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## White Cross Has Blessed The Valley Since 1923

BY DAVID DEMULLÉ

The Annual Easter Sunrise Service, (Sunday, April 16) as coordinated through the Verdugo Hills Ministerial Association (VHMA), will be a beautiful experience and a dramatic reminder of Christ's promised resurrection after his death. This service has been a Sunland-Tujunga Easter Tradition since 1926, and will be held at The Cross of San Ysidro on McGroarty Peak in Tujunga.

Vans will begin to transport people to the cross starting at 4:30 a.m., from the corner of Foothill Blvd. and Hillhaven

(next to the Travel Inn). The service will begin promptly at 6 a.m. and conclude by 7 a.m. The worship will be led by the New Hope Worship Band, along with musicians from many of the local churches. The Verdugo Hills Ministerial Association has coordinated the service with several of the area pastors participating.

In 1992, the Los Angeles Times religion editor John Dart wrote that old newspaper clippings indicate that a cross was first erected on the peak in 1923 and was dedicated in a ceremony led by a Catholic priest. The sunrise service,

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The Cross of San Ysidro overlooks Sunland-Tujunga.

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### Hey, Herb Wesson!



Don't forget Tranquil Place.

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Firefighter calls for more water as apartment explodes in flames

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### Pet Etiquette for Hotel Stays

With the summer travel season in full swing, many families are planning their travels...and bringing along their pets to stay with them at pet friendly hotels. Be sure to plan ahead and take all the necessary precautions to ensure that your pets' travels

during the summer are happy and safe ones.

For many, summer travel means staying at a pet friendly hotel. It's important to make sure that you and your pet are prepared. Following some simple tips will help to

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All fires are tragedies, but this April 1 apartment fire on the 7000 block of Greeley St. was more so.

Jesse Arelleno was in the his kitchen when the fire broke out. He had been released from the hospital the day before after having had brain surgery.

The fire burned with such intensity that he was not able to escape. His wife made it out though the smoke and

flames and watched in horror as the apartment and everything in it was destroyed. She not only lost her husband but her home, two cats and her beloved bird, Sunshine.

Her nephew has set up a GoFundMe account to help with the funeral costs. Please do what you can by logging on to: [www.gofundme.com/ejrbt6-ease-the-financial-burden-for-lelah](http://www.gofundme.com/ejrbt6-ease-the-financial-burden-for-lelah).

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ensure that your hotel stay with your pet is an enjoyable one.

It's recommended to book a room on the ground floor and by an exit. This will make it much easier for you to take your pet out for bathroom breaks.

Make sure to always clean up after your pet. A good rule of thumb is to bring along your own poop bags so you will always be prepared.

Be sure to exercise your pet; this means walks. Ask hotel personnel about the best places to walk your pet.

Treat the hotel room with respect; this means covering any furniture and beds that your pet may be allowed on.

If traveling with a cat, place their litter boxes in the bathroom. This will make clean-up much easier.

It's recommended that you not leave your pet unattended in your hotel room. Even the best behaved pets can bark and become destructive when in new surroundings. If you must leave your pet alone, be sure that it's for a very short time. Alert the front desk that your pet is alone in the room and try putting on the TV or a radio to make your pet more comfortable.

If your pet travels with a crate or kennel, place them in it when leaving the room. In addition, place a note on the hotel door indicating that your pet is in the room.

Don't leave any pests behind. Before leaving home be sure to give your pet a good cleaning and de-flea & de-tick them. This means a good flea and tick bath along with utilizing preventative flea and tick control. Leaving behind a stinky smell, or worse, fleas or ticks is the kind of thing that makes pet friendly accommodations change their pet friendly policies. In addition, if a deposit is required, these types of things could very well prevent you from getting it back.

Accidents happen! Even pets that have never had an "accident" indoors may do so under stress. Bring along a disinfectant as well as a rag in the event that you have to clean up after your pet. Not doing so could also cause a loss of deposit.

To ensure that you're welcomed back, keep your pet on a leash and avoid taking them into dining rooms and other restricted areas.

Following some common sense rules this summer will help ensure that you and your pet have a happy and safe trip.

# Bad Ass Boxes Has Some Bad-Ass Chicks

BY ALEJANDRO MAGALLANES

The hostess of the comedy show at the Legion Hall announced that we would be taking a five minute break. It was a much needed break. Sitting through comic after comic and literally laughing until it hurt was starting to take its toll. I stepped outside for a breath of fresh air. The man next to me lit up a cigarette, smiling. I smiled back, "These women are hilarious, aren't they?" He nodded, responding, "It's about time we get something good in this town!"

That's the way it felt at The Cougars of Comedy show held two Saturdays ago at the American Legion Hall. It was a night of side-splitting laughter. The ad in this paper stated that it could make you "pee in your pants" and I wouldn't be surprised if someone actually did.

There's something about women in their forties and fifties. It's as if all the beauty magazines, asshole boyfriends, and judgements from mother they had to absorb in their teens, twenties and thirties finally reach a boiling point,



I'll bet you can't guess what is in this bag!

and the real woman inside explodes at 40 and 50, screaming, "No more!" What you're left with is the genuine beauty of a real woman, with enough joy, rage, and creativity to lead an entire crowd of people into uproarious laughter.

What was best about this evening of risqué comic debauchery was fund-raising for a good cause. Correction. A great cause. This comedy show was brought to us by a local, non-profit organization called Bad Ass Boxes. This family-run organization delivers boxes of essential items to our Special Operations troops deployed all over the world, one platoon at a time.

I have to say that the great-

est gift of Bad Ass Boxes is their President, Andrea. Where the female comics she works with call themselves the cougars of comedy, Andrea is certainly the cougar cub: young, beautiful, energetic, and sharp. When I asked her about how this organization started, she blatantly explained that she was drunk at a whiskey bar, talking to a couple handsome servicemen who were being deployed the next morning. After hearing this, she excitedly exclaimed, "I'm gonna send you something!" One hangover and two aspirin later, Andrea realized, "Aww, shit. I told those guys I was gonna send them some-

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## Book Review: Clocks & Water Drops by Marlene Hitt, Poet

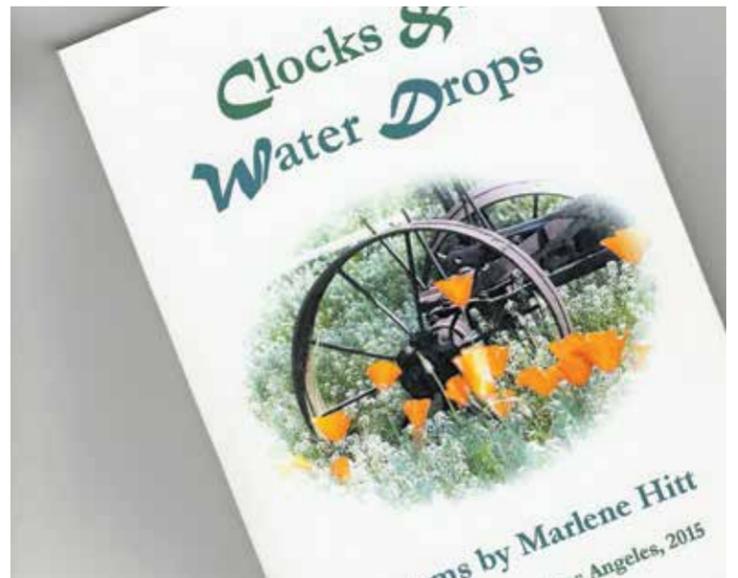
BY DAVID DEMULLÉ

As a longtime fan of the wit and wisdom of Marlene Hitt, I had overlooked the possibility of her penning a work of art that transcends the everyday realities of our little vortex.

Over the years, I have gleefully read and enjoyed the rivalries of the different authors attempting to lay out what Sunland-Tujunga really was at the time of its founding. Authors such as Mary Lee Tiernin, Mary Lou Pozzo and Sara Lombard called out in detail the trials and tribulations of our forbearers into a stark Reality of facts. Facts melded with conjecture, stories woven together through the researches of these esteemed ladies.

And then, I discovered the brilliance of Marlene as an observer of the strengths and frailties of those who lived here and were in daily contact with Marlene the child, the woman, and the chronicler.

As I flowed through the corridors of her mind, hand in hand with her memories, and



always with the touchstone of those objects that are still here to be seen in one form or another, I felt the relationships of all the characters that she not only allows to present themselves, but to reveal their stories and diversities in a natural flow and rhythm that both awes and propels you through her past and into your presence.

As each chapter/door opens and then leads to another, you are taken on a magical journey through the eyes of a child/woman. Joy, sorrow and feelings with an overall sense of

having participated in both her growth and the growth of our community, leads the reader on and on, until at last, you can let out your breath and relax — from the wondrous journey that has made you feel wise, worn and petulant.

I promise that you will discover the humor of Marlene the observer, rich with the experiences of life, with a little self-deprecation thrown in.

Clocks & Water Drops is a wonderful read.

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Things are happening, things are changing — and you, the reader, are a part of our future history.

I received a phone call the other day and the woman was absolutely irate. “How dare you print that stuff?” she yelled. “Don’t you understand that people read your paper and they’re getting the wrong idea(s) about our town?” Damn I’m glad she was on the phone and not here in person. I calmly and with what I hoped was my most soothing voice, asked her, “Exactly what do you want me to print?” That was a mistake, because she told me what she wanted. “GOOD NEWS! None of that stuff that attacks people or shows what stupid things they are doing.”

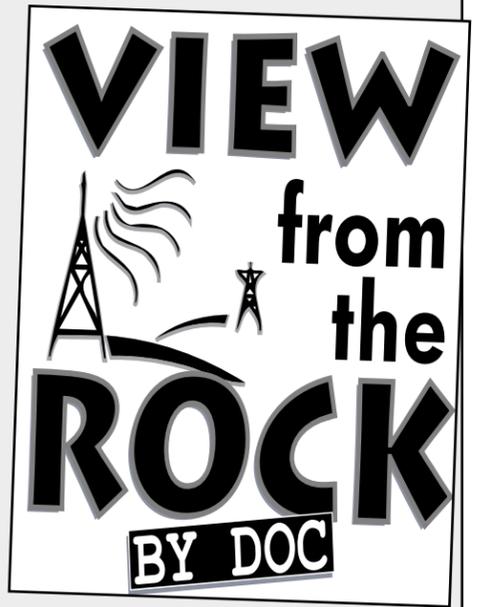
Well boys and girls, she’s right. There are a lot of things that people do that they aren’t proud of. And of course, I print it. Why not? Maybe someone will learn something from it. And it boils down to people. People doing really bad

things to our community under the cloak of authority. I think that our neighbors should know about how we lost the Watermelon Festival. How we lost Old Timers Day. How the Rotary club is a fraud (but a good fraud) and can’t get or keep enough mental derelicts in the club to meet the Rotary International requirements for membership. And that puts the 4th of July Parade in jeopardy of being lost also.

There was a time here in Sunland-Tujunga when the Rotary Club and Lions Club were the organizations that people really wanted to be a member of. And then a little four-letter word got in their way (LIAR). Oh, don’t let me forget our good friend Sonia Tatulian who took over and raped these organizations and actually destroyed all that was good in our community. Gosh, let’s not talk about losing her bank manager job because of insider trading. Or the missing money at the

tills of the carnival events and the flat out lying about our community members.

Yup, I guess the caller was right. We shouldn’t talk about things like this. It might make people not want to live here. Hummmmmmmmm, that sounds like a good idea also. Look around you, and try to remember six years ago when people were actually happy here. And then the wet blanket was dropped on us. And it all started going to hell. And we haven’t yet recovered from it. BUT ONE THING NEVER CHANGED! With all the lies and deceit, the back-stabbing, name-calling and character assassination, the community kept going. Through it all, there was one thing that happened every year and never became sullied or smeared or dragged through the mire. It was the S-T annual Easter Sunrise Celebration that brought and bound our community together. Nothing could touch it for its simplicity



and purity. “One Community Under God” became our mantra once every year. And the members of the Verdugo Hills Ministerial Association were the keepers of the faith. And for one brief shining moment every year, we all became brothers and sisters, and it made us ONE.

For this I give thanks — and no, it had nothing to do with the water.

## THE FOOTHILLS LETTERS & PERSPECTIVES

### Ticked off about too many tickets

Dear Editor,

This is an email I sent to the manager at Vons on Foothill Blvd.

I pay attention to the purchases of other customers, and may I say, with this one exception, your cashiers are very bright and friendly, and I had some amazing conversations w/other customers there.

I did not see, say 90 packages of onion soup mix (an example, 1 extra ticket). It was a normal order of groceries.

It would be easy enough to track this down; your people tracked down my purchases when I had a question about your digital coupons. I know

that you don’t have cameras watching transactions, but the cashier could easily be identified from my receipt, and questioned.

You no doubt realized that this looks horrid to other customers, like the monopoly program is a farce. (I’m sure that it is costing you a pretty penny for the game board, pieces, programming, etc.) NINETY-TWO game pieces, really. Was that customer a friend or relative of that cashier?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would just throw up a public post about this if I didn’t care about helping you to build your customer base!

RB, Tujunga

And their reply

On Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 8:53 PM, Noah Tessler <Noah.Tessler@safeway.com> wrote:

Hi Ms. RB

I will pass your concerns along to our office. Some of the items in the store offer double tickets, so if the customer bought a lot of double ticket items, that could be part of the reason they received so many.

Thank you again for your time,

Noah Tessler  
Assistant Store Director  
Vons #2124

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### Correction on James Dean Mural Artist



Sorry, we left off the artists plaque from the James Dean Mural.

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## New Housing Development

by Ed Castellanos

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I’m torn between the understanding that here in Los Angeles County, there is a real need for new housing and empathizing with the existing home owner wanting to keep his neighborhood as is.

Today, I’m going to look at the pros and cons of new housing for sale in our community.

According to C.A.R. (California Association of Realtors) Los Angeles County has been well below the national average for new housing developments in the past 10 years. The local real estate market is strong and demand is high. Prices in Los Angeles County have just about reached the peak levels of

2008. Homes are worth more today than almost any time before. Many homes are selling with multiple offer and some are selling over asking price. It is common for a home buyer to be in competition bidding on a home and many times they will need to put a few offers before they win the bid. At this point in

time we have a lack of inventory and new housing is desperately needed and welcomed for a home buyer looking for that American dream. New housing will give well qualified home buyers the opportunity to become home owners. Home owners have a stake in the

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## Social Security Matters

### Ask Rusty: WEP - Substantial Earnings Test

BY AMAC-CERTIFIED SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR RUSSELL GLOOR

Dear Rusty: I turn 62 this June. I collect a State Teachers Retirement and have been told I face a windfall reduction in my SS benefits if I have less than 30 service years in SS. Social Security claims that the years listed below do not qualify as years worked because the income is too low. Having researched SS regulations it stated that prior to 1978, quarters were earned if you made \$50 in a quarter. If this is correct can you tell me why these years listed below would not count? SS claims I am three years short of 30 because of these years: 1971 (earned \$636); 1972 (earned \$799); 1973 (earned \$2175). Thank you for your help.  
Signed: Retired Teacher

Dear Retired:

What you're referring to is Social Security's Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which applies when a person has a pension from an em-

ployer who did not withhold Social Security payroll tax, as well as income from an employer who did withhold Social Security payroll tax. In this case the question isn't really whether your income was enough to earn a "quarter credit" toward the required 40 credits to be eligible for Social Security benefits, but rather whether your income for those years met what Social Security calls their "substantial earnings" test. In order to qualify as substantial earnings in the formula for computing the WEP your Social Security earnings each year must meet or exceed a substantial earnings test. Social Security's substantial earnings minimums for the years you wrote about were: 1971 - \$1950; 1972 - \$2250; 1973 - \$2700.

So as you can see, you did not meet or exceed their Substantial Earnings requirement for the years 1971 through

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community, they shop in the community, they pay taxes, their kids (if they have kids) go to school in the community most times, and they typically eat in their community. A homeowner has a vested interest in the community in a way that renters might not. Building homes create jobs, and new homeowners will boost the local economy, new potential patronage to local shops and restaurants.

Still, I can't talk about all the pros of new housing without thinking about the existing home owner that would rather keep their neighborhood as it is. The homeowner that comes home after a busy day at work to a quite, dark Foothills street that is so common in the Sunland-Tujunga area. The problem with new housing is that it also means more traffic. The average household of three usually will have an average of two cars. With the increase in neighbor size,

there will be more traffic. More traffic means more noise, more smog and more wait times. I'm sure there are many more cons and I would love to hear your feedback on what you think.

Living in L.A. County means you're going to live in a populated area, and there is a desperate need for housing. For a community to prosper and be comfortable, I would argue that it is better having new homes for sale to people who have a stake in their property, rather than going crazy and building new apartments for lease. Home ownership always has a positive impact on the community. So if you're going to have new developments anyway, why not support new homes for sale?

I would love to hear from you. If you're a home owner, how do you feel about new housing developments in your community?

And if you are developing new housing projects, how do you highlight the positives to the community?

## California Dreamin' Comes to Glendale

BY ARLENE MASSIMINO

The California Women's Chorus, Inc. (CWC) 48th annual public concert will take place at the Glendale Hilton Hotel, 100 W. Glenoaks Blvd. in Glendale on April 30 at 2 p.m. This afternoon of songs celebrating California will be hosted by the Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus (VHWC) and the Burbank Singers. Individually, VHWC and Burbank Singers perform for civic groups, churches and retirement senior living homes in their individual communities. Suzanne Duff and Diana Tyson, event co-chairs, will present Lauren Buckley-Schaer, guest director, Naomi Sumitani, accompanist and John Musker, master of ceremonies.

The CWC, whose current membership numbers close to 300, has a dual purpose: promote choral singing among women and raise funds for music awards. Scholarships of \$2,000 each will be presented to three talented, young singers, chosen by professional adjudicators through



an audition process in February. Scholarship Chair Jeanne Long said, "All those who auditioned were fantastic and the scholarship winners will present a program you will not want to miss." One of the award winners is Elizabeth Queen, a Montrose resident. She, along with winners Niko Murakami and Kali Hardwick, will perform and receive their scholarships at the concert.

The CWC concert is preceded by a two-day convention where singers will meet up with old friends from San Diego to Santa Barbara who gather each year to perform in the CWC concerts. Registration Chair Kathy Kabuto

announced, Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 28 in the foyer of the Hilton Hotel." The 10 combined choruses will rehearse several hours over the weekend preparing for the concert. Saturday night's banquet is being chaired by Gloria Malunao and Nancy Howe. Gloria says, "This has been a new experience for me and thanks to help from Burbank Singers, it was an enjoyable one." VHWC and Burbank Singers will join together and perform at the banquet.

On Sunday afternoon, April 30, the public will be treated to a program by the combined voices of 175 CWC members

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## Movie Review: Smurfs Lost Village

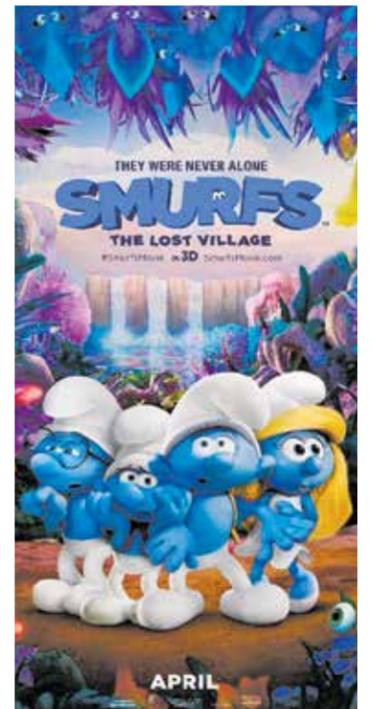
BY BOB GARVER

I make it a point not to put out year-end "worst of" lists because there are so many bad movies that I can't be bothered to see. I have better things to do with my time and money than waste them on bombs that couldn't find an audience. But rest assured that if I did put out "worst of" lists, both "The Smurfs" and "The Smurfs 2" would have featured very prominently on the 2011 and 2013 lists, respectively. Those hideous live-action/CGI hybrids were an ill-advised attempt to modernize the Smurfs, which meant lots of breakdancing and crude humor. It was obvious after the second movie that there was no future for the franchise such as it was, so the decision was made to scrap the format and start anew. The result is "Smurfs: The Lost Village," which replaces the entire voice cast, features no live-action, and dials it way back on the really painful jokes. I'm glad to say that the changes are an improvement, though there wasn't exactly a need for a new "Smurfs" movie in the first place.

The story centers around

Smurfette (Demi Lovato) and her struggle to find her place in the Smurf community. All of the other Smurfs have distinctive roles or traits that are reflected in their names. Papa Smurf (Mandy Patinkin) is fatherly, Hefty Smurf (Joe Manganiello) is strong, Clumsy Smurf (Jack McBrayer) is a klutz, Brainy Smurf (Danny Pudi) at least thinks he's smart, and so on. But Smurfette's name doesn't tell the world anything about her, so she doesn't know what she's supposed to do. She doesn't even know if she's really a Smurf, since she wasn't born into the Smurf community, but rather created by the evil wizard Gargamel (Rainn Wilson) to go undercover for nefarious purposes. She later decided to become a Smurf full-time, but is being a Smurf something one can "decide" to do?

One day Smurfette discovers that there might be another village of Smurfs living somewhere in the forest. She's immediately captured by Gargamel, who finds out about the lost Smurf village for himself. He plans to ransack the village first thing in the morning, so it's up to Smurfette, Hefty, Brainy,



and Clumsy to find the village first and warn the new Smurfs about the attack. Papa disapproves of the mission, but Smurfette believes it's her purpose to help the new Smurfs, who all turn out to be girls like her.

There's something awfully familiar about the new Smurf village. The environment stays largely on the left side of the color wheel, with lots of greens, blues, and purples. There are all manner of exciting new plants and animals. The new Smurfs

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# Tomato Soup w/ Fresh Fennel



BY CHEF RANDY

This is a wonderfully hearty vegetarian soup for the remaining overcast days of the year. Quick and easy to prepare, tomatoes and fennel pair nicely to make a tasty soup. Even better, this soup freezes well. Make a double batch and save some for a rainy day.

**Ingredients:**

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large fennel bulb (diced)
- 3 Lightlife Italian Style sausage (sliced into 1/2-inch-thick rounds)
- 1 tablespoon fennel seeds
- 2 tablespoons dry white wine
- 4 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 28-oz. can crushed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon Better than Bouillon Vegetable Base

- 3 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley (chopped)

**Directions:**

Heat oil in soup pot over medium heat. Add fennel, and sauté 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in sausage and fennel seeds, and cook 5 to 7 minutes, or until fennel seeds are slightly softened and bits of sausage are stuck to bottom of pan.

Add wine and and cook 5 to 10 seconds, scraping to deglaze pan. Add broth, tomatoes, vegetable base, and parsley.

Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, if desired, and serve with a slice of fresh Ciabatta bread.

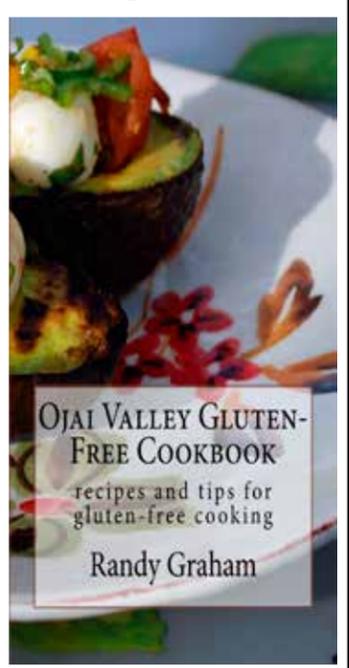
Robin likes a grilled Havarti cheese sandwich with this soup. You might try that too!

*For additional recipes,  
see Chef Randy's website at  
[valley-vegetarian.com](http://valley-vegetarian.com)*

## Get yours while they're hot!

A new cookbook, Ojai Valley Gluten-Free Cookbook, by Ojai chef and author Randy Graham is now available for purchase. All of the 87 recipes in this book are gluten-free and vegetarian. In addition, 45 of the recipes are not only gluten-free but also vegan and are denoted as such in the table of contents.

The Ojai Valley Gluten-Free Cookbook is available online at Amazon.com. For more info, see Chef Randy's website at Valley-Vegetarian.com or contact him at rgraham33@mac.com for signed copies.



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**VHWC, from pg. 4**  
who enjoy participating in this annual event held in different California cities every spring.  
Come join us at the Glendale Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom for an afternoon of

fun and music for the entire family.  
Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus and Burbank Singers encourage any woman who loves the joy of singing to investigate a CWC chorus. The Web site [www.cwchorus](http://www.cwchorus) lists CWC choruses as well as lo-

cation and contact information for each. There may be one in your neighborhood.  
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# Applicants Wanted: Women's Wildfire Training Camp 2017

U.S. Forest Service fire management officials announced today that they are seeking women candidates to attend the 2017 Women in Wildfire Basic Training Camp. The fire training camp is designed to prepare women for entry-level wildland firefighter jobs throughout the Pacific Southwest and Northwest regions of the United States.

The training camp will train women on basic firefighting techniques and fire behavior, give hands-on training on fire suppression equipment, and will introduce trainees to the Incident Management System. The camp will challenge trainees in field exercises structured for trainees to apply what they have learned in wildland field environment.

The Women in Wildfire Basic Training Camp is structured to provide leadership skills, enhance critical thinking skills, and promote professional development.

Upon completion participants may compete for entry level wildland fire positions with the U.S. Forest Service and with other wildland firefighting agencies throughout the United States.

The Women in Wildfire Basic Training Camp begins Monday, June 5 and ends Friday, June 9. This five-day, four-night camp will be hosted on the Angeles National Forest. Those selected to participate will receive pay for the training and for the fitness test portion of the camp. Lodging and meals are provided. Participants must pass the federal firefighter's work capacity test at the arduous level prior to start of the training if they are selected for the camp. Information on the work capacity test is included in the outreach and in the application.

To apply for Women in Wildfire Training Camp, please visit the Web site: [www.fs.usda.gov/angeles](http://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles).

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## Veterans Get JumpStart From Glendale Communitas Initiative



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The JumpStart program, available in both Spanish and English, offers quick referral, personal, and placement services to help people get back on their feet and moving forward. "Our partnership with Glendale Communitas advances our mission: providing comprehensive 'best practice'

care to our clients," said Lisa Raggio, executive director of Wellness Works Glendale.

"Communitas case managers' cultural competence with veterans is invaluable, and they have an impressive track record of getting people back on their feet through co-created action plans. We're eager to see what our clients will achieve when they have the opportunity to benefit from individualized financial planning and career counseling."

"Glendale Communitas Initiative is proud to assist service members and their families by connecting them to leadership opportunities, jobs, and resources as well as financial management education for the entire family," said Jason

Schlatter, executive director of the Glendale Communitas Initiative. "The JumpStart program is specifically geared towards those who have had a life change, or just need a little guidance or boost on their pathway to success. We consider it an honor to assist veterans in translating their military service into successes on the home front."

This partnership program is funded with a grant from Dignity Health. To register for an appointment with Communitas at Wellness Works, veterans and their families should call (818) 247-2062. DD-214 or current documentation of active military status, including National Guard or Reservists, is required.

# THE FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY PAGE

## Recent Safe Streets Town Hall a Success!

BY ALEJANDRO MAGALLANES

The April 8 Streets Committee meeting went off without a hitch. It was a great turnout. Local authorities came out to talk. Foothill traffic officers were on hand, welcoming input from the community. Assembly-member Raul Bocanegra spoke about changes he's trying to make to curb street racing. Vision Zero's top engineers gave a complete explanation of the program, its involvement with Los Angeles, and its concern for Foothill Blvd. Even the two candidates running for the CD7 seat showed up to hear what everyone had to say. It was a great day.

Days later, the street changes began. That is when all hell broke loose. People who didn't know about Vision Zero, our Safe Streets Committee, or the Saturday morning meetings buckled-up behind their computers, laptops, and mobile devices

to let loose on Facebook, detailing their anger about the local street changes.

Citizens were angry that no one warned them about the lane changes. Paranoia set in about what changes would be coming next. Eve Sinclair, Chairperson for the STNC appointed Safe Streets Committee, jumped into the Facebook fray, giving factual data about when, where, and why the changes were happening. That only brought her out into the open to become the target where everyone could throw their blame.

The funny thing is, this is what we have been dealing with since the committee began in August. Everyone reacts. Many don't even ask questions. They shoot and ask questions later. We know this. We're used to it. We usually just wait for the dust to settle, then explain our collective mission. And that's what we did at our follow-up meeting one week

after the town hall.

A Safe Streets meeting took place days after the street changes. We had a slightly larger crowd than usual, which was great. There were no local authorities this time. There were only the usual committee members and Doc from The Foothills Paper, who has been covering the meetings since August.

Eve Sinclair opened the meeting with the same detailed traffic information the committee has been giving for months; however, there are always new faces at the meeting, so we must inform everyone again, every time. Eve also gave new information and updates. Then, she opened the floor to public opinion.

As a committee member, I was completely grateful to hear from everyone. One guest explained how some in the community felt that the changes were being forced upon them. Another shared



their view that Vision Zero was part of a global scheme to force drivers out of their cars and get them onto bikes. These audience members explained their complete distrust in Vision Zero.

Then there were the people who welcomed the changes. Some citizens who live nearby said that the street changes made no dramatic change in their commute, and they were completely happy. Cyclists stood up and shared their gratitude for the new safety measures. They were overjoyed that they were given their own lane, and

they would no longer be inadvertently pissing-off drivers. Neighborhood councilmembers from Sylmar and Lake View Terrace applauded the entire audience and committee for their participation and concern for our city.

After Eve carefully explained the process our streets are going through to make it safer for everyone, the audience seemed to understand. Those who fought for their anger simply stormed out of the meeting in a huff, but that was only a

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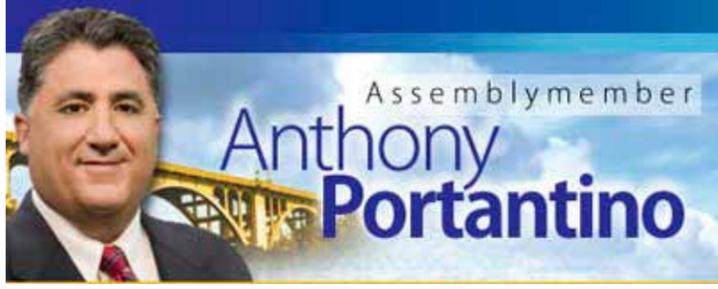
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# Portantino Helps Research New Education Models for Best Practices



Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge) introduced SB 25 on the first day he assumed office. This bill requests the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) to assess the integration of California’s K–14 schools, examine best practices education models used in Europe, and research expansion of concurrent enrollment programs to help formulate a new and updated education model for the 21st century.

In addition, the bill asks the LAO to make recommendations to better transition students from community colleges to the University of California or the California State University systems. The bill also requires the LAO to submit their findings in a report to the legislature by January 1, 2019.

In late January, Senator Portantino and the Legislative Analyst, Mac Taylor, sat down to discuss SB 25 in more depth. After a robust discussion, Mr. Taylor and the LAO agreed to not wait for the bill to become law and begin work on formulating recommendations immediately. In essence, the LAO

will complete the scope of work requested, starting immediately.

“I commend Mr. Taylor and his staff for their eagerness and willingness to research a collection of important topics that will ensure a brighter future for the California education system and its students. It is our duty as leaders in this state to make sure our students are provided a quality education that prepares them for today’s workforce,” stated Senator Portantino.

Senator Portantino will host an information hearing this fall to discuss the first half of the research that has been done by the LAO. A series of hearings will follow in 2018.

*Sen. Portantino represents nearly 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Altadena, Atwater Village, Bradbury, Burbank, Claremont, Duarte, Glendale, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, La Verne, Los Feliz, Monrovia, Montrose, Pasadena, San Dimas, San Marino, Shadow Hills, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Sunland-Tujunga, and Upland.*

## Sunrise, from pg. 1

which began around 1926, event and well-attended by members of the Foothill communities.

This celebration at the cross originally came about when the local ministers and Kiwanis Club members got together and started the early morning service, and it has grown to what it is today. There are five ministers from five of the churches in the Sunland-Tujunga area that are involved providing the service. Each minister does a part of the whole service, which is nonsectarian. For 90 years, the Kiwanis Club has prepared the cross and area for the service. On Saturday, church members clean up the area, bring up the chairs and, if it needs some touch-up work, repaint the cross. The association provides the chairs, sound system and lighting of the cross, which is lit Saturday night and stays on until after the service.

All the setting up for the service is done by association members. The preparation takes all day Saturday and a few of the members will spend the night at the cross.

There are usually around 400 to 500 people that attend the service. In the past, resident and Kiwanis member Sandy Miller dedicated a lot of time and energy in putting on the Easter Sunrise Service as a service to the community. Although she passed away 12 years ago, his family continues his dedication in putting on the Easter Sunrise ceremony. To honor the decades of work by Miller, who was the heart and soul of the annual service, the Miller family has continued to provide the assistance needed to enjoy this year’s sunrise service.

The VHMA is grateful for for the physical and financial support the Miller family has provided over the decades. This year the VHMA is

responsible for continuing the Easter Sunrise Service tradition to the community. The music group Tapestry from New Hope Community Church will be leading the worship with their pastor Eddie Ledesma bringing the message titled “Wake Up.”

Pastors from the community of Sunland-Tujunga will be sharing in scripture readings and prayers. You will not want to miss this special time of worship and praise as we watch the sunrise as we celebrate the Risen SON.

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For additional information, please contact Bob Snyder at [pastorbob@churchofthefoothills.com](mailto:pastorbob@churchofthefoothills.com) or on the VHMA Facebook.

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# Engineers and Cops to Fight Traffic Fatalities



The Safe Streets Committee brought in the experts to explain how the new bollards and street enhancement painting would help bicyclists and pedestrians.

BY BONNIE CORWIN

On Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 am, Eve Sinclair facilitated a Vision Zero meeting hosted by the Safe Streets Committee of the STNC at our very own North Valley City Hall on Foothill Blvd. Two engineers from DOT presented information on the Vision Zero program and its upcoming campaign designed to create safer streets. Los Angeles and STNC Safe Streets Committee is in the process of implementing this campaign throughout all the neighborhood councils. Over the next several months you will notice banners, billboards and other campaign signs that the STNC will provide along Foothill Boulevard.

DOT engineers explained that Foothill Boulevard is in the top 6% dangerous corridors known as the High-Injury Network, due to the deaths caused by traffic accidents. City wide, the average aged crash fatality victim is 70 years old. Additionally, traffic collisions are a leading cause of death for children in Los Angeles. Statistics indicate that a pedestrian who is hit by a moving vehicle at 20 MPH will walk away from an accident, rather than perish. Vision Zero's goal is zero deaths due to traffic accidents by 2025. DOT will be adding bollards in order to create safer passage for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians. Some lanes will be reduced from four to two so that traffic is forced to slow down. DOT is also considering adding more scramble crosswalks for pedestrians to cross the street in all directions at the same time. This alone deters drivers from making a turn

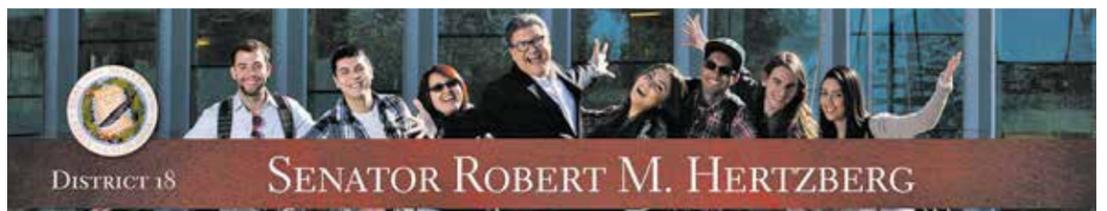
that might accidentally harm a pedestrian.

Traffic Safety Officer Flores of Valley Traffic is responsible for traffic issues in the valley and explained that we have to let him know about complaints. If LAPD receives complaints, they work them for one to three months. Right now they are targeting Foothill Boulevard commercial between Sunland and Wentworth. Unfortunately, if LAPD does not hear any complaints they do not know what is going on. It's also not the greatest idea to post on social media that there are traffic police giving out tickets. It impedes efforts to catch individuals who are breaking traffic laws and driving recklessly. If you would like to report a traffic complaint to Officer Flores, call him at 818-644-8142.

Officer Flores suggested it is probably not a good idea to text and cross the street. Pedestrians need to use common sense like watching the signs and crossing when it is legal to do so. Just because you are following the laws does not mean that a driver is paying attention. Stay alert at all times.

LAPD is enforcing the no right turn sign at La Tuna Canyon and Foothill Boulevard. This sign was installed to cut down on accidents. It's imperative that we slow people down so that more people live and there are less traffic accidents. Both CD7 City Council candidates were at this meeting along with a Mayor's representative, Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra and other neighborhood council representatives. To read more information about Vision Zero, go to [www.visionzero.lacity.org](http://www.visionzero.lacity.org) Stay Safe!

# Bill to Stop Automatic Suspension of Driver's Licenses Clears Committee



The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee today passed legislation by Sen. Bob Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys, to prevent the automatic suspension of driver's licenses for people who are unable to pay fines or fees for minor traffic tickets and require courts to determine violators' ability to pay before setting fine amounts.

SB 185 states that your economic status shouldn't determine your access to justice and ability to make amends. In addition, any previously suspended licenses must be reinstated for violators who make a good faith effort to begin

payment plans.

The committee passed the bill on a 12-1 vote. SB 185 goes next to the Senate Public Safety Committee for consideration.

"We've seen the horrible consequences of overburdening struggling Californians with big fines and fees for minor traffic offenses," Hertzberg said. "Many go deep into debt, lose their licenses and end up out of work. It's a harsh penalty that doesn't fit the original offense, and it's not fair or smart. This legislation restores common sense to how we deal with traffic offenses."

According to a report issued

last year by the U.S. Federal Reserve, 46 percent of Americans don't have \$400 to pay for an emergency expense and would have to sell something or borrow money to cover the cost. Traffic tickets often exceed \$400, depending on the offense.

"We have to quit punishing people simply for being poor, and unfortunately, that's what our justice system often does with high fines and fees for minor traffic offenses," Hertzberg said. "The Traffic Amnesia Program, which reduced debt for more than 200,000 Californians, showed us what a huge problem this is."

*Raul Bocanegra is the Democratic Majority Whip in the California State Assembly. He represents the 39th Assembly District, which includes the Los Angeles communities of Arleta, Granada Hills, Lakeview Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Shadow Hills, Sun Valley, Sunland-Tujunga, Sylmar and the City of San Fernando.*

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**Bad Ass Boxes, from pg. 2**

thing.” This is how Bad Ass Boxes was born.

“We all say, ‘I support our troops!’ But how?” Andrea asks. “I felt like I couldn’t truly say that unless I took action.” And she did. A few months after that conversation at the whiskey bar, Bad Ass Boxes sent its first shipment of boxes.

“We applied for our non-profit status and it took quite a while. Obtaining non-profit

status can be a difficult and lengthy process, so instead of waiting for acknowledgment, Andrea’s company kept sending boxes to our troops. “But we didn’t stop there.” She said. Her organization kept sending boxes to our troops. As her organization grew, she found her niche within the numerous, non-profit, box-shipment organizations. She opened careful and limited communication with the stealthy Special Ops troops, who are sent out to clandestine destinations.

These soldiers are so isolated out on the field that they are easily forgotten. Bad Ass Boxes sends detailed deliveries to their entire platoon based on “request lists” they receive through their private communication.

Andrea continued her work, and like a serendipitous blessing upon her organization, Andrea received a letter in the mail on 9/11, 2015, revealing their accepted non-profit status. “How awesome is that?!” she reveals, beaming with

gratitude. “That just blew your mind, right?”

What blows my mind is how one person can make such a selfless decision to dedicate their life to caring for others. Andrea is truly mother, wife, sister and saint to many of these soldiers...the majority of whom she has never met. On her website, www.badass-boxes.org, you can read testimonials sent directly from soldiers who receive the blessings that Bad Ass Boxes send. “Never underestimate

the power of something as simple as a prepared meal, a Lego set, or a lava lamp to improve the morale of a soldier serving in a deserted area,” Andrea reveals.

How do you support our troops? Please visit the website. There you will see that they are still receiving donations for our troops who are still being deployed in 2017. Andrea states, “Every dollar makes a difference, just like every care package helps a soldier.”

**Smurfs, from pg. 4**

emphasize a love of nature and one of them is voiced by Michelle Rodriguez. Add that to Smurfette’s “going native” backstory and I’d say this movie is trying to invoke “Avatar.” I guess the filmmakers wanted to take

that “Dances With Smurfs” joke from “South Park” to the next level.

“Smurfs: The Lost Village” at least seems like a proper Smurfs movie, instead of the Smurfs trying to be something they’re not. Whether or not you like this movie depends on how much you

(or more likely, your kids) want to see a movie about the Smurfs, who have always been cutesy characters without much depth. I was in a bad mood when I saw this movie, and I have to admit that it picked me up a little. I laughed at a few of the gags, especially one about a Smurf

defined by a nonsensical trait. It turns out I’m okay with the Smurfs just being Smurfs. I can’t say that this film should be a priority if you’re looking for the best in family entertainment, but if you’ve already worked your way through your top choices, this is a decent

middle-of-the-road option.

**Two Stars out of Five**

“Smurfs: The Lost Village” is rated PG for some mild action and crude humor. Its running time is 89 minutes.

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**Committee, from pg. 8**

couple of people. I wish those people would have stayed, because the biggest attitude shift in the room came when Jennifer Knopp, widow of the cyclist who was killed on Foothill Blvd. in November, took a moment to speak.

“It always takes a death to

change things. To get a traffic light. To save a life,” she explained. “Is this what my husband’s death was about? To help save a life? Well, if these changes are part of it, I think it would be a good thing.”

Looking into the eyes of a woman who lost her husband in a traffic collision is a sobering feeling. All of the online bashing dissipates. Real-

ity sets in. I remind all of you reading this that Vision Zero’s goal is to eliminate all citywide traffic deaths by 2025. Zero traffic deaths by 2025. Stay the course. Hold the line. We’ll get there.

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