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## Portantino Bill Passes Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Senate Bill 1255, a measure introduced by Senator Anthony J. Portantino that seeks to reduce waste in K-12 schools and community colleges, passed the Senate Environmental Committee on Monday. SB 1255 would establish a dishwasher grant program to address the state's single-use trash and waste crisis. The idea for the bill was brought to Portantino by members of the Glendale Environmental Coalition.

"Right now we have no program in California dedicated to reducing single-use waste in our schools and installing commercial dishwashers can pave the way for safe and reusable food ware," stated Portantino. "It is time to implement effective and creative solutions to eliminating single-use waste, which also teaches students the value of conservation and environmental protection."

Commercial dishwashers use little water, heat to high temperatures for complete sanitation, dry quickly and are fast and energy efficient, lowering the number of dishes needed. Machines can last 15 years, providing significant savings over time and offsetting waste management costs that are expected to rise in the near future. However, industrial dishwashers have high upfront costs that schools cannot afford.

SB 1255 would establish the Dishwasher Grant Program for waste reduction in K-12 schools and community colleges and would be administered by the Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery. The Dept. would provide grants to school districts, charter schools and community college districts for the purchase and installation of commercial dishwashers at the school sites and campuses.

"A lack of dishwashing equipment is the single biggest barrier to making the switch to reusables, and few schools in California currently have them. SB 1255 would open the path to

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# Preparing for 100th Anniversary of Verdugo Hills Cemetery

By Mary O'KEEFE

*The public's help is needed to bring this historic landmark back to its former glory.*

Those who live outside of California may have a narrow view of the state – sunshine, Hollywood and surfing are most likely the main perceptions – but, as those who live here know, California is really made up of small neighborhood communities. The really interesting stories are in those small communities, the stories that all neighbors love to share and have a sense of pride in – the stranger the story is, the better it is.

Every CVW reader gets a dose of local history (and sometimes bizarre stories) every week when they read historian Mike Lawler's Treasures of the Valley.

One of the most beloved stories of the area surrounds a small patch of land on top of a high hill in Tujunga that started as a "peaceful" place but over the decades has



File photo  
 The Verdugo Hills Cemetery was built on a hillside that has one of the best views in the city. There were high hopes that the cemetery would be a peaceful resting place for the hardworking Little Landers pioneers, but its history has been as rocky as the ground it was settled on.

had very little peace.

In 1922, early local pioneer Marshall Hartranft donated a four-acre parcel of land in Tujunga in honor of his good friend, Parson James Wornum who died

that year. The land was to become the Hills of Peace cemetery and Wornum was the first "resident." The parson's wife, "Aunt" Jenny Wornom, was also laid to rest at the cemetery.

The cemetery is now known as the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

Throughout those early years, the cemetery quietly welcomed new "residents" including Hiram

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# Strike Authorized at Grocery Stores, Negotiations Continue

By Mary O'KEEFE

Grocery shopping may soon become more complicated. Beyond the continuing rising prices and supply chain issues, thousands of workers and members of the labor union United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) in central and Southern California have voted to authorize a strike.

Negotiations are ongoing this week; however, union workers at Ralphs, Vons, Pavilions and Albertsons have voted to call a strike if necessary. There has not been a date set for the strike.

UFCW represents about 47,000 workers at the grocery stores including clerks, meat cutters, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

According to a statement from Albertsons Companies, "The outcome of the strike authorization vote does not

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Prior to a strike vote being taken, supporters of the grocery workers protested outside of the La Crescenta Vons.

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# From Sad to Mad Back to Sad

The news was shocking to receive: On Friday it was announced that Foo Fighters drummer Taylor Hawkins was dead at the age of 50. Apparently he died just before taking the stage at the Festival Estéreo Picnic in Bogotá, Colombia.

As many readers know, I am a self-proclaimed "Foo freak." I've seen the band at several local venues including the Castaic Lake State Recreation Center in 2015 (Dave Grohl sang from a throne that he was seated on because he had broken his leg at a previous European performance), the parking lot (yes, seriously) at the Hollywood Palladium in 2018 and, most recently, at the "fabulous" Forum in August. At the Palladium, Queen drummer Roger Taylor took over the drums so Taylor could sing "Under Pressure" – an experience that must have humbled Taylor who had previously called Roger his mentor.

What a memory!

Every performance was awesome for me and, especially now, I relish the incredible shows I attended.

Taylor's drumming ability was stellar – a true feat given that Foo Fighters frontman (and founder) Dave Grohl used to be the drummer for the mega-band Nirvana and Dave was known for his outstanding drumming. For 25 years Taylor was able to hold his own and never left a fan disappointed.

Dave now has the unwanted distinction of being the drummer who lost a frontman who is now the frontman who lost a drummer ... and, according to reports, someone who was like a brother.

Tales have circulated over the years how Dave looked after Taylor when he overdosed on heroin in the early 2000s. Taylor had said since his overdose he looked to healthier alternatives, though he wasn't an "AA dude." He also shared that he wouldn't have done things differently because "it's all part of the trip and the journey." For him, the journey ended on Friday night.

Reports from Colombia stated there were 10 different substances, including opioids, antidepressants and THC, found in Taylor's toxicology report, though a cause of death has yet to be released.

Like many fans, I'm saddened, confused and angry. Initial reports were released stating that Taylor had complained about chest pains earlier in the day; perhaps they contributed to his death. Perhaps they were fabricated. I surely don't know.

The band canceled all upcoming tour dates stating that its members will be using the time to "mourn their loss and lean on their families."

And for the rest of us, we'll also mourn the loss of a drummer who added so much to a beloved band ... whose leader, often called the nicest guy in the business, has already had to endure huge losses.

Taylor Hawkins leaves behind his wife of 17 years and two children.

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# Weather in the Foothills

"May the stars carry your sadness away, May the flowers fill your heart with beauty, May hope forever wipe away your tears ..."

~ Chief Dan George, Tsleil-Waututh Nation

There are times, presently and in past years, that water has come roaring out of the local San Gabriel Mountains, carving out our valleys and canyons. Many of us have boulders in our yards that attest to this happening. The geological formation that promotes this occurrence is the same one that makes for our unique geography and weather and their relationship.

Last week I mentioned the Tongva peoples living in scattered villages across the LA basin and the exploration of Portuguese sailor and explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. He gave a name to the LA region reflecting the blanket of haze that hung over the area as Spanish sailors entered San Pedro and made the first written observations of the Southland. This early air pollution so impressed the sailors and their captain that they named the area "Baya de los Fumos," or "Bay of the Smokes."

The haze then wasn't today's variety of smog. Rather, it was smoke emanating from the dozens of Tongva Indian villages dotting the coastal plain and inland valleys. Rising wispy columns flattened out against an invisible ceiling. It was formed by a persistent meteorological phenomenon that continues to threaten Angelenos' lungs: temperature inversion. A product of the Southland's topography and its prevailing weather patterns, the inversion layer forms when ocean breezes draw cool marine air onshore beneath a mass of warmer air above. Trapped by nearby tall mountains (like our local ones) on the north, the cool air then stabilizes, unable to rise through the warm air above. We may add to the problem but it's not just a "people problem!"

A few days ago, rain dropped by the bucketsful over the Crescenta Valley. As I'm sure you noticed when looking at all the rain data across the Southland, we received way more than our fair share. Within a few hours time, close to two inches were added to the already healthy annual rain amount.

Springtime is a time of transition. With fervor we wait for the winter-stripped landscape to once again coax foliage back into spring (especially during a drought year). March, in its last remaining days, was more generous than expected: normally January and February are the biggest water producers. It seems a difficult one to forecast these days!

Drizzle is possible today, Thursday, morning. Temperatures will also be cooler then turn slightly warmer on Friday and Saturday. Expect a cooler Sunday with stronger onshore flow, then turning much warmer next week with periods of gusty northerly winds. Could see highs well into the 70s to lower 80s for most coastal areas, and 80s and possibly even some lower 90s for inland valleys ... Yep! Summer's coming.

*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

### DINE OUT BENEFITS CVIM

A dine out fundraiser benefiting Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music is being held today, Thursday, March 31 at Los Gringos Locos in La Cañada.

From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., mention CVIM and 15% of proceeds of food and drink will benefit CVIM.

Los Gringos Locos is located at 631 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, April 2. 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. Take a self-guided tour to learn about the native plants along the trail or play the Rosemont Preserve scavenger hunt game and win a prize! 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.

### ATTENTION VETERANS

The April meeting of American Legion Post 288 will be held next Wednesday, April 6 at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda will be finalizing the plans for the Post's 98th anniversary on Saturday, April 9. All veterans are invited to the meeting on the April 6.

Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta

### COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM IN PERSON OR ZOOM

On Thursday, April 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., all Glendale residents will have the opportunity to hear city council candidates in person or at their homes on Zoom when Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association holds its annual candidates' forum.

The candidates will be in-person at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1320 N. Brand Blvd., with free parking in its lot. (The entrance is at the north end of the church. Someone will be there to direct.) Masking is not required but would be appreciated.

To register for Zoom, go to: <https://www.nwglendaleha.org>. Details are available there and the access code will be immediately sent.

As always, all NWWGHA community meetings are open to everyone, members and non-members. Peter Fuad, president of NWWGHA, will moderate.

For more information, email [nwglendale@gmail.com](mailto:nwglendale@gmail.com) or call (818) 754-8274.

### AUTHORIZATION URGED OF CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD TO EXPAND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO UKRAINE

Congressman Adam Schiff and 10 bipartisan members of the California delegation and the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus delivered a letter to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken calling on the departments to grant needed authorities to the California National Guard to expand its support for humanitarian response efforts in Ukraine.

The California National Guard maintains a close, 29-year relationship with the Ukrainian military through the State Partnership Program. Despite the direct connection between the Guard and the Ukrainian military, the Guard's response to the crisis in Ukraine has been limited due to administrative and procedural hurdles that the members ask Secretaries Austin and Blinken to suspend.

Among other capabilities, the California Air National Guard might be able to use its airlift capability to bring food, medical, and other humanitarian material to the region. Americans are eager to contribute to the effort and this would provide an additional mechanism to do so.

To read the entire letter, visit [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS).

# Healthcare Career Options Open Eyes of Local Students

By Bethany BROWN

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital hosted 50 students from Crescenta Valley, Eagle Rock and La Cañada high schools for the hospital's Healthcare Day of Discovery on Friday, March 25. Students were given an opportunity to learn more about career opportunities in the healthcare field including, among others, nurses, physician's assistants, physical therapists, radiologists and pharmacists.

Students spent the morning at discussion panels where experts discussed their experiences. They were then split into groups and invited to participate in hands-on training tasks at alternating stations. VHH physical therapists provided demonstrations of specific equipment that they may use with patients. Students were also welcomed to take vital signs, such as body temperature, pulse rate, respiration rate and blood pressure. Additionally, they learned how to prepare a sterile IV and conduct a carotid artery screening.

Deborah Weirick, director of Community and Donor Relations for USC-VHH, said the event has been held since 2019 but because of the COVID-19 pandemic the last two years have been virtual events.

"We're excited to be back in person this year," Weirick said. "It's more interactive this way. I think kids are more willing to ask questions and they get to gain exposure to the human face of it by hearing from professionals about their journeys that led to where they are now. It could potentially be relatable for the students and hopefully encourage them."

She revealed how much room there is for opportunity as healthcare is the largest growing industry in the U.S. She emphasized the considerably high shortages the industry is experiencing due to the aging population and how critical it will be for future generations to choose careers in healthcare.

"We want to make sure that our local youth who are still in high school and thinking about what they want to study in college have access to what it actually means to be in the healthcare profession – what sort of education is required, what motivates, what personal qualities you need. It may look cool on TV but there's a lot that goes into it," Weirick said. "This event provides a glimpse into the realities of these professions."

Camena Jones, CVHS sophomore, said she was "blown away" by how many careers there are that she likely would not have known about.

"I've gotten a lot of great insight today," Jones said. "It's just amazing to me that every little thing in this hospital is so important ... things you wouldn't even think about." She said it wasn't until the outbreak of COVID-19 that she decided she wanted to pursue a career in healthcare.

"A lot of my family members are in healthcare and a lot of my family members need healthcare, so I have a personal pull to want to help everyone I can and really make an impact on lives," she added.

Similarly, Jones' friend and fellow CVHS sophomore Lena Markosian said the pandemic significantly increased her desire to enter the field.

"Knowing how many people were affected by COVID and witnessing it firsthand – like with my family members, and even I got COVID at some point – I just wanted to be that person to help make a difference and stop this pandemic," Markosian said.

Both Jones and Markosian have a passion for helping people and are eager to continue to explore different pathways within the industry until they find one that



Photos by Bethany BROWN

ABOVE: A USC-VHH technician shows students how to read vital signs using technology at the hospital. BELOW: During the Healthcare Day of Discovery, visiting students had a chance to try out physical therapy equipment that is typically used in nursing homes and hospitals.



best fits. They said the event inspired them and advised them on the many different careers available beyond that of doctors and nurses.

"I'm always really impressed by the resiliency of these students who do what needs to be done to achieve their goals even when times are unimaginably hard," Weirick said. "I hope that they remember that it's a matter of putting one foot in front of the other and everybody's path can be different."

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# Second COVID-19 Booster Available for Adults 50 and Older

By Mary O'KEEFE

A second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine is now available to eligible residents at County of Los Angeles Public Health operated vaccination sites beginning yesterday, Wednesday, March 30.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for individuals 50 years of age and older. The booster can be given to individuals at least four months after receiving their first booster dose.

According to the FDA, in addition to those ages 50 and older, the second booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech may be administered to individuals 12 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromised at least four months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. These are people who have undergone solid organ transplantation or who are living with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromised. A second booster dose of Moderna vaccine may be administered at least four months after the

first booster of any authorized or approved COVID vaccine to those 18 years of age or older with the same certain kinds of immunocompromised.

“Current evidence suggest some waning of protection over time against serious outcomes from COVID-19 in older and immunocompromised individuals. Based on an analysis of emerging data, a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine could help increase protection levels for these higher-risk individuals,” said Pete Marks, M.D. Ph. D, director of the FDA’s Center

for Biologics Evaluation and Research. “Additionally, the data show that an initial booster dose is critical in helping to protect all adults from potentially severe outcomes of COVID-19. So those who have not received their initial booster dose are strongly encouraged to do so.”

To find possible vaccination sites, visit

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VaccinateLACounty.com for more information. Eligible residents can also check with other vaccination sites about the availability of the second booster dose. CVW contacted both Rite Aid and CVS pharmacies and was told it would take some time to prepare for these facilities to be able to administer the second booster and was advised to continue to check the pharmacies' websites/apps for updates.

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# County and District Make Presentations at CVTC Meeting

By Justin HAGER

Most of the Thursday, March 17 meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council consisted of positive community reports including from the LASD-CV Station, which reported a sharp decrease in violent crimes over the past year.

California Highway Patrol is seeking community partnerships for April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month and, representing the CV Chamber of Commerce, Mike Baldwin provided information on its March 31 mixer and the April 30 Hometown Country Fair. Other important updates came from the representative of the CV Water District, who explained that while significant concerns remain regarding California's ongoing drought the District is in a holding pattern regarding implementing water rationing or other mandates. The La Crescenta Library celebrated the expansion of its hours and a boom in circulation as COVID-19 numbers continue to decline. The CVTC Land Use Committee invited input on an LA County proposal to eliminate parking requirements for the construction of multifamily buildings with five units or more.

Todd Schmit of the Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Recreation provided an update on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance at Crescenta Valley Park. The update was a laundry list of failures in access and compliance, including an example of updated ADA compliant drinking fountains that were not connected to ADA compliant pathways to access them. Schmit explained that, while it will likely

take a year or two to complete the necessary compliance upgrades, "Equity is important."

He then turned his attention to proposed outdoor fitness facilities at Two Strike Park. While no firm plans have yet been proposed, Schmit explained that the cost of installing such a facility would likely range between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, with ongoing maintenance costs provided by the County Parks and Rec budget. Crescenta Valley currently has approximately \$262,000 in Measure A funding available for projects like this.

On the related topic of outdoor fitness, recreation and transportation, the CVTC Transportation Committee provided its first update under new chair DeDe Mueller. The committee's inaugural act was a letter drafted in response to proposed street improvement plans by LA County that would include bike paths, pedestrian improvements, such as bulb-outs or continental crosswalks, and water capture systems. The letter welcomed the new and improved bike lanes but requested that pedestrian improvements prioritize continental crosswalks above bulb-outs unless the County deems they are necessary to ensure pedestrian safety.

The final presentation on the agenda came from representatives of Glendale Unified School District, which presented a review of the CVHS field improvement project and several other projects in the CV area. Although the Town Council's approval of the project was not up for a vote or on the agenda, the council has, on several occasions, used informational presentations

like that to provide commentary, feedback and recommendations regarding projects that impact the community.

The presentation by Hagop Kassabian was informative and well received. Clarification was requested regarding the District policy of the lighting that is included as part of the field improvement project. Would it be accessible to private entities that utilize the playing field or is the lighting strictly reserved for official CVHS activities and events? Kassabian said that he would know more about that once the lights were installed and the field schedule was released. Kassabian and GUSD board member Jennifer Freemon added that while lighting would likely carry an additional fee, the specific availability or schedule of when lighting would be used would not be available until after the improvements were completed and the school has created a schedule. Presently students have to travel to other schools for sporting events due to the lack of lighting. This plan was created with that reality in mind and with students as the priority, said Superintendent Vivian Ekchian.

It is important to note that residents who live near the school have expressed concerns about the number of nights that the lights will be in use. Their concerns stem from statements by GUSD that implied that the lighting would only be used past 9 p.m. a few times a year – for CVHS home football games and occasional CVHS field sports or school activities. However, if the lights are available for use by the public, it is unknown how often the lights would be used each week.

## GROCERY STORE from Cover

Ralphs stated stores remain open in Southern California despite the strike authorization and, like Albertsons, stated the vote does not change the negotiation process.

Kim Sisson, a front-end supervisor at Vons in La Crescenta, said though the strike is about wages it also focuses on safety.

The pandemic has been a stressful time for everyone but for grocery store frontline workers it has been particularly challenging. They continued to go to work while many customers had their groceries delivered or picked up from the store.

"It has been rough. A lot of us at the La Crescenta store either care for or live with family members who are immunocompromised," she said.

Sisson added she and her fellow workers continue to deal with safety issues including approaching people who refuse to wear their masks during mandatory mask mandates.

"These are people we have known for years and they are not wearing a mask," she said. Confronting them about the mask became an "unpleasant situation."

"A good number of employees got sick and we have some [who] have long COVID and others that we lost,"

she said.

She added the workers want to be part of the discussion with regard to safety not only for this and future pandemics but in other issues. She pinpointed the need for a store safety committee in stores that have an uptick in shoplifting.

She said employees should be part of the safety conversation from masks to security.

They are asking for a pay raise as well.

"[We're asking for] five dollars over the course of a three-year contract; [management] is offering 60 cents a year," Sisson said.

According to a statement from Ralphs, this is a 22% increase.

"Our proposal invests \$141 million in new wages and prevents increases in health costs. This is a serious commitment by Ralphs to Southern California and to our exceptional associates," said Robert Branton, vice president of Operations at Ralphs.

"[The union] has had little time to talk about health care," Sisson added.

The UFCW did recently receive major support from fellow union members.

In a Wednesday release from the union, it was announced that the Los

Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO unanimously approved the UFCW's request to support a ULP (unfair labor practice) strike at Ralphs, Albertsons, Vons and Pavilions.

"Union leaders from numerous industries expressed their full support for grocery store workers who recently authorized their UFCW local unions across Central and Southern California to call a strike if deemed necessary," stated Wednesday's release.

Randy Cammack, president of Teamsters Joint Council 42, stated his members will not cross the picket lines and will stop delivering merchandise to the grocery stores in solidarity with UFCW members if a strike is called.

The grocery workers contract expired on March 6; parties remain far apart on reaching an agreement but are still negotiating.

Workers at the grocery stores voted to authorize a strike in 2019; however, an agreement was reached and a walkout was avoided. The strike most in the area will remember lasted four months in 2003-2004. That saw thousands of workers on the picket line.

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change anything related to this process.”

Ralphs stated stores remain open in Southern California despite the strike authorization and, like Albertsons, stated the vote does not change the negotiation process.

Kim Sisson, a front-end supervisor at Vons in La Crescenta, said though the strike is about wages it also focuses on safety.

The pandemic has been a stressful time for everyone but for grocery store frontline workers it has been particularly challenging. They

continued to go to work while many customers had their groceries delivered or picked up from the store.

“It has been rough. A lot of us at the La Crescenta store either care for or live with family members who are immunocompromised,” she said.

Sisson added she and her fellow workers continue to deal with safety issues including approaching people who refuse to wear their masks during mandatory mask mandates.

“These are people we have known for years and they are not wearing a mask,” she said. Confronting them about the mask became an “unpleasant situation.”

“A good number of employees got sick and we have some [who] have long COVID and others that we lost,” she said.

She added the workers want to be part of the discussion in regard to safety, not only for this and future pandemics but in other issues. She pinpointed the need for a store safety committee in stores that have an uptick in shoplifting.

She said employees should be part of the safety conversation from masks to security.

They are asking for a pay raise as well.

“[We’re asking for] five dollars over the course of a three-year contract; [management] is offering 60 cents a year,” Sisson said.

According to a statement from Ralphs, this is a 22% increase.

“Our proposal invests \$141 million in new wages and prevents increases in health costs. This is a serious commitment by Ralphs to Southern California and to

our exceptional associates,” said Robert Branton, vice president of Operations at Ralphs.

“[The union] has had little time to talk about health care,” Sisson added.

The UFCW did recently receive major support from fellow union members.

In a Wednesday release from the union, it was announced that the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO (LA Fed) unanimously approved the UFCW’s request to support a ULP (unfair labor practice) strike at Ralphs, Albertsons, Vons and Pavilions.

“Union leaders from numerous industries expressed their full support for grocery store workers who recently authorized their UFCW local unions across Central and Southern California to call a strike if deemed necessary,” stated Wednesday’s release.

Randy Cammack, president of Teamsters Joint Council 42, stated his members will not cross the picket lines and will stop delivering merchandise to the grocery stores in solidarity with UFCW members if a strike is called.

The grocery workers contract expired on March 6; parties remain far apart on reaching an agreement but are still negotiating.

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Hatch, an early Little Landers resident. After Hatch’s death his daughter Mable took over the role of caretaker for the cemetery. Craig Durst, a historian and member of the Little Landers Historical Society of Sunland-Tujunga, recently took on the role of caretaker of the cemetery with the hope of bringing it back to its community roots.

Durst has organized volunteers who have been working on a restoration and renewal project at the Verdugo Hills Cemetery, which will culminate with a 100th anniversary celebration on April 23.

Once a month, an army of volunteers, wearing work gloves with rakes and shovels in hand, arrives at the cemetery and begins working on its restoration. Over the months they discovered headstones that had been long buried. They formed pathways that created a historical walk around the sacred ground.

So far, the crews have fixed a brick wall that was crumbling away. A bench was repaired that was under what is known as the “sacred oak” tree; it had broken and custom pieces were needed for its repair.

“We fixed up trails, raised some headstones and planted trees and a lot of plants ... a lot of plants,” Durst said. “We just recently built a bridge over Stony Creek.”

He added because they created so many new trails they had to add things to the area, like the bridge.

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Obituary

Alane P. Vinson



Jan. 15, 1931 – Feb. 13, 2022

Alane P. Vinson was born on Jan. 15, 1931 and passed to her heavenly home on Feb. 13, 2022 in the Northern California area.

Alane was born in Glendale. She is survived by her brother Maynard Hine from La Cañada; son Brent Vinson, a retired fire captain now teaching for OSHA; new daughter-in-law Tamara Vinson; and four grandchildren: Kathleen Vinson, Melissa Hogan, Tyler and Jordan Vinson. There are recent additions to her family tree through her son’s marriage that include six more grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The last 10 years she has been living in Cameron Park, California and, prior to moving, she spent her former years in the Glendale/La Crescenta area (Los Angeles County).

She was a longtime resident of La Crescenta and for many years part of the family business: the May-Lane Motel, now the La Crescenta Motel, on Foothill Boulevard. There she and her brother Maynard helped their parents Theresa and Glen Hine many years ago build the quaint motel. Alane was a graduate of Glendale High School in 1949 and completed her education with an AA degree from Glendale College in 1951. She married Brooks H. Vinson on Oct. 14, 1961 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. They were married 48 years before Brooks went to heaven on Nov. 14, 2009. He passed just shy of their 50th anniversary. They had plans to celebrate with a trip to Panama where Brooks was stationed in the Army.

They both were employed by JPL; Alane for over 10 years was an administrative assistant in the Propulsion Division. During her tenure she volunteered for various employee-related activities. A proud moment early in her career was winning JPL’s coveted Miss Guided Missile Pageant in 1955, as well as other service awards.

Employment later in life included Joy Manufacturing, as well as being a proud organist for Faith Lutheran Church in Tujunga and other local Lutheran churches.

Although she enjoyed numerous careers, she especially loved being a mother and a wife. Her hobbies included traveling, writing letters to family and friends, reading, doing word puzzles and visiting Huntington Beach with her son.

She is now in her eternal home and is thankful to God for a wonderful life. Praise God!

Obituary

Nancy Chase



Aug. 13, 1955 – March 25, 2022

Nancy Chase was born on Aug. 13, 1955 in Glendale to Harold and Jean Roach. She was the youngest of three with older siblings Pat and Jim. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at home on March 25 after a 10-year journey with metastatic breast cancer. Her faith in God remained strong and she continued to live life to the fullest.

Nancy grew up in La Crescenta, enjoying the small town feel and surrounding hills. Growing up, her family instilled a love for travel, sports and music. Nancy bled Dodger blue from a young age, listening to Vin Scully on the transistor radio as a young girl. Those who knew Nancy would say she was a triple crown contender to lead the league of life in smiles, laughter and overall kindness.

In 1985, Nancy married Curt Chase, enjoying 36 years of marriage. They resided in La Crescenta their entire marriage. Together they have boy-girl twins, Kevin and Amy. Nancy loved being a mother of twins and attending all of their many activities.

They attended Holy Redeemer/St. James parish where Nancy served for years as a Eucharistic minister to the sick and homebound. Family gatherings that included any or all of her eight nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends always brought a smile to her face.

Travel was always a joyful part of Nancy’s life. The Chase family has traveled to countless national parks with Glacier, Yellowstone and Acadia being among her favorites. Nancy enjoyed taking the lead in planning the trips. Some of her favorite destinations were New England in the fall, the Canadian Rockies and the Central Coast of California.

The service for Nancy Chase will take place at Forest Lawn-Glendale on Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Nancy would be pleased if a donation would be made to City of Hope to fight breast cancer.

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# The Journey Keeps Up Her Spirits

By Mary O'KEEFE

Although it may not seem earth-shattering today there was a time not too long ago when, in some faiths, having women in the priesthood was taboo. There were some faiths, like Society of Friends [Quakers], that had allowed women ministers since the 19th century. Other faiths allowed women to move naturally from ministry to ministers. Then there were some that just would not, and still do not, allow women into man's holy circle.

For the Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of the Center of Spiritual Living-La Crescenta, the calling had nothing to do with her gender but everything to do with her spiritual journey.

"I was born and raised in a small town in Nebraska," Craig said.

She attended a congregational church in her hometown. She traveled to California when she graduated from high school and worked as an adult education teacher. She became a mother in 1966, giving birth to a "beautiful little girl." That same year she was diagnosed with a rare form of anemia.

She was searching for answers to help her. She walked into a bookstore where she found books on power through constructive thinking. This became her new philosophy.

She had many teaching experiences throughout her life, which included nutrition and counseling, and she found that integrating the new positive thinking philosophy into her classes really helped her students – and herself.

"I thought, 'This message has to get out,'" she said.

The power of prayer had always been with her but this new way of

looking at the world brought that power to a whole new level. Craig was receiving blood transfusions and after a year and a half the doctors could find no trace of her rare disease.

She discovered what was then called the Church of Religious Science in Whittier. That church is now Harmony Center for Spiritual Living. That became her spiritual home.

"I got very involved in this church," she said.

She studied as a practitioner, which was quite an extensive course study of 120 hours, plus examinations and interviews

opportunity at the La Crescenta location, which is now known as the Center for Spiritual Living where she is presently the senior minister. When she first came to the church in 1993 she was hired on as the youth pastor.

"I lived in La Mirada but applied for the [La Crescenta church] anyway," she said. "Bill Schirmer was the pastor at the time." She added Schirmer gave her the title of minister of education and, at the time, the church had a lot of kids.

"Bill Schirmer was a real nice man. I would have been happy to be his assistant minister for years," she said. "He was full of love and compassion."

Rev. Schirmer suffered a fatal heart attack in 2001 though, sending the congregation into a spin. The members of the selection committee voted for Craig to take his place, although it wasn't a unanimous decision.

"I was selected by a majority of the congregation but some people quit [the La Crescenta church]," she said. "One woman said, 'My husband has to have a male minister.' I didn't even respond [to those critics]. Everyone is entitled to their own experience and [opinion]."

Throughout her time at the church she has seen her congregation go through ups and downs, lost friends and held amazing events like Cowboy Church and Valentine's Day dinners. The pandemic has tested her and her congregation but has given them opportunities to reach out to others beyond the Crescenta Valley.

In the end it is still her spiritual journey that gives her the strength to continue and the compassion to always reach out to others.



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## Dates for the Upcoming Primary Election

By Mary O'KEEFE

The California statewide direct primary election will be held on June 7. Voters will be asked to cast their ballots on several initiatives and for several candidates.

Here are a few important dates to remember:

**March 11**

The last date candidates could file nomination documents.

**March 31**

The last day the Secretary of State can transmit the certified list of candidates.

**May 9**

Registered voters should receive their vote-by-mail ballots no later than 29 days before the day of the election. The mailings will begin no later than May 9.

**May 17**

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## The Great Tujunga Canyon Train Wreck

What? A train wreck in Big Tujunga Canyon? Didn't know there was a railroad there!

Well, there was a short set of tracks, along with a locomotive and some cars, for a few weeks in 1942 in support of the movie "The Spoilers." This quasi-western was actually set during the Klondike-Alaskan Gold Rush and starred John Wayne, Marlene Dietrich and Randolph Scott. It followed the exploits of a group of Alaskan gold miners beset by claim jumpers. John Wayne, playing his classic he-man character, portrayed a successful miner who is being swindled out of his mine by a group of con men. The con men are led by Randolph Scott, who portrayed a villain — a role he rarely played. Marlene Dietrich played the tough saloon owner who has fallen hard for John Wayne. There's a fun brief cameo with the actual poet Robert W. Service, in which the saloon owner asks him about his poem "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

John Wayne battles the con men for his mine, during which a train crash takes place. The film culminates in an epic fist fight between Wayne and Randolph Scott. The athletic brawl is one of the longest in film history, lasting an amazing four minutes. That fight alone is worth watching the movie.

But for us here in the Crescenta Valley the wow factor of the movie is the very obvious Big Tujunga Canyon background in many of the scenes. Filming of interior shots and action in the gold rush boomtown were at Universal Studios, but the mining camp and train set was in Big Tujunga Canyon.

Tom Gilfooy, in his book "Growing Up In Sunland," describes the movie set he saw as a young boy.

"The set was elaborate with dozens of buildings and miners' tents scattered across the wash from the foot of Oro Vista Avenue all the way to the cliffs where the bridge to Riverwood Ranch now crosses the stream. A false entrance to a gold mine was dug into the cliffs near this same bridge. Several hundred yards of railroad track were laid, and an old steam locomotive and ore cars were trucked in for the movie's biggest scene," Gilfooy wrote.

In the movie, the full-size locomotive races down the short track, hits a barricade, rolls over on its side and skids to a stop, hissing steam. This was before CGI, so they actually had to wreck a real train, right there in Big T Canyon!

The narrow gauge locomotive used in the movie has a story of its own. It was built in 1875 for the Carson and Tahoe Lumber Company, and later transferred to the Nevada County

Narrow Gauge. But in 1940, the old steam engine with the classic funnel-shaped smokestack was picked up by Universal Studios for use in the many westerns being filmed. It was featured in over 100 movies and TV shows, including "Winchester '73," "The Virginian" and "Alias Smith and Jones." In 1985 Universal Studios saw less of a need for the old locomotive and acquiesced to the pleas of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railway Museum to bring the "little teakettle on wheels" home to Nevada County in Northern California. It's apparently under restoration currently.

And the movie itself? I found it more entertaining than most westerns of that era, mostly because of the Big Tujunga Canyon location shots and the train wreck, but for



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many other reasons as well such as the epic fight scene, for example, that I mentioned earlier. The wide cast of classic character actors is delightful, including Harry Carey and a host of other recognizable faces. As WWII had just begun, Marlene Dietrich makes a clumsy effort to squash her German accent, which comes off pretty funny. The political incorrectness of the movie is way over the top with numerous

scenes of racial degradation and sexual impropriety. In what other movie can you see John Wayne in both blackface and wearing women's clothing? The best feature for me, though, was the thick layer-upon-layer of double-entendre and sexual innuendo in the dialog.

"The Spoilers" (the 1942 version; there are others) can be seen on the IMDB channel. It's a delight, and was filmed right in our backyard.

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Water use efficiency is even more critical as California faces yet another drought. Outdoor water use accounts for 60% of water used in a typical residential household. Incorporating some of these water saving tips can save water and money.

- **Reimagine Your Yard.** Feed your vegetables and fruits water first because they feed you! Water-wise plants and shade trees use little, or no, water once established. Thirsty plants such as lawn and

container plants are the lowest priority.

- **Use Water-wise Plants.** Check with your local nursery to learn of the best plants for your area. It is best to use water-wise, California-native plants when possible.
- **Reset mower blades.** Set blades to three inches for deeper roots and save 16–50 gallons per day. *To save each time you water:*
- Use drought-resistant plants and trees to save 30–60 gallons per 1000 sq. ft.
- Use mulch to save 20–30 gallons of water per 1000 sq. ft.
- Install a drip irrigation system and a smart controller to save 15 gallons.
- Adjust sprinkler heads and fix leaks saves 12–15 gallons. A leak about as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month!

Foothill Municipal Water District (www.fmwd.com/rebates) is currently offering a Spray to Drip Rebate program as well as a SMART Controller Direct Install program. Apply to have an indoor and outdoor water audit. Other rebates are available through Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). Visit www.socalwatersmart.com for eligibility and rebate application requirements and procedures.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Community Driven: The Balcony of LA

The Balcony of LA is a non-profit designed to build up La Crescenta through awesome community initiatives. The Balcony was founded in 2020 during the pandemic by a prior CV Town Council member who, feeling powerless globally, was inspired to turn towards the community.

Over the past 12 months our projects have gathered steam

thanks to locals just like you. More than 15 miles of litter has been collected off our streets with La Crescenta Litter Club, 175 children attended our holiday screening of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" at CV Park, 50 trees are currently under review for planting in the area, 22 children are taking part in our after-school Garden Masterclass and more! Our Instagram account is coming up on 1,400 followers, mostly local users. We use the social

media platform as a place to spread awareness and spotlight the arts, businesses and community events that make up our great little corner of LA County.

The Balcony is an official 501(c)(3) non-profit so can be utilized as a tool to write grants and establish itself as a "proper entity" when speaking with bureaucracy (local, state or national).

One of our secondary goals is

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## Historic Bridging Ceremony for Local Cub Scouts

By Lori BODNAR

Cub Scout Pack 360 held a bridging ceremony at Mountain Avenue Elementary School on Friday, March 25. The ceremony was historic in that it included two girls who completed the entire Cub Scout Pack 360 program. Starting in early 2018, girls have been allowed in Cub Scouts and Cub Scout Pack 360 was the first pack that welcomed girls into its Scouting pack. "Bridging" is the ceremony that transitions a Scout from one level to the next.

"I have been a pack leader for a year," said Cub Scout Pack 360 Cubmaster Brock Worthen. "There was a need for leadership and I love leading people so I became a pack leader. I think Scouting is about being able to impact young boys and girls and teach them life skills and create memories. The Cub



Scout bridging ceremony is an opportunity where we can see and celebrate the development from Cub Scouts to Scouts."

Cub Scout Pack 360 is chartered by Verdugo Hills Council and features 75

individuals in eight different dens. The three troops the Cub Scouts bridged to were Troops 118, 509 and 319. Troops 118 and 319 are part of the Verdugo Council while Troop 509 is part of the Greater Los Angeles Council.

The different ranks of Cub Scouts are Lion (kindergarten), Tiger (first grade), Wolf (second grade), Bear (third grade), and Webelo (fourth and fifth grade). The Lion Cubs program was available in fall 2018.

Verdugo Hills Council District Director Amy Taylor has been with the Council, which oversees 1,500 Scouts, for 16 years.

"Scouting is about an equal opportunity for everyone to find what they like, such as service, camping and hiking," said Taylor. "Scouting is about enjoyment and excitement. It's all about the discoveries. My son was an Eagle Scout and earned his Eagle Award in 2016."

The path has been equally awarding for leaders of the packs.

Natalie Ouwersloot with Den 9 has been a den leader for six years. There are nine people in Den 9.

"I had a little Scout who wanted to be a Scout and there was no Lion leader at the time, so I became a den leader. I love all the adventures that we do. The Scouts have to meet these requirements but they get to go and see things and do things they may not experience otherwise. The Cub Scouts in Den 9 are such wonderful boys. I am so proud of them. I think they are going to have a great time in their new troops."

Fifth grader Brooke Gordon was in Cub Scout Pack 360, Den 8 since the first grade and is now a Scout BSA in Troop 509.

"My dad is an Eagle Scout and, since girls were allowed, he signed me up instantly, and I don't regret that at all," said Brooke. "In Cub Scouts [I can] earn the Arrow of Light, we did a park cleanup and cooking. It was really fun. I am excited to learn new things in the Scouts BSA."

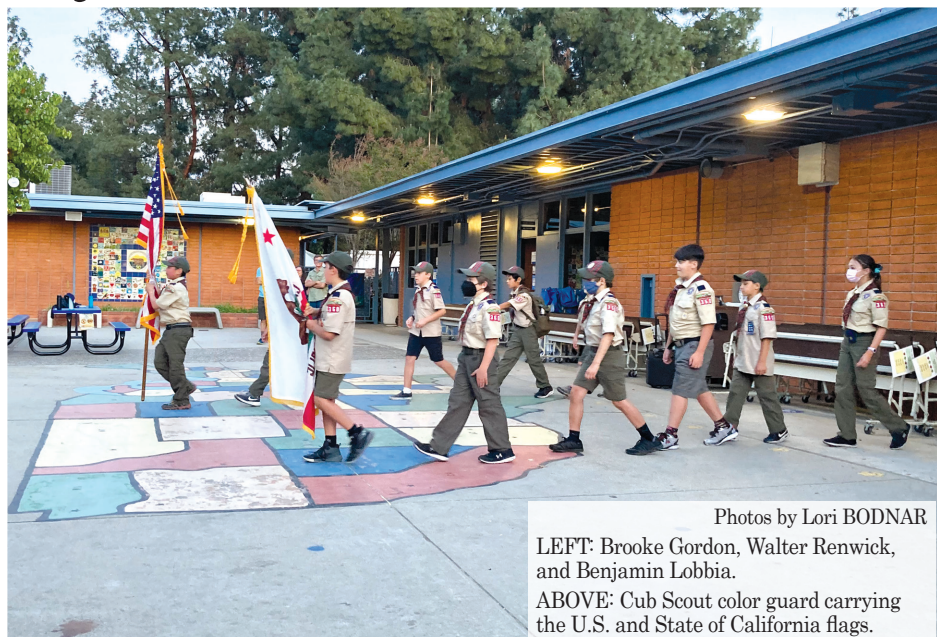
Fifth grader Ciara Sullivan also completed the Cub Scout program. She has been in Cub Scouts since she was in the first

grade. Ciara is now a Scout in Troop 118.

"My dad was an Eagle Scout and my brother was in Scouts BSA," Ciara said. "As soon as girls were allowed, I joined. We made a plaque to showcase all of the things we have done in Cub Scouts and it was fun. My favorite experience in Cub Scouts is when we went camping together and shot bow and arrows. I am excited about learning more and being with others in Scouts BSA. I will try my best to be an Eagle Scout."

Henri DeFay is a fifth grader who bridged from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA. Henri was in Den 8 as a Cub Scout and is now in Troop 118 as a Scout BSA.

He said, "My dad told me that my brother was in Scouts so I wanted to join as well. Some of the patches I earned were the outdoor patch and interpreter patch. My favorite experiences in Cub Scouts included Camp Cherry Valley, learning how to whittle with a pocketknife, and camping. I also enjoyed going to Catalina. I am really excited for more camping trips and merit badges such as camping and making a board game in Scouts BSA."



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LEFT: Brooke Gordon, Walter Renwick, and Benjamin Lobbia.

ABOVE: Cub Scout color guard carrying the U.S. and State of California flags.

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## The Lanterman House Opens Applications for Summer Internship Program

The Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation is inviting local high school students to apply for its third annual Virtual History Internship Program. The seven-week program will be conducted remotely and is open to students in grades 10 through 12 interested in learning about and preserving local history.

This year, the theme of the interviews is "Creating Community." Interns will

create oral history interviews with members of local service and community organizations. The program includes training in research methods, interview techniques, how to process and preserve an interview, and legal and ethical guidelines. Interns will attend four Zoom meetings to receive training and feedback. They will use free recording apps on their smartphones to record the interviews, which will be permanently archived in the

Lanterman House Archives.

Students who attend a local high school or who live in the Crescenta-Cañada Valley are eligible to apply. They must fill out a short application and submit a recommendation. Application and recommendation forms can be found on the Lanterman House website at <https://www.lantermanhouse.org/internship-application>. Applications are due by May 15 and the program begins on June 14.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Sunland-Tujunga To Crown New Poet Laureate

On April 9, writer, teacher and musician Alice Pero will be inducted as Sunland-Tujunga's 10th poet laureate. In the ceremony known as the "Passing of the Laurels," reigning laureate Pamela Shea will provide a public reading of some of her cherished work. For her final official act, she will transfer the laurel crown to newly elected laureate Alice Pero who will then begin her term as Sunland-Tujunga's ambassador of poetry and literacy.

The title of poet laureate dates to ancient Greece when a laurel was used to form a crown of honor for poets and heroes. The mantle is bestowed on writers who exhibit excellence in their craft with a body of work that brings insights and perspective to the human experience as well as emphasizing a love for the local area they represent.

Serving as ninth poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga "was a dream come true for me," said Shea.

"It gave me confidence to expand my poetic style and submit my work for publication," she said. As laureate, she was committed to "taking poetry to the people" at

many venues in and around the foothills.

Community service is inherent in the post. The poet laureate is often asked to speak at public events or provide a dedication during auspicious moments. She honored the first responders and volunteers who valiantly worked to preserve the grounds and structures of the McGroarty Arts Center that were threatened by the La Tuna Fire of 2017. She helped coordinate and participated in the Gathering of California's Poets Laureate in 2018 that was hosted by then-California State poet laureate Dana Gioia. She was also among the presenters at the 99th birthday celebration of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Friend of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Her successor Alice Pero has called Sunland-Tujunga her home for more than 15 years. Having spent many years in New York and Texas, she feels at home in the foothills.

"I have absorbed the spirit of the desert wash, and the plants, animals and birds have all become part of my poetry," said Pero. "Unlike the crowded rush of the cities I have lived in, there is space and a connection to



Alice Pero



Pamela Shea

living things here."

Her poetry has been published in numerous magazines and anthologies including National Poetry Review, and California Quarterly. Her first book of poetry, "Thawed Stars," was praised by renowned poet Kenneth Koch as having "clarity and surprises." As a member of California Poets in the Schools, she is committed to the

creative development of children.

"For years I worked in inner city schools as a volunteer tutor and poetry workshop leader with mostly Hispanic children in South Central L.A. as well as the underserved areas of Brooklyn and Staten Island, NY," said Pero.

When speaking of her mission as new Sunland-Tujunga poet laureate she confidently stated, "Awakening

the creative spirit in children of all races and ethnicities is paramount as these children are our future."

The Passing of the Laurels ceremony is free to the public and all are welcome to attend.

It takes place on Saturday, April 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 10755 Art St., in Shadow Hills.

For more information, visit [www.villagepoets.blogspot.com](http://www.villagepoets.blogspot.com).

### Questions About Today's Real Estate?

#### Ask Phyllis! Condo Leaks

Dear Phyllis,

I really enjoy your column and I have a complicated question. My daughter recently closed escrow on a condominium in Orange County. On the afternoon her loan funded, the homeowner's association notified her Realtor that there was a leak. The leak was in the vacant unit she was purchasing, leaking into the unit below. At this point, it was too late to cancel the closing. It seemed odd that her Realtor was informed just hours before the end of business on the day the loan funded.

I advised my daughter to ask the association when it first learned of this leak, but she never really received a straight answer. The seller had moved to Arizona several years ago and this unit had been a rental. After escrow closed, the seller paid a plumber to fix the leak in my daughter's unit. Apparently, the unit below the one my daughter purchased had damage to the ceiling.

I know my daughter isn't responsible because she was not the owner at the time. I am simply curious how the unit below might rectify this situation?

Curious George

Dear George,

Assuming the seller had his/her own insurance policy (as a supplement to the homeowner's association policy) it seems this would simply be an insurance claim. Although I am a real estate agent and not an attorney, I believe you are correct in assuming it is not your daughter's responsibility as the leak was prior to her taking ownership.

If the seller did not have an additional insurance policy, this lower unit owner should contact his/her insurance carrier. Otherwise, it seems that the owner of the unit below would have to seek redress from the seller. Depending on the cost of repair it may simply be a matter for small claims court. However, it is my understanding that a person cannot sue for more than \$10,000. I am not certain that the other unit can use California Small Claims Court for an Arizona resident.

If all else fails, this unit may try to file a claim against the homeowner's association policy.



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### Veterans Corner March 2022 House Makes Good on its Promise to Care for Toxic-Exposed Veterans

In May 2020, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mark Takano made the following statement after his comprehensive bill, H.R. 3967, as amended, the Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2021 or Honoring our PACT Act, passed the House of Representatives with a bipartisan vote of 256-174. This legislation will finally treat toxic exposure as a cost of war by addressing the full range of issues impacting toxic-exposed veterans including access to earned benefits

and healthcare through the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA). It has the strong support of 42 veteran service organizations, the Biden Harris Administration and advocates Jon Steward and John Feal.

"After years of diligent input from toxic-exposed veterans, my colleagues, our staff, VA, and VSOs, we passed the most comprehensive legislation to date to treat toxic exposure as a cost of war and ensure that all toxic-exposed veterans can access the care and benefits they've earned.

This fight is not over, but I will not rest until our veterans have a guarantee in statute that their government will take care of them when they come home – no matter the cost. The Honoring our PACT Act will:

- Provide Priority Group 6 health care for over 3.5 million toxic-exposed veterans. This is something to monitor closely!
- Provide extension of combat eligibility for health care from five to 10 years with a one-year open enrollment period for

see VETERANS on page 19

### USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR AGING

» DR. ADRIA E. NAVARRO

#### Aging in Place

The "third chapter of life" has been described as everything that follows our producing/parenting career. Turns out that living life in our own home through this chapter works best when we create a later-life plan, modify our home and establish a support network. These steps help us fulfill our determination to "age in place." When the going gets tough, as it does for most everyone, those closest and most supportive to us are called upon to help. Relying on friends and family can be fine when short-term help is needed, but staying in our homes while managing a chronic situation/condition may require more support than friends or family can provide.

The social service professionals at the Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) often assist by providing options counseling. This consists of learning about someone's unique situation and then brainstorming about the specific options and resources in our community that may work best. These options are sometimes referred to by health systems as Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), allowing older adults (and persons with disabilities) to maximize time spent living independently while continuing to participate within one's community.

These LTSS focus on how people are currently functioning at home and then coming alongside individuals where needed to inform, connect or assist. A recent caller wanted to be sure her family member was taking his medications as prescribed. After they were able to talk over

suggested options, together they agreed to pilot the use of a pill organizer. Once they worked on the solution it was clearer when medications were to be taken and led to better adherence to what the physician thought might assist this person in feeling his best. This is an example of a simple solution that aids in living at home independently.

CRCA works to be in the community with you. The first Wednesdays of the month, you can Meet Us at the Library – Glendale Central Library, 222 E. Harvard St. in Glendale from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. On April 6 we will focus on advance directives, discussing the options and providing forms (English/Spanish) that are easy to complete and available at no cost.

On the first Thursday of the month, Caregivers Night Off takes place at the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA in collaboration with our community partners. This two-hour program is offered in the afternoon for caregivers and those with mild-to-moderate dementia that they care about. To attend on April 7 please call in to register so we know you are coming. We can be reached by calling (818) 949-4033 or emailing [Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu](mailto:Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu).



# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## 'From the Earth to the Moon' at Theater Arts Caltech

From the creators of the record-breaking Caltech "Star Trek" musical parody "Boldly Go!" comes a fresh new science fiction musical based on a Jules Verne classic.

America 1865. Come be whisked along on an imagining of spaceflight in the late 19th century following the daring mission from its inception, through its challenges, triumphs, dangers and exciting conclusion! Quirky and lovable inventor J.T. Maston invites us on the grandest voyage in human history. The Civil War has ended and the Union artillery designers and scientists of the Baltimore Gun Club who led the North to victory are in search of a new endeavor. Maston's best friend, the brilliant engineer Captain Barbicane, proposes an audacious undertaking: to build

a colossal cannon and use it to launch the first projectile to the Moon! Gauntlets are thrown, headlines made, duels waged and alliances put to the test! "From the Earth to the Moon" is a combustible and dynamic tale, set to vibrant, electrifying music that captures the wonder of Jules Verne's extraordinary voyages.

This musical adaptation of "From the Earth to the Moon" is a story of timeless ideals applied in the unique and timely setting of technological problem-solving. It is a tale of both the power and pitfalls of ambition, of the strength of friendship and of reconciliation, of the trials of love, of passion for truth and knowledge, and of the eternal human need to go beyond the confines of the present, to break the bounds of the possible, and to reach for the stars.

This musical is written by brothers Cole Remmen (UCSB PhD student, theater studies) and Grant Remmen (Caltech alum and theoretical physicist at KITP/UCSB) and directed by Brian Brophy ("Star Trek: TNG," "Shawshank Redemption," "PhD Comics 2," director, Theater Arts Caltech).

"From the Earth to the Moon" will be performed in the Ramo Auditorium at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) campus in Pasadena on Friday, April 15, Saturday, April 16, Thursday, April 21, Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 24 at 2:30 p.m.

This performance is open to the public.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [tacit.caltech.edu](http://tacit.caltech.edu) or call (626) 395-4652.

### THEN & NOW

### The Spoilers Movie Set Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then** » Shown here is a shot from the 1942 John Wayne movie "The Spoilers." In the movie, this is supposed to be a mining camp in Alaska but, in reality, it's Big Tujunga Canyon. A train owned by Universal Studios chugs alongside the streambed. The vegetation is still sparse from having been stripped out by the 1938 flood.



**Now** » This is about the same spot, where Oro Vista crosses the creek before heading up into the gated community of Riverwood Ranch. The train and tracks are long gone along with the mining camp movie set. Sunland-Tujunga has often served as a movie filming location, from the silent movies all the way up to the present day.

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### FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS BAILEY CENTER

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is having a food drive benefiting the Bailey Center on April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Food items requested center around Easter dinner.

Donors asked to bring all canned goods and other non-perishable food items to St. Luke's. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to buy perishable items for Easter dinners.

St. Luke's is located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

### CELEBRATE SPRING AT RIVERWALK

The community is invited to an open house at Glendale Narrows Riverwalk (located at Paula Avenue and Garden Street) on Saturday, April 2. There will be docent-led tours of one of the few places along the LA River with an unpaved bottom. Visitors will

learn about the birds, animals and plants that inhabit this unique place and meet representatives of the City of Glendale and local civic organizations to learn what is being done to help create a more healthy and sustainable environment for you.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call (818) 631-6132 or email [info@glendaleparksfoundation.org](mailto:info@glendaleparksfoundation.org).

### 'RICHARD SARVATE LIVE' AT THE GLENDALE ROOM

The Setup presents Richard Sarvate Live at The Glendale Room (Stand Up Comedy) on Friday, April 8 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Glendale Room, 127 Artsakh Ave, Glendale.

Cost: \$15. For more info, see <https://www.setupcomedy.com> or email [info@setupcomedy.com](mailto:info@setupcomedy.com).

### WIMBLEDON CHAMPION TO VISIT AREA TENNIS SHOP

Vania King, formerly one of the world's top tennis doubles players

whose Grand Slam titles include Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2010, will visit The Racket Doctor in Atwater Village on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome, supporting Serving Up Hope, a non-profit organization co-founded by King to develop tennis programs for underprivileged youth in the Los Angeles area. Visitors are encouraged to bring gently used kids athletic clothing and racquets, which will be donated to Serving Up Hope programs.

The Racket Doctor is located at 3214 Glendale Blvd.

### AAUW HOSTS JENNIFER KREBSBACH

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet on Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. The speaker will be Jennifer Krebsbach, M.A., M.S., BCBA. Her topic will be promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Krebsbach has master degrees in behavior analysis and education-gender equity studies. She is starting a PhD program in sociology at UC Davis. She works as a freelance researcher with interests in inequity in the tenure and promotion process in academia. After an in-depth explanation of intersectionality, unconscious bias and allyship, she will lead individual activities and brainstorming of ways to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

Those who would like to attend the Zoom meeting can send their name and email address to Laura Guillory at [lguillory1430@gmail.com](mailto:lguillory1430@gmail.com) by Wednesday, April 6.

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

### CO-EXISTING WITH BACKYARD WILDLIFE IN THE CRESCENTA VALLEY

Little Landers Historical Society invites the community to visit Bolton Hall Museum on Saturday, April 9 at 1 p.m. for its April program presented by urban wildlife specialist Dana Stangel.

Stangel will answer questions surrounding how to keep family and pets safe from wildlife that shares local space. Her company, Teranga Ranch, conducts wildlife educational

programs, backyard consultations and field trips teaching local residents how to coexist with wild neighbors.

This event is free and open to the public; everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society by calling (818) 352-3420, visiting [BoltonHall.org](http://BoltonHall.org) or emailing [llhs@boltonhall.org](mailto:llhs@boltonhall.org).

### BENITA BIKE'S DANCEART PERFORMS IN SYLMAR

Benita Bike's DanceArt, in conjunction with Los Angeles Mission College's Philosophy Dept. and Dept. of Arts, Media & Performance, presents an "Explore Dance" program at Mission College's AMP Theater on Tuesday April 12 at 7 p.m. The AMP Theater is located at 13356 Eldridge Ave. in Sylmar. This free performance is supported, in part, by the City of Los Angeles' Dept. of Cultural Affairs.

Benita Bike's DanceArt, now in its 41st season, is a Los Angeles based modern dance company that receives praise for its polished concert work and extensive community arts outreach. The Company is experienced at introducing dance to new viewers and enriching the experience of those already familiar with the dance art. Like a chamber music ensemble, the dancers of Benita Bike's DanceArt perform with uncommon sensitivity to one another, bringing intense beauty and vibrancy to each delicately crafted, expressive movement. Benita Bike's DanceArt will present excerpts from a new work-in-progress along with selections from repertory.

### THE STORY OF THE VERDUGO HILLS CEMETERY

Little Landers Historical Society invites visitors to view a recently installed temporary exhibit at Bolton Hall Museum featuring the local pioneer cemetery, now in its 100th year. The first burial was that of beloved local preacher Pastor Wornum on April 22, 1922. The Hills of Peace, as it was known early on, became the final resting place of many local community pioneers with burials continuing through the late 1970s.

The exhibit traces the history of the cemetery through good times and not so good times up to today's restoration conducted by the Friends of the Verdugo Hills Cemetery.

Exhibit viewing hours through June 2022 are Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

For additional information or to schedule a group visit, see [BoltonHall.org](http://BoltonHall.org) or call (818) 352-3420 or email [llhs@boltonhall.org](mailto:llhs@boltonhall.org).

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com)

March 28, 2022 - April 3, 2022

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

This week ushers in a phase in which you can make positive progress on the road to wellness. You tend to be very sporadic in your attempts to maintain a certain level of fitness. It's important that you find ways to be more consistent if you want to get good results from your diet and exercise program.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It's time to think about how you can profitably invest in your health. The stars are encouraging you to think big in order to create big results. If you've been thinking about setting up a home gym, this is a good time to plan how you can do this. If you haven't yet bought a gym membership, look around, find one that suits you, and sign up.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This is a great time for changes on all levels. However, the most significant change you can make is to your health and overall well-being. You have two weeks to start a new health strategy, one that's going to give you greater energy, a better physique, glowing skin, and a profound sense of well-being. You deserve to give yourself the best chance for a fabulous future.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're going to experience profound changes. You now have the ability to transform any area of your life that you choose. The very best place to begin is with your health. Dare to look into your lifestyle and focus on any area that causes you to feel less than fabulous. This is where you should begin. Changes here will give you more energy and greater vitality than ever before.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Early in the week make a list of goals that will help you reach the state of wellness you've long desired. This is no time for fuzzy thinking. Above all, you need clarity of intention and the determination to overcome any health problems. When you know what you want you'll have a greater desire to make it happen. Total wellness is within your reach.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It looks as though your list of obligations is going to grow even longer. You're going to be busy in your career and equally busy socializing. In order to achieve as much as you want, you need to have access to an unlimited source of energy. The way to do this is to get into peak condition. Work out daily and eat the foods that make the perfect fuel for your body.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The stars are encouraging you to explore new horizons as far as your health is concerned. Don't stick with the tried and trusted, as this is the best time to venture into the unknown. Try not to consume too many greasy or fatty foods, as doing so may take its toll on your liver. Above all, enjoy getting into sports and being out in the fresh air.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

A new energy this week brings you a wonderful opportunity to commit to greater health. It's essential that your emotional health take priority. Make sure that you aren't burying your head in the sand with regard to an important issue. Don't try to pretend it isn't happening. You need to face the problem head on. By doing so you'll notice an immediate improvement in your physical health.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your emotions are heightened this week, and you will be more sensitive than usual. From this point on it would help you to pay attention to getting the right nutrition for your body. Check if you have any allergies or intolerance to foods. Once you have the whole picture, you'll know what you can eat and which food supplements would suit you best.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Thursday is a fabulous time of this week for some new resolutions. The stars give you carte blanche to make changes to your exercise program, diet, and any treatments you may be receiving for health issues. It's a time of new beginnings. You have two weeks to get moving and create a lifestyle that brings you plenty of energy and happiness.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The dominant energy flowing through your chart this week is associated with change and transformation at the deepest level. This means that you'll be diving into all aspects of your being and working on those areas that have become toxic. It will also encourage you to eat fresh food on a daily basis and cut out junk food, caffeine, and too much sugar.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Sometimes you get too stuck in your head and forget that you even have a body. On Wednesday it's time to remember that you owe a debt of gratitude to your body. You can show your appreciation by working out on a daily basis, eating the right food, and refraining from everything that's bad for your system. It's time to transform your eating habits big time.

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EARLY ARMENIAN IMMIGRATION ON TGHS ROSTER

The community is invited to hear The Glendale Historical Society board member Ani Mnatsakanyan on April 28 at 7 p.m. as she shares stories of resilience and strength in the Armenian American community.

This online event is free and open to all; however, advance reservations are required. To register, visit https://glendalehistorical.org/yettem.

JBHS PLANS REUNION

Calling all graduates from John Burroughs High School class of 1962!

The 60th year class reunion celebration will be held at the Burbank Elks Lodge at 2232 N. Hollywood Way in Burbank on Saturday, June 25 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Come and renew old friendships, share memories and catch up on what's new. The Reunion Committee has planned an evening of fine dining, music enjoyed "back in the day" in addition to video and photo opportunities to capture the moments of this grand event.

JBHS Class of 1962 only: Have a fav song from our era? Submit the song title and song artist(s) as a reunion celebration playlist is being created.

For more information, please contact Chuck Chavoor at cchavoor@gmail.com.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com.

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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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Samsung's TV isn't compatible with the MLB app. Can I get a refund?

Before Tom Moran buys his 58" Samsung Smart TV, he asks a representative if the unit is compatible with the MLB app. Samsung says it is – but it isn't. Does he deserve a refund?

I went on Samsung's website in November 2020 and requested a recommendation from their salesperson for a television that is compatible with the MLB app. I have a copy of the chat. I purchased a 58"

Class TU7000 Crystal UHD 4K Smart TV based on the company's written recommendation.

I could not test the television until April 2021 when the baseball season started. And when I did, the app didn't work.

I have copies of all emails between Samsung and me. First, Samsung said the TV was past the return deadline. Then it promised it would give me an in-warranty repair. But the problem with that is you can't make a television compatible with a simple repair.

Then, in another email, it claimed there is no fault with the television and there's nothing it can do.

I believe Samsung should take responsibility for its mistake. It sold me the wrong television. I'd like to return the TV and get a refund of \$385. I hope you can help me with this.

- Tom Moran, Naples, Florida

A: Samsung should have given you the correct advice. The TV you ordered is not compatible with the MLB app. But you wouldn't discover this until the baseball season started, months after your purchase, and that complicated matters.

I'm not sure what the representatives meant when they said your TV was past the return window. For your TV, you had a one-year warranty that didn't apply to this situation. The monitor worked fine, but not as promised.

I'm in awe of the paper trail you kept. Not only did you save the online chat between you and Samsung – the one where it said the monitor would work with the MLB app – but you also have an email in which Samsung promises to accept the return of the TV. That's all you needed to resolve this case.

Or was it? Well, when I reviewed Samsung's paper trail, it appeared to backtrack, telling you it had no record of a promise made about compatibility, claiming the TV was out of warranty when it technically never was "in" warranty and then pivoting and agreeing to an in-warranty repair, which was doomed to fail. Wow, what a mess.

You could have appealed this home run of a case to Samsung's executives. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of Samsung's customer service managers on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

I contacted Samsung on your behalf. It refunded the purchase price of your TV, as promised.

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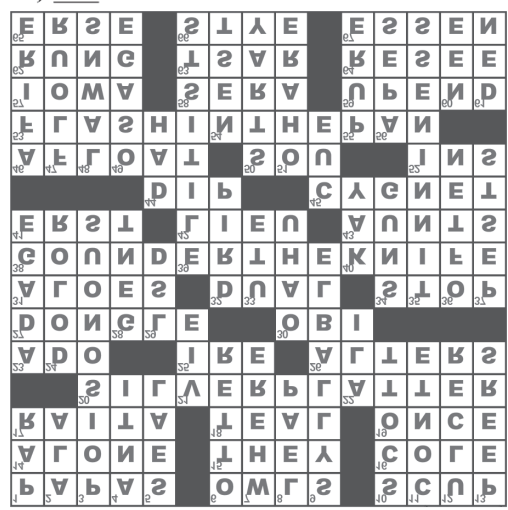
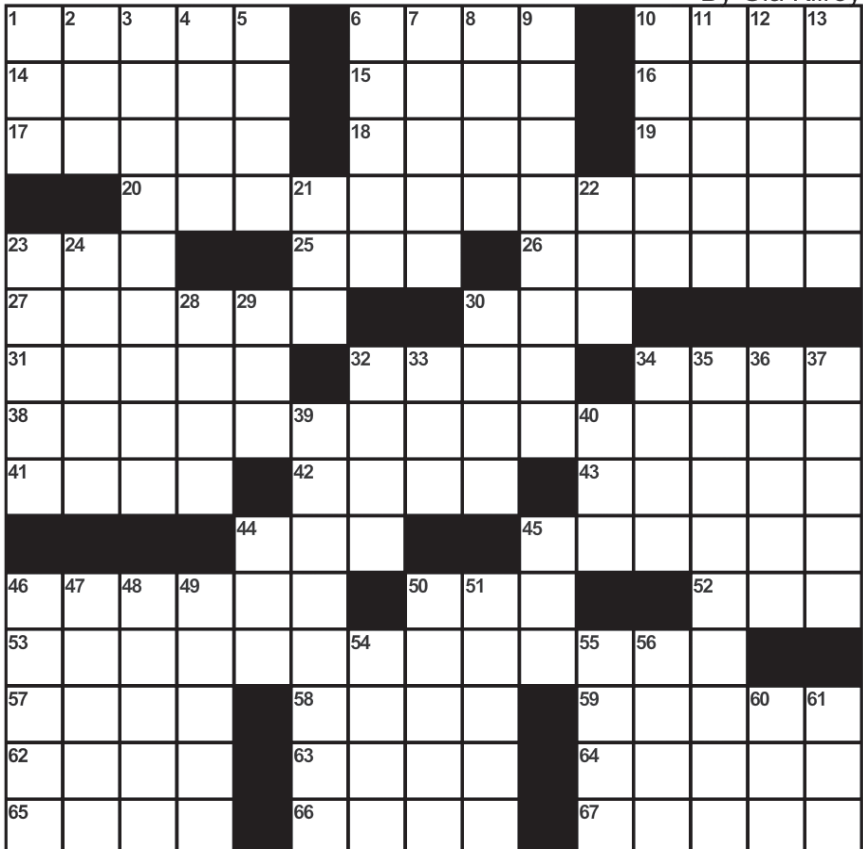
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GOURMET KICHEN

By Gia Kilroy



PET OF THE WEEK: CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!

# RELIGION

**Q**uestion: We've been attending a Christian Church since our two children, ages 6 and 8, were babies. The Sunday school they attend while we're in what they call "big church" is great! Every week, there is a Bible story and a lesson about being kind and loving. We get to hear about their lessons at lunch after church.

Last week, the lesson was about David and Goliath. Their teacher emphasized that the lesson meant that God could help them with all problems and even big problems. They were both excited about the lesson as they were telling us. We were excited, too, because this is a great way to build faith in children. The problem happened in school the following day when our 6-year-old was telling his friend about the story. His friend told him there was no way a giant could be brought down with a slingshot. Quite frankly, we were without words to comfort the little guy except to say that God helped David and he can help you.

Is there anything else we could have said to our discouraged son?  
~ Concerned Parents

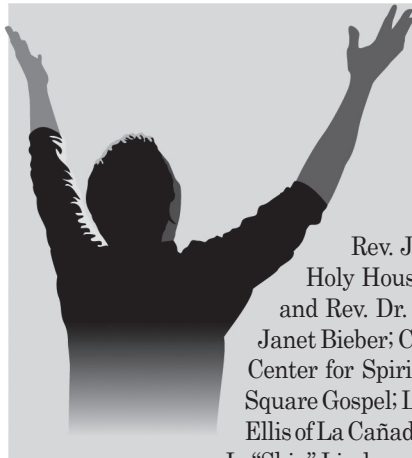
Dear Concerned Parents,  
Awwww! I just want to hug your 6-year-old and tell him/her that

everything will be okay – and I think what you told your child was good, too: God can help you even with big problems such as Goliath. (That name means "giant," by the way. Goliath wasn't his given name!)

We all want to protect our children from harm and we even want to preserve their innocence in this sometimes cruel world. But the truth is that we can't no matter how much we might want to do so. Maybe what your child experienced was his/her first experience of scoffers in real life.

Remember George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"? The character Sportin' Life sings the song, "It Ain't Necessarily So," and he even sings about David slaying Goliath with the implication being that just because the Bible says so, it ain't necessarily so.

Now for the hard part ... that scoffer at school was partially right. What the stone from David's slingshot did was stun Goliath and maybe even knock him out. Goliath died when David cut off his head. Sorry, but the Bible doesn't mince words and I'm sure the Sunday school teacher didn't want to be explicit about the gory details of how the big Philistine met his end. So do you want to tell your child the truth?



## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

### SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson, RScP, Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Community Life Church; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church; Michelle Gillette, Unity Chaplain/Pasadena; Andy Gero, VFW Chaplain.

Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

I am probably not being very helpful here and, if so, I apologize. But maybe you could tell your child that what's important is what the Bible story means, not necessarily what the Bible story says. I am not a Biblical literalist, but I know a lot of people are. What I like to say is that I take the Bible seriously but not literally.

I think you have made a good start with your child. Please continue!

Sincerely,

The Rev. C. L.  
"Skip" Lindeman  
lindemanskip@yahoo.com



P.S. Thankfully, the David and Goliath story comes after the Noah's Ark story, so maybe your child won't have to deal with that story this time around! Seriously, maybe your child will become a Biblical scholar. Maybe now is an excellent time to suggest such an endeavor.

Dear Concerned Parents,  
I believe the lesson here for parents is that this will happen time and again throughout our child's life. It will definitely occur with our children's faith, it will also happen when they share a big accomplishment or something amazing they received, and just about anything else that a human might tell a friend, schoolmate and co-worker one day.

One life lesson here is that not everyone believes the same way we do – plain and simple. However, we do have support and people who do share our beliefs. A second life lesson is that sometimes kids at school can challenge us, disagree, argue and just generally try to make us feel bad – because they're kids! Children can be mean!

I had a "friend" in elementary school who was part of our general friend group and Girl Scouts. So there was no avoiding her completely. She would say something contrary to anything I said. She would also say random things to stir the pot. An example: "Why do you always wear your hood up on your coat?" This

was said with disdain. She literally wasn't a very nice child. Many other students were hurt by her grumpy negativity. Finally, a third lesson is sometimes people are jealous and try to put us in our place, so to speak. Why might a child be jealous of that biblical story? He could be jealous in general of other things about your son. He could be jealous if he doesn't have a close-knit family that spends time with him, takes him to church and has lunch with his family.

So while I am not giving you exact words to use, I am suggesting that you comfort your child by sharing life lessons, how people can act sometimes and that just because this child does not agree with your son, it does not mean that your son is wrong. Teach him not to take things personally, explain what that means. Life lessons are just as important as academics, learning about our faith, and making and keeping relationships.

I hope this helps your young son.



The Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian  
kimberlie.zakarian@gmail.com

**Q**uestion: When my children were younger, I did everything I could to keep our family together even though their father had a wandering eye. I didn't want to turn them against him. I do have to say he was a good father.

When the kids were in their teens, the situation was out in the open because he asked for a divorce after a marriage of over 20 years so he could marry another woman. When the kids found out they said they love their dad and they love me and weren't making any judgments. Even though their dad did what he did, they continue to idolize him and I'm pretty much low priority for them.

Fortunately, I have a life and lots of friends but I have to admit their lack of attention gets to me if I think about it too often. My question is how does one really get over a betrayal like this?

~ Discarded Wife and Mother

Dear Discarded Wife and Mother,

In one's lifetime we all experience betrayals. Inasmuch as we have no control over such events it is best to learn how to let them go! Everyone is guilty of doing things unconsciously, which means they cannot explain why. Sometimes it can alienate best friends or end up in a divorce or whatever. Many people just don't know themselves well enough, which is the basis of many problems.

Security develops mostly in our youth and, unfortunately, it can often manifest itself as being insecure as an adult. This is mostly due to a change in one's lifestyle that is not acceptable or uncontrollable. This anomaly does control behavior.

The list is endless. Why do people behave the way they do? Realize it's difficult to let everything be okay, but one must learn to do so; otherwise, they can easily become part of the problem.

Pray for your friends, especially the people you love. It's comforting to do so. Most importantly, you care! God bless!



Andy Gero, VFW Chaplain  
ajgero46@gmail.com


Dear Discarded Wife and Mother,

First, I want to congratulate you on being such a wonderful parent. Your desire to encourage your children to love both you and your ex-husband equally is so important in helping build long-term trust and self-esteem. Sadly, children often believe their parents are getting a divorce because of them. This belief influences behavior in so many different ways and can affect their lives for years. When parents don't talk or continue years of anger towards each other, children are led to believe they have to take sides.

Know that God's presence is active in your life and in your decision on how to co-parent. Your loving actions guide the many choices your children make as they get older. They will pass the ability

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**NOTES & NODS**

**LCIF News**

A special service will be held this Sunday to remember all lives lost during the pandemic because so many people were unable to gather for memorials during the pandemic, said Pastor Bunnell. All are welcome to submit names of their departed to the church's office and those loved ones will be memorialized during Sunday worship.

Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues its Wednesday evening Lenten services at 7 p.m. while it prepares for festivities surrounding Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Looking ahead to Easter, the church has planned a morning of fun activities leading up to the 10 a.m. worship service. Children can enjoy a bunny petting zoo, egg hunt, crafts and games. Brunch will also be served. All are welcome.

Bible school has resumed for children ages 5-10. Families should meet in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. After the children's sermon, the kids head off to the youth room for a Bible lesson and fun times.

Sunday services with Pastor Bunnell begin at 10 a.m. in-person and also live streamed on the church's YouTube channel. The services can be viewed anytime on LCIF's website.

Wednesday evening services include a soup-to-go meal. Attendees will receive homemade soup, rolls and cookies to be eaten at home.

Also, a reminder that Pastor Bunnell's lecture series continues on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the church's conference room. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org, or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Walk and Word**

In April, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on April 10, 17 & 24. 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.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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.

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to love that they learned from you on to their children.

As humans, love that we receive on an ongoing basis becomes something we expect. Love between parents and children isn't always acknowledged on a daily basis but it always remains the foundation of our lives. Try setting up a routine where each person gives each of the other people a daily compliment. Make it fun by exchanging these blessings with each other over breakfast or when someone comes home from school or work. It will remind everyone to connect and express their love often. The compliments, encouraging words and blessings can be in many different forms. Spoken, written, sung, danced ... anything that brings joy.

Letting go of a betrayal is letting go of how we feel about it. We are taught to tell ourselves we are the reason things didn't work out, even if we didn't initiate the problem. But what if you take a step back and, in that sacred space, that moment of breath, realize it isn't about you? That it is actually the other person's issue and we don't have to participate in it.

People needing validation from more than one person has unresolved issues of their own. The fear of not being loved takes over their life. This can manifest in many different forms such as involving other people or exhibiting indifference or anger and putting down other people.

These are control patterns that come from fear, not love.

We can't change other people; however, we can change ourselves. Every time you blame yourself or think anything negative about yourself, stop and say something about yourself that you love. Always replace right away your negative thoughts and words with positive thoughts and words. Do this consistently and, over time, it will become a habit. Expressing love for yourself will become the thoughts, words, deeds and actions that create the peaceful and joyful life that you desire.

You are a divinely guided person who is willing to open your heart and share your love with family and friends. Remember to share your love with yourself as well. Your love for yourself will keep you healthy and happy. And, the more you love yourself, the more you can truly love others.

In Love, Light & Blessings,



Michelle Gillette,  
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But just cleaning and making repairs in the area was not enough for Durst. This project has become more than just a restoration project; it has become a mission for him.  
At the core of Durst's vision is respect for those buried at the cemetery. For example, it was important to him that trails were installed. Prior to their installation, people would walk on the graves because they could not see them.  
"Now they are visible," he said.  
Actor Bill Pullman and his wife have helped with the refurbishing project and created the beginning of a path/trail on Pioneer Hill that honors those

who founded the area. For his Eagle Project, a Boy Scout from Troop 315 has taken over caring for the trail and will complete it. The Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery and members of the Little Landers Historical Society are part of the volunteer force working to revitalize the cemetery. Additional help, both financial and physical, is needed. For example, of the 2,247 people who were recorded as buried at the cemetery there are only 220 headstones. So Durst is creating a brick memorial where the names of those who do not have a headstone will be engraved. Each brick costs \$40, which covers the purchase of the brick

and helps with building of the Soldiers Stairway, a memorial that will honor veterans buried at Verdugo Hills Cemetery.  
That those who were buried at this cemetery have been forgotten due to time, neglect and Mother Nature is what fuels Durst's passion.  
"I just have a feeling if someone reads your name and contemplates your life, even for a [short] time, then you're not forgotten," he said.  
Moving forward, volunteers are invited to help at the cemetery every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring gardening equipment, especially anything

that can help with weeding. The cemetery is located at 7000 Parson's Trail in Tujunga.  
For those who cannot make it to the cemetery to help, there are other ways to show support. Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery is asking for flower donations for the 100th anniversary event on April 23. Call Allen's Flower Market at (818) 273-9222 to donate.  
To make a donation for the engraved bricks, visit bricksrus.com/donorsite/veteransvhc. Just enter VHC in the custom engraving section. The names that will be engraved will be selected by the staff of the Friends of Verdugo Hills

Cemetery. Any amount added to the additional donation field will go toward the purchase of more bricks.  
Those who would like to donate via a check can do so by making the check payable to Little Landers Historical Society and mailing it to Bolton Hall, LLHS, P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, California 91043. If the donation is for the bricks, write "bricks" in the memo area of the check; otherwise the donation will go into the general fund.  
The community is encouraged to learn more at the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/friendsofVHC.

PORTANTINO from Cover

install a commercial dish machine to schools and community colleges across our state, and provide the means for both cost savings and a huge reduction of waste," stated Monica Campagna, campus caretaker at Franklin Elementary in Glendale. "As we saw at Franklin Elementary in Glendale where I tend the campus grounds, moving to reusables means not having to confront stock shortages and rising prices of single-use items, far fewer waste bins and bag changes for custodians, less waste hauling pickup services to pay for, less litter on our campus and approximately one thousand spork sets and throwaway trays not being sent to the landfill or compost facility each week. I've seen for myself the many positive changes a dishwasher in a cafeteria can make, and I wish this for every school and community college across our state."

SB 1255 would require the Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery to award grants of up to \$40,000 per kitchen of a school or campus and to develop administrative guidelines for implementation of the program. The bill would require the department to develop materials and conduct outreach to those local educational agencies about the program and authorize them to work with the State Dept. of Education, the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, or other relevant state agencies for purposes of the program. Finally, SB 1255 would make the implementation of these provisions contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

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to streamline community opinion via regular surveys and neighborhood outreach allowing us to have a greater understanding of what the community desires. Like any team, being able to easily communicate with one another in a coordinated group effort is what propels us forward.

If these projects sound like something you may want to get on board with or if you're inspired to jump-start something that you'd like to spearhead (chili cook-off!), please reach out! If you want to keep in the loop, a great next step is to join the mailing list via our website or follow us on Instagram. We offer a daily feed of La Crescenta/CV culture.

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VETERANS from page 12

- those veterans who missed their window.
- Streamline VA's review process for establishing toxic exposure presumptions
- Concede exposure to airborne hazards/burn pits based on locations and dates of service
- Require medical exams/opinions for certain veterans with toxic exposure disability claims
- Add hypertension and Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance to the list of presumptions for Agent Orange exposure.
- Establish a presumption of service connection for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers related to burn pits/airborne hazards exposure
- Create a presumption of exposure to radiation for veterans who participated in cleanup activities in Palomares, Spain and Enewetak Atoll

- Allow for a new tort claim for veterans and families exposed to toxic water at Camp Lejeune
- Expand Agent Orange exposure to veterans who served in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia.
- Improve data collection between VA and the Dept. of Defense
- Commission studies related to incidents of cancer among veterans, health trends of Post 9/11 veterans and feasibility of providing healthcare to dependents of veterans
- Require VA to provide standardized training to improve toxic exposure disability claims adjudications
- Require VA to conduct outreach and provide resources to toxic exposed veterans.

Blake Hyfield is the post service officer for the local VFW and American Legion posts. He can be reached at bhpegleg@yahoo.com.

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