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## Bees, Balloons and Libraries Discussed by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

Early during this week's meeting of the Glendale City Council, Councilmember Paula Devine asked about the city's current rules for backyard beekeeping, advocating for a review of the policies to allow for safe aviaries. The city attorney informed the council that beekeeping is permitted only in areas zoned as SR for special residential use and therefore prohibited in most of the city's residential neighborhoods.

Devine previewed comments from callers later in the meeting and reported on outreach she had heard from local backyard beekeepers: "The neighbors love the honey."

A representative of the beekeeping community detailed the importance of protecting honeybees, "the gentle bees," and enhancing the population of pollinators. He urged the council to amend the code to allow for the practice, as does the county of Los Angeles and local cities including Culver City and Los Angeles. Backyard beekeepers in Southern California, he said, go back to 1873.

Glendale resident Lydia Shabestari also called into the meeting to support changing local laws to allow for beekeeping, expressing the beekeepers' commitment to "safe hives, the safety of our neighbors and support for pollinators."

The council agreed to consider an amendment to the zoning regulations at a future meeting.

The council also agreed to defer action on a proposed ban on the sale of flavored electronic smoking products, waiting on action pending by the California state legislature. Staff told the council the state's deliberations would be completed by Oct. 1 and the city could act then, if necessary.

Councilmember Dan Brotman then pulled a proposed contract for weed control services from the consent calendar for further scrutiny, questioning the potential use of glyphosate ("Round-Up") and other toxic chemicals. The city's public works director asserted that the contractor would be "discouraged" from such use and encouraged to "use safe alternative chemicals" and told the council, "If we take that out, the cost

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## The Rotating Doors of Nail and Hair Salons

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Despite nail and hair salon owners meeting every guideline in order to reopen, they seem to be challenged every step of the way.*

After about three weeks of allowing hair and nail salons to reopen, the governor's office has once again ordered their closure. This time around an amendment to the order to close has been made that allows hair and nail salons to reopen if they conduct business outside, much like restaurants do; however, nail and hair salons are not like restaurants. Therein lies a major issue leaving salon owners asking, "Why us?"

"Whoever is making the rules doesn't know anything about salons," said Gina Glasgow of Tres Amores hair and skin salon, 3720 N. Verdugo Road in Montrose.

Glasgow questioned why department stores can allow people



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY  
Amy Pang of Amy's Nail Place in La Crescenta waits for a client in the parking lot behind her salon.

into their establishments with only the requirement of wearing a face covering while salon own-

ers are not allowed to remain open despite being given, and following, very strict guidelines

that go far and beyond simple face coverings.

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## Loss of LASD Deputy Dennis Gill Saddens Department

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Los Angeles County Sheriffs Dept. and the community is mourning the loss of Dep. Dennis Gill and his 14-year-old daughter who were involved in a fatal car accident while vacationing in Oregon.

On July 25 the deputy and his daughter, along with Gill's 11-year-old son, were involved in a traffic collision. His son survived the accident, according to an LASD statement.

Dep. Gill had been with LASD since 2000. He served in many areas including at the Crescenta Valley Station from 2014-19.

CVW was on hand in September 2011 at a luncheon honoring LASD and Montrose Search and

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Courtesy of the CVCOC  
At the 2015 CVCOC Recognition Banquet, Dep. Dennis Gill (second from left) was one of four members of the Crime Suppression Team honored for his work.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Insanity in Sacramento

This week I slapped a mosquito that landed on a wall in our house and something happened that I've only heard of: it exploded in blood on the hand I used to slap it. After being grossed out I realized that the dead bug and that blood reminded me of Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Late last month, the governor pardoned 13 former prisoners and prepared the commutation of 21 sentences. One of those proposed commutations is of personal significance; he is the killer of my sister-in-law's sister.

Back in 1980, Tom Waterbury allegedly told his girlfriend that she'd have his house by Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve he shot and killed his wife, Debbie Bailey Waterbury, then shot himself to make the crime look like a home invasion. It didn't take long for detectives to figure out that Tom was guilty as sin and there was no home invasion like he claimed. He was sentenced to life imprisonment without possibility of parole plus a two-year enhancement for the firearm use.

That was in the early 1980s. This past June, Gov. Newsom commuted the sentences of 21 inmates who will now appear before the Board of Parole Hearings, which will decide if these felons are fit to be released into society.

Tom is not the only murderer, by the way, whose sentence was commuted by the governor. Looking over the list of the other "gems" that Newsom feels are appropriate to release, most either killed someone or were involved in the murder of someone and were serving life without parole sentences.

And how did the families of the murdered victims react to the news that the killer of their loved one might be released? Well that would depend if the families monitor the murderer in jail because it appears that the families (at least in the case of my sister-in-law)

don't know the killer might be released. It is only through the diligent monitoring of Tom by a family member that his possible release became known to the family. They were not officially notified.

Maybe someone should tell the governor that the grief felt by a family when a loved one is killed never goes away even after a conviction is handed down. A conviction might close the chapter but it doesn't end the mourning and sense of loss. The devastation of having to fight all over again to impress officials to keep a killer locked up is bad enough but when one is given life without parole you'd think it is not something that would have to be done again. Yet those 21 families will have to decide if they're up to fighting again.

Thankfully, the family of Debbie Bailey Waterbury has the wherewithal to fight again and have made their voices heard. Spectrum News 1 and the Los Angeles Times are both doing stories about Debbie, Tom and the insanity of the governor's choices. Mary O'Keefe is also preparing a story after talking to the family. It'll be in the Aug. 6 issue.

Finally, while I understand that in many ways we are figuring out the "new normal" does it include releasing dangerous convicted felons to an unsuspecting public and the senseless reigniting of pain for countless families?

Like the blood from that mosquito, Gov. Newsom will have blood on his hands if he releases these criminals and they kill again.

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# Weather in the Foothills

"When we contemplate the whole globe as one great dewdrop, striped and dotted with continents and islands, flying through space with other stars all singing and shining together as one, the whole universe appears as an infinite storm of beauty."

~ John Muir

This week, two tropical disturbances will have threatened parts of the United States. The first one, Hurricane Douglas, has come and gone, brushing the Hawaiian Islands. The original forecast of drenching rains and damaging winds didn't materialize. But it's still one for the record books as no hurricane has come closer to making landfall in Oahu, since the government started keeping official records in the 1950s. At present Tropical Storm Isaias is blowing through Puerto Rico and the surrounding area. It could intensify while traveling over the warm waters towards Florida. If the winds exceed 74 MPH it will become Hurricane Isaias.

It seems we have four seasons: earthquake, fire, flood and drought. Californians happily cede the title of Hurricane Capital of America to U.S. East and Gulf coasts. But every once in a while, Mother Nature reminds Southern Californians they are not completely immune to the whims of tropical storms. On occasion — late summer and early fall — moisture moves in from Baja California. Up goes the humidity and down comes the rain.

Could a full-blown hurricane ever make landfall in Southern California? A local newspaper, the Daily Alta California, tells of one. In 1858, winds "came along in a perfect hurricane, tearing down houses and everything that was in its way. Roofs of houses, trees, fences, filled the air in all directions." San Diego took the brunt but heavy rains and wind battered the LA area.

In the Pacific Ocean, the North Pacific Current flows from Japan eastward across the Pacific and then splits into the northern-flowing Alaska Current and the southern-flowing California Current. The cool-water California Current along our coastline acts as hurricane repellent, protecting California and even northern Baja California from hurricanes. Also, upper-level winds steer storms to the west and northwest away from California. They shear the tops off of hurricanes, breaking them apart as well. Prevailing northwesterly winds also push warmer surface waters offshore, drawing cooler waters up to the surface. The already cold ocean water remains just that ... cold — too cold for a hurricane.

Hot and dry weather will persist into the weekend. A gradual cooling trend is expected early next week. Good pool weather! Heading for the beach? Don't forget to wear a mask and practice social distancing. There're shark sightings in Florida but just cold water in California!

*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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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### BAILEY CENTER STILL SEEKING HELP

The Bailey Center food pantry at United Methodist Church in Tujunga is still struggling to collect enough donations to meet the growing number of people in need. The Center is averaging 180 cars a week plus walk-ups of people in need of food.

Donations are needed of boxed cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce and non-perishable canned goods. People can also donate cash or grocery cards.

Donations can be dropped off at the Bailey Center at United Methodist Church, 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd., Tujunga on Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off at the CVW office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. Ste. #206, Glendale/La Crescenta. For more information, email mo5966@sbcglobal.net or call CVW at (818) 248-2740.

### MVCOC LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce has set up a GoFundMe account to gather financial support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Like many local businesses, the chamber has lost money due to the cancellation and postponement of several of its key annual fundraisers including the Food & Brew Fest, Oktoberfest and more.

Please consider supporting the chamber by making a donation at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ntw7m>.

### CALTRANS ANNOUNCES SLURRY SEAL PROJECT ON I-210 IN FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES

The California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans) announced a construction project to slurry seal on- and off-ramps on Interstate 210 (I-210) in the Foothill communities of Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge and La Crescenta.

The project spans just over seven miles from Lowell Avenue on the Los Angeles/Glendale border to Arroyo Boulevard in Pasadena. Workers will be repairing distressed pavement and applying slurry seal to 30 on- and off-ramps and five auxiliary lanes to increase pavement life and provide a smooth ride.

Construction is scheduled to start the first week of August and continue until late 2020. Ramp closures associated with the project will occur mostly overnight between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Some lanes may be closed to facilitate a safe work zone for workers and motorists. Residents and businesses located near the freeway are advised to anticipate noise, vibrations and dust associated with construction activities.

Closures are weather-permitting and subject to change. Motorists should expect delays and are advised to avoid the area and use alternate routes. Additionally, motorists can view current traffic closures before leaving for their destination by visiting the Caltrans Quickmap at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.

### STIMULUS PLAN FOCUS OF LEGISLATORS

Key working groups from both houses of the California state legislature are prioritizing economic recovery in the final weeks of session and have developed a joint \$100 billion stimulus plan, building upon the successful collaboration that led to a balanced state budget addressing the \$54 billion deficit.

Senator Anthony Portantino, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, sits on the economic working group led by Senators Bob Hertzberg and Steven Bradford and Assemblymembers Phil Ting and Jacqui Irwin.

The stimulus plan aims to raise \$100 billion through a new tax voucher program and the acceleration of other existing revenue streams. The money would be used to boost the economy and protect jobs, small businesses and working families.

The working groups will also seek input from the Newsom Administration, including the governor's task force on Business and Jobs Recovery, and from the public. Both houses will work together to approve measures by the Aug. 31 legislative deadline and identify priorities for the next session.

# Relay for Life Plans Video Tribute for September



Photos courtesy of Chris WALDHEIM

ABOVE: The Relay is kicked off by the Survivors Walk that celebrates those who are fighting or have fought and won their battle with cancer. BELOW: Traditionally Relay for Life is a 24 hour event held at Clark Magnet High School.



By Brandon HENSLEY

Maybe someday Leeann Hwang will make good on her desire to become a clinical psychologist, but for now she's making good on her desire to impact the foothills community through the power of video editing.

Hwang is gathering photos, video, music and poetry for a video presentation that Relay for Life of Foothills will premiere on Sept. 12 on the organization's Facebook page. Though this year we're living in a time of COVID-19, we're always living in a time of cancer. Hwang and the Foothills Relay for Life team are finding a way to uplift the area this summer, even if an actual Relay event can't happen like it has for the last several decades.

Hwang graduated from La Cañada High School in 2019. Like so many others, she's had family and friends affected by cancer. This is her first year being a part of Relay, and she's trying to make every moment count.

"I wanted to spend my time more productively," Hwang said of quarantine life. "I know that cancer is such an impactful disease ... it should be something that people are aware of despite COVID."

Every spring, Foothills Relay for Life teams and supporters gather at the track at Clark Magnet High School and, for 24 hours, walk around the track, raising money to fight the disease.

"It's a terrific community event," said Robin Hall, staff partner. "It's a wonderful day when survivors and caregivers come out and meet in person and celebrate lives and lead the fight against cancer."

Because of the pandemic, gathering at Clark was not an option. Instead, Hall is encouraging people to send in photos and memories for Hwang's video of survivors and people lost to cancer. Local musician Chris Blakely will provide much of the soundtrack and Sunland-Tujunga Poet Laureate Pam Shea will contribute her words, either in a voice-over or some other way that will surely be profound.

"I'm honored to be a part of it. In a way it's exciting for those of us who have been on the leadership team all these years. It's a core group of people," said Shea, who is the survivor chair for Relay. Her husband has lost three brothers to cancer.

She has been writing Relay-related poetry since 2015. She said some of her work that will be in the video will be dedicated to Ed Waldheim, who died due to cancer last year. Waldheim was an active member in the community for years and an activist for Foothills Relay for Life. Shea remembered him coming to Clark last year in his deteriorated state, and how people took turns helping him in his wheelchair go around the track.

Shea has experience holding poetry readings via Zoom and said Hwang's video is a fresh idea for Relay to incorporate.

"In the midst of the pandemic, I'm trying to hold onto the hope

that there can be positive things to come out of this," she said. "[We'll be] relying more on technology as we go ahead; it's exciting because it's something new."

That seems to be Hall's take as well. As disappointing as it is to not have a traditional in-person Relay event this year, Hall is appreciative of all the people who support and volunteer for the organization and is hopeful that this year's event can be just as meaningful as past ones.

"Meeting those people was so amazing. The foothills' community is beautiful. I'm always blown away by their big heart," he said.

Hwang currently attends Pasadena City College and would like to stay in California when she transfers. She said she's disappointed she's lived in the foothills all this time and only now became a part of Relay.

"I do intend to volunteer long term," she said. "I want to continue with fundraising. I know I'm staying in California. I'll be around and I'm excited to see how it plays out."

For more information, visit [facebook.com/foothillsrelayforlife](https://facebook.com/foothillsrelayforlife) or [relayforlife.org/foothillsca](https://relayforlife.org/foothillsca).

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This Sunday, Aug. 2, Pastor Scott Peterson will lead the service with a sermon called “Comfortably Full” then he will lead a time of fellowship on Zoom. Ladies’ Bible study group, GATHER, meets on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. on Zoom. On Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott will lead a time of prayer and scripture on Zoom. The church knitting group, Knit Together, meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Details for all of these events (and more) are available by contacting the church office.

Lutheran Church in the Foothills, the “touchdown church,” is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. For more information, call (818) 790-1951 or visit www.lcifoothills.org.

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The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC courtyard will offer interactive prayer time, live music, Bible readings and an inspiring message. COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask wearing, will be observed.

For those who prefer to worship online, services are also available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

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**Walk and Word**

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

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

**Catholics Invited**

ICF, the Italian Catholic Federation, is looking for members. ICF is a family-oriented, non-profit fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build faith and family spirit and bring men, women and children of all ages together. The branch members extend an invitation to La Crescenta, Tujunga and Sunland Catholics to join the local ICF branch and share your culture, heritage and religious beliefs. The only prerequisite for joining is being Catholic. Our members are from many ethnic groups.

ICF is active in various cultural events throughout the state, supports local parishes, and provides various charities with financial and other support. ICF members believe in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through community and spiritual actions, activities and camaraderie.

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# City Stands Up to Scrutiny

By Julie BUTCHER

It is not unusual to hear regular complaints by callers into the weekly Glendale City Council meetings criticizing the pay and benefits paid to city workers. One regular caller is known to rant about the outrageous salary paid to the city manager, never missing a chance to point out the burgeoning pension obligation the city owes CalPERS for the city's public safety and other workers.

How do Glendale's wages and benefits – and the cost of providing municipal services – compare to other cities?

The CV Weekly analyzed the wages and benefits paid by various California cities to find the answers.

Movoto real estate rated Glendale No. 1 atop a list of the 10 safest mid-sized cities in the U.S. Seven of the 10 are in California, six in Southern California. Following Glendale is Santa Clarita, Sunnyvale, Naperville, Illinois, Cary, North Carolina, Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, Aurora, Illinois, Huntington Beach and Torrance.

For comparison purposes, the cities of Pasadena and Burbank are included as neighboring cities, as is the city of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. Other relevant California cities are included in this analysis.

In May, Fitch Ratings reissued AA rating for Glendale, noting "the city's strong revenue growth prospects, moderate long-term liability burden, solid expenditure flexibility, and consistently strong reserves relative to expected revenue volatility and budget flexibility" to justify the strong financial rank.

"Fitch believes the city is in a strong position to manage risks associated with the current downturn. The city's reserves at the end of fiscal 2019 were approximately \$96 million, or 42% of general expenditures," stated the website. "There are currently no external borrowing plans by the city and internal borrowing is possible with 400 days cash on hand is available to temporarily cover any short-term cash borrowing needs. Fitch assumes the city has sufficient capacity to rebalance spending to offset the current weak revenue environment given its robust reserves, ability to negotiate with labor, strong control of the labor environment, and track record of downsizing. The city's ability to absorb the shock and maintain financial resilience will be tested by the depth and duration of the recession."

The city's budget documents are posted on its website: <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/finance/budget>. There is a link to past budget documents there as well.

On average, nearly half of California's municipal budgets go to paying for workers and the accompanying costs of those employees. At the state level, more than half of the state's budget is allocated to paying for personnel.

The conservative California Policy Center offered this profile of the state's public worker pay: "In California, during 2012 the average miscellaneous full-time employee collected total compensation as follows: Cities, \$111K; Counties, \$98K; State, \$90K. Also during 2012, the average full-time public safety employee collected total compensation of: Cities, \$170K, Counties, \$140K; State, \$129K. Add at least 12% to these numbers to reflect unfunded retirement health care and pension obligations, and you have an accurate representation of what California's public servants earn, built from the ground up using the actual payroll records."

In 2018, 482 California cities employed 333,874 workers, paying them \$23 billion in wages and \$7 billion in benefits and

retirement expenses – for an average statewide wage of \$69,736, or \$90,902 in total compensation.

What does it mean to be a "full service" city?

The City of Glendale defines a full-service city as one that is "capable of funding and providing a complete array of in-house public services to residents without contracting out with third-party agencies. Glendale owns and operates its own police, fire, parks, libraries, sewer service, trash collection, street maintenance, and traffic management. Glendale residents benefit from the enhanced cross-departmental communication and better overall quality of service."

But is it possible to fairly compare private and public sector jobs?

The Hoover Institution offers a critical explanation of the differences between public and private sector workers in its article "At \$140,000 Per Year, Why Are Government Workers In California Paid Twice As Much As Private Sector Workers?" found at Hoover.org.

Government workers in every one of the jurisdictions included are represented by a union. Glendale has memoranda of understanding (MOUs) covering five distinct bargaining units including managers up to department heads and sworn managers in the police and fire departments.

All of Glendale's contracts (MOUs) are also called collective bargaining agreements or contracts and have the same binding legal impact) are posted on its website. In California, an employer is obligated to bargain over changes in wages, hours and all terms and conditions of employment.

In California, public employees do not pay into Social Security and are penalized at retirement by the obscurities of the government pension offset, enacted in 1977, and the windfall elimination provision, enacted in 1983, known as GPO/WEP for short.

All of the full-time public service workers considered in this analysis receive comprehensive health benefits and are covered by a defined-benefit retirement plan.

Investopedia explains the difference between this type of plan and the now more common defined contribution plan: "Employer-sponsored retirement plans are divided into two major categories: defined-benefit plans and defined-contribution plans. As the names imply, a defined-benefit plan – also commonly known as a traditional pension plan – provides a specified payment amount in retirement. A defined-contribution plan allows employees and employers (if they choose) to contribute and invest funds over time to save for retirement.

"These key differences determine which party – the employer or employee – bears the investment risks and affects the cost of administration for each plan."

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Glasgow has been in the business for a long time and had recently opened her shop Tres Amores. She and her staff had celebrated the shop's first year in March 2019 just before the closure. When she first learned what needed to be done to reopen she was worried about her future and the future of her business, but knew the protocols were something that needed to be put into place. She felt lucky to have a landlord who worked with her during the pandemic and was anxiously waiting to open the shop's doors again.

"This has been very bad," said Amy Pang of Amy's Nail Place at 2906 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

Pang worried when the order to close came down but, like others, she understood and had confidence that she would be able to reopen. When the word came that she could reopen she was happy and hopeful that her clients would return.

"The first week was slow, the second week was better and then the third week was almost back to normal," she said.

And then the order came to close again.

This was particularly difficult for salon owners because many, including those interviewed by CVW for this article, had purchased new materials and equipment to keep their customers safe and meet state mandates.

Personal protective equipment [PPE] was bought not just for shop owners and workers but also for their customers in case it was needed. Pang purchased a special air purifier and Glasgow purchased PPE and added sanitizing cleansers.

"We bought all sanitation [stuff] like masks and extra gloves. A lot of that was out of stock and then, when we did find it available, the price had doubled because everyone was buying it," Glasgow added. "Then we only worked for three weeks."

"I feel we are not being heard by [LA] County [representatives]," said Emily Deringer, hair stylist. "They don't understand what goes on day-to-day in a salon."

Deringer recently started work as a stylist at Bishops-Cut /Color, 1715 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena. She pointed out that salons and stylists have had to follow strict sanitation guidelines long before COVID-19.

"The main reason why you need to go to school and get those extra hours [working supervised] is so you can learn how to perform in a safe and clean environment," she said.

Glasgow agreed, adding, "We actually have to take extra courses for sanitation."

She said she always used hospital-grade cleansers prior to the pandemic. Then after the reopening guidelines

were issued, the salons were required to do more.

"We have a separate board that inspects us. [Inspectors] just show up. We are constantly on the lookout to keep our customers safe and everything is sanitary ... and it feels like we are being punished."

Deringer was hired two days prior to the second closure; she had just switched from another salon. Her salon had paid for employees to be instructed on following guidelines to reopen. They, like others, had made certain to have all customers sign in, providing valid contact information for contact tracing.

There were requirements to have customers wait outside in another area until they were called to enter their shop resulting in fewer customers being serviced in order to provide enough time to do a deep cleaning between clients.

Though salons are allowed to work outside it is almost impossible for hair and facial operators to do so. Pang has taken her nail salon outside to the parking lot of her business, which has created more issues.

"It's very hard. It takes me [about an hour] to move everything outside. I work alone so when I am outside I can't hear the phone so I miss customers," she said. "It is getting hot, too. I am very concerned about my customers."

DEPUTY DEATH from Cover

Rescue members. Members recounted their response to a call for help at Camp 16 in the Angeles National Forest during the Station Fire in 2009. Dep. Gill was at the North County Correctional Facility and West Hollywood Station at the time and was part of the response team to Camp 16 on Aug. 30, 2009.

His wife, Louise, was in the luncheon audience. She had known her husband had responded to the Station Fire and followed all information available about where the fire was being fought; however, she had not known he had responded to Camp 16 until after he returned from the camp.

"I think if everyone just went on a ride-along with a [member of the sheriff's department] they would understand how difficult and important his or her job is," she told CVW at the time.

In 2015 Dep. Gill was one of four LASD law enforcement members

recognized by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce. He was part of the Crime Suppression Team that had been deployed to concentrate on residential neighborhoods that had seen an increase in burglaries. The team's job included outreach to advise and encourage residents to report suspicious activity. The team was successful and made several arrests relating to residential and business burglaries. Through compliance checks of those on probation or parole they were able to make several other arrests concerning identity theft, narcotics and weapons violations.

"Because of these four men's efforts, there has been a dramatic reduction in burglaries in the area," stated Lisa Dupuy, who was the CVCOC executive director at the time.

Dep. Gill left CV Sheriff Station prior to Capt. Todd Deeds arriving but there

are several at CV Station who knew him well.

"He was well-liked by everyone," Deeds stated.

"Dennis was regarded as a compassionate, professional, helpful and respectful person who was about providing public service with nothing in return. Dep. Gill was an outstanding person with eagerness to work and go above and beyond for anyone without any hesitation.

"Today, the department is suffering from a tremendous loss. Our hearts go out to the family, friends and loved ones of Dep. Gill. We lost a great partner, friend and a public servant. Department personnel are with the family offering support during this challenging time as we work through this tragedy," according to an LASD statement.

Dep. Gill is survived by his wife and son.

## Obituary

### Joe Roice Hagemier



Aug. 1, 1952 – June 16, 2020

Joe Roice Hagemier was born Aug. 1, 1952 to Roma Speirs and Joe G. Hagemier at The California Hospital in Los Angeles.

People knew him by both Roice and Joe since Joe was also his father's name. Roice passed away suddenly from leukemia on June 16.

Roice worked with his father who was an LA Times newspaper distributor. They also worked with another distributor – Larry. Roice delivered the LA Times paper every day, seven days a week, for over 35 years!

Roice was raised in Eagle Rock and lived there until his parents passed away, then moved to Glendale in 1988. He remained an active member of the Eagle Rock Lions Club, of which his father was also a member, and also the Eagles Club in Eagle Rock.

He had a sister (Cheryl Shaw) who lived in Oregon.

He is survived by his brother-in-law and nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

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## Obituary

### Janet Anne Southwick Servatius



July 31, 1944 – July 7, 2020

Janet Anne Southwick Servatius, a resident of Santa Barbara, passed away at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital on July 7. She was 75 years old.

She was born on July 31, 1944 in Santa Maria, California. Janet's parents were Linus E. Southwick II and Helen Drummond Southwick. From Santa Maria, the family moved to Nebraska for several years before returning to California and settling in La Cañada Flintridge. Janet graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena.

Janet attended the University of Nebraska where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She also attended the University of Southern California where she was introduced to Kenneth George Servatius of Crystal Lake, Illinois, also a student there. They were married in 1967 and raised their son, Jason Alexander, born in 1974, in La Cañada Flintridge. They were divorced in 1986. After residing in the Los Angeles area for many years, Janet started anew in Santa Barbara where she spent the remaining 20 years of her life.

During her career, Janet was a model, fashion designer, recruiter in human resources and a senior services manager and caregiver. However, her real passions were her art, her gardens and her friends. Janet was a dedicated friend to all who knew her. She loved cooking exceptional meals and entertaining at home and at her cottage on a small lake in Northern Ontario, Canada, where she and her son spent many cherished summers.

Janet is survived by her sister Susan, brother Linus III, son Jason and his wife Jessica, as well as her dear rescue canine Lulu.

A celebration of Janet's life is tentatively planned for next year. In her memory, donations may be made to organizations that Janet loved: Doctors Without Borders, The Community Foundation of the Verdugos, and in Santa Barbara – Direct Relief or Domestic Violence Solutions. To visit Janet's online memorial site, navigate to [bit.ly/janetservatius](http://bit.ly/janetservatius).

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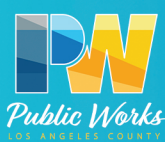
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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The Robert E. Lee Military Academy Scandal – Part One

It's hard to believe that La Crescenta had its own military academy, let alone one named for one of the opposing generals of our Civil War. Yet it was true. And a minor incident there spurred a scandal that attracted national attention.

The story starts with the La Crescenta Hotel, a grand old resort hotel on the northwest corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. Built in 1888, it was massive – three-stories and 36 spacious rooms. It had served the community well, attracting rich and famous guests. But by the mid-'20s it had begun its decline.

It was sold to the Zimmer family, who took up residence in the huge empty structure. Mr. Zimmer built a small real estate office in front on Foothill. In 1929, perhaps the stock market crash made them think they could do better financially by renting the massive hotel out.

They rented it to Major Richard Cannon to become the Robert E. Lee Military Academy of La Crescenta. Cannon hired some workers to fix up the place and moved his 90 pupils in. He immediately had a couple of small problems, nothing unusual for an operation of this size. Two of the workers he had hired found that their paychecks had bounced. It wasn't a huge amount, \$237 on one and \$230 on the other, but complaints were made to the district attorney's office. At the same time, representative from the Health Department made a routine inspection of the new school. They found several inadequately washed pots in the kitchen and cited Cannon. Cannon made good on the checks and washed the pots. But he would still have to go before Judge Dyer in Montrose to clear the charges, and it was not expected to be a big deal.

But it was a big deal because

Major Richard Cannon was the son of one of the most divisive political figures of that time, Bishop James Cannon, the sanctified leader of the Prohibition Movement. By 1929, Prohibition was tearing the country apart. And the fact that Major Richard Cannon had used his kinship to his father in advertising for his military academy brought the immediate attention of the media.

But who exactly was this Bishop James Cannon? He was a leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, a pro-slavery branch of the Methodist Church that split off just before the Civil War and was based in the southern states. Bishop Cannon rose to power on the wave of the Temperance Movement and when Prohibition was enacted in 1920 Cannon soon became the voice and face of Prohibition. He wielded incredible influence in politics. H.L. Mencken wrote of him: "Congress

was his troop of Boy Scouts and Presidents trembled whenever his name was mentioned."

But Cannon was also a vicious and vocal racist. He hated the usual suspects – Jews, Blacks and immigrants – but saved his most vicious attacks for Catholics.

"The mother of ignorance, superstition, intolerance, and sin" was Cannon's judgment on Catholicism. (Note the irony on "intolerance.")

So when the New York Catholic anti-Prohibition Al Smith ran against Herbert Hoover in the 1928 Presidential election, Cannon went into full attack mode. He called Smith "the cocktail President" and ranted at voters that Al Smith represented "Italians, Sicilians, Poles and Russian Jews. That kind has given us a stomachache! We have been unable to assimilate such people in our national life, so we shut

the door on them. But Smith says, 'Give me that kind of people.' He wants the kind of dirty people you find today on the sidewalks of New York!"

Strong stuff, but it worked and Al Smith was defeated.

Despite the growing resentment against Prohibition, Cannon continued to wield political power. But he was accumulating political enemies. Unfortunately for him, Bishop Cannon was a man with many skeletons in his closet. In 1929, his scandals were just beginning to break open. So when he showed up at the tiny Montrose court in defense of his son, he was followed by a phalanx of reporters.

Next week, the kerfuffle in Montrose.

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### NEWS FROM THE CVWD

## Update on Conversion to Chloramines

The Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) will begin using chloramine instead of chlorine to disinfect drinking water supplies by the end of the year 2020.

In 2018, CVWD's board of directors voted to switch to this popular disinfection method because of a buildup of byproducts from the chlorine treatment process. Lower levels of groundwater due to continuing drought cycles and diminishing groundwater supplies require the District to rely more heavily on imported water, which

is prone to increased formation of the byproducts, known as total trihalomethanes or TTHMs. Rising levels of organic compounds in the water supply also result in rising levels of these byproducts.

Since chloramines create fewer TTHMs, this ensures CVWD will continue to meet state and federal limits on levels of these byproducts in the water supply. According to EPA, "These byproducts, if consumed in excess of EPA's standard over many years, may lead to increased health risks."

Chloramine has been used as a disinfectant since the 1930s. It is formed by combining chlorine with low levels of ammonia and does not form the byproducts, which are regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of California.

"Most residents of Southern California already drink water treated with chloramine," CVWD General Manager Nem Ochoa said. "This disinfectant is used by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which has been serving water containing chloramine to more than 15 million people across the region since the 1980s."

Tap water treated with

chloramine is safe for everyone, including children and pregnant women.

While most newer dialysis equipment is made to handle both chlorine and chloramines, people who use dialysis machines must check with their dialysis service provider to ensure the machines they are using contain the proper filtration system capable of removing chloramine and ammonia from the water.

The owners of aquariums and ponds must also take special care because chloramine can harm fish, turtles, frogs and other aquatic animals. Products and filters used to remove chloramine and ammonia are available from pet

stores and Internet suppliers.

The District has extensive information, including fact sheets and a video regarding chloramines on its website, [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com). Prior to the switchover, all residents will be notified by direct mailer and specific date information regarding the conversion will be noticed on our website, Facebook, Nixle, in the newspaper and by email blasts.

Those who are not signed up to receive emails from the District should go to [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com) and sign up today. Questions about this change in treatment should be directed to the District at (818) 248-3925 or [customerservice@cvwd.com](mailto:customerservice@cvwd.com).

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Philosophy Difference Between the Left and Right

This is how I see it, of course. The two sides – the Left and the Right – are so different and opposite that it is not hard to see why our country is so divided. It is also obvious why our parties have achieved little in legislating issues that need solving.

We the people need to give them direction as to what we want this country to be in the future! This coming election is so vital for us to direct them. So please analyze carefully all the consequences of your vote. We are not voting on two candidates but for the party philosophy they represent. It is not whom you like better but what party will best represent you and your family in the future. Please be mindful that talk and promises can actually be accomplished without drastic changes to your life as you know it. And, of course, at what cost to you financially [should be considered].

We are choosing between larger government influence on our lives – and perhaps our freedoms – from the democrats whereas more of the same life that we currently experience [offered by the republicans].

I have always preferred less government and more participation from the private sector. Government is more costly and less efficient. Government now employs one of every eight people. Government tends to take care of its own before the other seven. And we are taxed to maintain their needs and the services they represent.

I am very concerned about the democrats' focus on safety and how they plan to safeguard our lives. They want to defund the police, so what is their replacement plan? Government currently employs the police and directs them on what to do or not to pursue and hinders their effectiveness. The radical left appears to propose

less control on crime.

Current government has its flaws but I still believe in it over what is proposed by the radical left democrats. They are not the same party that has dominated most of our history. They are a high risk to support with their current platform of change.

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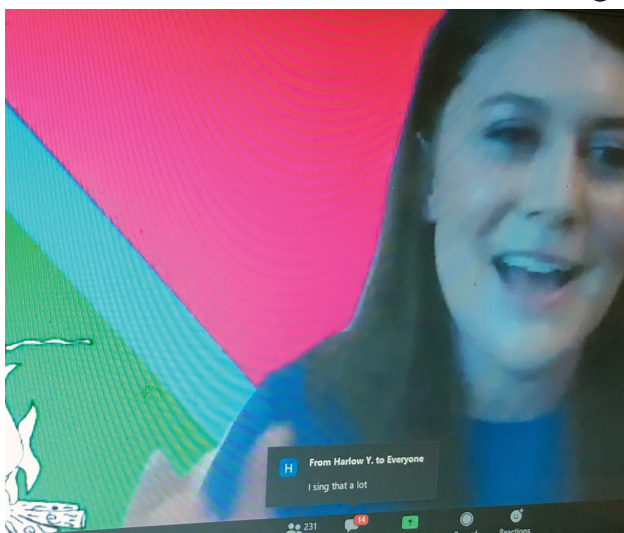
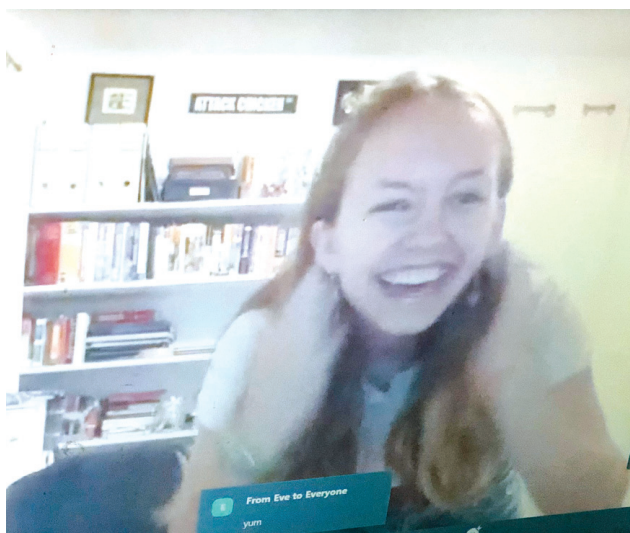
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# YOUTH

## 'S'more' Fun Hosted by GSGLA



By Lori BODNAR, intern

Over 250 girls and their families gathered, albeit virtually, to celebrate summer and community by attending a "Songs and S'mores" campfire sing-a-long, hosted by the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles via Zoom. The event was held on July 18 and was organized by Haley Tilson, the Community Outreach Specialist for GSGLA. Tilson emailed the campfire songbook, which included a yummy how-to s'mores recipe, so all participants could ahead of time be prepared for songs and snacks.

The Girl Scout song leaders used their camp names during the meeting. "Cricket," Lynn Marie Costello, was a song leader who led the group in several songs, including "Taps." Costello earned her Girl Scout Gold Award and is a lifetime Girl Scout member and national volunteer partner of Girl Scouts USA.

Other song leaders included Robyn Ratcliffe Manzini, another Gold Award Girl Scout and former president of the Girl Scouts of southern Nevada. Song leader Linda has been an adult Girl Scout volunteer for 36 years, leading over six troops and a service unit! Song leader "Strings" played guitar for the group; she has been playing guitar since she was 12 years old and has now been a Girl Scout for 60 years! "Rabbit" has been a Girl Scout for 45 years in GSGLA and its legacy councils. "Flicker" is also a 45-year lifetime member and a Girl Scouts USA national song leader. Song leader "Island Rainbow," aka Lauren, is a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient who recently graduated from Barnard College. "Roadrunner" is also a Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Girl Scout who represented GSGLA at the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women in 2019.

Several song leaders and participants had a fire crackling in their fireplace or fire pit to lend

to the atmosphere of the campfire song circle while others brought along their guitars to strum during the group sing.

The Girl Scout songs included "Make New Friends," "Rise up O' Flame," and "Girl Scout Spirit." Some songs were fast and upbeat, others were "repeat-after-me" songs, and others were more somber and soulful. One of the leaders used American Sign Language during the "Make New Friends" song. Another song leader sang "On My Honor" and played the guitar in front of a flickering fire in her fireplace.

Most of the song leaders were exuberant and enthusiastic when leading the singing, including hand and body motions during the song. During "The Bear Song," one of the song leaders even had a huge giant teddy bear that she moved to "dance" along to the songs, and many of the participants also grabbed their own stuffed animal bears to dance, jump and jive to the music.

The girls enjoyed singing campfire songs, eating s'mores, and using the chat box to socialize and talk to other Girl Scouts, make new friends and catching up with old friends. Some of the girls made s'mores by roasting marshmallows over a roaring fire in their fireplace or fire pit while others simply melted the entire treat

for 15 seconds in the microwave. Some participants also followed instructions of how to broil s'mores in the oven or on a grill. Others made variations by using Girl Scout cookies such as Thin Mints, while others used Reese's Peanut Butter Cups instead of the standard Hershey's chocolate bar pieces.

GSGLA is sponsoring another "Songs and S'mores" virtual event on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for girls of all ages and their families. This second event will feature different songs than the first campfire sing-a-long, so a new campfire songbook (complete with a s'more recipe) will be emailed out to participants. The meeting is free and is open to all girls and their families, whether or not they are Girl Scouts. Those interested can register for the Zoom link for the "Songs and S'mores" campfire singing event on the GSGLA website. Usually this event is held in-person at the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Montrose Program Center using the large fire pit and campfire circle in the backyard area but, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rather than cancel the event, GSGLA pivoted to offer the fun virtual community event to allow hundreds of girls and Girl Scouts to "get-together" online to sing around the campfire. The Verdugo Hills Council

Scouts BSA also moved its traditional summer camps to a virtual format due to COVID-19. A "Cyber Cub Scout Day Camp Down on the Farm" was held from July 13-17. Included each day were three live Zoom sessions at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. when participants would do crafts, skits and songs, host guest speakers, conduct planting projects, and enjoy other fun. The Verdugo Hills

Council provided a "camp-in-a-box" to all participants for \$60, which included markers, paper, crayons, soil, seeds, songbook, camper patches and T-shirts.

Photos by Jackie BODNAR  
LEFT: Girl Scout song leader Roadrunner kept the girls in tune.  
MIDDLE: Haley Tilson organized the virtual event.  
RIGHT: Yummy s'mores had a starring role in the sing-a-long.

## YOUTH NOTES

Students in Crescenta Valley High School's marching band and guard are participating in a virtual band camp from Aug. 3 to Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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I feel that by keeping yourself healthy, you can minimize the effects of this pandemic for yourself and your loved ones, and become a healer yourself.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Law Enforcement Recognized, Thanked by Local Organizations

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Members of American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614, with support from the CV Chamber of Commerce, Moose Lodge #641 and the La Crescenta Woman's Club, recently prepared "bags of thanks" for local law enforcement as part of a Law Enforcement Appreciation Lunch they hosted. The lunch was in lieu of the Posts' annual breakfast, currently on hiatus due to the pandemic, that it hosts for law enforcement.

Members of CHP, the CV Sheriff's Station and Glendale police were invited to stop by the Hall on La Crescenta Avenue to pick up a bag that was filled with a sandwich, soft drink, water, cookies, and goodie bags that included hand sanitizers,

a rear window American flag, protein bars, pens and more. Also in each bag was a note thanking each law enforcement person for his/her service and protection.

"We typically host a breakfast once a year for police and another for firefighters," said Lynn McGinnis, past Post commander. "This year we decided that, with all the things going on in our society, it would be a good time to stand behind law enforcement."

Post members made sure the luncheon was "COVID-19 sensitive." Participants were asked to wear masks. Guests could either drive by to pick up their bag or relax at one of the few tables set up in the parking lot – social distance observed. A representative from radio station AM 870 was also on-site to welcome law enforcement.

McGinnis gave a shout-out to Post Commander Robert Wollenweber, who he said was a driving force behind the event. And Jean Maluccio, from the CV Chamber

and many other local organizations, made sure that Glendale's K-9 Unit was not forgotten.

"She has been a longtime supporter of the K-9 Unit," McGinnis said.

"She made up extra goodie bags for the dogs in Glendale's K-9 unit."

Certificates were also distributed to members of the Glendale Police Dept., CV Sheriff's Dept. and CHP.



Photos by Dick CLUBB

ABOVE: Members of the VFW and American Legion Posts prepared bags for law enforcement.

BELOW: Mike Baldwin, left, gives a military challenge coin to Roger Burt of the CV Sheriff's Station.



## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

#### Trustee Duties: Where to begin?

Dear Phyllis,

*My mother just passed. She had a living trust and I am her trustee. She has so much stuff and I don't know where to begin. At some point we will need to sell her La Crescenta home, but that seems a long way off. Frankly, I am overwhelmed with all of these duties. What do I do and in what order?* Janet

Dear Janet,

I am so sorry for your loss. The duties of a trustee are many. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to do this, other than to break it into manageable pieces.

#### Legal Matters

You are fortunate your mother had a Living Trust. Meet with her attorney as soon as possible. You want to be certain that things are done properly.

#### Bills and Correspondence

You will need to get a handle on the bills and expenses. Manage the mail and all of the miscellaneous

correspondence. Notify the insurance carrier if the home is vacant.

#### Perishables

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It's never too soon to do so. Your initial meeting will simply provide you with a game plan. Will you be selling AS IS? Will you be selling with minimal repairs or will you be making more extensive updates? A local real estate agent can provide you with recommendations for an estate sale or for vendors who will help prepare your mom's home for sale. If needed you now have ample time to get the front lawn looking lush.

#### Personal Items

This is often the most difficult task. Ideally you have someone

to help you; you can laugh and cry together as you recall special moments with your mom. Ask family members what items they want to keep. Give them a deadline for pick up, because at some point you need to prepare your mom's La Crescenta home for sale. It won't be easy to decide what to keep, but remember you only have so much space for your mom's belongings. Try to dedicate the garage or several rooms for items you and family members want to keep. As time goes on you may feel more realistic as to how much you want to take to your home.

#### Garage Sale or Estate Sale

From my experience as a Realtor, an estate sale is best. You don't want to be holding a garage sale and watch strangers touch and haggle over your mother's possessions. It's simply too painful.

This basic information will help you get started. Best of luck to you and your family.



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## Veterans Corner July 2020

### VA is Here for Women Veterans During COVID-19 ... and Beyond

By Blake HYFIELD

*Tools, resources and information women veterans need.* In this time of physical distancing, the VA knows it's easy for women veterans to feel isolated. Life plans and health can change in an instant. That is why VA is working to remove barriers and improve access to essential services. These services include reproductive health care, refilling prescriptions and accessing the Veterans Crisis Line and Women Veterans Call Center.

As states and cities across the nation have issued stay-at-home orders, VA encourages veterans enrolled in VA health care to take advantage of its virtual tools to access care. These include secure video appointments from home, mobile health apps and online appointment requests. For example, VA Video Connect allows veterans to connect with their care team and have a face-to-face visit with their doctor. Veterans can also refill their prescriptions by sending their doctor a secure message through My HealtheVet. Using virtual tools, veterans can

avoid exposure to the coronavirus and keep their loved ones and fellow veterans safe. Veterans can send a message to their providers or contact their local VA medical center to learn more about what telehealth services are available.

Information on contraception. VA also encourages women veterans staying at home to speak to their providers about contraception. Currently, women veterans can receive a one-year prescription for oral contraceptives (three months dispensed and three refills). For convenience, veterans can meet with their doctor regarding reproductive health through VA's telehealth services.

The Women Veterans Call Center (WVCC) is also available to help answer questions about VA benefits and services. Call or text the WVCC at 1-855-VA-WOMEN (or 1-855-829-6636) Monday through Saturday.

Number for Veterans Crisis Line. VA's Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program (IPVAP) is still available to help women veterans, their partners and VA staff impacted by intimate partner violence

(IPV). The National Domestic Violence Hotline is an important resource for anyone experiencing IPV. For more information on how women veterans can safely receive assistance for IPV, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or visit the VA website to find out how to speak to a local IPVAP coordinator.

Visit VA.gov for more information about women's health care. Also, for the latest VA updates on COVID-19 and tips on preventing its spread, visit https://www.va.gov/coronavirus.

VA's Women's Health Services Office is part of The Women Veterans Health Program, created in 1988, to streamline services for female veterans to provide more cost-effective medical and psychosocial care. VA's Women's Health Services Office provides programmatic and strategic support to implement positive changes in the provision of care for all women veterans.

Blake Hyfield is a life member in VFW Post 1614 and American Legion Post 288, both in La Crescenta.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## » RESTAURANT REVIEW

# New Favorites Found at Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill

By Charly SHELTON

This week continues our series on hometown favorite restaurants adapting to the new normal of COVID-19 life. One restaurant that has taken very well to the concept of outdoor-only seating is Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill.

The restaurant added additional seating where the patio previously ended so it now extends nearly the entire length of the restaurant. This cute little patio allows for socially distanced dining, in compliance with the new state regulations, while still accommodating a fair number of diners within the expanded space.

We were invited down to the restaurant to experience the outdoor area and what the restaurant has to offer, both for dining on the patio and take-out. And being a hometown favorite spot, of course we immediately ran into people we knew dining on the patio. That is what's so great about Montrose – you always see someone you know. Having a new baby in tow, it was a great opportunity to show off, somewhere to see and be seen.

I have been to this restaurant many times and I always get my favorite two things: the fish and chips or the hangar steak. Although every time I come in and see the menu I consider getting something new, I always default to the old standbys because they really are the best fish and chips in LA, and how can you pass that up?

Owner Alissa Hwang came out to the patio and treated us to a sampling of the menu items; when I say sampling, I mean she brought out almost every single dish on the menu in full-size portions for us to try. It was a master class in exactly why defaulting to your old standby, however fantastic it may be, is depriving yourself of discovering a new favorite.

The appetizers included the fried pickles and popcorn shrimp. I will come back to the fried pickles and other dishes in a moment, but I need to get through the whole menu first. We had the beet and goat cheese salad with roasted golden and red beets, candied walnuts and arugula. Then it was sandwiches – the jumbo lump crab cake

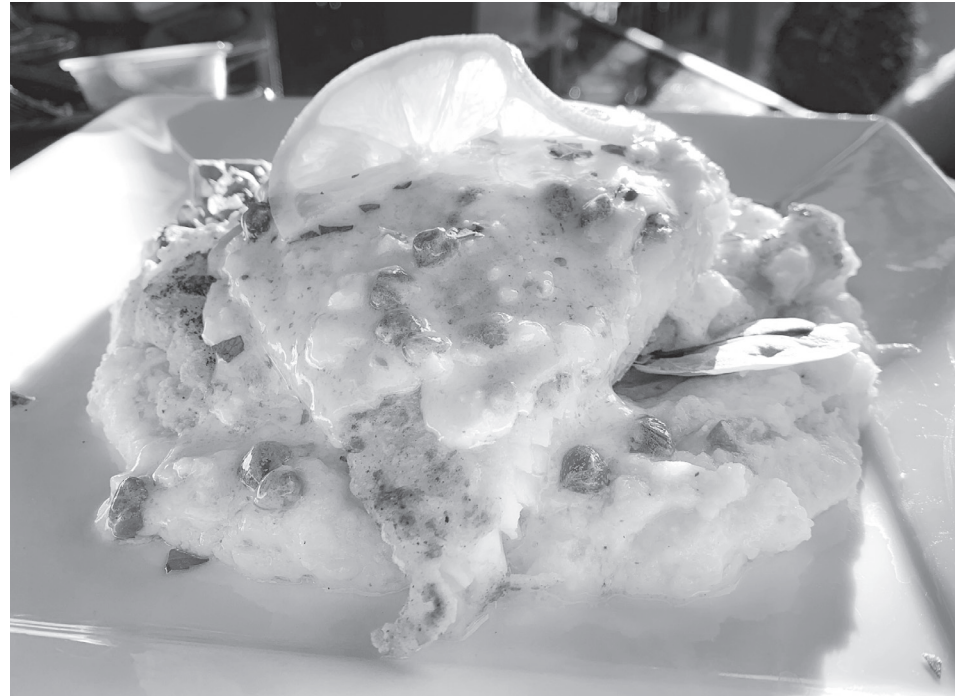
sandwich, the classic cheeseburger and the veggie wrap with grilled portabella mushroom, grilled asparagus, roasted red pepper, fresh spinach, avocado and the house-made vegan walnut pesto, all wrapped in spinach tortilla. Then we tried the newest dish on the menu, which was brought out at the reopening after the shutdown – penne pesto with sundried tomatoes, asparagus, feta and the walnut pesto. And of course, no trip to Alissa's OVBG would be complete without the fish and chips and the hangar steak, my old standbys, which held up in competition with the other dishes.

But even more came out of the kitchen: from the entrees section of the menu was the pork chop topped with garlic-herb butter and served with garlic mashed potatoes and apple slaw, and the whitefish piccata – pan-seared whitefish served over fresh spinach and garlic mashed potatoes topped with a lemon-caper butter sauce. To finish off the meal was the outrageous chocolate cake – a three-tiered chocolate fudge cake – and a key lime pie tart, a creamy mini-pie. Whew, what a trip.

Despite having been at Alissa's OVBG many times, as I said, I was only really familiar with two dishes. This broad journey across the Alissa's OVBG menu showed me that not only is their kitchen widely varied to suit many different tastes, but also that I need to be more adventurous in my personal dining experiences. The whitefish piccata, a specialty dish brought in by owner Alissa Hwang when she and her husband, Eric, took over the business in September 2017, was not something I would have ordered and yet it is one of the best dishes on the menu, and one of the best seafood dishes I have had in a very long time. This was a special dish with importance to Alissa's family and to do it just right at her own restaurant was a labor of love. And that shines through in this whitefish piccata in a way that can only be understood through the taste buds.

Meanwhile, the fried pickles are a dish that I had encountered in many a diner and roadside fast-food shack and they are usually all the same – soggy from the vinegar of the pickle while being over-fried in the breading

*see OVB on next page*



Photos by Charly SHELTON

ABOVE: The white fish piccata, pictured on mashed potatoes, was an unexpected favorite. BELOW: The classic cheeseburger is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.



## THEN & NOW | Crescenta Valley High School

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** This section of the school was first built in 1932 as La Crescenta Junior High. In 1938, it was changed to Clark Junior High in honor of a much-loved local minister, community leader and humanitarian Anderson W. Clark. This is what it looked like in 1956.



**Now »** In 1961, Clark Junior High became Crescenta Valley High School with many classrooms added. The Clark name traveled up the hill on New York Avenue where the building was christened Clark Junior High, which has since become Clark Magnet High School. The school has gone through many changes but the original building still stands, almost 90 years old.

OVB from previous page

to compensate. But not at Alissa's OVBG. These are the best fried pickles I have ever had. Soft but crunchy panko crumbs for the breading and pickles that are neither vinegar-soaked nor dry, neither too dilly nor flavorless, just the perfect amount of in-between. What a strange thing to be the best at – making fried pickles – and yet they really are the best that I've had thus far. Another dish I would not have ordered but turned out to be fantastic. There are so many great things to talk about with the food at Alissa's OVBG, but

the confines of this paper can only hold so much.

I have always liked Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill, and now I have so many more reasons to come back. Next time you're down at the restaurant, either for dining on their newly extended patio or to order some take-out, do yourself a favor and order something you haven't tried before. There are so many new worlds to see; why live with only your favorite? Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill is located at 3826 Ocean View Blvd. in Montrose at Florencita Drive.



The pork chop swims in garlic herb butter.

## La Cañada Attorney Publishes First Book at Age 88

Although new author Tom Gilfoy lived the first few years of his long life in La Cañada and moved back to the city 44 years ago, his first book is about his interim early life in nearby Sunland and Lake View Terrace. "Growing Up In Sunland and Other Short Stories," available at Bolton Hall in Tujunga <https://boltonhall.square.site>, has many historical pictures of the area and includes stories about early Lake View Terrace and Gilfoy's memoirs of his early years working in the woods and logging camps of northern California.

It was out of deference to his friends and relatives that the author waited so long to write his first book.

"This way they don't have to worry about me living long enough to write another one and making them read it too," he explained with a laugh.

Praise of the book includes a review by The Hon. Gregory O'Brien, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge (ret.) and former president of the California Judges Association.

"Lawyer Tom Gilfoy's regular feature columns once published by the Sunland-

Tujunga's Voice of the Village newspaper are a fond but faithfully unembellished collection of adventures from his youth in the 1930s and '40s in a once semi-rural patchwork of homes and groves now turned to an extension of suburban Los Angeles. Gilfoy recalls the voices, talents, idiosyncrasies and values of his family, friends, classmates, coaches and iconic old-timers who influenced his development, as well as the innocent, often humorous, sometimes dangerous mischief he and his pals caused or encountered as true 20th century Huckleberry Finns," writes O'Brien.

The retired judge added that Gilfoy's "clear and professional journalistic style and careful attention to historic and topographic detail" are authentic touches that will easily engage readers while making many yearn for days gone by.

All income from this first edition of the book is being donated to the Little Landers Historical Society in Tujunga, which has also been given exclusive sales rights.

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### PLANT-BASED PROTEIN FOR CANCER PATIENTS

A program to show how to make protein-based bites for cancer patients will be given online by the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Malinda Hutchins, wellness coach and former cancer patient, will tell how she recovered her health and will share the values of whole food nutrition. For more information, call (626) 796-1083 or visit [www.cscpasadena.org](http://www.cscpasadena.org).

### PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE OFFERING MUSIC, AUCTION

In maintaining its tradition of keeping music alive and front-and-center for youth through its music programs – Music Mobile, Youth Concert and Instrumental Competition – funded by contributions to the Showcase House and hosted events, PSHA is holding its first online auction.

From Aug. 17-31, an assortment of items will be available to bid on.

Funds raised from supporters will enable PSHA to continue its music programs and will allow it to continue awarding gifts and grants to a diverse list of local and regional non-profit organizations in support of their efforts in the community.

Register at <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/showcase-strong-12677>. Preview is Aug. 3.

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### COLORADO STREET BRIDGE PARTY

Pasadena Heritage celebrates one of Pasadena's most iconic structures – virtually. The Colorado Street Bridge Party will be held Aug. 9-15 and will include an exciting lineup for events with something for everyone. Classic cars will cruise the historic neighborhoods of Pasadena and across the Colorado Street Bridge to kick off the festivities on Sunday and the rest of the week will include a lecture on the history of the Bridge by best-selling author Chip Jacobs, a panel discussion on the proposed new fencing with members of the Bridge Task Force and a "story time" and hands-on bridge building activity geared towards the younger generation with architect and structural engineer Chris Peck. Sponsors will be treated to an exclusive talk from renowned artist Kenton Nelson. Detailed information on each event can be found on the website [www.pasadenaheritage.org/bridgecelebration](http://www.pasadenaheritage.org/bridgecelebration).

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Corporate and individual sponsorships are also available.

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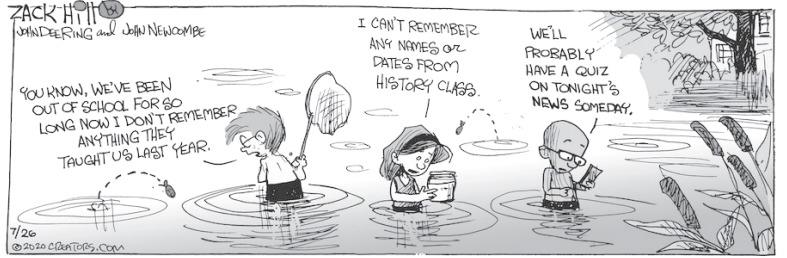
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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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July 27, 2020 - August 2, 2020

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Concentrate on grounding your energy so you inhabit your body more fully. As long as you exercise daily, this will help you feel more focused, energetic, and clear headed. Make sure that the foods you eat aren't too light, as this may make things worse. Proteins and rich smoothies will help you stay on track. Don't forget to take vitamins and minerals.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The kind of nourishment you ingest continues to be critical. Pay attention to what you eat and drink. If you've been neglecting your diet, start a food log. It's that important. The way you eat and what you eat contribute greatly to your overall health and well-being. If you're living on fast food and junk, it may be time to change.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Watch out for the reappearance of tension and nervous headaches. They may coincide with interesting events coming up. Try not to overschedule your time, because you could get more bogged down than ever. Make time to relax. Get a massage. This isn't a luxury. Better still - take a break.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may want to invest in information or classes that will help you understand the issues associated with your current health. This might also be when you're inspired to hire a personal trainer to help you reach your fitness goals. The money you spend will be recouped many times over as your confidence soars and health improves.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Soldier on with your training schedule. Don't give up just because you have sore muscles or feel tired. If you stick with it now, it will be a lot easier to carry on when the going really gets tough or when you feel you can't face another elliptical machine. If you have an exercise goal, this will help increase your willpower.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Powerful forces are at work now. Emotions may run high, but one way to offset them is to work out regularly so you feel revitalized and ready for any challenge that comes your way. Eat well and lighten your schedule if you feel tired. A massage or relaxing in an aromatic hot tub will help if you're feeling stressed.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The cosmos is encouraging you to get a move on. You may have been procrastinating, but you can't do it any longer. Friends who look fit and healthy may inspire you. Make this a mind-over-matter issue and start. If you feel tired, try to delegate some work or chores and relax.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You'll no doubt feel the effects of the Universe now. If you're overcome by powerful emotions, try not to use it as an excuse to overindulge in food or drink. Maintaining a healthy routine will support you during times of intense challenge or high emotion. Start as you mean to carry on for the best results.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

The aspects now may have an effect on your health. It's also likely that a health issue like excess weight or a bad habit like smoking may get the better of you and cause you to backslide. Things may culminate in a decision to lose weight and get back on a healthy track. You won't regret it if you start now.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This period may bring certain health issues to the fore. If you're suffering from certain symptoms, be sure to get them checked. If you need to resolve to lose weight or eat more healthfully, do it now. You'll lose the attachment to those extra pounds as the weeks go by.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Your health may be indirectly affected by the cosmos now, since aspects are affecting your sports and risk-taking zone. Take care that you don't have an accident or pull a muscle. If you're competing, take all necessary precautions to ensure your safety. On the other hand, a sport you love could turn your health around completely.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Continue to use the power of your mind to improve your health. It's helpful to have realistic fitness goals that you can work toward. You could have a tendency to see fabulous results in an impossible timeframe. Be as realistic about your wellness program as you are in other areas of your life.

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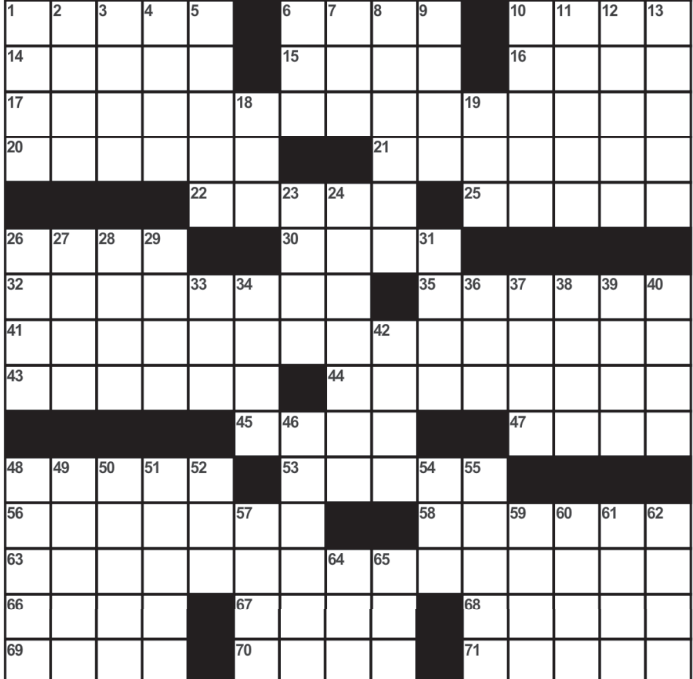
- 1) Open a pill bottle
- 6) Peke squeaks
- 10) Celebratory poems
- 14) La \_\_\_ University (Philadelphia school)
- 15) Unglazed pot with a wide mouth
- 16) "\_\_\_ Las Vegas" (Presley film)
- 17) What "helps the medicine go down," in song
- 20) Take off the books
- 21) Obscuring, in a way
- 22) "Filthy" dough
- 25) Uptight
- 26) Cannabis product
- 30) Oregano, e.g.
- 32) Walled off
- 35) \_\_\_-Lorraine (region of France)
- 41) Shortened weapon
- 43) Waterfall phenomenon
- 44) Received a varsity award
- 45) Surgery aftermath
- 47) Type of media
- 48) One in deep thought
- 53) Government operative
- 56) Remove, as a bracelet
- 58) Win, at an auction
- 63) Nondrinking period
- 66) A little over 2 pounds
- 67) Unstable subatomic particle
- 68) Ball charmer
- 69) No longer hidden
- 70) "Can I get you anything \_\_\_?"
- 71) Hurdles for graduate students

### DOWN

- 1) Superpower no more
- 2) Neck section
- 3) Horse hooves sound
- 4) Moisturizer ingredient
- 5) Colony type
- 6) Not me or them
- 7) Sick
- 8) Sandpiper relative
- 9) Umpire's scream, sometimes
- 10) Developing egg
- 11) Cook's exhortation
- 12) The "Good Times" family
- 13) Nickname for a noncom
- 18) Winter malady
- 19) Take a seat
- 23) Culinary guru
- 24) It signals danger
- 26) Sound like a snake
- 27) Hairy twin in the Bible
- 28) Freshly cut, as a lawn
- 29) Academy freshman
- 31) Bangkok buck
- 33) "And now, without further \_\_\_ ..."
- 34) AAA offerings
- 36) Auctioneer's batch
- 37) Part of a flower
- 38) City in India
- 39) Billiard sticks
- 40) Make-meet connector
- 42) Dried up
- 46) Bottle top capacity
- 48) Some cologne scents
- 49) Get the knots out
- 50) It might go from 1 to 10
- 51) "Rocket Man" singer John
- 52) "Norma \_\_\_" (1979 movie)
- 54) San Francisco hill
- 55) Prefix with "jet" or "prop"
- 57) Unnamed quantity
- 59) Stadium seating level
- 60) Famed gymnastics coach Karolyi
- 61) "\_\_\_ just have to do"
- 62) Changes color
- 64) This puzzle's theme
- 65) \_\_\_-two punch

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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## LEGALS

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The name, address and phone number of plaintiff's is: Edward E. Corey, Corey & Corey, P.O. Box 39 South Pasadena, CA 91031

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Order by Publication Filed: 7/8/2020 Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles Sherri R. Carter Executive Officer / Clerk of Court by M. Valenzuela Deputy

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for weed treatment will increase substantially." The council voted to review separate bids including and excluding the use of these chemicals.

"It's worth doing the extra due diligence," Brotman said. "It's more difficult, I understand, in my own gardening but it's worth taking the extra step. Let's do that."

Reporting on the city's Slow Streets project, Brad Calvert, assistant director of the city's Community Development Dept., explained that delays had slowed the transfer of funds for the barricades and signs needed to implement the program. The city has reached out to all the applicants and apologized for the delays; Calvert reported that many of the participants have been enthusiastic in their support and that the signs and barricades should be delivered to the approved streets in the next seven to 10 days.

As usual, when the council opened its phone lines to public comment many callers commented on the city's policy of requiring the wearing of face coverings in public, potentially issuing fines for non-compliance. Police chief Carl Povilaitis assured the council that police officers have the discretion and authority to issue fines but that the police department was encouraging and securing good cooperation from the public.

Assistant City Manager Roubik Golanian informed the council that the city and the school district are working together to develop a poster contest for K-12 students to encourage the wearing of facemasks to protect public health.

Councilmember Ara Najarian asked about current COVID-19 testing for Glendale residents. Fire chief Silvio Lanzas replied that the current advice from Los Angeles County is to first contact one's primary health care provider, then find a testing site and available appointment time on the county's testing site [https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/] which is coordinated by LA city and county and the private non-profit CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort).

Responding to concerns that oxygen levels are compromised when wearing a face covering, Mayor Vrej Agajanian responded, "I've tested it and even with six masks on I can still get enough oxygen."

The council next engaged in a lengthy, detailed conversation about the problems caused by Mylar balloons.

"Since 2007, GWP has experienced 168 outages as a result of Mylar balloons. These account for about 18.8% of power outages and equate to 223,317 hours of customer interruption," the city's report detailed. Glendale Water and Power General Manager Steve Zurn shared slides summarizing the long history of attempted but failed statewide legislation to ban the sale of the balloons.

"No agency has passed an ordinance against Mylar balloons," Zurn said noting that attempts to work with the industry had "to date not been successful in mitigating their damage and disruptiveness."

Councilmember Devine asked about the legality of a local ordinance.

"We can lead on this," she said. "How many customers have suffered because of outages, the danger of the shorting of transformers [and] the workers put at risk to make repairs?"

Councilmember Brotman seconded the intent.

"I'm proud to be part of this council leading on this," he said and

Councilmember Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian agreed, highlighting worldwide shortages of helium, a non-renewable resource.

"We can't ban squirrels," Kassakhian said of another common source of outages, "but this is something we can do."

The council agreed to look at a local ban on the sale of the balloons but rejected a potential ban on the possession of Mylar balloons as too extreme and too difficult to enforce.

During the final public comment section of the meeting, Glendale City Employee Association president Orlando Urquidez called to raise concerns about actions taken at previous meetings to explore the possibility of implementing employee furloughs. Urquidez offered background on the group of workers he is part of as a 19-year city employee.

"Ours is the largest bargaining unit in the city," Urquidez said. "It's also the lowest paid. Furloughs would be devastating. Glendale is not a well-paying city for general workers and the city has fallen below; we're not even at median now. A 10% salary cut would

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"We're unique in that a majority of Glendale city workers live here or grew up here or have family here. We also almost all have second part-time jobs. We cannot be essential one day and expendable the next."

Sgt. Ben Bateman, president of the Glendale Police Officers Association, also called to comment on the proposed cuts.

Although his members are considered essential and would not be furloughed, Bateman urged the council to utilize the high reserve fund.

"Citizens passed Measure S to give city leaders the ability to maintain city services," he said. "One day of furlough equals a 10% reduction in city services to the public. A reduced work force means reduced service to a community relying on them. City employees need the support of the council, to show them that they're not expendable and that you will support them."

Glendale Management Association

president Craig Hinckley called too, advocating that the city look at all possible areas to cut and "exhaust all other options."

Several city librarians were also heard from. A children's librarian explained everything that had been done during the pandemic to provide library services to the community, to help families access virtual resources and to help patrons learn to use the technology.

"I was surprised and panicked at the suggestion of furloughs," one librarian said. "We're so proud of serving the community. We've put our own health and the health of our families at risk to deliver those services."

"Libraries are a tool of economic equity, not only for our more affluent neighborhoods but for every one of them, now more than ever," another librarian observed.

"I love my job and this community deserves nothing less. It's demoralizing to hear talk of furloughs before every other option has been considered," said another Glendale city librarian.

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