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Lilla Crawford performing "Tomorrow" 2012 Image: Arielle Tepper Madover

Gloom and Tomorrow

There is so much gloom today that many of us have lost our dream, our vision of Tomorrow.

We need a way to brighten our spirits, replace our negative thoughts with positive ones.

"Tomorrow" is a way, perhaps the way, even an easy way, to make our thoughts positive and happy.

A friend of mine, E.C. Chance of Chehalis, once exhorted me strongly,

"Everyone must have a dream!"

Every one of us must have a plan, a positive dream for Tomorrow, for next week, for next year.

What is your plan and dream for Tomorrow?

If you don't have one, make it now!

Most of our positive plans for tomorrow are pretty simple and easy to do, a walk maybe on a different path, lunch and shopping with a friend, write a letter or make a call, video if possible, to a friend probably long overdue, maybe call a friend to go to lunch or shopping or play golf.

It's far best to include someone else- the best way to raise our spirits is to raise someone else's!

Going back to worship on Sunday, making a point to talk to friends or even strangers there, is an easy way and always gets us going with a smile!

Our plan for next week might be more involved, dinner at a restaurant or a movie some distance away so we can talk and share during the drive. Or go camping or fishing.

For next month or next year, a trip like to our childhood home, or to Alaska, or an ocean cruise. A wonderful song to play and focus on is the

song <u>"Tomorrow"</u> from the play "Annie".

Here's a link to it, play it now and play it often!

Type in your address line: shpr.fyi/tomorrow



Long Valley Volcano

The serious Yellowstone-like volcano we don't hear about:

The 20 x 10 mi. Long Valley caldera east of the central Sierra Nevada Range east of Modesto CA was formed by the voluminous Bishop Tuff eruption (considered a "supereruption" like Yellowstone) about 760,000 years ago creating ashfalls as far as Kansas.

However, according to a 2017 documentary by the Science Channel, the caldera could be on its way to a new eruption.

Both Mono Lake, Long Valley Caldera and Mammoth Mountain have experienced episodes of heightened unrest over the last few decades (earthquakes, ground uplift, and/or volcanic gas emissions). As a result, the USGS manages a dense array of field sensors providing the real-time data needed to track unrest and assess hazards.

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Colorado River drastic water cuts coming in 2023

On Aug. 16, drastically serious eighteen to thirty-six percent water usage cuts for 2023 will be set for the states dependent on the Colorado River: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming.

If the states haven't agreed mutually on their cuts as they have been trying to do for years, on Aug. 16 the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will dictate the cuts necessary to maintain the water levels just barely high enough for the electric power generators to continue operation in Hoover Dam on Lake Mead and in Glen Canyon Dam on Lake Powell. These two reservoirs, when full, were the two largest water reservoirs in the United States but both are now mostly empty at about 28% full.

Average flow of the river from 1922 to 2020 was about 11 million acre-feet per year but flow must be cut for 2023 by two to four million acre-feet, by 18 to 36%, by eighteen to thirty-six percent, to maintain water level barely high enough for minimum power generation in the two dams.

Though we here in the northwest have plenty of water, these cuts will affect us. Among other cuts, they must and will include cuts to California and other southwest states' farms that supply much of our food, food which we will then have to buy at higher prices from foreign countries.

Last week on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, a hearing was held by the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during which the hard facts of the situation were fully laid bare.

I strongly recommend that everyone on all sides of the warming issue watch the full length of this 90-minute hearing.

Info: <u>shpr.fyi/coloradoriver</u> And read also last Thursday's (6/16/22) news report from MSN:

Info: <u>shpr.fyi/meadlevel</u>

Volcano Eruption Accurately Predicted

On June 26, 2018, the earth rumbled under the giant sleeping tortoises on Isabela Island in the Galápagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean 600 miles west of Ecuador in South America. Not long afterwards, Sierra Negra, a volcano that towers over the island, <u>began to erupt</u>. Over the next two months, the volcano's fissures spewed out enough lava to cover <u>an area of roughly 19 square miles</u>.

It was hardly Sierra Negra's first eruption: It's blown at least seven other times in the past century alone. But what made the 2018 phenomenon special is that geologists had forecasted the eruption's date as early as January. In fact, they almost got it down to the exact day.

It was a fortunate forecast, to be sure. Now, in a paper published in the journal Science Advances today, they've figured out why their estimates hit the mark—and how they can make their simulations get it right again. Sierra Negra is just one volcano in a sparsely inhabited archipelago, but when hundreds of millions of people around world reside in volcanic danger zones the translating these forecasts to other craters could save untold numbers of lives.

Info: shpr.fyi/quakepredict

Read this week's Bible Readings on page 6 which includes the Apostle Paul relating God's law repeated by Jesus to us and the citizens of Galatia,

"The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Galatians 5:14 NIV



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