES & NODS

### Local Food Pantry Available

The Pasture, a food bank that serves the community and is held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Tujunga, is open to the public on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Food is given out from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Free to all who are in need! Guests are asked to please wear masks.

The Pasture community food bank is located at 7344 Apperson St. in Tujunga.

### This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church’s Worship Center. Pastor Scott Peterson will lead worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7 with a message titled, “New Blessings” that concludes his sermon series “Stewardship Is Heart Work” at Lutheran Church in the Foothills.

The service will also be live-streamed on the church’s YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel later in the week.

Thanksgiving for Pastor Scott’s time at LCIF will be on November 14. The church

is collecting non-perishable food and clean, gently used clothing to distribute to local people in need. Please bring the items to the church office lobby during office hours.

Visit the church’s website at lcifoothills.org for details on all of the events happening including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve.

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 via email at office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

### Chanukah Festival Planned

Chabad of the Crescenta Valley will present Chanukah Festival 2021 featuring live entertainment, traditional Chanukah food, crafts, activities and more.

It is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Nov. 29 at Memorial Park in La Cañada Flintridge.

More information and event details will be released as information becomes available.

### Walk and Word Returns

After an 18-month hiatus, Walk and Word returned on Sunday, Oct. 10. At 8 a.m., participants meet in the parking lot at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta/Glendale. They will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

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

### Canceled: 24-Hour Prayer Event

Lift Up Crescenta Valley has canceled its 24-hour prayer event planned for today, Thursday, Nov. 4 from 6 a.m. to Nov. 5 at 6 a.m.

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GCC from Cover

Next the council voted to forego competitive bidding and spend \$240,000 to fix the roofs at Rockhaven before seasonal rains cause more damage.

“For years we’ve been making temporary fixes to these roofs, using tarps to prevent water from entering the buildings, but that’s not sustainable and we need to move forward in removing and replacing the roof tiles in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s standards for the renovation of historic buildings,”

said Public Works Director Yazdan Emrani.

Community Development director Phil Lanzafame added, “We’re responsive to concerns raised by the historical society and our outreach will include the Glendale and Crescenta Valley historical societies.”

Mayor Paula Devine agreed. “I just want to assure everyone watching who has anything to do with historic preservation that we will be keeping that in mind during this whole process of

using this \$8 million to renovate Rockhaven and along the way – as long as I have anything to say about it – they will be consulted.”

“We do have a budget, I caution,” she added. “Eight million and that will be it.”

Councilmember Vrej Agajanian noted, “We’re trying to preserve Rockhaven.”

Councilmember Ara Najarian urged the stakeholders to get together.

“I would encourage the interested stakeholders to come

together to form a working group – not a commission, a working group – so our outreach can be unified,” Najarian said.

Next the council heard a report on the city’s draft housing element, the roadmap to addressing the city’s future housing needs. Since 1969, the state of California has required local governments to develop these housing elements and regional housing needs allocations (RHNA). As consultant Amanda Tropiano of the De Novo Planning Group explained, Glendale needs thousands of new units of housing in most categories.

Councilmember Najarian wondered where the consultant came from as “this is so at odds with what we hear on the ground.”

“Glendale is no ‘sphere of influence’ for La Crescenta. They very much appreciate their low-density housing and look at Glendale’s more moderate-density as the worst thing that could ever happen,” Najarian

said. “Downtown, they’re after anyone on council who’s voted for higher density. What do they call it? The ‘concrete canyon’? As for underutilized residential spots, the last thing people want to see is an old Craftsman torn down and replaced with 16 units. Those are some hot button issues.”

“Is there a reason we couldn’t have a two-month comment period rather than just one?” asked Councilmember Brotman about the outreach.

Mayor Devine also pushed for additional outreach.

“This must go to the coordinating council so all of the homeowner groups can get it before the Nov. 15 meeting,” she insisted.

At the joint meeting of the Housing Authority and the city council on Tuesday afternoon, the body approved a relocation plan of 912 E. Broadway, a project called Harrower Village, which is 40 units of 100% affordable senior housing, and joined the

see GCC on page 9

# Banquet Hall Stop Work Order Issued by City



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

The City of Glendale confirmed that the business owners of Hill Banquet Hall had begun construction without the proper permits.

By Mary O'KEEFE

A flyer concerning the Hill Banquet Hall in the 3300 block of North Verdugo Boulevard has been circulating nearby neighborhoods. The flyer states the proposed banquet hall has been building “without any permits.”

The issues listed on the flyer include increased traffic, limited parking availability at the location that spills onto residential streets, alcohol being served without the proper permitting and outdoor cigarette smoke.

The City of Glendale confirmed that the business owners had begun construction without the proper permits. There is an open/active code enforcement case at this location that City personnel are monitoring.

“The business owner did some interior improvements without permits and we have asked them to stop work and legalize the work they have done and intend to do,” according to City spokeswoman Eliza Papazian.

City representatives have also informed the property owner of the necessary approvals needed in order to operate as a banquet hall, she added.

As of Oct. 28 the business is not operating as a banquet hall but it does plan on getting the proper approvals in the future.

“Many of the approvals, including a parking reduction permit, require a public hearing before they are granted,” Papazian said.

Once a date is scheduled notices will be sent to residents within 500 feet of the property that will invite comment.

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Training also available for Armenian and Spanish speakers. To sign up and to learn more, visit <https://glendaleca.libnet.info/event/5748004>.

The City of Glendale has also two scheduled pop-up COVID vaccination clinics in partnership with the LA County Dept. of Public Health and Fulgent Genetics. The clinics will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 10 and Wednesday, Dec. 1 in front of the Glendale Galleria on Central Avenue from 5-8 p.m. Fulgent Genetics will be offering all three vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Booster shots for Pfizer and Moderna will also be available. Appointments can be made at <https://vaccine.fulgentgenetics.com/vaccination/screen/landing>, but walk-ups will be accepted.

## GPD REPORTS

### Male Arrested for Attempted Carjacking of a Police Vehicle

On Oct. 28 at approximately 10:58 a.m., officers with the Glendale Police Dept. were investigating a traffic collision in the area of Glorietta Avenue and Verdugo Road. One of the officers on scene was conducting traffic control, standing just outside of his/her vehicle (which was running with the keys in the ignition) when a male who was walking by, identified as 25-year-old Oscar Rivera of Los Angeles, suddenly ran towards the vehicle and entered the driver’s seat. When officers observed Rivera running towards the police unit, they ran after him. As Rivera entered the driver’s seat and began trying to put the vehicle into drive, officers were able to get control of him, take him out of the unit and handcuff him.

Rivera was subsequently arrested and booked for attempted carjacking.

### Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest for Vehicle Theft, Possession and Parole Violation

On Oct. 26 just before 3 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale Police Dept.’s Special Enforcement Detail (SED) observed a vehicle traveling with no front license plate. The officers activated their lights to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver (later identified as 37-year-old Arout Gazarian of Glendale) cut across traffic lanes, then drove through a parking lot on the 3800 block of San Fernando Road, and finally yielded his vehicle near the intersection of San Fernando Road and Central Avenue.

The officers approached the vehicle (also occupied by 37-year-old Ashley Alexander of Glendale). Through the investigation, officers learned that Gazarian was on active parole and had two local warrants out for his arrest, and his driver’s license was suspended.

A search of Gazarian produced a baggie containing methamphetamine and a bindle of heroin. A vehicle search produced a

zippered pouch containing a baggie of a crystalline substance, a bindle of a tarlike substance, a license plate and a purse containing two cylindrical glass pipes with burnt residue. During the investigation, the officers learned that the vehicle Gazarian was driving had been reported stolen earlier in the month.

Gazarian was arrested and booked for his warrants along with violating the conditions of his parole, vehicle theft, possessing a controlled substance, possessing narcotics and driving with a suspended license. Due to the fact that Alexander claimed ownership of the purse containing the glass pipes, Alexander was arrested for controlled substance paraphernalia.

### Felony Traffic Stop Results in Additional Charges

On Oct. 21 just before 4 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale Police Dept.’s Patrol Bureau located a stolen vehicle travelling near the intersection of Ivy Street and San Fernando Road. Officers conducted a felony traffic stop and contacted the driver, identified as 37-year-old Vicente Valle (transient). A search of the vehicle produced a backpack containing a laptop and two iPhones, and a search of Valle produced a baggie of a white powdery substance. It should be noted that upon initially contacting Valle he gave the officers a false name and was in possession of a California identification card and access card in someone else’s name. Valle was found to have two outstanding warrants for his arrest and was subsequently arrested for those and other charges including vehicle theft, identity theft, possessing a controlled substance, driving under a suspended license and false impersonation.

### Three Stolen Vehicles Recovered

On Oct. 4 at approximately 8:30 p.m., officers assigned to Glendale Police Dept.’s Patrol Bureau located a stolen vehicle that was travelling near the intersection of Broadway

Avenue and Orange Street. The officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop and contacted the driver, 25-year-old Michaelangelo Mariano of San Juan Capistrano. A search of the vehicle revealed a glass pipe with a bulbous end and a baggie of methamphetamine. Mariano was arrested for vehicle theft, possessing a controlled substance, and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

On Oct. 13 at approximately 2:20 p.m., an officer assigned to Glendale Police Dept.’s Patrol Bureau located a stolen vehicle travelling northbound on Raymond Avenue into a business parking lot. Assisting officers arrived and a felony stop was conducted. The driver, 30-year-old Cody Wilson (transient), was also found to be in possession of an “arrow” mailbox key and a key to another vehicle. During the investigation officers learned that Wilson’s driver’s license was expired. A vehicle search produced lock picks, two methamphetamine pipes and two cellphones. Wilson was subsequently arrested for vehicle theft, possessing burglary tools, possessing unlawful paraphernalia and driving without a license.

Around the same time on Oct. 13 just after 2:30 p.m., officers responded to a car dealership on the 400 block of South Brand Boulevard regarding a male who had purchased a vehicle using someone else’s identity. When the male, later identified as 38-year-old Anthony Negreary of Northridge, saw the officers, he fled in another vehicle. Additional responding officers located the vehicle Negreary was travelling in and initiated a traffic stop. A subsequent search of Negreary revealed the key fob to the vehicle that was fraudulently purchased from the dealership. Negreary was also found to be in possession of debit cards, paystubs and bank information belonging to other individuals.

Negreary was subsequently arrested for vehicle theft, forgery and identity theft.



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## CRIME BLOTTER

### Oct. 31

4400 block of La Crescenta Avenue in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle. A resident reported hearing a loud noise of metal being cut. He looked out his window and saw a vehicle, described at a white Chevy Tahoe or Suburban, parked next to a local church. The resident went to grab his phone and when he looked out the window again the white vehicle was gone.

The theft occurred at 1:46 a.m.

### Oct. 28

1500 block of Olive Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident received a phone message from a person who identified himself as a Los Angeles County Sheriff detective from the Santa Clarita Sheriff’s Station. The resident immediately called the number and the “detective” told her there were two warrants for her arrest. She had reason to believe this claim because she has served as an expert witness, and she had recently moved; it made sense to her that the notices to appear in court

had not reached her. The “detective” told her she could clear this issue by paying a bail amount, which she did via gift cards. He told her to call the Financial Dept. of the U.S. Treasury and provide the serial numbers of the gift cards. The “detective” supplied the number of the Treasury.

She called that number, a female answered and took the card numbers. She was then instructed to send the cards to the U.S. Treasury Dept., which she did. The “detective” told her she could get her money refunded once her signatures were verified. He then explained the person to verify her signature was not in that day and she should go to the station the next day. She told him she was on her way to the Santa Clarita station and the “detective” hung up. She then realized this was a scam.

The person impersonating a detective is not actually a LASD detective.

The initial call occurred between 2:14 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

900 block of Town Center Drive

in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she had gone to eat at the location. Her wallet was in her backpack, which she had with her at the table but had unzipped the backpack to take things out. When she returned home she discovered her wallet was missing from her backpack. She was able to cancel all of her credit cards but not before someone had attempted to use her credit card without her permission.

The theft occurred between 1:05 p.m. and 1:25 p.m.

### Oct. 27

Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, when a woman returned from a hike in the ANF she found the rear window of her rented vehicle had been shattered and several items were stolen between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### Oct 16

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the catalytic converter was stolen from a truck parked in the front of a restaurant between Oct. 16 and Oct. 28.

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# LA County Parks and Rec Smooths Out the Two Strike Park Ramp



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Dirt paths are gone and sidewalk now links the end of the ramp/path at Two Strike Park.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation has completed work on an entrance/exit ramp at the far west end of Two Strike Park.

As CVW reported on Sept. 16, local residents had concerns about the construction of the ramp that was part of a walking path project that extended from Two Strike Park to Eagle Canyon Channel.

At that time, Sara Quan, who is a wheelchair user, spoke about how difficult the ramp was to use at the entrance/exit.

Individuals in a wheelchair, for example, can easily travel from the east side of the park to the west side but when coming upon the ramp to the exit/entrance to the park on Henrietta Avenue they encounter a dirt path at the end of the ramp, an uneven wooden bridge across the wash, another dirt path, a metal K-rail-type fence that must be traversed and then more dirt that leads to a broken curb. Accessing the park from the west side at Henrietta Avenue is also nearly impossible for those in a wheelchair.

Quan said that many wheelchairs are lightweight, which makes it especially difficult to traverse these types of obstacles. The broken curb made the area even more dangerous as a wheel can easily get stuck,

causing the chair to tip.

“The hardest part is getting stuck. Most of the time you are by yourself, so you are out of luck,” Quan stated at the time.

The ongoing issue was finding out who was actually responsible for the end of the ramp – Parks and Recreation or Flood Control/Public Works. It took an investigation on behalf of the County agencies to find the answer.

“That investigation confirmed that the park, the pedestrian pathway and the bridge all belong to Parks and Recreation, which is responsible for their maintenance. The bridge over the LA County Flood Control District’s Eagle Canyon Channel was permitted to Parks as early as 1950 and was built by Parks on the site on June 14, 1961. Because the recreational trail has no nexus with the channel’s flood control function, the Flood Control District (managed by Public Works) would not have a role with the trail or Parks’ pedestrian bridge,” according to Steve Frasher, Public Works spokesman.

Once responsibility was confirmed, Chester Kano, architect/chief of Development Division, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, the project began to move forward ... until it hit another slight obstacle. This

time it concerned the broken curb at the far west end of the ramp that led to Henrietta Avenue – a problem that had to be tackled by Public Works.

“PW Road Division is willing to perform a maintenance project to add new asphalt paving from the end of the bridge to the edge of Henrietta Avenue, including a new asphalt rolled curb to replace the existing, cracked asphalt curbing. While this won’t change the slope, this will eliminate the dirt and loose gravel in that area making it more stable for walkers. Also, the new rolled curb should be smooth and easier to traverse with strollers and other wheeled accessories,” Kano stated.

The project has been completed and the rough edges and bumps in the road appear to have been smoothed out.

Quan has yet to see the new and improved ramp and related areas.

“To be honest most times people don’t listen or acknowledge our concerns,” she said. “People in wheelchairs get used to working around these [types of issues].”

She is looking forward to testing out the new ramp access and is happy the County not only listened but did something about her concern.

“That very rarely happens,” she said.



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**Correction**

In the Glendale City Council story in the Oct. 28 issue “Rockhaven Plans to Move Forward,” the following quote should have been attributed to Ara Nagarian: “I’m not an RFP. We tried that four times and failed. Retail? Boutique hotel? Failed. Let’s get going on this and [instead] be thoughtful, sensitive, and cost-conscious.”

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HEROES from Cover

particularly rare aircraft on display will be the Los Angeles Fire Dept. Historical Society's restored Bell 47G helicopter, which has not been flown in more than four years. Volunteer Executive Director Jim Paules said he is especially excited about the presence of the U.S. Air Force 66th Rescue Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, which will be bringing its HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter.

The 66th RQS motto is "This I Do That Others May Live," a theme of heroic sacrifice that underpins the American Heroes Airshow that Paules said is not just about "promoting the diversity of rotary-wing aviation, the event also provides great recruiting opportunities."

"We hope attendees will talk to these crew members," he said, "hear their stories of what they do day in and day out and learn about the heritage and mission of law enforcement."

To this end, the event also invites representatives, recruiters and crew team members from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. State Department, and numerous local police and fire departments to talk about career opportunities and the lived-daily experiences of law enforcement professionals.

One special and unique part of the airshow is the naturalization ceremony that takes place in the early morning. Fifty to 60 people take the oath of allegiance the morning of the event and then get to spend their first day as U.S. citizens at the airshow.

Event Director Steve Goldsworthy said, "It is our special privilege to partner with the USCIS on this special day

when we recognize our Southern California neighbors as they recite the Oath of Allegiance and become U.S. citizens during the American Heroes Air Show." Paules added that he believes that "new citizens get to spend their first day seeing the best of what America has to offer."

At 9:30 a.m., Professional Cars International will arrive with lights and sirens blaring as they "Roll to the Rescue" in vintage police, fire and emergency vehicles.

Admission and parking for the event are free, with parking availability near the Los Angeles Cube Museum. Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office is providing free shuttle bus support to and from the parking lot. Attendees are encouraged, though not required, to wear masks and free masks are available at the event. More information about the American Heroes Airshow can be found by visiting [Heroes-airshow.com](http://Heroes-airshow.com). And afterward share or view stories and photos from the event using the Twitter hashtag #CAHeroes.

GCC from page 19

California Public Finance Authority and approved the issuance of approximately \$33 million in tax-exempt bonds to build Citrus Crossing, 127 units of senior housing, at 900 E. Broadway.

Of note at last week's meeting, the council approved a contract with the Glendale Management Association (GMA), one of the city's five bargaining units, representing the city's executives and mid- and upper-level managers as well as its technical and professional workers. It is a group of 335, city staff reported.

HR director Matt Doyle detailed the deal points: the three-year agreement provides 7% in a combination of wage increases and decreases in the portion of a cost sharing agreement.

"Throughout the months of negotiations, the primary concern was to maintain reasonably competitive compensation, to aid in recruitment and retention of these positions, particularly in light of inflation," said Doyle. "Early in the pandemic, GMA came forward with a proposal for a one-year contract extension with no raises

and no benefit enhancements. Given the uncertainty of the time, this was definitely an appropriate strategy. This year, though, while the pandemic is still with us, we believe we have the basis of a fair agreement."

Councilmember Brotman weighed in before the council approved the contract unanimously.

"One thing the public probably doesn't understand is the recent history of the city's bargaining, especially with this group and the GCEA [Glendale Employees Association], in terms of getting raises generally below the rate of inflation," he said. "If you look back over 10 years, you would see a decrease in purchasing power. They are taking on some of the burden of our fiscal position, but I don't think it's fair to put the entire fiscal situation on the employees. Ultimately, I believe in a shared solution. The bargaining units have been very responsible in not making ridiculous demands."

Doyle added numbers to Brotman's analysis: "In the past 10 years, the rate of inflation – the cost of living – has

greatly outstripped the modest adjustments our employees have received. Beginning in 2008, city employees saw year after year of nothing, including in 2010-11 when they saw a pay reduction of 1.5% towards what we've called 'cost sharing.' Some moderate adjustments of one or two percent during this time period adding up to around 6%, compared to a cost of living over 25% for the same period of time."

Councilmember Vrej Agajanian explained his vote in favor of the agreement.

"I think this is not the right time to raise anyone's salary," he said. "We have budget deficits. If we hadn't gotten money from the [federal] government – if they hadn't helped us – we would have a serious deficit now. On the other hand, this is an average of \$433 per person per month for 335 people in management; \$433 a month is not much."

Also last week, the council heard an update on several impactful pieces of state legislation concerning planning, zoning and

see GCC on page 19

MSR from Cover

Montrose Search and Rescue is one of the most active teams in the state with a wide variety of terrain to cover. On average team members receive approximately 130 calls a year for searches and rescues, typically split evenly between the two. Calls responded to have included vehicles over the side of mountain roads in Angeles National Forest, snow and ice incidents in the winter and hikers in distress.

The team presently consists of 25 members, but a few members have recently relocated or retired, which is why they are looking to repopulate their roster. Leum said that for every 100 people who attend a meeting, only two will take the steps needed to join the team.

"We understand that getting someone as a full team member is going to take a while so that's why we need to start now," Leum said. "Despite the demand it entails, the people who do this do it because it really is the most gratifying thing in the world. We get to reunite injured or lost people with their families and that's what keeps us going."

To RSVP for the tryouts or seek further information, email [info@lacosar.org](mailto:info@lacosar.org).

# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## New Book – ‘Crescenta Valley’s Dirty Laundry: Gossip, Crime and Tragedy’

Gary Keyes and I have produced yet another local history book guaranteed to lower your property values. In the past, Gary and I have written two other books on our local “bad history:” “Wicked Crescenta Valley” detailed various crimes and cons, and the chilling “Murder and Mayhem in the Crescenta Valley,” a chronological reveal that CV can be a dangerous place. Yes, bad things happen in good neighborhoods.

This new book is slightly lighter, going more for standard gossip community members talk about – local legends and Hollywood personalities that had or have local interactions.

As some of you may remember from our previous books, Gary was my history teacher at CV High back in the early ’70s. Even then he had a penchant for the darker aspects of history, a guaranteed draw for a 16-year-old boy. He used the “dark side” to hook me on history. And yes, I still stumble when I call my co-author “Gary”

and not “Mr. Keyes.”

The book is laid out geographically: La Crescenta, Montrose, La Cañada, Sunland-Tujunga and Glendale. La Crescenta Gossip covers some of the myths, true and untrue. The usual suspects are here: Hindenburg Park, Whiting Woods and various racial incidents. We have a chapter on the fabled Doors concert at CV High, and the sad story of a major scam run on a local retirement home. A section covers the history of why we are carved up between the county and Glendale. Montrose Gossip is milder, again covering some fun myths and some political figures who have touched our little “Mayberry.”

La Cañada Gossip explains the “Sagebrush district” fight we’ve heard so much about between La Cañada school district and Glendale school district. As well, we have some past gossip about the Lanterman family and Descanso Gardens. There’s the crazy story behind the legendary “Pink Castle”

and some more recent racial problems.

Sunland-Tujunga Gossip is brief, detailing the towns’ dual name origins and the difference between the two areas. Extensively covered is their tiny hillside cemetery, which washed down the hill in 1978, spreading dead bodies through the neighborhoods below. Glendale Gossip is brief as well covering the controversial Comfort Women statue and Glendale’s seemingly never-ending association with the American Nazi Party. It contains my favorite story of the founding of a religion, Unaria, whose adherents are patiently waiting for the Space Brothers to land and take Earth into the Confederation of Planets.

Hollywood Stars In Our Community is the largest chapter. Current major stars living in Flintridge include Donald Glover, Angela Bassett, her husband Courtney Vance and everyone’s favorite weatherman Dallas Raines. A little-known story is that

superstar Billie Eilish got her big break at Montrose’s Revolution Dance Studio. Past stars who lived here or grew up here include John Wayne, Richard Boone, Kevin Costner, Victor McLaglen and Will Wheaton. Marilyn Monroe had several connections locally.

We can’t have a gossip book without some crazy crime stories. How about the kidnapping and torture of two home loan agents by the La Cañada residents they were foreclosing on? Or the Green Scarf Bandit, a thief and kidnapper whose capture was punctuated by a running gun battle on Foothill Boulevard? Speakeasies, warehouses and motorcycle gangs round this out, along with a laundry list of recent crimes that will keep you awake at night.

You might ask why dig up all this past dirt? Why air our dirty laundry? You might say that gossip is detrimental to society, that, at best, it’s passive-aggressive behavior and at worst it’s a form of violence. But some psychologists

feel that gossip is beneficial to society, that it strengthens social networks, forms individual bonds, and creates a sense of community. And as always there is much to be learned from our mistakes of the past.

I hope you’ll buy this latest book on our local history. I also hope you’ll keep your money local by getting it at Once Upon A Time bookstore (where you can buy it from my daughter!), Flintridge Books, or online from the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley at cvhistory.org.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Thoughts on Earthquake Preparedness

I read with interest Mary O’Keefe’s article about earthquake insurance (“Insuring Against the Great Shake Out,” Oct. 28). I am a huge advocate of earthquake preparedness. Along with earthquake insurance, every household should be prepared to not expect help from the government and FEMA for at least 72 hours or longer. Most likely, if it’s a really bad earthquake where there is widespread damage and/or injuries, don’t expect help from anyone for possibly weeks.

Ideally, every household should have food for

everyone in their household and one gallon of water per person per day for at least two weeks. ATMs may not work, so have cash in small bills on hand. Cell towers may not work, so have a working old fashion corded telephone landline. If there is no electricity, portable walk-around telephones will not work.

If you have forced air heating, even if you have natural gas available, the heater will not work. If you keep the refrigerator door closed, the contents are good for about 72 hours. So a generator

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### VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY

» SUSAN BOLAN

## Color My World

I have had enough. After 20 months of infectious disease, strict lockdowns and countless regulations, I can hardly breathe, mask or not. Everywhere we go and everything we do, it’s the only topic being discussed and it hurts to live it every day. There is literally no escape from the madness that has damaged us. We will never be the same.

This pandemic took more from us than loss of life. It took our ability to earn a living, attend school, think clearly and feel safe. It took our relationships, entertainment and celebrations. It changed every aspect of what we do and how we see the world. Sadly, one of the significant casualties of our new existence is that difference of opinion is no longer tolerated. People are now self-segregating based on their socio-political ideology and their medical status. Despite the case numbers declining, the level of fear and blame remain high, resulting in more mandates, not fewer. When will it end?

I clearly remember where I was back on March 13, 2020 – Friday the 13th. It was the day we were told that Glendale schools would take an extended spring break because no one knew what was going to happen with the new virus. I had a doctor’s appointment that day and I didn’t even wear a mask. My doctor teased that everyone’s reaction to the recently named coronavirus, COVID-19, could be compared to a social experiment, sure to pit us all against each other. She was so right. It really was the beginning of what would become a season of hoarding, shaming, isolation and rules – lots of ever-changing rules. The virus would ultimately take a huge toll on our lives and mental health regardless of whether we actually got sick. Kids and seniors would suffer the most with the absence of anything social, but we all were deeply impacted. We also had no idea during that time of

the catch phrases that would become part of our everyday language: “elbow bump” or “social distancing” and, my personal favorite, “in these challenging times...” Everything changed so quickly yet lasted so long.

In response to the lockdowns that followed, I turned to nature for normalcy since the rest of our existence was so oppressive and sad. I wanted to cry most days and I really missed hugs. And I wasn’t alone. So many of us took to the streets and trails, looking for a feeling of “normal.” During my walks, I could almost imagine my old life before the pandemic. I was free to feel the air on my face, smell the earthy smells around me and see all the colors of the great outdoors. That’s the part I liked the most, the vibrant blues and whites of the sky followed by oranges and purples as the day grew long. I saw foliage in every shade of green and brown and flora in variations of pink and yellow. The colors filled my soul and helped me forget reality ... for a little while.

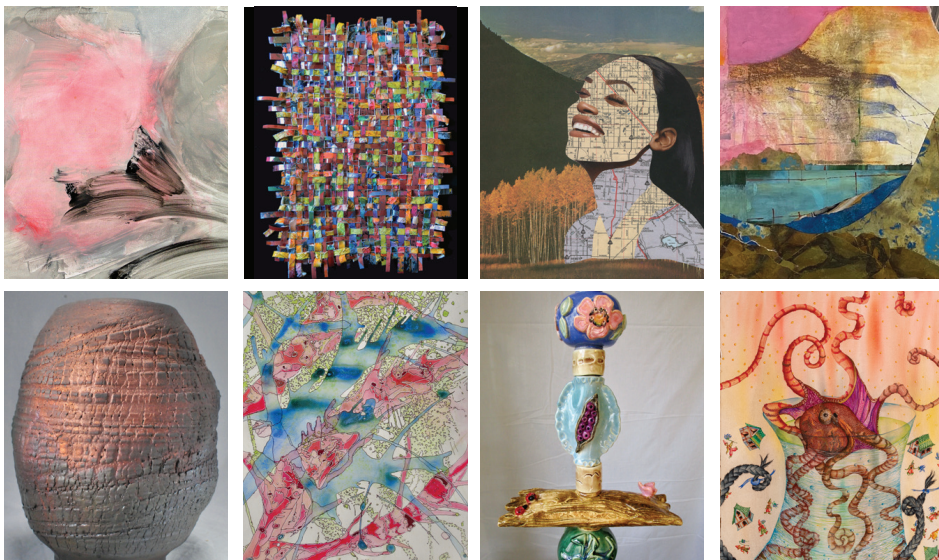
I recently threw caution to the wind and traveled to the Pacific Northwest to visit family. That alone helped me feel like a weight had been lifted from my shoulders. But the icing on the cake was the view that greeted me from the airplane before arrival. I looked down from the sky at fall colors like I have never seen before, the green forests peppered with splashes of every hue from amber to burgundy. Up close at street level, the deep color of the trees thrilled me. I was in awe of the beauty of nature, and it grounded me.

We have been through a lot but it’s time to get back to work, mend our broken relationships and rebuild our lives. Let the healing power of nature’s colors help you through “these challenging times.”

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# SPORTS

## CVHS Faces Uphill Battle in CIF After Dropping Pacific League Title Game

By Justin HAGER

Last week the Falcon boys' water polo team came up just short of the fairy tale ending to the Pacific League's regular season. After a dominant win over regular season foe Glendale last Tuesday, the Falcons advanced to the Pacific League title game against undefeated Burbank. CV came out of the gate strong with junior Michael Peterson scoring the first goal of the game just 90 seconds into play. Unfortunately, that goal would be the Falcons' only score of the first half.

The Falcons entered the second half trailing 8-1 but, after a couple of quick strikes from Burbank, the Bulldogs found themselves with a 10-2 lead. However, the Falcons refused to give up. As the game progressed, they tightened up their defense and held the Bulldogs scoreless for most of the third period. They even added a score of their own with Peterson putting the ball in the net with just six seconds remaining in the third period.

Entering the final eight minutes of action CVHS made it known that they were not going down without a fight. Senior Arthur Movsesyan scored two goals midway through the period, but Burbank would answer each of them. As the final minutes ticked down, junior Jacob Choe added another goal for the Falcons – but it was not enough. The game closed with Burbank ahead 12-5.

After the match, coach Jan

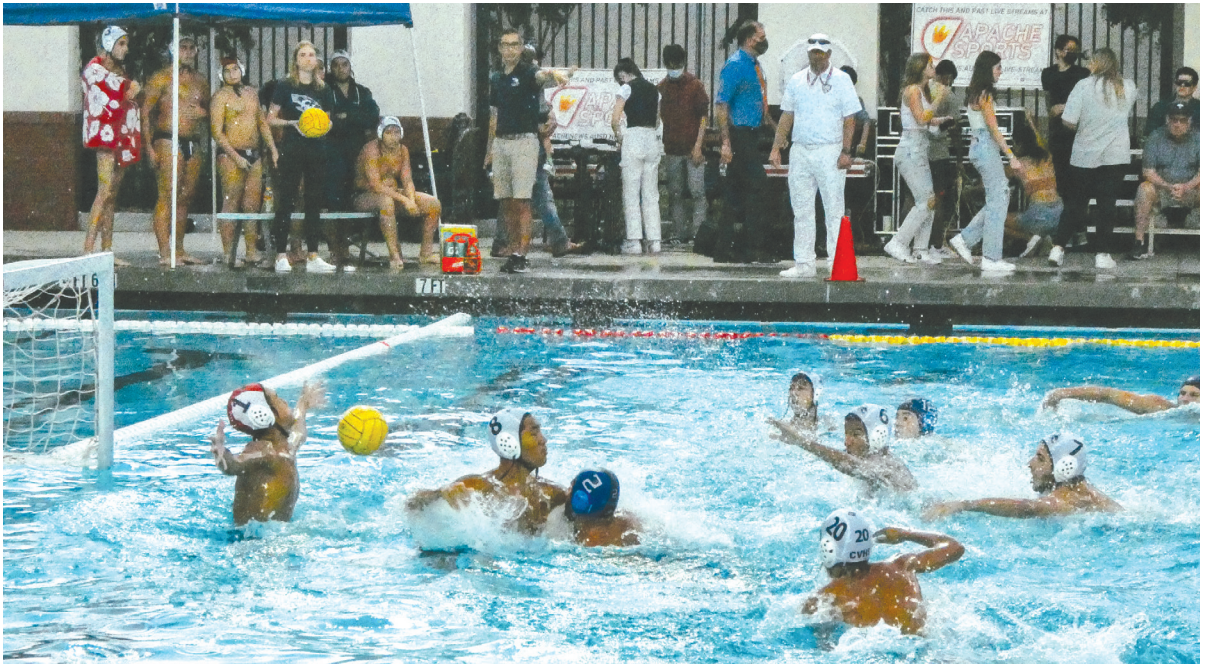
Sakonju was beaming with pride. He said that, despite a slow offensive start to the match and some frustration among players over the level of physicality, he "liked that the team kept playing hard for all four quarters."

"We haven't been in a championship match for many years," he continued. "To see the progress ... I'm so satisfied it makes this season worth everything."

Despite the loss, the Falcons' 2021 run is not yet complete. As the second place team in the Pacific League they earned a berth in the CIF tournament. The first round of the tournament kicked off on Tuesday but CVHS' impressive play earned them a first-round bye. As a result, they'll kick off their CIF play in the second round, tonight (Thursday, Nov. 4) against Estancia High School in Costa Mesa. Estancia finished their season 20-7 overall, in second place in the Orange Coast League, and ranked 152 in the United States, almost 100 spots ahead of CVHS (249) according to MaxPreps.

When asked about the team's future and what he would want to tell members of the CV community about the boys, Coach Sakonju offered an optimistic outlook.

"We've got a group of enthusiastic, fun and skilled players who have been working for many years to return the water polo program to its historic levels," he said. "With four of the seven starters returning next year, we will build on this experience."



Photos by Justin HAGER  
 TOP: Falcon water polo players move in on the ball after goalie Eric Yoon's (No. 1) impressive stop.  
 ABOVE LEFT: CVHS Goalie Eric Yoon (No. 1) tracks a shot on-goal by Burbank during the Pacific League championship game.  
 ABOVE: Despite multiple bodies in the way, Burbank finds the goal against CVHS during the Pacific League championship game.  
 LEFT: Arthur Movsesyan (No. 7) gets a pass around a Burbank defender during the Pacific League championship game.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Installs 2021-22 Board of Directors

Sixty members and guests enjoyed an evening of fun and festivities as the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada held the 74th Annual Installation of the board of directors and officers at the Oakmont Country Club, which included inaugurating Terry Piasky as the new president of the Club.

Lending his oratory skills was Dr. Michael Leininger, who served as master of ceremonies. Outgoing Club President Dennis Fors gave heartfelt thanks to the members' support during his term spanning two years at a critical time when members had to revert to Zoom meetings.

As the program was kicked off, Joyce Brown led the group in a patriotic song accompanied by Linda Fors on the piano. Sky Sprowles conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and Nancy Leininger provided a much-appreciated inspiration.

Before the new board was formally inducted, outgoing president Dennis Fors announced two prestigious awards. The 2020-21 Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Keith Eich in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service as a new member. Eich chaired the Kiwanis Virtual Wine-tasting event, which raised funds for vital community projects. The 2020-21 Gil Smith Award was given to Farhad Motia for his years of exemplary service as treasurer. Motia was out-of-state and unavailable to attend but he was also applauded for consistently raising the bar to inspire fundraising for the Club's many programs, including scholarships.

As the gavel was officially passed, new Kiwanis President Terry Piasky said, "I am humbled and honored to be the next president as we continue to help as many kids as possible be the best they can be

— as I was helped years ago."

Piasky is a trailblazer who brings a wealth of experience to the Kiwanis. She joined the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada in 2016 and was awarded the Rookie of the Year for her many fine works. Since then, she has moved up the ranks as an officer on the board of directors as vice-president of Programs, president-elect and now as president.

Born in Costa Rica, Piasky, due to family hardships, was in an orphanage from ages 6 to 15 and recalled she loved the workers there and cherished the friends she made. She innately thrived in school and was adopted by a Costa Rican family who had become American citizens.

Coming to the United States was challenging with a new family and living environment but Piasky forged ahead, graduating from high school and attending a small business school.

She climbed the hospitality industry ladder, serving as catering manager for the Doubletree Hotel in Pasadena, and the Red Lion in Glendale. Opportunity knocked and she joined the Los Angeles Times in its new digital media department. She honed her skills and served in the advertising department focusing on eCommerce in the new Spanish market, becoming district manager. From there, Piasky joined the advertising team at the Spanish-language news outlet La Opinion based in Los Angeles; it's the largest Spanish-language newspaper in the United States.

In 1999, Piasky married Tim Piasky and their son, Jacob, was born in 2002 so Piasky took a well-deserved break to concentrate on her family. In 2004, she got her real estate license and joined Dickson Podley Properties with offices in La Cañada and Pasadena

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Photos provided by Alice PEREZ

ABOVE: Past President Dennis Fors (left) passes the gavel to new Kiwanis President Terry Piasky.

TOP RIGHT: Farhad Motia received the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada 2020-21 Gil Smith Award for his years of dedicated service to the Club as Treasurer.

RIGHT: Kiwanis Club of La Cañada 2020-21 Rookie of the Year Keith Eich (left) is congratulated by Past President Dennis Fors for his outstanding work as a new member.

BELOW: The 2021-22 board of directors pose with Kiwanis International District 3 officers (from left) (Kiwanis Division 3 Past Lieutenant Governor Tina Tabora-Lim, Terry Walker, Mary Gant, Sky Sprowles, Past President Dennis Fors, President Terry Piasky, President-Elect Trish McRae; Secretary Jeremiah Arnold, Greg Brown, Pat Liddell, Alice Perez, Matt Regan and 2021-22 Kiwanis Division 3 Lieutenant Governor Jose Sierra.

Not pictured are board members Caroline Anderson, Treasurer Michael Freed, Vice President: Programs Joe Radabaugh and Gigi Schlueter.



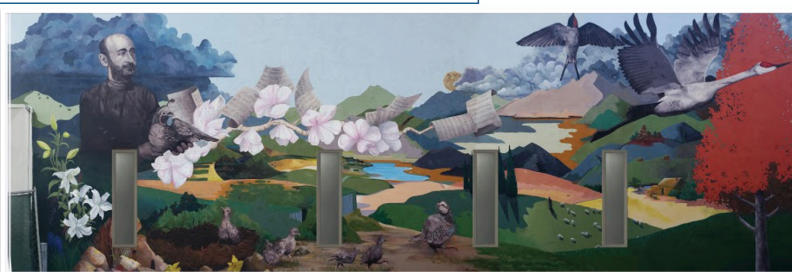
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## People Making News

Katherine Festen from La Crescenta has been named to Purchase College's dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. Festen is studying theatre and performance.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

Purchase College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY) network of 64 universities and colleges, was founded in 1967 by Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Today, Purchase College, SUNY is a community of students, faculty, and friends where open-minded engagement with the creative process leads to a lifetime of intellectual growth and professional opportunity. For more information about the College, visit [www.purchase.edu](http://www.purchase.edu).

The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University's 135th commencement. Among the graduates was Caitlin Elizabeth Smith of Glendale who received a Bachelor of Science in psychology, summa cum laude.

More than 3,700 undergraduate degrees and 680 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during nine individual ceremonies held over three days in May.

Students who received the honor summa cum laude graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.7.

Founded in 1892, the University of Rhode Island is the principal public flagship research and graduate institution in Rhode Island. Competitive and highly regarded, its 14,500 undergraduate students and more than 2,250 graduate students represent 48 states and 76 countries across the globe.

# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Scene in LA – November 2021

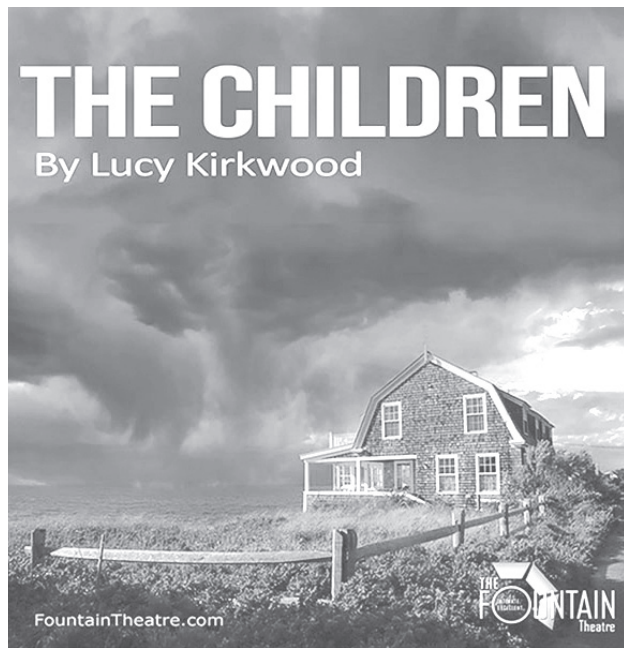
By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

**C**OVID-19 cases are on the decline in the Southern California area, and those theaters that survived the shutdown have reopened or will soon be opening. This is all good news, but COVID protocols are still in place, so *in order to attend performances proof of vaccination is required and face masks must be worn at all times during the performances at most theaters.* The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, readers should check with the theater to confirm before making definite plans.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates or are already running this month:

**“Comedy of Tenors”** One hotel suite, four tenors, two wives, three girlfriends and a soccer stadium filled with screaming fans. What could possibly go wrong? Almost everything! 1930s Paris is ready for the concert of the century – so long as producer Henry Saunders can keep the amorous Italian superstar, Tito, and his hot-blooded wife, Maria, from causing runway chaos. Prepare for an uproarious ride, full of mistaken identities, blissful romance and madcap delight! A sequel to the hit “Lend Me a Tenor” this is another laugh-out-loud play.

Written by Ken Ludwig and directed by Sherman Wayne, it runs Nov. 5 through Dec. 12 at the Theatre Palisades Pierson Playhouse in Pacific Palisades. For tickets, call (310) 454-1970.



**“The Children”** A taut and disquieting thriller about responsibility, reparation and what one generation owes the next. With the outside world in utter chaos following a devastating environmental disaster, two retired nuclear engineers live a quiet life in a remote cottage on the lonely British coast – until a surprise visit from a former colleague

upends the couple’s equilibrium and trust.

Written by Lucy Kirkwood and directed by Simon Levy, it runs Nov. 6 through Jan. 23 at the Fountain Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 663-1525 or visit [www.FountainTheatre.com](http://www.FountainTheatre.com).

**“Blues in the Night”** Set in 1948 in a rundown Chicago hotel, three women and a man share their stories about the misery and humor of life, love and the dogged determination to do more than just survive. The drama reveals itself through 26 hot, torchy, glorious songs by Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington, Johnny Mercer, Alberta Hunter, Harold Arlen, Jimmy Cox, Ida Cox and more.

Written by Sheldon Epps and directed by Wren T. Brown, it runs Nov. 12 through Dec. 5 at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 964-9766.

**“Mamma Mia!”** On the eve of her wedding, a daughter’s quest to discover the identity of her birth father brings three men from her mother’s past back to the Greek island they last visited 20 years before. The magic of ABBA’s timeless songs combined with explosive dance numbers propel this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship to create a trip down the aisle you’ll never forget!

Written by Catherine Johnson, conceived by Judy Craymer, with music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus and some songs with Stig Anderson, and directed by Kelly Todd, it runs Nov. 12 through Nov. 20 at the Smothers Theatre Pepperdine University in Malibu. For tickets, call (310) 506-4522 or visit [www.arts.pepperdine.edu/events/2021-2022-season/pepperdine-musical-mamma-mia](http://www.arts.pepperdine.edu/events/2021-2022-season/pepperdine-musical-mamma-mia).

**“Paradise Blue”** A makeshift family and their troubled bandleader find themselves fighting for the future of Paradise. Welcome to the sultry, jazz-filled Paradise Club. It’s 1949 in Detroit, and trumpet-playing club owner Blue has a tough decision to make: Should he sell his jazz joint as gentrification is banging on the door? The house band is



desperate to stay, Blue’s demons are tempting him to leave, and the arrival of a seductive stranger turns everything upside down.

Written by Dominique Morisseau and directed by Stori Ayers, it runs Nov. 18 through Dec. 12 at the Gil Cates Theater at The Geffen Playhouse in Westwood. For tickets, call (310) 208-2028 or visit [www.geffenplayhouse.org](http://www.geffenplayhouse.org).



**“Good People”** Margie is a woman from the working-class neighborhood of South Boston. She’s a single mom caring for a grown, severely autistic daughter. Margie has recently been fired and faces eviction. Her buddies at the local church bingo game suggest that she look up an old fling and ask him for a job. Mike, the former beau in question, has gotten out of South Boston, became an MD, and moved to the tony suburb of Chestnut Hill with his younger, beautiful Black wife and their daughter. When Margie arrives at his doorstep, what will he do?

Written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by Ann Hearn Tobolowsky, it runs Nov. 27 through Dec. 22 at the Theatre 40, in the Reuben Cordova Theatre in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 364-0535 or visit [www.theatre40.org](http://www.theatre40.org).

**“Love Actually Live”** uniquely brings together friends and family alike to experience the unforgettable holiday classic in a three-dimensional world where the film and live action seamlessly intertwine throughout the London setting. Iconic scenes displayed on screens that travel throughout the set, share the stage with an all-star cast of singers and 15-piece orchestra as they reimagine the film’s hit soundtrack including “Christmas is All Around,” “Trouble With Love” and “Both Sides Now.”

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### THEN & NOW

### Once Upon A Time Bookstore Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** In the early '30s the Economy Market operated in the western portion of the Montrose Pharmacy building, located at the important intersection of Honolulu and Verdugo. Here we see the two proprietors out front, watching the cameraman who is obviously up on the roof of the building across the street.



**Now »** Believe it or not, this is the same building/location at 2207 Honolulu Ave. It’s changed dramatically in style, but the core frame is still the same. It’s now the home of a Montrose icon, the Once Upon A Time bookstore. Once Upon A Time is officially the oldest children’s bookstore in the U.S.! Besides children’s books, they also carry many local history books including the latest release “Crescenta Valley’s Dirty Laundry: Gossip, Crime and Tragedy.”

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Written by Richard Curtis and directed by Anderson Davis, it runs Nov. 27 through Dec. 31 at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 746-4000 or visit [www.TheWallis.org/Love](http://www.TheWallis.org/Love).



"Another Night in the Catskills featuring Sandy Hackett (Buddy's Son)" Laugh your way into the holidays with "Another Night in the Catskills!" There will be music, comedy and a few surprises. Sandy Hackett (comedian Buddy Hackett's son) returns with material sure to make your belly shake like a bowl full of jelly! Many of the 20th century's

great performers honed their skills in the Catskills. In its heyday, the Catskills, or "Jewish Alps" (also called the Borscht Belt), consisted of 330 resort hotels of all sizes, a few hours north of New York City.

The show runs Nov. 28 only at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit [www.elportaltheatre.com](http://www.elportaltheatre.com).



"Seven Guitars" In 1948 Pittsburgh, old friends gather to mourn the death of a young guitarist and his dream of stardom. This heartrending blues opera combines touching elegy, humor and emotional grit as the characters strike their own notes in a discordant world that threatens their hopes and lives at every turn. Bursting with musical lyricism and courage, Wilson's Pulitzer-nominated play continues his theatrical saga that richly captures the spirit and heritage of Black Americans in the 20th century.

Written by August Wilson and directed by Gregg T. Daniel, it runs through Nov. 14 at the A Noise Within in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 356-3121 or visit [www.anoisewithin.org](http://www.anoisewithin.org).

## Brendan White to Perform at Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed. Pianist Brendan White will perform works by Rachmaninoff, Chen Yi, Albéniz, Rzewski and Chaminade on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

More info about the program, and the link to the stream, can be seen at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Pianist Brendan White has appeared as soloist with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, Musica Nova (Eastman School of Music), Delta Symphony Orchestra, Crown City Symphony, and the Vicente Chamber Orchestra. White's collaborations in Southern California have included the Mühlfeld Trio, which won the prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions, the Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra, the Speakeasy Society and Eighteen Squared. He is also a founding member of the Sunset ChamberFest in Los Angeles; [www.sunsetchamberfest.com](http://www.sunsetchamberfest.com)

Local recital appearances include Glendale Noon Concerts, Pasadena Presbyterian Music at Noon, Music@Mimoda, Mason Concerts, Emerging Artist Series Recital at Boston Court, Soundwaves series in Santa Monica.

White was born and raised in Tennessee before attending Eastman to study with Thomas Schumacher and then the University of Southern California with Kevin Fitz-Gerald, where he was awarded Outstanding Master's Graduate of the Thornton School of Music. As a devoted performer of new music, he has

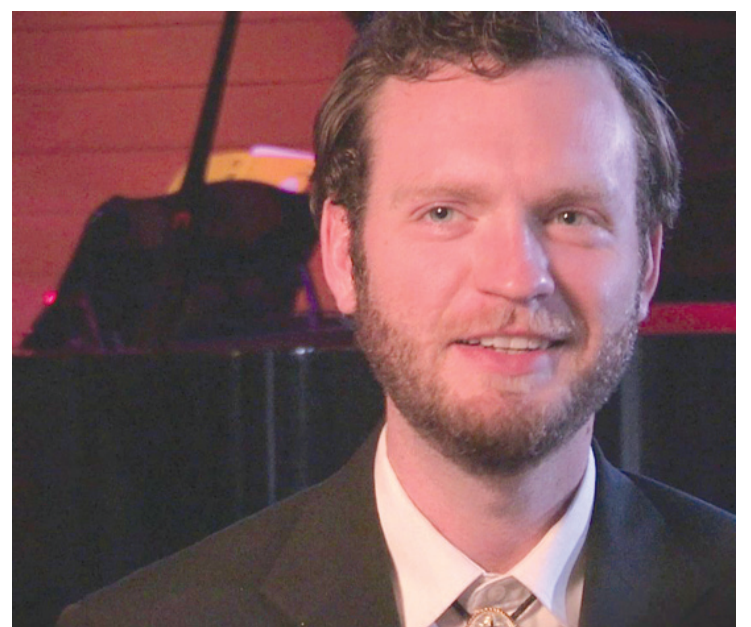
worked with notable composers and conductors including Thomas Adès, Donald Crockett, Alan Pierson, Steven Stucky and Jeffrey Milarsky.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 14th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts every first

and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

For more information, email [glendalesda@gmail.com](mailto:glendalesda@gmail.com) or call (818) 244-7241.



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Participants can win a free beer and food if they place first in the Thanksgiving themed trivia.

Feel free to bring colleagues and friends – the more the merrier!

To participate, just show the flyer at [www.cvweekly.com/JUSTFORFUN](http://www.cvweekly.com/JUSTFORFUN) or mention the fundraiser and 15% of all proceeds will go to support the mission of the Campbell Center.

### STEVEN GERISCHER GUEST SPEAKER AT GARDEN CLUB

The Burbank-Valley Garden Club will

hold the next meeting today, Nov. 4 at the Little White Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Steven Gerischer will present "A Year In The Rose Garden." Gerischer has gardened in Southern California all his life and is currently vice-president of the Southern California Horticulture Society and is past president of both SCHS and Pacific Horticulture Society. He has been designing, installing and maintaining gardens as the owner of Larkspur Garden Designs. He will take members through an entire year of rose culture and care.

All are invited to not only hear this amazing speaker but also to make a few new friends.

Masks are required and in the event that indoor gatherings are prohibited, the meeting would take place via Zoom. Those with questions can contact Anne White at (818) 434-3616 or via email at [annewhite1@aol.com](mailto:annewhite1@aol.com).

### BRAIN HEALTH FORUM AT USC-VHH

USC-VHH is hosting its annual Brain

Health Forum on Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This is a virtual event, so registration is required to participate. Call (323) 442-6062 or visit [bit.ly/21USCVHHBrainHealth](http://bit.ly/21USCVHHBrainHealth) to register.

The goal of the forum is to educate participants on how the brain changes with age, and what resources are available to manage the aging process.

### GLENDALE BRANCH AAUW PLAN MEETING

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet virtually on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

To receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting, contact Laura Guillory [lguillory1430@gmail.com](mailto:lguillory1430@gmail.com) and provide your name and email address.

The conference administrator will send the Zoom link.

Prior to the meeting, Michelle Jocson, Stroke Program manager of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at the Neuroscience Institute at Adventist Health

Glendale, will present "Stroke Recognition and Latest Treatments."

This presentation is coordinated by the Live Well Senior Program (LWSP) at Adventist Health Glendale. LWSP is a community-based wellness program for seniors (60-plus). Membership is free and offers access to online fitness classes, educational programs, games, and social events for seniors. LWSP hosts activities each week.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities, and meetings, visit <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

### ENGLISH CHAMBER MUSIC

The Caltech Orchestra, with conductor Glenn D. Price, presents An Afternoon of English Chamber Music on Nov. 14. The concert will be at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Caltech Ramo Auditorium, 1200 E California Blvd. in Pasadena.

Each concert will last one hour and feature the same program. To register for this free event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5xfckmnd>.

### WINE TASTING BENEFITS USC-VHH

USC-VHH Women's Council will host a live wine tasting to raise funds for the interventional radiology/cardiac catheterization lab under construction at the hospital. The event is on Friday, Nov. 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the cost is \$40 per person.

The wine tasting takes place at on the USC-VHH patio at 1812 Verdugo Blvd.

To RSVP contact Barbara Jordan at [Barbara\\_Jordan@med.usc.edu](mailto:Barbara_Jordan@med.usc.edu) or call (818) 952-2226.

### FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

On Saturday, Nov. 27 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (weather-permitting), Flintridge Bookstore hosts special events for Small Business Saturday including author meet and greets and book signings, poetry readings, guest artists and more. To keep everyone as safe as possible during COVID times, most of Flintridge Bookstore's activities are outside this year, but the doors are also open for in-store shopping. Masks are required inside.

A full calendar is planned; learn more at [www.flintridgebookstore.com](http://www.flintridgebookstore.com).

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge, at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Beulah Drive.

### 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 [cls74reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cls74reunion@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) Cousin of "ahem"
- 5) Fodder holder
- 9) "Crocodile Dundee" star
- 14) "Beetle Bailey" pooch
- 15) Minute bit
- 16) Speak from a soapbox
- 17) Big hit for Janis Joplin
- 20) Fine wool
- 21) Nabisco cookies
- 22) Genesis name
- 23) Takeoff and landing overseers (Abbr.)
- 25) Baby carrier?
- 26) \_\_\_ polloi
- 29) Amount to make do with
- 31) "That feels good!"
- 33) Reacts to pain or a pun
- 35) Dressed like a Roman senator
- 38) Adage
- 39) Certain marine vessel
- 41) Passed out cards
- 43) Like a wetland
- 44) Writer Christie
- 46) Maple fluid
- 47) Congers
- 51) Perignon's title
- 52) .0000001 joule
- 54) The upper part
- 56) Thou squared
- 57) Prefix meaning "false"
- 59) Bearish
- 61) "Your secret's safe with me"
- 65) Game related to bingo
- 66) Film director Ephron
- 67) Be a stool pigeon
- 68) Anxiety
- 69) Stone of many Libras
- 70) Watering need

### DOWN

- 1) Sword-hilt knob
- 2) Stuff into a ship's hold
- 3) Gawks
- 4) Author Morrison
- 5) Deliberate subversion
- 6) "Am \_\_\_ believe ... ?"
- 7) Gray wolf
- 8) Game played with a 40-card deck
- 9) Word spelled the same as another but with a different meaning
- 10) Tolkien creatures
- 11) Joke
- 12) Consumed
- 13) "Born," in wedding notices
- 18) Chromosome component
- 19) Safecracker, in slang
- 24) Gaping hole
- 26) "Aquarius" musical
- 27) Lennon's widow
- 28) Suffix with "patriot"
- 30) Artificial leg?
- 32) "\_\_\_ a friend of mine"
- 34) Daisy variety
- 36) Under pressure
- 37) Rid of vermin, Pied Piper-style
- 39) Palindromic title
- 40) Wedding ceremony
- 41) "Dear old" guy
- 42) Psychoanalysis topic
- 45) War god
- 48) Designer Pucci
- 49) Department store section
- 50) Arctic transport
- 53) Bat droppings
- 55) Historic opening?
- 57) Cushion stickers
- 58) Discontinue
- 60) Obi, e.g.
- 61) Wharton grad, for one
- 62) Wistful wishing
- 63) Time delay
- 64) It's full of periods

### A BIT SELFISH

By Gary Cooper

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**PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT**

# I want to return my CBD gummies. Why can't I?

*Chrissie Klinkowski returns her CBD gummies to Green Ape CBD. But the company is taking its time with the refund and wants to charge her a \$5 restocking fee. Can it do that?*

**Q**: I have a problem with Green Ape CBD. I returned a package of CBD gummies unopened and inside the packaging material they sent it to me in. They have a sneaky policy of recurring deliveries and I returned them because I can't eat sugar now.

When I returned the item, a representative said they would issue a refund for the \$75 but I would have to cover the shipping. I've sent about 20 emails to them asking for my refund and it goes nowhere. I spoke to someone yesterday who said, "Oh yes, we received your order and will process a refund. It will take five to six weeks to get a check and now there will be a \$5 restocking fee."

A Green Ape representative said it was unable to process a

return to my credit card and it needed to send a check. I asked them to send me an email to confirm they would send me a refund and they said their email department would send me an email today as they didn't work yesterday.

It all sounds shady. Why wouldn't they refund it to begin with? Why is it taking two months to get my money back and now five to six weeks more?

I said I would dispute my credit card charges but they said they would just say "they are resolving it" and point them to their policy, so that would be "pointless." I just want an email with a confirmation so I know they are going to do what they should have done.

Can you help me get a refund from Green Ape?

— Chrissie Klinkowski,

Boulder Creek, California

**A**: Green Ape shouldn't have monkeyed around with your refund. If it promised to return your money, it should have done so quickly.

I reviewed the paper trail between you and the company. By the way, nice job keeping track of your communication with Green Ape. Most people just call instead of sending email, which means they don't have any record of their interaction with the company. It looks like you received several form responses to your repeated requests for a refund. That's frustrating.

Restocking fees are common but they are not consumer-friendly. Putting an item back in a warehouse is a basic cost of doing business. You shouldn't have to pay for that.

The online reviews of Green Ape are inconclusive. I found your complaint on a popular consumer site, along with another consumer who was upset that the company continued to send him gummies even though he asked to stop his subscription. I think you have to be careful about agreeing to a subscription of any kind when you're buying products by mail. I once ordered medication online and they offered a generous discount if I agreed to let them replenish my supply. They sent me way too much of the product and kept charging me even after I repeatedly asked them to stop.

Generally speaking, businesses want to set up a system like that; they'll sell more product. It also makes sense to make it difficult to

cancel or to send the product back. That may be what was happening to you. The company's supposed inability to refund back to your credit card was an indication of that.

I contacted Green Ape on your behalf. It did not respond to me directly. But a short while later, I heard back from you.

You reported that they refunded the full amount to your credit card, even though they claimed they couldn't send the money back to your card and needed to charge you a restocking fee.

*Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>.*

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# BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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## A Season of Thanksgiving

This month our Chamber will be announcing our annual Recognition Award selections for woman of the year, man of the year, volunteer of the year, business of the year, organization of the year, educator of the year, student of the year, our beautification award; the recipients of law enforcement and first responder honorees are selected by the CV Sheriff Station, California Highway Patrol, Glendale Police Dept. and the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. In a community where so many give so much it's difficult to honor just one in each category. For that reason our Recognition Award announcements are, in reality, an opportunity for us to pause and thank each and every one of you for contributing to the greatness of our Crescenta Valley. It is truly a blessing to live and work in this incredible community.

Though 2021 has been challenging our Chamber and

community has been supported by some amazing individuals and organizations: Congressman Adam Schiff, State Senator Anthony Portantino, State Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chris Waldheim of J's Maintenance/J's Maids, Robin Goldsworthy and the CV Weekly staff, Ardy Kassakhian (City of Glendale), Joe Kroening (Andy's Transfer & Storage), the "can do" veterans from American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital CEO Dr. Armand Dorian and Deborah Weirick (director of Community and Donor Relations), Ken Biermann and the Chevy Chase Country Club, the La Crescenta Woman's Club, Vince Iuculano and the YMCA of the Foothills, Mike and Pete Smith (Bob Smith Toyota), Mary Pinola and the Mary Pinola/CV Chamber Education

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Announcements:

Coming Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., the Chamber will be hosting a gala mixer event at RestoKleen Restoration Services, located at 3600 Foothill Blvd. (Dunsmore Avenue and Foothill Boulevard), La Crescenta. RestoKleen provides round the clock 24/7 water damage restoration, fire and smoke damage recovery and mold removal, as well as disinfecting services to residential and commercial property owners and property management companies. This will be an opportunity to meet our friends at RestoKleen and to connect with others who can help your business succeed. Be sure to "save the date" Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. See you at RestoKleen Restoration Services.

The purpose of the CV Chamber of Commerce and our activities is to support our Crescenta Valley community and the Chamber business membership. One of those Chamber members is the YMCA of the Foothills, located at 1930 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada. CEO Vince Iuculano and the YMCA serve youth, families, adults and seniors with state-of-the-art fitness facilities and programs. Check them out in person or through its website [www.ymcafoothills.org](http://www.ymcafoothills.org).

CV Chamber Membership Opportunities: If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business, or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at [info@crescentavalleychamber.org](mailto:info@crescentavalleychamber.org). You may also access our Chamber website at [www.crescentavalleychamber.org](http://www.crescentavalleychamber.org).

Remember our Chamber motto: "Our Business is Your Business."

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MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
» MAVIL AGHADJANIAN

## A Grateful Chamber Heart



Looking back at the last year and a half fills us with mixed emotions but we can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. It's been a rough 20 months for so many, if not all, of us; but it has been incredible to witness our community come together to support one another.

We saw everyone make an even bigger effort to "shop local" and the City of Glendale, plus our local and state representatives, really stepped in by offering different resources, grants and loan opportunities. Let's not forget the Al Fresco Program that the City of Glendale facilitated to assist our local restaurants – and, quite frankly, our sanity (there's nothing quite like sitting outside in beautiful Montrose, especially after a lockdown).

As for us at the MVCC, we managed to get through it because of our amazing business and community members. We cannot articulate how touched we are by the support we received and continue to receive. Our sincerest thank you to all of our donors, our chamber members, city and state dignitaries, and longtime supporters for sticking by our side and seeing the value that our almost 100-year-old chamber of commerce has. Monetary donations go a long way but so do friendly gestures of showing up. Just look at this photograph by Panos Productions Photography of the lovely ribbon cutting ceremony for Silky Skin. The support was overwhelming and we cannot wait to have you all at our future events. We have so much in store for Montrose, and we cannot wait to share it all with you.

Have a lovely Thanksgiving month and don't forget to shop local this holiday season!

Meet the newest business members of the MVCC:

Talin Hovsepian – A NextHome Luxe Group real estate agent who recently hosted a free shredding event for the Montrose community.

Pedego Montrose Bike Shop – A locally-owned electric bike store where they "put [their] hearts into helping you find the perfect electric bike and get the most out of it for many years to come."

Impact Foundation LA – A foundation founded by the former executive director of the MVCC with a mission to "de-stigmatize mental wellness and substance

disorder and create the openings needed for the path to sustainable lifestyle choices."

Toasted Cafe – A new cafe on the 2400 block of Honolulu. Opening winter 2021!

MVCC and Member Updates/Upcoming Events:

Tentatively scheduled Thursday, Nov. 18 at noon – Grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Pedego Montrose Bike Shop. Stay tuned for updates via our website calendar, email newsletter and social media platforms.

Tonight, Thursday, Nov. 4 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. – The Campbell Center's Turkey Trivia Happy Hour at Golden Road Brewery.

Thursday, Nov. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. – The Impact Foundation LA's Golf Tournament at Scholl Canyon and The 19th Hole at El Sol Restaurant.

December 2021 – A surprise MVCC holiday family event. Sign up for our newsletter at [MontroseChamber.Org](http://MontroseChamber.Org) to be the first to find out about our upcoming family-friendly event in store for Montrose!

Special Thank-You to:

Panos Productions Photography for photographing Silky Skin's ribbon cutting ceremony (see picture).

Our MVCC OktoberFest Celebration sponsors: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, J's Maintenance, S.I.G. Property Management, CV Weekly and Anheuser-Busch for their generous sponsorships and support of the MVCC OktoberFest Celebration that helped raise funds for the MVCC to continue facilitating its business and community operations while giving Oktoberfest fans a small taste of our beloved Annual Montrose Oktoberfest. Jenkins Property Management for its continuous support and generous donation to the MVCC. And to the MVCC Oktoberfest Committee for all the time they contributed to putting together this year's Annual Montrose Oktoberfest, only to eventually have to make the very difficult decision to postpone it. Our town is lucky to have you.

Stay safe, be well and please keep supporting local businesses because "when you support a small business, you're supporting a dream."

Mavil Aghadjanian  
MVCC Executive Director

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before transitioning to DeasyPennerPodley in Pasadena. In 2020, Piasky joined her current firm, Coldwell Banker Realty, and is currently ranked as one of the top 500 agents among an estimated 54,000 countrywide agents. She is also one of the top 10 agents in its Pasadena office.

For the past 10 years, Piasky has served as a member of the Door of Hope, assisting in its fundraising endeavors, helping to empower families facing homelessness. She is also a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Piasky's enthusiasm about the Kiwanis Club is evident as she looks forward to

working with an amazing group of volunteers and is ready to continue the mission of serving youth and the surrounding community.

As a part of the installation ceremony, outgoing president Fors received special greetings, commemorative plaques and/or certificates presented by Senator Anthony Portantino; Teresa Lamb-Simpson, district field representative of Congressman Adam Schiff; Communications Director Blake Dellinger from Assemblymember Laura Friedman; Savannah Moore, assistant field deputy for the San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger; La

Cañada Flintridge Mayor Terry Walker; and La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Pat Anderson.

The outgoing officers and the board were formally thanked with their retirement conducted by 2020-21 Kiwanis Division 3 Past Lieutenant Governor Tina Tabora-Lim. The formal installation of the incoming 2021-22 officers and directors was presided by 2021-22 Kiwanis Division 3, Lieutenant Governor Jose Sierra who inducted: Officers President Terry Piasky; Immediate Past President Dennis Fors; President-Elect Trish McRae; Vice President-Programs Joe Radabaugh; Secretary

Jeremiah Arnold; and Treasurer Michael Freed. Also inducted were directors Caroline Que Anderson, Greg Brown, Mary Gant, Patrick Liddell, Alice Perez, Matt Regan, Gigi Schlueter, Sky Sprowles and Terry Walker.

Additional highlights included the presentations of certificates of appreciation to outgoing board members Diane Della Valle and Carl Christenson for their years of service; Mary Gant for her dedicated Care and Concern work for members; Linda Fors for her untiring service as chairperson of the Community Service Task Force; and Jeremiah Arnold for his work on new member

recruitment.

Formal recognition was also provided to last years' awardees whom had received their honors during a Zoom environment Sky Sprowles (Gil Smith Award) and Georgina Mueller (Rookie of the Year).

For those interested in making friends and giving back while having fun, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada extends an invitation to attend a meeting held every Wednesday at noon, which features the Guest Speaker of the Week program. To receive a private invitation to attend, email lacanadakiwanis@gmail.com. Also check out the website at lacanadakiwanis.org.

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would be nice to have. Solar panels, unless you have a backup battery, will not work without electricity. Finally, don't forget tools, flashlight, extra clothing, shoes and medicine. There is a lot to consider but if it is done slowly and methodically, it is not too overwhelming.

There is a company in Van Nuys – SOS Survival Products – that specializes in emergency equipment.

Paul Liu  
Glendale

**Portuguese Point of View**

While vacationing in Portugal, it was fascinating to witness a very diverse culture with a very long history. The amount of other peoples from throughout the rest of the world that live, work and travel in this small European country is remarkable: Black Africans and Brazilians, Indians, Indonesians, Asians ... and

Black American travelers. We met a Portuguese history professor who explained much of this history: many Black Portuguese citizens are descendants of slaves brought in the 15th century; many are from Brazil; but most Black Portuguese are from the African colonies. At the end of the Portuguese empire in the 1960s, Portugal offered colonial peoples citizenship if they so chose. There was a large movement to Portugal for a better life.

It was refreshing to be in a culture that is welcoming, generally happy and free from the constant drumbeat of "slavery guilt" that so consumes us here. The professor was puzzled by the movement in the U.S. to cancel, tear down statues and otherwise twist American history to suit a biased agenda, advocated by a few. He said Portuguese have come to terms with their own history, which does not shy

away from the slavery question; they know that was then, this is now – as if to say, "All that happened long ago, and we've positively evolved since. What's your point?"

The 15th century Portuguese explorers began the European voyages of discovery that found new worlds and cultures, changed the intellectual and scientific theories of the time, and generally brought on the evolution of European ideas that have resulted in the modern world we live in, whose immense benefits we all enjoy. This history is worthy of celebration, "warts and all."

Stuart Byles  
La Crescenta

**Time to Take Responsibility**

Considering all the propaganda and violations of our laws that are running chaotically throughout our nation today, we must realize these events

are destroying our constitutional rights and the history of our country; it's time we must stand against these atrocities.

Respect, honesty, freedom of religion, freedom from want and a country that was ruled as a true democracy; these were valued that made us a great nation. Term limits and legislation to end lobbying by our representatives must become a thing of the past! President George Washington said it right!

In my lifetime I vividly recall how many of our youth gave their lives for our flag and its principles and now our flags are being removed from our schools and places of honor. Even sculptures are being removed from locations in our nation because they offend a minority. They are part of our history! Subjects are being taught in our schools that are harmful to the minds of our children. Our teachers

need to teach history, reading, writing and math, not their political opinions. Immorality is becoming commonplace, which is attributed to the increase of sex crimes and lawlessness. Out of fear of reprisals law enforcement officers can no longer do their jobs properly; that is "protect the innocent."

Our borders are being overrun by illegal immigrants, criminals and drugs, which are destroying immigration laws and the minds of those who consume said drugs.

Many of us are remiss when it comes to taking a firm stand against these atrocities. If we allow them to continue uncontrollably, we must individually take full responsibility for the failure of our country.

God gave us rights; it is time to use them.

Andy Gero  
La Crescenta

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housing, including the recently passed, controversial SB 9. Senior planner Kristen Asp provided a detailed overview of SB 8, which extends the Housing Crisis Act through 2030 (it was originally expected to sunset in 2025) that defines "affordable housing;" the legislation was enacted in 2019 to jumpstart housing production by streamlining the approval process.

SB 10 is a voluntary process the city can adopt to streamline upzoning of parcels near transit or considered urban infill for up to 10 units.

Think of SB 478 as the "floor area ratio bill," Asp explained. It applies to multi-family and mixed-use projects only and prohibits lower limits on the density measure; it is not applicable in single-family or historic zones.

SB 9 is called the California Housing Opportunity & More Efficiency Act (HOME) and becomes effective Jan. 1, 2022 for single-family zones only. The law requires "ministerial approval" of two-on-a-lot (that is, two units on one lot) and two lot subdivisions – urban lot splits, potentially combined allowing for four units on a previously single lot. These actions are not subject to review procedures such as CEQA and there is no discretionary design review allowed.

"It is a sad day for Glendale, a sad day for independent cities, because the state legislature has usurped our zoning and police powers by dictating to us how and when and where we're going to permit development – and it is pretty much the end of the single-family residential neighborhood," Councilmember Najarian bemoaned. "This is probably the most devastating series of bills to ever come out of Sacramento from the standpoint of municipal government ... everything we've done for the past 100 years to make neighborhoods cohesive. This is very depressing to me. We can rearrange the deck chairs, but this is the worst thing I've seen in 16 years. I don't see anything good about this for our city."

Finally, last week the council considered the possibility of having a dog park in Glendale.

"I requested this item despite the fact that, notwithstanding my son's best efforts, I do not own a dog," Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian told his colleagues. "But I've been observing and I know how important and popular these are as

an amenity. I understand a couple of developments have pet patios. I think it's important for us to have

a dog park in Glendale." Several spots have been identified as potential sites and

the council approved the study of next steps. "All the dogs will be happy,"

Mayor Devine observed after the council voted to move forward. "And the dog owners."

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